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AGAINST MILITARISM!

PROTEST AGAINST MILITARISM.

Claremore, Okla., Mar. 28, 1917.

Senator Robert L. Owen,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Waiving all questions of political partisan affiliation, and occupying the ground of common citizenship, I come to ask you to present a protest against the military program being foisted on the American people by that heartless, unscrupulous, and dishonest band of bloody handed conspirators composing the Navy League and other so-called "Patriotic Societies" who constitute the most infamous, and most thoroughly entrenched bunch of lobbying scoundrels that ever disgraced any national capital. By most of the common people, Senator, you are regarded as a man of, and for the people. This estimate has been increased by your recent utterances on the present autocratic powers of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The sentiment created in the last National campaign was that Mr. Wilson and the Democratic Party stood for open retrenchment on the military policy of American Jingoes. Nearly a half million Socialists supported Mr. Wilson in preference to Mr. Benson because they believed that he and his supporters were against militarism. The metropolitan press, whose editors are only the satraps of cash register "patriots," with no more interest in the economic welfare of the great common people than has a vulture in the quivering flesh of a lamb after tearing its heart out, fulminated their anathemas against pacifism from ocean to ocean. Hundreds of millions of dollars were hung up over the honest voters like a spectre of despair in their efforts to stampede the common citizens of this country into supporting the black flag of Jingoism that has turned all Europe into a night of hell and its citizens into tumultuous mobs of mad men. Intimidation, ostracism, threats, slander and perjury carried on by the paid henchmen of preditory and organized wealth and directed through the greatest engines of craft and cunning known to the shrewdest scoundrels and most underhanded knaves were employed to deceive and betray the people into supporting the militarist plunderbund. But an analysis of the votes will show that ninety per cent cast for Wilson, Benson and Handley were against the bloody conspirators who are trying to turn this country into a school, the curriculum of which is the most scientific method of murder.

I am honored with the office of President of the World Peace Association. We have organizations in Germany, England, France, Russia, Japan, India, Austria, New Zealand, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Australia, Italy, Holland, Canada and three South American Republics. We have State Branch offices, State Presidents and Secretaries in thirty-two States of this nation; and we have over 5,000,000 members in the United States, and the astounding thing about it is, that nearly 2,000,000 of these members have been added since the election, only about two and a half months ago. I am prepared to prove that the American people do not want the insane policy of the Navy League and other munitions venders. We have three members of the World Peace Association in Congress, and this scheme of commercial banditti shall not go through if the decent men in this nation outnumber the stock gamblers and traitors. Universal military training is the most God dishonoring and hate inspiring scheme that was ever proposed by men or devils. It is an adjunct of the Wall Street preparedness program. The day laborer, the tenant farmer, the itenerate mechanic and the small property owners are all being ground into poverty and whipped to their faces by commercial highwaymen who are raising the cost of living faster than they are raising wages and the price paid to producers on the farm. Any man with sense enough to reason from cause to effect can forsee the doom of democracy on this continent and the complete overthrow of any form of freedom for the masses, if we permit the savages behind this military system to turn this nation into an armed dragon directed by the devil inspired scoundrels who are back of this big naval scheme.

The end of the European war will leave a bond debt upon Europe of $90,000,000,000. The shattered manhood, the cripples, the insane, the homeless, can never pay the debt in fifty generations. Repudiation is inevitable. Kings' thrones will tumble to earth unless the neutral nations can be blinded into turning their entire control over to the heartless Jingoes who will use the sword to further crush and rob the bleeding victims of the murder fest. No decent American, with his eyes open, is going to stand for arming the murderers who are starving this nation to feed the slaughter pens of Europe, when the very outlaws who coin billions out of our dark privations are loaning that money to the insatiable fiends directing the hell feast abroad; and as soon as the slaughter ceases our battleships will be used to collect these loans form the broken and wrecked remains of empoverished manhood in Europe.

Once this nation is turned into a Jingo country, the soulless wolves of war will direct it, and they will bribe or conspire with the same sort of cutthroats abroad, to bring on war to enable the rotten beasts of Europe to hold their own people down and at the same time murder enough of our citizens to drive every vestige of revolt against tyranny from them. Nearly eight millions of our people who as male citizens, have a God given right to the franchise are debarred from exercising the prerogative of citizenship. This army of men are becoming more and more desperate. The burden is becoming heavier day by day. The "larger Navy" and "greater Army" not only casts their black wings over the empoverished homes of this nation in the form of confiscatory taxation and stinted manhood insident to the ever increasing costs of living, but they are fast training their guns upon the robbed and disinherited sons of the future on our own shores. A vote for their scheme is a declaration in favor of murder and robbery when the military Shylock demands his last pound of flesh.

If the crime for which these infamous plunderers stand must be imposed upon this nation, then I am in favor of not deferring its execution until my little son shall be blown to jelly by the cannons we are called upon to build today. I want to be man enough to protect my boy. If these accursed plunderers must have blood, if the Navy League and their satraps must be sufficiently unmasked to let the American people see what they are doing, when they know and I know that their policy means a future scene of blood and slaughter, when their perfumed sons with inherited billions will direct the carnage, I want part in the game what they are planning for my boy. I shall resist military training; I shall resist to the uttermost the scheme to turn our schools into training camps for lessons in murder.

When these men appeal to the word "patriotism" they mock the intent of the term; when they talk of their "moral standards" they slander honest motherhood, and their religion is a ghasty lie. I appeal to you to stand up in the Senate and denounce these traitors and help this organization save this country from the hell hounds, who are trying to destroy it from the earth.

Yours for universal disarmament beginning at home.

William Madison Hicks,
PRESIDENT WORLD PEACE ASSOCIATION

REPLY TO BULLDOZING MILITARISTS.

By Covington Hall.

War has not yet (3-27-17) been declared between this country and Germany, yet the Militarists are already committing acts and making threats that justifies all their opponents have charged them with intending trying and hanging as "Prussian" to high heaven, they are fathering laws and deeds the Prussian Kaiser would hesitate to attempt against the German people and, if he did, his throne would be in imminent danger.

Read this dispatch taken from the papers of even date:

(By Associated Press.)

San Luis Potosi, Mex., March 27.—More than 3000 Germans, who have been working in the oil fields at Tampico and Vera Cruz, have been dismissed by the oil companies. Many of these men have arrived here. They are without employment.

These 3000 men and their dependents are thrown out of work thousands of miles from home and help, compelled to face starvation in a strange land, on account of a quarrel they had not any voice in making. That is to say, English oil concerns have, for the British government, invaded Mexico and proclaimed war within her borders.

If now these men take to banditing for a living, will the British-American Oligarchy demand that an American army enter Mexico to establish "law and order"?

Is the entire German race to be outlawed? If so, nothing short of their extermination can end this infamous war.

