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South America Suffers

When the European war broke out the American capitalist press immediately started a campaign urging American business interests to invade the markets of South America. Now we find that South America is also suffering from an "unprecedented financial stringency produced by the European war." The real fact seems to be that South America, like the United States, is more than able to produce enough for its people and is also seeking for markets. Our advice to South Americans is: "Starve the war and feed South America."

Kitchener Appeals for Another 100,000 Men

London, Nov. Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, has issued an appeal for another 100,000 men. Even if these men are raised within the next three months it will be summer before they can be put on the battlefield.

What is there more impudent than the closing sentence of the Austrian Socialists' proclamation ending as follows:

"Solemnly we declare ourselves devoted to the work of civilization, to internal Socialism, and to this work we pledge our devotion in life even unto death."

IF.

If Wilson can build ships to carry goods, why not factories to make goods?

If Congress can have a factory built for making bullets, why not make some farming tools?

If they can loan $1,800,000 to Oklahoma Bankers at 5 per cent interest, why can't they loan it to you?

If they can build a railroad in Alaska at a cost of $40,000,000, why can't they get lumber for the people to build homes, and a railroad in this country to transport it?

If they can pay boys $19 per month to be trained to kill each other, why can't they have a like number producing food?

If they can sell $5,000,000 worth of envelopes and stamps why can't they sell $2,000,000 worth of calico?

If they can carry m-a-i-l, why not m-a-t-e?

If they can insure ships, why not insure the workers a chance to work by owning the means of life on which they depend?

Christianity and Socialism

By H. L. Gurley in Houston Post

A student of the mosaic law contained in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy is constantly astonished at the harmony between the economic ideas and principles there taught and the theories of Karl Marx, the father of modern scientific Socialism. The fundamental demand of Socialism is that all economic exploitation shall cease and that the workers shall have the full product of their toil.

This union is accomplished in competitive business and always has been since the age of direct personal robbery by brute force passing away, by interest, profit and rent—"profit" including buying and selling for gain and all manner of speculation.

It is by these means that four-fifths of the worker's product is taken from him, leaving him and his family in poverty while he creates riches by his labor.

Interest, the word translated usury in the bible, should be translated interest. The idea that usury is merely "unlawful interest" is correct, if one includes the truth that all interest is unlawful according to the bible and to all principles of just and righteous economy. No State or national law can make right a thing that is inherently wrong.

The "lawful interest" in some states is six per cent, in some, ten percent, and some perhaps more; but the bible condemns all interest, large or small, as inherently wrong. The word usury which is so frequently employed in the bible and designated a crime, is derived from the Hebrew root Neshak, which means, according to Strong, "to strike with a sting, as a serpent; to oppress with interest on a loan, to bite, to lend upon usury."

See Strong's "Exhaustive Concordance," which contains, among other valuable features, a complete lexicon of the original words whereby one may easily discuss their various shades of meaning. It is thoroughly orthodox and has high rank as a standard among the scholars of all denominations. The word Nashak, which is sometimes used for usury, is directly derived from Nashak and means simply "interest on a debt," that is any interest on a debt.

To take any interest is to bite like a serpent, to sting like an adder. The Hebrews called the interest taker a serpent, a viper, a biter. when Jesus said, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how shall ye escape the damnation of Gehenna?" He merely referred to their crimes of exploitation by interest, as the Jews well understood.

That is why the Pharisees and Sadducees and all the chief priests and rulers became so venomously angry at him. Surely the interest taker is able to sieze as an armed man and fasten upon the earnings of his victim.

"Nashak," to blow, to disperse, to drive away, is a kindred root and suggests the loss of the workers' earnings by interest. His prosperity is blown away, his earnings dispersed by interest. This sort of discussion of interest has always raised a storm by the master class from the time of Moses and Jesus until now.

St. Luke writes of the Christian community at Jerusalem. Hear him; "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul. Neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own. But they had all things in common. Neither was there any among them that lacked, for as many as were possessed of lands or houses sold them and brought the price of the sold and laid them down at the apostles' feet, and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." Acts iv, 32-35.

St. Luke, it will be observed in this passage goes much further than Socialism dreams of going; wherefore, we would ask how much "heresy" was St. Luke guilty of when he wrote the above. The fathers of the church are all guilty of the same heresy.

Hear St. Hieronymus; "It is not without reason that the gospel calls earthly riches unrighteous mammon, since they have their source in injustice, for one cannot posess them except through the rob of others. It is even a common saying that they who posess are rich only through their own injustice or the injustice of those whose heirs they are."- Works by St. Hieronymus

Hear St. Chrysostom, "For one to use his property only for himself is to rob the poor of it, that is, to play the robber with the property of another and subject himself to all the penalties which threaten him who steals. What thou mayest keep for thyself is that which is really necessary, the rest belongs to the poor. It is his property and not thine."

I now call your attention to what St. Gregory said. Hear him. "The earth is the common property of all men, it is vain for those to think themselves innocent who appropriate to themselves alone the wealth which God gave to all men in common. When they do not share with others what they have recieved they become man-slayers." The following is from Pope Basil the Great. "Art thou not a thief, thou who appropriated to thyself that which thou hath only received in order to distribute it." "The rich have just got into their possession the communal wealth and make of it private property."

