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TOWARDS THE RISING SUN By EUGENE V. DEBS

The earth is in travail; the race is suffering from the pangs of parturition. A world-wide, humanity embracing revolution is on the calendar—in red letters—of the Twentieth Century. The impending social crisis is the most portentous that ever issued from the womb of time.

Historical epochs mark the growth of man, the progress of events, the rise and sweep of civilization.

Prophets and philosophers, catching the spirit of coming events, force and proclaim them; and as they approach, poets and pamphleteers, orators and agitators, dramatists and musicians, animated by the new spirit, acclaim the glad tidings of the sunrise on the morrow.

These are the heralds of the dawn; the torchbearers of progress, the evangelists of advancing civilization.

Living, they are hated and reviled, crucified and damned.

Dead, they live again and forever.

Freedom is the universal shibboleth of the present age.

And as the universal shibboleth

And as the cry for freedom surges from the soul and leaps from the lips of Labor, a thousand and million proletarians, in all the zones that girdle the globe, lift their bowed bodies from the dust, and join in the

swelling anthem of the Social Revolution.

In all nations—civilized, semi-civilized, barbarian and savage—the heaven is at work; and beyond all boundary lines, a silent, invisible, irresistible power, is reaching out and marshalling them all in orderly array within the luminous orbit of universal alliance.

The nineteenth century evolved the physical forces to overthrow of wageslavery and laid the material foundation, wide as the world, for a new social order. The Twentieth Century, completing the work, will rear the social superstructure—the royal temple of humanity disenfranchised.

Freedom in its true sense, is yet unknown to man. It cannot abide where slavery exists. Its spirit is essentially universal. It is radiant as the sunshine and refreshing as the shower—the very life-breath of civilization.

In the soil of ignorance, superstition thrives, but freedom fails. It is not for the few. The "Four Hundred" cannot, with all their millions of stolen dollars, buy a breath of it. They are indeed, the veriest of slaves. The canker is at their souls and the dry rot at their bodies.

Kings and Kaisers will never know the real joy of freedom. They and

their subjects are chained together, and not God himself can free them without freeing their subjects.

That is the law—the moral law—and no political machine, nor other device of the masters, can ever repeal it.

Freedom is no more for the master than for the slaves—no more for the capitalist than for the wageworker.

O freedom, we thank thee from the fulness of grateful hearts. Thou art pure and incorruptible. Thou lookest down with pity and compassion upon the children of toil, bent with their burdens and weary with oppression. Thou biddest them to join hands and hearts, shake off their cruel fetters, and rise to the realms of peace and joy. We thank thee, above all, for thy supreme sense of justice in withholding thy favors from masters and rulers, and rejecting with righteous scorn all special pleas for thy boon, rebuking thus the soulless few who would, to free themselves, see all their brethren perish in slavery. We hear thy cheering voice and understand thy revolutionary mission thou art to us the noblest of ideals; and when trials and vexations multiply and clouds hang low, we find in thee unceasing solace and unfailing strength and inspiration. We know that when the hour strikes for thy reception; know that when

class robs class no more; when humanity, slaveless and masterless, rises to its dignity, then wilt thou come to earth to abide with the children of men in the reign of freedom from evermore!

The greatest cause in all this world today—the cause whose lofty ideals fire the souls of millions of workingmen and workingwomen with the revolutionary passion, is International Socialism. This grand historic movement has no parallel in history. It is the first, conscious movement of the workers of the world to unite for the overthrow of their oppressors; the first deliberate resolution to achieve their own emancipation.

The emancipation of labor is essential to the freedom of humanity.

The struggle for freedom, is the history of the race; the fruit of the struggle is the development of man.

The jungle and the wilderness have in large extent been cleared away, but the animal struggle for existence rages fiercely as of old, and savage nature still runs riot in the breast of man.

The earth is not yet fit for human habitation; but the long dark night is passing, and humanity is moving grandly towards the sunrise.

The civilization of Greece, Egypt, Persia, Babylon, Rome, Assyria and

other nations, and the royal robbers and the privileged parasites that ruled over them, had their day and passed away with the wretched slaves who built the pyramids and the obelisks along the track of the early centuries of the race. The feudal nations of mediaeval Europe, whose lords and nobles inherited all especially their parasitic disdain and brutal contempt for outraged slaves, have followed in the wake of their predecessors, and nothing remains but the memory of their bloody reign—the midnight horrors of history.

All, all of these nations and dynasties, and all the broods of titled vampires that had their gory beaks in the heart of honest toil; have turned back to dust and now fertilize the highway of the ages, but the working class survives; slowly yet surely developing the power to fulfill its mission of emancipation.

The workingclass may be robbed, trampled upon, crushed, broken, sabered, imprisoned, shot full of wounds, "poor dumb mouth" to bear mute witness to the crimes it has suffered, but its majestic march continues toward the sunrise.

All the kings and courts, all the armies and navies, and the retainers, and the mercenaries of the ruling class can not turn backward the re-

volutionary movement of the working-class of the world.

The very defeats it encounters eliminate weakness, promotes solidarity and insure ultimate triumph.

The workingclass is still on all fours, worked ridden, whipped and stabled, to serve the convenience of its master.

But this working behemoth is coming gradually into consciousness of his latent power. He has but to shake himself to make the earth tremble. He is the potential ruler of the universe.

Through all the countless years, that are gone, this giant groped in darkness while swarms of insects ravaged his flesh and roiled in his misery.

The Twentieth Century will see him emerge from the black night of ignorance and stand erect in the glory of his power and the joy of his triumph.

Wage-servitude in the capitalist system is the last phase of Labor's slavery. This system like those that preceded it, must to the way of all things. Society changes ceaselessly, reproducing itself in forms adapted to material progress and the logic of events.

The master and slave, the lord and serf of past ages, are gone, and the capitalist and wageworkers of our

day must soon follow them.

The evolution of industry is at once destroying and recreating the social world; and no injunctions issued by any capitalist court can lie against the operation of its resistless forces.

The development of machinery necessitates the concentration of capital, and this in turn crushes out the middleclass and compels the revolutionary organization of the working class.

The class struggle against the class-ruled society is as wide as the domain of capitalism, and as deep-rooted as the exploitation of the workingclass.

Labor and capital are locked in an international conflict that rocks Economic freedom will elevate humanity to a higher plane that it has ever known.

Wealth and leisure for all! That is now possible for the first time in the history of the race. And that will be but the material foundation of the new Social Order—the beginning of the Coming man.

Who shall tell the intellectual unfolding, the spiritual development and the moral exaltation of the generation to follow.

Come let us onward—Toward the Sunrise.

BOLSHEVIK AMBASSADOR TO ENGLAND
SAYS PEACE IS RUSSIA'S GREAT NEED

(The full text of Maxim Litvinoff's message to the British Labor party has just been received in this country following publication in the English labor papers. Litvinoff is the Bolshevik ambassador to the Court of St. James's. For many years he has been a leading figure in the Russian colony in London, and was released from prison shortly after the Trotsky-Lenine regime was established in Russia.)

He wrote as follows to British Labor:

"Comrades: The Russian People's and Peasant's government has done me the honor of choosing me as its representative in this country, and has entrusted me in this critical moment, of history with the task of interpreting the desires and aspirations of Russian revolutionary democracy, and of keeping it informed of those of British democracy.

"To this end I consider it my first duty to put before you the real truth about the revolution, particularly in its bearing upon the war.

"Millions of men have been calmly doomed to death; whole countries to devastation; generations of workers all the world over, to privation; and, at last, one may hope, the masses are going to profit by their bitter lessons. Bled to death, hereof millions of its sons, brought to the very verge of starvation and utter misery, but enlightened by years of Socialist propaganda and inured to revolution by former struggles, the proletariat of Russia suddenly arose, and with one stroke freed itself of its bonds, and, with the battalions of Peace! Bread! Land! Liberty! overthrew its rulers and oppressors.

