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Their Hearts Are All Right, But Their Heads Need Fixing

The following press dispatch appeared in the daily press:

"NEW YORK, Nov. 10—Present returns show the Socialists made gains in the vote for state candidates throughout the country. The indication is that the national ticket would have polled considerably more votes but for the peace and labor slogans of President Wilson's campaigners. While the vote estimated at present for Benson is from 10 to 30 per cent better than the Debs vote of 1912, Socialists believe that Wilson received from 500,000 to 600,000 Socialist votes. Benson ran far behind state and congressional tickets throughout the country."

Other reports, from capitalist sources, make the "Socialist" vote that went to Wilson over 800,000. Benson's vote is not yet known, though estimated to be over a million. This would make the vote of those who believe in Socialism, together with the actual and uncompromising Socialists, about two million.

That hundreds of thousands of Socialists, or supposedly Socialists, should have cast their votes for the Democratic candidate for president, while voting the rest of the Socialist ticket, is naturally a big disappointment to the party membership. Nevertheless, it should not be a matter of discour-

agement. It merely discloses that there is a tremendous vote in the country, unquestionably much larger than indicated in the returns, that are fast coming our way—that believe in Socialism, but are somewhat befuddled as to how to get it.

Their hearts are all right, but their heads need fixing.

They are not well grounded as yet in the class-conscious, uncompromising struggle of the workers.

But don't forget this—these nearly a million that want Socialism, and voted for Mr. Wilson hoping to get it, are never going back again into the capitalist wilderness. All the Democratic administration has to do to push them down the toboggan slide into the uncompromising Socialist camp, is to FOOL them. And you may safely depend upon the Democratic party doing this.

Never before in a national election did any presidential candidate make such a bid for the working-class vote as did Mr. Wilson. It is hardly to be wondered at that he caught nearly a million, who otherwise voted the Socialist ticket, in his net. He even caught, and had the help, of Socialist party members—even editors. He may not have meant it, but the admiration of Max Eastman for Woodrow Wil-

son, as expressed in the columns of the "Masses," was a sugar-coated bait to catch shaky Socialists. And then the public utterances of Mr. Wilson himself, in his speeches just previous to the day of election, and which were broadcasted in the daily papers throughout the Country! We might have almost thought that the President had become a herald of the Social Revolution. In his last New York speech, and which was flashed from coast to coast, he used such revolutionary expressions as to declare the country was "standing on a volcano"—that "the workers were rapidly realizing that they were being exploited."

Can you beat it?

Can you estimate how many votes this caught?

Mr. Wilson, be it said, told the truth. What will he do now to make good the inference his words carried, that, if elected, he proposed to do something radical?

Or will he forget what he said?

Then the eight-hour law for the railroad brotherhoods, that the President pushed through Congress, just as an election was approaching, and that will doubtless be declared unconstitutional by the United States Autocracy, known as the Supreme Court. How many votes, not only from

the railway workers, but from others of the working class, who have been led to expect an eight-hour federal law in the near future, did this pull?

As Mr. Taft would put it, "God only knows."

All we do know is what the press dispatches admit—from 500,000 to 800,000 "Socialists" voted for Wilson, that otherwise voted the Socialist ticket.

How many more, do you suppose, swallowed it hook, bait and all, and voted the whole Democratic ticket—thinking they were going to get Socialism?

And they won't get it.

They are going to be fooled—badly fooled.

And we are going to get them, and millions more, during the next four critical years.

It is a splendid encouragement for Socialists, to know that there are millions really with us, whose hearts are all right, but whose heads need fixing.

It is our joyous duty and pleasure to fix these heads.

And the Democratic party is going to help us do the fixing.

"Watchful waiting" may be all right for some things, but it won't work on the hundreds of thousands who want Socialism, but were snared this time into voting for Mr. Wilson.

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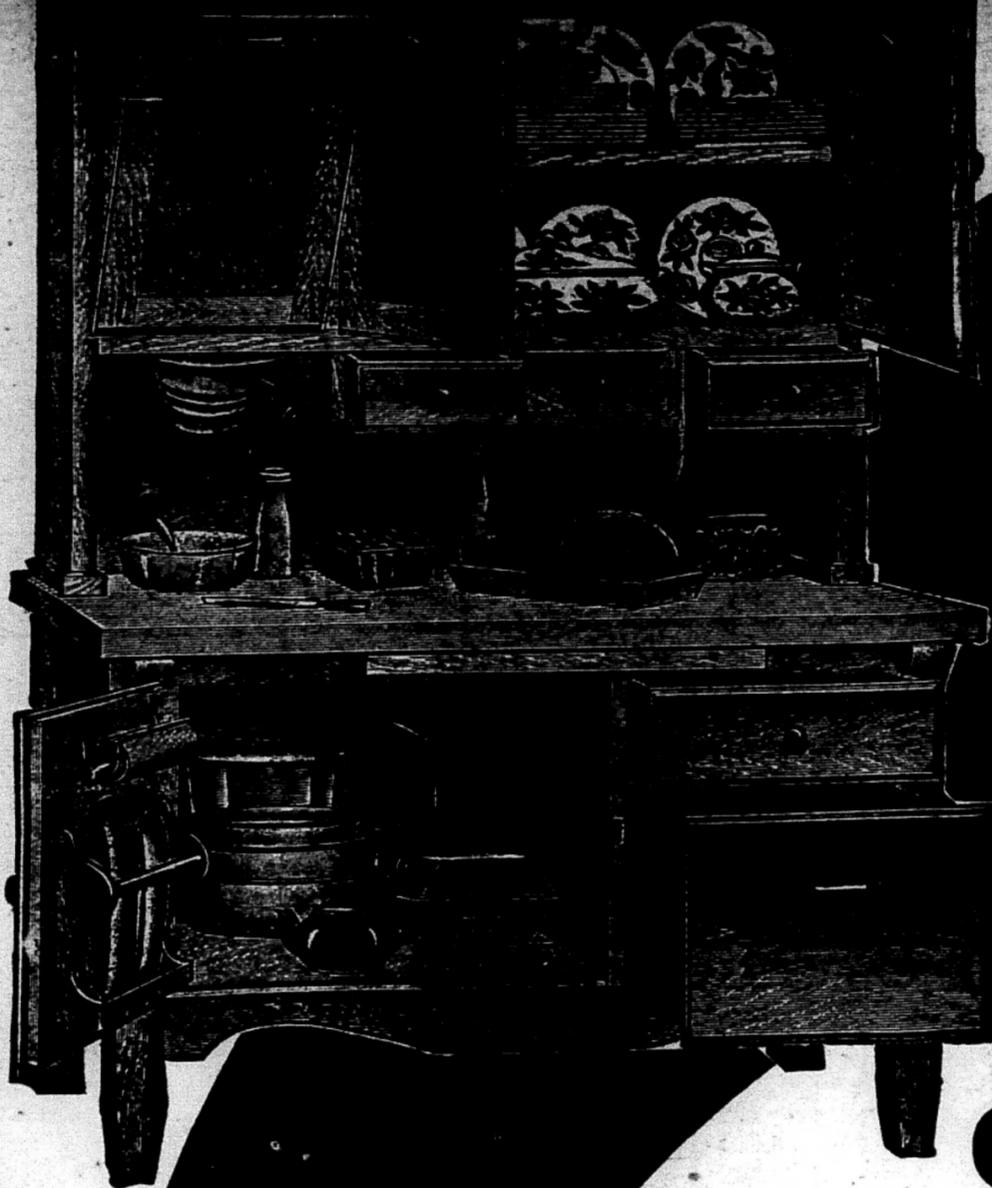
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Editorials

By Eugene V. Debs

A WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The editor of the RIP-SAW was not elected to congress from the Fifth District of Indiana. The workers of the district willed otherwise and we are with them never so much as when they are against us.

But it must not be inferred that defeat is conceded. Not for a moment is such an admission made. The campaign was the most remarkable ever waged in the Hoosier state and will have substantial and enduring results to the Socialist movement.

The complete returns are not yet available, but sufficient is known to declare with confidence that the Socialist vote was more than trebled in the district, that the district now seethes with Socialist sentiment, and that the party and the movement have been vitalized to an extraordinary degree by this extraordinary campaign.

For this the comrades who worked so earnestly and tirelessly through the entire struggle are entitled to all credit.

The fight was against overwhelming odds from the start and not for one moment did I expect to be elected. Corruption funds flowed into the district like lava tides and by special order from the powerful eastern corporations which control the press in the district my name was not permitted to appear in its columns, much less a line of report of a Socialist speech or a Socialist meeting.

Against this tremendous power we fought with bare hands the battle of a just cause, supported mainly by the small contributions from the meagre earnings of the oppressed and suffering victims of the capitalist system.

And these contributions came from almost everywhere. The pennies and nickels, the dimes and quarters and larger amounts came from willing hands and loyal and sympathetic hearts and to each man, woman and child, to each loved and loving comrade and sympathizer I return my thanks with all my heart.

To the national office and the national secretary, to the state secretary of Indiana, to all the locals and all the unions, I return my deepest thanks. To Comrade Noble Wilson and to Comrade Maynard Shipley, campaign manager and assistant campaign manager respectively, for the most loyal and devoted services rendered by them from the opening to the close of the campaign I am indebted to a far greater extent than I can ever hope to repay.

To the "American Socialist", the "Appeal to Reason" and other Socialist and labor papers I make grateful acknowledgment for loyal and unflagging support.

To the many splendid speakers who came into the district and worked without financial remuneration, or any worth mentioning, my heart goes out in sincere gratitude. I can never forget how eloquently they pleaded and how tirelessly they worked for the party and for myself as its candidate.

This acknowledgment, I am painfully aware, is sadly inadequate but I am sure the comrades and friends from near and afar who sympathized with us so ardently and fought for us so valiantly will not on this account feel that I and my comrades are wanting in gratitude and appreciation.

The RIP-SAW, I feel it due to say, was one of the strong factors in the campaign. Everywhere it was eagerly sought and as eagerly read and from now on it will do its full share in cultivating this now promising field for the future rich and glorious harvest.

Comrades, we have not lost but won in the recent national election. The vote does not always register the accurate result. Socialists, real Socialists, who stand uncompromisingly for the revolution, never lose. They cannot lose.