Here is another fool Militarist act. Sometime ago a young German-American serving in the U. S. army on the border wrote home a foolish letter and this letter was intercepted by the British Authorities and handed over to "our" War Department. Anyone but a Militarist would have said the boy was suffering from too much Texas Prohibition booze, the worst brand on earth, when he wrote the letter, admonished him and let him go his way. But not so the Army Chiefs. The boy was brought before a court-martial and handed FIVE YEARS in the penitentiary.

Again, the other day in Kansas City, two negroes were haled into court for fighting. One said he had assaulted the other when he made disparaging remarks about the flag. The judge ordered a flag brought into court and spread on the floor. Then he ordered the man who was alleged to have insulted it to get down on his knees and kiss the flag, which he did. Then this alleged judge complimented the assaulter, reprimanded the assaulted and discharged both. Yet the Kept Press assures the World that "WE" are the only simon, pure, sane and democratic people on earth, and that it is "US" who alone can save civilization. God help civilization if it has to depend on such idiots for salvation.

But this is not all nor the worst of it. Yesterday (3-26-7) the papers announced that the militia had been called out in 27 Middle and Middle Western States (names of states omitted at request of War heads) mainly to preserve internal order, it seems. Not only was this an open confession that one of the most populous portions of the country and one of the most intensely American sections of the Nation, was so bitterly opposed to Wall Street's war that it had to be threatened with military violence, but also an open confession of the mental bankruptcy of the Militarists, for none save a Militarist would assume that this section of the United States could be overawed by a pack of yellow-legged strike-breakers. Yet the same gang that hoots at the imbecility of Zimmermann's plot (only a Militarist could have concoted the Zimmermann plot; it would never have occurred to a sane man that Mexico could war on the United States) is out to overawe the Middle West!

This section of the West is also the great German-American section of the country. These German-Americans are mainly the descendants of the "Men of Forty-eight"—are and always have been, both here and in Germany, a DEMOCRATIC force. They have about as much use for the German Kaiser as a true native-born American has for Wall Street. Yet it is these men and old American Frontiersmen's sons that Wall Street's gilded slaves have the nerve to attempt to browbeat!

Then these goldbraided jackasses and the Kept Press violently demand of these insulted Americans what they are pleased to style, "Loyalty to the flag" — some more bullyragging.

And, after making all sorts of asses of themselves, they get actually excited and riled when WE tell THEM to "Go to hell!"

While all this super-patriotism and slave-like obedience and silence is being demanded of the men and women opposed to this wretched war, while the German-Americans are being grossly and foolishly insulted every hour and every day, BRITISH ARMY OFFICERS are allowed to make public speeches in New York City advocating the United States entering the war on their side. This is, according to the Kept Press, a splendid exhibition of patriotism, but an American citizen who objects to starving that the Plutocracy may swell its freedom-destroying fortunes still greater by drinking of HIS blood is an "Anarchist and a Traitor to the flag." Hell!

All this reminds me of one of Karl Marx's last prophesies, viz: "If, when capitalism collapses, as it must, the Working Class organizations are not internally strong enough to prevent it (and they were not) the Capitalist class will not hesitate to plunge the entire world into war, hoping out of the anarchy thus produced to save itself from overthrow." If a prophesy ever came true, this of Marx surely has.

The United States is the last of the so-called "great nations" to be headed for the maelstrom of nihilism of humanity. That it is not already in the whirlpool, is due entirely to the commonsense of its COMMON PEOPLE. Let US force THEM to STAY OUT, or do the trench fighting themselves.

We have denounced in unmeasured terms the middle and working classes of Europe for falling for the "Sport of Kings." What better will WE be now if we suffer a handful of Oligarchs to drive us, as the Roman Murder Magnates of old drove their slaves, to servile wars!

Let's stay home and struggle to establish Industrial Democracy right here in these United States. Then let's furnish Liebknecht and his splendid followers in Germany and the English and Irish Rebels with the "sinews of war" to overthrow their Oligarchies. And, then, let's form an international alliance with them and establish a world-wide Industrial Democracy.

That is the only hope of the human race.

Let us say to all Despotisms, as our Rebel Fathers said to those of an hundred years ago:

"Millions for war but not one cent for tribute!"

"PRUSSIAN PATRIOTISM."

The following press dispatch from Duluth, Minn., speaks in tones of thunder the intentions of American Prussians.

It was to Duluth that the Steel Trust had all the Miners, their officers and organizers, sent for "trial" during the great Mesaba Range Iron Miners Strike last year. There, in Duluth, every insult and outrage was heaped upon the imprisoned miners. Men who were 70 to 100 miles from the scene of police and detective-made "riots" were hauled to Duluth, there to be tried by juries of their enemies. The entire Duluth administration was totally servile to the Steel Trust in these persecutions and did all in their power to railroad the revolting miners.

If you will pick up and read the Declaration of Independence of the United States, you will note that it was just such "trials" as the Duluth authorities staged for the Steel Trust Revolutionary fathers gave as one of the main and principal cause of their revolt against the rotten British government, which, in my opinion, is just as rotten now as it ever was. Yet here come low-browed brutes threatening to do to American citizens what our fathers would not stand for from the British Aristocracy. For imagine the average ignorant brute of a Police Chief or Captain telling American citizens what is and what is not "patriotic". A self-respecting Hottentot would not submit to such low-brow despotism, yet the Houston Chronicle seems to think this outrage on the Constitution of the United States another "splendid exhibition of patriotism." Well, it begins to look as if the "Patriots" (?) were fast over-reaching themselves. A fool and his power are soon parted. The dispatch follows:

ARREST FOR UNPATRIOTIC Duluth Police Instructed to Take Into Custody Makers of Un-American Remarks in Public.

Duluth, Minn., March 27.—Police were today instructed to arrest anyone making un-American remarks in public.

"With the country on the verge of war," said the police captain today to his men as they were lined up at headquarters, "we want to remember that every citizen in this country owes it to the United States to be patriotic in every sense of the word. Officers are to arrest without hesitation anyone who attacks verbally institutions dear to all true Americans."

IF CONGRESS HAS NOT DECLARED WAR WHEN YOU READ THESE LINES, DROP YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS AT WASHINGTON, D. C., A CARD OR LETTER TELLING THEM IF THEY WANT WAR — YOU WANT TO SEE THEM PROVE IT BY ENLISTING AND GOING TO THE FRONT — WHERE CANNONS ROAR, RIFLES CRASH, FLESH RIPS AND BLOOD SPURTS. TELL THEM YOU WILL STAND BEHIND THEM THERE ON THE FIRING LINE.

Feed Your Head

Eugene V. Debs
in People's College News.

The normal human has a head and two hands. The head plans, the hands perform. They understand each other perfectly. The hands do what the head wants them to do. But it happens—why has always been a mystery to us—that the most men's hands are subject to a few-others men's heads. It is indeed a grotesque arrangement. To say that it expresses the creative plan is to impeach the Almighty.

If He intended most men to be the mere hands of others, why did He not create them headless? Surely He could not have intended their heads merely as knobs to hang hats on!

Oh, no, the fault is not with the plan, but with its execution. The plan of a head for every hand strikes us as infinite wisdom at high-water mark.

