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"Man's first duty," says The Coast Seaman's Journal, "is to organize." Most likely then, his second duty is to organize right, that is, industrially.

The New York Call calls attention to the existence of the Soule Secret Service Agency of Chicago. This must be a typographical error; for detective agencies, like their corporation employers, have no souls, no matter how spelt.

"The earth is pre-empted," declares the single taxer, Benj Marsh. So far as we can see—unless our eyesight is failing us— capital is pre-empted, too.

Says the United Mine Workers Journal: "When it comes to stepping into a fortune any man is willing to put his foot into fit." Supitalist scions, like Harry Thaw, are even saved that trouble. They come into fortunes that help to rescue them when they do "put their foot into it," without even the trouble of lifting a hig toe, much less a little finger. Inheritance is the easiest way yet devised for acquiring the wealth that others have been robbed of in order to pile it up.

Capitalism accuses its opponents of a lack of idealism. But what is the idealism of capitalism, if not one of sordid materialism? In the European war, capitalism idealism is tantamount to a reversion to savagery. Judging by its own ideals, the capitalist accusation is true; its opponents have no ideals and are proud to make the fact widely known.

A strike is never lost, or devoid of benefit to the working class. A strike boosts wages to prevent its spread, as in the iron range strike in Minnesota, and the carmen's strike in New York City. Strikes give warning of impending revolution and capitalists hasten to prevent the latter by more wages and improved conditions. More good comes to labor from striking than is generally realized. Without strikes labor would sink below the status of a slave.

The I. W. W. press is not only a growing press, but an enterprising one. "A Bermunukas" (The Wage Worker), Hungarian I. W. W. organ, changes from, a semi-monthly to weekly publication, while "Darbininku Balsas" (The Voice of the Workers), Lithuanian I. W. W. organ, prints two four-column photos of the picket line of the Strouse & Bros. strike in Baltimore. The I. W. W. press is not only being issued more frequently, but more graphically. All this means increased and increasing circulation.

The Milwaukee Leader gives first column first page to an article headed "Labor Regime in Australia Siezes Ships; Balks Trusts. Government Also Buys Big Fleet in England in Gigantic Effort to Sunsah Strangle Hold of Big Concerns." From all of which it is safe to conclude that a "labor regime" under capitalist war must do as the capitalist warpross do. Kaiser Wilhelm is doing the same thing in Germany for German capitalism. Let us give the Milwaukee Leader a lesson in socialism (as Mr. Berger's organ, it needs one): Government reflects economic ownership, and not vice veras. There can be no socialist government where property is most largely capitalist, or used for capitalist purposes in accordance with capitalist bonding and wage systems. The moral is, get socialist economic conditions first—in industry, by means of an industrial union—and then you will get rest socialism in all its phases.

Don't waste any time denouncing church, government and state, a la anarchists. Get after the private capitalist control of natural and social resources. On this control is based the corrup-tion and use of social institutions in the interests of the capitalist

The state convention of the Socialist Party of Nebraska, at Osmaha, gave proof of the soundness of the movement in that state by its approval of industrial unionism. The resolution passed makes particular mention of the Industrial Workers of the World as the true type of unionism.

We commend the intellectual honesty and courage of the Rebraska comrades and fellow workers on their stand for industrial unionism. While we do not seek nor desire as of unionism of the results of the second section of the section of

case of preparedness. That was evident in both-its expression and the results shown. It was capitalist opinion that masqueraded as "public opinion" in the New York garment workers strike. That was also evident in both fix expression and the results shown. The workers were used to uphold capitalist arbitration and prevented from taking more drastic action, while they were starved into submission to capitalism. "Public opinion" evidently is declining opinion. It no longer is as decisive in results as formerly. That is because capitalist opinion is declining opinion, tas. It is divided, and lacking in precision and decision. It further is combatted by radical reform and revolutionary opinions and its effectiveness destroyed in probortion as the press of all these opinions fourisk. To destroy capitalist, alias public, opinion then, build up the working class press. That will finish it.

#### Apropos John D.'s "Solutions"

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The attempts of John D. Rockefeller, Ir., to solve the labor problem are foredomed to failure. They have been tried often before, with the results that labor is more restless and discontented than ever before. These attempts are paternalistic and, as such, fly directly into the face of the democratic tendencies of labor. Paternalism is not a solution but an aggravation of the labor problem. The labor problem will only be solved when labor is free of the capitalist and the system based on his interests. So long as labor must obey and work for the profit of any capitalist masked mether individual or corporate so long will the labor mether individual or corporate so long will then an expectation of the conflict between capitalist and laborer continue.

He who would solve the labor problem must first free labor from the exploitation and the degradation of the capitalist and his class. He must make of labor a self-reliant, self-governing class, taking unto itself all the initiative and the responsibility, as well as the results, of wealth production. This is equivalent to saying that the emancipation of the working class must be the work of that class itself; for it is inconceivable and unbelievable that those who profit from labor's exploitation and degradation will hasten to its liberation. This means labor itself must acquire the self-education and self-organization necessary to its own illocation. The emancipation thus sequence will be valuable and soliding, because inherent and independent.