They who fight for the right win even when they lose and they who fight for the wrong lose even when they win.

The vote may not have been all we expected but what of that? It simply means that our work was not as well done as we believed

it to be. Education and organization on a world scale require time and patience, energy and determination without end.

Let us get to work without delay, renewing the campaign and preparing our legions for the far greater battles of the future.

We are not of the stuff that gets discouraged and beats a cowardly retreat. We are class-conscious revolutionists; we are enlisted uncompromisingly in the class struggle and we propose to fight its battles without variableness or shadow of turning to the bitter end of capitalism or to the last hour of our lives.

The most industrious workers in an election, considering the contemptible pay they get, are the Republican and Democratic tools in the labor unions who steer the unthinking rank and file into the shambles of their exploiting masters.

MEYER LONDON'S RE-ELECTION

The congratulations of the RIP-SAW are freely tendered to Meyer London, the Socialist congressman triumphantly re-elected from the Twelfth District of New York. Desperate efforts were made to defeat him by the Wall street power, but he was too strong with the working class and not enough money could be put into the district to defeat him. It is a notable victory and Comrade London will return to congress to renew with increased energy and determination the fight for the oppressed and robbed toilers in the capitalist congress of the United States. We had hoped that the workers would increase the number of their representatives at Washington this year, but as they failed to do this we must continue our work of education and organization with unabated activity until the working class are politically united and send their own representatives to the national legislature.

THE CLOSE OF ANOTHER YEAR

Soon the bells will peal forth the announcement that a New Year is born. The years in their eternal march halt not for one moment either for men or gods. Silently, steadily, neither hastening nor lagging, they continue their eternal procession.

December is again with us and soon the holidays will come to us once more for proper celebration. It has been a year epochal in the world's history. It has seen more human blood shed than any other year in history, and this after almost twenty centuries of preaching of the gospel of brotherhood and peace.

But let us not despair. Pessimism will not hasten the dawn of the hoped-for better day. We have a work to do, greater than man has ever undertaken, and this work is to abolish the barbarous social system which breeds war and famine, deluges the earth with fratricidal blood and turns earth into hell and men into fiends. Let us set about this work with united hands, with clear understanding, and with hearts that never quail in the darkest hour.

The RIP-SAW greets its many thousands of readers at the close of another year. Farewell to the old and hail to the new, and may the coming year see us farther along on the highway of freedom and peace and brotherly love among men!

TOM MOONEY AND HIS CASE

A more urgent, imperative, insistent demand was never made upon the organized workers of America than is made in the case of Tom Mooney and his wife, Rena Mooney, and three other labor leaders of San Francisco upon whom the plundering plutocrats of the Pacific coast in their stark-mad attempt to destroy union labor are seeking to fasten the crime of exploding the bomb in the preparedness parade in that city which resulted in the killing of a number of persons.

Robert Minor, the eminent cartoonist, author and lecturer, after the most searching investigation of the case, pronounces the

victims absolutely innocent UPON HIS SACRED HONOR AS A MAN.

Bourke Cochran, the famous New York lawyer, has critically examined all the evidence and all the facts and pronounces the defendants innocent and agrees to join in their legal defense.

It is the most brutal, villainous plot to hang innocent persons as a means of striking a deadly blow to organized labor that was ever hatched in rotten human brains.

The names of the five defendants are as follows: Thomas J. Mooney, his wife Rena Mooney, Edward D. Nolan, Israel Weinberg and Warren K. Billings. The one last named has already been tried and sentenced to prison for life upon the purchased testimony of prostitutes, pimps, dips and filthy hangers-on. Not one particle of credible testimony was given. From first to last the trial was a crime and the conviction an unparalleled infamy.

Every decent citizen of California must blush scarlet with shame in the presence of this unspeakable perversion of justice in this foully prostituted court of law. It is enough to make every man whose heart is not flint a rampant rebel against the state and against this black and infamous attempt to judicially assassinate unoffending citizens to placate the monstrous greed of the most Christless gang of murderers and highway robbers that ever red-ened their clutches in the blood of innocent victims.

The United Railways company, the cutthroat gang that has sandbagged San Francisco for years is at the bottom of this hellish conspiracy. The very name of this brigand corporation is pollution. It has fangs of steel and guts of gold. Everything within its poison influence withers and its leprous touch is black death.

The working people of this country have got to rise up in fury against this murderous conspiracy. The very thought of its perpetrators, its object, and its intended victims, is enough to fire the blood with indignation and revolt.

I know Tom Mooney, the one above all others they are determined to murder in cold blood and I know that he is as innocent as I am of the crime that the San Francisco thieves in broadcloth are attempting to fasten upon him. The same is true of his brave-hearted, noble-souled wife and the rest of the cruelly outraged victims.

Tom Mooney and his comrades never dreamed of planting a bomb for the killing of innocent human beings. They are as incapable of this as are the bandits who are thirsting for their blood destitute of a human impulse.

Side by side with these comrades of ours we take our stand and if they go the route laid out for them by the moneyed scoundrels of the Pacific coast there will be something break loose out there that is not on the present program.

Men and women of labor, this is your case. Absolutely! Your honor, if not your life, is at stake. Make this case your own this very hour. You cannot do otherwise without feeling in your heart that you have deserted your comrades, stripped yourself of self-respect, and accepted for yourself in the most craven manner the insufferable badge of servility and shame.

Here and now we serve notice on the plotting, plundering gang out yonder, masquerading as eminently respectable citizens, that we know our comrades and that we also know them. We are dead onto their game.

If Mooney and his comrades were cowardly criminals instead of brave, honest, tender souls they would be in the service of the United Railways Company at fancy salaries doing its dirty work instead of being hounded to their death because they are too rigidly honest to betray or desert their fellow-workers.

Precisely because Tom Mooney and his little band have freely, unselfishly, whole-heartedly and without price given themselves, their substance, their everything to the oppressed and despoiled workers, sympathizing with and fighting for them against overwhelming odds in and out of season, and because they were in turn loved and trusted by these workers precisely for this reason they are arch-criminals in the eyes of the actual arch-criminals and must be walled in alive in life-time sentences or hunted down with fiendish ferocity.

The cry to the working class was never so appealing, the emergency never so great. Money must be raised above all and that at once. Without this the legal defense fails and if that fails for the want of dollars it will amount to a confession that the victims are deserted by their class and left alone to their fate, and everything else in reserve will collapse accordingly.

But there is to be no failure or collapse. Every reader can contribute at least his mite and small as it may be it will yield the largest return of any investment he ever made. Everybody must help and at once. Go to your locals, your unions, your neighbors and your friends. The women especially must come to the rescue in this case. They alone can thwart this thrice-damned conspiracy.

Get action at once! Let the contributions flow in from all directions, addressed to Robert Minor, Treasurer Defense League, 308 Russ Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

THE WORKERS OF THE WHOLE NATION MUST BE

AROUSED!

The revolt must leap from heart to heart until it swells into a mighty torrent that shall rescue our imperiled comrades and strike terror to the cowardly hearts of their would-be assassins.

MAYOR THOS. VAN LEAR

It was a notable political upheaval which landed Comrade Thos. Van Lear in the office of Mayor of the City of Minneapolis after all the powers of capitalist corruption had combined to prevent his election. Minneapolis is a city of almost 400,000 souls and Comrade Van Lear was elected by the largest number of votes ever given a candidate for mayor of that city.

For many years the new mayor of Minneapolis, a machinist by trade, has been a staunch champion in the ranks of organized labor and his election is therefore a distinctive triumph for the working class.

Comrade Van Lear had an inspiring helpmate in his contest in his faithful and devoted wife and we tender to her as well as to her husband and to the workers of Minneapolis in general our hearty congratulations upon the splendid victory that has national import and significance.

Van Lear will enter upon his official duties with clean hands, an honest heart and a strong will to serve the people who have so freely entrusted him with the duties and responsibilities of the highest office within their gift.

A very great majority of the workers who belong to labor unions voted in the recent election for everything they strike against and suffer from every day in the round year.

The Wall street pirates who are piling up mountain-peaks of gold out of the European slaughter turn pale at every rumor that their bloody harvest may come to an end.

THE CARLO TRESCA CASE

The case of the imprisoned leaders of the strike of the Mesaba Range iron ore workers against the steel trust, known as the Carlo Tresca case, must not be neglected by the working class and those who sympathize with the working class in the United States. As previously stated in these columns true bills of indictment have been found by a packed jury against Carlo Tresca, the I. W. W. organizer and two other leaders of that organization as also against four strikers and a woman, all innocent victims of that rapacious beast of capitalism known as the United States Steel Corporation.

This case is well stated as one of "Dollars and Steel Against Humanity." The plutocratic pirates who control the lives of their thousands of slaves because they have stolen the mines in which these slaves have to work are bent upon prosecuting these innocent strikers and strike leaders to the very limit of the capitalist law under which they are to be tried. Not the least mercy may be expected from these heartless slave-drivers, these steel-clad robbers of the poor.

The crime of these imprisoned strikers may be told in a few words. They dared to quit their slavish tasks in protest against starvation wages and against the beastly conditions of existence thus forced upon them. The crime of Carlo Tresca and his associates was the aid and comfort they gave to the strikers by perfectly lawful means.

The writer of these lines knows well that in the eyes of the plutocratic owners of the Mesaba slave pits there is no crime more atrocious than that of attempting to organize the army of wage-slaves here at work digging up wealth for their masters and graves for themselves and to secure enough in return for their slavish labor to provide half-decently for themselves and for those dependent upon them. It is therefore with the most inhuman ferocity that the steel bandits are pursuing Carlo Tresca and his comrades, determined upon the revenge they feel confident their court will grant them for daring to invade their private domain and interfering with the brutal exploitation of their slaves.

Carlo Tresca and his comrades both as leaders and strikers fought bravely, unflinchingly, the good fight of the working class in a most desperate situation and it is now the duty of every red-blooded worker in the land to stand by them and to see to it that they are not railroaded to prison or the gallows by the inhuman fiends who have marked them for destruction for their unswerving loyalty to their class.

For the proper defense of Carlo Tresca and his comrades a Defense Committee has been organized and of this committee James Gilday is Treasurer and all contributions should be sent to him, directed to Box 372, Virginia, Minn.