The head perched aloft so it can see, blaze the way for the body and warns against danger! How admirable that this dome should be the seat of reason as well as the lighthouse of vision.

Here the subtle machinery of thought is lodged in the brain.

Marvelous mechanism! Here the waste of the body, the needs of the mind and the aspirations of the soul all center, and here the plans and specifications are drawn and transmitted to the hands and other organs for execution.

But what if the brain itself is neglected? What follows the lack of proper nourishment? Darkness, Eclipse. The lighthouse may remain, but the light is extinguished.

As certain as the body languishes and finally succumbs for the want of proper nourishment, so the brain wastes away and finally ceases to function for the same reason.

Every human being should nourish with wholesome food and stimulant his mental organism. Unless he does this he suffers agony and shame until the grave opens to add another to the countless number of silent witnesses that lived as a wretched failure.

Feed your head is a rather coarse phrase but it embodies the idea and expresses the thought.

Feed your head! Nourish your brain! Cultivate your intellect! Develop your mind! It all means the same thing, the thing that twenty odd millions of humans called heads in the United States ought to understand.

The capitalist does not become the industrial captain by the use of his own head and his own hands. Oh, no, he uses the hands of an army of others who have no heads of their own, or have so long neglected them that all they are fit for is to light the way of their hands to and from their slavish tasks.

Listen just a moment, you myriad-headed host of toil. You have power to snap your chains asunder as you would pack-threads. You have but to light the fires in that darkened brain and feed the seared flame. To have the power of a giant and cower beneath the scorn of pigmy is not your misfortune, but your disgrace. Shame should keep your face black as are your hands. You have no need to crawl; you have the strength to stand; you require no master; be your own. Cease to beg and help yourself. This earth is yours and if it is not beautiful in every atom, joyous in every breath and divine in every impulse it is because your base and cruel neglect for centuries have disfigured it.

Look into your deformed hands and read the story of your age-long thraldom! It is traced there in characters that throb with pain; written in the alphabet of misery and death.

Yes, look into your hands, you millions of humans who are known as hands, and treated as hands, because you have denied your heads and attached yourselves to the heads of your masters that they may reap in opulence where you sow in despair!

There, in the hands you have abused you can read the indictment of the head you have neglected.

To put out the light of the brain is to make convicts of the hands.

The calloused palms of the labor giant tell the tragic story of his apotacy to his brain.

Every scar in labor's hands bears the humiliating testimony of its neglected brain.

A horny hand is a thing to blush for, not to be proud of.

It is a palpitant protest against abuse; a burning impeachment of self-respect; a blistering reproach to manhood.

When the working class uses its brain it will know its power, seize its heritage and reign supreme.

DR. WILEY SEES IT.

Dr. Wiley, and there is only one of his tribe and kind, has attacked the High Cost of Living at its proper source. The Rebel just intimates this fact so that our multitude of readers will get acquainted with Wiley and the Leader. We say this although we have seriously disagreed with the Leader on many occasions on matters of party policy.

The Socialist way is the only way to meet the high cost of living problem. Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, whose honesty and energy in trying to drive the poison out of the nation's food resulted in his being driven out of his job, says that states and municipalities must become the distributors of goods if prices are to be kept within reach of the masses.

Dr. Wiley is seeing what hundreds saw yesterday and millions will be seeing tomorrow. He is discovering the secret that the Socialists have been shouting from the street corners for more than half a century. It is a secret that the press and lecture platform and schools of this and every other nation have tried to keep from the people.

Dr. Wiley has found it out. He has discovered that if you pay a lot of idle people to own things there will be less for those who work. He has discovered that if you make the things essential to life a subject of private profit they will cost more if the profit is taken out.

The whole world is discovering this fact. The warring nations have found that they cannot leave the running of industry and the feeding of a nation to private bungling and exploitation and have strength left for fighting.

We are finding out that the private capitalist is not only a costly incubus upon the back of industry, but that he is a bungling fool in the management of industry.

The whole world is turning toward the Socialist remedy. There is not a nation, except this one, that has not moved further on the road toward public ownership and direction of its industrial life during the last two years than in the previous twenty.

This nation has been one of the last to move. The spur of high prices is now driving it along the same road that the others have traveled. Dr. Wiley is one sign of this. The resolutions of the Society of Equity calling for national ownership of transportation and terminal and storage facilities is another. The entrance of a half dozen cities into the marketing business is yet another.

The collapse of railway "regulation" and even of operation points in the same direction. The recommendation of the postmaster general for national ownership of telegraphs is another straw.

We are sorry to read from the Bi-annual report of Dr. John Preston, superintendent of the State Asylum at Austin that the insane population of Texas is gradually increasing. But what need we expect when landlordism is triumphant?

COMING NEARER.

Under the above head the Milwaukee Leader says that the Postmaster General will have State Socialism as a result of economic development, in so many words. "Will economic development bring industrial democracy, is all that concerns The Rebel. Here is what the Leader says:

Like many of his predecessors, Postmaster General Burleson has recommended to congress that it take action to acquire the telegraph and telephone lines and merge them into the postal service.

Mr. Burleson has been a progressive postmaster general. The country owes the large extension of the parcel post to his action in construing the law in favor of the public instead of the express companies. But there is no way open to the public to use the telegraph and telephone lines. Congress first must act.

When John Wanamaker was postmaster general in Harrison's administration he made a report on the telegraph that was absolutely convincing in behalf of government ownership. But congress did nothing. It was too thoroughly committed to private ownership to take any step toward nationalizing the public utilities with which the telegraph is so intimately connected.

The telephone was started by congress. When private capital refused to take up Morse's invention congress appropriated the money to build the first telegraph line. As soon, however, as its commercial possibilities had been demonstrated to the government, private capitalists induced congress to turn the telegraph over to them.

As the high tide of capitalistic freebooting in the United States, the telegraph was employed to discipline the press, to manipulate the stock market and to steal the presidency. It was under the manipulation of Jay Gould that the Western Union Telegraph for three days suppressed the news of Hilaine's defeat, while there was under way a movement to rig the stock market and steal the election. It failed, but it failed through no fault of the conspirators.

Manipulation of the telegraph as it was done in Gould's day is no longer practiced. It would not be tolerated by the people. But while private control of the telegraph is no longer used to discipline the press, to withhold the news or to steal elections, it is a function that is as public in its nature as the postal service. There is no reason whatever that the government should make the postal service a public institution and at the same time permit the means for sending messages by telegraph to be monopolized for private profit.

We have no idea that the present congress will pay any heed to Postmaster General Burleson's recommendation in favor of public ownership of the telephone and telegraphs. It will do nothing excepting to complete its unfinished business, if it should even do that, and pass the appropriation bills. But the time is rapidly approaching when questions of this character will have to be considered and passed upon by congress. There is a revolution taking place in the world, and the United States and congress are not immune from its influences.