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cration. The emancipation thus secured will be valuable and abiding, because inherent and independent.

To transform industry from capitalist to working class control, we must aid in the process of evolution by first transforming the workers. The workers must be aroused tora consciousness of the important role they play in society. So long as the workers believe the second of the play in society, and the second of the important role they play in society. So long as the workers believe the second of the starting fact that the only dependent class in modern society is the capitalist endure. The workers used to the starting fact that the only dependent class in modern society is the capitalist class. Without the brain and the brawn of the workers, e-operatively applied to land and capital, and without the moral and ethical support of the workers, cunningly rallied to their exploiters' institutions, capitalism and the capitalist class could not endure. It is labor that makes its own enslavement possible, by refusing to use its mental and economic power in its own interests as a class.

Every day, the capitalists advertise for "men of ability to superintend plants," and "promote sales"; for "skilled mechanics' and "able bodied laborers." Every day, the capitalist press sounds the paraises of workingmen who have risen from the humblest conditions to places of foremost distinction in capitalist and office. For, without its mental and manual toil, capitalism is impossible. Every day, in millions of newspapers, and from hundreds of pulpits and rostrums, is labor being deluded into believing that it has interests in comman with the capitalist class, and that it must, accordingly, aid that class in its own exploitation and enslavement. Every day, in "myriads of ways, is capitalist dependence on labor most glaringly exposed. And every day does albor continue to hug its chains, afraid to claim the power that is its own, and without that self-pride and confidence that address in all its work; and which is destroyed by capita

adheres in all its work; and which is destroyed by capitalist wage-slavery.

Wake labor up to a consciousness of its own strength and latent possibilities. There is no limit to the grandeur of the social state to which a free and unified working class may not attain. The history of class liberation is the history of great social progression, as may be witnessed in the liberation of the capitalist class. Wake up labor: Transform it, by the power of the printed and spoken word, from a stirring to a consciousness giant, aware of its strength and determined to use it for its own social advancement exclusively. Wake up labor! Wake up labor! Wake up labor!

#### Where Anarchism Ceases

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A perusal of Alexander Berkman's paper, "The Blast," will afford ample opportunity for those who confound anarchism with industrial unionism to learn the error of their ways. Berkman's paper is of such a kind as to make such a study interesting. It is a vigorous, well-edited and well-printed paper, written in good, literary English and very readable. We gathered from one of its issues that anarchism is the assertion of individualism against authority. It opposes collective occercion, such as majority rule and government of all kinds in behalf of individual development. Its ideal is one of voluntary co-operation, based on mutual understanding and interests.

Berkman, in one of his issues, denounces Luke North's "Great Adventure," in a manner illustrative of the spirit and ideals of anarchism, when he cries out against it:—

"I don't care what our plans for the future, there will never be taken the first step towardSithe Dawn till we have undermined and destroyed the universal belief that the 'other fellow' must be held down, forced to conform and to live by rule and regulation."

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This protest in favor of untrammeled individuality, except when voluntarily surrendered, is re-echoed again and again in the same article, with its atacks on institutions that "paralyze in-dependent thought and action," or "destroy the self-reliance and initiative of the individual." From this protest we conclude that anarchism is individualism, anti-authoritarianism, and anti-col-

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#### Revolt

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Throw down the load ye are bearing All through the heat of the day; Tear off the chain ye are wearing, Clear off the stones from the way. Throw back the wage that is paid ye—Take all the cities ye build—Keep what your own hands have made ye—Own all the land ye have tilled.

Red is the banner above ye, Red with the blood of your slain. Follow! That banner will save ye, Save ye from hunger and pain. Follow! That banner will lead ye Up from the vale of the slave. Follow! Its followers need ye, Follow! It gollowers need ye,

It's the red-hearted hope of the ages
For the slave, and the serf of the soil.
It's the wage, and the end of your wages;
It's your task, and the end of your toil.
Why are ye so long in choosing?
Are ye in love with your chain?
Ye've nothing else to be losing
While ye have the world to gain.

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## Bob Minor On War

(Note—The speech on war, reported below by D. Bolspa, was delivered by Bed Minor, the famous carbonist, in Los Angeles. It is printed here because its straight forwardness will be agree with its proposals for meeting capitalist violence and force by way of union-wrend machine gums, etc. Logitalist—violence and force by way of union-wrend machine gums, etc. Logitalist—violence and force by way of union-wrend machine gums, etc. Logitalist—violence and force by way of union-wrend machine gums, etc. Logitalist—violence and force by way of union-wrend machine gums, declaration of the working istance, by a refusal of the working istance with the proposal of the working with head to war and capitalist violence in the declaration of the working with head to war and capitalist violence in the declaration of the working with head to working with head to working with head to working with head to working with the bottom out trained and to war and capitalist violence in the declaration of the working with head to work the w

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