

The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;
Then let it come; I have no dread of what
Is called for by the instinct of mankind;
Let us call tyrants tyrants, * * *
For men in earnest have no time to waste
In patching fig leaves for the naked TRUTH.

Truth

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New times demand new measures and new men;
The world advances, and in time outgrows
The laws that in our father's days were best,
And, doubtless, after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth of TRUTH.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1917

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DULUTH, MINNESOTA.

REVOLT IN ITALY SEEN IF PEACE IS DELAYED

SOCIALISTS IN CONTROL IN 800 CITIES, SAYS EXILE — MAY RESIGN AS SIGNAL FOR UP-RISING.

(From New York Call)

"The soldiers will be out of the trenches by winter or there will be a revolution in Italy; the Socialists are in control today, and the government cannot stop their revolutionary propaganda," said Vincenzo Vacireca, a leader of Italian Socialists in this country.

As a basis for his statement he drew attention to the numerous outbreaks of workingmen in Italy that have been ignored by the capitalist press, but which became known to Socialists of other countries by underground channels.

Eighteen workingmen in Turin were killed just one month ago while on strike. Sicily, Piedmont and Sardinia have been convulsed by strikes. In Modica, near Syracuse, in Sicily, where no Socialist activity was known before this year, the peasant women marched in a body to the city hall only three weeks ago, and nine of them were killed by the carabinieri, while many more were arrested.

There are 800 cities in Italy controlled by Socialist mayors and with majorities of Socialist councilmen. On a certain date, not far off, every elected Socialist official will resign as a protest against the war, and the masses are then expected to rise in revolt. This arrangement was made through a public announcement by Constantino Lazzari, general secretary of the Socialist party of Italy, a veteran of 35 years' service, and the government did not dare to prevent the letter going out.

No Papers Suppressed.

The government has censored, but has not had the temerity to suppress, many of the Socialist, syndicalist and anarchist papers in the country, and the 100 Socialist publications have doubled and trebled in circulation as a result of their anti-militarist agitation.

Avanti, the great daily of 100,000 circulation, the central organ of the Socialist party, despite the terrible poverty of the Italian workingmen and peasants, has raised a fund of 100,000 lire, equivalent to \$100,000 in American money, by contributions, many of them being as low as 2, 3 and 5-cent contributions. Much of it came from the soldiers at the front.

"Italy will be the first country to follow Russia," said Vacireca. "We are all Bolsheviks, and our revolution will profit by the experience of Russia."

Then he referred to the significant utterance of the great Liberal party organ, Tribuna, published very recently in Rome, as follows:

"The Socialists are the real rulers of Italy, and could have the revolution if they cared for it."

Socialist Deputy Replies.

To this frank admission Turanti, Socialist deputy from Milan, referred to as the biggest figure in the Socialist movement, a man of 22 years' service in the party, replied in public:

"We do not want half-way measures or half-way revolutions. What we are after is the revolution, the social revolution, and we bide our time."

When the two delegates of the Russian Council of Soldiers and

Deputies visited Italy recently they were met by thousands of workingmen in demonstrations which were particularly enthusiastic in Turin, where 40,000 persons waved red flags, shouting "Viva Lenin."

The tremendous yearning of the Italian soul for justice and liberty and the terrible conditions in Italy of the masses due to lack of food, both contribute to the upheaval, says Vacireca, who in the 10 years that he has been in exile from his native land for his Socialist activity, has kept in the closest touch with the progress of the radical movement there.

He says that the pope and the Italian government are working for peace at the present time because they know that a continuation of the Chamber of Deputies means complete destruction. In a secret session of the Chamber of Deputies last summer Claudio Treves of Bologna, one of the powerful figures in Italian politics, Socialist, and editor in chief of Avanti, proclaimed that the revolution would come this winter unless peace was declared.

Men Not Extremists.

It was one week later when Turanti made the declaration quoted in open session. Neither of these men are extremists, but are leaders of the right-wing Socialists, and are careful in their utterances at all times.

The distaste of the masses of Italy for war was revealed by the growth of the Socialist movement following the invasion by the Italians of Tripoli, when, in the general elections of 1913, the vote grew from 300,000 to 1,000,000 out of a total vote cast of 5,000,000.

The Iredentists, who forced Italy into the war, eight months after it began, on the promise of a victory over Austria within two months to recover the "lost provinces", have been completely shattered. The secret diplomacy which brought about the war between the monarchists and the British empire against the wishes of the majority of the Chamber of Deputies has been exposed, says Vacireca, so that the Italian people are now able to judge who, in their own government, is guilty of leading them to the battlefields.

Peace May Bar Revolt.

If peace comes soon enough to prevent the revolution, Giolitti, the most influential of the bourgeois elements, may become minister. It will be remembered that general strikes were declared in Turin, Bologna, Reggio, Emilia and other cities where Socialists are strong when war was declared on May 23, 1915.

"From that time on the Socialists, who controlled 800 cities and many provinces, the syndicalists and anarchists worked together against the war, and now the economic conditions are such that the most ignorant peasants are joining the movement," says Vacireca.

The issuance of bread cards allowing the people but a half a pound of bread means almost starvation, because bread, with macaroni and vegetables, formed the chief subsistence, and meat, butter and far are almost out of reach, even of the wealthy classes.

Sugar at 60 Cents.

Sugar is sold at 60 cents a pound, and, as the wife of a soldier is only allowed 15 cents a day to live on, the

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SOME FREE SPEECH IN NEW YORK

"New York City is too big to control, even by such a war-like jingo as Mayor Mitchel," reports H. W. Pohlmann, who has just returned from the People's Council to which he went as a delegate from Seattle.

"All over the East Side big street meetings are held, protesting against the war and the draft just as they always have. There is a League of Conscientious Objectors, limited to men who are conscripted. They hold regular meetings and are not interfered with."

"The government states that there were 100,000 fewer registrations in New York City than they had expected. Of the men drawn for the draft after registering, so many failed to appear that the quota could not be filled."

"The working class districts are solid against the war. Patriotism follows the financial districts. I went to a meeting in Madison Square Garden, a big 'Gompers-Charles Edward Russell meeting' advertised on the front pages of the papers. The garden holds 15,000 people and there were only 2,700 present, including the band."

"Recent hearings before a grand jury of men arrested for speaking sedition in the streets led to the report by the jury that what was said was not seditious, and 'you will have to hear them say something worse than that before we'll call it sedition.'"—Seattle Daily Call.

HOW UPPER CLASS "SAVES THE WASTE"

"The following represents a half-day's garbage from a representative sixty-family apartment house: Ten loaves of bread and a large assortment of buns, waffles and toast, five pounds of meat, three pounds of soup meat, four lamb chops, two heads of lettuce, six bundles of asparagus with one pound of cereal."—Dr. Lucius P. Brown, director of food and drug of the department of health.

Four Lights.

WE'RE SURE OF THAT

"Col. Roosevelt before an audience of soldiers: 'The war I was in wasn't much of a war but it was all there was and it was not our fault; there was not enough to go round.'"—New York Times.

FITTED THE CASE



"Well, that's all right; you see I ain't got no hook anyhow!"

Written for Truth

by Ethel Brooks Sanford

The Espionage Act, of June 15, gave Postmaster Burleson the power to exclude Socialist and other anti-militarist papers from the mails on what seemed flimsy enough pretenses, indeed; but the aforesaid Act was certainly a mild hint of the gag which was yet to come and which is now ready for all papers, English, or foreign language, that dare be so presumptuous as to print views which differ from those held by the administration. The Act reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or association to transport, carry or otherwise publish or distribute any matter which is made non-mailable by the provision of the act relating to espionage, approved June 15, 1917."

If the government of the United States wished deliberately to destroy the last vestige of faith which the workers of the country might yet have in the declaration that we are engaged in a war to make the world safe for democracy, a more certain method certainly could not have been chosen than this studied attempt to silence all criticism. Since then has the President changed his mind, or what did he mean when he said:

"We have seen a good many singular things happen recently. We have been told that it is unpatriotic to criticize public action. Well, if it is, then there is a deep disgrace resting upon the origin of this nation. This nation originated in the sharpest sort of criticism of public policy. We originated, to put in the vernacular, in a kick; and if it be unpatriotic to kick, why, then the grown man is unlike the child. We have forgotten the very principle of our origin if we have forgotten how to object, how to resist, how to agitate, how to pull down and build up, even to the extent of revolutionary practices if it be necessary to readjust matters. I have forgotten my history if that be not true history."

After long weary months of criminal silence on the part of the capitalist press, so far as giving to the public the truth in the Mooney case is concerned, why this sudden change of front? Why this anxiety on the part of so many papers, heretofore conveniently deaf, dumb, and blind, to have an investigation which shall determine whether justice has been raped in San Francisco? Now, really, why this change of heart and outpouring of sub-stuff about corrupt officials trying to railroad a labor agitator to jail?

Are these same papers losing any sleep over the fact that Frank Little, another labor agitator, was kidnapped at night and murdered without process of law by the very same class in society which would legally murder Mooney? Are they sobbing great sobs over the fact that twelve hundred citizens of Bisbee, Arizona, were herded into filthy cattle cars and left on the desert with a warning not to attempt to return to their homes? Are they weeping great weeps over the fact that the halls of the I. W. W. over the country have been raided and thousands of dollars worth of books, pianos, and typewriters burned by the soldiers who are to make the world safe for democracy?

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COUNCIL AIMING FOR 10,000 N. Y. MEMBERS

The drive of the People's council for 10,000 members at large from Greater New York started last night immediately after the meeting of the volunteer literature committee at the People's house, 7 East 15th street.

Prof. Scott Nearing, chairman of the executive committee of the council; Louis P. Lochner, executive secretary of the national body, and Elizabeth Freeman, one of the national executive staff, acted as "coaches" at this meeting.

This work will be under the personal supervision of Professor Nearing. The members of the literature committee, organized into squads, who began their work last night, will visit local labor unions, schools and colleges, political meetings and civic and similar bodies. At each organization or meeting they will leave literature and membership blanks.

The council expects to enroll the stipulated 10,000 during the present month. Many are expected to answer the call at the council meetings. As the campaign progresses, something approaching a house-to-house and a friend-to-friend canvass will be carried out.

ROCKEFELLER "UNION" BREAKS

Denver.—The loudly proclaimed Rockefeller "union" is slowly falling to pieces, despite frantic efforts of press agents to bolster it up. As an indication of the thin ice under the "union", employees of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company are signing petitions to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to reject the Rockefeller industrial plan and recognize the United Mine Workers.

Americans in Canada to be Drafted

Ottawa.—Negotiations are under way, it is understood between Ottawa and Washington, with a view to bringing Americans of military age resident in Canada within the scope of the Canadian draft laws. Canadian residents in the United States would similarly be affected under the American law.

ECONOMIC DETERMINISM.



"So, Mrs. Closeleigh got up a bazaar to help a poor widow pay her rent? I didn't know she was philanthropical."

"She isn't. She owns the house the poor widow lives in."

WILSON ADMITS GOVERNMENT STUMBLES CLUMSILY

NEW YORK.—President Wilson has answered Max Eastman's letter of protest against the suppression of the Masses, the leading Socialist and industrial unionist magazine of America.

"I think that a time of war must be regarded as wholly exceptional and that it is legitimate to regard things which would in ordinary circumstances be innocent as very dangerous to the public welfare, but the line is manifestly exceedingly hard to draw and I can not say that I have any confidence that I know how to draw it."

"I can only say that a line must be drawn and that we are trying, it may be clumsily, but genuinely, to draw it without fear or favor or prejudice."