Capitalism may survive the war in Europe, but it will be a different capitalism from what it was in July 1914. Government will have to consider the needs of the people to a greater extent than ever before. The interests of the True Profit will be subordinated to the larger interests of those who work and produce the nation's wealth.

We have no idea that the millennium is at hand or that the masses of the people will be clothed in purple and fine linen. But they are going to have a larger voice in the world's affairs, their needs will command greater attention and consideration than before, and the state, instead of being merely an instrument to aid and abet their exploiters, will become more and more a means by which the people will co-operate in their industrial activities.

What the new order will be called or how it shall arrive we'll leave to the prophets. The essential thing is that it is coming.

"War suspends every idea of justice and humanity."—Necker.

TREASONETTES.

By Covington Ami.

With all the Kept Press and all the Kept Pulpits and all the Kept Movies on their side, we have whipt the Militarists on the battlefield of reason, so now, they have done thru all the ages, they are threatening violence to gain their ends—the enslavement of the people. "They who take the sword shall perish by the sword."

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"I come not to bring peace, but a sword upon the earth: War to the Oppressors of Mankind!" proclaimed the Carpenter of Nazareth.

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Show me a Militarist and I'll show you a man who hates democracy.

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"Every Stoic was a Stole but in Christendom where is the Christian?" cried the great philosopher, Emerson.

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Open your Bible. Turn to the books of Samuel. Read what God thinks of Kings and Militarists. Then ask yourself WHAT he would think of Roosevelt, Root and Company. You couldn't even imagine it.

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"Are you ready to confess representative government a failure?" asks Collier's Weekly. If it isn't I don't know what you would call a failure. As a matter of FACT, society has ALREADY evolved out of the Political State. This fact is one of the causes behind the World War. You can no more administer this INDUSTRIALIZED world with the wornout machinery of the State than the State could be administered with the cumbersome machinery of Feudal and Church governments. The only sane people to take up arms in this war were the Irish Rebels, for THEY attempted to establish an Industrial Democracy, a necessity evolution is thundering into the ears of humanity.

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James Connolly, Commandant General of the armies of the Irish Republic, fighting under HIS actions flag, obeying the orders of a duly constituted government, was shot down in the streets of Dublin by British soldiers. Too weak from loss of blood to either stand up or to sit up in a chair, he was, on order of the British government, taken out, BOUND to a chair and shot to death in that position. This was the infamous law of war, yet we are told that the government that committed this atrocious deed is, "Fighting to save democracy from destruction"!

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It surely is amusing to hear the American Hirelings of Plutocracy praising Karl Liebknecht as a hero for standing up in the German Parliament and bravely denouncing the Murder Magnates of Germany and the World War and then on the same page denouncing LaFollette, Byrns, Debs and all others who dare take a like stand in the United States. "Consistency thou art a jewel," especially when worn by a capitalist editor.

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The Lumber Trust is preparing to furnish the U S. government all the lumber it can at prices based on 'all the traffic will bear.' If yo Lumber Jacks have any gumption you will charge and and GET the same sort of prices for your labor.

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The "PATRIOTIC" Railroad Magnates are out for an increase of freight rates. They only swiped One Billion, One Hundred Million Dollars in profit last year from the American Prodducers, this on top of all the LOOT they style "interest." We Americans are wise, alright—wise-guys.

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God must be in a hell-uva-fix. He's fighting under every flag at the front now and now comes our Woodrow and assures us that God's going in with Uncle Sam, too. Christ himself couldn't perform a miracle like to this of the Capitalist Priests, Preachers and Politicans. Poor old God!

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When I see the United States army marching on the Lumber, Steel and Oil Trust to compel them to respect the Constitution of the United States, I'll get excited about "our right to the freedom of he seas," and not before.

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WANTED—Correspondence with trustees desiring Socialist teachers teachers desiring such schools.
W. O. Reaman, Bruceville, Tex.

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ARE YOU STILL LIVING in the OLD STONE AGE?

The men and women of the Old Stone Age were superstitious about many things.

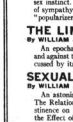
Some of these the world has outgrown, but the superstitions that cluster about economics and sex still crush the happiness of the race.

In the domain of sex, the mass of our people still possess largely the psychology of fear and ignorance characteristic of the Old Stone Age.

—Sex is to the majority a mysterious, terrible thing, a vice, or a pleasing sport.

—Disease is rampant; and, that which is worse, the stultifying and brutalizing of sex.

Are you, in matters of sex, still living in the Old Stone Age, or are you a free citizen of the commonwealth of Modern Knowledge?



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The Almighty Dollar.

Why Almighty? Because, in our civilization, it is the medium thru which most of what we call the good things of this life are obtained. Our possession of plenty of dollars thus means easy satisfaction of our desire for these "good things."

The easiest way to get dollars therefore becomes the easiest way to get the physical necessities and comforts we crave; and it is the law of our nature that we seek the line of least resistance and greatest attraction.

The easiest way to get dollars is by means of rent, interest, and profit. The hardest way is by work — productive work. Is not this true?

And yet — all these things, obtainable thru the medium of the dollar, are the result of human work upon natural resources.

This is why the moralists teach us "the dignity of labor."

But the "practical man" teaches us to "make money" by the surest "business" methods, which are: enterprises and investments that will yield rent, interest and profit.

Rent comes from land ownership; interest from loaning money; profit from productive industry.

As Henry George said, "It is this capacity of yielding rent which gives value to land. Until its ownership will confer some advantage, land has no value." There are two primary sources of advantage of locations: first, the difference in the yield of different locations to equal effort, and, second, the difference in distance from accessibility to centers of population — from markets. There is a secondary source of land value, growing out of the operation of the two primary sources. The sum of the differences between what can be produced by equal effort on land of different fertility and land of different accessibility to markets would not, alone, equal the rack rent now charged. But it is sufficient to create and maintain the INCENTIVE to hold land out of use. The resulting land monopoly enables the holders and owners of vacants, in addition to those differences, all that can be produced, above what producers will consent to live on and continue to produce.

The power of land ownership (the power to demand rent) is expressed in land values. Value means power, and the value of land is the power which its ownership gives of appropriating the results of work upon it — the results appropriated being called rent, whether paid annually or as purchase price, and constitute a tribute, or payment for permission to use what nature furnishes — as Thomas Jefferson said — "in usufruct to the living."

In providing all the things which go to satisfy human desires there are just two primary factors: human work and natural resources. Originally and normally the latter are free. The former is all that any person has natural power to exchange. The man who asks another to work harder for a certain result, is asking for than he would have to work to get it direct from the natural resources, is asking that other to work for him for nothing, which is the essence of robbery. All exchange, to be equitable, MUST be work for work. Adam Smith truly said: "Labor alone therefore, never varying in its own value, is alone the ultimate and real standard by which the value of all commodities can at all times and places be estimated and compared. It is their real price; money is their nominal price only." "Equal quantities of labor, at all times and places, may be said to be of equal value to the laborer."