Revolution for Peace.

"Here I should like to point out that the motto of the March revolution was Peace! and not Continuance of the War, as some people in this country would like you to think. It was, of course, the secret of the middle class parties involved in the revolution, by doing their best to distort its character, to continue the war. But it was not their revolution; it was the revolution of the working man and the peasant in multi and in uniform.

"For ten months the working men have been the guardians of the revolution, by the widespread network of their Soviets (Councils of Workers and Soldiers' Delegates) holding the real power in their hands permeating the revolution with the social ideas of their class. Unfortunately, at first, some of their leaders were so ill-advised as to share the power with these middle class politicians, who did everything they could to obstruct and arrest the fur-

ther development of the revolution, to prevent the masses from realizing their political and social aims, and to force them to remain still involved in the war.

"Ostensibly standing for peace, these officials actually thwarted the peace movement by proceeding with the arrangements of secret diplomacy. They appealed to the proletariat of the central powers, but the obvious duplicity of their policy weakened their appeals, which met with little response, while a home their irresolute and wavering handling of the land question and other problems of the revolution caused disaffection and disillusion among the masses and fed the counter-revolution and reaction.

Soviets Forcing Peace.

"Alive to the dangers of the prolongation of the war and of counter-revolution, the workmen and soldiers of Petrograd, Moscow and other towns found themselves compelled to break finally with the middle classes and to restore full power to the Soviets.

"And so the second revolution, the true proletarian revolution of November, was brought about, and a mighty class war began in Russia, which is now going on. This second outbreak showed the capitalists and their lower middle class helpers a vision of its far-reaching possibilities, and now it is that they would move heaven and earth if they could to crush the victorious Russian proletariat. No means are too low for them to employ. They shrink from nothing, not even from the complete disorganization of the economic life of the country, not caring how much they add to the troubles already heaped on the people by four years of war.

"In the teeth of this bitter struggle the working men of Russia are creating new forms of state organization, carrying on social reconstruction on a tremendous and lofty scale providing homes for the homeless, introducing an 8-hour working day, giving land to the peasant, taking control over industry, nationalizing the banks and insurance companies, rebuilding the social structure in every direction. To reveal to the world the imperialistic nature of this war, the secret treaties have been published, and decisive steps have been taken to bring about a general, just, democratic peace. The Soviets are forcing the governments of all the belligerent countries to state clearly their war aims, thus opening the way for peace negotiation. By giving complete freedom to all small nationalities of the Russian empire

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Important! Important!

A RE-UNION
OF THE PARTY
Will be held in
TARMO HALL
SUNDAY, FEB. 17, 2:30 P.M.

All members and sympathisers are requested to attend.
Matters of great importance to the party will be discussed.

ADMISSION FREE.

REFRESHMENTS Will be served.

MR. SCHWAB CASTS
LABOR'S HOROSCOPE

Let words of wisdom, be they never so great, fall from the lips of one of the common herd, one who has not been lifted unto the limelight of public notice by great wealth or other approved ruling class achievement, and such words will fall upon ears that are deaf. Wisdom clad in overalls and minus bank credit is even more heavily discounted at the intellectual counting house of this slave civilization, than is the German mark at present in the counting house of world commerce and exchange. But the most commonplace utterance that may fall from the lips of those upon whom the gods of material fortune may have copiously smiled, will oftentimes be accepted as pearls of divine wisdom, by the great multitude of the unwashed and underfed. And it appears that the first, and in fact the only qualification necessary to become a great leader of the common herd, a veritable pillar of light to the downtrodden toilers of the earth, is the command of wealth of sufficient magnitude to clearly demonstrate to the mob the superior brain power of the pos-

essor, for let it be known to all, that brain power is measured in this bourgeois world solely by the amount of filthy lucre that it is able to corral.

Charles M. Schwab, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, is a man of great wealth, and consequently of great power. Being a man of wealth he must, of necessity, be a man of brains. That is strictly according to the bourgeois formula duly made and provided. Therefore, anything that Mr. Schwab may say, must and quite properly should, carry, not particularly because of the wisdom that may attach to his words, but because of the gargantuan intellectual proportions given him in the eyes of the slavish mob because of his great wealth and consequent bourgeois importance. For, blink the fact as we may, the slaves yet worship at the shrine of the gods that typify financial success in this mad scramble for pelf, sarcastically termed civilization. But when it so happens that a great capitalist and "captain of industry" is able to read the signs in the social sky correctly, and has the courage to set forth the truth therein recorded, utterly regardless of the fact that what he sees approaching in the near future will completely upset the age-long privilege of the class to which he be-

longs, and, in fact, turns its bourgeois world topsy-turvy and bring its ancient philosophies to wreck and ruin, he is at least entitled to credit for his courage and his words should be given careful consideration by economic friend and foe alike.

At a recent dinner of the Alumni of the New York Grammar school, of which he is a graduate, Mr. Schwab declared that the time is near at hand, "when the men of the working class—the men without property—will control the destinies of the world. The Bolshevik sentiment must be taken into consideration, and in the very near future we must look to the worker for a solution of the great economic questions now before us. Let us hope, as Mr. Schwab evidently does, that in time that "Bolshevik sentiment" will penetrate the dull atmosphere and dissipate the intellectual gloom that hangs like a sinister pall over the spoon-fed Labor movement of this western world. All hail to Schwab. Not because he is worth millions of dollars, but because he is worth millions of great labor leaders such as unkind fortune has inflicted upon this continent. At least Mr. Schwab's eyes are not in the back of his head.

And these words come from the head of one of the greatest American corporations, a concern that has gathered countless millions of profit from the war in Europe, and is due to reap other millions ere it is finished. And yet Mr. Schwab states

which has been long apparent to many students and thinkers in far humbler walks of life. He states only that which is plain to any one who has eyes with which to see, and ears with which to hear. And when Mr. Schwab, whose every class interest would naturally tend to blind him to the facts as set forth, can see and interpret the meaning of the signs along the social horizon, it would almost appear that every workingman on earth ought to be able to see and interpret with equal clearness. The class interest and instinct of the workers ought to make clear that which the class instincts and interest of their masters would tend to obscure and cover up. At least it would seem so.

Mr. Schwab is correct. Either the workers will rise to a solution of the vexed economic problems now confronting civilization or that civilization will perish from the earth. And it ought to perish, for it is but a slave civilization at the best. It rests now upon the same foundation that it rested upon in the days of Babylon and Nineveh. It rests solely upon the backs of slaves, and its stability is even temporarily assured only by the docility and neck servility of the slave class. The slaves will eventually rise and throw rulers and ruling class junk into that oblivion which is awaiting in close juxtaposition to the gates of the immediate future. They are rising now in those lands where the first faint rays of democracy's sun are beginning to penetrate the dark clouds of ruling class tyranny and autocracy. The Bolshevik sentiment is spreading from Russia, the vanguard of democracy and human progress, and in time will no doubt make itself felt in those backward lands where flag-waving and noisy patriotism still deduces the stupid slaves into forgetting all class interest and class struggle and allow themselves to be rounded up like cattle in a corral to be fed to the cannon of ruling class ferocity and the tyranny of reaction. Above the dull babble of the servile and spineless Labor movement of this western continent, the voice of Mr. Schwab rings out like a bugle call to the Bolshevik of Russia to push boldly forward upon its present course. Let us hope, as Mr. Schwab evidently does, that in time that "Bolshevik sentiment" will penetrate the dull atmosphere and dissipate the intellectual gloom that hangs like a sinister pall over the spoon-fed Labor movement of this western world. All hail to Schwab. Not because he is worth millions of dollars, but because he is worth millions of great labor leaders such as unkind fortune has inflicted upon this continent. At least Mr. Schwab's eyes are not in the back of his head.

