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LANDIS FUMES WHEN UNIONS BALK AT FOOLISH MANDATE

Self Appointed Wage Cut—Throat Tossed Aside By Organized Workers With Intelligence

By CARROLL BINDER

CHICAGO.—Judge K. M. Landis, arbitrator in the building trades tieup, spoke Friday of the "utter futility" of going ahead with the controversy on the award and announced that he will not commit himself on a rehearing for a fortnight.

The Cook county building situation this remains chaotic — each builder trying to make the best deal possible under the circumstances and the leaders of the two builders' associations and the Building Trades Council impotently passing the buck as to the responsibility for the failure of their members to observe the terms of the Landis award, which radically reduced wages and abolished working rules established by the unions.

Conversations with architects and individual contractors reveal hopes of another sort. F. E. Davidson, president of the Illinois Society of Architects, thinks Chicago must be made an "open shop" town. This pious sentiment was approved by the contractors but they called to mind the unsuccessful attempts of the past twenty years to bring about this condition.

The bankers are the only fellows who can put the union men and unruly contractors in their places and end this situation," interposed a builder. "This morning I talked with the vice-president of the Central Trust Company and I said to him, 'It's your duty to refuse to loan money to any contractor who pays more than the Landis award. If all you bankers agree to do that the award will be in force generally in a few hours and the carpenters and other unions who turn their noses up will have to ask for mercy.' The banker said a lunch had been arranged at which such a proposal will be discussed." The builders present opined that this was the only solution of the dilemma.

The owners of buildings in the course of erection who insist upon the completion of their job, even though the contractor break his pledge and pay the \$1.25 per hour rate for skilled labor, came in for much censure from the judge and the officers of the contractors' association. Admissions of contractors made clear their own inability to do other than hire union men at the old scale. They cannot get men to work for the Landis rate and the owner will not pay them unless they finish the job as per contract.

The master plumbers and the representative of the plumbers' union lavished tributes on one another in an effort to persuade Judge Landis to reconsider his award of 95 cents an hour for plumbers. A half dozen employers told the judge they would not work for that rate were they journeymen and they could not ask the men to work at that rate. They also informed the arbitrator that his antipathy to the rule of the Plumbers' Union that they must handle their own material was ill founded. "Experience has taught us," said the employers, "that it is cheaper and safer to have the plumbers carry expensive fixtures than entrust them to the lower paid laborer. The public has been misinformed as to the working of that rule."

Landis was adamant. He charged the union and the employers with bad faith in not trying out the agreement and said he would not consider a rehearing when there was a strike or a lockout in progress and he reckoned such to be the case in the plumbing industry.

Pleas on the part of the master plumbers that "the building" is crying for relief and that they could adjust their differences with the union in a half hour if Landis would only grant them a hearing, fell upon deaf ears. The judge had ruled that no one on strike would be heard and no one would be heard.

Harry Jensen, president of the Carpenters' District Council, which

is not a party to the arbitration, appeared in court at the request of Landis, but protested at being dragged into the case when his 18,000 members had voted to have nothing to do with it. Landis quizzed him on the attitude of his men toward what he called a criminal provision in the carpenters' agreement — a rule whereby the carpenters reserve the right to refuse to handle sash, doors, frames and interior woodwork, including cabinets, which do not bear the label of the Carpenters' Union. Jensen said his men observed the rule. The judge said this rule opened the door to the penitentiary for all parties observing.

The judge furnished considerable amusement when he quizzed Lewis L. Barth, vice-president of the Edward Hies Lumber Company and a potent factor in the material dealers' circles, on prices of materials. Barth offered figures purporting to show that materials have not advanced since the Landis award and the word he passed between him and Architect Davidson. Landis was clearly skeptical and was especially interested in the alleged increase in labor cost in the Hies yards. Barth's admission that his firm paid labor 25 cents an hour a year ago made Landis exclaim, "Where'd you get men for that?" Barth protested that he now paid 40 cents an hour. Landis said, "If you keep on increasing in a few years you'll get to where you can talk to me about decent wages."

Sharp words were passed between lathing and plastering contractors when it came to labor policy. "You never lived up to any agreement you ever made," is the way the head of the boss plasterers spoke to the head of the lathers.

The lathers, the representative announced, have agreed to expel from their association any member who pays more than the Landis scale. The union representatives, summoned by Landis, did not appear, the rank and file having voted to ignore the Landis scale and insist on the \$1.25 rate. The employing lather propose a hand picked union but expressed doubt as to the possibility of securing sufficient workers.

Judge Landis said he was convinced President Kearney of the Building Trades Council was doing all in his power to make the agreement effective but that he was being fought by some of his own men and that certain contractors undermined him by saying they thought the workers were entitled to more than he award gave them.

Snubs Union Men Calling On Debs

(By The Federated Press)

ATLANTA, Ga.—Officers and delegates of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees in convention were denied the right to see Eugene V. Debs by the warden of Atlanta penitentiary, though many of them had taken the long trip out to the prison.

When told that the present administration was reactionary in a ruling permitting prisoners only two visitors a month, the warden answered that the administration could get along without the approval of the street carmen's delegates.

The convention sent a telegram to President Harding calling for the immediate pardon of Debs. A renewed fight for the release of Tom Mooney and Warren Billings, victims of the San Francisco preparedness bomb frame-up, was also begun. Mooney was a leader of the carmen in San Francisco. Almost 200 subscriptions to Tom Mooney's Monthly were taken.

Oakland, Cal., is the chief bidder for the 1913 convention.

WAR VETERANS DENOUNCE LEGION

MISSOULA, Mont.—Missoula Post No. 16, World War Veterans, has denounced the action of the Montana State Board of Education in putting Prof. Arthur Fisher of the law school of the University of Montana on a year's leave of absence with pay following charges filed against him by the American Legion. The Legion charged Fisher with participating in the People's Peace Council in Chicago in 1917. Fisher has been active in the labor movement here and last spring formed a corporation for the publication of a Farmer-Labor daily, the New Northwest.

The resolution adopted by the war veterans is as follows:

"Whereas, The Montana State Board of Education has seen fit to dismiss Prof. Arthur Fisher, a teacher in the law school of the University of Montana, at an expense of \$3,000 a year to the taxpayers of the State, for the apparent reason of his activity in the labor movement; be it

"Resolved, That Missoula Post No. 16 World War Veterans, hereby denounces the said action of the State Board of Education as un-American and contrary to the American principles for which we stand.

"We further denounce the action of the State Executive Committee of the American Legion in succumbing to the influence of the large corporate interests of the State of Montana, in filing so-called charges against Professor Fisher. We declare that such action is totally out of sympathy with the sentiments of the rank and file of the service men of the State."

CLASSIFIES I. W. W. AS BAD CRIMINALS

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—If anyone doubts that it is a crime in California to belong to the I. W. W. let him contemplate the recent report of the superintendent of the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation. There a long list of crimes for which arrest were made in the past year may be found, including arson, rape, murder, felony, burglary and others of like ilk; and among them, on equal terms, the horrible crime of being an I. W. W. Twenty-seven persons, it seems, were arrested for this "crime" last year, as against 136 the year before.

POPE ORDERS AID TO HUNGRY RUSSIA

Rome. — Torretta, the new foreign minister of Italy, has told Bombacci, Russia's representative in Italy, that Italy is extremely well disposed towards the Russian people and is asking the international commission to establish control of famine distribution. Questioned as to whether the supreme council had any intention of engaging in propaganda and counter-revolutionary activity, Torretta replied that such were not the aims of Italy. By the order of the Pope a collection is taken for destitute Russians in all the churches in Rome every Sunday during September.

Hard Boiled Town Puts Ban On I. W. W.

OAKLAND, Cal.—This city, already notorious for its reactionary administration, is threatening another persecution of radicals if I. W. W. members and other sympathizers gather here for the forthcoming criminal syndicalism trials.