We can't all pick the same berries off of the same bush at the same time; but we can fix it so that we may all have, practically, equally free use of the same location at the same time.

When a group of children are turned loose in a wild berry patch they are practically equally free in their use of the patch if none of them tries to prevent any others from picking berries in any particular spot. If, when one finds a spot where the berries are much larger and thicker than in other places, it does not try to monopolize that spot, but willingly takes its chances of getting its share by picking freely with the others, the others are equally free with it in the use, whether each gathers the same amount or not.

And so, if any man, who holds in exclusive possession a location which yields more or better products to a given effort than do other locations, asks no more work from the possessors of the other locations, in exchange for such products, than they would have to do if they produced them from that location themselves, he thus secures to the others practically equal freedom with himself in the use of that location. For, by so doing he shares with them the excess bounty of nature manifested there.

When you use one location exclusively, gathering nuts, and I use another exclusively, gathering fruit, and we exchange nuts and fruits on the basis of work by work, we share equally in the natural fertility of both locations, and are thus equally free in their use.

But when we work thus, and exchange on the basis either of results or of scarcity, we exclude each other from our equitable share in the natural fertility of each other's locations, thus practically denying each other equal freedom in their use.

If this undeniable truth was recognized in the adoption of a medium of exchange the unit of which represented a definite amount of human work, the results of work would exchange on the basis of the amount of work stored in them. By making the dollar represent results, instead of work, we have included a charge for nature's bounty. As the work stored in the product is all that is really exchanged, the price ought not to include any estimate of the powers inhering in the resources embodying that work. To this end it is absolutely necessary that exchange be measured by means of a definite unit of human work.

It is now supposed to be measured — but is only transferred — by means of a unit of account and currency which represents results (a certain amount of gold), thereby including what the other factor — nature — contributes. This is why it is possible for some to charge others for "permission to use" natural resources.

If we exchanged products—as people exchange work in new countries — on the basis of work only, whatever nature contributed to the results, much or little, would pass gratis between workers, as a mere flux embodying the work exchanged; and equivalence of work would be the only thing considered, in determining the prices. The excess fertility of one location over another would not then yield anything in exchange. Natural resources would thus be made really free—without price— and nothing from that source could be obtained from any location as rent. The price for permission to use nature's bounties comes out of the excess amount of such bounties which some places yield to equal work on other locations. But if we measure ALL our exchanges by equivalence of work, that excess passes to consumers free. Whatever is free is without price. When nature's gifts are really free THEY will be without price. There is no way to make them pass thus from one to another — without price — except by basing ALL exchange on a HUMAN WORK UNIT. When the dollar represents that alone then, only, all natural resources are made free. Thus the first-named source of rent may be removed — eliminated.

The pecuniary relation of different locations to markets may be equalized by apportioning all necessary public expenses according to the time-distance of each from markets. Such an apportionment would secure to each person practically the same amount of time for the use of each location; the time some required to go or send to and from markets being consumed by others in maintaining the public expenses — either directly or thru an equivalent payment. This would balance the expense with the benefit; equalize benefits of locations arising from such expense, and thus reduce the pecuniary rent to equalize at work for work. Thus the second-named source of rent may be removed — eliminated.

The first elimination solves the money problem completely, when accompanied by a repeal of all conflicting legislation, because it not only makes the abundant store of natural resources really free, but makes the issuance of money free also. For the only way the dollar can be made to represent nothing but human work is for it to be issued as a promise ultimately redeemable only in either the direct or stored work of the issuer. Thus each dollar would have the purchasing power of just one unit of human work, neither more nor less, regardless of the number of them issued. Instead of borrowing money, those needing to could issue it themselves, to the limit of their credit. This is the abolition of interest.

Profit comes from selling things for more than they cost; cost consisting of all the human work involved. Hence to increase profits is the present object of all business enterprises — it is necessary to "buy cheap and sell dear". This is called "competition" by some, and "the struggle for existence" by others, and is usually mistaken as the proper object of work.

Prices are determined in the markets today by "supply and demand", which means that they depend upon the necessities of the traders, the price being fixed at the point where their necessities balance. When the necessities of a dealer are greater, prices go down; when the necessities of the buyer are greater, prices go up. This is the scene of "the struggle for existence"—"the survival of the fittest". The gain of one is the loss of another. It is trading in human necessities.

Here springs the INCENTIVE to control the circumstances that determine the necessities on both sides, and the inevitable consequent "cornering" of the market by "monopoly".

All this comes from our attempting to measure exchanges by results instead of human work. When the dollar represents human work, and nothing else, prices will be fixed — not by "supply and demand" (human necessity) but — by the amount of work stored in the things exchanged — the amount of work required to reproduce. Things will be cheap or dear according to the amount of human work necessary to produce them, not according — as now — to the necessities of the people of them. Hence there will be no INCENTIVE to "corner the market", or to monopolize the source of supply of things. Everything will be bought and sold at cost — the amount of work it costs the producers, which is the amount of work stored therein. The benefits of exchange will thus come from specialization — division of work — each party to every trade gaining by the exchange of equal effort along different lines, and neither losing anything. This is the abolition of profit.

The second elimination solves the land and transportation problems, when accompanied by the repeal of all conflicting legislation, because it not only equalizes the pecuniary relations of locations to markets, and of all the necessary public expenses, thru their equitable apportionment, but makes common ways free also.

With the elimination of the two primary sources of advantage of locations the secondary source will vanish; the power, and consequent incentive, to monopolize natural resources being removed.

Thus, together, the adoption of a work-unit currency and the apportionment of public expenses in proportion to pecuniary benefits will abolish ground rent, by making natural resources equally free to all humanity; abolish interest, by making money the representative of work, issued only by workers, and doing away with all necessity for borrowing money; abolish profit, by securing to every worker the full, wholly undiminished reward of work; and abolish taxes, by balancing the results of public work with that work itself. (By apportionment of the expense when voting it, the power called land value to charge users for the resultant benefits is prevented, thus avoiding the necessity of resorting to the "tax" method, while applying the principle involved in the "Singletax limited".)

Thus, with rent, interest, profit and taxes abolished, human work alone being exchanged, and natures bounties passing from one to another without price, wealth getting will be easy for all. Each one's wants will then be very easily satisfied by such healthful, productive work as each most enjoys, and there will be no other way, so that the mere acquisition of wealth will bring neither power nor esteem. Where wealth-getting is easy for all the desire for esteem becomes dominant; and where mere wealth-getting brings no esteem that desire can be satisfied only thru meriting esteem. The merit incentive supplants the pecuniary incentive—to all human action. Thus every INCENTIVE to evil-doing may be removed. The "Law of Service" may thus take the place of that "struggle for existence" which is now called "competition."

We may thus establish a perfect — a balanced — land tenure system, the consequence of which will be THE DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH ACCORDING TO WORK — the aim of all reform. Do it by hiking back to the normal; by the abolition of arbitrary restrictions; by conforming human association to the orderly trend of natural forces, called natural law.