St. Clement. Hear him. "The communal is a duty for all men. It is injustice which permits one man to say, "This is mine," another, "This belongs to me. From this has come frequently among men."

How about "heresy" and "evil" and "vicious" teachings? St. Ambrose, he is an awful heretic. Hear him. "God creates all things to let everyone enjoy them and to make the earth the property of all.

Nature originated communist right, and it is force which has produced the rights of property. Since the earth was given to all men in common, no one can call himself the owner of what exceeds his natural needs. What is over and above this, he has stolen from society."

These saints have the Socialists hooked off the map.

If the law of Moses was applied to modern conditions the economics of Marx would prevail and earth would be a paradise of justice, peace plenty and joy.

"Woe unto you, scribes and pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut the kingdom of Heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Matt xxiii: 13.

H. L. Gurley, Seadrift, Texas.

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Socialist Party Message of Peace Reaches War Zone

That the "message of peace" sent to European countries by the American Socialist party is already beginning to penetrate the war stricken nations is seen in a cablegram just received here by Walter Lanferskie, the national executive secretary.

It comes from the Independent Labor party of Great Britain, which has conducted a brilliant campaign against the world war and is as follows:

"Thanks for invitation. Switzerland preferred. Letter follows."

This cablegram would indicate that the national executive committee of the British Independent Labor party has considered the invitation of the American Socialist Party for the holding of an extraordinary peace session of the International Socialist congress.

Prefers Switzerland.

It was suggested that if the European Socialists did not desire to come to the United States to hold the convention in Washington, that it be held at either The Hague or Copenhagen. The Independent Labor party, however, seems to prefer holding the congress in Switzerland.

Berlin Admits Check

Berlin, via The Hague, Nov. 4—Admitting that the Germans operating in Russian Poland were forced to retreat before the immense superiority of numbers of Russians, the war office, in a laconic statement, supplementing the original declaration says:

"We are again assuming the offensive."

It is understood that strong additional re-enforcement have been sent to the east to aid the movement.

From the Alaska Sunday Morning Post: "Alaska takes her place among the organized states and territories of the Socialist party of the United States. The final act that placed her in this position was the resolution of the Territorial Canner which arrived in Fairbanks, the Territorial Convention some time in August."

Socialist Newspaper Suspended

(By Associated Press Cable.)

Berlin, Sept. 28.—1:25 p. m.—Via London, 8:50 p. m.—By order of the military commanded of the military province of Brandenberg, VORWARTS, ORGAN OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAS SUSPENDED PUBLICATION INDEFINITELY.

ALARMED.

An Oklahoma editor was much interested in a scientific note he encountered in a New York paper to the effect that if the earth were flattened the sea would be two miles deep all over the world.

The editor reprinted the note with the following comment:

"If any man is caught flattening the earth, shoot him on the spot. There's a whole lot of us in this state that can't swim."

WAR STARVING 100,000 PERSONS IN JERUSALEM.

New York, Nov. 4.—One hundred thousand inhabitants of Jerusalem are facing starvation, according to Samuel Edelman, American vice-consul in that city, who reached here yesterday on the steamer Ancona. Two-thirds of the residents of Jerusalem are Jews, Edelman said. For many years they have depended upon their earnings from tourists and on charity for support and the war has cut off all their sources of subsistence.

JOBLESS PROBLEM STAGGERS PHILLY.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—The city officials who had promised to undertake some sort of relief for the unemployed are staggered at the problem that confronts them.

It is estimated by the mayor and directors that no matter what amount of money might be found, it would be impossible to find city work for more than 8,000, which would not be more than 5 per cent of the number unemployed.

Perhaps some men opposed freedom for women because of what the democrats have done with their freedom.

Figures Show Uncle Sam is Feeding War and Starving People

Washington.—America is feeding the war and starving the people. This is shown by the report of the department of commerce on imports and exports.

While the grand total of exports for September has fallen off more than $3,000,000 yet the decline is largely in cotton.

Of breadstuffs, the United States exported $45,320,633 in contrast with $17,558,502 in September, 1913.

Where Sympathy Belongs

Johnston, Penn., Democrat.—"With whom do we sympathize in the pending war?" asks a correspondent. We'll answer that. With the German, French, English and Belgian boys who man the trenches. With the German, French English and Belgian boys who crowd the hospitals. With the mothers who bore these boys. With the fathers who saw them grow to manhood and toiled them as they grew. With the women who were wedded to these boys. With the children they left when they marched to the front. With the poor peasant woman who struggles against the press of war-engendered poverty. With those who in the cities cry out for food. With the men who fight for fatherland but fling war in their hearts. With the great artists like Krehler, who must turn their marvelous melody-producing fingers to works of destruction. With the people who must live out their days with lives forever blighted by the war. With the innocent whose fields have been trampled under foot by marching armies. With all the best of those who under the press of a mistaken patriotism must offer up their lives. These are the ones with whom we sympathize.

Those foreign Christian nations talk of reducing marriage license fees so as to increase the birth rate as an offset to losses in the war. Soldiers are being encouraged to take wives now leaving for the front. Orphans will make fine food for guns later on!—Cincinnati Post.