The Commissioner of Public Health and Safety has issued a statement to the effect that "the I. W. W.'s will not be permitted to pursue their radical policies in this city." This is the town where Kate Richards O'Hare was recently forbidden to speak, where a meeting held by Jack Tanner of the English Shop Steward movement was broken up, and where radical magazines are not permitted to be sold in the news-stands.

November 5th General Defense Day

At the last meeting of the General Defense Committee it was decided to set aside November 5th as GENERAL DEFENSE DAY. This day will be set aside to raise funds for the many requests made upon the General Defense Committee.

It is our intention to have either a social, dance, entertainment, or any other function, in every city in the country, that will help to realize funds. We would suggest that committees be elected NOW, and that they arrange one of the above suggestions.

Some of the aliens will probably be released, in a very short time, and then deported across the sea. It is certain that none of us would like to see them land on the other side penniless, as most of them are without friends or anyone to give them help when they arrive. Others may also be released without funds, and with the large amount of unemployment prevailing, jobs will be hard to find.

There are at least eight cases, ranging from charges of Criminal Syndicalism to Murder, that must be given adequate defense. The General Defense Committee is looking after the relief of the dependents of our imprisoned members and giving monetary relief to the prisoners themselves. All this takes quite a large sum of money, so you can readily see the importance of having a successful affair on November 5th.

Donations sent in meanwhile will also help.

Confident of your co-operation, we remain,

Yours for Industrial Freedom,
GENERAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
Harry Feinberg
Secretary

EMPTY HEAD! FULL STOMACH!

Soliciting a subscription for Truth from a poor homeless hard working, young man hoping to benefit him, the following conversation took place:

"May I take your subscription for Truth please? It will show you how to improve your condition," the Socialist said. "No," the young man replied. "I have no money to spare now time to read." The Socialist asked, "What did your shoes cost?" "Seven dollars," the young man said. "Your hat?" "Eight dollars." "Your board?" "Thirty dollars." "Your suit?" "Twenty-eight dollars per month." "What do you spend for information — to go into your head?" and he replied, "Nothing." And that is the trouble, all of the body well cared for except the head.

Financial Statement

The International Gathering.
Total income \$106.05, expenses \$21.40, balance \$84.65. Balance \$84.65 remitted by bank draft to the "Famine Relief Fund" of Soviet Russia, 110 W. 40th St., Room 304, New York, N. Y.

Virginia, Minn., Sept. 20, 1921.
THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING COMMITTEE.
Wm. Aho, Treasurer.

After a slave has worked 20 yrs — After a boss has extracted 20 years of profitable labor. After 20 years, when your labor is no longer intensively profitable, you are selected for extermination. (by following procedure, also.) You are laid off; Your wages are cut in half; You are re-hired at still-lower wages. How natural!

Your wages by this time are sufficient only to buy the "toughest" of food—its tough? Both.

Mass Meeting

There will be an Unemployment Mass Meeting at Workers Hall, 19th Ave. W. and 1st St., Duluth, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Get your friend with you and come. Every unemployed as well as those who have jobs are invited.

Unemployment Committee.

BIG CANNING HOGS HOG BIG PROFITS

The Local Canning Factory owned by Wilson & Co. of Chicago, has just been closed. This year they bought an unusual amount of corn. They paid for it at the rate of \$12. per ton, and in case the corn was not up to the standard, the grower would not get that amount.

Women labor was bought for 10c per hour and men for 15c per hour. A ton of corn will bring from forty to forty-five cases of corn, which sells for \$3. per case. Which brings Wilson & Co. at least \$120. on each ton.

It is known that at this factory alone, 250,000 cases of corn were put up. This little speculation was accomplished with an expense of, from \$75,000 to \$100,000 but when sold \$3. per case, would net them \$750,000.

But let us consider for a moment the poor victims who worked at this job. How much did they make on the deal?

Yet this is not so bad an aspect as in some sections of Indiana, where the canning factories are not running on account of an alleged shortage of labor. And the crows are dumped out or allowed to rot in the fields. Which shows that they must have the "almighty profit" or shut down and let the people starve, as far as they are concerned.

I went past our local high school recently and saw monument on the lawn, which has been erected to the sacred memory of our boys, who died for Democracy and Freedom. The same day I picked up The Anderson Herald, where I read that some of the boys who had been returned from abroad wounded, and penniless, are being sold on the auctionblock. They are in a worse plight than any colored people were in the days of slavery. And while they were selling to the highest bidder one of our boys fell over and fainter from lack of food, while food, and plenty of it, is rotting on the ground.

Percy Waterer.

PROFESSOR OUSTED FOR AIDING FARMERS

MISSOULA, Mont.—Because his newspaper has been showing up the methods of the Anaconda Copper Company, Arthur T. Fisher, member of The Federated Press, and secretary of the Missoula New Northwest, a daily member paper, has been ousted from the faculty of the University of Montana. The board calls it a vacation with full pay until the expiration of Mr. Fisher's contract in September, 1922.

The New Northwest is organized as a cooperative Farmer-Labor daily, and quite early in its career disagreed with the copper trust control of the university and Missoula civic affairs. Mr. Fisher is the son of Walter L. Fisher.

Death Ship Not Open To Lawyers

SEATTLE.—When attorneys for relatives of cannery workers who died on the cannery tender Abner Coburn attempted to board the death ship in Seattle harbor, they were barred by officials of the Libby-McNeil packing firm who refused to have conditions on their ship investigated.

Two workers died on the vessel in a seventeen-day trip from Alaska canneries while nearly 200 others were seriously ill from what they declare to be rotter food and unsanitary conditions. No physician was aboard the vessel and the dead had to be dumped unceremoniously into the sea.

Heavy claims will be filed against the Libby-McNeil company, one who made the trip on the death ship declare.

This is the land of the Free and the home of the Brave. It takes a brave man to live in this kind of a free country.

HOWAT GOES TO DUNGEON IN DEFENSE OF PRINCIPLE

President of Kansas Miners Defies Unjust Mandate by Officials of Union and State

COLUMBUS, Kan.—Cheers from loyal miners of the Kansas district, U. M. W. of A., were the greetings to Alexander M. Howat, president, and August Dorchy, vice-president, of the district, as they entered jail Friday to serve six months for their alleged contempt of the Kansas Industrial Court. "We say that the Kansas Industrial Court law is a hell of a law," declared Howat in a speech to thousands of miners who had gathered from all sections of the district. By night he and Dorchy were in cells, and the miners had definitely refused to go back to work until their release had been effected.

The action of Howat and Dorchy

was taken in defiance of the mandate of the Indianapolis convention, just as they promised it would be. The immediate result, it is declared, will be an internal struggle in the ranks of the miners. Already charges are being made that the order of President Lewis and the executive board, that the Kansas miners call off their strike, was supported by delegates who did not reflect the wishes of their locals.

The jail term was chosen by Howat and Dorchy in preference to signing a bond not to call any more strikes until their case had been passed upon by the United States Supreme Court. They are attacking the validity of the Kansas Industrial Court law.

A NATION OF REBELS

By GALLINA GALLIO.

What is a rebel nation? A simple and modern definition is, a rebel nation a people who want peace, life, liberty and happiness. They are a people who want self government, or in other words, the Dictatorship of the Proletariat.

At the present time we hear of many nations which seek to overthrow their oppressors. Although some of them have struggled and revolted against their rulers for ages.

One of these rebellious people is the Lettish Nation. Latvia, also known as Lettonia, is west of the Baltic sea and the Gulf of Riga. On the east it is bounded by Russia, or the north by Esthonia and on the south by Lithuania.

The history of the Lettish people dates back to the ancient times of the caveman. They are the survivors of a distinct branch of the Indo European family. They are not related to Mongolians nor are they of a Slavonic origin as it is supposed.

Their language is similar to that of the Lithuanians but the accent resembles that of the German language.