We may thus secure the equality of human freedom, reducing all government to self government, transforming public affairs from governing functions to political administrative functions — the ideal of the individualist.

The bone of contention between the socialistic and the individualistic ideals may thus be removed, and humanity become self-governed, by the Rule of Reason, guided by the Law of Equal Freedom.

The initiative, referendum and recall — the latter applicable to every public official — lead in this direction.

We may thus draw a clear-cut line between private and public functions, so that the exercise of the latter may be made to automatically limit the revenue to the necessary expense, and bring political progress to its ultimate goal — EQUALITY OF HUMAN FREEDOM.

W. E. Brokaw.

IT CAN'T BE DONE.

Compulsory arbitration, which in Australia first appealed to the workers as a means of obtaining justice between employer and employe, and then was repudiated by them to be seized upon by the employer as a preventive of strikes, has now been rejected by both.

The American Federation of Labor has taken a strong stand against compulsory arbitration in any of its substitutes. It recognizes that if it could be enforced it would permit the worker to be held to an involuntary servitude. But while in theory the worker may be made to work against his will, in fact he can not be compelled to work when he feels that he is suffering from injustice and has been forbidden to quit his employment. It is difficult to enforce compulsory arbitration as it is to make a horse drink.

In Canada, where there is a law to enforce mediation, the threatened railway strike last fall was settled outside the provisions of the law. The railway workers refused to wait for an endless investigation, before bringing the question of higher wages to an issue. While the investigation should proceed, there was no way by which the cost of living could be held in abatement. In other words, delay worked wholly to their injury. We could not understand, of course, that should the railways have been losing money through industrial paralysis and falling prices and lowered rates, and have sought to reduce wages, the railways workers in such circumstances would welcome a prolonged investigation.

Arbitration laws appeals to the side that hopes to gain by it and is rejected by the side which is bound to lose by it. The capitalist never wants to arbitrate when he is confident that he can break a strike of his employes. The employes do not want to arbitrate when they are sure that they can get what they want by striking. It is not because one is good or the other bad, or that one is reasonable and the other unreasonable. There is in the relation between capital and wage labor a fundamental injustice which can not be bridged over.

Gompers insists that there is no conflict in the system of wage labor that can not be settled by a "fair day's pay" for a "fair day's work." If that were true, it should be possible to provide, through arbitration laws and like devices for mediation, for the adjudication of any difference between them. The only thing necessary to a final and just settlement would be to ascertain what constitutes a "fair day's labor" and then award the "fair day's pay."

There can be industrial truces, there can be enforced a condition of industrial serfdom, in which the mass of workers are compelled for a time to be content with a bare subsistence, but as long as labor produces a vast amount of wealth that it is not permitted to consume, there are bound to be industrial crises and labor upheavals.

It is well enough for the workers to oppose compulsory arbitration or any laws, designed to hold them in subjection, but there is no occasion for the workers to be "scared stiff" by the fear that laws may be passed that will bind them irrevocably into slavery. It is really quite as difficult to keep the workers from bursting through the carefully constructed network of laws and customs and institutions with which they are held in check, when occasion for upheaval comes, as it would be to prevent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions by act of congress. — Milwaukee Leader.

"REMEMBER THE MAINE."

This was the cry by which the American people were aroused to send their boys to fight Spain and wrest from that country Cuba and the Phillipines. These islands were not freed, but were used as a rich asset for American millionaires. Some eight years later an investigation brought a partial report that the ship had been blown up from the inside. It was then taken out into the deep and sunk so as to make impossible a complete investigation. — Why?

Now we are told by the same source — the bought press agencies, that the Germans are sinking American ships and citizens without warning. Can we believe them? If a certain person lies when he is a little interested will he not lie when he is more deeply interested? Is capitalism interested in defeating the rising tide of democracy and freedom? Would it do anything wrong to keep those who want to abolish interest, rent and profit from succeeding? We hold that if all the reports in the capitalist press about Germany sinking American ships are true there is no cause for war and the chances are that there is no truth in any of these reports. "Remember the Maine" blown up from within and remember that you are asked to again fight the capitalists' war for them.

HIGH COST OF BATTLESHIPS

The United States is about to let the contract for six new battleships. These will cost more than any instruments of destruction and murder ever built. Each one will require the expenditure of at least $21,000,000.

When we have constructed 21 of these ships we will have expended sufficient funds to have rebuilt every university in America. Long before the entire naval appropriation is exhausted enough will have disappeared to endow every university far better than they are endowed at present.

Each one of these battleships costs more, generally several times more, than the entire equipment of a university. Knowledge is worth more because of scientific equipment in our great educational institutions. Such an equipment would make possible almost unmeasured advances in the well-being of the people.

These six battleships will absorb twice as much as the total value of all the scientific equipment in all the universities and colleges of

THE LIGHTS BREAKS.

The farmers of North Dakota are awakening to the fact that private ownership of the railways, elevators and mills intervenes between the farmer and the consumer and levies toll and tribute upon both.

The farmers through their organizations, have found that what which sold as "revised chaff" for less than a dollar a bushel was milled into flour and sold at the same rate as the wheat which commanded $2 a bushel. They have shown this by taking the wheat to neighborhood mills and having it ground. The heavy tribute which they have paid to elevator interests at the local station and at Minneapolis has grown galling upon them and they are demanding that the public shall own and operate these utilities.

The time is not far distant when private monopoly will be excluded from using the people's food supply as a means of its own enrichment. Everywhere the people are waking up to the fact that public ownership offers the only means of escape from private profit. Once this fact shall be generally accepted and the day of the capitalistic exploiter will draw to an end.

A PERILOUS CRISIS.

A Calm and Prayerful Analysis of the Situation.

We are on the verge of war with Germany; but over nine-tenths of the people of the U. S. want peace preserved.

England and Germany being at war, England has the right to blockade Germany, and try to starve her into submission. Germany has an equal right to surround England and France with a war zone, and destroy every ship carrying contraband of war to her enemies; whether the ship belongs to the allies, or some neutral nation. But in sinking these ships, Germany has no right to destroy life. Before the vessel is torpedoed, the officers and crew should be taken and held as prisoners of war; because they are carrying food and war material to the enemy. But the passengers should be conveyed to a place of safety.

If the submarines should sink a vessel without notice, or in any other way destroy the life of a citizen of any neutral nation; Germany should be accountable under international and civil law. But such action is not sufficient cause for war, because these passengers had notice of the war zone, and took the risk voluntarily; and have no right to involve their nation in war, on account of their recklessness. We admit they had the right to travel on these boats; but what is right is not always proper. In war legal rights are ignored. General Sherman properly defined war as "hell"; and that covers every species of crime. All sensible people avoid the dangers of war.

The bill pending in the U. S. Senate should not be enacted, for the following reasons:

1. It is tantamount to a declaration of war. If we arm merchant vessels carrying contraband, and authorize them to defend themselves,—the very moment an engagement between such ship and a submarine begins, we are at war with Germany; because such ship defending her right to carry contraband to the enemy, is to all intents a war ship of the allies.

