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Reveries on the State.

(By Covington Hall.)

PRECINCT:—A small area blue-pencilled off on the map, wherein the politicians herd their voting cattle for counting purposes.

WARD:—An aggregation of precincts cultivated for the purpose of producing pap for councilmen and legislators.

VILLAGE:—A country store and saloon surrounded by shacks that are beginning to run into each other. The embryo of the town and city.

TOWN:—Several country stores and saloons or blindtigers surrounding a sawmill or some other industry and "incorporated" for the purpose of bringing about more harmonious relations between the Parasites who prey on the Producers.

CITY:—An agglomeration of precincts, wards, villages and towns chartered for the purpose of issuing bonds to Bankers and furnishing taxes to feed mayors, commissioners, councilmen, policemen, detectives, jailors and judges, to the end that "lawanorder" may be maintained and the Magnates and Landgraves be not disturbed in their right to peacefully rob the Workers of the products of their toil. N. B.—"Civilization" began with the city; it is its stronghold. P. S.—It is also the powder magazine of Industrial Democracy.

COUNTY:—The precincts, wards and villages that function as the backyards of the towns and cities; a piece of country marked off on the map whose Working Farmers are first done to pay for a courthouse and jail and then stung to support the sheriff, his deputies, constables and bloodhounds. Note:—The "Justice of the Peace" infests the county; his main duties are to sentence workingmen thrown out of work by capitalists to building automobile roads for capitalists and to see that the blind-tigers and honkytonks "act square" with the prohibition sheriff and his deputies. A by-product of the county is the State Senator and Representative.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:—A Congressional District is a string of jerry-mandered counties doomed to elect representatives to the United States Congress in order that the Lobby of the National Association of Manufacturers may know what laws to promulgate and repeal for the lawnordering of the "common people."

ADDENDA:—Congress is run by the Lobby with the able assistance of the Senate and the Supreme Court, which last two bodies are select and limited corporation of millionaires and corporation lawyers created by the "forefathers" to see to it that none of the principles enunciated in the "Immortal Declaration of Independence" were ever attempted to be put into practice.

THE STATE:—In the United States the "State" is a conglomeration of precincts, wards, villages, towns, cities and Congressional Districts, the chief purpose of which is to supply more bonds to the Bankers and to pay the salaries of the Governor and his cabinet, i. e., hangers on. Note:—The principle industries run by the State are hospitals, insane asylums, chain-gangs, convict camps, courthouses, jails, armories, penitentiaries and public schools, the last being run mainly to supply the first named with populations. The militia are the guardian angels of the State. (The children don't learn this in the public schools, but it is truth all the same. There's a lot the children don't learn in the public schools.)

THE NATION:—In the United States the different States are TRUSTIFIED and thus is formed the nation, making as it were, the United Trusts of America. All the people, even the workers, existing on the INSIDE of a State or Nation are free and better than those existing on the OUTSIDE thereof, and this is true even though the outsiders are of the same breed as the insiders, for the insiders have sworn allegiance to the flag. I suppose you know that each Nation MUST have a flag, for, in case of war, but for the flag, the damphool soldiers and men-of-warsmen wouldn't know who they were shooting and sinking, outsiders or insiders. The flag is also useful in protecting the Plutocrats and Politicians, who own the Nation, against the Workers who feed, clothe and house the Nation. Each Nation is cursed with a working class which is never satisfied, no matter how much the Plutocrats and Politicians do to them, but machinery is getting more perfect and automatonlike every hour and the State hopes soon to dispense with this disturbing element entirely.

THE BULWARKS AND BULLCONS:—Each Nation has a "Bulwark"—a militia, an army and a navy; these institutions are made up of human-looking automatons trained to do nothing but stab and shoot, burn, rape and kill, and which are used by the capitalists to keep their foreign markets from being stolen by the capitalists of other Nations and to protect themselves and their countries from irregular and unpatriotic workingmen. Religion is also a great "bulwark" to the State and priests, preachers and rabbis are well paid to dig the brains and backbone out of the working class. Patriotism is also a strong and long and over-played suit of the State, the Fourth and Fourteenth of July suffering from delirium tremens the last refuge of the scoundrel and the statesman.

POLITICS:—Politics is the science of government, or the art of running States, or, in other words, the system of chicanery by and through which the Parasites, Politicians, Priests and Preachers are first proletarianize the Producers and then rob them of all save a slum existence. This process is also called "Advancing the cause of Christian Civilization."

It is HELL, but IT IS THE STATE,
LONG LIVE THE COMMONWEALTH!

WHO ARE THE FARMERS AND WHAT IS THEIR RELATIONS TO WAGE WORKERS.

(By Jay Smith.)

Lend me your ears for a few moments, you philosophers of every kind of economy — you soapboxers, you editors of Farm Journals, you screamers of discontent; all of you, from the fourth of July politician to the "Rabbit eaters" down on Turkey Creek — I feel it incumbent on my part to explain to that those who should know SHALL KNOW WHO THE FARMERS ARE. Stop and think! Why have all efforts among the farmers been a FAILURE in the past?

The Grange was organized and failed. The Farmers Alliance was organized and kidnapped and auctioned off by the 16-to-1-party in the political market. Then came the Farmers Union organized, which has become a cold storage warehouse system of and for the banker-landlords who stored and stole the 1914 cotton crop. Next comes the Renters Union which is becoming wide spread throughout Texas and other Southern States. What may be accomplished by the Renters Union remains to be seen, but at present the outlook is bright, for the Renters Union is helping to unmask mysteries of past defeats of those who till the soil, and to demonstrate to the farmers are. The only way to settle this question, and determine who the farmers are, is to find out who TAKES NO RENT — and who HIRES NO WAGE LABOR—

1st. Those who own their own land and till it for a living, are farmers.

2nd. Those who rent land from a landlord and till it for a living are farmers.

3rd. Those who till the soil for wages are farmers. — DON'T GET CONFUSED!

Those who own their own land and till it of themselves and rent part of it to tenants, or who employ wage labor, are LANDLORDS.

The leopard can not change its spots, neither can you change the nature of those landlords who never work themselves, but who think they are seated with privilege to lead the life of a gentleman by riding the backs of those renters or wage workers who do all the work and who are forced to live as above set mentioned. Those who style themselves GENTLEMEN, are the ones who NEVER work, but call themselves farmers. Here is where the farmer, and others of the working class have always been MISSLED, for as long as you tenants, workers and other employing farmers allow any breed of landlords or politicians to become members of your organization you will find a dollar you will be defeated in the future as you have been in the past. You must thoroughly understand that the landlord and the renter there is NOTHING IN COMMON.

Your motto must be: ABOLITION OF LANDLORDISM.—Without such motto you could have no definite purpose in your organization. Your organization must be formed in such a way that all agricultural workers may become members, EXCEPT those who are both producers and landlords; they must not be allowed to become members, for they are landlords.

I am going to assist in every way possible in perfecting this Renters Union of America, now the land League. Once such a Union is formed, it will become the most powerful organization on the face of the earth, for it insists the Land Question, Bread Question. Once organized correctly, the PRODUCERS of BREAD will have the POWER to control the price of bread.

FARMER AND WAGEWORKER.

Mystery of Robbery Exposed.

I keep bobs in mind that there is a class of farmers, I mean those ACTUAL TILLERS of the soil, those renters, tenants and wage workers and a few who own their own labor and hire no wage labor for rent land to others — for which a man leases land to another, or rents to him for money or any other consideration of value, it becomes a question of landlord and tenant — a question of master and slave — a question where the landlord, who privately owns the land, always decides, in his own favor — unlike the proprietor, of mill or factory, who hires labor, and who take the product of the factory, the landlord pays no wages, but allows his tenants to keep a part of the product of the land.