B. C. Federationist.

LABOR DELEGATIONS
DEMAND ACTION BY
UNITED STATES

Washington.—Just as the president's special labor commission, which recently toured the West was getting ready to make its final report and dissolve, two big labor delegations have landed here with fire in their eyes, and have demanded satisfaction.

The first is the packing plant employes from Chicago, headed by President Fitzpatrick and Secretary Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

They came here two weeks ago, demanding government ownership and operation of the plants or a union shop. They were persuaded to take a compromise and an arbitrator. Now they are back with a demand for a real settlement.

The other grievance is presented by the Minneapolis and St. Paul Street Railway employes, who called off the mass sympathetic strike supporting their car strike at the request of this federal commission and left the issue of their right to organize and to wear union buttons, even when forbidden by the Minnesota Public Safety commission, to be settled by arbitration.

It seems that the president's commission was not going to deal with the Twin Cities case at all but was going to "stand from under." The strike of the car men is still on, with the companies bringing farm hands into the city to run scab cars, while farm work is neglected.

Probably the commission will now have to deal with both disputes.

DON'TS FOR UNIONISTS

Don't turn your back on trade unionism; put your back into it. Don't think the union is something apart from you; it is you.

Don't play the employer's game; he wants you to be an individualist. You're much easier to deal with that way.

Don't forget that trade unionism is only the gateway to Socialism.

Don't "restrict the output" of ideas. If you've got any, let the union have the benefit of them.

Don't imagine that when you have outwitted the rival union you have outwitted the capitalist.

Don't allow such things as "rival unions" to exist. Amalgamate all in one industry.

Don't let yourself be dilled with the idea that your interests and the capitalist's are one. They are not, and they never were and they never can be.

Don't curse the leaders who sold you out. Kick them out.

NO LABOR SHORTAGE

Washington.—In urging workers to enroll in the United States employment service for possible future use, the department of labor makes this official announcement:

"Let the entire country understand that there is no labor shortage at this time, that the problem is purely one of distribution, and that the facilities are now provided through the United States employment service and its public service reserves."

San Francisco.—The maritime bar district council reports that there are more wood working mechanics available in the shipbuilding industry than can find employment.

St. Louis, Mo.—At a meeting of the local building trades council it was suggested that local unions send a list of their unemployed members to Secretary of Labor Wilson to show that there are idle mechanics in St. Louis who are qualified to work on cantonments and aviation fields. It was stated that there is no scarcity of labor here, but many employers who are making contrary claims, will not pay prevailing rates.

San Diego, Cal.—"During the last month, many mechanics have drifted into San Diego, thinking there was plenty of work for them. This is especially so of carpenters," says the Labor Leader.

"The report was sent broadcast that there would be work here for several hundred carpenters, on account of the new ship building concern. This was a false rumor, as we have no ship yard as yet. It is true there is one under way, but it will be several months before a single ship is started.

"At the present time there is an oversupply of men in the mechanical line in San Diego, and some of them are likely to go hungry before any work shows up, so take our advice and stay away from San Diego.

Washington.—The federal trade commission blames the coal shortage to faulty car distribution. It is stated that with the market at unheard-of prices labor is often standing idle at the mines and production is limited as compared with the possible productive capacity. The commission says:

"We find that mine labor is being disorganized by reason of irregular employment and forced idleness, and that in some fields bituminous mines are working only three or four days a week and that willing labor and willing operators are standing idle half the time.

"In other fields where there is now a more nearly adequate car supply the irregularity of car supply in months past has so disorganized and discouraged labor that these mines are now nearly at full capacity of production. The irregularity and uncertainty of employment has caused the miners to be tempted to leave the mines and go into other employments and, having left, it is difficult to bring them back.

"The commission believes that there are enough coal cars in the country, but that there are not enough coal cars delivered to the mines, and that an inadequate supply having been delivered to the mines and loaded, these cars are not moved to the point of consumption either with the greatest of expedition, nor are they promptly discharged upon their arrival at their destination."

SUPERIOR FINNISH LOCAL.

The Finnish comrades held a large memorial meeting on Wednesday evening, in the Finnish Hall at Superior.

The meeting was held in memory of the Finnish Revolutionists who died in the revolution and was largely attended. Speeches were delivered by three of the local comrades, and on the whole it was a most impressive gathering.

A collection was taken for the Million Dollar Fund and realized the goodly sum of \$37.40. If every local will do as well as that, then we will soon reach the high water mark.

Special interest was taken in the report of the murder by the White Guards, of two Finnish comrades Sirola and Haapalainen. Sirola was a leader of the Finnish Socialists in Duluth and was a valuable asset to the Finnish Workmen's Institute when he was here. His death and also the death of Haapalainen will be very much regretted all over the world, for the work of these two comrades cannot be measured, so great were their activities. Next week we shall run a big story on the lives of these men and the work they did for the movement.

Last Sunday at Superior, the Scandinavian Local sold a box of chocolates for the benefit of the paper and realized \$11.70. Will other locals please copy?

PROMOTION.

Comrade Jack Carney

This is to certify that you have been unanimously elected to fill the vacancy soon to take place as per below attached poem.

DULUTH BOLSHIEVSKI.

An Irish Kaiser.

Whin the war is over ladies, just take a tip from me,
There'll be no German submarines a divin' through the sea
For the fatherland is Kaiser Bill, th' guy we're going to lick,
We'll have a brand new Kaiser an th' same will be a mick.

We'll change the song Die wacht am Rhein into th' Irish Reel.
An make the Dutchman dance to it if so inclined to feel.

Th' police force in Berlin will be micks from County Clare,

Whin we put an Irish Kaiser in th' palace over there.

Sure in iv'ry German parkway you'll find a sweet colleen.

And the fields of wavin sauerkraut we'll plant with shamrocks green

No liverwurst nor sausage whin the Dutchman drinks his suds.

For he'll get corned beef and cabbage and good old Irish spuds.

The haythen's guns and gas bombs we'll throw them all away.

An make thim use shillelahs or bricks of Irish clay.

They'll wear no iron crosses, sure tis shamrocks they will wear.

Whin we put an Irish kaiser in the palace over there.

Why does not Dr. Garfield school Mr. Hoover? To save coal do not use it, so with food, to conserve food starve. Then someone suggests that Mr. Hoover is original, why the workers have been hooverising since the day they were born. Of course now that starvation has been made popular by the Government, what can one do, but cheerfully acquiesce.

We stole this joke from the State Office of Minnesota and we defy arrest:

Are you Pro-German? No.
Are you Pro-American? No.
What are you? Pro-letariat.

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they prove the selfishness and sincerity of their treatment of the national or no annexation question.

Undermining Germany.

"Their revolutionary propaganda among the German Soldiers on the western front and among prisoners of war is undermining the strength of German autocracy and militarism more effective than military victories could and has already provoked a strong peace movement in Germany and Austria. But these endeavors meet with opposition not only from capitalists in Russia, but from capitalists all the world over. The Russian revolution, with its dash and vigor, has become the focus of the hatred of international capitalism, and now the prolongation of the war, in addition to its former imperialistic aims, has another aim—to crush the Soviets and the revolution.

"Realize this! The further prolongation of the war must lead to the defeat of the Russian revolution and to the triumph of militarism and reaction everywhere. An immediate, just, democratic peace on the principle of no annexation, no indemnities, will spell the downfall of militarism in all countries. This peace can be achieved if only labor will speak in full voice and act with all its might. Workers of Britain, peace is in the balance! The Russian workers appeal to you to join them in their efforts to turn the scale. Labor—speak."

The first regular annual meeting of the Co-operative Central Exchange, the central organization of the Finnish-Co-operative stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan, was held in the Finnish Labor Society Hall in Superior last Saturday and Sunday. Various Co-operative stores were represented in the meeting by one or more representatives.

