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WAR IN WEST VIRGINIA

By EUGENE V. DEBS, in the Chicago Daily World.

Real war is raging in West Virginia. Few people know of this because West Virginia enforces strictly the rule of the coal barons within her borders and no report disclosing the true state of affairs is permitted to go to the outer world.

not kennel their dogs, nor an animal of any kind remain over night unless chained there. The contrast between plutocracy and poverty, between shameless wealth and abject misery, is not more shocking, more brutalizing, anywhere on the face of the earth than it is here in the corporation-cursed State of West Virginia.

tions of actual warfare with all its savage horrors which piles disgrace upon disgrace upon the State of West Virginia. The wives and children of the strikers are starving in the trackless wilderness. No one knows how many miners have been killed. The inhuman beasts who are thus engaged in the massacre of the miners make up the private army of the coal barons, backed by the State militia, with Governor Glasscock, the Bull Moose reformer and Roosevelt boomer, as commander in chief.

THE THREE TESTS

Josh Billings once said: "Political platforms are like the platforms of railway cars. They are meant to get in by, not to ride on." There is unfortunately much truth in the joke, especially in this country.

EFFECT OF MACHINERY

By KARL KAUTSKY.

In all countries in which the capitalist system of production prevails, especially in such countries as the United States, where capitalism has reached the point of production on a large scale, we find the population divided mainly into two classes: first, the capitalists, who possess the means of production—tools, machinery, land, etc.—but who take no part in production itself; and, secondly, the wage workers, the proletariat, who possess nothing but their labor power on the sale of which they live, and whose labor alone brings forth the whole wealth of the land.

the artisan, the small producer generally, were the owners of the product of their own labor by reason of their ownership of the means of production; contrariwise, the product of the labor of the proletariat does not belong to him, it belongs to the capitalist, to the purchaser of his labor power, the owner of the requisite instruments of production. True enough, the proletariat is paid therefore by the capitalist, but the value of his wages is far below that of his product.

workman produces, the larger the value of his total produce. If the capitalist were to work his employees only long enough to produce the worth of the wages he pays them, he would clear no profits. But however willing the capitalist is to pass as the "benefactor of suffering humanity," his capital cries for "profits," and finds in him a willing listener. The longer the time is extended during which the workman labor in the service of the capitalist over and above the time needed to cover their wages, the larger is the surplus over and above the capitalist outlay in wages, and the larger is the quantity of exploitation to which these workmen are subjected. This exploitation or fleecing of labor finds a limit only in the powers of endurance of the working people, and in the resistance which they may be able to offer to their exploiters.

QUESTIONS OF GRAMMAR

Two questions of grammar are troubling us. We shall not be happy till they are authoritatively answered. First, What is the feminine form of the new substantive "Bull Moose"? Somehow the name as it stands seems too aggressively masculine to consist with the presence of so many good ladies in the new party's ranks.

JUDICIAL RECALL FORGOTTEN

The Bull Moose party is very progressive and very independent, on paper. It is particularly alert, on paper, against the control of the judiciary by "the interests." Nevertheless, we observe that in this State, which has as reactionary and capitalistic a lot of judges as any in the Union, the Bull Moosers are following time honored precedent and uniting with old-line politicians to support a "non-partisan judiciary."

FAKERS DON'T ANSWER

By CARL LAMDBURG.

A short open letter to Theodore Roosevelt as follows may be appropriate: Dear Sir—We notice that newspapers are going to publish certain articles from you entitled, "My African Trip."

And upon her about Socialism in an article in the Outlook, speaking in more forthright fashion than the most foul village gossip that ever slandered decent people?

A PROBLEM SOLVED. Schoolmaster—Now, boys, suppose in a family there are five children, and mother has only four potatoes between them. Now, she wants to give to every child an equal share. What is she going to do?



ESPERANTO—THE ONLY TRUE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE.

Editor of The Call: As a propagandist and instructor of the "lingvo internacia"—Esperanto—and a student of its rapidly increasing bibliographies translated from many tongues, I feel it my duty to reply to The New York Call correspondent, J. N. McCullough, of the State of Washington, who asks: "Why should a language which is not known to more than one person in a thousand be considered an international language?"

ABOUT THE DEFINITION.

Editor of The Call: Apropos of Life's definition of idealism, no natural antagonism exists between syndicalism and Socialism. The apparent antagonism is the result of the action and pronouncements of a few egotistical opportunists in the Socialist party, on the one hand, and a few fat witted and stubborn archbishops in the syndicalist ranks on the other.

THE LIMIT.

The Chicago Tribune of August 16, under a Washington (D. C.) date line, printed on the first page, first column, a remnant of the Borah bill, just passed, which is to solve a head of problems providing for a commission of nine to do the job in three years at a cost of \$300,000.

MYERS' SUPREME COURT.

What Karl Kautsky says of Gustav Myers work: "I am sure your 'History of the Supreme Court of the United States' will be of the same rank, value, and importance as your splendid book on 'The History of the Great American Fortunes'."