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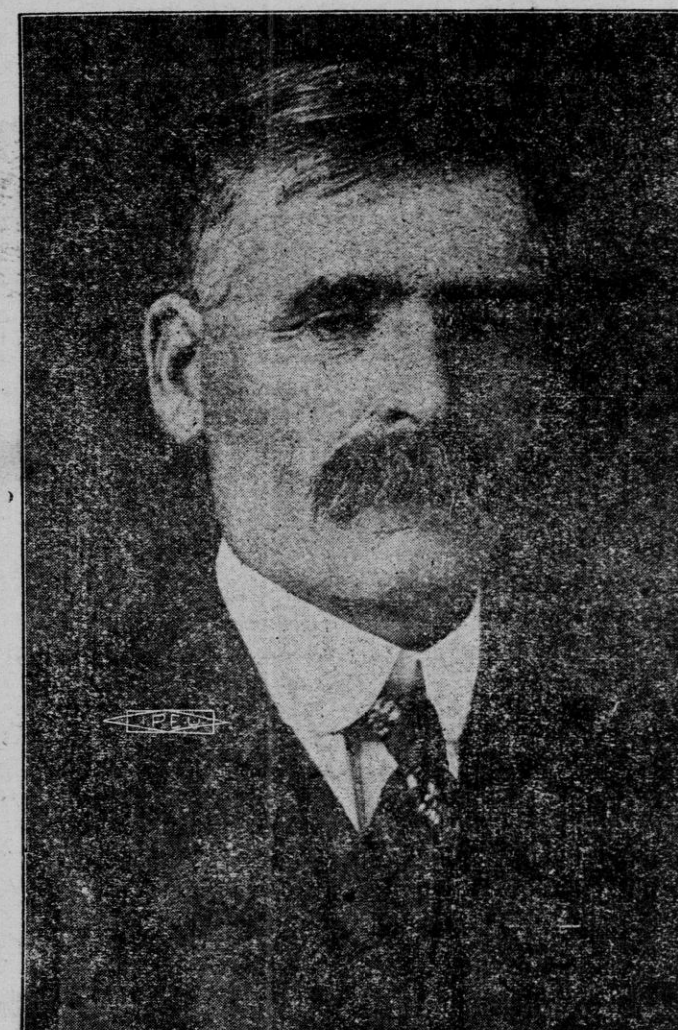
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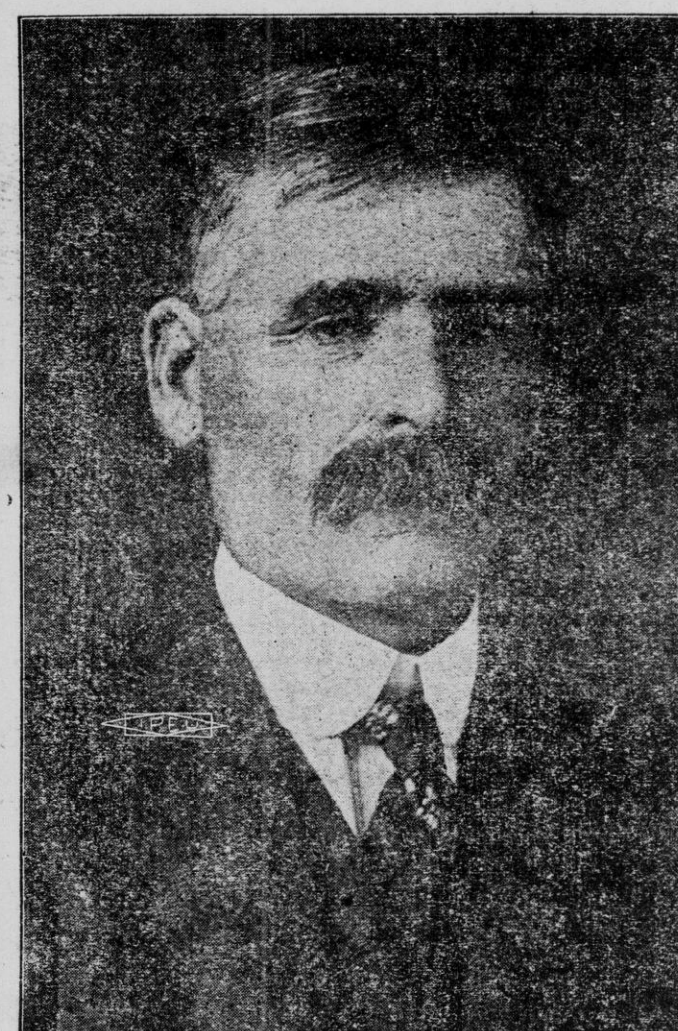
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Bearing the Cross of Humanity