2. That portion of the bill, which undertakes to confer legislative power on the President, to act in the absence of Congress, is clearly unconstitutional. Congress and not the President is the war making power.

3. Although the President is a good man,— it is unsafe to confer any such extraordinary power on any one man. Legislators seem to forget that the one-man power has been the curse of the world; and to escape it our ancestors came to the wilderness of America; and tried to establish a government of the people. In the words of the Immortal Lincoln, we must not permit "Government of the people, by the people, and for the people to perish from the earth."

4. Congress is the war-making power; and should be in session every day, while the war in Europe lasts; and our trouble with Mexico still exists.

The democrats should at once join with the republicans in having the President to convene the new Congress; in order to guard the situation, and avoid war if possible.

5. In this dangerous crisis, every citizen should be a patriot, and a humanitarian, and get above party; and Congress should represent the people; and not the President.

E. L. Dohoney.

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March 1st, 1917.

NOTE:— The foregoing article which was sent to the Fort Worth Star Telegram and also The Commoner, but returned by both papers assigning want of space. This article was written since the bill authorizing the President to arm merchant vessels was defeated by the filibuster of 12 Senators. But the President, without authority at law has armed those private ships anyhow, and now we are at war with Germany.

E. L. Dohoney.

March 19, 1917.

FARM RENTERS GASS STATED.

In Farm and Ranch we read the story that is worthy of thought by all thinking men and particularly those who desire to look into the land question. Those who disagree may well write their views to The Rebel on the subject.

Farmer Renter Speaks out.

Dear Editor:— We hear and read much about unsatisfactory results of the present tenant system, and as yet have not heard of a decision as to who is to blame — the landlord or the tenant. We were renters for several years, and my opinion is that in most cases both are to blame.

One common excuse given by most Southern tenants for their condition is that the landlord will not allow them to raise but little also except cotton, and with supply bills and doctor bills to pay, after these and the rent are paid, they have no money and nothing toward living at home. Of course, this is the inevitable result of the one-crop system of farming, but is an entirely unnecessary condition.

It is the custom in the South to rent land for one fourth of the cotton and one third of the corn, the tenant furnishes the stock and feed and plants all but a small patch to cotton. We never rented land except for a stipulated amount of cash to be paid by November 1st, and we always tried to rent for a term of years. (The renting habit has too strong a hold on many tenants to admit of prosperity.)

Paying cash rent enabled us to plant whatever crops we desired, to gather as much of each as we wished, gave us the privilege of pasturing the fields we cultivated, and many times the sale of the hogs and calves brought us more profit than we could have realized from the fields in any other way. We, too, had supply bills and doctor bills to pay, but the money from any other source was as gladly received by our creditors as that from the cotton, and many times the creditors were glad to take a nice porker, a few bushels of potatoes, a load of corn or hay. So that excuse for the one-crop system won't stand.

Another advantage of renting for a term of years is that a tenant will do more toward improvement, even without pay, because he knows he will derive some benefit from it. But the landlord will have to go through a process of improvement himself before existing conditions are greatly improved.

Someone is continually harping on the isanitation among tenants. Sanitary conditions are out of the question as long as the tenant houses and surroundings are unchanged. As a rule, no thought to comfort or convenience is given.

To me it is no wonder that typhoid fever often rages in summer and pneumonia in the winter. Such conditions menace health and invite disease. Convenience in the house and surroundings is the keynote to successful sanitary housekeeping. The most industrious housewife cannot safely combat flies, filth, and disease when handicapped by such inconvenience, and the labor question will not be near a solution until existing conditions are remedied.

Mrs. L. R. Armour, Louisiana.

NATIONAL CONVENTION.

By action of the executive committee and the national executive of the Socialist party a convention has been called to meet in St. Louis April 7, and decide upon the policies to be pursued in the event of war. State Secretary Webb has notified T. A. Hickey that he has been elected by the membership to represent them at this convention.

"Progress, the growth, is the end and boon of liberty, and without this a people may have the name but want the substance and spirit of freedom."—Channing.

"HER GRACE OF CHARACTER."

In the name of the great God of gush and slush, it is almost time for the opponents of women suffrage to quit talking about politics degrading women. As good a time to stop as any is right now after Cardinal Gibbons has slosh-ed around a little more sloppily than almost anyone to date.

In an address to the National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage (why does it never ruffle the bloom on a "perfect lady" to join the anti agitators?), Cardinal Gibbons solemnly promulgated the opinion that working for suffrage would "rob woman of her grace of character."

Gibbons presides over the moral and spiritual destinies of Baltimore. Not long ago a survey of Baltimore unearthed a rottenness in the redlight district that crowned that city with a peculiar pre-eminence in its degradation of womanhood.

Where was Cardinal Gibbons then? Did he find that woman was being robbed of "her grace of character"? The "oyster shuckers" of Baltimore are notorious as examples of the worst exploited women and children in a nation that subsists upon such exploitation. We do not remember having read anywhere any protest from Cardinal Gibbons about the physical and moral filth in which these women and children must work: having any tendency to rob them of their "grace of character."

Frederick Starr, America's leading anthropologist, has pointed out that it is possible to excavate for ancient institutions in the depths of present society as archaeologists dig for buried tablets in Babylonian mounds. In searching for such institutions he says we should observe the customs of women and clericals.

Whenever a custom is found that is peculiar to women and the household, we may be sure that it is a custom which, in comparatively recent times, was common to all society. The woman has been made the conservative element by the suppression and denial of the social rights which she enjoyed in an earlier stage of society.

Furthermore, continues Prof. Starr, whenever the priesthood is found following any custom not followed by the remainder of society, we may be sure that we have dug up the fossilized remnants of an idea or an institution that was, many centuries ago, common to all society, but that has been outgrown and discarded by the race as a handicap.

Two of these ideas have just been dug up at Washington. The "anti" convention was a mound that, when excavated, delivered up the antiquated idea that woman was still only a housekeeper and breeder of children.

The clerical mound was rich in relics of a philosophy and society now buried deep beneath the debris of civilization. One of these ideas was that proudly exhibited by the cardinal, who still thought that woman's "grace of character" consisted of being "silent in the church" and humble before a priesthood. That idea is at once labeled by the antiquarian "A. D. 45"; whereupon, when it was first manufactured by the Apostle Paul.

It is time to fill up the mound. The relics are not even interesting.

The nobility of a people lies not in its capacity for war, but in its capacity for peace. It is indeed only because the nations are incapable of the one, that they plunge so readily in the other."—Dickinson.

"War does not of choice destroy bad men, but good men."—Sophocles.

RAISE LESS RENT.

President Wilson urges the farmer to raise bigger crops as the only means of reducing the cost of living. This is the usual advice of those who farm the farmers.

The farmer has taken this advise and his crops, with occasional exceptions due to unavoidable circumstances, have steadily increased. But the farmer has reaped little of this prosperity. The study of thousands of farms by surveys and by government officials, both state and national, have shown that the average farmer received a lower wage per year than the average wage-worker.