Women and Politics.

A street corner debater, talking against woman suffrage, said this the other night:

"Women are good, all right. I'll admit that. They're better than men, morally, but they wouldn't be any good in politics, because they don't know the ropes!"

It is one of the best arguments in favor of woman suffrage we ever heard, though the orator didn't mean it that way.

What the plain folk are demanding in politics more than anything else is ordinary goodness—goodness of the kind that doesn't pay any attention to "the ropes," but goes to the bottom of the right and wrong of things.

Politics no longer is the exclusive game of the fellow who is out for office the fellow who "knows the ropes." The people are paying more and more attention to principles, and a great deal less to parties and ward heelers.

The politics that interests the people is the politics that has to do with the every-day problems of life, such as relief for the poor, the humane treatment of the fallen, the establishment of municipal ownership in order that commodities may be cheaper, the prevention of disease, the saving of babies, the provision of parks and playgrounds. People being taken into the hands of ordinary people.

If women are better than men morally; if women can be depended upon to vote in favor of the RIGHT against the WRONG, then about the best thing we can do for ourselves as individuals and as a community is to GIVE WOMEN THE VOTE.—Cheinnati Post.

The best judge of what's best for the working class is the working class itself.

WAR STRIPPED NAKED.

By Mary Boyle O'Reilly,

When first the German army began its invasion of Belgium I hurried over from London to be as near as possible to the scene of battle. At Brussels I halted, for I could not get nearer Liege, which the German army was shelling. Here I talked to a man who has been in and about Liege since the city was first besieged. From him I have first-hand reports of the fighting. They all agree that there was terrible carnage, horrible scenes of war—blood-shed, wailing wounded and—the dead—thousands and thousands.

An Amsterdam merchant, one of the first noncombatants to visit the battlefields of Vise and Liege, told me what he himself had seen.

"I never want to set my foot upon another battlefield," he declared, "and I hope to God that there will never be another battlefield any place on the globe again!"

"Why?" I asked, thought I more than half suspected what his answer would be.

"Well, here is just one reason—a blue eyed boy lies dying in agony, alone out on the country road beyond Vise, pierced by a bullet and mangled beneath the iron wheels of onrushing artillery.

"He had been fired upon by passing German troops from his father's cottage. The soldiers had dragged him out, together with his father and left the one unconscious, the other dead, in the path of the guns that followed.

"Perhaps death has blessed the boy by now. Pray God it be so! He was moaning pitifully for it as we passed in our motor, only a few hours ago. But we did not stop. Horror to confess, I hardly noticed his suffering I had seen so much like it and worse! All feeling was gone after the time I had spent on a charnel field, where writhing wounded lay compressed in the bloody mass of the dead.

"When I started out in the motor, for a run along the battlefield, from Vise to Liege, I rather expected the trip would be exciting. It would be glorious to be one of the first on those fields where the Belgians had been so valiantly fighting for hearth and home against the invaders.

"Would that I had been the last to visit them—after the wounded had all been taken up and the dead buried or buried I might then have been spared the fearful picture of carnage, which is now painted on my mind in horror forever.

"There were flowers and smiling faces in the neat cottage windows as I sped through the peaceful frontier village of Herch. Yet only a little further on, as we rounded a turn, we found the machine literally plowing through a cluster of dead soldiers, the wheels skiding in blood. There had been a skirmish of outposts there. Beyond was the site of a German camp, marked by heaps of dead. Belgians and Germans lay strewn in indescribable confusion, giving horrid evidence that the conflict had been hand to hand—bayonet against saber. Lying among the corpses, with them, under them, were the bodies of horses and the wrecks of autos and bicycles. The Belgian cyclist infantry, I surmised, had caught a body of German infantry and cavalry here, in a flank movement.

"The silence was ghastly. The battlefield was two days old, and the wounded had all been picked up, or more likely, had found relief in death. All along the route villagers were in ruin, fields flattened, forests charred by flame. A sheet of fire and steel seemed to have blazed across the country, and left it a dreary wilderness.

"Much farther along I came to the real carnage—the fresh battlefields around Liege. The living, still uncared for, lay among the corpses. Have you ever seen worms out a huge nest of worms to writhe as a whole because of the still wriggling, agonizing forms scattered through it? Just enlarge that picture to human proportions and add to its silence the horror of groans and cries. That is what I saw on the outskirts of the great battlefields of Liege.

"Here a man's whole body turned over. Another was jerking spasmodically in the death grip. There a bloody arm was raised and further on a hand beckoned in appeal. Bleeding forms were painfully crawling over the shambles as aimlessly, it seemed, as single insects. Red Cross surgeons and ambulances were working their way methodically across the field, which under the gloomy drizzle of rain had grown sodden. Its mire and mud puddles were stained red.

"As I moved along the slope fearful details began to sink in. Here was a path of wheels in the mass of flesh, where artillery, changing its position in mad haste, had torn ghastly ruts right through the dead and dying forms. An inarticulate sob issued from a body at my feet. It was maimed, broken and bathed in blood, and the whole face had been crushed in by a horse's hoof. Yet that blind, shapeless thing was still alive. I moved away in a panic of cowardice. But what more could I do? I pointed out the spot where it lay to one of the Red Cross surgeons, yet I knew he would pass it by for the wounded Germans near at hand, who might still be saved.