The population of Latvia is estimated at about 2,000,000 but there are about one half as much in the United States.

The reason why the world knows so little of the Lettish people is because of the fact, that they have been under the oppressive and tyrannical rule of the Bourgeoisie of Germany, Sweden and Russia.

It is a well known fact, however, that they were once a large and powerful tribe of people, but were subjugated by the combined forces of the neighboring countries of Russia and Sweden.

The Lettish people were under the rule of the Czar of Russia, but after the abolishment of serfdom in Russia they were given over to the rule of German Nobility, otherwise known as the Baltic Barons who formed a haughty and firmly entrenched caste of nobility.

The Lettish people have continuously revolted against their oppressors but being a small nation surrounded by the most powerful enemies of freedom, they have been unable to establish a republic.

They have been imprisoned, burned at stake and exiled and murdered in cold bloody he Cossacks of the Czar. Because of a native vitality and independence of spirit and intelligence they have survived. As a whole, they are a strong people, tall, and straight with blue eyes and blond hair.

During the disturbances between master and slave in Russia in 1905 hundreds of Letts were killed and imprisoned because of the active part which they took in the defense of the workers.

During the war the entire country was practically shot to pieces, by the opposing armies of Russia and Germany. The beautiful city of Riga, the capital was partially destroyed, and the inhabitants fled to distant parts of Russia. As yet many are still scattered. The Baltic Barons were also driven out but a few remained, who with the help of the Bourgeois Letts, have set up a Bourgeois Republic.

Many of the young men are in the Red Army and those remaining in the country are continually deserting to join the armies of Soviet Russia so that Latvia in turn may be helped to gain freedom.

In spite of all that has been done to suppress the people of Latvia, they still survive and the "Big Idea" of Liberty and Independence lives and grows within the hearts of this great little Nation of Rebels.

GREAT SCIENTIST BACKS THE SOVIETS

One of the greatest scientists of our age is Miss Ellen Hays of Massachusetts. This woman is recognized as one of the keenest among the astronomers of the world.

The inspiration she has received from this science seems to have made her capable of comprehending concrete things in practical life. She is an ardent revolutionist. Speaking of Russia she gives us the following:

Probably the best statement is that prepared for us by Miss Ellen Hays, the astronomer:

The Russian Revolution of November, 1917, is the most important social achievement of which history has any record. Bolshevism as a statement of the basic ideas underlying that revolution together with a program for their expression in deeds means to me the final ethic: the right adjustment of the human race to the planet on which it has originated as well as the right relationship of groups of the race inter se. Doctrines of duty have never given, nor do they promise, any proposition more fundamental than the simple one that every human creature of sound mind and uncrippled body shall pay his way with useful labor. "If a man will not work neither shall he eat."

The labor laws, the land laws, the marriage laws of Soviet Russia form incidentally but necessarily an indictment of all other governments past and present. By contrast these laws point out the pretensions and insincerities and injustices of other nations. That the Soviet Republic is forced to encounter the enmity of the present Powers should occasion no surprise; for the prevailing arrangement of society into the class that makes and the class that takes is now jeopardized. Governments realize that at all costs, through falsehood an fraud and force, such a government as the Russian Republic must not be permitted to continue. But even if the Soviet Government should perish forthwith, bolshevism, as the expression of the faith in which it was founded, can never die; because it sets forth ideas whose time has come. Human life — not the life of a few but that of the whole race — will be made more tolerable, marked by larger worthiness, filled with greater happiness, in proportion as the bolshevik ideal leads the way.

OUR MISTAKE--AND TRIUMPH

By C. A. SEVERANCE.

Apologetically: when but a child of, say ten years, now that I think back upon the time, I was without knowing it, as you most likely were, a Socialist — at any rate the nucleus of one. Why? Analyze the Socialist psychology, or "state of mind" if you prefer. Do you not find the adherents of radical doctrines possessed with too keen a sense of justice for their own good? Are they not prone to be sentimental in their earlier years, over-affectionate, and, after youth is past, do they not still persist in expecting too much in the way of these qualities from their fellow-kind?

I think you'll find that these are characteristics of the normal Socialists; summed up it is what Clarence Darrow calls "sympathy for the race"; and any of us might add, "also sympathy for ourselves, incidentally."

Socialists, (viz: embryo Communists) of necessity being part of the body-politic (a strain of the social strata, a piece of the maddening crowd as it were, (and as it "are") become entangled in such a multiplicity of digressive influences as to render the continuity of the maintenance of their integrity as revolutionists quite difficult, not to say impossible. That which is self-evident and undeniable on one day, becomes, due to an expedient of a tomorrow, subject to question at the least, if not to renunciation — for a time.

Such wavering mental course on the parts of individuals is quite naturally reflected in their mass movements, observable in the periodical halting and zigzagging activities of their parties, fluctuating memberships, etc. We are a queer lot, we humans; and yet, withal, we're getting there!

Getting where? Why, where we started for — when we were kids; when we were purer minded; when sunshine and clear air meant something to us, and we didn't know it; before we were clouded with doubt of our own fellow-creatures. When we did not know how densely stupid they could be in their majority, nor how easily they could be led astray from the paths of their own wellbeing by the crafty and keen-winded few devils among them who ruthlessly want and take the whole cake. We are getting to where, thanks to oceans of experience the dormant mob, even to almost the last individual, has so much as at least an inkling of an idea as to what the matter is. Howsoever they express it, they know in different ways that organization, mutual understanding and mutual loyalty to, and defense of, principles of real justice are their only chance of formulating a social order in which life will be free from the miseries of war, of poverty, of crime, hatred, envy, despair.

Humanity, tho' exceedingly slow, is just strong enough to gradually throw off its ills. From the beginning of time, according to what records we are permitted to scan, the resistance to the formulation of a system of life actually fit to live have been almost immovably multitudinous, yet the race has accomplished much in their glacier-like movements — just naturally effacing one form of bondage after another as the weight of their ignorance lifted, and the might of their sense of justice became more developed and conscious.

Our great mistake, those of us who suffer the nausea of disappointment, is in expecting too swift a change from one order to the next. We are a plodding lot; be patient, Comrades — our dreams are coming true. All dreams come true, and prayers are of the same stuff that dreams are of — Hope!

What has happened in Russia is the most stupendous movement forward toward the advent and reign of universal justice that has occurred for our race. It is the Revolution — the beginning of the Revolution in truth, beset, of course, with every imaginable obstruction, as seems to be Nature's way in hardening to a healthy growth every strong and beautiful thing that is to endure. Hail to our Russian Comrades who have ushered in the dawn of the triumph of our dreams — to them we extend our hearts and hands.

THINKS BIG VOTE BETTER THAN BIG STRIKE

To the "Truth" Editor:

If space is found in "Truth" I wish to call Comrade Pratt's attention to the vote on the 5 cents rate as a lesson from the enemy's side, their consistent and insistent effort. They never give up 'till they win. Just resolve to do likewise, never give 'till we win!

Labour gets discouraged too easily and looks for a new and unsurveyed path, which means exhaustion in favor of the enemy.

"What did Labor get by vote that the Capitalists did not want?" This is very important to understand. The capitalists were not all the time known by this name. They were called masters and slaverydrivers, etc. The vote is a modern invention to force the will of the slave onto the master class and was obtained against their will. The vote is an instrument, it is a decisive voice on a debated argument. It is an endorsement or a rejection of party principles in public matter, exactly as in labor unions, school or church matters. It differs as much from that used by Spartacus as electric light differs from the fish-oil lamp.

Did the master class want this vote? I guess not! The worker was lazy, but the master was on

the job all the time and turned the excellent weapon into their benefit by the use of the press. Can you blame them?

Why is not the press owned and controlled by Labor? What's the matter the Truth hasn't 10 million subscribers and watch results? Briefly the capitalists were against public schools, 8 hour law, child labor law, factory inspection law, the homestead law, etc. They didn't want anything that labor demanded, not even church, and if they had had their will in all things we should not even have had the capitalists themselves. They grow from high wages, not from low wages. (I challenge contradiction on this point).