When we read of the poor Belgian babies being bayoneted by the German soldiers, our hearts shrink at the horror of it all. We ask ourselves what kind of a world we are living in and we pause for an answer.

Turn your eyes away from Europe, just for a moment. We do not want you to forget the sights and scenes that the European battlefields furnish us with. In our midst there are over two million children working in the factories, sweatshops and industries of America. They are as helpless as they are hopeless. These two million children are as much YOUR CHILDREN AND MY CHILDREN as they are the children of the fathers and mothers who bore them. They are blood of our blood and bone of our bone. Many a mother gains a lump in the throat as she reads of girls and boys robbed of health and happiness by the mill and factory, by the shop and the field; yet she is soothed to her old content and thanks God it is not her child. Many a father shakes his head gloomily when he reads of the poor children that are forced to work, when they should be out in the green fields enjoying the fresh air. Many a father like many a mother solaces himself with the assurance that it is not his child.

Such is the foolish way we have of looking at things, and we pay for our folly in blood and tears. Once we have let the child labor evil grip our society, it is like a cancer that eats its way over our body. The two million child workers are helpless and they live and die in their seeming hopelessness and helplessness. They cannot consciously revenge themselves upon society that denies them a living. They are the poor mute victims of fathers and mothers who DO NOT CARE. Fathers and mothers who are fooled by pseudo-patriots like the average politician and member of your Commercial Club. But you cannot fool the children. They revenge themselves unconsciously, but nevertheless they wreak a terrible revenge upon a society that does not care for them. Vice, poverty, prostitution and crime today menace your homes and that is the revenge these two million child-slaves inflict upon you. You sweat children and expect that you will make good. You cannot deprive a plant of water and sunshine, and expect flowers with all their fragrance. When you see a boy thief or a girl on the streets, please remember that you are responsible for their wrong-doing. When the children were growing up, what did you do with them? Did you see that they got a decent existence? Did you see that they got a good education? No, you turned them out adrift upon the ocean of life and like a battered wreck they are washed upon the shore and there they confront you and with bitter tears of regret and nights of sorrow you attempt to forget.

Remember, if you can, the countless instances of tenement overcrowding that you have read of and perhaps you have experienced. Whole families packed in single rooms, adult boarders sleeping with growing children, and every intimacy of life and conduct robbed of privacy and compelled to be bared and degraded!

Please do not forget the women that you spurn, women who have drifted down from that terrible host, "whose feet take hold on hell," a class that is forced into the cheap drudgery of your restaurants. These poor women, diseased, drunken, bleary-eyed, outcasts of THE outcasts, once were young girls whose cheeks carried the blush of the summer's morn.

STOP NOW AND THINK OF IT ALL

Are you going to allow this to go on? Are all your finer instincts dead? Can we not arouse the tender emotions of your heart? Can we not arouse you and get you to think? Some day you will begin to think when it is TOO LATE. NOW IS THE TIME—NOT TOMORROW. Just read what we have told you and pause for a while and then when you go to the ballot box on June 17th, remember the facts that we have stated to you. Let it not be said that you failed in your duty to children.

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SHOES FOR ALL

A person should buy their shoes these days at a store where none but GOOD SHOES are sold—a store in which their confidence will not be abused.

Our Shoes are selected from the best makers' best efforts, and the man we shoe this year will come back next year. Once we serve you we are not afraid of losing you. We know from past experience that once a customer always a customer. — We are Union men selling and repairing Shoes.

The Model Shoe Store
 JENS JACOBSON, Prop.
 Note the address: 1621 W. Sup. St.

SUPERIOR NEWS

MILK DISTRIBUTORS CUT PRICES TO PRODUCERS.