"Somebody cried for water, but I had none. 'Water,' the hoarse voice still sobbed as I went on. I escaped it only to come to something worse. A young boy, sore wounded in the breast, was deliriously crying: 'Mother, O my mother!' The anguish in that voice, alone on that awful field, calling on the loved one who would never hear it more, brought burning tears to my eyes when I thought that all feeling had been blunted by horror.

"I turned to my motor and took the road back toward Holland, in flight.

"I have been into a hell—not of fire, but of macerated flesh and gore, of lingering agony and ghastly death.

"The flames of hell would seem pure, swift and sweet by comparison!"

THE PURPOSE OF SOCIALISM

Article III.

Written for The Co-Operative Chain

By Carl D. Thompson.

DEFINITIONS OF SOCIALISM.

You are often told that Socialism would destroy property, abolish private ownership, or divide up the wealth of the world. As a matter of fact, Socialists have no more idea of abolishing property than they have of abolishing life. They have no more idea of dividing up the world's wealth and sharing it than they have of cutting up their own bodies. Our idea is that private monopoly in the great resources of life means wealth for the few, and toil, hardship and misery for the many. We propose that all may be secure in the possession of the private property which their labor earns.

Against the simple, straightforward proposals of Socialism there has been let loose a flood of misrepresentation. It is said to be anarchy, atheism, free love, "divide up" and a lot of other stupid and impossible things.

No intelligent person holds these views; and anyone who would take the pains to turn to an ordinary dictionary or encyclopedia would soon learn differently. We quote here of the recognized authorities:

1. "Socialism—A theory of society that advocates a more precise orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations than that which has hitherto prevailed." —Webster's Dictionary.

2. "A science of reconstructing society on an entirely new basis by substituting the principle of association for that of competition in every branch of industry."—Worchester's Dictionary.

3. "The Encyclopedia Britannica says: "The ethics of Socialism are closely akin to the ethics of Christianity, if not identical with them."

4. The Standard Dictionary defines Socialism as "A theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society, increase of wealth, and a more equal distribution of the products of labor through the collective ownership of land and capital (as distinguished from property), and the public collective management of all industries."

5. "Socialism seeks such an organization of life as shall secure for everyone the most complete development of powers." "It is applied Christianity—the golden rule applied to every-day life."—Prof. Richard T. Ely.

A DISTINCTION, BUT HARDLY A DIFFERENCE.

The heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone.

"For shame!" cried the children of light, and shuddered ostentatiously.

Whereupon the heathen fell thoughtful. "Are wood and stone so much worse than a bit of bunting dyed in divers bright colors?" he queried.

"Don't get sarcastic, now!" warned the children of light. "We're not talking about patriotism, we're talking about religion!"—Truth-Seeker.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

THE WOUNDED WHO DO NOT FIGHT.

By Kate Richards O'Hare.

With bated breath the world is beginning to talk of the cost of the European orgy of blood and murder. Bankers figure the amount in dollars and cents, capitalists estimate the wasted labor and merchants reckon the ruined commodities. A few leader boasted are even counting the frightful waste of human life and attempting to reckon the total of suffering and anguish.

The wise men disagree as wise men are wont to do, on details. The money changers wrangle as to whether the cost in the good coin of the realm is forty million or fifty-four million dollars per day, the capitalists argue over a few billions more or less of wasted labor and the merchants differ several billions as to the value of wasted commodities; but no statistics so far have been produced setting forth the cost of the European war to those who in the last analysis must bear the brunt and pay the toll—THE WOMANHOOD OF THE RACE.

A million men march out to the call of the bugle and three million women are left behind to mourn; for back of each soldier there is mother and sister, wife or sweetheart. The mother-heart stifles with the agony of dread for the son who has marched away; the wife-soul cowers in stunned misery for the father of her children, torn from her side and the maiden longs for the lover who never will be father to the children who never can be born.

Two mighty armies clash, in the roar of cannons and the rattle of musketry two groups of men hurl the messengers of death into each other's ranks, and when the last cannon has belched forth its message of death and the last Mauser has sung its spiteful song of hate, one side declares its victory, the other admits defeat. Then each side goes out to count its loss and bury its dead. Forty thousand fighting men are lost, costly implements of warfare are mere twisted bits of scrap steel, cities are razed, fields laid waste; homes are in ashes and the vineyards are red with the vintage from human wine, but from the piled up masses of rotting carcasses comes the feeble babble of the wounded not yet dead.

Ruin and death and chaos prevail.

We can count the dead men and write their number in round figures; we can count the cost of the wasting new implements of war and reckon the money value of the crops laid waste, of the cities razed and of the homes in ashes. We may even speculate on the human agony represented by the dead men with faces cold and stark upturned to the sky, or purpling under the autumn sun; we may ponder on the cries of dying men babbling in the delirium of gaping wounds and burning thirst—but who can or ever will dream of measuring the agony of the wounded who do not fight—THE WOMEN WHO STAYED AT HOME!