Let the response to the appeal of this committee be as general and as generous as the cause in which it is made is deserving and just. Let each send his or her mite, or more if possible, to prevent the hounds of capitalism from rending our brave comrades in the struggle for emancipation.

THE TALE OF A RIB

Kate Richards O'Hare

(Chapter Two, Continued)

As long as the race lived in savagery, possessed little information, few tools and crude methods of production, men could only supply their own needs, and these in the most sparing manner and private property was unknown. Slavery could not exist side by side with the collective ownership of collectively used property, for a master must own property and a slave must be propertyless.

Gradually primitive women invented new methods and established new industries. They tamed the animals and founded the herds, they tilled the fields and raised the crops, they made the pots and built the homes, until at last the men found that the women working about the fires could produce enough food to feed the men while they waged wars and enjoyed themselves at such manly sports. It was during this period that the adage "let the women do the work" was coined, and we have been doing it ever since.

War had long been the favorite pastime of the men, but they had to stop now and then to do a little hunting and fishing to help the women out in providing the food. Captives had long been taken in war, but not until the women established the industries did captives have any but a culinary value. Previously after each battle the captives were killed and roasted and eaten for dinner. One man made one dinner which was very extravagant. When women demonstrated that they could with tools and better methods of production produce enough to feed the warriors, then some old John D. of that day conceived a brilliant idea. He no doubt reasoned thus: "If we kill these captives they furnish one dinner, but if we keep them alive and leave them at home to work with the women we can eat off of them all the rest of our lives;" and thus slavery was established, a working class set apart to do the work of the world and the downfall of woman came about. And from the day when slavery first became a part of human development, the waging of wars, the capture of slaves and the subjugation of women became the principal business of the menfolk.

Until the establishment of slavery there had been no private property and no degradation in woman's position in society; on the other hand they had really been the dominant portion of the race. Morgan in his "Ancient Society" and Mason in his "Woman's Share in Primitive Culture" both declare that all during these ages, such governments as existed were matriarchal. The members

of a group claimed one common ancestress to whom the females traced their descent and children belonged to the mother's group and not that of the father. Women were the leaders and rulers of the simple social organizations of that day, their opinions ruling in the households as well as in the affairs of the tribe. The woman was the peacemaker, judge and priestess as well as the mother of the group.

The original hen-pecked husband appeared at this period and the first mother-in-law joke had birth. There is no doubt that the women sometimes ruled with severity and woe to the poor man who was lazy or inefficient in "bringing home the bacon." With sticks and stones and clubs the women beat him out of the clan and no other group gave him comfort or welcome.

Livingstone in his "Missionary Travels and Researches in Africa" tells of a tribe living in Zambesi where these conditions existed in his day. He found a strong, handsome negro tribe engaged in agriculture in which the women held the superior position. When a young man married he had to emigrate from his own village to the one in which his wife lived. He also had to pledge himself to provide his mother-in-law with kindling wood all of her life. Livingstone found that though these savage husbands and wives sometimes quarreled just like Christians, the men never rebelled against the petticoat government and the women sometimes sabotaged on the men in the matter of food when they failed in courtesy and industry.

The social organization existing among the Pelew Islanders even at this late date, possibly more nearly compare with those that existed during the "mother rule," than among any other people now in existence. J. G. Frazer in his "Golden Bough" tells us that these people who form a branch of the Micronesian stock, are divided into a series of families who trace their descent through the female line, to a common ancestress. They also worship goddesses and not gods. Now and then some goddess chooses a man for her minister instead of a woman, and when a man is so honored he must from that time dress and act as a woman. The women are politically, economically and socially superior to the men. They not only rule the tribe, administer the religion and laws, but they own and tend the taro fields which supply the principle article of food, and woe betide the man who is not well behaved for he gets no roasted taro, (a sort of potato) until hunger forces him to good be-

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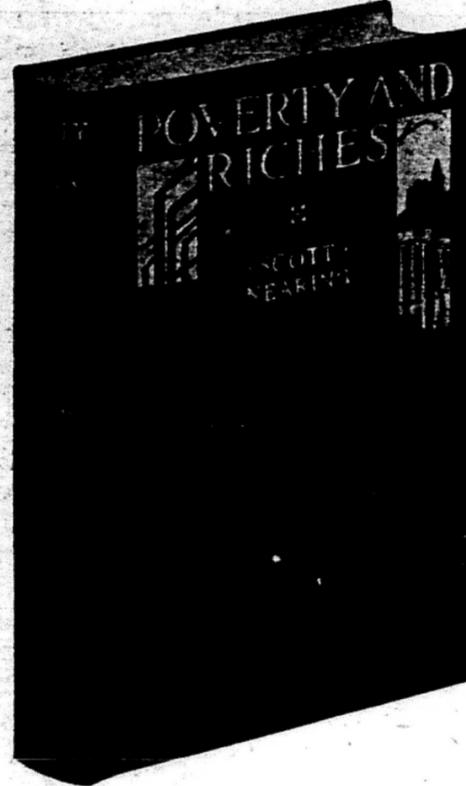
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havior. If an unmarried female among the Pelew Islanders gives birth to a child, no tragedy results; she simply states that it is the offspring of the god who is her divine husband and the child is accepted as being of divine parentage and holds a superior position to the children who arrive in the usual manner. Possibly if the women of civilized and Christianized countries had some voice in the control of their lives the "Scarlet Letter" might be pinned on the man instead of the woman.

With the invention of writing and the establishment of slavery the race passed from the period of development called barbarism into what we have dignified by the name of civilization. War ceased to be a pastime and became a business, captives in war became slaves, captured lands and herds became the private property of the captors. The collective ownership of property passed away, collective production ceased and society was divided into two classes—those who had forcibly taken the earth, and their slaves, and to the latter class women belonged.

So in the days of the old Testament, the slave system was in full force. The military class was the ruling class and they were firmly established on the basis of the RIGHT of any man who had the MIGHT, to own his working class as private property. The productive work of that time was done by bondmen and bond-women—in other words, slaves. Whenever and wherever men have been allowed to own their working-class as private property, they have steadfastly held that they had a sacred RIGHT to own anything else they needed in their business in the same way. And if we read secular history and religious history rightly, men, since the beginning of the slave system have needed plenty of women in their business. They were quite justified in getting the women by any method they found convenient. Purchase, capture or abduction, in fact any method that supplied plenty of women was satisfactory as well as moral and pious.

If the subjugation of women had only existed among the Hebrews and Christians we might with justice attribute it to the "rib story," but since we find it among all nations and a part of the life all the people of all religions and realize that it came along with the private ownership of property we must in justice decide that the "rib story" did not create the slavery of women, it just sanctioned and defended it as did all other religions.

Walter Thomas Mills in his "Struggle For Existence" says: "It is seen from a study of primitive industry that when man came to use the resources of the earth, it never occurred to him for a thousand centuries that it

could belong to only a portion of the race. When he did come to that conclusion, slavery and the subjugation of women came along with the private appropriation of the natural resources." August Bebel in his "Woman" says: "The matriarchate or mother rule, implied communism and equality for all. The rise of the patriarchate or father rule, implied the rule of private property and the subjugation and enslavement of women."

With the institution of private property came the vital question of inheritance. The father who by his trusty sword had acquired broad acres and numberless slaves did not care to run the risk of having his hard earned wealth pass at his death into the hands of the child of some other man, who might have poached on his preserves while he was away at war. The enslavement of women and the enforcement of the most drastic laws concerning her chastity was the only solution for the problem. Religion and law both being the servants of the men of the ruling class, joined hands in enforcing the subjugation of women and the mastery of men and naturally before such a combination, women were helpless.

The women of heathen Athens occupied just about the same position as those of Israel. She could share her husband's bed but not his table, she could cook the dinner, but must eat her portion in the kitchen. If she left the house she must veil her face that she might not arouse the desires of other men, and by no chance might she have social intercourse with her husband's male friends. Aristophanes speaks of the Molosian dogs that were kept to frighten away adulterers (male of course), and in all Athenian homes of the upper class, eunuchs were kept to guard the women. These eunuchs were manufactured to supply the trade and no well equipped home was complete without at least one of these fore-runners of the modern butler. The custom of making eunuchs of the male household servants was no doubt quite necessary. These servants were captive slaves, in many instances far superior mentally and physically to their masters. Caste lines had not become fixed and a stalwart and the handsome butler might easily "taint" the blood of the master's heir and play havoc with the sacred laws of inheritance. The custom passed into disuse when long ages of servitude had "fixed" the male household servant in his class and a butler is quite "safe" today, though chauffeurs are still under suspicion.

Though the men of Athens laid so much stress on chastity, it was only for female use, and not considered a masculine virtue by any means. These men of Athens not only had their legal wives, their female slaves and purchased concubines, but they developed

a new sex relation and laid the foundation of one of the most flourishing and profitable businesses of modern life—prostitution. The courtesans of Athens were as beautiful and stylishly dressed, as popular and well advertised as the "society women" of the predatory rich today. Who remembers the names of any of the wives of the famous men of Athens except poor old Xantippe? But every highschool girl knows that Aspasia was the lady friend of Pericles, Danae the mistress of Epicure, and that Archænassa shared the fame of Plato. There was no shame attached to the lives of these women, they escaped the slavery of marriage and shared the intellectual life of all the famous men, while their wives were shut up at home to squabble with the cooks, associate with eunuchs and raise the babies. Demosthenes said: "We marry women to have legitimate children and to have faithful guardians of our homes, we maintain concubines for our daily service and comfort, and courtesans for the enjoyment of love." So plentiful were these courtesans and so highly esteemed by the men that when Solon framed the new laws for Athens he established the public brothel and set the price of a woman's service at six cents and insisted that no courtesan should charge an Athenian gentleman more than that, and certainly no man could complain of the high cost of loving in those days.

Rome was a republic and politics was the ruling passion as well as the favorite pastime of the men of that nation. War became an adjunct to politics and women its handmaidens. The status of the Roman women was slightly higher than that of the Athenian women for they were slightly more useful to the men. In Athens the men left their wives at home to oversee the eunuchs and in Rome they used them for political purposes. And the status of women depended entirely on their usefulness to the political ambitions of the men folks. When a man of the ruling class of Rome mar-

ried, it was not a slave or toy he wanted but a feminine ward heeler and spellbinder, or whatever they called the equivalent of these in Roman high society.