There are at the present time 41 Finnish co-operative stores in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. About 20 of them transact their wholesale purchases through the Central Exchange located in Superior. The total number of stockholders of the forty-four stores is over 7,000 at the present time and the total amount of business transacted in 1917 amounts to 1,500,000.00 in round figures.

In addition to routine affairs the meeting passed, among others, resolutions in reference to the following matters:

A resolution providing for the establishment of a Central Bakery in the immediate future at a cost of \$15,000.

A resolution providing for the affiliation of the Finnish-American League, with headquarters in Waukegan, Ill., with the Co-operative Central Exchange of Superior.

A resolution defining the relation of the co-operative movement and the class struggle.

A resolution instructing all the stores affiliated with the Exchange to limit the sale of goods on credit as much as possible to the end that the credit system may be abolished completely, and providing that the business of the Central Exchanges be transacted wholly on a cash basis.

Resolutions were also adopted providing for the support of the Farm and Home, a monthly farming journal published by the Työmies Publishing Company, which is also the organ of the Finnish co-operative stores, defining the attitude of the co-operative stores toward the competition of private enterprises; providing for the organization of a mutual fire insurance company; providing for the active support and co-operation of the Exchange and the stores affiliated with it with the Workers Mutual Savings Bank, recently organized in Superior, Wis.

The seventh annual convention of the Central District Organization of the Finnish Socialist Federation of the United States was held in the Finnish Labor Society Hall in Superior, Wis., January 30th following. Thirty delegates were present representing various locals in the central district, the organization now comprising thirty-one Finnish locals and branches in Minnesota, twenty-five in Michigan, nine in Wisconsin, four in Illinois, three in North Dakota, two in Indiana and one in South Dakota.

According to the annual report prepared by Com. Aug. Kuusisto, the Secretary of the Central District Organization, the total membership of the locals is over three thousand, the total paid up membership on January 1st being 2,947.

The total receipts of the Organization for 1917 were \$5,694.57 and the disbursements \$5,230.98, leaving a balance of \$463.59 on hand. Nearly \$3,000 of the disbursements in 1917 were spent for the salaries and traveling expenses of speakers and agitators sent out among the Finnish speaking population in the central states.

Two questions that occupied the largest amount of time and attention on the floor of the convention were the criticism of the action of the Central District Committee of the Organization and the editorial policy of the Daily Työmies, the official organ of the Finnish Socialist Federation in the central states. The purpose of the criticism is to bring forth all the weaknesses and faults in the movement in order to build up future action on the experiences of the past, and to avoid repetition of avoidable errors. This self-criticism is the main event in every convention of the Finnish socialist organizations.

Once more it was interesting to note, as the discussion by the delegates from the various sections of the district fully showed, that the members of the Finnish socialist movement follow very keenly the action of their party officials and organs, and they are able judges of the results that are gained. In addition to this was once more clearly exemplified that they do not only follow the news features of their party paper, but they read the editorial articles also are able to judge upon the editorial policy of the paper, as to its relation with the international socialist movement. The main objection against the editorial policy of the Työmies, as submitted by a number of delegates, was the fact that all of the editorials had not been "sharp enough"—as the fact was expressed—against the capitalist system. Resolutions approving the socialist viewpoint of the paper, and defining and pointing out future action in regard to the editorialship of the paper were adopted by the convention.

THE SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE

THE MODERN SCHOOL.

By WILLIAM THURSTON BROWN.
President Wilson says: "The world must be made safe for democracy." That is the job of this generation. Let's think it over.

What makes the world unsafe for democracy? Autocratic industrial and social institutions. Where do the most autocratic industrial and social institutions of the world exist? In America. What are they? Our organized industries and our public school system.

Who are the Kaisers of American industry? The so-called "owners" of these industries—the men who get the profits without doing the work.

How can American industry be

made safe for democracy? By being owned by all the people and operated by the workers under the forms of industrial democracy.

Who are the autocrats of the public school system? First, the boards of education made up of people who know nothing about education, but are controlled everywhere by the autocrats of industry. Superintendents and principals are autocrats over schools, and teachers over grades.

Whoever thinks that schools organized and conducted in this way are a preparation for democratic citizenship belongs in a home for the feeble-minded. Whoever would deliberately perpetuate such schools is a criminal. Such schools are a menace to democracy.

Democracy is mere camouflage on the lips of politicians and autocrats. It has reality only when it is practiced. The place where the practice of democracy should begin is the public school. America has no more important task than that of expelling Kaiserism, root and branch, from the public school system, and inaugurating therein complete democracy.

Does any one think an autocratic school system is or can be educational, or can produce good results? Every official survey of the public school system in this country has condemned it as inefficient and almost worthless. Why is it so? Let Dr. Abraham Flexner, head of the General Education Board, of New York City, answer:

"Generally speaking, it may be safely affirmed that the subjects commonly taught, the time at which they are taught, the manner in which they are taught, and the amounts taught are determined by tradition, not by a free and untrammelled consideration of living and present needs."

In other words, our school system, in its curriculum and method, is a tradition from the ignorant past; in its management, it is patterned after the symbolic institution of our American plutocracy—the mill or factory.

Well, what is to be done? The school system must be completely democratized and modernized—it must become a training in democracy and a means of education.

How can this be done? The modern school at Stelton, New Jersey, answers that question. Why is the Modern School democratic and educational? Primarily, because it was organized and is supported by the only kind of people in America who believe in democracy, who are not controlled by tradition, and who can therefore make a school educational: The intelligent workers of America. The Modern School at Stelton is their creation.

For children in America that is either completely democratic or educational according to the ideals of the foremost educators and the needs of today—

What does this school give to children?

1. Vigorously bodily health and symmetrical physical development.
2. Minds free from superstition and having the point of view of science.
3. Power of intellectual concentration and personal initiative, and capacity for fruitless cooperation.
4. Thorough knowledge of the common branches.

5. The ethical consciousness described by Ferrer: "No rights without duties, and no duties without rights."

6. Taste for the best literature and such sense of creative art and idealism as they are capable of.

7. Accurate and dynamic knowledge of the origin and value of existing social institutions, and of those struggles for social improvement which give greatest significance to human life.

What do we teach? In addition to the common branches, Elementary Sociology, Origin and History of Religion, Social Ethics, Economics, History and Structure of the Labor Movement, Sex Physiology and Hygiene, Handicrafts, Agriculture, Domestic Science, Clay Modelling, Printing, Weaving, and the Elements of Evolutionary Science, applied to the things they can understand. The ideal of our curriculum is the most varied life and activity possible.

What is our method? First, freedom with its balancing responsibility. The school is a home and workshop where children and teachers live and work together on terms of equality and comradeship. Second development of individual gifts and inclinations. Third, abolition of coercion and formal discipline and substitution of self-reliance and social responsibility. Fourth, association of all study work with personal interest and individual attitudes. Fifth, learning by doing.

What are the results? Two girls, daughters of cigar-makers went from this school to the High School in a neighboring city. In a class of over 200 they are easily the best. They are a revelation of their teachers.

Why? Because they are the products of a free, Modern school.

Fellow workers, this is your school. It is dependent solely on working people for its support. If they support it, it will live and grow and produce other like schools. If not, it will die. We must have a suitable building and regular financial support. If they support it, it will live and grow and produce other like schools. If not, it will die. We must have a suitable building and regular financial support. Socialist and I. W. W. Locals, Labor Unions, individuals, and radical organizations of other kinds can put this school on its feet and make it a Beacon Light for Education in America by saying:

"This is our school. It is serving our cause. It is up to us to see that its teachers receive our regular and generous support."

The Modern School Association of North America, with headquarters at Stelton, New Jersey, has the management of the school. Any organization making a contribution of not less than \$10 a year becomes an affiliating branch of the Association. Individual membership costs \$3 a year, and includes a subscription to the magazine of the Association, "The Modern School."

The need of the school will never be greater than it is now.