The capitalists are the biggest fools on earth. The last year they ruined themselves by reducing wages, now they are going insane on how to rebuild their business.

Now suppose Pratt will show us what we lost by giving 1/2 million votes to Debs. Also what we would have lost if we had given him 10 million votes. What would you bet that big business would rather lose a strike in the Steel industry than a single state to the non-partisan league?

T. G. Lee.

ALEXANDRA KOLLONTAY ON PROSTITUTION

The subject of prostitution has been one of the most perplexing to the ruling class, and there has been no suggestion as to its solution.

The accepted definition of a prostitute is one who from mere moral wickedness goes out to ply her trade. Some have come to admit that the prostitute is a victim of poverty and that she seeks the opportunity to gain a livelihood by selling her body.

Alexandra Kollontay shows the real meaning of "prostitute." The following excerpt from the magazine

No Jail For Scissorbills

WENATCHEE, Wash.—Sixty unemployed men, camping near the Columbia River bridge, were raided recently by officers of the law and charged with cooking a mulligan and being members of the I. W. W. Eleven proved to be Wobblies and were jailed. Forty-nine, Democrats republicans, were released.

Powder Gang Made Billion

WASHINGTON.—In answer to the DuPont claim, made in the current issue of The Nation's Business, that the powder makers do not fatten on wars, John Donlin, president of the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., stated that the DuPont firm made one billion dollars profit in one year of the war. He said that that information was given him by the general manager of production in the Wilmington office during the war, when Donlin was serving on a war board.

stamp out its manifestations, whatever may be the form in which they appear.

It is time that we understand that the existence of prostitution contradicts the fundamental principles of a workers' republic, in which all forms of earning not obtained by labor are subject to prosecution. We are beginning to form a morality or our own, based on principles unlike those of the former morality. For instance, three years ago we looked upon a merchant as a completely respectable man. If his books were in order, if he did not engage in fraudulent bankruptcy, if he did not openly and outrageously overcharge and underweigh his customers, the merchant was not only not put in jail, but on the other hand, was rewarded with honorable designations: "Merchant of the first guild," "of an old merchant family," "a respectable citizen," etc.

"Now, in the time of the revolution, our relation to commerce and to merchant's has been radically changed. We now call the 'honorable merchant' a speculator. We not only do not confer flattering epithets upon him, but we hale him before the Extraordinary Commission and intern him in a camp for forced labor. And why this? Simply because we know that we shall be able to create a new Communist economy only by inducing all grown-up citizens to undertake productive labor. Whoever does not work, whoever is living at the expense of others, on the earnings of others that is whoever performs no productive labor, he is a danger to the collective society, to the republic. That is why we prosecute the speculators, the traders, the profiteers, — in short, all who live on income not obtained by labor, and that is why we must fight against prostitution as one of the forms of desertion from labor.

"But when we consider the prostitutes and fight them as a non-productive element of society, we are now placing them in a special category. For us, the Republic of the Workers, it is absolutely a matter of indifference whether a woman sells herself to one man or to many, whether she is a professional prostitute living by some other source than her own useful labor or by the sale of her caresses to a legal husband or to an occasional purchaser of female flesh, whose identity may vary from day to day. All women who desert from labor, who take no part in the obligatory work, and who are not performing any work for small children at home, are placed on an equal footing with the prostitute—they must be forced to work. And we can not make any distinction here between the prostitute and the most lawful wife who lives on her husband's sustenance, whoever her husband may be, even though he be a commissar."

SHERLOCK HOLMES IN LOVE

"And when I kissed her I smelled tobacco."

"You object to a woman who smokes?"

"No, but she doesn't smoke." — Sydney Bulletin.

HE WAS WRONG.

Child in Bus (to stranger)—Daddy, daddy!
Mother—Hush, darling, that isn't daddy. That's gentleman.

Government By Legion

STAMFORD, Conn.—The police broke up a Russian relief rally held here by a Communist group and some labor bodies, because Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was one of the speakers.

Mrs. Stokes was first told that she was under arrest, but later was informed that she was released and told to go home and be quiet.

After the close of the incident Mrs. Stokes said that she had been informed that the American Legion had brought pressure to bear upon Mayor Treat to see that she did not speak here.

CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE MASTER CLASS

More than 300 years ago in England, and not long after in the other western European countries, the struggle for what we know as "civil rights" was won. Coming with the economic rise of the middle class, its need for free commercial relations, its fight for political power, these liberties are essentially the fruit of the rise of capitalism. In all capitalist countries, free speech, free press, freedom of assemblage, were regarded as some of men's most cherished possessions. In the early days of the United States, these civil liberties were considered as so important that they were embodied in the constitution by the first amendment. Upon them, so we are told, rests the foundation of democratic government.

WHO HAS CIVIL LIBERTIES?

There is a measure of truth in this belief. In the same manner that the United States is a democracy, have we civil liberties. It is a question of for whom. If it is answered for whom the United States is a democracy, then we have the answer of who has civil liberties. It depends upon who you are and what you want, whether you have civil liberties or not. Who has free speech, who has free press, who has all the freedoms? Those who have the power to take them. Have the workers that power? They have not—yet. Have they civil rights? They have civil rights when it is convenient for the bosses to allow it to them. When the workers begin to gain in power so that they become dangerous to the security of the bosses, to the profits of the bosses, they get slugged and shot, they get injunctions, martial law and imprisonment.

WHAT WORKERS WANT AND WHAT WORKERS GET.

For the worker, the most important liberties are the right to organize, the right to strike and the right to attempt to bring about industrial and political change which will benefit their conditions in life. These rights they have not got. When there was no possibility of their taking advantage of such liberties they were nominally guaranteed to them, but now when they are in a position to make use of them, the boss says: "No, these workers are threatening my security, my property and my profits. They are threatening the most sacred things in the world." And he has at his back not only his private resources, not only the press, the schools, the church and all other machinery of public instruction, but all the force of the government, his government.

BOSS, PARLIAMENTS, COURTS AND ARMY.

When the boss cries for help, the courts say to the workers, "We command you to stop," the legislatures say, "We'll put you outside the law," the courts say, "You are outside the law," and the army says, "We don't care a damn whether you are outside the law or not or whether there is a law." Under the gentle ministrations of the bosses' government, the Dictatorship of the Master Class, civil liberties for the working class disappear as if by magic.

LIBERTY WHEN WE DON'T NEED IT.

If we have liberty when we don't need it and when we are in need of it, it is taken from us, then in effect we have no liberty at all. If we can freely say only what the bosses want us to say, if we are free to write only when bosses want us to write, if we can meet only when and where the bosses want us to meet, then our liberty is confined to making profits for the bosses, for profits is all the bosses are interested in.

A SHORT HISTORY OF LABOR'S CIVIL SLAVERY.

The history of the last few years is crowded with the proof of this truth. During the war we had no civil liberty so that the world might be made safe for profits. During the steel strike the army was called out to suppress the workers so that the profits of the steel trust might be preserved. The courts were called upon in the coal strike to force the men back into the mines that the bosses might keep on making profits. Now we have the open shop campaign backed up by court injunction and martial law to protect the American System of Profit Making. Within the past months two decisions have been rendered by the United States Supreme Court which have immediate and important bearing on the entire labor situation. The first was the decision in regard to the Clayton Act which has made the secondary boycott which has been generally practiced by trade unions illegal. The second was in the case of Gilbert vs. Minnesota in which the Supreme Court with but one dissenting vote upheld the constitutionality of the Minnesota anti-sedition law and ruled that any state has the right to enact legislation regarding the limitation of free speech.

WHAT MEANS THIS LIBERTY?

Civil Liberty in America means Freedom for the Master Class; it means Slavery for the Workers.