Guglielmo Ferrero in his "Women of the Caesars" gives a vivid picture of the life of the Roman women. He says: "The Roman aristocrat never regarded matrimony, just as he never regarded religion and law, as other than instruments for political domination. For this reason although the Roman conceded many privileges and recognized many rights among women, he never went so far as to think that a woman of great family could aspire to the right of choosing her own husband. * * * When a purely political reason was wanting (for a marriage) there was the economic. A woman could aid wonderfully a political career in two ways: by ably administering the household and by contributing to its expense her dower or personal fortune. * * * They (the Roman men) expected only that she be of respectable habits, and even in this regard it appears they sometimes shut one eye. Sulla, the great dictator, owed his wealth to the bequest of a Greek harlot."

Ferrero also says that Cicero divorced his wife Terentia because she would not stake all her wealth on his uncertain political campaigns. He then at the age of sixty-three married his seventeen-year old ward who had lots of money and no effective way of objecting to being his political "angel."

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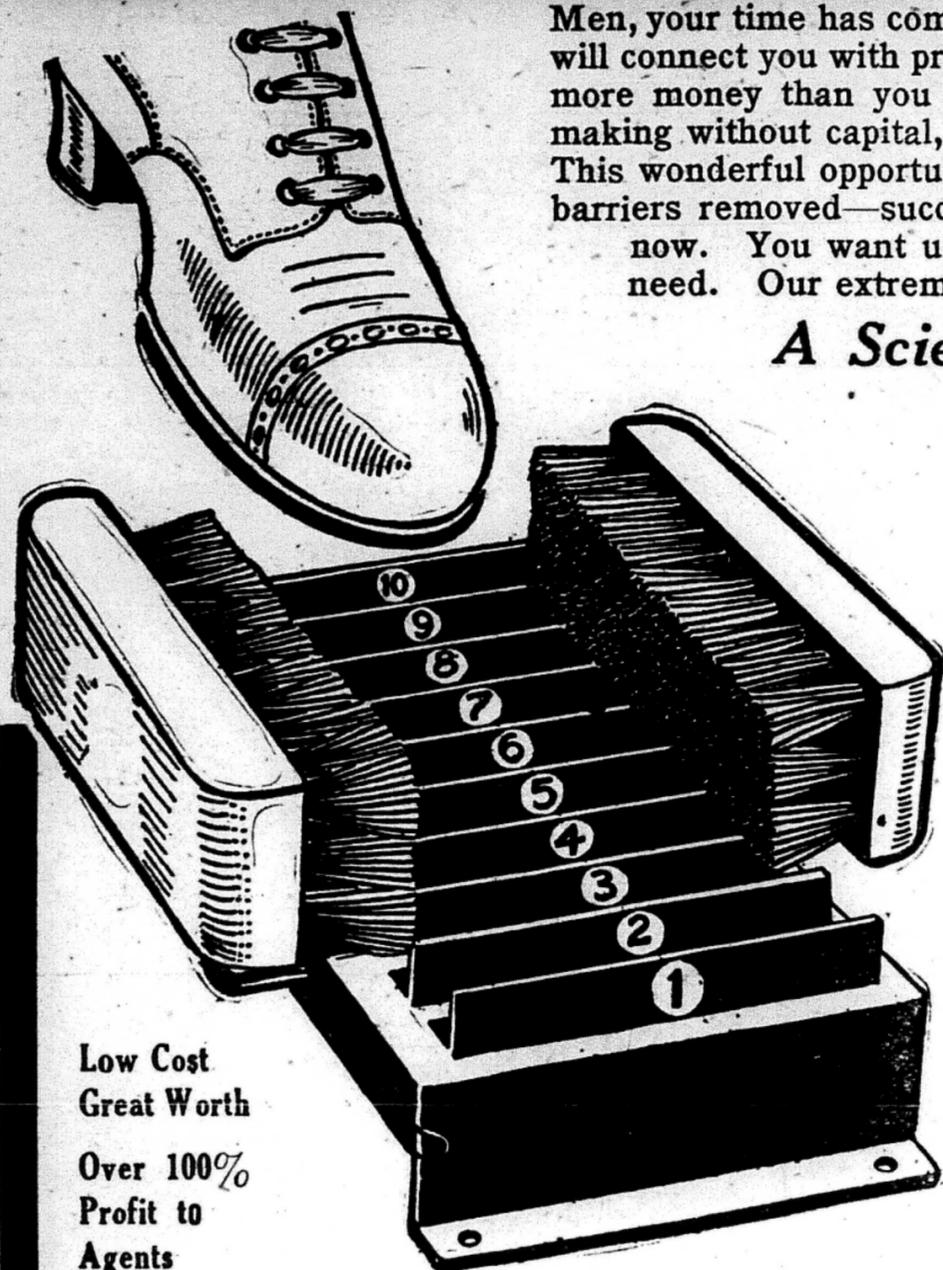
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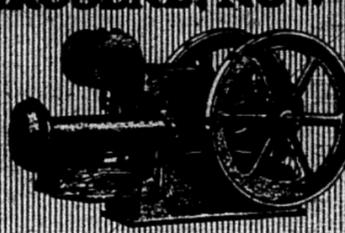
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In the year of 38 B. C., Caesar sent to the pontifical college, (the highest religious authority of the state) this question: "Might a divorced woman who was expecting to become a mother, contract a marriage with another man?" The pontifical college replied that if there was no doubt of the new marriage taking place it would be all right. A few days later Octavianus divorced his wife and married Livia the wife of Tiberius Claudius Nero, who had kindly divorced her in order that the new match might be made. T. C. Nero also provided a dowry for his ex-wife and acted as best man at the wedding. Three months later a son was born to Livia and Octavianus sent it back to the accommodating Tiberius Claudius.

As one might imagine, this wholesale trading of wives and husbands to serve political purposes did not improve the morals of the community. Not that the men were expected to have any morals, for in Rome as in all other nations morality was considered "for women only," but it had a very bad effect on the women. It is a hard task to teach womenfolk that chastity and loyalty are cardinal virtues when they are compelled to exercise them on so many different men in rapid succession. Naturally the men emphasized in religion, law and social customs, puritanism for the women and I imagine the old political libertines of Rome could preach as eloquently as Billy Sunday of the beauties of meekness, faithfulness and chastity for women, though for lewdness Rome has never been surpassed, and only of late years is it being equalled among the "gilded youths" of the predatory rich of our country and time.

It was only among the Germanic tribes who were both "heathen" and "uncultured" and in Sparta where women shared in the rule that purity and sexual cleanliness existed, and when women were neither vehicles for lust or political pawns. The Spartans boasted: "There are no adulterers in our midst." Tradition tells us that a stranger said to the wife of Leonidas: "You Lacedaemonian women are the only ones who rule over men." She replied: "And we are the only ones who bring forth men."

No wonder Tacitus, the great Roman historian, was so impressed with the women and the sex relations of the Germanic tribes; they were so radically different from those of Rome. He says: "They (the Germanic men) even suppose somewhat of sanctity and prescience to be inherent in the female sex; and therefore neither despise their counsel, nor disregard their responses." He also says that the women accompanied the men to battle, to bind up their wounds and care for their comfort and in cases of dire necessity the women engaged in battle with the men and urged them to deeds of mighty valor by their battle songs. The Romans found that women were held in so much higher esteem than men that they were demanded as hostages.

In speaking of the marriage customs of the Germanic tribes Tacitus says: "The matrimonial bond is strict and severe among them; nor is there anything in their manners more commendable than this. Almost singly

they content themselves with one wife. * * * The wife does not bring a dowry to her husband, but receives one from him. * * * That the woman may not think herself excused from the exertion and fortitude, or exempt from the casualties of war, she is admonished by the very ceremonials of her marriage that she comes to her husband as a partner in toils and dangers, to suffer and dare equally with him, in peace and war. * * * Adultery is extremely rare among them, nor is any indulgence shown a prostitute, neither youth nor beauty nor riches can procure for her a husband, for none there looks upon vice with a smile, or calls seduction the ways of the world. * * * Every mother suckles her own children and does not deliver them into the hands of servants and nurses. Youths partake late of the pleasures of love and neither are virgins hurried into marriage, the same maturity and full growth is required and the sexes mate equally matched and robust and the children inherit the vigor of their parents."

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The door opened and Billy Weed, his partner, came into the room. Instinctively Hopkins whipped his sagging nerves to attention, and greeted him.

Hopkins and Weed had been partners for two years, the natural result of an older man's appreciation of the push and energy of the younger. Hopkins was fifty years old, one of the kind the doctors call a "one-mind man." His life had been spent at incessant, laborious work.

Weed, the younger partner of the firm, was the energetic, pushing, imaginative hustler, without much experience, but a dynamo of desire and ambition.

Employed by an old firm, Hopkins and Weed were drawn to each other, and when Weed's aunt died and left him a few thousands, Hopkins was glad to withdraw his savings from the bank and join Weed in a partnership arrangement. For nearly two years the young firm had struggled in an attempt to make itself a recognized element in the commerce of its territory.

"Well, I've got the figures ready for that Corrdon contract," said Weed, "and I wish you would go over them."

"Oh, all right," replied Hopkins, wearily, putting them on his desk. "I've been checking up this audit. Billy, it looks as if our curtain is going to drop."

The young man was silent for a moment. "I've been hoping that we could get this Corrdon contract. If I had to handle it alone, there would be no use, but you know Corrdon—you've sold him every year for ten years. He knows what you say is right. Jim, we've got to get that contract, and it's up to you to do it."

"I know, Billy. If I didn't feel so badly— Well, all right," he said, determinedly "we'll see."

Billy Weed made as if to say something, but changed his mind, and walked to the door. Then!

"I just want to impress on you, Jim, that this is our last chance. All we've got is in this firm, and if we fail now—"

He broke off suddenly and the sound of the closing door sent a jar of pain through Hopkins' aching head.

The letting of the Corrdon contract was set for September 1. But a few short weeks remained to make whatever changes they thought necessary in their equipment in order to make their prices and agreements with the Corrdon people measure up to what Hopkins knew the Corrdon people would require.