In answer Dr. Eastman said that it was at least encouraging to note that the President was aware of the gravity of the suppression, but expressed the fear that the government was making a mistake in trying to suppress discussion of the war. Peace should be made with the Germans by the American people, and this cannot happen until the peace terms are fully and freely discussed.—Seattle Daily Call.

William Bayard Hale Joins the Socialists

The Plute Press with shouts of glee always give front page space when some disgruntled politician or misguided tool of the System leaves the Socialist Party. When a man of prominence JOINS the Socialist Party, it is never mentioned by that same P. P.

William Bayard Hale, long time friend and official biographer of President Wilson and editorial assistant to Wilson in compiling "The New Freedom" has applied for admission to the Party.

In his preface to "The New Freedom" President Wilson says: "I did not write this book at all. It is the result of the editorial literary skill of William Bayard Hale, who has put together here in their right sequence the more suggestive portions of my campaign speeches."

Hale's progenitors were among the early English colonists. He has long been a prominent member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He has been a lecturer at Oxford university.

"I know no way in which a citizen of New York who treasures its sacred traditions of liberty and who desires to make our land again 'safe for democracy' can do his bit more effectively than by voting for Morris Hillquit Socialist Party Candidate for mayor. Both the old parties have become subservient, body and soul, to the overweening assumptions of the capitalistic classes."

"A vote for the Socialist ticket in New York on November 6 will serve notice on the group which is today assuming to administer our affairs that the people of the United States are citizens, not subjects; that freedom of opinion, of speech and of the press for which our forefathers fought still is to us a precious heritage, and that the sound common sense of loyal patriots will not endure a delirious persecution of freemen such as had not been ventured upon by any chesty oligarchy, political or religious, since the days of the witchcraft delusion."

"The indignation of old-time Americans over these measures is unspeakable. The silent vote that will be thrown for the Socialist candidates in November will astonish those temporarily in office. Some of us, of old American stock, are not concerned that our votes be silent. I, for one, am willing to shout mine through the biggest megaphone I can handle," said Hale.

Suffrage Leaders Learn What Jail Life Is

Washington. — In Washington when a woman asks for political liberty the authorities reply by depriving her of personal freedom, thinking that by imprisoning refined American women in a workhouse they can silence them.

And, because the suffrage pickets are not being starved or beaten, there are plenty of people in the capital who can not see that they are enduring real martyrdom.

Girls reared in homes of refinement find themselves obliged to dress and undress in the presence of prisoners plucked from the mire of the underworld. Not a vestige of privacy remains. Their bathing, even, must proceed with four or five simultaneously using the series of showers with no curtain between and a lynx-eyed matron to supervise the operation.

Employment of women as freight handlers is denounced by the Chicago women's trade union league. It is declared that every available man should be put to work before women are forced to take up this heavy burden.

Workingmen's Alliance Elect a Delegate

At the last meeting of the Jewish National Worker's Alliance of America, which is a beneficial and educational association maintained by the Jewish Workingmen mostly for the educational benefits, a delegate, Max Conoval was elected to the District Convention to be held in Minneapolis, October 20th and 21st.



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"And we have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated government in the civilized world; no longer a government of free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and the duress of small groups of dominant men."

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racy? Are they raising a loud voice in protest against the suppression of free speech, free press, and free assembly in America? Are they working overtime in an effort to make democracy safe in America first? If, not, then why this worry about miscarriage of justice in the Mooney case? Consistency, where are thy jewels? The following lines from an editorial in the New York Evening Mail of September 26 throws a lurid light upon the subject:

"The Mooney case has been taken up by labor bodies all over the Country. Echoes of the unrest caused by it have been heard in distant Russia where the American minister was made the victim of a hostile demonstration several months ago on the ground that the United States was railroaded to execution an 'Italian Socialist named Muni.' In America and abroad the Mooney case has been made the rallying cry of discontent and hostility to America and to the existing order. President Wilson's determination to sift the matter to the bottom and determine by a federal investigation the justice or injustice of Mooney's conviction is to be commended on every ground. There must be no lingering doubt left in the mind of the entire American people and of the world that America stands for justice at home as well as in the world."

The cat is out of the bag. The persecution on Mooney makes it difficult for the official explainers to make Russia understand the American method of making the world safe for democracy; therefore the persecutors in this well-advised case must be made to cease their persecuting. Knowing that Mooney is the victim of a conscienceless frameup, we welcome any action or interference that will halt his would-be murderers; but let us not for one moment forget that while the government finds it convenient to take such action as shall silence criticism in the Mooney case, it is raiding our Socialist party headquarters in search of seditious and traitorous evidence, arresting dozens of I. W. W., whose greatest crimes are loyalty to the working class, and outlawing peaceable gathering of the Peoples Council.

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The people in every warring country want peace, they want a world safe for democracy; but in more than one country are the workers beginning to question whether any country which makes martyrs of its socialist, I. W. W. and suppresses free speech, free press and free assembly, can be trusted to give democracy to the world.

Some people are so pessimistic as to assert that no possible good has or can come from the entry of America into the world war. We confess optimism. Thousands of people who a year ago were dead or sleeping are today thinking as they have never thought before. Who can measure the value of such compensation? That they are thinking is evidenced by the strikes in every nook and corner of the land, involving hundreds of thousands of workers, and by the recent primary election in various cities. That the politicians know they are thinking is evidenced by the efforts along the line of fusion now being discussed. Under date of September 4, Augustus Lukeman, addresses the editor of the Springfield Republican in the following interesting manner.

"The results of the election in Dayton a few days ago ought to awaken the business interests of the nation to the seriousness of the situation which confronts us. We can no longer afford to divide our forces in a petty scramble for office on fictitious issues. The old contest between Democrat and Republican is as much a closed chapter in our history as the civil war. The real issue of the day—the real line-up—is the conservative business interests of the nation against Socialism."

How many times have the socialist speakers made this assertion or one to the effect that soon the democrats and republicans would be compelled to fuse in order to defeat the socialists, only to be laughed at by their hearers. But Mr. Lukeman knows what he is talking about; this fear of the reckoning which is surely coming at the ballot box is gripping the politicians in every city and state in the nation, and this fear, born at Dayton, was not in any sense lessened by the fact that when the socialist candidate for mayor of New York addressed an audience of twenty thousand people, and other thousands were turned away for lack of room, cheering continued for seventeen minutes before the lecture could begin, and at every mention of peace the applause was like a thunderous avalanche.

The saviours of the people at Washington have been doing several things without asking the consent of the people, and this in spite of the fact that the people have been making continuous protests by means of strikes, and mass meetings. Such tactics on the part of the Australian government were met with a general strike of trade unionists, I. W. W. and soldiers. If the politicians who have lead unthinking workers around by the nose at election time think that they can lead thinking men and women in the same way, they will have greater surprises and more things to explain away than Dayton. The slogan, "He kept us out of war," has long since given way to "He kept us out of potatoes," and in the coming campaigns all else will be forgotten and drowned in the roars and avalanches of applause which the workers will give for Socialism, peace, and potatoes.

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poverty and privation of the people can be imagined.

The priestess, says the Italian exile, who at the beginning of the war blessed the regiments and offered prayers for victory, have heeded the warning of the pope and are now working for peace, feeling that the entire population will go with the Socialists unless they also join in the movement.

Although the Catholic party is negligible in the national chamber, it retains great strength among the peasants, and its force for peace is of great value, he said.

"Not to overthrow the monarchy, but to upset capitalism, is the purpose of the Italian Socialists, and they are planning for a triumph within a few months," declared Vaccaro.

"No woman who calls herself patriotic should take a lower wage than that received by the man she has displaced," declares Mary McDowell, of the National Woman's Trade Union League.

FOR THE LOVE OF ROBERT!

Some day, when we get moderately reckless, we may, perhaps, don a coat of mail and an iron hat, and go out on the street corner and tell the Friends of Irish Freedom that they're all wrong about the British empire; that that noble institution is founded on love. How do we know? Because we saw it in a book, or rather, in a book prospectus. Here it is, verbatim, and we are sorry we cannot reproduce here the figure of the lovely female creature that accompanies it:

LOVE AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE

The pretty feet and shapely ankles of this Norman peasant (the girl in question) made her the mother of William the Conqueror. Had Duke Robert of Normandy not been fascinated by the unconscious display of these charms, while the maid was playing in the brook—so we are told—Harold, the last of the Saxon kings, would not have fallen at Hastings; there would have been no Anglo-Norman dynasty in Britain, no England as we know it today, no British Empire rolling back the Teutonic hordes in the present war for democracy. Thus we see how deep the roots of the present reach into the past.

We take this ad from Judge, and any one can get "Love and the British Empire" for \$13—a dollar down and the rest in monthly installments.

We have good bones of getting the subscriptions of all those misguided Celts, or at least getting something from them, that we hope our armor of proof will take care of. They need some teaching on "the materialistic conception of history," anyhow, though it may be a trifle difficult to get it over to them.

Of course, we shall observe the strictest morality in our propaganda, and shall omit any reference to the fact that Duke Robert didn't stand on any ceremony—that is, legal ceremony—with the lady. No, he wasn't a Socialist, breaking up homes or abolishing marriage, or anything of that sort, for he did get married—to another lady—afterwards. He simply was an earnest, serious thinker, who understood what a tremendous obligation the future imposed on him; he knew, as the prospectus says, "how deep the roots of the present reach into the past," and that the whole British empire was conditioned on his celerity; there was no time for hesitation or delay. If he had chuckled the job there would have been no British empire, no U. S. A., no war with the Teutons.

But, it was love that started the British empire—the love of the good Duke Robert—and for all that we have and are we can thank him.

We think we can get it over to our Hibernian friends that they wouldn't be there if good Duke Robert hadn't been there, and just think what we'd all have missed! If there is any gratitude in the Irish race, we figure we should be able to get their subscriptions to this monumental work.

However, we are not yet ready to go out and hustle, and, on second thoughts, it might be well to reconnoiter a bit beforehand. So we think we'll send an agent ahead, and watch how he gets along. Safety first!—New York Call.

FAMOUS WOMEN

A little while ago the capitalist press had a great contest to learn who are the world's most famous women.

The one that stood the highest in America and was the most lauded is now passed over in silence by the paid prostitutes of the press? Who is she? No other, than Jane Addams of world fame.

Why, you ask, is this silence? Before the war she was at the head of the peace society and is STILL ACTIVE IN PEACE WORK.

Helen Keller, another of the women that the capitalist press has so many times held up as one of the world's wonders, is now passed by in silence.

Why? We don't know unless it is because she is an active worker in the cause of humanity, a Socialist and also an Industrial Worker of the World as well as diligent worker for peace. She was one of the People's Council delegates that the renowned Burnquist terms "traitors". She also contributes hundreds of dollars, yes, thousands, to the cause of the strikers everywhere. She sent hundreds to help the strikers on the range last summer.

There is a reason why the capitalist's mental prostitutes are silent about the work these women are doing for humanity.

Under capitalism, gold is thicker than blood.

U. S. BUSINESS MEN ARE BLIND AS BATS

William Hard, who had made a careful study of the business problems of the war, both abroad and in America, writes in The New Republic:

"A man acquainted with foreign industrial and political affairs who will spend three months in Washington meeting business men coming on war business to the national capital from all parts of the United States would find it difficult not to conclude that American business men, all in all, are the most reactionary class of industrial rulers in the civilized world. For an astonishing number of them the whole labor movement, which has given us trade union governments in the Antipodes and cabinet speckled with Socialists in virtually every free country in Europe, is not a movement at all. It is nothing but a 'trouble.' The very same thing that is shaking Russia, and, therefore, shaking and remaking the world, thrusts a finger in their factories, and they see nothing but a 'labor trouble,' invented by irrelevant agitators, now presumably always German."