For the men who march away there is the urge of the blood lust unleased by the lure of cunning lies used to appeal to man's lowest passions. For the bugle call there is the impetus of crashing martial music and the hypnotism of being carried by the human flood. For the men who thrill in the crash of battle there is the surge of elemental passions and the swift oblivion of death borne on a singing bullet. To the wounded entangled in the piles of festering dead, kind nature brings the forgetfulness of delirium and many a wounded soldier with his head pillowed on the torn body of his dead comrade, babbles of limpid brooks, ripening vineyards and a maiden's kisses. BUT WHAT OF THE WOMEN LEFT AT HOME?

For the WOMEN, THE WOUNDED WHO DO NOT FIGHT, THE DEATH STRICKEN WHO MAY NOT DIE, there is all of the seething hell of war and none of its lure and passion. For the womanhood of the race no martial music crashes; the human flood swells, ebbs and leaves them stranded in the quagmires of despair; no singing bullet or roaring cannon brings the deep oblivion of death and no merciful delirium brings the sweet dreams of happier days. For the helpless victims of war's cursed madness is only the agony of the damned, the unrelieved misery of suspense, hopelessness and dumb despair.

All over Europe from the anguished hearts of mothers arises the wail of Naomi, "I am old and barren and there is no more fruit in my womb." Wives crouch in the shattered ruins of once happy homes or drag whimpering children out of the reek and stench of war and face the dreary problem of brooding fatherless fledglings amidst the bitter curse of poverty. Maidens fall prey to the rapine waged by men driven mad by the blood and lust of war and are despoiled of the flower of their womanhood before it ever blossoms.

It is the women of Europe who pay the price while war rages, and it will be the women who will pay again when war has run its bloody course and Europe sinks down into the slough of poverty like a harried beast too spent to wage the fight. It will be the sonless mothers who will bend their shoulders to the plow and wield in age-palsied hands the reaphook.

It will be the husbandless women who will level the graves and replant the grapevines in the blood fertilized lands of Europe. It will be the hands of fatherless children who will wield the hoe and man the machines in the factories. It will be the maidens who will never know wifehood or motherhood who will bear burdens that should have lain upon the shoulders of the lovers sleeping in the unmarked graves of an alien land. Upon the shoulders of women and children will fall the grinding, blighting, blasting struggle of covering the scars of war while paying the debts piled mountain high by war.

AND THE PITY, THE TRAGEDY OF IT ALL IS THAT THE WOMEN WHO PAY THE TOLL OF AGONY, SUSPENSE AND BEREAVEMENT WHILE WAR RAGES AND WHO PAY THE PRICE IN POVERTY AND TOIL WHEN WAR HAS SPENT ITS FURY, HAVE NO VOICE IN THE PARLIAMENTS OF THE WORLD AND NO POWER TO DECLARE THAT WAR SHALL OR SHALL NOT RAGE.

IF SOCIALISTS ARE FOOLS THEN SO ARE THESE.

By Nicholas Klein, Attorney at Law, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Thou shalt not kill."—Moses in the Decalogue.

"Take not up the sword. They that take up the sword shall perish by the sword."—Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth.

"Always when there is a war, the devil makes hell larger."—A German Proverb.

"Cannons and firearms are cruel and murderous machines."—Martin Luther.

"O, war, thou son of hell!"—William Shakespeare.

"War is the devil's gambling game."—George Eliot.

"War is a brain-spattering, wind pipe splitting art."—Lord Bacon.

"War is the business of hell."—Rev. John Wesley.

"There never was a good war or a bad peace."—Benjamin Franklin.

"Wars never decide any question of right or wrong."—Thomas Jefferson.

"War is the trade of barbarism."—Napoleon Bonaparte.

"A good man never makes a good soldier. The worst man always makes the best soldier. The soldier is nothing but a hired, legalized murderer."—Napoleon Bonaparte.

"Providence takes no notice of which side is right or wrong in any war. Providence is always on the side of the heaviest artillery."—Napoleon Bonaparte.

"The military profession is a damnable profession."—The Duke of Wellington, Napoleon's rival and conqueror.

"Napoleon was a mighty gambler, whose game was empires, whose stakes were thrones, whose table, earth, whose dice were human bones."—Lord Byron.

"War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight, the lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade"—Shelley.

"My greatest regret is that I have been the author of three wars in which thousands of lives were lost."—Chancellor Prince Bismarck, according to Dr. Busch, Bismarck's biographer.

"The soldier is a hired assassin."—Victor Hugo.

"In the twentieth century people will be dead, the peaceful will be dead, nations will be dead, and only man will live"—Victor Hugo.

"I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies, and the tears and lamentations of distant families, appealing to me for mitigating sons, husbands and fathers. It is those who have not heard the sighs and groans of the victims of war, who talk of it as glorious. Glory! Glory! Glory! Glorious victory! Glorious victory! War is hell."—General William Tecumseh Sherman.

"I do not know of a war for the last 100 years that was carried by a soldier or by a soldier's ambition. All wars have economic causes. Without a single exception all wars are wars for trade. They are all caused by bankers, merchants and business men."—The late Frederick Dent Grant, of the United States Army, at the peace congress in Chicago in 1913.