Concerning Trotzky

One of the best aids to understanding Russia is to get some sort of comprehension of Trotzky. The bolshevik foreign minister has assisted in this by giving a sketch of his life to some of his intimate friends last spring, just a week before he left New York to Russia.

It is being purveyed by Boni and Liveright of New York, the publishers of his, exceedingly clear and able book on "The Bolsheviks and the World Peace." The interview was given and the book was written before the possibility of a bolshevik government suggested itself even to Trotzky. Nevertheless, both book and interview illuminate abundantly and interview illuminate the program of the present rulers of Petrograd. Trotzky said:

"I was born thirty-eight years ago in a little Jewish colony in southern Russia, in the government of Kherson. When about 1 year of age I entered the gymnasium of Chernigov, and like most of the impressionable youth of the revolution, soon became interested in the revolution-schoolboys seem to spend most of their time in sports, baseball and football. In Russia the boys—and the girls, too, for that matter—use their leisure for reading books like Buckle's 'History of Civilization,' Marx's 'Capital,' Kautsky's 'The Social Revolution,' and our own great classics that throb with the passion of revolt. Our pastime is chiefly attending underground socialist meetings and spreading the propaganda among workmen in the city and peasants in the country."

A University Man.
"I was no exception to the rule. The revolutionary cause gripped me early in life and has never relaxed its hold. There was indeed a great deal of work to do. When I was little more than 20 years old the Russian revolution blazed up into a mighty flame. Most of the young people of Russia with any education were enlisted in the fight against the unspeakable czaristic system, determined to put an end to the wrongs it inflicted upon the long-suffering Russian people."

Exiled to Siberia
"Naturally, I did not escape the general fate of Russian revolutionists. I was arrested and imprisoned, and as I did not give up my work for the cause after my release I became what the Russian authorities called an 'illegal' person, and had to live under an assumed name. My first jailer was called Trotzky, and the idea occurred to me to take his name."

"When the revolution broke out in full force in 1905 I was made president of the first soldiers' and workmen's council in Petrograd to succeed the first incumbent to that position. I remained president until the defeat of the revolution, when I was arrested and sent to imprisonment and exile in Siberia. From there I succeeded in making my escape, and went to live in Switzerland."

"In Switzerland I founded a socialist paper called Prada (The Truth), which was published both in Russian and in German. I also established an international news service for the dissemination of truthful news of current political and revolutionary events in Russia."

"In 1910 I went to Germany, where my revolutionary activity incurred the displeasure of the Prussian authorities. I was arrested and sentenced to imprisonment, but escaped. Three days before the outbreak of the present war found me

in Vienna. On the advice of Dr. Adler, the Austrian socialist leader, I left Austria-Hungary and was in Serbia when that country was invaded by the Austro-Hungarian troops, and was present at the Serbian parliament, the kupchina, when the vote for the first war credits was taken."

An Itinerant Agitator.

"I returned to Switzerland, and was later summoned to Paris to edit the Russian socialist paper there. When a Russian division of troops mutilated and killed the general I addressed a severe letter of criticism of the French government to Jules Guesde, a socialist member of the cabinet, for the savage punishment that was meted out to the Russian troops. This so displeased the French government that I was ordered out of France. I then went

back to Switzerland feared complications with the czaristic government and would not let me in. I then turned to Spain. Spain would not have me either. I was detained at Barcelona, where I was to be deported to Cuba, where I knew no one, and where should have found myself completely stranded. Later the Spanish government decided to let me go where I pleased, provided only I left Spain. Every country in Europe practically was now closed to me, and so I turned my gaze across the Atlantic, and arrived at Ellis Island at the end of December, 1916."

"My book, 'The Bolsheviks and World Peace,' expresses in full my conviction on the world war. It is the result of wide and deep study and the program laid down there is the only solution that I can see to the problems that confront humanity."

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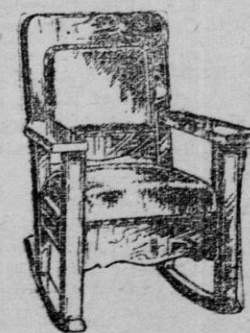
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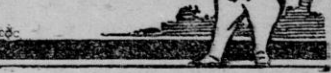
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BOOK REVIEW

THE NEW FREEDOM.

This book is published by Doubleday, Page and Company of New York City. It was written many years ago, 1912 we believe, by the Governor of New Jersey, who was better known as Professor Woodrow Wilson of Princeton University. This university professor was a dangerous radical, because if you dare to quote his book in a public meeting, and the chief of the Duluth Police Force Mr. McKercher, hears you, then you will be immediately arrested and put through the third degree and fined \$50. For proof of this write to Professor Scott Nearing. We have heard that this university professor has been made President of America, but to make sure on that point we have sent our business manager to Washington, on the first freight going out.

Just read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the following, from page 14 of this remarkable work.

"They know that America is not the place which it can be said, as it used to be, that a man choose his own calling and pursue it just as far as his abilities enable him to pursue it, because today, if he enters certain fields, there are organizations which will use means against him that will prevent his building up a business which they do not want to have built, organizations that will see to it that the ground is cut from under and the markets shut against him. For if he begins to sell to certain retail dealers, to any retail dealers, the monopoly will refuse to sell to those dealers, and those dealers, afraid, will not by the new man's wares."

There you are, what we have been preaching all along, the development of the Trust makes small business impossible, and still we have the Non-Partisan League with us. Why even the so-called "Government" by the people, for the people, and from the people" is a joke, to read what this professor states. On page 35, Mr. Burleson he has the audacity to state the following, and we trust that you will have this book suppressed. To even suggest that OUR government is not democratic, what manner of man is this that dares to say such a thing.

"The Government, which was designed for the people, has got into the hands of the bosses and their employers, the SPECIAL INTERESTS. An invisible empire has been set up above the forms of democracy. In other words, this writer dares to suggest that greater than all political power is the economic power that books it up. For saying that, a bunch of K. W. W.'s are lying in jail, this must be inquired into, because if a university professor, who has been a Governor of a State says this is so, then by all the Gods it must be so."

This writer is absolutely opposed to any idea of conscription, he goes even further than that, he is a rampant individual anarchist, if you doubt this statement, then turn to page 61 of his book and read the following extract.

"I am one of those who absolutely reject the trustee theory, the guardianship theory. I have never found a man who knew how to take care of me, and reasoning from that point out, I conjecture that there isn't any man who knows how to take care of all the people of the United States. I suspect that the people of the United States understand their own interest better than any group of men in the confines of the country understand them. The men who are sweating blood to get a foothold in the world of endeavor understand the conditions of business in the United States very much better than the men who arrived and are at the top. . . . They know that somewhere, by somebody, the development of industry is being controlled."

What of the revolutionary agitators in the country, who are now lying in jail, for what, just for saying that this country is not a democracy? Well all you. Stand-up-and-sing-the Star Spangled Banner and Flag-waving patriots listen to this, on page 68.

"We need to hear a voice from the outside calling upon the American people to assert again their rights and prerogatives in the possession of their own government."

Here we wish to bring to the notice of capitalist press editors, Loyalty League lecturers, etc., and all that manner and kind of person who wish to inform us of what we should and should not think or read, the following.

"If we would know what makes the great river as it nears the sea, you must travel up the stream. You must go up into the hills, and back into the forests and see the little rivulets, the little streams, all gath-

ering in hidden places to swell the great body of water in the channel. And so with the making of public opinion, back in the country, on the farms, in the shops, in the haunts, in the homes of the cities, in the schoolhouses, where men get together and are frank and true with one another, there come tricking down the stream which are to make the mighty force of the river which is to drive all the enterprises of human life as it sweeps on into the great common sea of humanity."

We commend this extract to the attention of the Public Safety Commission of Minnesota, who at this time are sending out circulars advising the people to revert back to the old thugger days. We want to see all working together for the common good of humanity, but if we have such organizations of the Oligarchy as the Public Safety Commission, how can the people make known their desires?