Do you now see and understand the position of each proprietor and position of each worker?

Do you now understand that while the landlord it is a question of renting land to the tenant, on the other hand the mill owner rents his tenant (or wage worker) a machine. — Now, between the landlord and his tenant, the product of the land is divided. The and tenant is forced to do all the work and then give the third and fourth to a landlord who never did a lick of work — on the other hand the proprietor of the mill does not allow his tenant to divide, as the landlord, but keeps the mills, factories and mines, while you and yours, followed with the blacklist, tramp some more in search of another Master (landlord).

These conditions will ever remain and grow worse until you actual tillers of the soil organize in solid body and abolish the wage system, thereby overthrowing landlordism. Once you control the products of your labor, you will control the money also.

In Louisville, Ky., a year or two ago, Billy Sunday "saved soul" at the rate of $2500 per soul per save and he is still saving at about the same rate per soul. When I look at the average "saved soul" I am convinced that Bill's price is cut of all proportion to the value of his product, yet when its best citizens pay so high for so elusive a thing as a soul somebody must be prosperous in the U. S. A. Christ never saw such prosperity.

"An exploitation scene for the killing of Americans!

"Remember Carranza!" yowls the Houston Post. "Remember, verily! And when you hear the "Post" going wild over the killing of Negroes you can be certain that there is 'something rotten in the state of Denmark," as the poet said, and whaling big "Nigger in the Mexan woodpile." "

Dr Roger Casement, the rebel Iris leader, has been sentenced to death for "treason" to the British King. *Think*, if you can of absolute crime than the British government executing Irish men for *treason*. The Wilson administration stands charged with having given the British government the tip that led to the arrest of sentment, the crushing of the Iris Republic and the assassination of Connolly, Pearse and other of its officers. We, who know the "Democratic" party can easily believe the charge true.

Dr Liebknecht, the German Socelist, has been sentenced to 30 months in prison and expelled from the army for taking part in an anti-drafting or peace meeting in prisn. We guess Congrade Kaiser easily stand the last part of his sentence. We hope to live to see the day when the Kaiers and Plutocrats will be sentenced for high treason to humanity.

ACCORDING TO the census of 1900 out of the 56,000 so-called "hers" in New Orleans, La., over 400 were held by fake titles. Did hear somebody say that "Socialists will destroy the home?" We wished kind of a "home" is that of which some other man cannot YOU on short or no notice.

Get Ready for General Strike!

PROCLAMATION TO:
LAND LEAGUERS AND ALL ACTUAL WORKING FARMERS OF TEXAS, OKLAHOMA, MISSOURI, LOUISIANA AND MISSIPPI!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

"The times that try men's souls" are with us once again, and the hour has come for YOU to ACT for the PROTECTION of *your wives, your children and your homes*. A crisis is fast approaching in Dixie and only you, ORGANIZED IN THE LAND LEAGUE, can avert STARVATION AND ANARCHY.

It is common knowledge that the cotton crop of 1914 was STOLEN from you by the plutocracy of Old and New England; that you lost directly more than SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS on that one crop; this is admitted by high Democratic politicians, even though their party did absolutely nothing to protect the Southern Farmers from this immense and frightful loss, a loss that caused widespread suffering and bankruptcy from one end of our land to the other, a loss that could have been entirely prevented had the Wilson Administration not refused to VALORIZE the Cotton Crop of 1914.

NOW, IT IS UP TO YOU TO ACT!

And to ACT PROMPTLY and with DECISION if you wish to avoid being thrown into the ranks of the DISemployed by the thousands next year, or else to stay on the farms and submit to a still LOWER STANDARD OF LIVING. We urge you, with all the power at our command, NOT TO SUBMIT to either condition but to ORGANIZE into the LAND LEAGUE *immediately and to PREPARE to resist further wholesale stealings of the products of your labor.*

FIFTEEN CENT COTTON!

FIRST: We urge you to ORGANIZE and not let your cotton be taken off your farms by ANYBODY, unless YOU are paid not less than FIFTEEN (15c) CENTS A POUND for it, on the farm.

At the present high cost of every necessity of life, YOU cannot break even unless YOU get at least FIFTEEN CENTS a pound for YOUR Cotton. Get it! MORE if you can. COMPEL the Cotton Exchange Gamblers and the Textile trust to return to you at least PART of what THEY STOLE from YOU on the crop of 1914. You can DO IT of you will stand TOGETHER as one man in the LAND LEAGUE and DEFY them or their kept Courthouse Rings to touch YOUR Cotton unless they hand over FIFTEEN CENTS a pound for it—ON THE FARM.

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RENT, INTEREST AND TAX DEMANDS.
RENT.

DEMAND an IMMEDIATE reduction of RENTS *from a third and fourth to a* FOURTH AND FIFTH, or better, to a *fifth* all around, with NO BONUSES, whether disguished as "house rent" or otherwise. Just ORGANIZE in the LAND LEAGUE and refuse to pay more, and refuse to *get off the farms.*

If you will take down your Bible and turn to that part which describes how FARMERS and people cornered wheat and turned all the people of Egypt into slaves, you will get a fair idea of what the Plutocracy is aiming to do to the Southern people today. Yet after Joseph and Pharoah had bought all Egypt and all the Egyptians with the Egyptians OWN wheat, they did not have the nerve to charge more than *One Quarter* of the crops for *rent*, this though Joseph and Pharoah claimed to own everything in Egypt, men, mules, lands and seed. *Therefore*, we urge you not to pay more than ONE QUARTER or ONE FIFTH of the crop to the Landlords of today where they furnish EVERYTHING. And remember, THEY don't claim to own YOU—YET. Joseph and Pharoah *did* own the Egyptians. Remember, too, that this wheat corner of Pharoah and Joseph's finally led to the first GENERAL STRIKE in history, which strike was led by he great hero Moses when he forced Pharoah to let the people of Israel go free after a campaign of SABOTAGE never since equalled. YOU can do the same if YOU will only join the LAND LEAGUE and stand TOGETHER.

INTEREST.

DON'T PAY more than Eight *Per cent interest*, PER ANNUM. If the American Bankers can lend money to the Russian Government at FIVE PER CENT to be used for wholesale human slaughter, they CAN lend YOU money at EIGHT per cent to CLOTHE the human race. YOU should not, in fact, pay more than FIVE per cent. ORGANIZE in the LAND LEAGUE and enforce your just demands.

TAXES.

TAXES *on your tools, cattle, mules, horses, households effects, etc., are absolutely unjust.* INSIST that the state collect ALL its funds from the TAXATION OF LAND VALUES, the only just system. If taxation so far devised. If they refuse to do this, LET THE POLITICIANS STARVE, instead of YOU and your families. ORGANIZE in the LAND LEAGUE and enforce USE AND OCCUPANCY as the ONLY TITLE TO LAND. *Get Busy, TODAY.*

MORTGAGES.

DEMAND THAT NO MORTGAGES be foreclosed on any farm or dwelling house while same is USED and OCCUPIED by its actual owner, so long as this nation or Europe shall be at war, nor until two full years after peace shall have been declared, and that interest rates on such mortgages be *immediately reduced to not over* FIVE per cent. *ORGANIZE* in the LAND LEAGUE *and compel justice for the men, women and children who feed and clothe the World.*

E. O. Meitzen,
Sec.-Treas. Land League.

HICKEY-DAVIS DEBATE.