By ARVID NELSON.
 Why, ask farmers and dairy-men shipping milk into the city of Superior, do consumers of the city have to pay for milk at the present time the price prevailing several months ago since payments to producers have been cut more than 20 per cent?

Milk is selling at 12 cents a quart, a price considered necessary during the winter months when feed was scarce and high. With the coming of warm weather and green pasturage, there is no reason why people purchasing their milk from the city dealers should be required to pay high winter prices, farmers claim.

The matter has been placed before F. B. Jerrard, the county food administrator, who has referred it to state authorities, and investigations are to follow.

"At the present time when citizens are being called upon to aid the government in every way possible they certainly should be given advantage of every opportunity to save money and the farmers are showing a patriotic spirit in asking for a show-down," is Mr. Jerrard's view.

—The Evening Telegram.
 It is asked why the consumer still pays the advanced price while the payments to the producers have been cut more than 20 per cent.

The answer is: it is the way of the profit system.

The distributors of all the necessities of life, or in other words, the present owners of the means of production and distribution—the capitalists—are organized.

The producers and consumers are disorganized.

In addition to this the producers and consumers are mostly ignorant fools.

And the capitalists are doing their level best to keep them so. For this purpose the capitalists are taking advantage of all the means that they have at their disposal, the press, the schools, the churches, the Billy Sundays, the motion pictures, etc.

And the consumers are not only paying an advanced price for milk. They are paying it for all their food, shelter and clothing, everything.

There are a few wise guys among the consumers and the producers. They are class-conscious and understand the basis of the profit system. They realize that the consumers and producers—the workers—can obtain relief only through organization.

A few of the consumers and producers have attempted to build up an organization.

A hundred or more of the most class conscious ones who attempted to organize on the industrial field are now on trial in Chicago. Every day the capitalist papers say what they think about them.

Other class conscious workers have endeavored to build up a political organization. Hundreds of them are now, either under indictment or already languishing in rotten prison cells.

The producers of farm products in some of the states are endeavoring to organize a league to eliminate the middle-men. In order to facilitate this they are going to politics to capture the state governments. They do not claim to be class conscious, so they do not mention anything about the class struggle. Whenever they have occasion to refer to capitalism they say "big business" as mildly as they can. But as their intention is to convey some of the necessities of life direct from the producer to the consumer, thereby making a dent into the profits of the capitalists who are acting as distributors, they too are meeting with serious difficulties. Just read what's happening to them in Minnesota.

In addition to the above we have the trade organizations in the various industries. Instead of pulling up stream they nearly always seek to drift with the current, but their passage nevertheless has been beset with whirlpools and rapids as they have learned to their sorrow.

So that whenever the consumers and producers seek to organize in one form or another, whether it be to obtain a little more wages to pay all the profit asked for, to avoid paying all of the excessive profit demanded, or to eliminate the whole profit system, the capitalist papers call them everything that is printable. And there is a lot that is printable in a capitalist paper now-a-days that would not pass in a workers' paper.

Whenever the producers touch profits, be it ever so little, the profiteers ki-yi worse than a yellow cur when he's kicked square in the ribs.

You have got to read the JUNE LIBERATOR!

THE LABOR CONTROVERSY IN THE SHIPYARDS.

The only new development that the past week has brought in the labor controversy existing in the shipyards on the Great Lakes is: the conference of shipbuilders' union delegates, shipyard owners and government representatives has ended in Chicago. The union delegates and the shipyard owners have returned home and the representatives of the government wage adjustment board have carried the evidence they took to Washington for the perusal of the members of the adjustment board. On their return home the labor delegates expressed themselves as confident of a settlement that will be favorable to the workmen.

All the shipyards of the Great Lakes were represented at the conference in Chicago, about sixty labor delegates being present. The hearing was conducted by W. L. Fisher, special examiner appointed by the adjustment board. The government's award, handed down on April 19th as explained last week, was gone over in detail. This award, although the result of arbitration before a duly authorized government board, was not carried out as stipulated by the shipyard owners. This caused the continued conferences, as the shipbuilder demanded that the provisions of the award be complied with, even though their demands were not granted fully in the findings. The workers admitted that the arbitration conducted by the government had been fair in every particular. They entered it with the understanding that both sides were to abide by the decision whatever it might be.