This next extract will be of interest of the people of Duluth, to both employer and employee alike.

"The Steel schedule, I dare say, is rather satisfactory to those, who manufacture steel, but is it satisfactory to those who make the steel with their own tired hands? Don't you know that there are mills in which men are made to work seven days a week, for twelve hours per day, and in the three hundred and sixty five weary days of the year can't make enough to pay their bills?"

Then we went frantic, and were filled with a spirit of hate, when we learned that the Germans were compelling the Belgians to work eight hours per day, of course then it was deportation and slavery. What shall we call the above, we shall ask our little four year old Socialist comrade at home.

Here is something that many of our good comrades, who think that more emotionalism and sentimentalism is Socialism, may learn. Something that the craft unionist also may learn, in the art of industrial organization. Read this on page 176.

"And when you reflect the twenty four men who control the United States Steel Corporation, for example, are other presidents or vice-presidents, or directors in 55 per cent of the railroads of the United States, reckoning by the valuation of those railroads and the amount of their stocks and bonds, you know just how close the whole thing is knitted together in our industrial system."

When the workingclass know how to organize, like the capitalist do, then there is hope for the social revolution. This remarkable book book should be read and re-read by all Socialists, it should be placed in every home in America, at this time more than any other, the book should be thoroughly understood.

In concluding a review of this book, we wish to state that we have not yet heard from our Washington correspondent, who left there eight freights ago, but we strongly urge upon the Mr. Burleson and the Public Safety Commission of Minnesota to have this book burnt at the stake, and further more, proceedings should be instituted against the author. Just listen to this parting extract, and find out how true it is.

"A nation is as rich as her free communities, she is not as rich as her capital city or her metropolis. The amount of money in Wall Street is no indication of the wealth of the American people. That indication can be found only in the fertility of the American mind and the productivity of American industry everywhere throughout the United States. If America were not rich and fertile, there would be no money in Wall Street, if Americans were not vital and able to take care of themselves, the great money exchanges would break down. The welfare, the very existence of the nation, rests at last upon the great mass of the people, its prosperity depends at last upon the spirit in which they go about their work in their several communities throughout the broad land.

The welfare, the happiness, the energy, and the spirit of the men and women who do the daily work in our mines and factories, on our railroads, in our offices and ports of trade, on our farms and on the sea, is the underlying necessity of all prosperity. There can be nothing wholesome unless their life is wholesome, there can be no contentment unless they are contented. Their physical welfare affects the soundness of the whole nation. . . . We have got to set the energy and the initiative of this great people absolutely free, so that the future of America will be greater than the past, so that the pride of America will grow with achievement, so that America will know as she advances from generation to generation that each brood of her sons is greater and more enlightened than that which preceded it, know that she is fulfilling the

promise that she has made to mankind.

We have carried in our minds, after you had thought you had obscured and blurred them, the ideals of those men who first set their foot upon America, those little hands which came to make a foothold in the wilderness, because the great teeming nations that they had left behind them had forgotten what human liberty was, liberty of thought, liberty of religion, liberty of residence, liberty of action.

Since their day the meaning of liberty has deepened. But it has not ceased to be a fundamental demand of human spirit, a fundamental necessity for the life of the soul. And the day is at hand when it shall be realized on this consecrated soil—a NEW FREEDOM—a Liberty widened and deepened to match the broadened life of man in modern America, restoring to him in very truth the control of his government, throwing wide all gates of lawful enterprise, unfettering his energies, and warming the generous impulses of his heart—a process of release, emancipation, and inspiration, full of a breath of life as sweet and wholesome as the air that filled the sails of the caravels of Columbus and gave the promise and boast of Magnificent Opportunity in which America DARE NOT FAIL."

J. C.

THE ROSE DOOR.

If you want to know the truth about white slavery, if you want to know how the poor immigrant girls suffer, on account of their ignorance of the English language, then read the Rose Door? Never have we read such a book before, a book that so vividly pictures the horror and misery of the brothel. Read this dialogue between the Jewish and Irish girls.

"You make me tired, Mary Sullivan, honest to God you do, standing up for folks that don't lift a finger for you. Here we are and here we have always got to stay, but the men in the biz with us, can leave it and get to be mayor or senator or preacher. Oh, the preachers! We here, and they sitting with their bellies full, studying their Sunday lesson, 'Whatevers is right.' Ugh, to hell with them—my Rabbi and your Priest!"

"But me, Rebecca—" "Oh, shut up with your maybes! Maybe they are tearing their hair out because we are sick to death of this life. Maybe they walk about all night because we can't get out and make a living another way, any more than a fly that is pulling itself in two on sticky paper, can never get off it. Didn't you try? Didn't I try? Did you ever hear of a preacher, or going insane thinking about our case? A prize fight makes them nutty but us—" "Still, Rebecca, maybe—" "Yes, maybe they'll down these walls tonight, like the French people did to that prison and maybe they just go to bed and sleep." And Rebecca removed her cigarette, while Mary Sullivan gave up and went out of the room."

Buy this book, and when you have read it, pass it on to your daughter, and then on to your neighbors' daughter. Read it again and again, and then re-read it. Let every word stamp itself with an indelible mark upon your mind, so that when bourgeois reformers come along you will be able to put them to rout. Copies of the Rose Door can be obtained through this office, price is one dollar, the book is profusely illustrated. In concluding a review of this book, the following poem taken from the end of the book, will we have no doubt interest our Minnesota readers.

Home of gentle Minnehaha
Of Winona, child of air,
Shrine of grieving Hiawatha,
Minnetonka's shady lair.
Temple of Saint Anthony's alto
Where he singeth without care,
Hunting ground of the Decotah—
That, oh that is Minnesota.

Where the clouds are sunlit ever,
Where the skies are deepest blue,
Where a thousand lakes laugh
heavenward,
Where a thousand bluffs peer
through
Pine tree boughs, whose leaves drop
healing,
Where come hope and youth anew,
And where loved the fierce Decotah—
There, of there, is Minnesota.

Where the breezes croon in chorus,
Mississippi's birth place o'er,
Where great oak trees, giant sentries,
Guard the mighty river's shore,
Where the golden rod, the regal,
Makes an endless golden floor,
And where sleeps the brave Decotah
—There, of there, is Minnesota.

When thy sons, beyond the valleys,
By life's toil are pashed afar,
Homestead grow they for thy glories,
For thy winter's snowy spars!
Long they for the Cloudy Water,

Hear it calling, calling far,
As it called to the Decotah,
Minnesota!! Minnesota!!

J. C.

THE INDEPENDENT FARMER

By Prof. THORSTEIN VEBLEN.

The current, and still more this prospective, case of this quasi-self-directing middle class may fairly be illustrated by the case of the American Farmers of the past and present. The American farmer rejoices to be called "The Independent Farmer." He once was independent, in a meager and toil-worn fashion, in the days before the price-system had brought him and all his works into the compass of the market, but that was some time ago. He now works for the market, ordinarily at something like what is called a "living wage," provided he has "independent means" enough to enable him by steady application to earn a living wage, and of course, the market being controlled by the paramount interests in the background, his work, in effect, inures to their benefit, except so much as it seems necessary to allow him as incentive to go on. Also of course, these paramount interests are in turn controlled in all their maneuvers by the impersonal exigencies of the price system, which permits no vagaries in violation of the rule that all traffic must show a balance of profit in terms of price.