Hopkins redoubled his exertions, working from early in the morning until late in the evening, using every ounce of his intense energy in an effort to get to the base of each possible opportunity his plant and force offered.

He began to believe that his people were against his getting the Corrdon contract. He called on them to help him, and was surprised that so few came to his bidding. He did not understand it, but even Billy Weed, he thought, was unresponsive to him.

The plant, which had always been his chief source of delight, bored him frightfully. For the first time in years he began to look to the time when the Corrdon contract would be definitely settled, as a promise of definite relief, whether the contract came to his firm or was placed elsewhere.

One day when Hopkins was considering an invention of his own which, properly installed on their machines, would enable them to cut several points off their Corrdon prices, his mind seemed suddenly to go out like a blown candle.

He strove to get it back on the work in hand, but something was wrong. His head went forward and rested heavily on the blotter on his desk. There was an insistent demand somewhere in him that his time to rest had come. He thought of green fields, of running waters and rest.

A few minutes later, Billy Weed found him there. Hopkins was sleeping soundly. Weed tried to arouse him, but received only a muttering reply to his inquiries. He called an ambulance and had Hopkins removed to his home.

The Magic Shield

By Ring Lessing

That night Billy Weed had a long talk with the physician who attended Hopkins.

"It's his own fault," said the physician, bluntly. "and only he can cure himself. Medicines will do no good. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown."

"But we've got to have him at the office," replied Billy, "the very existence of the business depends on him."

"He goes back at the price of his life, then," said the physician. "No man can work as he has without paying the price. It is useless to expect him back within a year."

A few days later Billy was admitted to the darkened room where his weakened partner was struggling back to the control of his mind and body. In the meantime, the physician, careful to find the cause of his patient's illness, had determined that the nervous breakdown was the result of weakened kidneys.

"What about the Corrdon contract?" asked Hopkins, as he pressed Billy's hand in greeting.

"Don't you worry about the Corrdon contract, old man," replied Billy. "I've talked to your doctor, and you're going to get a nice long rest in some place where the office affairs won't worry you."

"But, Billy, I've got to get back for that contract conference—"

"We'll attend to that later on," said Billy. "You've four weeks yet before September 1. Miracles have happened in less than four weeks."

That night the doctor went with Hopkins to the train and put him on it bound for a place which no one knew but Hopkins, the doctor and Billy Weed.

"We'll put him where he won't hear of the office from any source," said the doctor. "unless you write him."

"Well, don't worry about that," replied Billy. "We'll let the whole thing go to smash if his health depends on it."

The next four weeks were years of torture to Billy Weed. He kept his faith with the doctor, sending to Hopkins no news of the affairs of the firm, and seeing that no one else did so, despite the letters that came in from Hopkins addressed to one or two friends who told Billy about them.

Billy knew that the Corrdon contract would be lost unless Hopkins was there to conduct the negotiations. These contracts were let by placing them with the lowest responsible bidder, and Hopkins would be obliged to go into the directors' meeting of the Corrdon Company to convince those hard-headed financiers that the firm of Hopkins & Weed knew what they were bidding for and were entirely capable of fulfilling its contracts. Billy doubted his own ability to do this, although he determined to try it.

The morning of September 1, Billy Weed went to his office with fear and trembling at his soul. That day, he feared, would be the last of the firm.

He let himself into Hopkins' office, where he had done most of his work while Hopkins was absent, and was astonished to find a man seated at the desk. The back of the body, huddled over a number of papers, seemed to look like Hopkins, but Billy knew that was impossible. Hopkins was in the mountains, a nervous wreck. He rubbed his eyes, as the man at the desk spun his chair around and faced him.

"Billy!"

"Jim!"

Billy Weed's hands clasped the strong, iron grip of Hopkins.

"What does this mean? What are you doing here?"

Billy pushed the other man away, who stood laughing at him.

"We're not going to talk about that now, Billy," said Hopkins. "I've been here since 2 o'clock this morning, running over these papers. You've got everything fine. We've got two hours before the contract conference is called. Sit down here and we'll go into a few details."

Wondering, Billy sat down beside Hopkins and they began to go through their

offering. Hopkins' mind had always been a storehouse of facts, and Billy saw that his illness had not harmed it. Within a few minutes he seemed to understand every point which Billy had taken up in his absence.

At a quarter to ten, Hopkins rose, gathered together his papers, and held out his hand to his partner.

"Watch me, Billy. If I don't get this contract you can draw and quarter me."

Billy was astonished at the erect, alive, vital man before him, whom, a few short weeks before, he had lain a shaking, cowering form in his bed. What had wrought this miracle? With a smile of confidence Hopkins swung through the door and down the long store toward the entrance. Billy watched him go, wondering at the strong confident, magnetic personality, the stride of a man in his prime, the old kind of Hopkins of ten years before when he went to gather in the big contracts.

It was a little after twelve when Hop-

kins came back. The smile was still on his face. He came into the office, laid his papers on his desk, carefully removed his hat, and turned to Billy.

"Well, we've got it." Billy was on him in an instant, their hands clasped.

"You don't mean it? How the devil—"

"Well, wait a minute, won't you?" said Hopkins.

The two were laughing now like a couple of kids let out on an unsuspected school holiday.

"Sit down and I'll tell you all about it." Then Hopkins went into the story of the conference. Four other firms had bidden against them, and Hopkins found that all of them had gone out after that contract.

"But, Billy, it was a cinch. I never felt so like fighting for a contract in my life. Why, listen man, I wouldn't have cared if there had been twenty firms there instead of four. I knew I had them beaten. I had their goats, Billy. I was just too strong for them."

"Strong, that's the word," Billy laughingly replied, "but that's what I can't understand. Four weeks ago you were a nervous wreck. The doctor told me it would be a year before you could come back to work, and here to-day, you are a fighting machine again—100 per cent strong and hankering for work. How did you do it?"

Hopkins drew from his inside pocket a magazine page carefully folded. Billy opened it and read the ad which was imprinted on one side of it. It was as follows:

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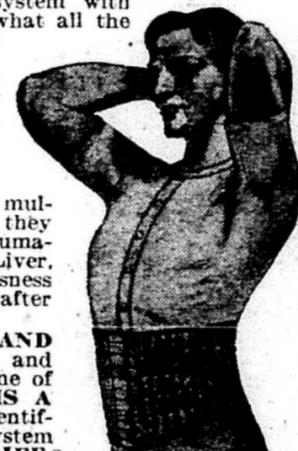
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By **Scott Nearing**

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The A. F. of L. Convention

By **John Hand**

(Special Correspondent of THE NATIONAL RIP-SAW.)
BALTIMORE, Nov. 16.—The nimble little pea that used to hide under one of those three shells at the county fair, back when you were younger, has a worthy successor in Sammy Gompers, who is running this annual convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Four hundred delegates are in Baltimore, at the expense of their brother and sister trade union folks back home, and they think they are putting the labor movement on the map. They want the eight-hour day, and they are going to have it. They want more wages, and cheaper food, and an income when they are old, and they want all sorts of things that go toward making plain people happy.

But wait a minute! Sammy Gompers, is president of this affair. He is strong for the eight-hour day, but only when it is won by strikes. He is fighting tooth and nail to prevent the Socialists and a lot of insurgent non-Socialists from getting the Federation to endorse eight-hour laws for men. One minute Mr. Gompers is glorying in the fact that he and organized labor managed to help President Wilson get another term. Labor and Gompers are an irresistible political power.

Next minute Gompers is sobbing over the sinfulness of any man's thinking that a working-man can get an eight-hour day by political power. Wilson can get \$75,000 a year and a good job, and can give nice soft jobs to good boys by the thousand, because the workers under Sammy's influence used that political power for Wilson. But to even dream that the working boob can use the same sort of ballot to land a shorter work-day for himself, even at a salary of two round iron dollars per, is proof that you're crazy!

Just while I'm writing, the signs are that Mr. Gompers will have to do the liveliest stepping of a long career if he escapes a showdown this time. The western men who want action in place of hysterics are counting their strength. They believe that they will get a majority on the rollcall when the resolutions demanding eight-hour legislation for men in industry are brought up on the floor.

Then there's the question of old-age pensions. Gompers shed a lot of tears in the committee room at Washington last spring when he thought that Socialist Congressman London might "put across" a resolution for old age pensions, sickness insurance and unemployment insurance. The head of the American Federation of Labor begged the House committee to go slow; to refuse to "compel" the poor working man to accept an old age pension, or payments from the government in case he were unemployed or sick through no fault of his own. Gompers considered that sort of "paternalism" to be criminal and demoralizing and un-American. Besides, he had not suggested it first.

Well, here comes the steady old International Typographical Union—one that has had about as little Socialist influence in its headquarters as any labor organization anywhere—with a demand for a "system of universal old age pensions by the Government of the United States." That is what their delegates ask (Continued on Page 19.)

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Moulding a Nation

By F. R. BRENTLINGER

CHAPTER I.

Phil Bruce and Hugh Carlton had walked around to the sunny side of the cabin and seated themselves upon a large redwood log. "Speaking of going through the world with your eyes open, have you ever noticed anything so simple as this?" asked Bruce, pointing to two piles of shavings at his feet, perhaps made by two other men who had hunted out this same sunny spot to pass away the time.

"Here is evidence of two men having been seated upon this log in conversation, and having had their jack knives out and in use. Now, perhaps that observation would have ended the matter with the average man, but to an observing mind it strikes deeper. Those men have recorded in these piles of shavings the nature of their conversation as though they had set it down in shorthand."

Carlton was puzzled and asked for an explanation.

"Well," began Bruce, getting off the log and squatting between the two piles of shavings, "naturally the beginning of their conversation is recorded in the whittlings at the bottoms of the piles. 'The last shall be first and the first shall be last,' you know. You will notice at the bottom of each pile the shavings are finely cut, and I should say that these men had come here to discuss a business proposition of some kind; each shaving is small and painstakingly cut, showing that both men were, figuratively speaking, sparring for an opening. The man who sat at this pile led off on the proposition; you will notice his pile of small, keenly cut shavings are the larger of the two. This other man had almost stopped whittling in order to weigh carefully what his companion was saying. You will now notice the shavings have become larger in both piles; the conversation is growing interesting. Here this man has not looked with favor upon the proposal; see those rather large, carelessly-cut slivers? He's disgusted, and is telling the other man such is the case. Ah, they quarrel. Yes; they have grown excited. The largeness of the shavings now denote muscular action—vehemence. This man has cut part of his stick clear off; he had the least self control of the two. Now there has been a lapse in the conversation and a good deal of scheming by both parties; notice the very thin shavings—see how each one curls up on the end as if made very deliberately? There's quite a number of these, consequently quite a little scheming. Now there's a change; the shavings are more like those at the beginning of the conversation. It is quite

safe to say they came to no definite decision upon the question."