JAIL THE CHRISTIANS

It has sometimes been said that if any group of people ever took seriously the Christian doctrine of loving your enemies, and rarely thought the Golden Rule was meant for men and nations to live by, the turmoil they would cause and the opposition they would arouse from the governments of the world would make the rows about Socialists and I. W. W.'s seem like idle zephyrs.

Perhaps the authorities at Long Beach had an idea of this when they jailed the Christian Pacifists for holding a prayer-meeting. These were no politicians asking for a repeal of laws; these were no strikers upsetting the conditions of industry. They were ministers, talking brotherly love, and, even in the midst of war, meaning it. So the police broke in and jailed the three men on the platform. Did they really have the sense to realize that the power of an idea, sincerely believed in and acted upon, is greater in the end than bayonets, or laws, or any of the tools of force?

This little incident will go far towards advertising Christianity among men who really care for democracy and the forward movement of mankind.—Seattle Daily Call.

WAGE BILL NOW LESS FOR CAPITALISTS

Dallas, Tex.—Women are being substituted for drafted men, and are paid one-half the wages paid men, reports Earl Ferguson, state organizer of the Texas State Federation of Labor.

"Organized labor should use every influence to remedy this evil," says Ferguson, "even to the extent of withdrawing their patronage from firms of this kind."

They are now agitating in England for a six-hour day for all labor. Cutting out profit, four hours per day would supply the world all its necessities and luxuries, and give people who work, time to enjoy life, which they cannot do now.

We cannot traffic in our principles, we can make no compromise, no agreement with the ruling system. We must break with the ruling system and fight it to a finish.—Liebknecht, "No compromise."

We affirm as a fundamental proposition that labor, the creator of wealth, is entitled to all it creates.—Wendell Phillips.

ST. LOUIS LABOR TO BECOME DAILY PAPER

St. Louis.—St. Louis is to have a daily labor and Socialist paper. After a committee studied details of printing the Milwaukee Leader and other publications and made recommendations, the stockholders of St. Louis Labor, which had its second-class mailing privileges withdrawn by the postoffice department recently, voted to begin establishing a fund of \$150,000 for the purpose of converting Labor into a daily, the weekly being now distributed by carriers. Shares are being sold at \$5 each. A similar venture is being discussed in Chicago by Socialists and unionists.

"Yes, my dear, war makes eggs so dear." "But, mamma, how do the hens know there is a war?"—"Life."

Analysis of Communist Manifesto—Illustrating the Process of Subject-Analysis

By Frank S. Hannen.

Editorial note.
For the benefit of our readers who have never had the good fortune to own a Manifesto we reprint on this page the paragraphs referred to. Read it—it is worth taking time off to study.

Par. 50. "In form, the struggle is at first a national struggle. The proletariat of each country must first of all settle matters with its own bourgeoisie." Think of Russia, Australia, Mexico, and Argentina, and you have specific examples of the general statement. Let us learn this and teach our fellow slaves.

Par. 51. Again think of Russia and Spain. Then you will see our course of action mapped out for us in America. We must educate ourselves and our fellow slaves. We can readily see the need of educated action in Germany. But why not also England, France, U. S., and Italy?

Par. 52. "Pauperism develops more rapidly than population and wealth." Study this paragraph closely, as it will establish clearly in one's mind the fact that it is physically impossible for Capitalism to continue to exist. Capitalism has failed. It is bankrupt. Its death-rattle is being made more horrible by a drunken debauch. Let us train our own brains and tongues, then teach our fellow slaves to see clearly through this vile confusion.

Par. 53. There are six logical steps in this paragraph. Pick them out. Write them down. See them in your mind's eye. Then you will see that for a complete understanding of the development of Capitalism from Feudalism to its present downfall and displacement, a close study of Part I of the Manifesto is necessary. That is what is written for, and it was written by the masters, the founders, of historical science. Let us learn it first-hand and teach our fellow-slaves. "We have a world to gain!"

Communist Manifesto

By Karl Marx and Frederick Engels

50. Though not in substance, yet in form, the struggle of the proletariat with the bourgeoisie is at first a national struggle. The proletariat of each country must, of course, first of all settle matters with its own bourgeoisie.

51. In depicting the most general phases of the development of the proletariat, we traced the more or less veiled civil war, raging within existing society, up to the point where that war breaks out into open revolution, and where the violent overthrow of the bourgeoisie, lays the foundation for the sway of the proletariat.

52. Hitherto, every form of society has been based, as we have already seen, on the antagonism of oppressing and oppressed classes. But in order to oppress a class, certain conditions must be assured to it under which it can, at least, continue its slavish existing society, up to the point serfdom, raised himself to membership in the commune, just as the petty bourgeois, under the yoke of feudal absolutism, managed to develop into a bourgeois. The modern laborer, on the contrary, instead of rising with the progress of industry, sinks deeper and deeper below the conditions of existence of his own class. He becomes a pauper, and pauperism develops more rapidly than population and wealth. And here it becomes evident, that the bourgeoisie is unfit any longer to be the ruling class in society, and to impose its conditions of existence upon society as an over-riding law. It is unfit to rule, because it is incompetent to assure an existence to its slave within his slavery, because it cannot help letting him sink into such a state that it has to feed him, instead of being fed by him. Society can no longer live under this bourgeoisie, in other words, its existence is no longer compatible with society.

53. The essential condition for the existence, and for the sway of the bourgeois class, is the formation and augmentation of capital; the condition for capital is wage-labor. Wage-labor rests exclusively on competition between the laborers. The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the laborers, due to competition, by their involuntary combination, due to association. The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie therefore produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable.

STYLE

Chapter I.—Style in General
The term "style" is applied to many diverse ideas, but to all with the same general concept in mind, that is, the "appearance" that the thing or subject-matter affected by the style will present. This article has reference to the style of language used in presenting thoughts, particularly in presenting thoughts that pertain to Industrial Freedom.

Chapter II.—The Aims of Style.
The Objects Intended.

1. The object properly aimed at by the advocate of Industrial Freedom is to present on a logically constructed plan the causes of social development, the laws of surplus value, and the basic principles of the class struggle. The style employed for this is simply a plain, straightforward statement of cause and effect and historical facts. Artificial embellishment of language is avoided in order not to divert attention from the issue. The only variation from this rule is for the purpose of making the presentation more effective in the real object sought.

2. Another object which is, sad to say, too often held in view by the advocate, is personal fame and gain. The style here used is rich in adornment with epigrams and figures, periods and effulgent flights, but minus the logical plan of explanation.

The Ends Actually Accomplished
1. When Object No. 2 is sought, it may bring out applause for the performer, but it leaves the workers where they were before, helpless, wide-mouthed, dull-brained and worshipful, still chained mentally to the master's car.

2. If the Object first above named is adhered to, the end accomplished is one more step in the education of the working-class reader or hearer, one step nearer to victory in our struggle with the hordes of hell. Any style is right if it appropriately carries thoughts which drive into the heart and brain of the slave the desire and the determination to put a quick end to class rule, and which tell him how to accomplish this. And those workers who are awake want more knowledge.

Chapter III.—The Paramount Purpose of Style

The only legitimate use for a style of any kind today when the minds and bodies of ignorant and intelligent workers alike are pressed into the sordid slough of capitalism's dying debauch, is to serve as a vehicle of thought which will stir to intellectual action. In order to act intelligently we must have understanding, knowledge. None of us, except the bright lights, can have this unless some one explains things to us.

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- Comrade, compare these articles with those of any other periodical in the world, and see that you have a paper that is spreading education, knowledge, among the workers. Learn to teach. We need a million teachers. And remember that faithful study of the works of Marx and Engels makes teachers.

The Rebel's Battle Cry

More than half beaten, but fearless,
Facing the storm and the night;
Breathless and reeling, but tireless,
Here in the lull of the fight,
I who bow not, but before Thee,
God of the fighting clan,
Lifting my fists I implore Thee,
Give me the heart of a man!

What though I live with the winners,
Or perish with those who fall,
Only the cowards are sinners,
Fighting the fight is all.
Strong is my foe—he advances—
Snapt is my blade, O Lord!
See the proud banners and lances!
Oh, spare me this stub of a sword!

Give me no pity, nor spare me,
Calm not the wrath of my foe;
See where he beckons to dare me!
Bleeding, half beaten, I go,
Not for the glory of winning,
Not for the fear of a fall
Only the cowards are sinning
Fighting the fight is all.

Red is the mist about me,
Deep is the wound in my side;
"Coward" the foe cries to flout me,
O terrible foe, thou hast lied!
Here with my battle before me,
God of the fighting clan,
Grant that the woman who bore me
Suffered to suckle a man!
John G. Richardt.

"The greatest praise a government can win is, that its citizens know their rights and dare maintain them."—Wendell Phillips.

IN RUSSIA LINCOLN STEFFENS

(Continued from last week.)

PART III

That's the point. That brings us to May first, the day all men seemed to dread, the day which had been set aside for a Labor Day, a day when the Russian people were to celebrate the triumph of their revolution and the prospect for liberty the world over. And because they thought all the rest of the world, England and the United States and France or at any rate all the other free peoples would want to rejoice with the Russians, they moved up their May Day eleven days. They violated their Greek calendar to make their May Day our May Day. So it came suddenly to us, but not without warnings.

A day to Remember.

We were told we mustn't go out that day, and that, the night before, we must lay in a store of food. We did this last. Everybody did. And that was necessary, for no worker worked in Petrograd on May first. But we went out. The people were out before us. We heard the song, the Russian Marseillaise, and the calls, the honking of the armored motor-cars and automobiles. All "the people" of Petrograd, all were out from early till late. And so were we. I went all over that city, all day long, and it was day to remember. It was sunny, cold, very, very cold, for the ice had not run out of the Neva; and that's the sign of spring at Petrograd. But it was sunshine, physically and spiritually. The Russian people were glad, warm, kind, and organized. The same arrangement which had made the great funeral of all the people killed in the Seven Days a marvel of order and dignity, was followed on May first. Everybody knew where he was to go, where to march, where to speak or listen, as he wished. And anybody and everybody spoke; and all said what each thought. The notes sounded were happy—hope and faith and brotherhood.

I saw two processions meet on the bank of the Neva. One was of jolly Russians; men, women, girls and boys, soldiers and workers; the other of Tartars, Mongols and Chinamen, workers who did the dirty work of the city—street-cleaning, sewers, draining. These were shy, abashed, not sure. The two processions cheered each other; then, moved a bit, they halted to sing the revolutionary song together; and then, at a moment I felt—everybody seemed to get the full import of it—the two or three races rushed together, and embraced, and wept. A moment, and they recovered their dignity, and marched on their way. But the Mongols were not shy any longer; they looked a bit astonished at one another, but their step was sure.

The End of the Perfect day.

That dreaded day ended like a holiday in New York in a general retreat of the crowds homeward, with babies crying, mothers worn out, and even the fathers and brothers and the girls too tired to shout or sing. But the weary people were satisfied, and certainly they were innocent.

"Ah, yes," said the head waiter at the hotel; he was "loyal"; he didn't take part in this rubbish; he despised it. "You wait." And he was right. But we, sure now of the people, paid no heed. We inquired about Stockholm. Had the Swedish revolution come off? There was news from there, but only about that Peace conference. No revolution. But a Socialist in touch with Sweden, said: "No, no revolution on May first. But wait. Revolutions never come off when scheduled. But the causes of a revolution are in Sweden and" (he named a few other countries) "—you'll see. And you'll see here, too, soon."