(TELEGRAM.)
Wichita Falls, Tex., 12:13 p. m., July 4, 1916.

Arnold Meitzen, Editor Semi-Weekly New Era,
Hallettsville, Texas.

First debate seehdule time Fort Worth, I won. Davis spleniid gentleman. Second debate yesterday Graham, same result. I leave for Memphis tomorrow morning for third debate. He says he will go thru for the whole twenty-one. Will mail you the detailed story from Memphis. Am in splendid health and spirit and am only worrying about copy for Rebel. Have just completed a 75 mile automobile trip into Wichita Falls.

T. A. Hickey.

Darwin & Marx.

(By O. M. Morris, A. B., of the Oklahoma Bar; Member of Fourth Oklahoma Legislature.)

The 19th century gave us Darwin and Marx, among the greatest scientists and philosophers of the world, and for this the 19th century will always be indebted. But if we are asked as to what ideas they held in common, can we answer? As to how they taught and thought that their names should be linked together!

Although Darwin was nine years the senior of Marx, they lived and thought in the same age and under the same environments, suffered hardships — one as to sickness and the other as to poverty, prepared their manuscripts in the same city, London, —suffered ostracism from society, denounced by the same ministers and shunned by the same public — the crowd, — the mob,— and after giving to the world the science and the philosophy that will release the shackels from the human race, — the one that will drive superstition and fear back to darkness, the other that will break the chains from the limbs of the workers of the world, — these two unselfish men using their burdens for a pillow fell into that dreamless sleep — Charles Darwin in 1882 and Karl Marx in 1883.

Darwin studied medicine at first but he found himself unfitted for it, and then he was supposed to study for the clergy, but as Dr. Parker of Harvard says, he soon gave up this past-time and changed his occupation to something serious — a naturalist.

In 1831 the English Government fitted out the Beagle to make a survey around the world and Henslow of Cambridge University induced Darwin to accept the position as naturalist and Captain Fitzroy invited him to occupy his cabin with him at the age of 22. It was this five year voyage of the Beagle in which he gathered data from the bosom of mother earth and which, after twenty years of study at Down near the suburbs of London, he gave to the world in the ORIGIN OF SPECIES in 1859, in which he taught natural selection by the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence.

However, years before, Lamark and others had touched on the same theory and at the same time Alfred Russell Wallace, a young traveler and naturalist, sick in bed with a fever in a distant island, thinking of Malthus' theory of population, conceived the same theory of Darwin, and mailed same to Darwin and they were both published in the same pamphlet and read before the Linnean Society.

If I were sufficiently informed to explain the theory of Evolution as taught by Darwin, space forbids that I even undertake it. It is enough for me to accept it when I hear the scientific world has accepted this doctrine (regardless of the opinion of Billy Sunday).

In 1909, the hundredth anniversary of Darwin's birth and the 50th anniversary of the Origin of Species were celebrated. The press of his old University of Cambridge issued the volume, "Darwin and Modern Science" in which are collected nearly thirty papers by the leaders of modern science dealing with the influence of Darwin upon the various fields of thought and research, and in this volume, biology, in many different departments, Anthropology, Geology, Phychology, Philosophy, Sociology, Religion, Language, History and Astronomy are all represented, and the mere enumeration suggests the colossal nature of his achievements and its results.

The Encyclopedia Britannica, the accepted authority by the scientific world, says, "No truths brought to light by biological investigation were better calculated to inspire distrust of the dogmas intruded upon science in the name of theology than those which relate to the distribution of animals and plants on the surface of the earth. Very skillful accomodation was needful, if the limitation of sloths to South America, and of the Ornith orhynchus to Australia, was to be reconciled with the literal interpretation of the history of the Deluge; and, by the establishment of the existence of distinct provinces of distribution, serious belief in the peopling of the world by migration from Mount Ararat came to an end."

In order to have the evidence at first hand that the leading universities of the world teach and endorse Darwin's theory of evolution as I had been furnished the Origin of Species and the Decent of Man by Dr. Norman, while under his instruction in Biology in the University of Texas, I wrote to the Zoological Department of one of the leading Universities on this continent and the Adjunct Professor of Zoology writes me as follows:

"I know of no reputable university or college in this country (aside, possibly from some small sectarian institutions) in which the idea of organic evolution is not the foundation stone of all the work offered in Zoology, and there are no Zoologists in this country of any repute whatever, who do not take for granted the idea of evolution. The teaching staff of the school of Zoology of this university endorses the evolutionary explanation of organic life as we find it in the world today, and I personally give a course, entitled "Organic Evolution" in which I endeavor to present these facts in nature to which the idea of evolution gives a reasonable explanation. To this extent, at least, it may be said, this university endorses evolution. I am not prepared to say as to whether or not an executive officer of this university would care to go on public record as to the official endorsement by the university of the evolution hypothesis. There are doubtless many people in the state who would misunderstand such a statement, both because they have preconceived ideas upon the subject and because a certain amount of scientific information is necessary for an appreciation of evolution. ..... Regarding Darwin I will say that his "Origin of Species and Decent of Man" are placed upon the reference shelf for the use of the students taking the course in Organic Evolution and that I endorse the general ideas of evolution which he expresses in these books."—

The above authority ought to convince any liberal minded man that the theory of evolution is accepted by the scientific world, and it will be seen that the main thread in this theory is the "struggle for existence."

Let us examine Karl Marx. He was a graduate of the leading university of Europe and held the highest degree conferred. Doctor of Philosophy. But he cast his lot with the working class and became the president of the International Working Men's Association in London.

Marx discovered the theory or principle of Surplus Value, the materialistic oasis of history, and the Class Struggle. Instead of investigating when King Charles the 2nd made a duke or an earl of an illegitimate child of one of his many mistresses, he investigated the way and the mode by which the common people made their living, by which they supported themselves and the dukes and earls and lords.

Marx discovered that it was an economic proposition that determined the politics and the religion of the people. The struggle between the working people and their rulers was pointed out by Marx as the class struggle. The classes were already created before the days of Marx, and he sought to abolish classes instead of creating the hatred between the classes, as in some times alleted him by misinformed people.

While Marx, like Darwin, suffered from sickness during the greater part of his life, still Marx was persecuted more than Darwin and was compelled to flee from one country to another as a result of his writings. His co-laborer Engels, furnished him the means by which he was enabled to prepare his first volume of "Capital". While in London Marx wrote Engels as follows:

"I must see if I can get my clothes and my watch out of the pawnshop, and I cannot very well leave my family in the present condition where there is not a cent in the home and where the creditor press more and more". ..... "It is a week since I reached the pleasant situation where I cannot go out for lack of my coat, which is in the pawnshop, and where for the lack of credit I do not eat meat and I have been compelled to feed my family on potatoes for about ten days now and it is doubtful if I can get anything today. It is very cold and there is absolutely no coal in the house. If this condition keeps up I had rather be one hundred years under the ground. Even my writing paper cannot last a week."

Engels always came to his rescue and Marx says that much of the information attributed to him should also be attributed to Engels.

When we read of the struggles of such men as Darwin and Marx, let us not be discouraged because the people do not accept Evolution and Socialism, which go hand in hand. The history of the world shows that the crowd has nearly always been wrong. In nearly all proceedings and opinions, the majority report has finally become the majority report.

It is no longer an open question but that civilization, so-called, has been halted, and in some instances has receeded. When the blood from the slaughter pens of the battle fields of the European Christian countries shall have fertilized those lands, when the butcheryes over, then will the question appear,

"ARE WE CIVILIZED!"