"General Sherman said: 'War is hell.' As business men are the cause of all war, it may be well to say: 'Business is hell.'"—Admiral Swinburne, of the United States Navy.

"We do not need killing machines. We need only life giving machines."—Jack London.

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not rise against nation, nor shall men learn war any more."—The Hebrew Prophet Isaiah.

"War is organized murder, pillage and cruelty. I acknowledge our guilt. To be a Hohenzollern horde of bandits!"—Gen. "Chinese" Gordon.

"War is the work of butchers."—Kipling.

"To carry on war, disguise it as you may, is to be cruel. It is to kill and hate, curse and kill, and—worse than all—to lie."—Ingersoll.

"War is the wholesale slaughter of men a day!"

WHAT SIDE ARE YOU ON?

By Frank E. Cherdron.

We are approaching another election of county, district and state officials. We will have to choose candidates from the Democratic, Fusion, Republican, Socialist, Social-Democratic or Prohibition parties.

It has been said that "Politics is a great game." The powers of government are the stakes.

And now that the time has come for another election it's up to us as members of the working class to decide what side we'll play on, and how we'll play the game. The teams we must line up with are either the capitalist class or the working class.

It has become plain that the "other side"—the capitalists—have studied every trick of the game. They are always lined up in defense of their interests and against ours.

We are said to have had opportunities to learn that there would be less suffering in the use of an intelligent working class vote than in the use of the strike; that it is wiser to use ballots than bullets; that it is safer and better to be behind the guns than in front of them?

And now what are we going to do? Have the striking events of the past, both on the field of politics and on the industrial or economic conflict, taught us the tricks of the game. Are we "wise?" Sensing the common cause of our common brotherhood, will we as members of the working class get together at the polls now? Will we get in the "game" this year and in the future?

There is one party that is absolutely and distinctly not the capitalist's party from any angle. Those who reap where we sow and harvest what they hate the unions—and for the same reason. Their aims and interests and the aims and interests of this party are in direct conflict. This party is the workingman's—the working class party—pure and simple. Will you longer let the "other side" divide our strength among the capitalist parties or will you work on the workers' side—in the workers' party?

To the laborer belongs the full value of the product of his toil.

Workers of the world, unite. You have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain.

Socialism versus capitalism.

Workers versus exploiters.

What side are you on?

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

SICK HORSE GOES TO DOCTOR.

I have known a few very intelligent horses and have heard and read of others an account of which I have contributed already to our young folks department of this paper. I recently read an interesting account of a sick horse who drawn down a barn door and went nearly a mile to a doctor of animals to be treated. I will condense and retell the story as I think it may interest my boy and girl readers as much as it interested me. Dr. R. C. Lew, a veterinary surgeon who resides near Mascoutah, Ill., tells the story about a horse belonging to F. Kissell, also near that town.

Kissel's home is three-quarters of a mile from Dr. Lew's. After the horse had done a hard day's work Kissel put it in the stable Wednesday night and locked the door. At 3 a. m. Thursday Dr. Lew heard a noise in his yard. He went out and found Kissel's horse apparently in great pain. He diagnosed the animal's ailment as colic and gave him prompt treatment. If the horse had not gone to the one place where it could be treated it would have died before morning. Dr. Lew said. After saving the horse's life Dr. Lew recalled that it had been taken to his home, suffering with colic about a month ago.

Thursday morning Kissel found that the horse had kicked the door of the stable and knocked down a fence in its haste to get to the horse doctor.

Dr. Lew and Kissel believe the horse remembered its former visit to the horse doctor and knew that was the place to go when it had colic. I once heard of a horse that had a sore foot. A blacksmith shod him and doctored the afflicted foot. A year or so after that the same horse was brought to the shop and raised his foot and rested it on the anvil in front of the blacksmith. On examination it was discovered that the iron shoe had been lost off and the foot was sore. The horse had come back to have it treated again. I hope all boys and girls who read this will be kind to animals.—R. A. Dague.

I am in mourning, not in clothing but in my mind for my little favorite Punch, a Boston terrier, who wandered away Saturday morning and is still a refugee. Poor little fellow, I thought Saturday night during a storm an hour, when are you sleeping, if you are sleeping at all

I believe he will come back. There is a form of intelligence among animals and birds which we can not explain. And Punch was intelligent.

Many years ago I had a common cur dog. He was a favorite, but had a habit of snapping at strangers. We could not kill him, but we had to tie him out of town.

A boy who lived in Kentucky, about ten miles from the river, agreed to take him and care for him. He put the dog in his old rattle-trap wagon and drove home. A week later, cold and three-legs moaning, that dog came to the kitchen door, wagging his tail and yelping cheerfully. He had come back home.

To make the trip he swam the Ohio river. It was an all-overseas stage. He was half covered with mud and disreputable looking in every detail. But he was faithful to his friends and must have had a stormy trip to get back home, but get there he did. Then we had to keep him, but he got over his bad habit and was liked by many.

A MOTHER'S THOUGHT ON THE WAR.

By Bert Ulad.