Next day there were street meetings; a few, but active. We heard the words "Miliukoff," "Peace," "Germany and the Allies," "England," "the United States," and a lot about "Secret Treaties." We remembered those words on May first, but more quietly spoken. On the third the whole city was excited by many such meetings; on May fourth (our date) there was shooting on the Nevski.

In a Revolt.

"Now you're seeing what we saw in the Seven Days," said the Americans who had been through that period.

It wasn't so terrible. There were mobs; and military motor-trucks and armored cars, full of armed workmen and wild girls and angry soldiers, shot here and there, like bullets, and there were clashes between contending crowds. But I think you get a wrong impression of such things, because we reporters, naturally, pick out to report only incidents, and there were enough street battles on May fourth and

fifth to give, if described, a sense of great violence and disorder. That wouldn't be true. There must have been thousands of meetings and hundreds of parades that day, with at least a million people deeply moved and partly armed; and there were but three "bloody incidents", and seven killed and wounded. That was the news. I was in the biggest hottest mob all the afternoon of May fifth, the last day of the "rioting," and this is what I saw:

It was in the Marinsky, in front of the Council of Empire. The Provisional Government was supposed to be sitting there, listening to a committee from the Council of Soldiers and Workmen, who were protesting against Miliukoff's foreign policy. As a matter of fact, this critical meeting was two blocks away, at the Ministry of War. Gutchoff, the Minister of War, was ill, and the meeting was held at this bedside. Some of the mob learned this, and went there, but the great crowd, in ignorance, remained before the Council. A threatening regiment—threatening not the crowd, but the Council—marched quietly into the square and lined up before the great building; and another; and others; some armed, others unarmed; some with officers, some without; but all in good order, in perfect formation, and all silent. There were speeches, many at once, but far enough apart to avoid confusion, and whenever a soldier felt inclined to speak, he fell out, took the box, spoke and returned to his place. It was remarkable. This and other incidents bore in upon me the truth of Charles R. Crane's statement; he said that the Russians are a strong, gentle people inexperienced in self-government and co-operation. And they have a sense of order, too; of organization, and of liberty. This last is the amazing thing.

Most of the speeches in that crowd were one way. They said, as their banners said: "Down with Miliukoff." And the complaint was, in brief, that the Allies had among themselves certain treaties, made in secret and kept a secret, by which, at the end of the war, they were to add to their dominions over certain weaker nations, and that Russia had one with them. Russia was to get Constantinople, for example. But the Russians did not want Constantinople, unless the people of Constantinople wanted to join Russia. Russia, new Russia, wanted to gain nothing out of this war except what the war was for: freedom and democracy for all the world. So Miliukoff must repudiate this treaty, and ask the Allies to come together again and repudiate all these secret treaties. The United States and Russia, the two new allies, should demand that the war be fought out only for justice and right; not for money, or territory, or empire, but for ideals.



THE MASTER OF THE BREAD GIVES HIS ANSWER.

Cartoon by Courtesy of New York Daily Call.

The speakers were passionate; so was the crowd. Feeling ran high and deep. They said they were willing to fight for all this right there in that square at that moment, and you felt they were. There was a psychology about it; it gripped one, carried one along with it. But right in the midst of it, at the height of the feeling, after a good speaker had expressed that crowd's satisfaction, a little clerklike dandy got up, and began in a rasping voice to speak against this view. There was a moment of anger, and I thought the moment had come; there certainly would have been trouble in some countries I know. Not in Russia. That hot mob turned upon that

murder.

"Niet," a dozen voices said. "Silence!" We must hear him out, too.

Everybody can say all that he thinks.

And the little speaker, interrupted for a moment, proceeded to explain at painful length that Mr. Miliukoff was standing sincerely and bravely for the inviolability of an agreement. Russia, old Russia, but yet Russia, had entered into contracts with her allies for the war, and Russia, new and old, was in honor bound to keep those contracts. The United States might ask for a revision, but not Russia; not Miliukoff.

Other observers of this and similar incidents, despised the Russian crowds, because, having cheered one view, they'd cheered the opposite, as in this case. I don't feel that way about it. I had conversation with Mr. Miliukoff on this subject, and he had an element of right, as the little

speaker did, and it seemed to me hopeful that the Russian mob saw it; that they could get and applaud two ideas. But the best is that they would listen, as they always did, and as they always insisted that an audience should, to any speaker, no matter what he said. There was a moment when Lenin, the veteran radical who came home through Germany, was most unpopular both with the Provisional Government and the people; they said he was jeopardizing the Revolution; but the Soldiers and Workmen wouldn't forbid his meetings, and the people kept a small crowd before his house, to see that he was protected and heard.

PART IV

Nor would they let you judge him. Once when a member of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council was abusing Lenin for the trouble he made, I asked suddenly:

"Is there anything in the charge that Lenin is in German pay?"

"Certainly not," said Lenin's enemy. "Lenin is as sincere as any of us. Only he is arrogant and risks the cause just to stick to his own theory."

Nobody suspected anybody of meanness or materialism, and that's what I mean by exaltation. They didn't suspect others, because they weren't guilty themselves; they were in the flood of idealism. Even Miliukoff, denounced all over Petrograd, clear across Russia and all along the front for his policy, was never accused of evil intent; only to obstinate wrongheadedness. But the rest of this story shows that.

Take the supreme moment of that meeting at Mr. Gutchoff's bedside, where a majority of the Provisional Government and all the Soldiers and Workmen, were trying to persuade the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Miliukoff, to resign or demand of the Allies a clearing up the matter of the secret treaties. One speaker, flushed and eloquent, was quoting President Wilson, showing that he was saying for the United States just what the Soldiers and Workmen were saying for Russia: that this war must be for no extension of territories and no compensation or revenge, but only for conditions that would make for permanent peace and a free world.

"Are not you ashamed, Paul Nicholevitch," the orator said, pointing at Miliukoff; but he stopped. A cry: "Doloi Miliukoff!" one cry, fired like a shell from the crowd, in the Marinsky, before the Council of Empire, screamed down the Moika Canal and burst in the smaller, intenser crowd in front of the War Minister's palace. It sobbed the speaker. He repeated, but in a softer tone, he said:

"Are not you ashamed to let the leader of the oldest, the least democratic, the most corrupt and plutocratic of the republics, led the

world in the declaration for the idealistic ends of this world war, while you, the leader of the youngest, the newest, the most hopeful of all democracies, you lag; you stand with the old empires for the old, dead diplomacy?"

But even this man, afterward, when I spoke to him, said:

"Miliukoff ashamed? No, 'he was not ashamed. I spoke too strong. Why should Miliukoff be ashamed? He was honest; he was in earnest; God, he may have been right. Maybe we are too deep in the old tangle of the treaties and too weak to demand a better understanding. Maybe it is for the United States to do; or, better still, the Allies. And why not? They want the Russian people to fight. We can't make them fight. We'll try, but—I think only the United States or the Allies can make the Russians fight. How? Why, by themselves, voluntarily calling a conference of all the allies, the old allies and the new: England, France, all—and the United States, New Russia and—yes, and China, and there openly agreeing, all, to fight on, only for—what they, what we all, say is what we are fighting for."

Miliukoff resigned; not that day, however. The mobs disturbed the councils of the government and caused alarm—for the Revolution. So the Soldiers and Workmen posted placards and passed the word otherwise, asking the people not to hold meetings for a few days; to trust them, their leaders, to work it all out right, and keep perfect order and silence—for just a few days. And the people obeyed. There wasn't a street meeting in Petrograd for three days; not a peep.

The councils met in quiet, and in quiet studied their problem. Mr. Miliukoff said that it wasn't fair to ask him and the Provisional Government to carry out, not his, but the Soldiers' and Workmen's policy so against his convictions. The Soldiers and Workmen ought to do it themselves. They were taking now all the power and none of the responsibility. He wanted the Provisional Government to give way to the real government, the Soldiers and Workmen. And they wouldn't! So Miliukoff resigned. And the rest of the Provisional Government, wishing the Soldiers and Workmen to come in and take their share of the responsibility, could get only a few to come. The Soldiers and Workmen refused the crown. Why?

"Niet. We would fail, and that would mean the failure of the Revolution. We have not forgotten the lessons of history, the experience of 1905-08. No, no. We shall make mistakes, but shall not make the same mistakes that we made before. We want the middle-class government to govern—for a while, while we have the capitalistic system, but we want the power."

"But why, why?"

"Why? Because if we, we Socialists, took the throne, our people the Russian people, would expect us to set up a Socialist state all at once. That can't be done, not all at once, like that. Not now, with this war on. The first few governments must fail. Let them be the bourgeois governments. They'd fight us if we took power and tried out all our ideas. That would be civil war. We want no civil war. We know what we are about. We are avoiding civil war and saving the Revolution, we with the power, they with the responsibility. And some of them also understand that. It is all open and perfectly agreed among us. There will be sacrifices, but only of good men, not of the people, not of the Revolution. The Russian Revolution of 1917 will go on to the end."

"You mean," I said, "that Kerensky will go down as Miliukoff did?"

"Kerensky?" he said. "Kerensky will die. I love that man. We Russians all love Kerensky—but, Kerensky doesn't matter. Nobody, no individual, matters. We Russians have seen all our greatest spirits die—for the cause of Russia's freedom. We are used to it. Any one of us would be glad to go and serve and die for Russia, as Kerensky must."

Kerensky, the non-resistant, took the portfolio of War in the ministry formed after Miliukoff resigned. And he, the man who signalled the Russian mob not to kill, took the War Department because the new Provisional Government wanted to respond to the call of the Allies and finish the war. That government knows vividly what it is so hard for the outside world to grasp, that the Russian people are really free. The soldiers gave up thirty thousand rifles to the workmen in Petrograd alone: the Soldiers' and Workmen's Committee represent a people that are armed. The Allies keep sending commissions to the Russian Government to get it to make the Russians fight. No government can make the Russians fight. But the Russian leaders agreed that if there was any among them who could make the Russians want to fight, it was Kerensky. He is a sick man; he doesn't want the job. He preferred Justice; he was happy in that department; he was making it stand for mercy. But he consented: he is Minister of War; and he does his best, as the news shows.

He personally led a part of the Russian lines to begin attacks on July first; and other parts, inspired by their example, charged. But the "advance" was not effective. Magnificent, it is not war. And the loss was terrible to the simple soldiers who couldn't resist the appeals of Kerensky, and the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council. There may be other such attacks, and, of course, they may catch fire. But what the Allies need and what Kerensky asks is that Russia, the nation, shall go to war, united, organized, inspired.

Kerensky's friends in the Soldiers' and Workmen's Committee told me that Kerensky said: "I will give not only my strength, I will give my life to make the Russians fight. I may get the soldiers to charge, and I'll beg the nation to join in an all-together fight. But I know I can't. Only President Wilson and the Allies can do that."

Only the Allies can make the Russians want to fight, and they can do it only by dealing in the spirit of New Russia with the public opinion of Russia. That public opinion may be based on an illusion. That illusion may have been planted by the Germans' and it probably was, for the Germans, the German people, seem to have the same idea. No matter. The fact is that the Russian and German soldiers have been talking man to man for months for miles along the trenches; and that, not thousands, but hundreds of thousands of Russians have left the front and gone back home to a million places in Russia and Siberia, and there and all along the road they have spread the opinion that some of the Allies have to deal with. And the Russian statesmen suggest a way to deal with it:

Call a conference of the Allies, with the new allies: the United States, New Russia, and China. See that the Russian representatives represent the Russian people and have their full faith, as, for example, Kerensky has it. Then if the secret treaties are an illusion, if there is nothing bad in them, put, say, Kerensky, in a position to go home and say so.