When the followers of Mahomet's doctrine swept over the battle field, with the Koran in one hand and the sword in the other putting the sword to the throat of those who did not accept the doctrine in the Koran, and as a great majority of Asia and Europe flocked to the Koran, Sir Isaac Newton was unable to drawn a handful of hearers to listen to explanations of the laws of nature. Does not practically the same condition exist today? Big Sunday, the modern Mohamet, certifies the crowds by the thousands, more by being an actor than a philosopher, and they pour into his coffers hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, where disciple of Darwin or Marx would be ridiculed or persecuted by the same crowd — the principle of Darwin and Marx are as true those demonstrated by Newton. The survival of the fittest.

Along with the science of Socialism marches her twin sister Sociology, born in 1839 by the word of Comte, as Minerva sprung from the brow of Jove. The younger sciences are growing in the ratio as civilization grows, it is impossible to stop the growth of these new sciences as it is to stop the flow of the Amazon, because every period of slow development, evolution, is followed by a complete change, a change of fundamental principle, a revolution.

From the day of Socrates, 400 years before Christ, when he was compelled to drink the hemlock because he denied the gods recognized by the state and introduced new divinities, down to Farrer who was put to death five years ago for advocating public schools, every great philosopher and scientist has been persecuted.

Darwin sleeps by the side of Shakespeare in West Minster Abbey, while the scientific world holds a jubilee to honor his memory. His disciples will increase in proportion as superstition is forced from the minds of men.

After Marx has slept that dreamless sleep for nearly one-third of a century, over ten million workers of the world have cast their votes to pay homage to the memory of one whose philosophy will finally lift the burden from the backs of those who feed the world.

THE FIVE SOULS.

W. N. Ewers in The Nation, London.

I was a peasant of the Polish plain,
left my plow behind the message
Russia in danger, needed every man,
to save her from the Teuton—and was slain
gave my life for freedom, this I know.
Or those who bade me fight had told me so.

I was a Tyrolese, a mountaineer,
gladly left my mountain home to fight
against the brutal, treacherous Muscovite.
And died in Poland on a Cossack spear.
I gave my life for freedom, this I know.
For those who bade me fight had told me so.

I worked in Lyons at my weaver's loom,
When suddenly the Prussian shot hurled
His felon blow at France, and all the world;
Then I went forth to Belgium—and to my doom.
I gave my life for freedom, this I know.
For those who bade me fight had told me so.

I owned a vineyard by the wooded Main,
Until the Fatherland begirt by foes
Leaping her downfall, called me—and I rose
Swift to the call—and died in fair Lorraine.
I gave my life for freedom, this I know,
For those who bade me fight, had told me so.

I labored in a shipyard by the Clyde;
There came a sudden word of war's declared,
Of Belgium, peaceful, helpless, unprepared,
Asking our aid. I joined the ranks—and died.
I gave my life for freedom, this I know,
For those who bade me fight, had told me so.

—ITA EST.

Who will say the world it not changing when all around us we see the cream of the "White Supremacy Democrats" going warmad over the "massacre of Carrizal" enlisting and rushing to Mexico to avenge the death of a lot of "Dam Niggers," as the Donks so love to call them when they are not in need of martyrs to justify a land-grabbing war.

Next thing we know we will see Wilson, Ferguson, John Hennery Kirby, "Parson" Long, Rockefeller, Morgan, Guggenheim, Hearst, Otis and all the rest of the High Plunderers and Panderers getting excited and rushing off to Mexico as common soldiers, actually dying in the trenches to protect THEIR property. If the American Working Class had as much sense as a mule the Plutes and Pollies would be doing just this stunt, or there would be no war, for no one ever saw a mule helping make his own harness.

You are too late Woodrow — the struggle for Land and Liberty has already crossed the Rio Grande; already flaming out in Texas, Oklahoma, and California. To-morrow it will sweep all Dixie and the entire West. Not even you, much less Carranza, can strangle a Social Revolution and Ireland will yet be avenged on you and Asquith.

AS TO "DISLOYALTY."

President Wilson, according to his own pros, wrote the new famous plank in the Democratic party's platform which proclaims "disloyal" all American citizens "whoever, actuated by the purpose to promote a foreign power, in disregard of our own country's welfare, . . . has for its object the advancement of the interest of a foreign power," etc.

This plank is clearly aimed at the German and Irish Americans and all others who object, with them, to President Wilson and the Democratic party's open, shameless and bare-faced alliance with the rotten British Government, as it is aimed at all Americans who dare oppose the piratical expedition into Mexico.

Whatever the President may think, he is not yet Kaiser of all North America, nor are we aware that he has been commissioned by any authority, "divine" or otherwise, to run these United States and the World in the interests of the Wall Street, New York, and Lombard Street, London, Plutocracy; but, however that may be, we charge that in subordinating this country to Britian, he is first of the "disloyal." "If this be treason, let them make the most of it."

"We must have those men," said Senator Stone of Missouri, referring to the Negro troops taken prisoners by the Mexicans. And I say something is sure going to happen when a Democratic administration, bossed by Southern Bourbons, is ready to declare war to get back seventeen Negroes. Must be running short of chaingang labor. I guess. NOW'S the time for the Workers to organize and hit the plutes in the pocketbook. Get busy, boys.

WANT ADS.

FOR FARMERS AND OTHERS.

Rate, two cents a word each issue—cash with order.

The special rate good only on classified advertisements.

We strongly urge our readers to patronize classified advertisements, but as it is impossible to know the reliability of every advertiser personally we cannot guarantee their reliability, but we request the assistance of our readers in excluding anything questionable.

Each number, sign or initial counts as a word.

SCHOOL WANTED.

By my daughter, Ruth Hamilton, eighteen years of age, well qualified, has had two years in Schlabacon City High School, is now in North Texas Normal College at Denton. Write Geo. G. Hamilton, Kincaid, Tex.

She gets the hottest Democratic, yet strong wanting Socialist teachers and Teachers preferring such schools.

W. O. Branson,
Brutcville, Texas.

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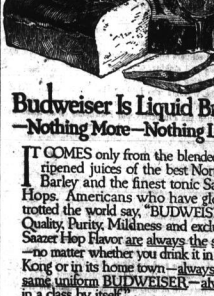

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Military Arrogance Exposed.

On June 21 The New Era received a form letter from the Recruiting office signed by Lieut W. E. Birge, Recruiting Office in San Antonio, asking for free advertising which closes with an appeal in the name of Texas to excuse the spirit of the rebels and bring the Texas National Guard to war strength (i. e. from 4000 to 6000.) It says also, in doing this "without another cent of expense; the Government allows us no money for advertising," etc. To this we replied that we were opposed to militarism and war and would not advertise this matter. We also sent him one of our anti-war cards, as follows:

Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of United States.

Dear Sir:—

War is the sum of all evil. I do not expect the butchers to end butchery. If the horrors of war can be avoided, sol, you can largely help by seeing as much of instruction in war and avoiding any of state to take no steps that will involve the United States in war and add to the slaughter now drenching Europe in blood. In the event of an aggressive war, we hereby make a covenant on the right to vote on such war, I will refuse to go to war or lend my moral, financial or physical support to any such war.

My pledge is: I refuse to slay my father or slay your mother's son, or plunge a bayonet in the breast of your sister's brother. I refuse to slaughter your sweetheart's lover, or murder your wife's husband. I refuse to butcher your little child's father, I refuse to make your little babes and blind kind eyes with tears. I refuse to assassinate you and then hide my wicked face in the folds of the American flag."