What else can it mean? Are not the local, state and national governments, class governments, governments of the master class? How else can they function except in the interests of the bosses? Of what use can the governments be to the bosses except in that they protect their property and their profits? When workers threaten these, and they must threaten them, then the government must come to the aid of the bosses, must function for them and against the workers.

THE FUNCTION OF THE RADICALS.

The most important function of every radical and every real labor organization is to point this out. Wherever there are any illusions about the classless character of the government they must be destroyed. The workers must be made to realize that the so-called democratic government, —parliamentary government,—can never function in the interests of the workers. It is designed and owned by the bosses and will be used to keep the workers in ignorance and slavery. Workers must be shown the necessity of developing their own governmental institutions with which to protect their own interests and solve their problems.

MASTER CLASS WORDS VERSUS DEEDS.

The only condition that permits the master class to keep its powers, to own the government and to use it for the repression of the workers, is the belief held by the mass of the workers that the United States Government is of and for the people. It is of the greatest concern to the master class that this illusion persist, that the workers continue to believe that the government can and does function for them. Once this illusion is destroyed our master class government can no longer exist. Realizing this, the bosses and their tools, the government officials, take the utmost pains to cover their autocratic deeds with democratic words. As long as we listen to their words and close our eyes to their deeds, they are safe.

THE FUNCTION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES ORGANIZATIONS.

It is not the function of any "civil liberties" organization to attempt to regain for the workers their liberty. Under the dictatorship of the master class there can be no liberty for the worker. The chief function of the workers is to expose at all times the hypocrisy of the bosses and their government, to make plain to the workers how impossible it is for them to be free under it, and by propaganda and education, assist in destroying the obstacle to civil liberty, the dictatorship of the master class.

TWO CHORUSES

A CLASS LINE SITUATION

MASTERS:

We must always them be fuddle into factions;
And, strike terror to the Marx inspired knave;
As we always gauge appraisal of our interests
By the loyal acquiescence of the slave.

ALERT WORKERS:

Yes, the timid and the backward ever with us,
Cause the jailing and the killing of our brave;
Since the pirates of the system gauge their actions
By the stupid acquiescence of the slave.

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CHAPTER I. Astronomy

It is evident that only a very limited space can be devoted to the science of astronomy. But it is the purpose of this outline to give the main facts as far as they may be known in order that the student may get a bearing and a comprehensive conception of the world in which we live.

I. HYPOTHESES.

Let us admit at the outset that when it comes to the question of the origin of the universe we are still without a satisfactory answer. But there are interesting theories and hypotheses which it is well to know about in order to follow the later known facts about that part of the universe which we may gain accurate knowledge of.

1. The Nebular Hypothesis.

It was the famous French astronomer, Laplace, who formulated the Nebular Hypothesis. While his theory has been abandoned by many of the later astronomers it has not been proven worthless, except by those who lack the large vision of Laplace.

To be sure it fails to explain some things which we would wish that it might explain, but with all its shortcomings it goes further than any other theory to satisfy the mind in its endeavor to find a suggestion of the beginning of things as they are.

Briefly, the Nebular Hypothesis holds that at one time in the infinite past all matter was scattered thruout infinite space in form of fine dust or mist. Atoms and molecules floated millions of miles apart. The intervening space was empty — infinite space for each particle.

Thru forces inherent in these particles there began a movement of these particles toward each other. According to Newton's law of gravitation each particle possessed a power of attraction which drew the particles together. Two particles according to the same law had twice the power that one possessed and would in turn attract a third and the three a fourth and so on till a powerful nucleus came into being drawing thru its multiplied force multitudes of particles till the nucleus became powerful enuf to influence all particles in its direction and become master over them.

In the rush toward this center these particles would come into contact with other particles and thru the enlarged mass set up a motion so rapid as to cause extreme heat when it struck the central body.

The intruding of these particles and bundles of particles not striking the nucleus in the exact line of gravitation with its center a rotation began which then increased in velocity with the increasing mass rushing in.

At the time when the rotation or whirling process became so great that another force which is called centrifugal (fleeing from the center) overcame the force of gravitation, this central mass which now had become enormous, began to throw off big chunks of matter, all of which was now in liquid or molten form, having melted from the friction and collisions of the intruding matter.

These masses of matter, like drops of liquid, became globular in form and swung out into space, some of them far into the limitless heavens where they scattered as suns, and these suns, many of them a million times larger than our sun, glided out and out till their distance became so great that they appear as little points of light which we call stars.

These suns, in turn, threw off masses of matter which circle in orbits around their suns. We call these bodies planets. These planets also dropped loose masses which follow them in circles and we call them moons.

Our own solar system is supposed to have come into being in this way according to the Nebular Hypothesis.

Those who reject the Nebular Hypothesis have failed to suggest any theory that explains anywhere nearly as fully the origin of the suns and planets as does this hypothesis.

2. The Capture Theory.

This theory limits itself to the phenomena inside our own solar system and only tries to explain where the planets came from. The supposition is that the sun was in an expanded condition reaching out to the orbits of the outer planets captured the bodies that came thru space within the reach of the sun. There is not enuf to this theory to give it space as it does not pretend to explain where the meteors that hurled themselves into the sun came from, and in no way deals with other suns.

3. The Third-Body Theory.

This theory simply takes for granted that two "dead suns" came together and a third body collided with them and the three thru these col-

lisions became heated and also began a motion that caused them to throw off masses of matter that formed themselves into planets.

4 The Planetesimal Hypothesis.

The gist of this theory is that passing bodies would cause vast tides on the sun and that these disturbances would lead to great eruptions and throw off large masses of matter which would be picked up by the force of gravitation of other passing bodies and float out from the sun and find orbits or paths as our planets now have.

This theory, too, does not take into consideration any origin outside of the present solar system, but begins with our own sun and works from it. It is therefore entirely unsatisfactory as to theory attempting to deal with origins.

It must be said for the Nebular Hypothesis that it goes out further than any other theory. It provides for the cycles of the phenomena of formation of systems and their dissolution with new formations and consequent dissolutions in endless cycles.

II. THE STARS.

It is clear from the foregoing that the points of light that we see in the sky twinkling like brilliant specks of white fire are large suns. Many of these are so large that if our own sun were thrown into them there would be little or no change seen.

The reason they seem so tiny is that they are so far away that the light from their huge bodies is absorbed on the way and only a thin ray reaches us.

Their distances may be imagined when it is remembered that in some cases it takes the light millions of years to travel from these stars to our earth, and light travels thru space at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

On a clear night a good eye can see only about 3,000 of these stars. The telescope helps us to see several hundred thousand and the photographic plate swells the number into millions.

All these stars are suns and very likely have about them planets like our own. Some may have many more planets than our sun possesses. These may have many moons even as some of the planets in our solar system have many moons. They may be inhabited by living beings much more intelligent than the most highly developed we have any knowledge of.

So all about us in the large universe there are possible intelligences some of whom may be studying our sun and wondering if it has planets inhabited by intelligent beings.

III. THE SUN.

Our sun is a star when seen from planets belonging to other suns out in the vast universe. Our sun was thrown out from the great central mass of molten material and is the center of our solar system.

It will be necessary to note some of the most important elements about the sun.

1. The sun is a molten mass of matter still giving off enormous heat.

2. The sun is larger than all the planets put together. It is 866,400 miles in diameter, and has a surface 12,000 times that of the earth. It weighs more than 330,000 times as much as the earth.

3. The distance from the earth to the sun is 93,000,000 miles. It takes the light eight minutes to reach us from the sun.

4. It takes the sun a little over 25 days to rotate around its axis.

5. There are dark spots on the sun that measure over 100,000 miles in diameter. These can be seen with the naked eye at times.

6. Flames shoot out from the sun to a height of 300,000 miles sometimes.

7. The heat of the sun is so strong that it can furnish what is needed for all vegetation and all life sufficient heat for growth and development. It could melt a column of ice 2 miles square reaching from the earth to the sun in one second if its radiation were concentrated upon it.