If they are not an illusion, it is harder, but not impossible.

That's all the Russians ask, the people, I mean, the mob, the free, armed Russian mob, and that mob is not unreasonable. If my report shows anything, it shows that the Russian people have not only self-government, literally, but self-control; that they are fair; will listen and, listening, can accept two ideas at once and consider them, talk them over quietly together and act upon them.

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REGARDING, AUTOCRACY.

An editorial in the Duluth Herald of Friday, Oct. 5th 1917 in attempting to smooth over the many inroads and attacks which have been made upon the constitutional rights of a free press, free speech and assembly which are CONSTITUTIONALLY guaranteed, ADMITS, the existence of an autocracy here but tries to soothe its conscience (Ye Gods! Imagine the Herald with a conscience!) by assuring us that it is ONLY TEMPORARY!

It says "That policies of suppression which are TEMPORARY here are PERMANENT in AUTOCRACIES like Germany."

We hold no brief for the Kaiser, nor do we love German Junkerdom, neither have we received any of the much talked-of German Gold, but we do happen to know a wee small amount of history. The powers that prey from toil of labor are attempting to use the war as an EXCUSE to ABOLISH all the constitutional guarantees for which our forefathers fought and bled and died. Our rights of FREE SPEECH were bought for us on the bloody battlefields of Bull Run and of Yorktown. Shall their shades be shown that they died in vain? That the dearly bought boon may be set aside by some frenzied war fan who sees in the present woe and misery a chance to perpetuate his political pie card? Not if we have read the temper of the common people aright!

Only Temporary! Mister Herald Editor, wont you please, please, through your columns please cite us one, just one little instance, where ANY benefit to labor has been granted to labor without a fight, or at least a show that they had the potential power to fight? Your little "only temporary" is a beautiful bit of editorial chloroform shield at labor in the hope that they will partake of the dope and hold still, and squeal not, while being skinned. Later they will find out that "only temporary" stuff was meant to be permanent.

And it WILL be PERMANENT unless the forces of Labor, NOW let the profiteers know that they will not stand for it!

LOYALTY LEAGUE LOYALTY

The man from Mars would come to the conclusion that a member of the Loyalty League would be loyal to his country. But such a man would not have the opportunity to learn that in some quarters patriotism and loyalty are only a matter of superheated air.

It will be remembered that the Loyalty League of Bisbee, Arizona, was so patriotic a few months ago that they could not bear the sign of an I. W. W.—or in fact any striker.

One of the members of this "Loyalty League" was Werner A. Shattuck, son of L. C. Shattuck, millionaire copper magnate and banker of Bisbee. The cub of the copper millions is now Somewhere in Sonora, Mexico, as after using every method to avoid being registered for the draft, he finally had to bring his patriotism to Mexico in order to avoid having to bring it to France.

It is so simple to be patriotic thousands of miles from the battle front that thousands of our best patriots, profiteers and prostitutes of various natures take verbal long distance means of expressing their love of country. One of the pronounced features of much of the bunk that is peddled under the name of patriotism is that its speakers seem to avoid the uniform. They refuse to flirt with the recruiting officers.

Vigilante members, Loyalty League members and other howling patriots do not need to yell so loudly about their love of country. If they were not talking to ease a guilty conscience they would let the uniform talk for them. The patriotism which leads employers to deport workers and cut their wages, the patriotism which spouts on the fifth story of newspaper buildings is not the same as that which goes up against the enemy on the battle field. The latter is real patriotism while the former comes under the head of what the great English writer called "the last refuge of a scoundrel." Loyalty League patriots of the Shattuck variety are murdering real patriotism in America. The ship of State will have to throw overboard a bunch of the Jonas who use the war as an excuse for axe-grinding, even if at the expense of ruining the new war food—whale meat.

Seattle Industrial Worker.

FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY

From an address by Ex-United States Senator John D. Works of California to the Convention of the People's Council, Chicago, September 2, 1917.

I have been a citizen of this great country of ours all my life, but until now I have never known the time when a governor of a state has issued an order against a peaceable assembly of American citizens, called together to discuss grave questions that involve the lives and liberties of the American people. That seems to be our condition now. It is said that armed troops have orders to disperse our meetings.

They do not claim that we assemble for the purpose of disturbing the peace, but they insist that if we hold our peaceful meetings somebody will come and raise trouble with us and bring about bloodshed. If that be so, why are not the troops sent to protect us in our rights? Every one of these governors by whose orders our meetings are forbidden has taken a solemn oath to support the Constitution of the United States, and that Constitution guarantees to us just the very thing these governors are trying to prevent.

I wonder if democracy in this free republic is dead. We are not attacking the government under which we live; we are defending it. We are not assailing the Constitution that guarantees us our liberties; we are upholding it. We are not advising or promoting any resistance to the laws of our country. We are defending those laws so long as they are constitutional and so long as the people of the United States are not able to bring about their repeal. But this is a government of the people, and we are all a part of that government; we have therefore a right to be heard about what it shall do. And if the Congress of the United States has passed a law that is not satisfactory to the people who constitute this government, they have the right to demand of Congress that it shall be repealed.

Joy: A state of existence for which the worker prays, but which is delivered at the wrong address.

Revolution: The natural thing for outworn social systems to undergo.

Reform: An effort on the part of the workers to prolong their misery.

Strike: A good thing when you know what you are striking for, and do it with nation wide solidarity.

A scab: The logical result of a sore industrial system.

MAINTENANCE OF LABOR STANDARDS

An address by James H. Maurer, President of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, to the Convention of the People's Council, Chicago, September 2, 1917.

We are told that our entrance into the War is to make the world safe for democracy. But there are certain interests in this country who seem to think that the only way to democratize Europe is to Prussianize the United States. Immediately after our Government's declaration of war, these interests, using the war as a pretext, demanded that all labor standards be repealed; that our constitutional rights of free speech and free assembly be suspended; that the press not owned or controlled by those favorable to the war be suppressed; and that anyone holding different views be branded as Pro-German, and their views as treasonable.

The very same interests which in the past corrupted our courts, denuded our forests, polluted our streams, robbed us of our lands and mineral deposits, exploited, oppressed, deported, imprisoned, starved, and in industrial disputes unhesitatingly murdered the toilers—these are the people who are opposing the People's and Workmen's Councils, democracy and our constitutional rights.

What I fear, is this; that by the time the war is over, unless all lovers of real democracy stay everlastingly on the job, we shall find ourselves tied hands and feet by a powerful military machine. That is the danger that confronts us. If they succeed it means that all that we have struggled for and secured during the past century, aiming toward a higher standard of living and safeguarding the health and lives of the workers, will be swept aside, the forward march toward a higher civilization stopped, and labor will find itself where it was centuries ago. I hope the people of America will never stand for any such arrangement, but I fear that if they stand for what is being put over on them now when there is still a fighting-chance, they will stand for anything when that fighting-chance is gone.

THE WAY TO HAPPINESS.

Human happiness is based upon the possibility of a natural and harmonious satisfaction of the instincts. One of the most important instincts is usually not even recognized as such, namely, the instinct of workmanship. Lawyers, criminologists, and philosophers frequently imagine that only want makes man work. This is an erroneous view. We are forced to be active in the same way as ants or bees. The instinct of workmanship would be the greatest source of happiness, if it were not for the fact that our present social and economic organizations allows only a few to gratify this instinct.—Prof. Jacques Loeb.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

Just what do you think would happen were Abraham Lincoln to return to this country at this particular time and repeat the words he spoke a half century or so ago?

"This country, with its institutions, belong to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

THE USEFUL CLASS.

While classes exist there will always be a class struggle. High profits mean low wages; high wages low profits. There is nothing in common between those who live upon profits and those who exist upon wages. The fight between the classes must go on until one class merges into the other or, in other words, until classes disappear. Which, then, is to be the triumphant class in the fight? Which, then, is to be the whole of society eventually? None other than the working class, for it alone is the necessary class—the useful class.

A Fish Story: That the removal of the tariff on sugar will reduce the price of living. How about wages?—Only the suckers of the species will bite.

United We Stand: That's Industrialism.

Divided We Fall: That's Craft Unionism.

Let TRUTH Prevail: Do this by supporting it so that it may be issued each week.

A Fool's Paradise: Present day moving pictures shows. Decorations on the outside and suffocation (mental and physical) within.

Marx said, "Workers of the World, Unite."—Not landlords, business men, professional politicians, ministers and priests.

Wages: Workingmen's compensation for working like a fool for a master.

Surplus Value: Unpaid labor in the possession of the idlers who live on the fat of the land.

Poverty: The workers nearest acquaintance.

Prosperity: Just a word to conjure with. Means nothing to the working class while Capitalism lasts.

Individualism: The Ego gone mad.

VERY CANDID



Mr. Coyne—When I was your age I didn't have a dollar.
His Son—Well, when I'm your age I probably won't have a dollar.

HOW IT LOOKS TO US

Henry Dubb Nolonger.

Here is the way it looks to us from our viewpoint.

We have fifty million workers who must be educated in the facts and principles of the Class Struggle and the Law of Surplus Value. None but workers can be educated and none but workers are worth it.

Now, how many teachers are employed in teaching the workers contentment and confusion? Hundreds of thousands. And from what walks in life do they come? From every walk, and by far the greater number from the working-class. Can we not take a lesson from this and profit by it? Let us become teachers, increase our teaching force, organize study clubs by the thousands, and promote proletarian education.

How does the ruling-class attain to success in mis-education of the workers? By depending upon a few big editors and a few big speakers to say all that can be said, or needs to be said? Hardly. Every town has a newspaper, and every little city has from four to a dozen—all teaching the glories of submission to class rule. Every county has scores of trained teachers who must heed the master's voice or lose their jobs. And preachers of superstition are countless.

But how is it with us? Have we one teacher in each village? No. One in each county? No. One in each state? No. You must travel over several states to find one. And yet thousands and thousands of workers have the knowledge and could teach effectively if only they would quit nursing that old bloodless myth that they are not so great or so able or so fluent or so tactful or so this, that or other of a thousand illusions that exist only in the fearful imagination of the deluded revolutionist. And right at this moment, when democracy is all but strangled, this is the strongest trump the autocrats hold in their iron hand.

Gods of Olympus and all your grandfathers! Can you not sound the call in some kind of clarion tone that will jar these rebels out of their spell in this thrall of nonsensical dumbness of tongue!

Comrade! Comrade! Pick up a Grammar, an Arithmetic, Geography text-book, any book and see how it is built on outline. Then see how Marx and Engels built their books in the same way. Learn to see the systematic process of construction used by all our scientists, and then talk that way and teach that way! Practice!

Putting outlines in books is expensive and our comrade publishers can't do it and keep the price down. But we must have thousands of teachers, and they must work systematically. Let ten million workers lift up their voices tomorrow in a systematic demand based on our present knowledge of the Law of Surplus Value and the Class Struggle, and Jericho will look like a snail compared with the agility of present class rule in prostrating its worm-eaten old bones in the dust.

POPULAR MISINFORMATION

By Ye Ed.

Under this heading ye editor expects to run from time to time short aimed-to-be-educational articles upon topics which are generally believed to be true by Mr. and Mrs. General Public and Henry and Henrietta Dubb but which can be SHOWN to be false. This one we will name:

THE FREE WILL MYTH.