Signed: .....

In reply we received this bit of advice:

From W. S. Birge, San Antonio,
1st Lieut Tex. Infantry, June 26 1916.

Sir Editor:

I presume that you are an American citizen. From the tenor of your article one would infer that you have an "Anarchistic" streak in your back. This Government has seen fit to call forth the National Guard and the Regular Army of the U. S. with a view of possible service in Mexico.

It is the duty of every true American citizen to ardently support the Federal government and not to knock, blaspheme or deride its actions.

If you are a true citizen, then fall into line and take up the burden and perform the duties which are incumbent upon every true American citizen, during the national honor and dignity.

After reason and diplomacy fails how else can you preserve the honor and dignity of your country but by arms? But the pros and cons of war, its evils and merits are not to be judged by a mere by any other true American citizen at this time when the "war clouds" are hapidly brewing in the Mexican horizon. The Government has willed that the National Guard be recruited up to war strength. It is your duty as an American citizen to do all in your power to help recruit up the Guard. If you are unwilling to do your part, then why do you remain in this country to enjoy the privileges and immunities extended to American citizens, and secured by military arms?

W. S. Birge.

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Hallettsville, Texas, 6-28-16.

Lt. W. S. Birge, Recruiting Officer,

San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir—:

In reply to yours of the 26th., I will say that I am a Texan born, evidently here longer than you, as I am over 50 years old. I have seen many things change and have learned that people are the product of two unavoidable forces, i. e. Heredity and Environment. You are likely by birth and training a soldier; therefore you cannot well help thinking as you do, but, since a record you the right to your opinion, which you hand out in great chunks, without argument to a satisfied, I claim the same right, especially as I have good reasons therefore.

War has not been declared and, if no one would enlist, war would not be declared. As it is, it will be delayed. If it is declared, and the call for men cannot be met sufficiently, the War Department will have to resort to conscription under the despotic Dick Military Law; that will show the people clearly where they are at.

I, when EVERY MAN between 18 and 45 years will have to respond to the call for the draft. This is what I want to see. I am opposed to humbug and make shifts, such as Big Business practically blacklisting the Workers in "Preparedness Parades" and the Press.

The Dick Law was passed in Dec. 1902, at a time when no people knew of the powers above thought of war. Not a prominent paper in the land, excepting the Socialist and Labor papers, said anything about this stupendous change in our military system; change that was not considered necessary by the United States during the four years of the Civil War, that was being entirely fought by volunteers, and no just man will ever fail to get volunteers enough; but the "upper-crust," is a Morgan, Rockefeller, Weyerhauser, Kirby, Ryan, Otis, Hearst, etc., ad finitum ad nauseum, felt and knew, from the Spanish War experience, where more soldiers were killed by diseases and bad grub than by Spanish bullets, that they might not be able to put over another game like that on the American people, as they had one of their tools, Senator Dick of Ohio, perpetrate this law on our people. The people are, by the way, should be "patriotic," only say — *Patriotic*, you probably mean — this people, nine-tenths of them have virtually no country; over 50 per cent own no property at all, while two per cent of the people own more than all the people. Query: Why should the propertyless perish to add more property to the already dominant millions of the Two Percent? Since your circular all stress the fact that PROPERTY is in danger, why don't the PROPERTIED ENLIST?

Read the report of the U. S. Commission on Industrial Relations; not one of them was a Socialist, or even an Anarchist, and that will prove to you that the people have neither any rights in property, especially in the "Democratic South," nor any property to fight for.

You will find there also that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., admitted that he furnished the means whereby men like you burned the tent colony of the strikers of Ludlow, Colorado, shot 5 men and burned to death 11 CHILDREN and two women, all in one day. No, "Credit" to Mexico ever did a better job of "civilized warfare." Men like you — of course, I don't blame the men who were deceived to commit the outrage, nor even the man who ordered them, as they were all under "Subject to the most sacred military is to obey, without questioning the orders of his "Superiors," no matter how brutal and criminal they may be. Were all under orders and HAD to obey. That's why I hate Militarism.

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No, I am not going to leave this country. I am going, while I live, to do all I can to establish Industrial Democracy and to make war, which General Sherman declared to be "Hell," impossible, and so put you boys to work doing useful labor to preserve human life instead of blowing it into nothingness.

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"FULL OF PATRIOTIC."

Frank Bull (y) Hayne Howls for Tar and Feathers.

Why is Big Business offering to outbid paying wages and salaries to its employes who enlist for service in Mexico and to "keep their positions open for them until their return"?

According to the Waco Semi-Weekly Tribune, 6|8|16, the following Dallas Patriots have volunteered to pay their salaries, getting shot: R. H. Macy & Co., big department store; The American Tobacco Co.; The Silk Trust, a band of International Capitalists, proven in Paterson, N. J., to be one of the very worst "friends of labor" the country that ever existed; The Columbia Trust Co. bankers; Butler Bros., jobber magnates; Interbor-ough Rapid Transit Co. of New York City, street railway plundered; New York Railways Co., the Belmont-Ryan exploiters and killers of girl labor; Equitable Trust Co. subsidary of the Life Insurance Co. Abraham & Strauss and Loesser' dry goods, Brooklyn, N. Y., "Captains of Industry."

Back to the above list the following well known friends of the Wage Workers and Working Farmers, and you sure have a bunch of a bunch of "All Patriots." As follows: Armour & Co., slaughterers of cattle, sheep, hogs and humans; Great Southern Lumber Co., (Goodyear Rubber Tired pirates) of La. and Miss., (claims ownership of 1,000,000 acres of timber, a city of 10,000 people, ruiners of forests and wreckers of Lumberjacks; R. H. Downman, Sawmill Lumber King of Louisiana and notorious Lumber plunder and church-plate toter; New Orleans Railways & Light Co., as efficient a gang of looters as ever looted a city; the Ste(a)l Trust; the Coal Trust; Holy Standard Oil; "The Bulls" and the "Bears" of the Cotton, Wheat and other "Exchanges," (that is, places where THEY short-change YOU! Company which live on the products of your toil; the Lords of Land and Rail; in other words, all our "Best Citizens," the "Respectables" of Society, the Domthings-and-Getalls — WHY are THEY paying men, or rather, suckers to join the Militia and go to Mexico? WHY? Did you ever hear of one of these Broadcloth Bandits putting out cold, hard cash unless they THEY knew would get it back, plus a nice, big fat profit? No, you never did and never will. What they are after is blundering or fooling you, who are suckers enuf to fall for it, to go steal Mexico for them, that they may use YOU to shoot down the Wage Workers and Working Farmers of the United States when the great SOCIAL GENERAL STRIKE breaks out, as it most surely will ere long unless the Pluts and their private Politicians let up on the American Workers. THAT'S why THEY are so ready to pay YOU for fighting, dying and getting all shot to hell for THEM.

Just listen to this line of patriot-lush handed out by Cotton Exchange Bull (y) Frank B. Hayne, in the New Orleans and "Times-Pleayune" of June 24th. 1916:

"If there is any movement on foot backed by the pacifists to start a campain in the colleges and universities, and attempt to undermine the loyalty of our boys and young men; for one will welcome the opportunity personally to meet any such meddler, and will *favor his being carried to a public square, in broad daylight, and there being given a coat of tar and feathers and be ridden from the city on a rail*," etc., ad libitum and ad nausum.