8. The sun revolves around a central point in the same way that the planets revolve around the sun, only that the orbit is a spiral, the whole solar system moving in the direction of the constellation of Capricorn at the rate of 375 miles per second, or 1,350,000 miles per hour.

This gives us a slight idea of the bigness of the universe we live in.

IV. THE PLANETS.

Around the sun eight planets keep traveling in their well beaten paths. Imagine the sun as the center and draw eight rings around it. Each ring represents an orbit or path of a planet. These planets are controlled by the sun and kept in their proper positions. We will take them up in order.

1. Mercury.

Mercury is the first planet and is nearest to

the sun. It runs in a path that is almost circular travels.

a. Size. The diameter of Mercury is 3030 miles. Its surface is about one seventh that of our earth.

b. Year. This planet travels around the sun once every 88 days. It speeds at about 35 miles a second. The time it takes a planet to make its round is called its "year."

c. Distance. The mean distance of Mercury from the sun is 36,000,000.

d. Rotation. Mercury is like our moon in that it rotates on its axis only once during its revolution around the sun. It faces the sun with the same side all the time. Its axis is perpendicular to the plane of its orbit so it has no seasons as we have.

Mercury has little or no atmosphere. There is no probability that life as we know it can exist there.

This planet is seen very seldom with the naked eye. Only in the evening can it generally be seen. It passes between us and the sun about once every one hundred years and can then be seen as a black spot on the disc of the sun.

2. Venus.

Venus is the second planet from the sun.

a. Size. Venus is 7,700 miles in diameter, or nearly as big as the earth. Its surface is nine tenths that of the earth.

b. Distance. Its mean distance from the sun is 67,200,000 miles. At its nearest point it is 25,000,000 miles from the earth.

c. Year. Venus makes its trip around the sun in its circle in 224 days, which is the length of its year.

Like Mercury it seems to have no rotation on its axis, but presents the same side to the sun all the time. There are no seasons on Venus, therefore.

It moves in its orbit at the rate of 22 miles a second without any variation, owing to the fact that its orbit is almost that of a circle.

d. Atmosphere. Venus has apparently a dense atmosphere. The spectroscope shows that it has water which forms a vapor and makes it difficult to make accurate observations.

e. Venus is one of the brightest of the heavenly bodies and can sometimes be seen even during the day.

Venus is one of the earliest of the celestial bodies to have been studied by the ancients. It is probably the most beautiful of the objects in the sky.

(To be continued)

Well Looked After

By SCOTT NEARING

The United States Department of Commerce has just issued a report dealing with the payments of interest and dividends by the leading industries of the country. The figures in this report show that the payments to property holders have been steadily increasing, even during the year 1920—a year of wage cuts and widespread unemployment.

During 1914 the payments of interest and dividends averaged \$148,000,000 per month. The figures for the next year were about the same. In 1915, however, interest and dividend payments began to mount. For 1916 they were \$177,000,000; for 1917, \$199,000,000; for 1918, \$252,000,000; for 1919, \$265,000,000, and for 1920 the average monthly payments of interest and dividends reached the imposing total of \$284,000,000 per month (in the neighborhood of three and a half billions per year).

The present period of "hard times" set in during June, 1920, yet in January, 1921, the total interest and dividend payments amounted to \$389,000,000. Aside from the fact that January is a dividend month, it should be borne in mind that it was during January, 1921, that the number of unemployed was variously estimated at from four to five millions.

Previous periods of business depression have witnessed heavy cuts in the "profits" taken by the owners of business. The issue of great quantities of stocks and bonds during the past twenty-five years and the big surpluses that were tucked away during the period of war prosperity enable the leading industries to dismiss their workers with one hand; on the plea that there is no demand for their product, while with the other hand they pass out hundreds of millions monthly to the owners of their prosperities. There may be millions of workers on the streets, but while the present system of distribution lasts, the owners will be well looked after.

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When millions in trenches rot?
One cost of collecting swag for
The profiteer patriot.

They squander their millions freely,
To deftly promote their plots,
By teaching the masses falsely

Heroes of patriots.
No bulk of a people ever
Would slaughter in million lots,
Till lashed to a rage of fury
By profiteer patriots.

By wiles of their propaganda,
They hide their sinister plots
And play on the masses' valor—
The profiteer patriots.

They failed of the promised bonus
To victims of gas and shots;
Whose courage was ventured for
none
But profiteer patriots.

They're lost to the humane senses;
Their minds are but fevered coils;
Yet, dead as a corpse to justice—
The profiteer patriots.

D. S. Dietz.

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FIRE

The Fire Marshal Bulletin of Minnesota informs us that losses thru fire during the year 1920 amounted to \$500,000,000. In these fires 15,000 people were killed.

This is a big waste and the government is putting forth great effort to prevent these awful losses.

There is no question but that fires are mostly caused by negligence, carelessness and foolishness. Most of them can be prevented and should be prevented.

Those hardest hit by fires are the workers. It is the cheap shack that is most likely to catch fire and when once the blaze is started the little structure is gone. And in most cases the insurance is inadequate.

Of course when it comes to the loss of life it is very seldom that the wealthy are caught. They find themselves where there is an easy escape.

Now of course we are in favor of doing all we can to prevent the loss of property and life by fires. That goes without saying.

But we must point out that the loss thru fire both in dollars and life is as nothing when we look at the horrible destruction of humans in the industries of our country. There are no figures available to give accurate information, but statistics have been brought forth, for the purpose of excusing war, showing that we lost less men in the great world war than we lose every year in our industries.

So much for life.

Now if you want to look into the question of waste of unemployment you can figure pretty nearly what we are up to as captains of industry. Take for granted that there are 6,000,000 unemployed which is a very low estimate. Also admit that \$5 a day is not too high a wage. You are then losing \$30,000,000 a day, are you not? Say that there are 300 working days in a year and you have lost on unemployment alone the sum of \$9,000,000,000 in one year. Don't think we made a mistake — it is Nine Billion dollars, not nine million.

We will give you another hint:

There are about 20,000,000 workers employed in useless and wasteful labor. If they were entirely idle they would not be any more of a burden on society than they are now, their position is that of unemployment as far as the value to the country is concerned. Figure their wages at \$5 a day and give them 300 days a year to lose their pay and you have the neat little loss of \$30,000,000,000. Thirty Billion. Add the nine billion of the unemployed and you have a loss of thirty nine billion dollars every year.

There are about ten million workers left to account for who are doing useful labor. These must feed and clothe and shelter the rest of the population. But they are not getting anything like \$5 a day for this important service. The average is less than \$3 a day. There is thus a loss there of \$2 a day which is wasted by the profiteers. Figuring in the same way as before this loss is \$20,000,000 a day or \$6,000,000,000 a year. The total loss then, by capitalist mismanagement runs up to the appalling sum of \$45,000,000,000 a year.

This is the penalty we pay for being idiotic enough to keep up this miserable system. The loss by fire is like a drop in the bucket compared to the loss by the bad mismanagement by the capitalist captains of industry.

We would like to see the government take this matter up and call for an unemployment prevention week as it does in the case of the fire problem.

Put out the fire loss — and also put out the loss caused by the crazy system of capitalism.

FIVE HUNDRED MINERS INDICTED

There has been war in West Virginia. The war was caused by the mining companies. These companies cut the wages of the workers to the bone. It became impossible for them to live on the pittance they got for their labor.

The miners had given their lives in the service of the company and it was not easy for them to move and get other jobs when they were old. The young men had also gotten solidly caught in the habits of mining and it was not possible for them to leave.

So the miners tried to organize and unitedly ask for better wages and safer conditions.

This is where the trouble began.

The companies would not let such a thing be done. They made arrangements to keep all organizers out and to stop all gatherings and allow no two people to talk together about organization.