"Very fine—in theory," remarked Carlton, "but how can you prove it, Mr. Amateur Sherlock Holmes?"

"Proof?" answered Bruce. "Proof. That's the thorn in the side of apparent progress. We make statements—plausible statements that are pleasing to the ear—and find many followers who are willing to take those statements for facts simply because they are plausible. Is it because we are too 'ternal lazy to become analytic and sift statements down to facts, or is it atavistic—back to the antropoid. You know, or rather science has reasoned, that in the formation of a language there was a slow evolution and it was many a long year before our vocabulary consisted of more than the 'click' of the ape. One old ape discovered he could 'click.' Another ape listened, and after numerous efforts he too could 'click.' So the 'click' passed along from one ape to another until it became quite the proper thing to 'click.'"

"It seems to me the advanced ape of today has not forgotten his early lessons. Some wise old ape will 'click' a statement which sounds good to another ape, who in turn 'clicks' the statement and so on down the line it is 'clicked' until it fastens itself upon the people as a truism, sanctified by the ages and absolutely, emphatically impregnable. As an example, take the question of poverty. Let us propose to eliminate it. Immediately our worthy old apes will roll their eyes heavenward, rub their pompous stomachs, and 'click'; 'The poor ye have always with ye.' That 'click' settles it. You're always going to have them with you and no state of society could even be suggested that would overcome the 'click.'"

"But," continued Bruce, "the world—and when I say the world I mean only those who amount to anything—the people who think—the non-clickers—the world is demanding facts as never before. This tendency more than any one other thing impresses me that we are entering into the greatest period of revolution the world has ever known. A revolution in science by the law of economic determinism, and through science, a revolution in art, in literature and in our whole social structure. Not nationally, but universally."

This was the formal introduction of Mr. Phil Bruce, prospect-or-scientist to Mr. Hugh Carlton, capitalist-nobody, whose fishing trip in the Santa Cruz mountains of California had led him to a discovery. Here, in a rustic little hut built of slabs and mill seconds, he had stumbled on

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"Having used Nuxated Iron to keep up my strength, must say that too much cannot be said in its favor. It is an excellent tonic for keeping up the strength. I am using it as prescribed by the doctor. Am seventy-two years old, and find it a great benefit to me."—David Drummond a veteran of the Civil War.

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"I am a reader of 'Appeal to Reason,' and I read the ads of the Nuxated Iron, and I thought I would try it. I have doctored and doctored and no results, so I took Nuxated Iron, and it made me a well man. It increased my strength and made me as sound as a young man. I gave some to Otto Pittzer, and he got the same results. I recommend everybody to try Nuxated Iron, as it will make them well."—A. J. Daniels.

SPECIAL NOTE: The full address of any or all of the above named subscribers of the "Appeal" will be furnished to anyone interested by addressing "Advertising Manager," APPEAL TO REASON, 712 Hartford Building, Chicago, Ill.

WHAT THE DOCTORS SAY

Dr. King, a New York Physician, and author, when interviewed on the subject said: "I heartily commend the investigation the Advertising Manager of the 'Appeal' has made in regard to the merits of Nuxated Iron. I have used it extensively in my own practice and I believe it is the most satisfactory strength and vitality builder known to medical science. There can be no vigorous iron men without iron. Pallor means anaemia. Anaemia means iron deficiency. The skin of anaemic men and women is pale. The flesh flabby. The muscles lack tone, the brain fags and the memory fails, and often they become weak, nervous, irritable, despondent and melancholy. When the iron goes from the blood of women the roses go from their cheeks. In the most common food of America, the starches, sugar, table syrups, candies, polished rice, white bread, soda crackers, biscuits, macaroni, spaghetti, tapioca, sago, farina, degerminated cornmeal, no longer is iron to be found. Refining processes have removed the iron of Mother Earth from these impoverished foods, and silly methods of home cooking, by throwing down the waste pipe the water in which our vegetables are cooked, are responsible for another grave iron loss.

"Therefore, if you wish to preserve your youthful vim and vigor to a ripe old age, you must supply the iron deficiency in your food by using some form of organic

iron, just as you would use salt when your food has not enough salt."

Dr. Sauer, a Boston physician who has studied abroad in great European Medical institutions, said: "I wish every newspaper would make an investigation like the Advertising Manager of the 'Appeal.' If this were done I am sure much of the present patent medicine advertising would be thrown out of the papers. Nuxated Iron is one of the really few advertised preparations which possess great merit and which may be safely used by the general public."

"As I have said a hundred times over, organic iron is the greatest of all strength builders. If people would only throw away patent medicines and nauseous concoctions and take simple nuxated iron, I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved who now die every year from pneumonia, grippe, consumption, kidney, liver, heart trouble, etc. The real and true cause which started their disease was nothing more nor less than a weakened condition brought on by a lack of iron in the blood.

"Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with a blood pressure of a boy of twenty and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man; in fact, a young man he really was, notwithstanding his age. The secret, he said, was taking iron—Nuxated iron, had filled him with renewed life. At thirty he was in bad health; at forty-six he was care worn and nearly all in. Now, at fifty, a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence, you become weak, pale and sickly looking, just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the while double their strength and endurance and entirely rid themselves of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate, or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. The iron demanded by Mother Nature for the red coloring matter in the blood of her children is, alas! not that kind of iron. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated to do you any good otherwise it may prove worse than useless. Many an athlete and prize-fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the fray; while many another has gone down in inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron."

Dr. Schuyler C. Jaques, Visiting Surgeon of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, New York City said: "I have never before given out any medical information or advice for publication, as I ordinarily do not believe in it. But in the case of Nuxated Iron I feel I would be remiss in my duty not to mention it. I have taken it myself and given it to my patients with most surprising and satisfactory results. And those who wish quickly to increase their strength, power and endurance will find it a most remarkable and wonderfully effective remedy."

The Advertising Manager of the "Appeal to Reason" is to be especially commended for his good work in making such a thorough investigation of the merits of Nuxated Iron, and bringing it to the notice of the general public.

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one who loved nature as himself and one who possessed the capacity for thought.

After partaking of a lunch which Bruce had prepared in the cabin, he had taken Carlton outside to draw him out, mentally speaking, to see if there was within him a combative mind, or whether he, like the majority, was of the conventional, agreeable sort. The grandness of the scenery from their position was not conducive of a scrap, but the thought wrangled within Carlton's mind that here was one who was tactfully engineering a plan to draw from his storehouse of learning some of its treasures, and just what his object was Carlton was unable to fathom. Did he expect him divulge an intellectual treat, or would he be snapped up on some careless remark, uttered more in the thought of being sociable, and literally torn to pieces.

Fortunately Carlton had been raised differently than most rich men's sons. His good old dad had made of him a companion. They were confidantes—more like brothers than father and son.

"We learn from experience," his father was fond of saying, "books and schools may teach us, but it takes the good old hard knocks of experience to make rational beings of us." Carlton's father had made his fortune in the minds and from a knowledge of human nature, one thing especially he had impressed upon his son was, to use his language, "first find out what the other fellow thinks. If he talks long enough he will drop a hint. It will crop out on the surface like float from a hidden vein of ore. Pick up this float and criticize it. You'll draw him out." Carlton's father was right so far. There it was cropping out on the surface. He had recalled the word 'revolution,' a word seldom used in its social sense save by a Marxist or one who has had the patience to read and digest Paul Kautsky's works, although they are the most important contributions made to Socialist literature during the last decade. The float spelled Socialist; and now for the mineral body.

Strange as it may seem, Carlton's allegorical thoughts worked in very nicely with the surroundings. He had noticed, carelessly placed upon shelves and window sills in the cabin, specimens of rock of different character and had figured out to his own satisfaction that Bruce was enjoying a vacation in these beautiful hills and had become interested in their formation. Taking this as a cue he asked, "Do you think these mountains are mineral bearing?"

Bruce hesitated a moment, a smile seemed to creep out over his face and his not overly large eyes appeared all but lost in mischievous wrinkles of merriment. "Before I answer that question I would like to ask

another. What are we both doing now?"

In a flash Carlton realized that they were and had been for some time unconsciously whittling soft redwood sticks into shavings. Bruce by this time was standing before him pointing to the piles of shavings they had made. "Proof? Proof? Read those shavings and find the proofs," he said.

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"These hills are mineral bearing in spots," resumed Bruce, "but whether they contain mineral in paying quantities or not I cannot say. I have not as yet discovered anything in the mineral line which would cause a prospector to grow hilarious with excitement. It is generally accepted by mining men that there is no use prospecting the Coast Range, so it may seem strange to you to see a prospector defying the orthodox rules of mining and studying the formations of this discarded range; but, Mr. Carlton, I am not unlike yourself—I want something more than a statement—I want facts. I want to satisfy myself. I once had a friend, a mining man back in Colorado, who used to say: 'We learn from experience. Books and schools may teach us; but it takes the good old hard knocks

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of experience to make rational beings of us."

"His name, Bruce, his name," cried Carlton excitedly. Then, excusing himself for his confusion, he said, "I also had a friend who often used that same expression."

"I do not doubt it, Carlton," quietly remarked Bruce. "This friend of mine greatly resembled you—in fact, his name was Tom Carlton."

"My father. My dear, old dad," was all Carlton could say, and then the thoughts, the love, the loss of him, all flashed through his mind and for a time he was unconscious of his surroundings. When finally he looked up Bruce was down by the creek playfully throwing rocks at a bluejay perched in a madrone tree.

CHAPTER II.