Bull Hayne is chairman of the New Orleans "Preparedness Committee," which is violently opposed to any attempt to "Interrupt patriotism" — and which is composed of PAYTriota who never fought anything in their lives but cheap champagne and hot blood, whose only campaigns have been those organized against Southern Cotton Farmers, a in the campaign of 1914. Bull (y) Hayne's bunch, are all brave like himself, men who would mob a Socialist, and shoot down a dozen to one against him, all good "Democrats and Progressives," too, all brave to the last degree, except when it comes to shouldering a gun and going to Mexico or somewhere else to protect THEIR property, THEM and their property for the Working class to go do it for them and, if they don't, then they pay for conscription, the blacklist, or any-

MINERS STRIKE STEEL TRUST.

Driven to desperation by low wages, long hours, outrages and tyrannies of every brand and kind, the Iron Miners of the Steel Trust have gone on General Strike on the Mesaba Range in Minnesota. Already Deputies, gunmen and gunmen-deputies have murdered one striker in cold blood.

The strike is of vital importance, as it marks the beginning of the great struggle between the Industrial Democracy and the Industrial Despotism for control of the lives and liberties of the common people, the useful, productive workers.

For this reason, the Strikers' Publicity Committee asks every Rebel in the continent to do his duty, by doing all in his power to spread the TRUTH about the strike and all he can to RUSH funds for the workers. Everyone wishing to aid the Miners in their splendid struggle for a MAN'S life and freedom, should immediately and generously donated to Gen.-Sec.-Treas. Wm. D. Haywood of the Industrial Workers of the World, Room 164 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Remember! The Miners have never yet been called on and in vain to aid in any struggle for life and liberty and been found wanting. Let every Rebel do his share and duty and this fight for freedom will be won, the Industrial Democracy will have taken a fine line of trenches from the common foe. All together and—on to victory!

"PREPAREDNESS" AS INSURANCE.

"Mr. Chairman, they say they want 'preparedness' as insurance against trouble with Mexico. But I never heard anyone recommend an insurance company that had universally failed! This insurance company which they propose is the same insurance company that was restored to in Germany, England, France, Russia and Japan. What has that insurance company done in the way of maintaining peace? It is an unqualified bankrupt.

"Of course insurance companies do not guarantee that you will not have a fire. But if you do have a fire they pay the loss. But this proposed insurance company grinds our faces from the time we start until we are dead, and when war comes the burden gets another on the 'insurance' we have taken out. In God's name, what kind of policy is that!" — Congressman Oscar Callaway of Texas.

SHO 'NUF PROSPERITY.

The Producers Oil Co. of the Texas Co., has just declared a dividend of SIX MILLION dollars on a capitalization of $3,000,000 or 200 per cent. "Some" prosperity. And all of it taken out of Texas, Louisiana and Mexico, in the last, according to the Houston Post's dispatch, 7|1|16, with the aid of the U. S. Government. It's no wonder Mexico is in revolution and is willing to die rather than to have U. S. restore her to "law and order." But it must be done or, first thing we know, Texas and Louisiana will be getting off their knees and following her bad example. So, we must end up and go "Teach the Mexicans their place," which is, like ours, to be nothing but burden-bearers for the International Pulocracy.

LESS THAN 360,000 U. S. citizens (1) out of 100,000,000 paid Fed. Income tax in excess of $3000, "Some" prosperity.

thing else that will *save* them from having to die for THEIR OWN property, 'cause property aint much use to a cripple or a dead one.

Frank Bull's is the TRUE "Preparedness" spirit, alright. Thus, if you object to him and his gang bulling YOUR boy into dying in defense of THEIR loot, and try to have anything to say about conscripting YOU as a "traitor" to the flag, which seems to be THEIR private property also, like everything else THEY want. THE to die for, TO HELL WITH THE WHOLE BUNCH OF PATRIOTS! Let them keep their dirty, bloodstained dollars and DO THEIR OWN FIGHTING. Let US stay at home and TAKE BACK DIXIE.

C. H.

From Debs.

Praises Work of The Rebel.

Under date of June 30, The Rebel has received the letter published below. The letter is based on an article appearing in the Chicago "Herald" of Friday, June 30, 1916, in which wholesale bribery and attempted corruption of the electorate of Illinois by leading Democratic party politicians is treated as a jest, as something truly humorous, not to be condemned, but to be made merry over, when the gangs gather round the wassail boards to exult over what they have done TO the enemies of the present, which follows:

"Dear Tom.—Here's the story of how they do it—filthy and shameless—told by themselves between quarts of "Extra Dry" and to outbursts of hilarious laughter. It's all a huge joke with them, this political shell-game they are playing at the "common herd," this foul betrayal of the common people, but it nearer tragedy than anything I know.

These are the real anti-patriots, the actual desecrators of the flag—these are the real betrayers of the people, the actual traitors to the nation, as they are to a person, or rather to a beast, the paragons of "patriotism" and "preparedness."

In the story in the "Herald" we have the economic basis of corruption and brutality from their own putrid lips, and we can see instantly the bloated, flyblown parasites of the Land Hogs in the background who have rapt Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, and Mexico, and blighted the tillers of the soil, and deliberately poisoned every fountain and stream designed to enrich and refresh those empires and make them yield in abundance for the comfort of happiness of all the people.

Will the poor dupes in the Lone Star State fall in line again this year at the behest of the Railroad Thieves, the Land Hogs, the Real Estate Sharks, the Mortgage Leeches and their brood of bloodsucking political heelers and grafters, or will they have the sense and manhood for once to stand by Hickey and Meitzen and have the rest of the standard-bearers of the only political party in Texas, or the World, that proposes to restore the land to the people, restore the land to the land-less capitalist and exploiter, and make this a land of freedom and a world of brotherhood.

The tillers and tillers, the actual workers, the real people who this year, in the face of the world-condition, have to confront them, give their votes to the rotten capitalist parties and their support to the rotten capitalist system and the responsible for these rotten, barbaric and disgraceful conditions, are committing treason against themselves and selling for less than a mess of pottage, carrion, in truth, their children and their childrens' children into false fetters, paupers' inheritances, and nameless graves in potters-fields.

Congratulations to The Rebel upon the fearless way it is carrying into camp of the criminals and corruptionists! The flaming white-hot articles of Hickey, Covington Hall, Ashleigh and other fearless and uncompromising stalwarts are arousing the natives and the light is beginning to break in the dark places.

The Rebel grows greater as the war waxes hotter. The Rebel Irishman in your will rise to the complete stature, expand to his full proportions, and strike his most telling blows only when the effects of the conflict are ended and the final victorious assault is made upon the last stronghold of capitalist despotism and miserable. Your comrade in arms.

Eugene V. Debs.

"RESERVE BANK of Dallas assures six per cent money for cotton warehouses cotton crop," says the Dal-Gal. News of June 30. When you FARMERS get any of this six per cent money, let us know. Drop a line to The Rebel informing us that the age of miracles has returned.

In the meantime, don't forget that you will have to HOLD the crop YOURSELVES for that FIFTEEN CENTS A POUND. Get in the LAND LEAGUE and get some of that prosperity THEY say the country is rolling in.

State Office Notes.

W. T. WEBB, State Secretary, Cisco, Texas.

Schedule of Davis-Hickey Debates.

Fort Worth, July 1; Graham, 3; Memphis, 5; Truscott, 6; Haskell, 7; Ovalo, 10; Cow Plains, 11; Blum, 13; Sweetwater, 15; Winnsboro, 17; Yoakum, 20.

Encampment Dates.