Last week we asked why it was necessary for the shipbuilders to make strike threats and send delegates to renewed conferences in order to compel the shipyard owners to carry out the government's award in the controversy. This week we promised to make some more questions on the subject. But as our allotment of space is limited we shall let you ponder over the same question. Therefore, why is it necessary . . . ?

It will do every workingman and woman good to think this matter over thoroughly. If you find yourself unable to answer the query some of the books on socialism and industrial unionism advertised in the Truth will put you on to the clue.

Correction.—The shipbuilders of Superior made their strike threat, demanding that the provisions of the government award be carried out on or before May 21st, and not May 1st, as a typographical error made it appear last week.

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CENTRAL COMMITTEE HOLDS MEETING.

The meeting of the Superior Central Committee, held on June 4th, was one of the most interesting that the committee has held for a long time. A two-sided and whole-hearted discussion followed most of the topics that were introduced for consideration. Most of the questions discussed concerned or were instructions for the delegates who will represent the Douglas County organization in the convention of the Socialist Party of Wisconsin that will be held in Milwaukee on June 15th and 16th. The delegates that will leave Superior for convention on the evening of June 14th are John Engstrom, Joseph R. Booth, Ben R. Marsh and Arvid Nelson.

Com. Alex Machin was seated as a new delegate from the English Branch and George Ritzman from the Scandinavian Branch.

As a result of reports that Ellis B. Harris was now in the employ of the Nonpartisan League as an organizer, the committee decided to rescind the decision of the general meeting held on May 19th to support Com. Harris for candidate for governor in the convention.

The delegates were instructed to draw up all their instructions and resolutions in writing and proper form before leaving Superior. They agreed to meet for this purpose on the evening of June 11th in the office of the Secretary.

Read the New Book on MAREX 30 cents.

DRUNKENNESS ON THE INCREASE HERE CITY GOES "DRY".

The police department made 963 arrests during the month of May as compared with 779 arrests in April according to the monthly report of police activities compiled by the Bertillon clerk. Of this total, 624 arrests were on charges of drunkenness, as compared with 401 in April.

Municipal court fines during the month of May amounted to \$4,038.50, one of the largest in the history of the court. All but \$300 of this amount was received in small items of \$5 and \$8. These sums are principally assessed as fines for intoxication.

Superior is expected to go "dry" on July 1st.

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"ILLEGALITY" PREVENTS COMPLETION OF NEW JAIL.

Police are making plans for utilizing the present headquarters and jail building for a jail this winter. Because of the "illegality" of the sale of \$80,000 police station bonds, only a part of the work which was contemplated can be done before winter. The new office building will be completed and considerable space thus will be made available for jail purposes. Temporary partitions probably will be resorted to.

The Superior city jail has long since been condemned as a place unfit for human beings. But as only common working men and women are ever compelled to occupy it so what's the difference . . .

If members of the ruling class were to inhabit it once in a while no "illegalities" would be allowed to creep in to delay the building of cleaner and more sanitary cells. You bet not.

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The month's expenditures included: Groceries \$342; fuel \$47.90; railroad fares \$250.17; hospital 726.00; ambulance \$22, and burials \$30.60. Seventeen were sent out of town, 15 to the hospital and three buried. Sixteen cases were investigated and five refused.

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THE CHILDREN OF THE POOR

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

(The following eloquent plea for "The Children of the Poor" is a worthy statement of the position of the Socialist Party as the defender of outraged childhood. The evils of poverty bear most heavily upon the children. The years of infancy are, physically, the most important years of life. Lack of adequate care and nourishment in these years mean physical weakness and failure in later life. No single fact in the Socialist indictment of capitalism is more terrible than the excessive mortality among children of the working class. In Boston, for example, the death rate of babies of the poor is nearly two and a half times the death rate of the babies of the rich. At least 100,000 babies thus needlessly perish each year in the United States. The children of the working class are driven to body and soul-destroying toil in the factories, workshops and mines in order that the children of the rich parasites may play and enjoy the opportunities which a decent society would accord to every child in the world.)