Most people today firmly believe that man has a free will. That he can choose good from evil or evil from good. The theological persons who have assumed full charge of the spiritual and moral welfare of the people are loud in their affirmation of what they term the free moral agency of man. They have accepted blindly the guff which they have had peddled to them and are now busy peddling the same brand of piffle to others. (Now, don't get all 'het' up, wait and see.)

Starting from the fundamental premise that man is a free moral agent, jails and penitentiaries are built and maintained, the line of reasoning (if such people can be said to reason) being thus. Mr. A. had a free will. He had a chance to CHOOSE right from wrong and he has DELIBERATELY chosen wrong—hence he must be punished. On no other basis can the present insane unjust and non-humanitarian city prisons, jails and penitentiaries be explained or tolerated.

Now let us examine the FACTS. MAN IS WHAT HIS ENVIRONMENT FORCES HIM TO BE. If you, gentle reader had been confined in one room since your birth, never allowed to see or meet a human being, just having been fed your food and water to satisfy your animal necessities. —What would you amount to today? Honest now? Well, all the rest that you are is chargeable to your environment and entirely upsets the basic theory from which you have reasoned all your life! Yea, more than that; heredity—how lucky you were in the choice of your ancestors even enters into your environment.

Pulpit pounders recognize this basic truth while teaching and preaching differently. Witness their zeal in starting a Sunday School and establishing a church. If man IS a "free moral agent" and has the power of choice, then WHY start these schools in order to throw a certain ENVIRONMENT around the growing youth to cause him to act the way the pulpit pounder wants them to act? If man can act independently of his environment why all this zeal in closing up the saloons and running the scarlet women out of town? We are not writing a brief for saloons and scarlet women but we are showing up the inconsistency of those most active in promulgating the false doctrine of the freedom of man's will.

Certain causes ALWAYS produce certain effects. If the effects are bad then we must change the causes. Most of our social reformers today are pifflicating away their time dealing with the effects of the false unsound and unscientific teaching of the past, instead of making an intelligent effort to remove the causes and thus change the effects.

Man acts ignorantly to his own best interests. Why? Because he has been wrongly taught. We act different. Why? Because we have been fortunate enough to run into a different line of teaching. Hence if we want the other fellow to think as we think, mere scolding him for not acting as we act only exposes our own ignorance. If we desire him to act as we act, we will have to see that he is in possession of the same set of facts that we possess. Like causes always produce like results. WE KNOW certain truths and our actions are based upon that knowledge. Let Henry know those SAME truths and Henry, in conformity to that great law, of like causes producing like results, will also act as we act.

Most people act not from knowledge but from belief. But when a believer meets a "knower" the believer ALWAYS is worsted in the argument. You are not taught to KNOW today. You are taught to BELIEVE? Why? Because, certain parasites in society KNOW that as long as you do not know but are content to believe (expecting your reward not here, but hereafter) that you can BE USED in the interest of those who want to use you.

If you made an appointment to meet ye ed at ten o'clock and he did not come, you wouldn't give him credit for being a free moral agent and having to stay away. No, you would wonder if he had missed his car, or was sick, or detained at the office etc. In other words you would seek for the CAUSE of his absence. Free moral agency is a denial of the great laws of Cause and Effect. That is they SEEK to deny those laws, but to all who make an honest investigation that free will humbug is soon recognized for the bug it is. Those people in the future will seek causes instead of chasing effects. And seek to change effects by changing causes.

If this subject interests you, you will find a world of facts and illustrations in Lewis' Introduction to Sociology. \$1.00 at this office.

Next week's discourse will be on the origin of ideas.

IT'S "A HORSE ON THE STAR"

This editorial taken from the Seattle Daily Call might as well have been written about two Duluth Daily Papers.

Of late we have been wondering what ailed the Seattle Daily Star, and now we have found out. A recent issue of that delectable paper gave the secret away in an editorial we reprint below, and all because we know there are others who will like to be enlightened: "STEADY, BOY!"

Consider the horse.

First thing in the morning the horse is hitched up. Then the driver climbs in back of the reins. All day long horse goes where the driver bids. He stops when the driver shouts, "Whoa," and starts again when the driver yells, "Geddup." The horse attends no movies after working hours. He just sticks around his stall and rests up for the next day's work.

Some people, when they consider horse, get awfully sentimental. They waste a lot of sympathy on the horse. What the horse really should have is not sympathy, but admiration.

Service is the chief aim of life, the only aim, and the horse doesn't do a blamed thing but serve.

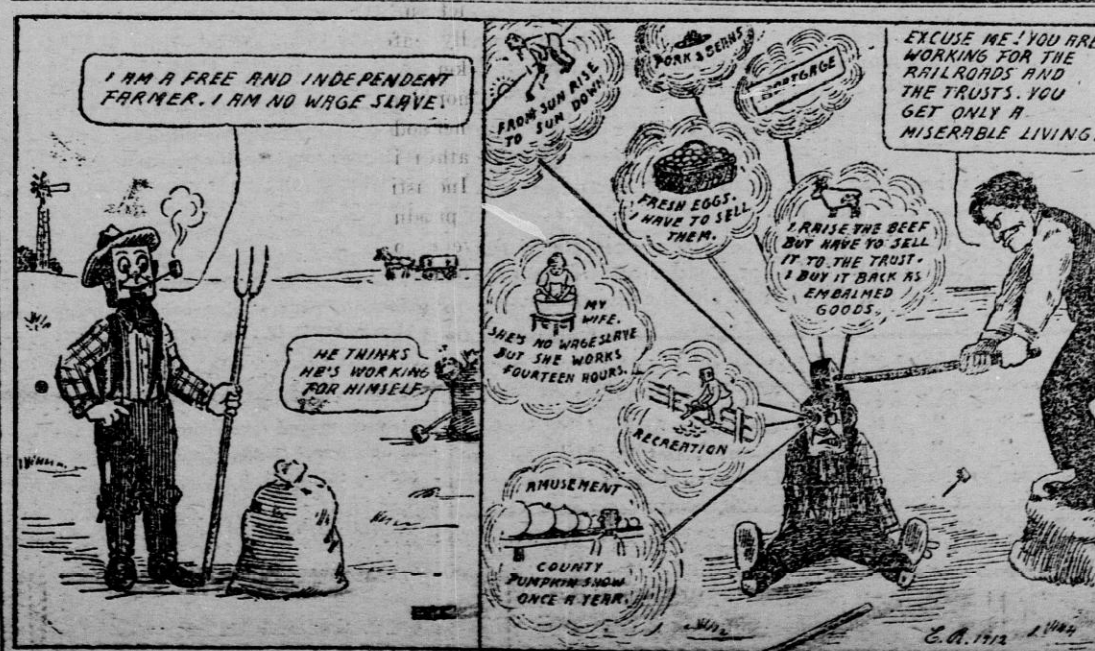
Are you tired of serving? Piffle! Consider the horse."

We have been considering the horse for a good many years, and have not been direct there. We have noticed that the horse is deprived of its liberty at an early period in its life, and from that time he is a perpetual slave, burdened with heavy harness and hard work till he is rendered useless by age and severe toil, then he is turned out to seek scanty food along the highway, or shot for his hide.

No, he attends no movies, nor does he get all that is coming to him in the way of recreation and amusements. But, we have failed to see very much sympathy wasted on the horse. It must be the Star editor considers himself a horse and is satisfied to serve the powers that control the policy of the syndicate dailies. He must be satisfied to remain in harness day after day for a meager feed of alfalfa and musty oats. We certainly do not want to live that kind of a life. We prefer to live the life of a human being, and cut loose from the master's crib once in a while. We must confess that we would not stand it to be deprived of the movies, and other sorts of entertainment. We would kick over the traces if we had to exist as the editor who wrote the article we reproduce must, or he would have a little higher aspiration than to be a dumb, driven animal. We propose to do some other blamed thing than serve, occasionally. As for ye Star editor—We should whinney for oats.

Meekness: An ideal condition for the boss to find the slave in. HE LIKES IT.

The master class always shouts treason when the working class by strikes or otherwise take the pay out of patriotism.





Kiddy Korner

By Laura Jim.

HOUSE BUILDING

When you have been building houses with blocks did you ever wonder what the first house looked like?

Can't you guess what the first house was like? Suppose you were playing in the woods where there were many rocks and you wanted to "play house" where would you look for a play house?

Of course, you would look for a sheltered spot out of the way of the wind, sun, and the rain. Where would that be, you ask?

Under some rock or rather in a cave. Long before there were any houses and people had to get out of the bad weather, they looked around and found caves which were big enough to hold them. The caves were the first houses people had.

When people learned how to make fires and how to cook fish they often went along the streams where there were no caves and so the happy that came to them to make a cave out of branches and grasses. After a time they could make some nice looking ones. Huts as we now call them.

Some people started to lay stones on top of each other and some one else learned how to make them stay together at a great height.

Then came the time when they learned to make clay into bricks and brick houses were built where stone wasn't or where stone cost too much labor to get it to the place where the house was wanted.

Lately we learned to saw boards and people found that boards made nice houses. Now some people are using cement which is made of fine stones stuck together and when wet can be made in any shape wanted.

HISTORY AND A WARNING

Voices are crying from the dust of Tyre,

From Karnak and the stones of Babylon—

"We raised our pillars upon self-desire,
And perished from the large gaze of the sun."

A grandeur looked down from the pyramid,

A glory came on Greece, a light on Rome;

But in them all the ancient traitor hid,

And so they passed like momentary foam.

There was no substance in their soaring hopes;

The voice of Thebes is now a desert cry;

A spider bars the road with filmy ropes,

Where once the feet of Carthage thundered by.

A bitter cry where once Queen Dido laughed;

A thistle nods where once the Forum poured;

A lizard lifts and listens on a shaft,
Where once of old the Colosseum roared.

It is a vision waiting and aware;
And you must draw it down, O men of worth—

Draw down the new Republic held in air,
And make for it foundations on the earth.

Edward Markham in Testimony of the Dust.

ITS UP TO YOU AND ME

Remember we have but one weapon against that terrible organization of selfishness which we attack, and that weapon is Union. Yes, and it should be obvious union which we can be conscious of, as we mix with others who are hostile or indifferent to the cause; organized brotherhood is that which must break the spell of anarchical plutocracy. One man with an idea in his head is in danger of being considered a madman; two men with the same idea in common may be foolish, but can hardly be mad; ten men sharing an idea begin to act; a hundred draw attention as fanatics; a thousand and society begins to tremble; a hundred thousand and there is war abroad, and the cause has victories tangible and real — and why only a hundred thousand? Why not a hundred million and peace upon earth? You and I who agree together, it is we who have to answer that question.

William Morris.

ORGANIZED POWER AS SEEN IN A LOOKING GLASS

By Proletaria Bill

Economic Power: Control of the sources of life—the seat of all power. Political Power: The coercive machinery through which economic power expresses itself as long as there is one class of people exploiting (robbing) another class.

When a group of people attain economic power through organized action, they do things in their own class interest.

They do what they have the Power to do and then make their code of ethics, their standards of "honesty" and their morality fit the result of the action they had the power to take. It matters not whether it be one sweeping revolutionary action or the culmination of a series of actions in the gradual development of some economic system, such as chattel slavery, serfdom or the present wage system.

When we see this organized power in a looking glass we simply see the standards of honesty, right and wrong, codes of ethics, and morality as concentrated in the laws, the education, religion, and literature that the class with the power to rule justifies its action with.