A DISCOVERY

Bruce had returned to the cabin from a morning spent in the mountains to the west. He dropped a sack of rock specimens to the floor, started a fire in the stove and took a bucket to the spring to get water in which to bathe his hands and face; then proceeded to throw together a lunch.

"That's sure a strong lead," he muttered to himself, "and if there is no gold in that porphyry then there is no gold in this range, and that's a cinch." After finishing his meal he took a mortar and pestle and proceeded to crush a quantity of the rock into a pulp. Taking the pulp and a small gold pan to the creek, he carefully panned the pulp down to a small streak of concentrates. Then, after a careful examination, he muttered to himself, half audibly. "Well, if there's gold in it it's not free; but I'm blessed if I ever saw such heavy concentrates before in a pan of dirt."

Taking the pan and concentrates back to the cabin, Bruce put his find to further test. "Tisn't iron—that's sure—or that hydrochloric would eat the liver out of it." Then placing the concentrates in a fireclay dish Bruce put it in the cook stove grate and stirred the red hot oak coals closely around it. After the ore had been brought to a cherry-red heat, he took it from the stove and awaited the cooling. The ore had not changed in color a particle. It had conglomerated to some extent, but still held its bright white lustre.

"Well, that gets me," thought Bruce. "If there was tellurium there that heat should have brought out the yellow beads of gold. Guess I'll have to assay it."

Amongst other paraphernalia, Bruce carried a small assay furnace, scales, balances, crucibles, acids, etc. Not often had he found specimens which he thought could not wait until he had enough others to pay him to

make a run, for with the same amount of heat he could, in his small gasoline furnace, place six assays in the muffle at once. But Bruce was puzzled; so he set out at once to determine the gold and silver value of his find. A cast of iron about three in-

ches wide and thick, by eight inches long, in which cone-shaped holes have been made, is used to receive the contents of an assay crucible after it has been fused with the fluxes of lead, soda and iron. Into this cast Bruce poured his crucible, where he must

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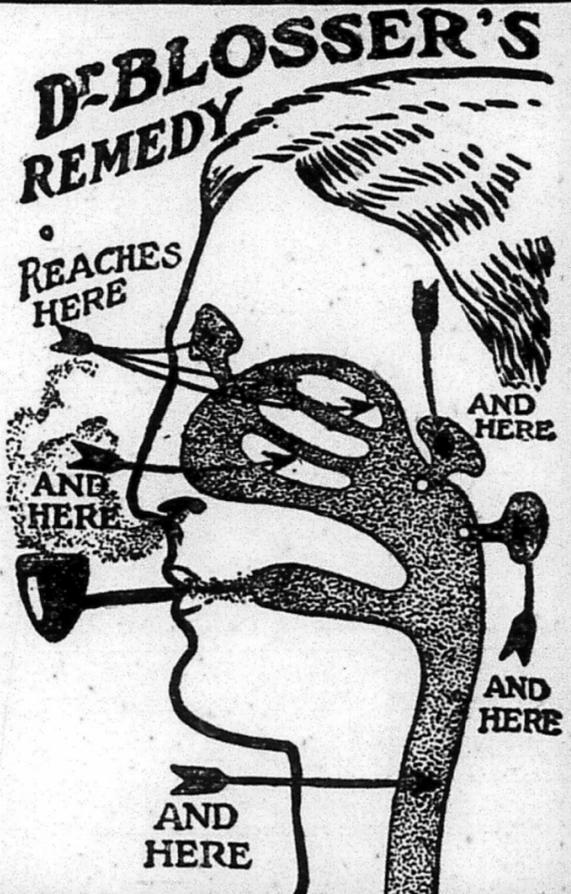


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await a cooling process. The object of pouring the molten ore into the cone-shaped casts is that the lead, silver and gold (being of greater gravity) would form at the bottom, and the greater portion of rock (now represented as slag) would cool at the top, and being brittle, could readily be shattered with a hammer and the values freed from the slag, ready for cupellation.

Imagine the surprise awaiting Bruce when, after several strokes with a hammer upon the top of the slag, he was unable to shatter it. Dumping it out of the mould he placed it upon a heavy piece of iron, and placing his foot upon its edge, he struck repeated blows with the hammer, only to flatten the spot where his hammer fell.

"Damn the thing," said Bruce. "It's all metal."

Here indeed was a phenomenon. Bruce's rock, upon being subjected to heat, had turned to metal.

Not satisfied as to the result nor enlightened as to the kind of mineral, Bruce then decided to try an assay of the rock, as before he had tried the concentrates.

Accordingly he pulped the rock and made four samples. With eagerness he awaited fusion in the furnace, and with a hand nervous from excitement poured the assays into the mould. Anxiously he awaited the cooling of the cones. The slag gave no usual evidence of cooling, such as a popping sound as small fragments fly from the mass. Instead it simply

cooled down to a solid cone of metal. "Sell me for an ossified rat," remarked Bruce aloud, "if I haven't struck the devil's own."

Late into the night Bruce labored; experiment after experiment was tried; scheme after scheme he remembered from past experiences and employed them, but all to no avail. He was up against the real thing. He had discovered a new metal; but what was it?

Perhaps in no other calling is the necessity for self-counsel so great as in that of prospecting. Prospectors early learn that good news travels fast and far, and many a strike has been discovered too soon by a confidence betrayed. Bruce realized this fully, and it could not be supposed that he would advertise the discovery he had made, not at least until he had satisfied himself of its value first. So early the next morning Bruce was on his way up the mountain trail leading to his find. The earthquake of 1906, which raised such havoc in San Francisco and vicinity had been of great force in the Santa Cruz mountains, and in many places, such as the one Bruce was headed for, portions of the hills had been shaken loose, clearing wide swaths through dense growths of redwoods and pines. At this particular point the slide had exposed a dyke of porphyry eight feet in width for a space of 200 feet. The rich color of the vein had first attracted the attention of Bruce, and a closer examination had aroused his curiosity. Sample after sample he now stored away into a large burlap sack, and after securing about fifty pounds from various places along the ledge he returned to his cabin down in the valley.

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four yeers ago hung tu him like a big wart tu a purty gurl's noze. When he climed the old gang's pole he showed hizself; but that's nuthin', he cood have dun that a standin' flat footed like a gote.

But what tickles me and Woodsaw iz that we beet old Pussyfoot with Republikan Staits, and he dident git one uv our'n. Kansas and Newbrasky, old time Republikan strongholds, swept intu line fur Woodsaw. Purty neert all the Western States follered soot. Minnesota got purty neert over the fence intu the Demokrat ranks, but the Republikans caught it by the tail and pulled it bak. It wuz all over but one hind foot and the tail. There iz just a few staits west uv the Missyippy river that went fur Pussyfoot and they're ashamed uv it now.

Another thing that tickles me and Woodsaw iz that old Republikan stait, Ohio, the home uv the prezidents, naimly Grant, Hays, Garfeeld, Mackinly and Taft, haz publicly confessed tu all hur sins and voted eighty thousand majority fur Woodsaw. Then there's New Hampshire that haz always voted with the publikans and sinners. It wuz a grait vicktery and Woodsaw

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liked tu choked hizself tu deth a laffin' after he got over hiz little skare the furst mornin' after the elekshun; I beleeve he wood have choked if I had not bin there tu pound him on the bak. When I got him unchoked he maid me shake hands with him one time fur every Demokratick stait he karried, and three times fur every Republikan stait he had won frum Pussyfoot, I wuz plum gin out when I got throo, fur I aint use tu shakin' hands so much and Woodsaw iz. Bak in the days when I wuz a purpetual kandydait fur offis I cood hav shuk deer old Woodsaw's arm off tu hiz shoulder.

When we got dun a shakin' uv hands Woodsaw told me to sot down and tell him how we cum tu karry so menny Republikan staits. We put our chares close together and sot down and I begunned tu tell him all about it.

"It's this way, Woodsaw," sed I, a layin' uv my hand gently on hiz knee, "you know that four yeers ago Kurnel Roozinvelt split the Republikan party intu 2 parts, takin' uv the biggest part hizself. He dun that becoz he wanted tu be three prezidents. But they run the big roller over him and flattened him out so he dident git the nominashun. But he went and got up anuther konvenshun uv hiz own and had hizself nominated. The uther half nominated old Bill Taft. Then you slipped in and beet 'em both, fur the Republikan party wuzent big enuff fur 2 parties then, and it aint quite big enuff fur one now. Well, Taft had sense enuff tu go off and hide, and, like Unkle Remus' rabbit, 'Lay low and say nuffin'." He thought enuff had bin sed, and he growed fatter rite along. But the Kurnel felt bad and kep a shrinkin' up after the roller had run over him, and you beet him in the elekshun. Hiz feelin's iz best deskribed in a butifull poem which I writ and sent tu him sune after the elekshun tu kind uv encourage him and cheer him up. He acknowledged reset uv the poem by sending' me a big stick which lasted me purty neert all winter fur kindlin'. I called the poem "TEDDY'S LAMENT" and it red az follers:

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Uv this glorious land,
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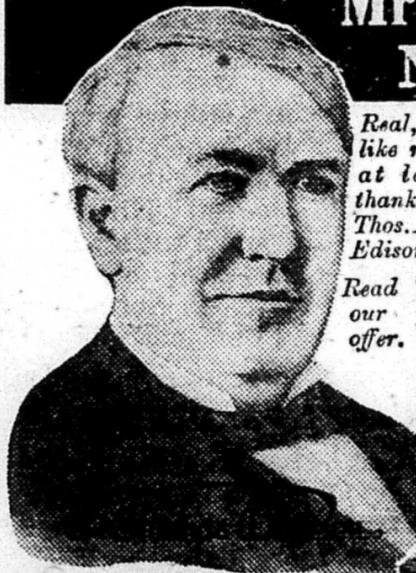
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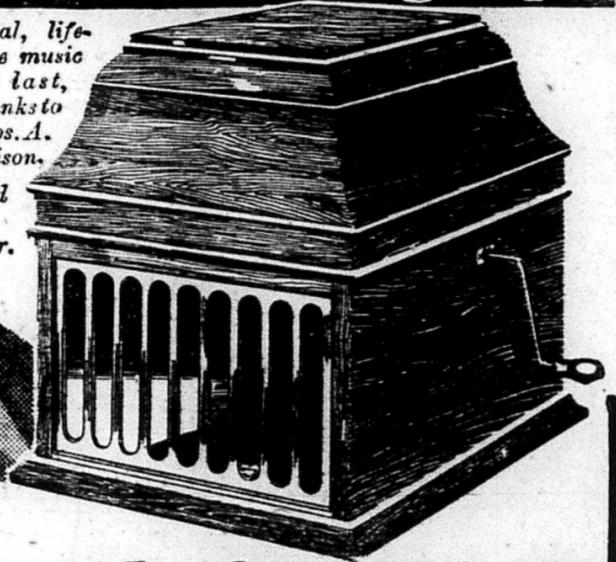
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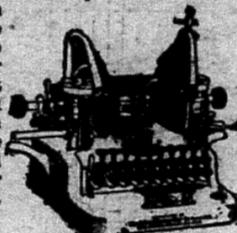
Then at it we went With vengence and vim; Old Bill told on me, And I told on him. The Demokrats laffed, And the Soshialists grinned, But all wuz agreed That I had him skinned; Skinned tu a finish, Which flattered my pride; Then the Demokrats cum And stole his old hide. It wuz a durty mean trick, But I didnt mind that, Neither did I care Fur the loss uv my hat; But the limit wuz reached When that pilferin' crew, That swiped old Bill's hide Got away with mine, too.