The wages of vast number of workmen are so small that they and their families are reduced to the barest existence. Life means nothing to them but a hopeless struggle which ends only with death. Poverty is their lot, and misery their heritage. Their sad condition is irrevocably fixed. They toil, skimp, worry, suffer, despair and die. There is not much else in the simple annals of the poor.

The children of these workmen, who are poverty-stricken only because they are exploited of what they produce, come into life in an environment and under conditions that almost inevitably predetermine their wretched fate. Poverty is their sole inheritance. The cottage in which they are born, unless it chances to be a tenement or a hovel, is limited to the necessities of existence. The walls are bare, the bedding scant, the furniture cheap, the food coarse, and the clothing shabby. The most rigid economy is self-enforced. Life is hard and hopeless here in poverty's breeding pen.

The father returns after his day's exhausting toil to revitalize himself for the next day's slavish task—that is all that home means to him. The mother—prisoner of poverty that she is—knows nothing of the joys of home, the ecstasies of motherhood. She is not a mother at all in the sense in which that term is breathed in reverence, but only "a female that gives birth to young."

Love is not apt to dwell long in such a lair, if it enter here at all. And this is the unhappy lot of millions of laboring people who are foredoomed to such a bleak and barren existence, and from which there is no escape this side of the grave.

This condition of penury, want on social debasement is fixed and permanent in the existing industrial system, and no amount of maudlin sympathy or patronizing philanthropy can materially alleviate its horrors, a fact our dilettante charity-ball reformers unwittingly confess in their favorite and oft-repeated scriptural injunction, "The poor ye have always with you."

It is under these harsh and gloomy conditions that the children of the poor come into life and are joined to misery at its very threshold. Denied all that makes home the haven of love and the abode of joy, deprived of all the sweet influences that fill childhood with rapture, and which the memory treasures in after years like a vanished dream, these children of the poor are at their very birth fated to struggle and perish among "Les Miserables," the world's disinherited millions who, robbed of their birthright, are despised for their infirmities and scoured as wantons to dishonored graves.

From the wretched habitations of the poor the children early seek escape instead of clinging fondly to their birthplace like fledglings to the parental nest. Under the cruel lash of poverty they are driven out into the world in their childhood. There is no time for health-giving and body-building recreation and no means for education, for culture, for mental training and moral enlightenment. They are but the children of the poor, fit only for menial service, which awaits them at the cradle and drags them in its relentless fetters to their graves.

What words can fitly describe the life tragedy of the children of the poor! Born to poverty, they walk in the darkness of ignorance, and is it strange that some go astray? Is it not a miracle that all do not become vicious and depraved.

Society's doors are all closed against them. They are but outcasts when they are "respectable." What a melancholy paradox! Those who rob the poor, despise them.

The pampered parasites hold in loathing and horror the deflowered victims whose ruddy life-drops glisten in their gaudy plumage.

These children of the poor find their way in increasing number to the haunts of vice and shame. The darkness of the hovel and the sweat-shop is relieved by the red light of the slums. The children of the poor are food for misery and crime. The vile groggery for the

boys and the house of horror for the girls. So do millions of the children of the poor pass through this "Vale of Tears."

And so it will ever be while capitalism is suffered to rob the children of the poor of their inheritance. Deplore it as you may, these are the conditions as they are, and only a new social system can change them. Child labor laws, factory inspection laws and other remedial legislation may ameliorate in some degree the wrongs suffered by the children of the poor, but all such palliatives are powerless to end them. As long as labor is merchandise and production is carried on for profit, child labor will have preference and the children of the poor will be ground into luxuries for the children of the rich.

Socialism offers absolutely the only means of rescuing the children of the poor, and slowly but surely society is being pushed, by the underlying forces that move it, into the acceptance of its philosophy. The abolition of poverty is Socialism's insistent demand and this demand proclaims the end of private property in the means of life.

The earth spreads out before us, rich in its resources beyond the power of imagination. The inventive genius of man has captured the lightning, snatched the thunderbolts from the hand of Jove, and grasped all the forces of nature and converted them into titanic toilers for the children of men. The earth and its riotous abundance, and man with his miraculous productive power, scout the idea that poverty is forever to scourge the human race. The past, in the density of its ignorance and the night of its superstition, may be excused. But the living present with all its myriad available agencies for producing food, clothing, shelter, and for the education of the children and the diffusion of light and intelligence among the masses, can make no such plea.