But the one thing that is increasing is the value of farm land and the rent for that land. This value doubled in the first 10 years of this century and is now nearly $40,000,000,000. This is almost equal to the total wealth of the nation in 1880.

This vast sum is increasing constantly. It will continue to increase so long as man finds it necessary to live upon the earth and from things raised upon the earth. This sum is the capitalization of the rental value of the land. It is the value created by ownership. It is in excess of the value of the improvements put upon the land, which are only about 10 per cent of this amount.

There are two ways to meet this problem. One is for the various governments, national, state and local to enter directly upon the use of such land as they may now possess, or can acquire of reclaim. As was pointed out in these columns recently there are 75,000,000 acres of swamp land that could be reclaimed and that would serve to raise nearly all the food-stuffs used in this country. There are other vast territories awaiting irrigation.

If the land which is thus practically created by society is retained as social property the rental value of other land would sink and, the workers employed upon that land would receive a larger share of their product.

A similar result could be produced immediately by carrying out the demand which the Socialists make in accord with the single taxers, that all rental values, agricultural or urban, should be taken for social uses.

Until one or the other of these things are done there will be no reduction in prices.

Here, as everywhere else the only way to reduce prices is to take out the rent, interest and profits.

"Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will use his principles unto death."—Thomas Paine.

COOPER TO PROVE FAMOUS THEORIES.

His Remarkable Medicine Accomplishing Remarkable Results in Leading Cities.

Referring to the visit to Texas of Mr. L. T. Cooper, the millionaire philanthropist and lecturer, who has commanded such widespread interest in the North and East with his health theories and celebrated medicine, Tanlac, G. F. Willis, his Southern and Western representative recently said in Houston:

"Thousands of the most prominent people in Houston, San Antonio, Galveston, Beaumont, Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, Chattanooga, Louisville, Knoxville and other cities where his celebrated medicine has been accomplishing such remarkable results, are even more enthusiastic over Tanlac than Mr. Cooper himself.

"As previously stated, Mr. Cooper contends that nine-tenths of the diseases and ill-health of the average person is due to catarrhal condition which produces faulty digestion and improper assimilation of the food.

"In a recent interview, Mr. Cooper was asked if Tanlac would relieve kidney trouble, liver complaint, rheumatism and a dozen other ailments, and in this connection, said:

"'As I have repeatedly said, my medicine acts directly on the mucous membrane, stomach and blood, expelling from them the impurities and toxic poisons, and rendering to them a strong, healthy condition. I am convinced that the stomach regulates the condition of the blood, and is the fountain head of health or disease, as the case may be. My medicine is intended primarily for the regulation of the stomach and catarrhal inflamation, but it is no uncommon thing for persons who have used it to come to me and explain that it has relieved them of rheumatism and many other ailments not generally recognized as having their origin in stomach trouble.'

"The ingredients or medicinal elements which make Tanlac come from many remote sections of the earth—the Alps, the Pyrenees, Russian Asia, West Indies, mountain states near the Rocky Mountains, Mexico and Peru are among the points from which the principal parts of the preparation are obtained. In the principal laboratory of the Cooper Medicine Co., Inc., under the efficient direction of Herr Jos. von Trimbach, a native German chemist of note, those medicinal herbs, roots and barks are assembled in the rough and painstakingly developed so as to attain that high standard of efficiency shown by the uniform preparation of Tanlac."

In referring to the unprecedented demand for Tanlac in Atlanta, Mr. Chas. A. Smith, manager of the Jacob's Pharmacy Co. said:

"I have been in the drug business in Atlanta twenty-five years and not in my experience have we handled anything that even approached Tanlac as a seller. In less than five weeks time we sold and distributed through our eleven stores over 9,000 bottles, and on one Saturday alone over 700 people called at our stores to obtain the medicine. Judging from the repeat sales and the many expressions of satisfaction from those who have actually tested Tanlac, the preparation must be something of extraordinary merit."

There is a Tanlac dealer in every town. (Adv.)

A SPECIMEN.

A fine specimen of the man who "economizes" has been located in Maine. The person in question is reported to receive $10 a week in wages he saves.

The young man who hopes to grow rich through economy and frugality, will be told how easily he may become rich by doing likewise. It is a simple matter of arithmetic. By the time the Maine man is old enough to die he may have saved enough to keep him from the poor house. But what will he have missed? Everything in life worth while.

If all should "economize" by going without the things that are essential to life in a civilized community, the race would soon find itself back to the cave for its dwelling and the stone ax as its visible means of support.

(And they would be voting the democratic ticket.—Ed.)

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Green River	4.00	5.50	10.00
Kentucky Tokay	3.50	5.00	9.00
Kentucky Belle	3.50	5.00	9.00
Kentucky Cyclone	3.00	4.25	8.00
Belle of Jefferson	3.00	4.25	8.00
Craddock's Apricot Brandy	3.00	4.25	8.00
Tennessee Whiskey	3.00	4.25	8.00
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W. H. Burch	2.50	3.45	7.00
Monongahela	2.50	3.45	7.00
Moonshine	2.00	3.50	6.50
Craddock's Fine Old Corn	2.50	3.50	7.00
Good Old Yellow Corn	2.00	3.00	6.00
Corn Whiskey	2.25	3.25	6.50
Craddock's Malt Whiskey	3.00	4.50	9.00
Old Pioneer Rye	4.00	5.50	10.00
Montrose Rye and Duffy's Malt	4.00	5.50	10.00
Grain Alcohol	4.00	5.50	10.00
Old Pioneer Apple and Peach Brandy	4.00	5.50	10.00
Old Pioneer Grain and Fruit	4.00	5.50	10.00
Old Pioneer Rock and Rye and Peach and Honey	4.00	5.50	10.00
Good Apple and Peach Brandy	3.00	4.25	8.00
Good Old Rock and Rye	3.00	4.25	8.00
Good Rock & Rye and Peach and Honey	3.00	4.25	8.00
Good Blackberry Wine and Cordial	2.50	3.45	7.00
Old Pioneer Gin-every flee	3.00	4.25	8.00
Best Holland Type Gin	3.00	4.25	8.00
Special Holland Type Gin	2.50	3.45	7.00
Good Holland Type Gin	2.25	3.35	6.50
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Grape Juice, Angelica, Catawba	2.00	3.00	7.00
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Whiskies, Bottled in Bond and Distillery Bottling—	1 Full Qt.	1 Full Gal.	3 Full Gal.
Leesburg	$4.00	$6.50	$15.00
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Sherry	5.00	7.00	13.00
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Old Kentucky Comfort	5.00	7.00	13.00
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Mum's Extra Rye	5.00	7.00	13.00
Old Quaker	5.00	7.00	13.00
Cascade	5.00	7.00	13.00
Dripping Springs	5.00	7.00	13.00
Old Taylor	5.00	7.00	13.00
Old Fitzgerald	5.00	7.00	13.00
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