Is it for this beneath my heart
I felt life quickened being start;
Is it for this my woman's breast
Knew all the rapture of unrest;
Is it for this with bated breath
I challenge agony and death?—
For this that on a battle plain
His blood should be red the crimson stain;
That tattered flesh and staring eye
In decous carnage there should lie;
That brows should bleach and vulture feast—
For this that like a slaughtered beast
He should lie there unmarauding,
A sightless, crushed and mangled thing?

Is it for this through weary years
Of unrelenting toil and tears,
Of labor's grind, privation's ban
I saw him grow from child to man—
For this to be a prey of kings,
The pawn of all their barterings,
For this: that he should groan and bleed
To satiate the monster's greed,
To give another port of town
To one who wears a paper crown,
To add another empty brag
Unto the fetich of a flag—
For this: my treasure turned to chaff,
That men might rule and kings might laugh!

SOMETHING ELSE.

Mrs. G., wife of the distinguished clergyman, Dr. G., was completing her toilet in the same room where her four-year-old daughter, Catherine, was playing with her dolls.

On hearing a heavy step on the outside and beneath the window, she exclaimed hastily: "Catherine, peep from the window and see if that isn't a man coming!"

Catherine peered cautiously from the window, and then turned to her mother. "Yes, mother," she responded gravely, "it's not a man; it's just our pastor."

Socialism can only come or it can be stayed by the votes of the working people.

JANE ADDAMS ON WAR.

"All is out of joint, out of character," said Miss Jane Addams in an interview printed in the Chicago Tribune. "Human sensibilities were more acute when this war began than ever before. The comradeship the friendliness between nations had been brought upon a level of mutual understanding further than ever before. By mechanical means we had been brought closed together in communication and sympathy.

"Either we ought not to have engaged ourselves with these finer sensibilities or we ought not to be to face the horrors now confronting us. It is a too terrible inconsistency against which we should protest.

"It was the world's ever growing consciousness of a strong social obligation, carefully nurtured through legal influences, to which Miss Addams referred in discussing the war's effect upon her work.

"All organized social welfare activities are put back for years," she said. "We have to work up public opinion anew.

"The various woman's movements are greatly crippled, but that is only a small part of the harm done.

"When a million men are suffering in trenches wet and cold and wounded, what are a few children suffering under hard conditions in the factories? Take old age pensions, upon which England, France and Germany have been working. With widows and fatherless children numbered by the thousands in each of these countries, what are a few old people more or less? It will be years before these things are taken up again. The whole social fabric is tortured and twisted.

"Infant mortality is one of the things which we are just beginning to deal with. We are trying to learn why such numbers of little children under 2 years of age die. In Germany the nation's statesmanship was challenged in the reichstag because, out of approximately 2,000,000 children annually born in that country, some 500,000 or one-fourth, die.

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Adopted by National Convention at Indianapolis, Ind., May 1912, and by Referendum Vote of the Membership of the Socialist Party on August 4th, 1912.

The Socialist party declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historical necessity. It has become utterly incapable of meeting the problems now confronting society. We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt and the source of unspeakable misery to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation has passed into the absolute control of plutocracy, which exacts an annual tribute of hundreds of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, the mines, the forests and water power of every state in the union.

In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods in industry, which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the producers grows ever less, and the prices of all the necessities of life steadily increase. The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home. Millions of wage-workers have seen the purchasing power of their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for mere existence.

Multitudes of unemployed walk the streets of our cities or trudge from state to state awaiting the will of the masters to move the wheels of industry.

The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing prices exacted for tools and machinery and by extortionate rent, freight rates and storage charges.

Capitalist concentration is mercilessly crushing the class of small business men and driving its members into the ranks of poverty-fixed wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of America are being forced under a yoke of bondage by this oligarchy of plutocrats.

It is this capitalist system that is responsible for the increasing burden of armament, the poverty, the slums, child labor, most of the insanity, crime and prostitution, and much of the disease that afflicts mankind.

Under this system the working class is exposed to poisonous conditions, to frightful and needless perils of life and limb, is surrounded with court decisions, injunctions and unjust laws, and is preyed upon incessantly for the benefit of the controlling oligarchy of wealth. Under it also, the childhood of the working class are doomed to ignorance, crushing toil and darkened lives.

The the face of these evils, so manifest that all thoughtful observers are appalled by them, the Democratic and Republican parties, the political parties of the capitalist class, are the faithful servants of the oppressors. Measures designed to secure to the wage-earners of this nation a humane and just treatment as is already enjoyed by the wage earners of all other civilized nations have been smothered in committee without debate, and laws ostensibly designed to bring relief to the farmers and general consumers are juggled and transformed into instruments for the exaction of further tribute. The growing unrest under oppression has driven these two old parties to enactment of a variety of regulative measures, none of which has limited in any appreciable degree the power of the plutocracy, and some of which have been perverted into means for increasing that power. Anti-trust laws, railroad restrictions and regulations, with the prosecutions, indictments and investigations based upon such legislation have proved to be utterly futile and ridiculous.