There is absolutely no excuse for the widespread poverty that now scourges mankind. It is an affront to human intelligence and an impeachment of civilization. Child labor is not only unnecessary in this age but a crime against both the children and the society. Every child ought to have and in the triumph of Socialism will have, time enough for physical growth, for the joy of healthy childhood, for education, and for everything else required in a truly enlightened age for the scientific rearing of children, the progenitors of succeeding generations.

It is for this very reason that the poor and the children of the poor are turning toward Socialism in increasing numbers all over the world. It is their movement, born of their travail and consecrated to their emancipation. Millions of them are already marching beneath its international banner and swelling with joyous strains the anthem of their coming deliverance. To them Socialism is beacon lighting the shower, their meat and drink, their life and hope. It sheds its radiance in their dingy hovels and eases the ache in their numb and weary flesh.

The disinherited of every race and clime are here at home. They are in truth the people and to them of right belongs the earth.

Socialism is their gospel of economic freedom and social salvation. In the name of its commanding genius they unite in greater and greater numbers, thousands, tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of them, keeping step to the same proletarian heart-beat, the heart-beat of the international revolution, animated by the same social spirit, held steadfast by the same social conscience, their radiant faces turned forever toward the sunrise.

These are the children of the poor who have made the earth rich and are now moving toward their eternal inheritance.

The love of comrades is in their hearts, the passion for freedom in their souls, and the light of victory in their eyes. The trials that beset their struggle but fit them for their coming freedom and for the infinitely higher life that lies beyond and holds out to them its eager, outstretched hands. They move steadily as gravitation in one direction—toward the light, the fulfillment of their historic destiny. The storms may beat upon them and the lightning smite them to the earth, but they will arise again undismayed, pressing on and on, with all the patience of fate and all the persistence of truth and justice.

No disappointment, however bitter, no defeat, however crushing, can dampen the ardor of their spirit, or quench the fire of their enthusiasm. All the forces of evil must yield to their unconquerable will. All the governments and all the armed forces of the world must recede and finally disappear before the march of these silent battalions—these intrepid soldiers of international peace, who bear not the arms of sanguinary conflict, but who, armored in the righteousness of their cause, proclaim to all the children of the poor the glad tidings of the coming Kingdom of Peace and Plenty over all the Earth.

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Editorial



WELCOME NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Recent reports from Scotland state that a peace meeting, addressed by Ramsay MacDonald, Socialist Member of Parliament, was attended by enormous crowds. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Independent Labor Party (Socialist organization).

The crowds lined up for the meeting five hours before it was due to commence. Notwithstanding the weather being so cold. People desperately offered five dollars for the privilege of standing, but had to be refused.

This should come as a welcome sign to all lovers of peace. The people of Scotland are rallying to the Red Flag in tremendous numbers. It is expected that at least ten new Socialist members will be sent to Parliament.

Along with the above report comes the news of the tremendous increase in the numbers of trade-unionists who are becoming industrial unionists. Writing in the New Republic, G. D. H. Cole, a well-known English radical writer, states that:

"The central doctrine, then, that is at work in all principle trade unions at the present time is the doctrine of 'control'; everywhere the younger generation of trade unionists is preaching the view that what really matters is not merely the securing of improved conditions inside the existing industrial system, but the changing of the whole system, and the substitution of 'industrial self-government' for the present 'industrial autocracy.' This does not mean that the advanced trade unionists expect a sudden or catastrophic change, or that their policy is revolutionary in the sense usually attached to the word. What it does mean is this: in framing their policy for the immediate present the younger trade unionists have always in mind the more distant future. If they cannot overthrow capitalism today, their object is so to establish their organization, and so to direct their policy as to make themselves the stronger for overthrowing capitalism when the time comes. They realize that their best chance of doing this is to make themselves fit to replace capitalism, and correspondingly they are more and more directing their efforts towards securing even a limited amount of control over the conduct of industry, in order that, by exercising this limited control, they may make themselves and their organization fit for a wider measure of control at a later stage."