The Independent Farmer still continues to believe that in some occult sense he still is independent in what he will do and what not, or perhaps rather that he can by shrewd management retain or regain a tolerable measure of such independence, after the fashion of what is held to have been the posture of affairs in the days before the coming of corporation finance, or at least he believes that he ought to have, or to regain or reclaim, some appreciable measure of such independence, which ought then, by help of the "independent means" which he still treasures, to procure him an honest and assured livelihood in return for a honest year's work. Latterly he, that is the common run of farmers, has been taking note of the fact that he is, as he apprehends it, at a disadvantage in the market, and he is now taking concerted action for the purpose of what might be called "the rigging of the market" to his own advantage. In this he overlooks the impregnable position which the party of the second party, the great investment interests, occupy, in fact, he is counting without his host. Hitherto he has not been convinced of his own helplessness. And with a fine fancy he still imagines that his own interest is on the side of the propertied and privileged interests, so that the farmer constituency is the chief pillar of law and order, particularly in all that touches the inviolable rights of property and at every juncture where a division comes on between those who live by investment and those who live by work. In pecuniary effect, the ordinary American farmer, who legally owns a moderate farm of the common sort, belongs among those who work for a livelihood, such a livelihood as the investment interests find it worth while to allow him under the rule of what the traffic will bear, but in point of sentiment and class-consciousness he clings to a belated stand on the side of those who draw a profit from his work.

Organizes a Thorough Campaign for Subscriptions.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 12.—Among other things the Tyomies Publishing Co. of this city, publisher of "Tyomies" the Finnish Socialist daily and Socialist magazines, unanimously decided to donate \$500 to the Million Dollar Campaign Fund of the Socialist party, in its annual meeting held on the 2nd of February. Also a fund of \$2,400 was set aside for the purpose of organizing a thorough going campaign for subscriptions to the Socialist papers of the company. The company's "earnings" for the year of 1917 amounted to \$4,153.39 from total business of \$121,565.18. The publishing house is financially solid; assets \$149,996.87; liabilities \$81,593.58; capital stock \$58,970.00; surplus \$9,527.29. According to the by-laws of the company all earnings are to be used in the enlightenment and education work of the working class or credited to the surplus for improvements of the papers. The company was founded in 1904. It has about 1,000 stockholders; 90 per cent of the stock is owned by socialist clubs throughout the country.

One of our sarcastic Scandinavian Socialist supporters has afflicted the staff with this terrible outburst. He says that Mr. Hoover tells us to conserve food, then why not fire Baker? Our good comrade is fined five subs.

The Moving Finger

"The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on.—OMAR.

It is the system that is wrong, not the man.

Hope is a day dream. Day dreams are life's shadows.—EX.

Imagination with ignorance is seeking to fly with clipped wings.

Life never pays a dividend on anything you do not put into it.

As between capitalism and Socialism no workingman can afford to be neutral.

The only thing Socialism wants to "divide up" is opportunity; a few capitalists now have a monopoly of it.

Socialism propose to give all the people what they want—provided they exchange their labor for it.

They tell us that the poor will always be with us. They will be as long as capitalism is with us—and no longer.

We had the hardest storm last Friday ever has been here. It blew down trees that were never blown down before—"Greencastle Banner."

It is unthinkable that any workingman would oppose Socialism if he thoroughly understood its program and the historical basis out of which has evolved.

It is asserted that one of the things a visitor to the cat show at New York learns is that the husband of a cat fancier has to wear clothes to match the color of the cat.—"Buffalo Courier."

The British Revolution is at least with us. King George has changed his name! Other nations out for revolution change the goods. We change the labels.—"Australian Worker."

Helen, aged seven, was feeding the cat at the dinner table. Her father told her that the cat must wait, whereupon the small girl answered, "I think it is a shame just because she is a poor dumb animal, to treat her just like a hired girl."—"The Truthseeker."

The disappearance of German titles from British royalties has called forth an amount of hand clapping out of all proportion to its importance. There is one thing which no "King's decree" can accomplish, and that is the elimination of Hohenzollern blood from British royalty.—"Federated Independent."

Financial Stock quotations from the "Glasgow Herald" (12/6/17):—Turkish 4 per cent. 79½; Hungarian 4½ per cent. 47½; Austrian 4 per cent. (1876 issue) 46 3/8; German 3 per cent. 47½; Turkish 4 per cent. (1891 issue) 79½; Turkish 3½ per cent. (1894 issue, 69½. And not a solitary howl about trading with the enemy!—"Forward."

A Texas Rookie's Lament.

(Alleged to have been uttered by a New York Militia man in the Brownsville Country).

"They took me away from cool New York State and brought me down here where it's summer all winter and winter all summer."

"They took me from my comfortable home and put me in a stinking tent."

"They took my good clothes and gave me a suit of red-hot khaki."

"They took away my good name and gave me a number—494."

"They took me from my good job, and put me to digging ditches and walking marathons till my hands and feet wore out."

"They made me go to bed when I wasn't sleepy and get up when I was."

"They made me go to church on Sunday whether I wanted to or not."

"In church the parson said, 'All turn to Number 494—Are you Footsore, are you Weary?' and I got ten days in the guardhouse for answering, 'Hell, yes.'"

Petrol on the Fire.

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JACK CARNEY, EDITOR.

EDITORIAL



Abraham Lincoln, in a Message to Congress, said:

"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and would never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration"—December 3, 1863.

TO OUR READERS.

Dear Comrades,

This is our first issue and we trust that we meet with your approval, if we do not then we trust that you will point out to us our mistakes. At the present moment great changes are taking place, and it will be our task to analyse these changes and bring them to your attention. Some of us have been pessimistic because many of our leaders (?) have gone war mad, but there is no need for pessimism, for after all a garden flourishes better when the weeds have been torn up. Those that have left the party have always sacrificed principles for immediate political gains, and so we shall do much better work without them. It is far better to have a small party based on a sound knowledge of the fundamental principles, than a large party that can be caught at any time by emotional appeals. The "intellectuals" in all the history of the ages have always been cowards in the hour of greateris. Always ready to die on the barricades, that is if there is no immediate danger of there being erected. The only class that has proven true to the cause of Socialism is the workingclass, the middleclass never will prove their faith until they are driven into our midst by the severeness of the system. So the task of this paper will be to organize the workers, politically and industrially. Politically we believe that a class organization is absolutely essential, industrially we must do the same. The mastreclass have shown to us the power of solidarity, and so we must learn that the most efficient type of industrial organization, is that type that will not retard the progress of the workers. Time and time again we have lost out in strikes, not because of any power possessed by the masters, but because we have seen one section of our class used against the other section. This has got to be stopped and the way to stop it, is when we act in unison and the only way we can act in unison is when we act as class, the highest form of organization. Too long have we been advised by our leaders, not to do anything that would cause friction with Mr. Gompers. We have been patient, we have sat idly by and seen strike after strike lost, because of the conservative nature of Mr. Gompers. We have seen as a result, our children and womenfolk going hungry, all this in the name of TACT. Where are we today, we see that Mr. Gompers after holding us off, is going to form a new party and so make our work all the harder. What we advise our readers to do in regard to both Mr. Gompers' ideas on industrial and political organization to is to declare "a plague on both your houses." Let us from now on, go out and stop this so-called display of TACT and tell the workers the real facts. If you will do that, then you will make progress. You are not oging to stop war, and all its evils by simply passing strong r-r-resolutions, you have to do something more, you have got to act, and to act you must have the necessary power to act, and to have power to act you must have necessary organization. You must stand up in your union and tell them the truth, it will require courage, but the satisfaction will all be greater, when you know deep down in your heart you told them the truth, and did not attempt to evade the issue. If you have not the ability to get up in your union and state the truth, then hand a copy of this paper to your fellow worker and let him read it for himself.