Nor has this plutocracy been seriously restrained or even threatened by any republican or democratic executive. It has continued to grow in power and insolence alike under the administrations of Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

In addition to this legislative juggling and this executive connivance, the courts of America have sanctioned and strengthened the hold of this plutocracy as the Dred Scott and other decisions strengthened the slave-power before the civil war. They have been used as instruments for the oppression of the working class and for the suppression of free speech and free assembly.

We declare, therefore, that the longer sufferance of these conditions is impossible and we purpose to end them all. We declare them to be the product of the present system in which industry is carried on for private greed, instead of for the welfare of society. We declare, furthermore, that for these evils there will be and can be no remedy and no substantial relief except through Socialism, under which industry will be carried on for the common good and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he creates.

Society is divided into warring groups and classes, based upon material interests. Fundamentally, this struggle is a conflict between the two main classes, one of which, the capitalist class, owns the means of production, and the other, the working class, must use these means of production on terms dictated by the owners.

The capitalist class, though by no means numbers, absolutely controls the government—legislative, executive and judicial. This class owns the machinery of gathering and disseminating news through its organized agencies. It subsidizes seats of learning and pulpits to teach its views and ideas. It has also the added prestige which established customs give to any order of society right or wrong.

The working class, which includes all those who are forced to work for a living, whether by hand or brain, in shop, mine or on the soil, vastly outnumbers the capitalist class. Lacking effective organization and class solidarity this class is unable to enforce its will. Given such class consciousness and effective organization, the workers will have the power to make all laws and control all industry in their own interest.

All political parties are the expression of economic class interests. All other parties claim the Socialist party represents one another group of the ruling capitalist class. Their political conflicts reflect merely superficial rivalries between competing capitalist groups. However they result, these conflicts have no issue of real value to the workers. Whether the Democrats or Republicans win politically, it is the capitalist class that is victorious economically.

The Socialist party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. Its efforts have been their defeats and its victories their victories. It is a party founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically controlled.

In the face of the combined and political aggressions of the capitalist class the only reliance left the workers is that of their economic organizations and their political power. By its intelligent and class-conscious use of these, they may resist successfully the capitalist class, break the fetters of wage slavery, and fit themselves for the future society, which is to displace the capitalist system. The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage earners, the working farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the toilers of the field as well as those in the shops, factories and mines of the nation in their struggle for economic justice.

In the defeat or victory of the working class party in this new struggle for freedom lies the defeat of triumph of the common people of all economic groups, as well as the failure or triumph of popular government. Thus the Socialist party is the party of the present day revolution, which marks the transition from economic individualism to Socialism, from wage slavery to free co-operation, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy.

Working Program.

As measures calculated to aid and strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, the co-operative commonwealth, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and plead for the support of our elected officers to the following program:

Collective Ownership.

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of railroads, wire and wireless telegraphs and telephones, express services, steamboat lines and all other social means of transportation and communication and of all large-scale industries.

2. The immediate acquirement by the municipalities, the states or the federal government of all grain elevators, stock yards, storage ware houses, and other distributing agencies in order to reduce the present exceptionate cost of living.

3. The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.

4. The further conservation, and development of natural resources for the use and benefit of all the people.

5. The development of national resources for the use and benefit of all the people:

(a) By scientific reforestation and timber protection.
(b) By the reclamation of arid and swamp tracts.
(c) By the storage of flood waters and the utilization of water power.
(d) By the stoppage of the present extravagant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and oil wells.
(e) By the development of highway and waterway systems.

5. The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable, the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental value of all land held for speculation or exploitation.

6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system.

Unemployment.

The immediate government relief of the unemployed by the extension of all useful public works. All persons employed on such works to be engaged directly by the government under a work day of not more than eight hours and at not less than the prevailing union wages. The government also to establish employment bureaus, and to lend money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the side-spread misery of the workers caused by the slavish of the capitalist class.

Industrial Demands.

The conservation of human resources, particularly of the lives and well-being of the workers and their families.

1. By shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productiveness of machinery.

2. By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week.

3. By securing a more effective inspection of workshops, factories and mines.

4. By forbidding the employment of children under sixteen years of age.

5. By the co-operative organization of the industries in the federal penitentiaries for the benefit of the convicts and their dependents.

6. By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor and of uninspected factories and mines.

7. By abolishing the profit system in government work, and substituting either the direct hire of labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

8. By establishing minimum wage scales.

9. By abolishing official charity and substituting a noncontributory system of old-age pensions, a national system of insurance by the state of all its members against unemployment and invalidism and a system of compulsory insurance by employers of their workers, without cost to the latter, against industrial disease, accidents and death.

Political Demands.

1. The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.

2. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

3. The graduated income tax on the net income of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by Congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of Congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.

4. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters of the country.

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6. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia with representation in Congress and a democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.

7. The extension of the democratic government to all United States territory.

8. The enactment of further measures for general education and particularly for vocational education, in useful pursuits. The Bureau of Education to be made a department.

9. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health, with such restrictions as will secure full liberty to all schools of practice.

10. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor and its elevation to the rank of a department.

11. Abolition of all federal district courts and the United States circuit courts of appeals, state courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens of the several states and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short terms.

12. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.

13. The free administration of the law.

14. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may lay the foundation of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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