We, in America, have got to profit by the experiences of the movement in Europe. There they have had to pass through tremendous social changes. In meeting the new positions created by the war, they have had to discard a whole host of theories they originally adhered to. So we in the Socialist movement have got to do the same thing. Petty issues must not trouble us, we are face to face with big issues. We shall have to meet them in a big way. We shall have to forget many of the things we have advocated in the past and realize that after all has been said and done, THEY THAT HOLD THE ECONOMIC POWER RULE. We must see to it that the workers are educated as to the aims and principles of Industrial Unionism. So that they will be able to take control of industry when the time arrives.

INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL ACTION.

Those orators who reproach the workers with being divided on the political field, although united on the industrial, are simply misstating facts. The workers are divided on both, and as political parties are the reflex of economic conditions, it follows that industrial unionism, once established, will create the political unity of the working class. I feel that we cannot too strongly insist upon this point. Political seaberry is born of industrial division; political seaberry is born of industrial craft seaberry; political weakness keeps even step with industrial weakness. It is an axiom enforced by all the experience of the ages that they who rule industrially will rule politically, and, therefore, they who are divided industrially will remain impotent politically.—James Connolly, in "The Axe to the Root."

SOCIALIST SUMMER FESTIVAL

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Summer Socialist Festival on the 22 and 23 of June, at Fairmount Park. Even if you do not speak Finnish, do not forget that there will be a fine time in store for you. With the Scandinavian Band, Lewis Hart hill, and the athletics. IT WILL BE WELL WORTH THE TIME SPENT.

From out of the populous city men groan, and the soul of the wounded crieth.—Bible.

FROM THE PEN OF EUGENE V. DEBS.

Ignorance and superstition are the twin servants of the privileged exploiting class, and the twin enemies of the working class.

Democracy in politics and autocracy in industry make of capitalism a hideous farce of screaming contradictions. Education is of value to the extent that it points to truth and teaches men how to think in pursuit of truth.

The battle-cries of the workers is industrial emancipation. Today is the day of days. It is the only day we ever know. Yesterday is a memory and tomorrow a hope. Today, and every today that comes, must see us toe the mark and do our duty.

Every instinct of self-preservation cries out in protest against the insufferable crime of child-labor.

Life has for its highest purpose life richer and more abundant.

The worker can not escape servitude without efficient organization any more than a bird can soar without wings.

Private ownership of public utilities and conveniences has had its day, and its hitherto bloated beneficiaries may as well make up their minds to get off the backs of the people before they are unloaded with a short turn.

The brave soul never shrinks in the hour of crisis, but measures up to its demands and coins its opportunities into gleaming treasures.

To awaken a worker to the truth of Socialism is to light a torch in the darkness of capitalism.

The man of courage and self-respect never is humiliated by having to apologize for being less than a man.

The man who denies woman the right to vote, furnishes conclusive evidence of his ignorance and unfitness to decide that or any other question affecting woman's rights.

Prayer is a fine thing when man relies upon himself to answer it.

BUILDING INDUSTRY.

"The American Institute of Architects has called a conference to meet in New York city today to initiate a movement 'federating the whole building industry of the United States' as a war measure."

The average reader will pass this over without taking any real notice of it. But to the Socialist who studies the events that take place in the industrial world, this newspaper paragraph has a very significant meaning.

The war has compelled the master-class to take an inventory of their business. With the result that there is a cry for efficiency. Efficiency is the capacity to attain given ends with the least possible expenditure of means. In industry, where the word has been most widely used, efficiency takes the form of scientific management. Every operation of industry is susceptible of a continuous process of change. No existing process is sacred. All manufacturers are ever ready to scrap old ideas for the new. No manufacturer can be fooled with the cry, "Well, my father worked that way, and so I will." Such a manufacturer would be doomed to hopeless failure. The underlying principle of this call for efficiency is the recognition of the fact, that the things of today are always subject to analysis and furthermore we must accept and act upon the results of such analysis, no matter what they may be. The American Institute of Architects recognizes that if the building industry is ever to make progress, the bickerings of the past, the overlapping of various firms in the building industry has got to stop, hence a demand for one big union of the building industry.