Just as the war came about by causes within the capitalist system, so may the revolution come about in the same way. All over the country we are witnessing signs of revolt, it is not the I. W. W. alone that are revolting, it is the craft unionists as well who are coming out on strike. Gompers has been appealed to by the National Council of Defense to try and put an end to strikes, but he is as powerless to stop strikes as King Canute was to stop the oncoming waves of the ocean. The ever-increasing cost of living is making the position of the worker more unbearable. Another factor that is going to make the position even worse than before is the introduction of women into industry. The influx of women into industry is going to have a cheapening affect upon the wages of the worker, because the capitalist will always employ, whenever possible, the cheapest worker, and it is matter beyond dispute that women work for less wages than men. Women will not leave industry, because if there is one thing that women are wanting to escape from it, is domestic drudgery, and the avenue for temporary escape lies in the workshop. All this we say makes it harder for the workers, and we have got to get busy, so that we can compel the boss to pay to women the same wages as he pays to men. But our program does not stop there, we have got to get something more than higher wages and shorter hours, we are out for the whole cheese, we have got to get the control of industry and so for all time put an end to exploitation and in so doing put an end to war. To that task we cheerfully

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set ourselves and trust that all of our readers will get busy and give us of their best.

To all our comrades we strongly appeal for your support. We want our Finnish comrades, with their extra amount of co-operative ability to answer this appeal. We want those sturdy Scandinavian comrades to give us their assistance, because if there is anyone who can arrange the social affairs of the movement it is the Scandinavian comrades. We want to see our Jewish comrades, with that never-failing store of enthusiasm, come forward, and above all we want our English speaking comrades to get busy. We want you all to come forward as members of one big family, and we shall then have one big paper.

Fraternally yours,

JACK CARNEY, Editor.

We draw our readers attention to an article written by Professor Thorstein Veblen, of Missouri University, who is considered by the vast majority of Socialists to be one of the greatest intellects of America. His best know works, "The Theory of Business Enterprise, and "The Nature of Peace" are masterpieces and should be read by all Socialists, copies can be had through this office. It is essential that we should at all times make ourselves clear on all things apertaining to the welfare of the worker, and it is also essential that we should be able to know who are the workers and who are the shirkers. Some people known as the middle-class fool themselves with the illusion that they are in a way capitalists, the same applies to the farmer. They talk of independence, not knowing what independence really means. For that reason we have brought to their notice Veblen's article on the Independent Farmer. The reason why the farmer thinks that he is independent is because he does not understand the development of modern industry, he fails to perceive that he is being exploited on his farm as much as the worker in the factory and that his interests are essentially the same as the worker in the factory. It is parties like the Non-Partisan League that encourage such ignorance, politicians who have got lost in a political fog. But what the Non-Partisan League is attempting to do, the development of the machine will undo. The development of the machine process is not at work to any extent in farming proper, the machine process is chiefly in use in the handling of the crop, but with the rapid development of the machine process the farmer will realise that his interests are with the workers, and the sooner the better. Parties that merely express rebellion and discontent with economic failure are the product of non-association with the machine of industry. There members are composed of small business men, farmers included, who fail to secure a permanent footing in the competitive struggle for retail trade, selling of farm products, and find themselves at the mercy of the banker, speculator and the other monopoly interests. With the onward development of the trust, they will find themselves ground and ground and will then find that they are just with the workers. This position is inevitably bound to come and so we advise the farmers to get behind the worker and by their strength of solidarity help to overcome the Big Business interests of the country. The longer they remain aloof from the worker the longer the Big Business interests can oppress, but with a united force of those that are oppressed, Big Business will have to go. It is no use fooling yourselves with the idea that the Non-Partisan League is big enough and strong enough to combat Big Business, W. J. Bryan proved that in his 1896 campaign, so we appeal to you to line up with the workers and so make your political party strong because it will be backed up by those who do the work of society, the farmer and the factory worker and the other workers who go to make up what is known as the workingclass. If you will do that, then join the Socialist Party, the only political party that reflects the economic interests of the workers upon the political field.

KATE RICHARD O'HARE.

We have never had the good fortune to hear our good comrade O'Hare, but from what we have read about her we feel positively sure that no woman comrade ever gave better service to the cause of Socialism. Knowing that our good comrade Debs is acquainted with Comrade O'Hare, we reprint herewith an editorial by him, taken from the "Social Revolution."

Our Duty to Kate O'Hare

There is widespread and bitter resentment against the verdict which consigns Kate Richard O'Hare to the penitentiary for a term of five years. It is scarcely possible to believe that such a verdict was found and such a sentence pronounced for such an alleged offense in any court in the land.

If it be granted that the offense charged against her is true, the sentence would still shock the sensibilities of every human being. But it is not true. It is a lie, a shameful lie concocted for no good purpose.

There are thousands upon thousands of intelligent, reputable people all over the United States who know Kate O'Hare. She has been heard from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Canadian line to the Gulf, in hundreds of lectures and speeches, and I dare say that there is not one who has ever looked into her honest face and sat under the spell of her burning eloquence who will not deny indignantly the false and infamous charge that she is a foul-mouthed ranter and that she used the language of a blackguard charged against her by those upon whose testimony she was indicted and convicted.

What is our duty toward our persecuted comrade, our valiant defender, our eloquent champion? It is to stand by her all the means at our command to the very last. She shall not go to the penitentiary as a convicted felon if it lies in our power to prevent this crime against not only an innocent person, but against as true a woman, as loyal a comrade and as brave a warrior as ever espoused the cause of the robbed and suffering children of toil.

To her husband and her four children we say, all honor to you that you have such a wife and such a mother, while ourselves we congratulate upon having such a comrade.

Every one of us will contribute as we can of our time and our means to appeal the case of Kate Richards O'Hare to the highest court and to stand by her unflinchingly until justice is done her and the foul stain intended for her fair name shall have been transferred to where it properly belongs.



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Dear Women Comrades,

One of our comrades has been left a widow with three young children, and at the present moment is penniless. Have you any housework that you want done, if so kindly let us know, so that our comrade can obtain a little nourishment for herself and children?

Love of fellowship is life.
Lack of fellowship is death.
Yours Fraternally,

THE EDITOR.

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Dear Comrade Editors,

At the present moment the whole editorial staff of the Referendum are lying in Rice County Jail, Faribault, Minnesota. They are serving a sentence of 12 months in prison, for daring to suggest that the Draft Law be repealed.

Will you kindly place them on your mailing list, because they have performed yeoman service in the Socialist movement? Will comrades who have any books or magazines that they have no further use for, kindly forward them on to our comrades? Only those who are in prison or have been in prison can imagine how time hangs heavily on one's hands.

So comrades all, please write a letter of encouragement and send at least one magazine or book to the following address,—

Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Ford, and
Mr. Ed Borky
c/o Rice County Jail
Faribault, Minnesota.

Thanking you in anticipation
We are, fraternally yours,
THE EDITOR.

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Our better half, decidedly better, has been visiting the I. W. W. boys who are in prison and sends the following letter:

Dear Jack,

In the morning I saw Chaplin and Haywood, and Andreychine and a dozen of the boys, all wanting to be remembered to you. One fellow in particular, Sam Scarlett, who is in the hospital, whom I put up a lunch for. He was glad to get it, because the prison regular ration is rotten and as he is so weak that he cannot stand on his feet, the food came in handy. He asked me for some books and promises to return them, so I will try and get some. Maybe some of your readers can oblige.

Bill (Haywood) expects to be out on Saturday, in fact all the boys will be out shortly....

The boys were glad to hear that you had taken charge of TRUTH and were of the opinion that your were best suited for that job (Thanks Ed.)

All the boys send their best wishes. Yours,

MINNIE.

Dear Comrades,

I wish to thank the many comrades who contributed to the success of the dance held last Saturday in Samaritan Hall.

Words fail me at this moment fail to express how much I appreciate the kindness of those comrades who came to my assistance. Illness has at times made me feel somewhat pessimistic, but through the dark clouds of dark despair that that pessimism creates, the shining act of comradeship exhibited by you comrades comes as a ray of sunlight through those dark clouds.

I am feeling much better, and hope to be still better as the summer approaches.

Thanking you again and again,
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ADOLPH JOHNSON.

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