When chattel slave owners as a class had the power to perpetuate that system, they knew they were right; that it was honest and moral. They upheld it through their religion, as witness the split off of the Southern churches that upheld chattel slavery.

When another group of people attained the power to "free" the negroes and make wage slaves of them, they knew they were right; that it was honest and moral and their position was religiously upheld.

When a capitalist government took a group of islands and paid a trifle— to make it honest, moral, etc.—the act of reprisal was no less complete than if a city had been taken and ten dollars paid to make it honest, moral, etc.

Even a group of burglars can find some way to justify the action that they have the power to take. Even the burglar has his code of honesty and morality.

The cowardly capitalist beasts of Colorado justified themselves in the massacre and roasting of the women and children of the working classes. These cowards committed the most damnable outrages in addition to their economic system of capitalist robbery. This is all justified, morally, ethically and religiously by those having the power. They say "law and order" or anything to cover their crimes.

When the working class learns to use its power in an organized manner it will have more justification for its action than any class the history of the world has known, because all other classes have been robber classes down to and including the present capitalist ruling class.

When the working class takes its act of revolution which its organized power will bring it will be to end the existence of class, and all systems of robbery. Then we will see in the looking glass the first honest honesty, the first moral morality, the reflection of an economic system that robs no class and gives to labor the full social product of its toil.

THE I. W. W.

Sons of the cannelottas,
Savage, erect, disdainful.
Proud of their pariah estate,
They return to the civilization that has cast them out,
Hate for hate and blow for blow.
Society denied them all life's sweet, soft, comfortable things,
And so society raised up unto itself its destroyers.

Reckless of the jails, of the policemen's clubs, of the lynching parties made up of frightened good citizens.

Cheerfully accepting the anathema of all reputable people and lovers of law and order,
They laugh aloud and sing out of their little red book.

Blasphemous ribaldries against all the gods and all the masters.
(Beware, gods and masters, of rebels who laugh and sing!)

Onward to the conquest of earth these outlaws press,
Pausing by the corpses of their martyrs only long enough
To utter, grim-lipped, "We remember!"

—Donald M. Crocker in The Masses.

We thought all of Porto Rico's troubles were over when we freed her from Spain, but from the overwhelming Socialist vote there the other day we judge she still has a few grievances.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS ARE WAR SINEWS

Bankers Say Nation's Frugality Must Be Tripled to Win Fight for Democracy.

ATLANTIC CITY.—A nation-wide campaign of intensified thrift as a means of winning the war was suggested by speakers before the convention of the American Bankers' association here. The nation's savings must be tripled, some of the delegates declared, if we are to be successful in our fight for democracy. "We have credit," one banker said, "but credit is perfect fiction unless you have something to back it. Increased savings is an absolute necessity to win the war."

Speaking before the savings bank section, George E. Edwards, president of the Dollar Savings bank, New York, said there is but one source for this country to go to for money to carry on the war and that is the current savings of its people.

Just as soon as the SOCIETY BELLES and DAMES are thru telling the wage earners' wives how to can fruit and vegetables that can't be bought with the low wages the husbands get (while aforesaid beauties doll up with the aid of seven servants) when along come the gentlemen who keep these female parasites, with a great hallaloo that the men should save that which they have not. Talk about gall! It is adding insult to injury.

These brainy ones are contemplating to fool Henry into living (at salt and air so that more coin can be squeezed out of Labor so that the blue-blooded dames may give elaborate parties to help the "worthy poor."

If the "worthy poor" were to become fighting men and women for their own children we'd see the time when the workers would feast and dine at a Charity Affair, and THEN give a miserable ten per cent to charity for these helpless rich that Labor thruout the ages has supported in luxury.

HOW I WOULD MAKE THE WORLD

An eastern magazine is running a series of short articles by different authors showing how the world would have been made if the writer had been given the job of formation. Here is our contribution:

It might not be better but it would be different.

The sun would shine at night when light was needed and not in the daytime when everybody can see without difficulty.

Hot weather would occur in mid-winter so coal could be saved and cold weather in the summertime so ice bills could be lessened.

Garden truck would grow as vigorously as weeds and weeds would be as easy to kill off as garden truck.

Boys would love to hoe corn and mow the lawn and hate to play base ball or go in swimming.

Children would rather hanker after cornbread, beans, potatoes and graham mush and loathe ice cream, candy and all kinds of confectionery.

Every kid would have at least one grandfather and one grandmother, whether or not it ever had any father or mother.

The only way infants could be made to cry would be by walking the floor with them nights.

Girl babies would be born without tongues but would have four ears.

Wives would blow their husbands up for hanging around the house evenings and beg them to go down and spend their time with their cronies.

The height of fashion for ladies would be a print gown, made plain, to go bare-footed and the style would never change.

Wives would arise in the nighttime and put money in their husband's pockets instead of taking it out.

The mother-in-law question would be settled by requiring every girl to prove she was an orphan before accepting a marriage proposal.

The law would compel wives to believe their husbands when they stated that they had been detained down town on business.

Men would be as polite to their own wives as they are to other men's wives.

Men would be paid good wages for playing Kelly pool, billiards, seven-up and poker and be compelled to pay a big price for the privilege of digging ditches or doing any kind of hard work.

Little fish would be the ones to get away instead of the big ones.

People would rush into the country newspaper offices to pay their subscriptions in advance and the editors

SOME PERTINENT CONTRASTS—CAN YOU SEE THE POINT?

Our object should be to leave OPEN all the avenues of TRUTH. As the most effectual medium hitherto found has been the press, it is therefore, the first to be shut up by those who fear an investigation of their action.—Thomas Jefferson the Author of the Declaration of Independence.

If we find newspapers which are trying to make the masses believe that this is a Capitalists' war * * * we intend to suppress these publications with a firm hand.
Burlinson of the P. O. D.

Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and no right anywhere exists to hand people about from sovereignty to sovereignty as if they were property.
President Wilson in Senate Address.

President Wilson in 1916. No Socialist or Industrial Union meetings to be allowed in Minnesota—by order of Governor Burquist, in a letter to county sheriffs. Report of Atty T. E. Lattimer.

"If there is one thing we love more deeply than another in the United States, it is that every man should have the privilege unmolested and uncriticized, to utter the real convictions of his mind."

would not have to chase after subscribers.

Doctors would be fined for each day one of their patients was sick and be imprisoned a year when one died.

Lawyers would be compelled to work for nothing and pay costs when they lost a case in court, and when they won the client would fix the fee and not the attorneys.

Bankers would coax the people to borrow money and not have to be persuaded and secured before making loans.

It would be a crime to present a bill and an attempt to collect a debt would be a penitentiary offense.

The men who create the wealth of the country would own it.

One requirement for a United States senator or representative would be that he should be deaf and dumb.

In case of war officers would be placed on the fighting lines in the order of their rank, the highest in front and the privates would occupy posts of observation in the rear out of danger.—Fairmont Sentinel.

WHEN THE WAR'S GOIN TO END Absolute knowledge, I have none, But my aunt's washerwoman sister's son,

Heard a policeman on his beat,
That he had a letter just last week,
Written in the finest Greek
From Chinese collie in Timbuctoo,
Who said the niggers in Cuba knew,
Of a colored man in a Texas town,
Who got it straight from a circus clown,

That a man in Klondike heard the news,
From a gang of South American Jews,
About somebody in Borneo,
Whose mother-in-law will undertake,
Who heard a man who claimed to know,
Of a swell society female rake;
To prove that her seventh husband's sister's niece,

Has stated in a printed piece,
That she has a son who has a friend,
Who knows when the war is going to end.

WORKERS MUST FREE THEMSELVES.

To whom must we look for a realization of Industrial Democracy? Naturally, to those who will be the greatest gainers by the change; to those who suffer most under existing conditions; to those whose every action is reflected by a like movement in production and constantly in the whole of society; in a word, to the proletarian class—the propertyless, unskilled producers of wealth. These will bring Social Liberty not because it should be for ethical reasons, but because by it alone can they satisfy the desires created by the very nature of capitalist production.

Economically enforced cooperative effort in production creates within the workers a corresponding desire for cooperation for their own purposes, not that this express itself in colonization enterprises, in cooperative methods of purchasing commodities, or in other Utopian schemes. Rather it finds expression in solidarity at the point of production, in Industrial Unionism.

Those who produce the wealth of the world are the only ones who should have a voice in determining the conditions under which the wealth production takes place; and no one should be a consumer without first having been a creator of values, excepting, of course, the child, the aged and the unfit. That is Social Justice and that is the demand of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Industrial Worker.

What sort of society is this that has, to the extent that ours has, inequality and injustice for its basis? Such a society is fit only to be kicked out through the window—its banquet tables, its orgies, its debaucheries, its scoundrelisms, together with all those who are seated leaning on the backs of others, whom they keep down on all fours. The hell of the poor is the paradise the rich love to solace themselves in.

Victor Hugo.

Peace (Under the wage system): Unconsciousness or death.

Economic Determinism

Glass factories in Japan are doing a rushing business as a result of paralysis of the industry in Germany and Belgium.

It is said that an organization of women in Japan numbers 10,000 members, who have sworn never to marry unless their prospective husbands agree to support a movement for obtaining for them equal treatment with men and an improved economic position.

"There's something in this world beside money."

"Yes," said the Cynic, "the work-house."

The farmers are hearing a great deal about how patriotic they ought to be and how they should grow lots of stuff. Usually after the crop has been harvested the small farmer has to sell in order to meet the tax bill or the other items he has bot. Most of the crops leave the farm right after harvest as there are but few who are able to hold out for better prices. This means that the capitalists who have the money get the produce below their value. The farmer does all the hard work but under a system like ours because he is not a big capitalist he is compelled to sell his produce below its value. After the produce leaves the farmers hands and the market ceases to be flooded then the price gets to about the real value.

The big capitalists skin the farmer in this way.

Most farmers are not able to compete against those who are using larger machines. It is the amount of socially necessary labor time that is in a commodity that determines its value, and prices usually fluctuates around the value of the article.

In "How the Farmer Can Get His" (10c book—order from this office) is explained how the average farmer is robbed.

Socialism is the only surgeon who can remove the cancer of capitalism and save the body politic.



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A COUGH IS AN ALARM OF FIRE

A cough usually comes from the inflammation of some organ. The words "Inflammation" and "Phlegm" have the same origin, and so, the cough means a "Fire."

The seriousness of the average cough lies in what it may lead to, such as bronchitis, congested lungs, even consumption. A short, hacking cough is often the ONE evidence pointing to the invasion of consumptive germs commonly called by doctors "the pre-tubercular stages."

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EDITORIAL



KILLED IN ACTION.

To all the friends of the **LABOR LEADER**. This is to inform you that Labor Leader died gallantly fighting for Real Democracy. It was killed in action by a stab in the back by an official order of America's new thought controller P. M. G. Bursleson.

When America is made safe for democracy and the Constitution again becomes operative **TRUTH** hopes to fill the warm place in your heart formerly occupied by late lamented Labor Leader.

THE PLIGHT OF THE OLD GUARD

When a person with a fifteenth century mind is suddenly called upon to settle many and difficult twentieth century problems the result—if it was not so tragic, would be highly amusing.

Take for instance the recent flip-flops of our official thought controller, exercising his autocratic power in direct contravention to the U. S. Constitution. In his hands the constitution has begun to be another one of those historic "Scraps of Paper". Labor Leader was denied the second class privilege on an alleged violation of sections 411 and 412. Finding he (our official thought controller) could not make THAT stick he agains bobs up with a violation of 481 1/2!