But in spite of this the miners got together and agreed to demand better treatment. This dicker has been going on for years. The differences have grown bigger and the spirit of greed has gained among the lords of the mines.

The miners have organized enough to be able to effect pretty fair strikes. They have attempted strikes many times.

The one mighty weapon the companies have used is the thug. They have had a regular army of thugs and gunmen for years. These thugs and gunmen have walked over the miners as if they were worms in the dust. They have insulted their wives and raped their daughters and shot the men and burned their shacks and tents.

These thugs have not come from any of the decent families among the workers. They have been picked up from among the ex-convicts, yeggmen, robbers, horse thieves, ex-mayors, ex-policemen and ex-preachers. The selection has been carefully done. Not a man among them with the slightest regard for the rights of a worker.

The thugs became unendurable. They killed the best men among the miners. They shot the organizers. They murdered the officers of the law who stood for justice. They began a reign of terror that eclipsed the bloody deeds of the old satanic czar of Russia.

The state authorities joined the thugs in the lawless killing. The national troops were sent to aid the companies in their assault upon the miners.

There was nothing much for the miners to do but to protect themselves. There was nothing to get for protection but guns. The miners got guns. They used their guns. They shot some of the thugs. The thugs had shot the miners and their wives and children. The miners shot back. They shot in self defense and shot to kill. It was their right. It was their constitutional right.

Now the government comes along and arrests these men who defended themselves, their homes and their

families against the rawest thugs that could be found and trained by brutal mining companies.

Five hundred of these miners are now in jail. They are charged with murder. They will be railroaded to the gallows. The government will kill those that the thugs failed to shoot.

Why does not the government arrest and try the thugs? Why not jail the mining companies? Why not hang the guilty robbers and the millionaire assassins? Why pick on the innocent? Has not this farce of tackling the workers gone far enough? How long will the people of this country tolerate the outrages wrought upon the workers by the criminal profiteers? How long will the workers leave the government in the hands of these profiteers?

Five hundred men are in fetters in West Virginia. They have as much chance of getting justice as a snowball has to freeze into ice in hell.

A hundred million people are in the shadow of the gallows in America as long as injustice is king and the thug sits on the throne.

DR. CRANE

Of course you know who Dr. Crane is. For he is one of the most useful divines in the employ of the bluffing capitalists.

Dr. Crane is not a doctor of medicine or a doctor of philosophy or a doctor of osteopathy or of Christian Science or even a horse doctor.

He is a doctor of divinity, he is.

As such he is doing a lot of talking and much writing. He has been very valuable during the war in writing prayers and sermonettes and moralities for the soldiers and soldierettes. His daily manna dishes out to a hungry world each morning has been gobbled up by the unsuspecting masses as if it had contained condensed brain and soul food.

Dr. Crane has been held up before the people of all lands as one of the true men of the Christian faith. He has been considered a pure and noble teacher of truth and justice.

It is therefore of interest to find a morsel like the following, which is one of his editorials in the October number of Current Opinion, of which he is one of the editors:

Bolshevism and Heredity.

Last July three bandits held up a train in France, killing one passenger and robbing many. The police afterwards ran these bandits to earth in a Paris cafe and killed two of them. The third, who was caught, is named Charrier.

It comes out that this rascal is the son of a sort of anarchist Jew named Mecliss Goldberg, who was prominent in revolutionary circles some years ago. The papers now are discussing anew the influence of heredity.

Louis Forest said that he was once presented to him and he was given to understand that he was a man of profound intelligence, a great philosopher, writer and economist, as well as a man of science.

Forest says that he saw a poor nervous-looking specimen with a mind stuffed full of words and a fund of encyclopedic ignorance. He called himself an anarchist.

The influence of those who allow themselves to be captivated by the vague, obscure and illogical ideas that come from Moscow is not only a menace to society direct, but leaves its fatal trace upon the offspring.

We have written the following letter to this divine: "Dear Sir:

"In the October, 1921, number of Current Opinion, page 434, you have an editorial captioned 'Bolshevism and Heredity.' In this editorial you lay the blame for a robbery committed in France on Bolshevism. You make the reader believe that Bolshevism had been inherited by the young man and that this gave him a tendency to commit the crime mentioned. You refer to his father as an anarchist Jew whose teaching led the son to the path of crime.

"Now, Dr. Crane, this is about as shabby a piece of work as could possibly be performed even by a downright ignorant novice in the magazine world. It would seem hopeless to correct you, if you cannot see the utter foolishness of the above made statements of yours.

"In the first place, you know, or should know, that the anarchists are not Bolsheviks. The Bolsheviks have had much trouble with the anarchists. In the second place, the Bolsheviks are only about four years old as an influence in the open arena of society. Heredity is not figured in so short a space of time.

"But even if Bolshevism had been in existence for half a century or for twenty centuries what reason have you for connecting it with the crime in France. According to the same logic we would be justified to lay every holdup and every murder committed in this country to Christianity.

"You will admit that you were pretty thin and that you went pretty far to get a slam at the new born republic of Russia when you degraded yourself so low as to charge it with the crime of a criminal brot up under the czar and reared in the atmosphere of orthodox Russia before the revolution.

"Don't you feel very cheap when you write stuff like that or is it natural to you?

"I subscribed for Current Opinion thinking it would give authentic information, but this disillusion me.

"Very truly,

"J. O. Bentall."

TAKEN DOWN A PEG

The Big One, meaning Judge Landis has been taken down a wee little peg by the unions in Chicago:

His famous demand that he be the sole judge as to wages the bosses should pay was granted, of course, and Landis decided that labor should be satisfied with a 10 to 35 per cent cut and that the bosses should thank him for having thus gloriously "settled the difficulty between capital and labor."

And the bosses thanked him and went home happy that they have one friend who never fails them. The workers also went home and thanked themselves for having guts enough to spit upon the infamous decision made by his high nibs.

So it came to pass that when the bosses looked for their workers early in the morning they failed to discover them with their customary dinnerpails. The boys simply stayed at home and didn't give a fig for all the commands of the judge.

The buildings were waiting for workers and as the judge didn't feel like becoming a carpenter the building business seemed to remain at a standstill.

That made the bosses squirm and they went over to the workers and asked them if they wouldn't please come over and put roofs on the buildings before it started to rain. They complained that they had lost all hope of getting His Honor to come and work at a 10 to 35 per cent cut since he was drawing the nice salary of \$50,000

a year from the baseball bunch and the government combined.

When the workers decided to demand the old figure the bosses meekly paid that and have been getting along fairly well till the Big One got wind of it.

He at once called a session of himself and some bosses and demanded to know if the bosses had been committing the black sin of paying more to the workers than the poverty stricken judge had decided. They said they had been compelled to do so by the union.

Whereupon the judge scratches his head with three scratches and calls in tones that would have drowned Nero's bellerings as a boiler factory drowns the peep of a canary, and split the atmosphere surrounding our little globe by thundering:

"Have the business agent who demanded the old wages in here."

But no business agent came and Landis felt awfully lonely on the bench for several hours.

Poor thing! He cannot be god all by himself and tell the workers what to do. It's an outrage to peeve him like that.

But maybe if labor gets to find out that it is stronger than all the judges in kingdom—come it would keep up the good ideas of attending to its business and not let an uppish prigg like Landis monkey with it.

THE COLLAPSE IN SWEDEN

The cabinet in Sweden has resigned and the king has invited Hjalmar Branting to organize a new cabinet.

Never before has such an opportunity been given to man to save a country from a bloody revolution. But will Branting do that? Will he know enough to put the new government into the hands of the workers and let them take charge?

It is evident that the capitalists have no faith in the king. They would not than have ordered him to give in to the overwhelming demand of the workers made at the last election. It was this election that scared the daylight out of the capitalists.

It must be said for them that they have their eyes open to the fact that a so-called radical administration is more powerful in keeping the workers in check than the outright capitalist government.