"Now, Woodsaw," sed I as I folded up the little poem and put it bak in my vest poket, "that poem gives a graffikal deskripshun uv the situashun as it wuz 4 yeers ago jist after the electkshun. It wuz a plum sight on earth the way them two gangs uv the Republikan party called each uther liars, raskals, theeves and sich things az that. If half they sed uv each uther wuz troo they ort tu all have bin in the penitenshiary, and wood have bin if they hadent uv wore good clothes and flashed a wad uv bills okkashunally."

"Well, Woodsaw, it went on fur a long time after the electkshun and they kept callin' uv each uther names, and the Kurnel he sewed sum feller fur sayin' he wuz drunk endurin' uv the kampaign, and the Kurnel proved by the fellers whoo wuz a drinkin' with him that he wuzent drunk. Then Barnes, uv Noo York, sewed the Kurnel fur slander, but it never fazed the Kurnel and he kep on talkin' and shrinkin' and tryin' tu hold hiz lambs and gotes in the karral, but they kep a jumpin' out and a goin' bak tu their daddies and mammies until the most uv them wuz bak a smellin' uv the flesh pots. So last summer when both sets uv theeves and raskals met in 2 separate konvenshuns up in Shekawgo, the Kurnel kounted hizen, and then went over and kounted them what wuz with the uther gang uv raskals, and when he found that the uther gang had the most he desurted hiz own flock, and got mad and sed he woodent play enny more, and he sulked in hiz tent. But the uther gang, which he had called theeves and raskals 4 yeers ago, sent sum wize men down tu

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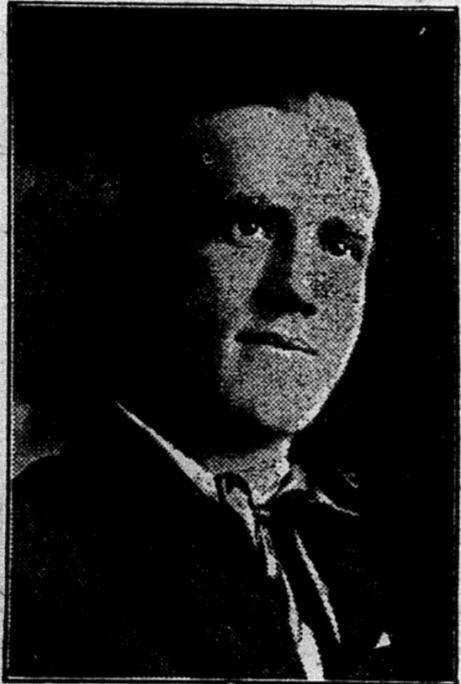
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"And I will," sed Woodsaw, the tears a streamin' down hiz face, "and I'll swat this dubble-heded beest with a great swat lest the peepul shall lie down on their bellies and worship him."

We shook hands and I left him, fur I wuz afeerd if I told him enny more he wud furgit it all, and besides I wuz thursty and needed a splice or two fur the main brace.

Yours truly,
TOBE SPILKINS, Diplomatt.

P. S. I jist received a short letter frum Ike Hawkins. He's cummin' up here tu Washington tu have a talk with the prezident and tell him how tu run the government 'ur the next four yeers so that the peepul will share in the proffitts.

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of this convention. Seems that they have discovered, after paying pensions to their own aged members for eight or nine years, that the government is the logical source of pensions for all citizens. But they are making S. Gompers hop all over his foot.

As if to shame these delegates into laughing at their own hands-and-knees attitude, one of the two fraternal delegates who attended the sessions of the British Trades Union Congress in England made his report today. Here are some of the things that the British workers demanded, without any smooth phrases either, from their parliament:

Universal compulsory membership in unions, with universal eight-hour law and minimum wage of ten shillings.

National ownership and operation of the railroads.

Fifty percent increase in the rate of old age pensions, and reduction of the age at which pensions may be drawn.

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Seizure of "accumulated" wealth for the payment of the cost of the war, instead of taking the cost from the little fellow. Of course the delegate wound up his report by saying that the American Federation of Labor was the finest on earth. Maybe it is the finest. But this convention won't have any resolution before it for government ownership of railroads or any other industry.

Possibly the delegates may get tired of the nimble-pea game after a few more days. Perhaps they will vote to ask Congress for old-age pensions. Perhaps they will back up the railroaders' eight-hour law and ask one for the factory workers. That is a chance.

Just now it is a convention mostly made up of persons glad that Woodrow Wilson is going to give Sammy Gompers the disposal of a few patronage jobs, and opposed to the Socialist "disturbers" who would stir up the question of eight-hour laws just for the sake of getting a shorter work-day.

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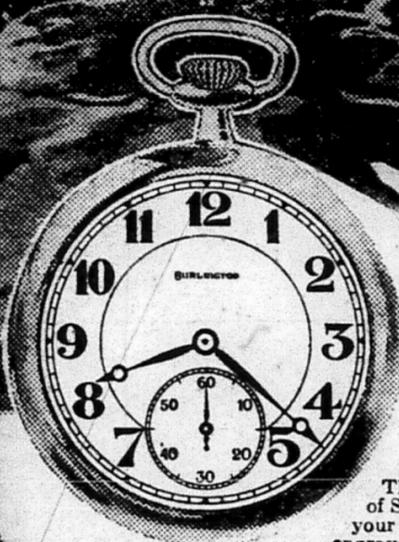
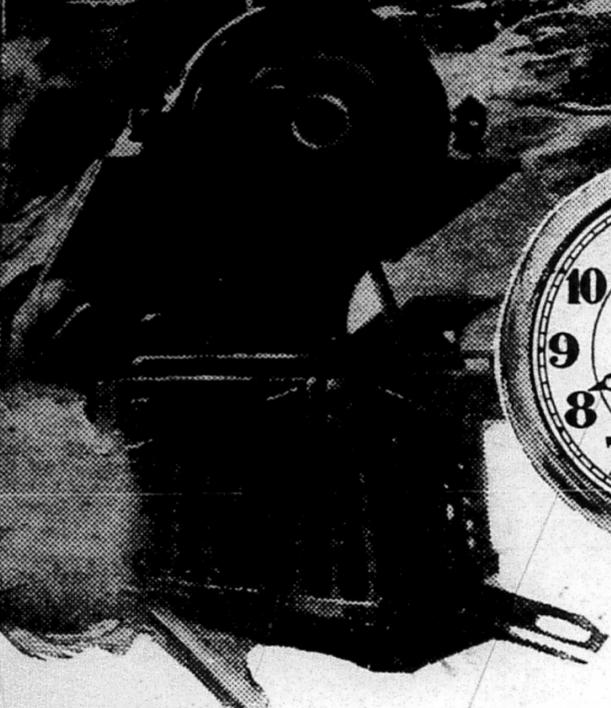
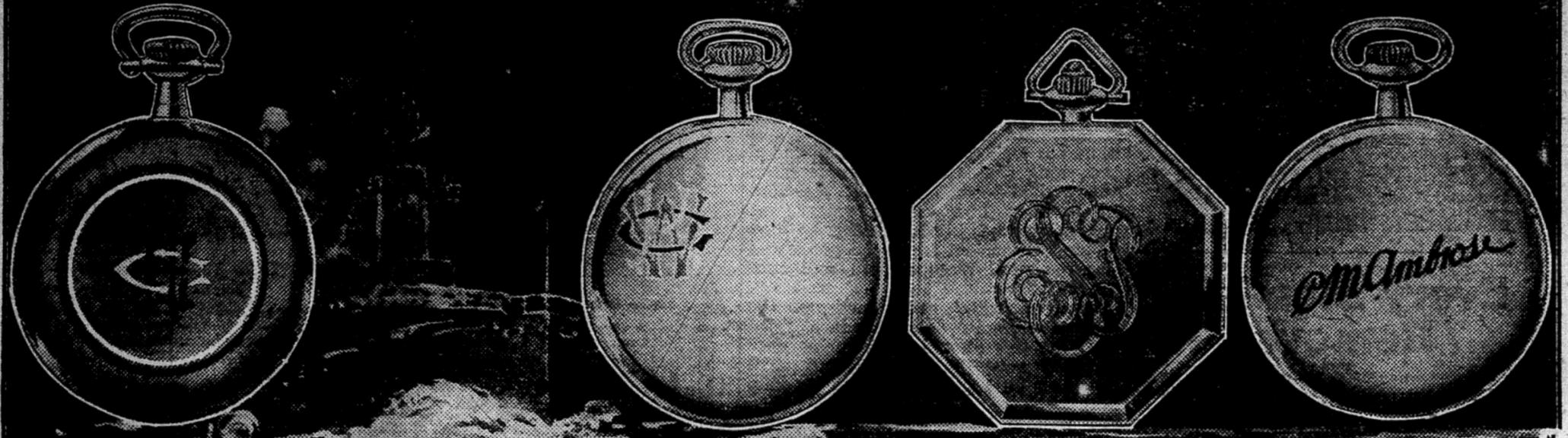
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