Any old thing to get 'em. That seems to be the slogan, now-a-days, to crush all the opposition to the administration's attempt to make subjects out of citizens. The latest to be cited to appear upon the official carpet is the Jewish Daily Forward.

The Forward editor, says that being a former citizen of the Old Russia, recent departmental activities make him feel "right at home".

We repeat, it must be a terrific strain upon a brain, packed with the outworn piffle of the fifteenth century to try to settle a twentieth century problem. Grandmother's spinning wheel has long been covered with the dust of a forgotten age. The ideas which flourished with the spinning wheel will ALSO HAVE TO GO and the sooner our official thought controller finds out this simple fact, the less he will have to feel ashamed about, in the reconstruction period which will follow the social revolution, which is bound to come as a result of the changed economic conditions and just such acts as his will surely add fuel to the flame.

OUR NATIONAL SHOCK-ABSORBER

He is here, one of us, and insofar as the congress of the U. S. is concerned he has full power to act. Congress has passed the bill—and by now it most likely has been signed by the president. If it is signed our Most Noble Thought Controller in extraordinary, Mr. P. M. Bursleson will have power, POWER, yea more power to suppress independent thought than any king and kaiser may ever hope to have. We may think, yes, provided we think to ourself, and do not express it. We may write—yes, provided we write praises of our national bunglers. We may print, yes provided we print piffle. Clement Wood worded our feelings. Here they are:

Up from the cell, for some liberty seeking,
Finding life pulsing wherever I turn,
Much I must tell, and a place for the speaking,
And men that are eager to listen and learn.
Paper that's white for the high words of passion,
Hot winds of passion enveloping me—
Yes, I may write, if I mind well the fashion,
Singing the commonplace echoes . . . but . . . free?

Free to repeat the smug, comforting phrases,
Careful to shock no one, give no offense;
Proud, as is meet, of our country; with praises
Of mother and home, and divine providence,
Free to express what is cowardly lying
When the stark truth calls me, outcast, denied;
Free, more or less, to exist without dying,
Tombling the spirit within . . . that has died.

THE WAIL OF THE LITTLE EXPLOITER

"We can't get nothing but Kids". This is a wail which has reached this office a half dozen times in the past month. It is the wail put up nowadays by the little skimmers of labor who are seeking to get "help" at the going rate of wages "before the war". It can't be done skimmers it can not be done. Wages are determined by the cost of living and as the cost of living has risen the old going rate of wages will only hire kids who have no family to keep.

GETTING A QUICK REPLY.

Last week the Labor Leader had an editorial upon the dilatoriness of the Washington D. C. P. O. D., winding up with, "WILL MR. BURSLESON PLEASE REPLY!"

EXTRA! EXTRA!!
HE DID.

ABOUT THE TIME TO STUDY

From time to time stray remarks come floating into our editorial sanctum regarding the time to study. One man said that "just now at this particular time while the public mind is all inflamed about the war" the people do not care for the kind of stuff like the Manifesto you are printing." Another, said, "I never read it. It is too hard to understand." Still another, and a good comrade too, told us he doubted the advisability of such things as an analysis of the Manifesto and a study class "at this particular time". To all of which we wish to make the following reply;

That, "at this particular time" wail is an old one to our ears. In all our experience in study class work there were those who thought that study-class work was hard, would take a long time, we would never get enough to study to make any change and something had to be done right now. The "do something right now" bunch have been at it for two thousand or more years, and we wish to respectfully call their attention to "Where we, as a world are at."

It is easy for us to understand a non-socialist who does not want to study. That is WHY he is not a socialist. But the Socialist who does not care to study is an enigma to us. WHY is he a socialist? Like causes always produce like results. People act in accordance to the information they possess. If they are short on information they are acted upon by those who have some axe to grind. We know it is easier to go to a movie or a lecture than to study. We know that mankind is apt to go the easiest road—and just because he has taken the easiest route, explains the miserable plight he is in today.

We have enough people paying dues to the Socialist Party now, today, who if they understood what Socialism really is and could intelligently explain it to others, could run this government in any manner they chose to run it—but too many of them have a head full of masterclass piffle, and do not understand, and will not take the trouble to find out because it is too hard! We have many socialist lecturers who do not lecture at all—they only harangue. They draw their inspiration from perspiration rather than from information.

The Capitalist class does not want to study, and to learn to do your own thinking. They would rather you would think "it is too hard", because as long as you do not KNOW, they can USE you. You believe what they want you to believe and ACT as they want you to act. As a Socialist why should you play into their hands by repeating their phrases?

Every local should have a study-class. Every local should be developing their own thinkers and speakers. One learns to do by doing. There is a lot more to socialism than just having business meetings where you read the minutes of the last meeting and squabble over who should be nominated for local dog-catcher. There is a lot more to socialism than holding dances and entertainments to get money to pay the hall rent so more dances and entertainments may be had in order to get more money to pay more hall rent.

Dances and entertainments are all right. They should be held. It is necessary to raise money for hall rent—but the most important of all is propaganda. The very best of all propaganda, does not come from the big-gun speakers—it comes from the local comrade who knows what Socialism is and can explain it intelligently to his shop mates and fellow workers, who already have confidence in him. Just knocking Capitalism is not Socialist propaganda. "Bellyaching" about everything and agin' everything is NOT Socialism, and does more harm than good. The real propaganda, we repeat, is the explanation of how things came to be in the muddle they are in and the way out. The greatest work and individual can do at the present time for the cause of humanity and the cause of Socialism which IS the cause of humanity will be to begin to prepare yourself by study to be a better and more efficient teacher of the great cause of the clasped hands of comradeship wherein you hold membership.

If you have no study class in your locality—organize one. If you do not know how—start anyhow. You will learn a "heap" by making the effort. And the more you learn the more you will become an efficient socialist—and that is the brand of Socialist you want to be, isn't it? If you are in Duluth, come to the class in Woodman Hall each Sunday and find out for yourself how very interesting and instructive a study class really is. WILL YOU be there next Sunday?

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The Liberties we have are the liberties we TAKE.

WHATS DOING AND WHERE TO GO

Lecture Sunday Oct. 14th 2:30 Woodman Hall by W. E. Reynolds
Study Class Sunday 3:30 Same Hall.
Lecture Sunday Eve. Oct. 14th by J. J. Anderson in Woodman Hall.

Dance—15 Annual Ball given by 165 I. B. of B. M. and I. S. B. H. at Woodman Hall Wed. Eve. Oct. 17.
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ING OF WOMEN
SERVICE

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and Trade
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AND

THE COUNTRY IS
GETTING IT!

WOMEN ARE ASKING OF
THE COUNTRY

ENFRANCHISEMENT

ARE THE WOMEN GOING
TO GET IT?

— The Woman Citizen

PLAYING IT SAFE

These items are guaranteed to be harmless. They will not bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the Post Office Department, which is the mother and father and maiden aunt of us all.

President Wilson recently had an interesting letter from Pope Benedict of Rome, Italy. He is quite well.

Bethmann Holwegg has resigned his position as Chancellor of the German Empire and will take up the study of art in Munich.

Elihu Root has returned home after a brief but pleasant visit in Russia. He found the weather there fully as hot as it was at home.

Major General Pershing, who is spending the summer in France, expects to remain well into the cool weather. He is a military man by profession.

Herbert C. Hoover, who lately returned from Belgium and other foreign places, has accepted a position with the Federal Government at Washington, D. C.

Theodore Roosevelt (T. R.) recently delivered an instructive address at Pittsburgh, Pa. The Colonel has taken to wearing a Palm Beach suit.

General Harrison Grey Otis died at Los Angeles at the age of eighty. His intimates declared that he did not think well of labor unions.

Some people have thought of going to Stockholm (Sweden) this fall to have a talk about the—whatever is going to happen over there in Europe.

This is getting on dangerous grounds and it might be a good place to stop.

A FABLE

(By Maud Powell).

The hen remarked to the muley cow,
As she cackled her daily lay
funny how
I'm good for an egg a day.
I'm a fool to do it, for what do I get?
My food and my lodging. My!
But the poodle gets that—he's the
household pet—
And he never has laid a single egg
yet.

Not even when eggs are high.
The muley cow remarked to the hen,
As she masticated her cud
(That is, the cow did), "Well; what
then?
You quit, your name is mud.
I'm good for eight gallons of milk
each day.

And I'm given my stable and grub,
But the parrot gets that much, any-
way—
All she can gobble—and what does
she pay?
Not a dribble of milk, the-dub!"
But the hired man remarked to the
pair:

"You get all that's comin' to you
The poodle does tricks, and the par-
rot kin swear.
Which is better th'n you kin do.
You're necessary, but what's the use
O' bewailing your daily part?
You're bourgeois—working's your
only excuse;
You cant do nothin' but just produce
What them feller's does it Art!"

SUFFRAGISTS WERE
JAILED FOR CARRYING
THIS BANNER

KAISER WILSON
Have you forgotten your sym-
pathy with those poor Germans
because they are not
SELF GOVERNED?
20,000,000 American women are
not self-governed
"Take the beam out of your own eye"

"Punitive damages, the dismember-
ment of empires, the establishment of
selfish and exclusive leagues, we
deem inexpedient and in the end
worse than futile, no proper basis for
a peace of any kind, least of all for
an enduring peace. That must be
based upon justice and fairness and
the common rights of mankind."—
From Wilson's reply to the Pope.

ONE IS KNOWN BY THE
COMPANY ONE KEEPS
John Spargo, leader of the bolters
from the S. P., seems to have a
troubled mind. He has again issued
a denunciatory epistle against the
reactionary "patriots" who are tak-
ing advantage of the war to attempt
to muzzle free speech and press. John
says it makes his task of saving the
w.o.l. for democracy very difficult.
He doesn't seem to like the company
he is in.

THINGS WE CARE ABOUT FREE SPEECH

From an address by Congressman Wm. E. Mason of Illinois to the
Convention of the People's Council, Chicago, Sept. 2, 1917

Our President in his negotiations is demanding that the German people shall speak; and for the love of God and Justice I am demanding that the American people can speak too. I am more interested in free speech in America than I am as to how much one king shall pay another in Europe as indemnity in this war. I believe in obedience to the law, and one of the Laws of this Government is that when the people are tired of a law they can change that law. I do not propose to be governed by a few gentlemen who are on the payroll of the Government or who run newspapers that have a fixed policy to conceal the truth and to state everything to please themselves. I do not believe that any groups of politicians or newspapers have a monopoly of patriotism.

There is far more misery in the United States to-day than there has ever been since the battle of Bunker Hill. There are enough tears being shed by the unhappy mothers of conscript sons to float a battleship. But the most sickening and disheartening thing that has occurred since this nation was founded is occurring now, when men and women who have no ambition but the good of their country, who desire to exercise their right to help their government—who pay out of their own blood and out of the blood of their sons and out of their heavy taxes the burden of this war—when these American citizens cannot have free speech. The question of the war is a small question compared with the greater issue of free speech in America.

Hoover wants us to eat less wheat, meat, milk, fats, and sugar. He wants us to "buy less, serve less, eat less." Another proof that the migratory worker is an ideal citizen. He was doing this long before he ever heard of Hoover, and will continue to do so till he thinks more, organizes more and acts more.—Seattle Industrial Worker.

I can conceive of no greater degradation than the position of a human being as a personal servant of another human being, no matter how much the wages. The working class has been educated to be the paid slaves of the cunning and dishonest.—J. A. Wayland.

When Victor Hugo heard of the execution of John Brown he cried: "Think of a republic murdering a liberator." He who espouses a righteous cause in its infancy can always expect the tribute that even republics pay to the man in advance of his age.

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