WHAT HAS THIS TO DO WITH THE WORKERS?

It has everything to do with the workers. It means that with the amalgamation of all the firms engaged in the building industry, the craft form of organization is of no further use to the workers. Whilst the workers are organized in various unions of the building industry, having no real working agreement with each other, there stands before them, THE BUILDING EMPLOYERS IN ONE ORGANIZATION. Against such an organization the craft union is helpless. Therefore it is our duty as Socialists to point out the changes that are taking place and show to the workers the real way to meet these changes. The only way to meet the trustification of an industry by the masters, is a trustification of labor into one industrial union.

Do not let us fool ourselves and think that we can forever cry I. W. W., every time anyone mentions industrial unionism. You remember the story of the boy who cried wolf. He cried wolf once too often and he was finally destroyed. So shall we as a party be destroyed if we fail to take notice of the changes that are taking place in our midst. Efficiency counts everywhere, whether it be in the big industries or the Socialist Party. So let us be efficient and point out to the workers the absolute necessity of organizing as industrial unionists.

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INDUSTRIALISTI is the organ of the Finnish fellow-workers who agree with the policy of the Industrial Workers of the World. Their paper is published at 24 N. Lake Avenue, Duluth, Minn.

All the above papers are printed in Finnish.

You don't have to preach honesty to men with a creative purpose. Let a human being throw the energies of his soul into the making of something, and the instinct of workmanship will take care of his honesty. The writers who have nothing to say are the ones you can buy; the others have too high a price. A genuine craftsman will not adulterate his production; the reason isn't because duty says he shouldn't, but because passion says he couldn't.—Walter Lipmann.

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You have housed me in horrible places
Surrounded by squalor and care.

I have built you the world in beauty,
I have brought you the glory and spoil;
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SAYINGS OF SHAW.

It is not necessary to replace a guillotined criminal; it is necessary to replace a guillotined social system.

In a slave state, slaves rule; in Fifth Avenue, the tradesman rules.

If you strike a child, take care that you strike it in anger, even at the risk of maiming it for life. A blow in cold blood neither can nor should be forgiven.

Beware of the man whose god is in the skies.

Virtue consists not in abstaining from vice, but in not desiring it.

Self-denial is not a virtue; it is only the effect of prudence or rascality.

Greatness is only one of the sensations of littleness.

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A moderate honest husband, with a moderate faithful wife, moderate drinkers both, in a moderately healthy house; that is the true middle-class unit.

If we could learn from mere experience, the stones of Duluth would be wiser than its wisest men.

Hell is paved with good intentions, not bad ones.

He who gives money that he has not earned is generous with other peoples' labor.

We are told that when God created the world he saw it was good. What would he say now?

Civilization is a disease produced by the practice of building societies with rotten material.

The conversion of a savage to Christianity is the conversion of Christianity to savagery.—G. B. S.

The people live in squalid dens, where there can be no health and no hope, but doped discontent at their own lot, and futile discontent at the wealth which they see possessed by others.—Thorold Rogers.

The beasts they hunger, and eat, and die,
And so do we, and the world's a sty.
"Swinehood hath no remedy,"
Say many men, and hasten by.

—Sidney Lanier.

It is not to die, nor even to die of hunger, that makes a man wretched. Many men have died; all men must die. But it is to live miserable we know not why; to work sore, and yet gain nothing; to be heart-worn weary, yet isolated, unrelated, girt in with a cold universal leave-them-alone.—Carlyle.

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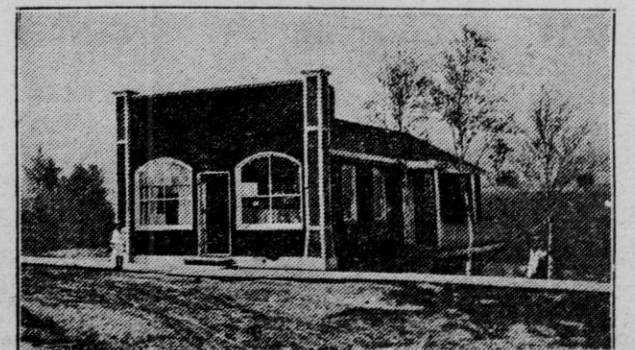
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