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THE LOSS OF THE LUSITANIA.

A great many gooey-gooey people now - millions in number - profess themselves horribly shocked over the loss of some 1600 lives in the torpedoing of the British passenger steamer, Lusitania. The allies of both sides of allies deplore the loss of life. Those who sympathize with the German allies make long pronouncements about the fact that the passengers were warned. The sympathizers of the English side do so for hours at a time the "inhumanity of the Germans."

The Parisian papers declaim against what they call the entire cruelty of the Germans and the German newspapers have ransacked their type cases for the largest type to proclaim their feelings of joy over this most wonderful "naval fiasco."

The Rebel refuses to enter the discussion. War is Murder is murder. It is murder in the 19th degree, legitimization. Why shed those many tears over the loss of sixteen hundred souls when six millions have already been killed and wounded. Do you turn to me with woe-gone faces, you sympathizers of either side of murder, and ask about the women and children that went down? Then I would ask you about the women and children that are suffering in every city in Europe, along with their babies, because of the war on sea and land, because of the Lusitania is murder, capitalists spill war now, it spilled it ten years ago; it spilled it a hundred years, and while this vicious system based on robbery through interest, rent and profit continues, it will spill just one word: M-U-R-D-E-R.

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OIL PRESS ATTACKS WALSH.

Mr. Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, appointed as chairman of the Commission to examine into the cause of industrial unrest, has one fine notion - to find out what he was getting as much front page and editorial space in the alleged newspapers of the United States as he has had in his last days when the negroes killed San Juan and shot a Spaniard in the back. The Commission column of editorial matter from the New York Times to the Dallas News and the Seattle Daily (up to the Dallas News) has been a fine piece of business. He has fired their mud batteries at him first, because he was given advance testimony about John D. Rockefeller, Colorado's blackhead, and secondly, because he tore the lid off certain conditions in Texas.
 As to the first we can pass it up quietly with this suggestion, that when Walsh got under the hide not only of Rockefeller, but of all his journalistic associates, he was given the same treatment by Mr. Rockefeller in this manner: Mr. Rockefeller denied that the millions of poor women and children in London: "You are right," said Mr. Walsh, "they did not shoot you and your children, all they did was to burn and smother them in the pit over which the bullets flew while you were gabbling in the uniform of the national guard of California and as they looked the victims and the dead and I lay this at the door of the Rockefeller group!"
 After reading this, which is a

If there is any justification in war then the Germans were justified in committing this crime against women and children. I do not say, "crime against civilization," because, who is to hold enough to say that any civilization exists in the British Isles, in Germany, Russia, or France? The last sentence of orthodox Christianity has broken down, and the Rebel exclaims from England, notably the Middlesex Guardian, a live weekly newspaper, that covers its field thoroughly and publishes weekly the sermons of the preachers in that great Manchester district - show that sermons deal with bazaar for the benefit of the church, killing of souls and murders for soldiers, with an occasional column given to a section of an aged virgin, including a purse of gold for his services.

There is not a word spoken or a line written about Christ's teachings. The English preachers are absolutely controlled by the warlords and the same is true of the *Katholische und Lutherische Pfaffen in Deutschland* and Belgium. Orthodox Christianity has been a thousand fathoms deeper than the Lusitania.

The uncontradicted record shows that only some Socialists are left to raise their voices against this colonial crime - not the crime of sinking the Lusitania - but the criminal destruction of the fabric of civilization that has been built up so painfully for centuries, the crime that has multiplied in size since the second of August 1914 and will continue to increase until this war has ended.

As a matter of course more ships will be destroyed and the Germans will say that "this is necessary because the English government has offered it will use its seapower to destroy by starvation fifty-million German men, women and children."

The English government will retaliate by using all her sea power to put her thrust effort and into the war the grim tragedy go on.

Let us pause a moment and look at the picture from another side: England is now torn with strife within because the English capitalists are using war to keep the whole world in a state of war. The front and the rear, to compete against the men who are still at home so that the national standard of living may be reduced, and the capitalist garner the profits, so when the war is over the workers who are now on the firing line will return to find their labor fewer and wages lower than was the case when they left to fight for "their" country.

In other words, in this war the capitalists of

England like the capitalists of all the nations

... Divide the gold.

While the fools divide the gold:

The fools they divide the gold:

Until most the fools are dead.

And the women and children stay at home, suffer, mourn and die.

Don't talk to The Rebel in this hour of crisis about the Lusitania, for we have before our eyes the effect of capitalism upon the common people, as for instance:

When the Crimean war broke out in 1854 the physical standard of the British army called for recruits that stood 5 feet 8 inches in their stocking feet and weighed 160 pounds.

In the Ashantee war in 1872 the standard was reduced to 5 feet, 6 inches and 148 pounds.

When the Boer war broke out in 1899 the standard was reduced to 5 feet, 4 inches and 135 pounds.

In 1900, after Spinkins it was reduced to 5 feet, 2 inches and 130 pounds.