Ezzell, July 6, 7, 8; Tool, 10, 11, 12; Point, 10, 11, 12; Chalk——; Sweetwater, 13, 14, 15; Charleston, 13, 14, 15; Sanco, 13, 14, 15; Denton, 12, 13, 14, 15; Desdemonia, ——; Blue Ridge, 12, 13; Bowie, 17, 18, 19; Memphis, 20, 21, 22; O'Brien, 20, 21, 22; Siloam, ——; Morgan, ——; Rochester, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Glen Rose, ——; Stephens Co., 7, 8, 9; Mineola, 1, 2, 3; Bruceville, ——; Condon Springs, 14, 15, 16; Bonham, 16, 17, 18, 19; Jayton, 21, 22, 23; Crockett, 27, 28, 29.

Southern Socialist Lecture System

Wm. D. SIMPSON—Nevada, July 6, 7, 8; Tool encampment, 10, 11, 12; Roberts, 14; Chicota, 15; Bowie encampment, 17, 18, 19.

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LOTTA BURKE—Memphis encampment, July 20, 21, 22; Rochester encampment, Aug. 3, 4, 5; Condon Springs encampment, 14, 15, 16; Jayton encampment, 21, 22, 23.

W. J. Bell, Tyler, Texas.

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Convention Call.

By authority vested in me as county chairman of the Socialist party of San Patricio county, Texas, I hereby call a county convention of the Socialist party of said county and state to be held at the courthouse in Sinton, San Patricio county, Texas, at ten o'clock a. m., July 29th, 1916, and each precinct is requested to met July 22nd and elect delegates to said county convention. If you have no precinct chairman elect yourselves one and proceed to hold precinct conventions and have your representatives at the county convention for the purpose of nominating a county ticket and attend to other important matters.

W. G. Curry, County.
Chairman Socialist party.
Aransas Pass, Tex.

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Wills Point, Texas.

Our county meeting on June 17th was partly rained out, but nevertheless we had a good crowd and we are not through by any means yet, as we are going to have another meeting on July 14. I am sure by that time the farmers will be up with their work and we will warm up the woods in the free state of Van Zandt. We had Comrad. William H. Cawthorn of Dallas with us and he made good; any local or community desiring him for lecture service will make no mistake; he is a live-wire. We also had J. W. Saucier with us and he also made good.

W. H. Smith, Chairman.

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Bronte, Tex., June 17, 1916.

We Socialists met in the school auditorium and organized a local with 10 members; expect to get at least 10 more at next meeting. Comrade E. R. Meitzen spoke here on the 9th to a packed house, many could not get in. That has been all the talk since he was here. Some Democrats are refusing to rent land to Socialists, for which reason I have been personally turned down. I have been told by one man who is a Democrat, that I would lose my job because I was instrumental in getting Meitzen to speak here, but that does not scare me, as I am in the fight for Socialism to the finish.

Fraternally yours,
R. W. Legg.

A VOTE for Benson and Kirkpatrick is a vote against Militarism and Murder, Preparedness and Plunder. Don't fail to cast it.

O'Brien, Tex., June 27, 1916.

Please announce to the Socialists of the 16th Congressional Dist. that, after July 22, Mrs. Mary Kules will be available for dates. We have secured her for our Encampment at O'Brien, July 20, 21 and 22, and would be glad to keep her in the District until election day. I fell it would swell our vote greatly. If you want her send in your call by return mail. Time is short.

Also I want 10 dates for Ben Wilson, beginning Aug. 10. He will cost you $10 a day, and expenses, (and he is worth $25). This is the biggest thing ever offered us, so you had better act quickly, as we can get him for only 10 dates. He is one of the ablest speakers I have ever heard. If you aim to do anything for Socialism, write me at once.

Mrs. Kules and Wilson would make a team for a two days picnic meeting. Get busy. Everything is all right at this end of the line.

Yours for peace,
Joe F. Hudspeth,
Sec. 16th Cong. Dist.

OUR REBS.

A. C. Harrison reports a fight in which he captured five.

J. H. Miller, who is on the fighting line in New Mexico, sends a money order for Rebel bonds and says the Donks in his state have got to get up and get out or be put out. May this militant tribe increase.

G. T. Lewis, an all-round Rebel, orders a bundle of the anniversary edition, a bunch of sub cards and a land petition and charges on the enemy.

B. B. Thompson, who believes in preparedness, sends a rush order for 12 bombs to keep on hand in case of an emergency.

J. P. Rackford joins the bundle brigade and says that he will talk to the Donks through The Rebel.

E. E. King, the Big Reb this week, sends 12 and pursues the chase for others.

J. B. Lewis sends the names of ten political sinners who have been voting wrong and asks us to treat them until after election day over November, and the next day sends a club of forty weeders.

W. J. Williams remits $1.80 to have The Rebel sent to 12 friends until after election.

M. T. Bruce of Arizona orders an additional copy to loan out so as to be able to keep one copy on hand for reference.

The army captains that report this week are: Finley T. Dixon, G. C. Parker, J. N. Jones, J. W. Shepard, L. B. Lippard, G. W. Presen, W. G. Mathis, C. W. Durham, S. D. Lin, J. T. Maddux, M. C. Gibson, F. M. Anderson, P. E. Lunsford, Ole Olson, J. E. Kent, C. Hays.

Wilbur Brotherton of Michigan, after reading a copy of the Yucatan edition, that strayed into his community, made a club along with his compliments.

J. C. Coontz of Louisiana, joins the army this week and sends a batch of subscribers from three different states, and thus the army of the Rebel forces continues to increase.

HOMES FOR ALL

To The Rebel:—

I am an orthodox preacher. Therefore I favor homes for all, that is, after they die. I am also an orthodox democrat. Therefore I indorse a system which compels a majority of our people to pay 29 per cent of all they produce for the right to remain on earth. Altho there is an abundance of fertile, unused land for all, as a preacher I whoop things up for the people, to secure homes in the sweet bye and bye, but as a Democrat I am perfectly willing for them to pay rent here. Promising the people homes in the land beyond the moon is quite an easy job, since I get pay for so doing, and the effort only costs a lot of hot air on my part.

I am ready to denounce unpopular evils, as the liquor traffic, gambling, dancing, etc, but I will not denounce as evil which is customary and popular as it might destroy the grand old party and prize some grafter loose from the teat.

I shall ever oppose Socialism as it will destroy our homes, and cause a general swapping round of wives. Amen.

M. B. Brand, Glen Rose, Tex.

MAKE RAILROADS PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Under date of June 20th, The Rebel received a circular letter and circular from the "National Conference Committee of the Railways", which is composed of the General Managers, Vice Presidents, Asst. Receivers, etc., of different railroad lines. The Committee wants our opinion on its behalf; the request being heavily underscored. We will try to give it.

In the first place, the Interstate Commerce Commission, to which the Committee wishes the demands of the Conductors, Engineers, Firemen and Brakemen referred for "arbitration", has no power to arbitrate such a controversy and should not have, since the G. M. U. would immediately demand of it increased freight rates did its award increase the payrolls, thus taking from the people put up what the Railroads are fully able to pay; and, further, it is NOT an impartial body, but is completely dominated by the Railway Managers, if one is to judge by most of its recent awards as to freight rates, etc. Before it, in our opinion, the men would have about as much show of getting a fair award as a snowball would have of cooling off across the Lake of Liquid Fire.