In Germany the capitalists have a good example of what the old social democrats were willing to do. Branting is not going to do any better.

But in spite of it all the events in Sweden show in what direction the wind is blowing. It is a hopeful sign. There is only a step to another goal. That goal will be the brushing aside the old capitalist form of government and the workers of Sweden will then establish their own.

From France we get the news that a communist was elected to the chamber of deputies. That means that France will be an early nation to capitulate to the power of the Communist ideas.

All in all Europe is coming along about as fast as we have expected. She is coming fast enough. The workers must have time to get ready to take charge. They are hurrying their education. It is necessary that they should.

EUROPE AND RUSSIA

"Europe cannot live without Russia."

This was the striking way Dr. Fridtjof Nansen opened his address to the large audience he spoke before on his return from a trip to Russia for the purpose of relief.

The question as to whether Russia will live or not seemed to be of smaller consequence to Nansen. He saw no reason for believing that the new republic of the workers would fall, nor did he see any sign of death thru starvation tho there is a great shortage of food.

But Russia is able to so economize on food that the people will pull thru even if there is little or no help from the outside.

Nansen, however, looks at the problem from another point of view. He realizes that to feed Russia now will bring great returns for the future. Not only for the future of Russia but for the future of all the world.

The change of attitude of Nansen is very marked. He was once a definite enemy of the Bolsheviks. He had no use for them. Now he claims that they are doing more than any other people on the face of the earth to recuperate from the evils of the present world crisis.

Nansen looks upon Russia as the most hopeful country in Europe. He comes out in the open and declares that unless the other countries get help in the way of raw material they cannot exist. Russia has unlimited resources and can supply what the other countries need.

One after the other the men of good judgment are coming to recognize that Russia must be given freedom to develop and she will then be of great help to the rest of the world.

THE THREAT OF A FISSIL

You know what a fossil is. It is an animal that lived thousands of years ago and when it died it floated down with a lot of debris and was covered with sand and earth and the pressure and heat became so great that it hardened into a stone, or left an imprint in the rock that shows both size and form and bone structure of the thing.

The good part of an ordinary fossil was that when it got into the deep sand and got buried in earth and water it kept still and let the world develop better and higher forms of being. The ordinary fossil kept its mouth shut when it had passed the limit of its course.

But we have fossils today that persist in remaining in Congress. They are there to stay, it seems.

Among them is the oldest and hardest boiled of any specimen we have record of in history. It is old Senator Knut Nelson.

When it comes to holding the world back to its moorings of the dark ages Knute is there to tie the ropes that fasten her. Knute has had a real career of the fossil tribe. He has been true to the nature of that animal.

Comes the Bolshevik investigation. Was Knute there and did he demand that the witnesses all believe in his little god? You bet he did.

Comes the investigation of the war doings. Did old Knute help whitewash the profiteers? And did he help put the conscientious objectors into the pen? You can depend on it.

Comes the railroad trouble. Is Knute there to tell the slaves that if they demand a little more decent conditions and a better wage he will help "wipe them from the face of the earth"? Such is the pledge he delivers to the profiteers.

And will Knute make good his pledge? Will he use his big boot to kick the unions into kingdom come?

You do not need to ask him.

But the knock is not against Knute. He is a victim of the social and economic order that has formed him.

He is in the grip of the onrushing piles of debris and will soon be buried and also forgotten.

Our regret is that there should be obstacles like that in the road to progress. It hurts the fossil and it hurts the travelers that have to stumble over it.

But as to the fossil "wiping the unions from the face of the earth" — well a fossil makes a very poor broom.

And also — the unions are stubborn things to sweep away.

But our parting question is: why didn't Knute say he would help to wipe the profiteering railroad kings from the face of the earth? Why pick on the unions who have done nothing but work and run the railroads? Why not pick on the robbers who have done nothing and robbed much?

Come on, Knute. Tell us that.

POLICE GET \$5

There is a society incorporated for the sole purpose of sheltering dogs who have gone astray or gotten lost. The tenderhearted ladies connected with this society also pay attention to cases where dogs are ill-treated, and for the purpose of getting the bad fellows who beat dogs brot to justice, they offer the police a bonus of \$5 for every arrest made of people who slap a dog or hit its with a stick.

We congratulate the ladies and also the dogs. We feel as the ladies do about it. There is no good excuse for abusing an animal that is helpless and unable to defend itself.

The only flaw we find is in the method of securing the funds to keep up the work of this society. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are needed every year. Only very rich ladies are able to put this thru.

And when you pry into their affairs, which of course is none of your business, you find that their hubbies and their managers make this money for the nice ladies by sweating little children in the cotton mills and in the child slave pens where big dividends are ground out.

Now we think there should be a society incorporated to protect these little children and furnish a shelter and a home for them.

Also we think that there should be a bonus of about \$5 paid to every policeman who arrests the hubby of one of these fine ladies whenever he hires a child to work in the factory. In which case there would be a lot of millionaire policemen springing up in this glorious country.

Maybe we are extravagant in suggesting so gigh a reward for this kind of arrest. It is likely that our police could attain to great wealth if the dog rate bonus were cut and that for each arrest of a profiteer who abused a kid by driving it into the factory \$1 would be offered. Even at that rate there would be several millionaire policemen in this dog-protecting country.

But if the kids were not driven to the mills and made to wear out their little lives to pile up profits for the swell hubbies of the tenderhearted ladies where would the money come from to maintain the dog — shelter society with?

By Gum! We never thot of that. Excuse us, please.

THE STUDY CLASS

You should have seen that fine crowd at the study class last Tuesday. There were about 75 eager faces and the way the workers took hold and discussed these mighty questions of the universe was an inspiration. The course will continue to be published in TRUTH from week to week. We will go on with the planets next week and you should learn all the facts about them as they are given in the lessons.

Also go to the library and ask the attendant to give you a good book on astronomy so you can supplement your knowledge. There is a library in most of our cities and towns and this should be used by the workers. The librarians in Duluth are puzzled to know what has hit the people in this town, for everybody is asking for books on astronomy and there are not enough to go around. It's the first time it has happened in Duluth. Let it happen all over the country. Show the capitalists that we are going after knowledge and that we know a good thing when we see it. Also that we are not settling down to any narrow notions but that our system requires the broadest possible education.

The class is open to all who want to attend and you are welcome. Come with your questions and also with your answers. Bring other workers with you and we will have a lot of good times while we are studying the great and wonderful sciences that will help us to clean up the earth and make it a good place to live in.

Class begins promptly at 8 o'clock every Tuesday evening, at Workers Hall. It continues for one hour and fifteen minutes.

THE CONTEST

You read last week about the plan to get 2,000 new subscribers for TRUTH before Christmas. You will find the statement about it in this issue also. This work is so important that it should not be necessary to urge any worker to pitch in and help.

The task will not be hard if we all do our share. Many of the comrades have already started and the contest is on.

The comrades in Duluth have pledged themselves to get 1,000 and the workers who live outside Duluth have started to get the other 1,000.

They have begun in fine fashion. Every mail brings some new sub and every meeting in Duluth gathers a few new ones. It appears that they are mighty busy. You are probably one of the busy ones. That's the worker that counts.

And while we are at it we want to have you realize that it will be easy right now to get new subs if for only one reason. You have read the study course that is now running in TRUTH. This is catching the eye of a lot of the thinking workers.

There has probably never been prepared a course just like it for the workers. It is brief and yet comprehensive. When you have read and assimilated these lessons you will have a pretty fair idea of the fundamental sciences and be able to stand your ground with any fellow that might attack you.

This course alone will be worth many times the subscription price of TRUTH.

This week we had about 75 workers in the class and they are taking up the study in a most enthusiastic way.

The disarmament conference will come just when Old Capitalism is ready to go on the operating table and be operated on for malignant cancer. Guess the prognosis?

We couldn't go to sleep last night before we got that new sub — and we hope you are the same.