Now any old standard is accepted and those who are ordered to the front are given three days to make a vacation and leave the women and their offspring to a life uncertain as that of a traveler over the quiksand.

Be it remembered that the standard of height of weight of officers who are chiefly of the landed aristocracy has not materially changed. It is only the working man for troops but simply and solely because the factory system and tenement houses and the unemployment that goes with starvation wages and unemployment has played havoc with the physique of the vast majority of the workers who toil in the factories and offices, and in the homes.

Don't talk to me about Lusitania, deeply as we deplore the death of the women and children who went down at Old Kinnale Head! But talk to me about the tops of thousands of women and girls from ten years up who have already been violated by the soldiers and officers, and the sailors.

And then talk to me about the duration of the war, the countless thousands that are yet to die in the trenches and the women that are waiting helplessly to be outraged, and the bread lines that are increasing, the poverty that is developing, the pessimism that is deepening, and the civilization that is declining wherever the dogs of war have bared their fangs.

Finally I am not so much concerned about the Lusitania as I am about Ludlow and Lawson, Land lordism and the Cattle Raisers. I am concerned

four years has indulged in the same "slanders" and thereby through clear publicity brought the cause of the "slanders" to the public eye. Mr. Walsh, to verify the "slanders," will these landlording and kerosene pooling company for a moment record itself!

First, no tenants in 1860. Now 250,000 heads of families amounting to over a million souls with the unscrupulous farmer who can't pay out, comprising over three-fourths of the farming population of Texas NOW.

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Fourth, will they deny that the government of this state university president and all authorities agree that not one in 50 can get a house under present conditions?

Fifth, will they deny that through monopoly, prices of lands are set thus and they are published, whereas other commissions got the facts and then proceeded to allow them to be buried in dry-as-dust congressional records.

ed about the two million children of and below school age in American families. I am concerned with the failure of education. I am concerned with the fact that 73 per cent of the tillable domain of the United States is held out of cultivation, while the tenants of the 27 per cent remaining acres are increasing in the millions. In Texas alone there are 257,000 families born in penury to die in despair.

These are the things that I am concerned about and consequently I only raise my voice to point out the hypocrisy of the ruling class of America that strains at a Lusitania gain while they swallow the capitalist cancer that produces war and the destruction of Lusitania inevitable.

Truly history repeats itself. The masses of the people in the United States today are wildly concerned about the sinking of the Lusitania and the war in Europe while they forget about their own condition. Many have not read the "Life of Titus Graecus" as told by Plutarch, the historian. Graecus was a Roman politician, who, about 133 B. C. rose to one of the highest offices at Rome. He was a kind reformer and some of his proposals bear an astonishing resemblance to that of the Texas Socialists advocate today. A fragment of one of his speeches would apply almost word for word to our condition, and this will be self-evident to those who will think of the more than a million homeless in Texas. As it runs as follows:

"The wild beasts of Italy have their holes and dens, but the men who possess the wealth and shed their blood for their country have the enjoyment of air and light indeed, but nothing else. Without homes or roofs they wander about with their wives and children, while their generals exhort them in battle to defend our laws and the world against the enemy. The Lords of the World as they are called, have not a single acre to call their own and hence nothing to fight for."

The vast disinterested masses of the United States may all sympathize and tear over the women and children that were down with the Lusitania, but if prudence guides their councils they will use their energies now in preventing war in these United States and do this in the only effective way - that of organizing to destroy the Enemy Within - who breeds war, and is fastened in the hearts of the people.

If our people will follow The Rebel's advice they will organize to destroy war, which can only be done by destroying the system that breeds it - capitalism. And that's what we think about the sinking of the Lusitania!

cripple Everybody's and belittle Tom Lawson. Tom Lawson at that time had turned the greatest light of publicity upon Standard Oil and all its allies. Standard Oil struck back at Lawson through the muzzled newspapers.

Frank Walsh at this time, has turned the greatest floodlight of publicity upon John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil man, and the same old slush fund is turned loose a million miles away and yet the palms of the muzzled publications. This is the reason why the Gal. Daily News and Houston Chronicle, the San Antonio Express, and its allies publications, have conspired to keep the Standard Oil man's wrath upon the man who exposed Rockefeller as the murderer of the Standard Oil man's reputation. The Standard Oil man is wailing Rockefeller by striking at Walsh on the pretense of defending the "fair" name of a state that they know is rotten with tenantry.

The Chamber of Commerce, the Gal. Daily News are hereby notified that they do not have to send for Frank Walsh to find out about renting conditions in Texas. T. A. Hickey, who writes these lines, E. B. Minton, Socialist nominee for governor in 1914, W. S. Noble, secretary-treasurer of the Land League, and a hundred other reformers who stand for the truth of what the Standard Oil man is doing in Texas conditions bordering on serfdom."

election. Two of these (Waseo and Thalia) stated in effect that they were satisfied with the present officers, but deemed it best for the emergency that would prevent, or delay the holding of an election, whether it be an act of Providence

far as allegations as to the
ment of the state office or
penditure of its funds are
ned, this is a matter for the
membership alone, who have