Second, the main thing the men are demanding is an EIGHT HOUR DAY, a thing that should be, in our opinion, granted immediately, not only to the Train employes, but also to all other Railroad Employes. The men specifically deny that their demands would increase the payroll expense anything like the $100,000,000 the Managers claim it would; but, *if it did*, in our opinion, the men are far more entitled to receive it than is the gang that has looted the Railroads of this country and, by ownership of the Railroads, the people of this country ever since the first rail was laid. In our opinion, the crowd, that claims the right to shear down Billions of dollars yearly for doing nothing save OWNING our system of transportation, have been paid far more for their (?) property and service than it is worth, and are not entitled to receive another cent from the American people, and would not if those people had sense enuf to come in out of the rain.

Third, every time the Railroad Workers, or any other body of workers, have recently submitted their demands to "arbitration" by "impartial arbitrators" or to "mediation" by the Federal Government, they have been, after going to tremendous expense to present their case, flim-flammed to a farewell; as in the present instance, it is our opinion, that the men have every reason to be suspicious of "arbitration" and "mediation", especially when the General Managers Union picks out such a notoriously "impartial" tribunal as the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fourth, as long as the American people allow a band of Broadcloth Bandits to own their transportation system there is, and cannot be, any such thing as "the public", for, in a class divided society, there are two publics — the Capitalist, or TAKING public, and the Working, or MAKING public. To the first "public" belongs the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and, being interested thru ownership of watered stocks and bonds in the railways, it is perfectly natural that they should "endorse" anything that will keep WAGES DOWN and *interest and dividends up*; so, G. M. U., it is not in the least surprising to hear that they are unanimously for your "proposed solution" of the present controversy. On the other hand, we are of the opinion that you cannot well expect the Working Class public to fall for your line of dope. We are superchanged with it now. Too many of us are aware of the fact that the PUBLIC LANDS SWIPED by the owners of the Railroads have MORE than paid for the system, yet WE still owe billions of dollars to these same "owners" on which they are demanding an every-hour-in-the-day rate of interest and dividends — USURY, LOOT, PLUNDER. Therefore, we are of the opinion that the "Owners of the Railways" should, not only be FORCED to grant the demands of the "Big Four", but that ALL the lower paid and overworked ranks of Railway Employes should likewise demand of them higher wages, shorter hours and better living conditions, even tho this does involve "industrial warfare", which cannot be avoided so long as the American people are idiots enuf to allow a handful of Wall Street Pirates to own THEIR Railways. Further, in our opinion, men who went fight for the *full social value of the products of their labor* are not MEN at all, since they doom their children to slavery when they refuse to fight.

Fifth, as to your ever-lasting cry as to the poverty of the Railroads, are you not falsifying the record here, as in all your other free advice and communications to the American people? In other words, did the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Co. prefer itself when its sworn statements filed at Albany, N. Y., to the State Department show the following facts?

"For the six years ending June 30th, 1907, over and above operating expenses, taxes, repairs, bad debts, rents, (?) discount and commission, (?) and some millions of suspicious looking items as 'other deductions', 'miscellaneous items, etc.', the profits of this corporation divided among the stockholders and bondholders averaged $41,438.19 per day every period of 24 hours during the entire six years. The total profits ever and above all expenditures were $90,791,080.19. During the next six years, the six years ending June 30, 1913, these prodigious profits were FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS greater, or $64,047.18 a day, or $44.47 a minute." See "The Bridged Chasm", by Levi Stevens Lewis, pages 113 and 114, for this and other highly interesting information as to how our "poverty-striken" Railroads are being looted and being used to loot US. (N. B. other "poverty-stricken" lines did as well.) Therefore, from these facts and many others that have come under our attention, the editors of this paper respectfully decline to aid you, the General Managers Union, to spread your prevarications broadcast over the land.

In conclusion, it is our opinion that the "Owners" of OUR Railroads have already received far more money than was coming to them and the Workers, without whose labor the railroads would be but streaks of rust, have received far too little. Our advice to the Workers is to organize in ONE BIG INDUSTRIAL UNION of Transportation Workers, join the Socialist Party, and put YOU, the *General Managers, Stockholders and Bond-Clippers Union*, to work earning an honest living in the "sweat of your brow" instead of a fraudulent one "in the breaking of other men's hearts."

There is no "solution" of the controversy between you and your "hands" other than to make the RAILROADS PUBLIC PROPERTY. The sooner the American people do this the sooner will they end industrial warfare, the sooner will be established the Industrial Democracy, — the only hope of the human race.

Statement of the Brotherhoods.

The Rebel has received the following statement from the Transportation Brotherhoods' Publicity Bureau, giving the Train Service Unions' side of the controversy with the General Managers Union, viz:

"In an effort to make their position clear to the public, the Transportation Brotherhoods have issued the following statement relative to the conference between the Employe's Committee, and the Railway Managers, recently held in New York City:

"The Employes Committee met the Railway Managers Committee and presented their demands for an eight hour work day with a penalty for overtime, of time and a half pay.

"The Managers Committee refused to grant these demands and did not submit any definite counter-proposition to the employes.

"The Managers did discuss what they termed a 'tentative proposal', which did not take into consideration the plain fact that freight train crews are piece workers and they are paid to perform a certain definite service of moving a train from one end of a division to the other and when they have performed this piece work, they have done what they were paid to do regardless of whether it was done in less than eight hours.

"What the men want, is a chance to perform this piece work in all cases, in *eight hours* or less.

"Having no penalty for the use of overtime, the railroad companies now use the men continuously *from 12 to 20 hours.*

"The Interstate Commerce Commission has no authority under the law, to regulate wages of employes any more than it has to regulate the price of steel rails and other supplies purchased by railroad companies. Therefore, any investigation made by the Interstate Commerce Commission into the subject of wages would come to naught, for the reason that the Commission has no power to settle the matter.

"If the Interstate Commerce Commission would assume the responsibility of agreeing that the demands of the men should be met, it would clearly be up to the Commission to provide the means for meeting any increased cost of operation.

"The railways, of course, would like to put the Interstate Commission under this obligation to grant increased freight rates.

"The principle objection, however, of the employes to arbitration, would be on the ground of the inability to secure impartial arbitrators who were sufficiently acquainted with the technicalities of a problem of this kind.

"In a previous arbitration between the employes and the company, the man who was acting as neutral arbitrator was a corporation lawyer representing large vested interests, owners of railroad securities and who had appeared in numerous cases as Attorney of Record for the Standard Oil Company.

Comment

The "previous arbitration" referred to was followed by the Federal Government's "mediation" of the strike of the Southern Pacific's Train Unions in 1913; that was three years ago; up-to-date there has been no award. "Mediation" was simply used to break the strike, a strike the Rank and File had already WON when the "Grand Chiefs" consented to "mediate", by which act the victory of the men was turned into defeat by their own officers. Wherever tried, whether in Australia, where it started, or elsewhere, "arbitration" and "mediation", especially for the Working Class, has proven a failure, and for the simple reason that God himself cannot arbitrate *irreconcilable interests.* In such cases, POWER is the deciding factor. The only hope of the Railroad Workers lies in *One Big Fighting Union of the Transportation Industry.* "United you stand, Divided you fall!"

HOW TO GET PEACE.

By H. A. Ree, M. D.

Do we want peace? I fear not. War is insanity gone mad. But if it be true that we do want peace, if all the publications of the associated press would publish this paragraph in succession for ten days, peace will obtain.

Put all the crown heads, all the rulers, all officers of conventional distinction—in fact all that are bowing for war — in the front rank, and we should say, — go, go, shoot them just as they would and do the common herd, and peace—permanent peace—is will have in 48 hours after this decree by all the people, and not until then.

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