

by the people in common be viewed as a...
It means that the tools of employment
shall belong to their creators and users; that
all production shall be for the direct use
of the producers; that the making of goods for
profit shall come to an end; that we shall all
be workers together; and that all opportunities
shall be open and equal to all men."



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SLAUGHTER OF CHILDREN

In Southern Cotton Mills Graphically Told by Southern Man.

These pictures appeared in the same issue, that of July 2, of the "Constitution," Atlanta, Ga. Those of the child laborers were taken especially by Rev. A. J. McKelway, editor of the "Presbyterian Standard," and were used to illustrate a lecture delivered by Mr. McKelway on the necessity of a child labor law in the Southern states.

The picture of the home of Mr. Kincaid, President of the Griffin, Ga., cotton mills, was printed on another page. It remained for The Socialist to place them where they can be shown in their proper relation to each other. In other words, to show how the Class Struggle has developed in the South. President Kincaid's beautiful home was built from the bones and blood of the helpless child workers in his mills.

How the Capitalists Play Section Against Section.

Mr. McKelway was graphic in his arraignment of child labor, and said among other things:

"The South should never be cajoled into the toleration of this horrible grinding of her young children in the mills because New England, for business reasons, may object to that process. It comes with especially poor grace from the Southern manufacturers who hobnob with the New England manufacturers in national cotton manufacturing associations, who believe in the New England doctrine of the protection of infant industries while adding their claim to exploit infant industry. I say it comes with poor grace from these gentlemen who are opposing the humane desire and purpose of the Southern people to protect their own children, by the cry that the New England manufacturers are trying to destroy their industries. If it be so, as I very much doubt, that the New England manufacturers are greatly disturbed over what the Manufacturers' Record itself calls 'imaginary competition,' it comes with a poor grace from the representatives of the New England mills in Georgia to oppose, on the one hand, any passage of a child labor law, while they smite Georgia with the other for her backwardness in this matter of protecting her children. And the Southern manufacturer does not seem to see that in asking Southern legislatures to protect them from New England competition by giving him the right to employ little children, a right which the North-

ern manufacturer no longer has, he is really occupying a worse position from the ethical point of view than the Southern manufacturer, who, for the same low commercial motive, let us say, wants the same humane and merciful restrictions to the employment of children for his Southern competitor that he is forced to observe himself."

Mr. McKelway means well, but he apparently does not understand that the capitalist class, North or South, only does that which its material interests demand; that it has no ethical point of view, but only the point of view of profits. The Northern and Southern capitalists will work hand in hand to render ineffective any laws, or agitation for laws, that would inhibit or restrict profit-making. Even now the workers of New England are finding it impossible to secure any more "labor laws" from the capitalist legislators, and there is a quiet agitation on foot to repeal those already enacted, on the ground that these "injure industry," while the enforcement of "labor laws" is becoming more and more lax for the same reason.

"The 'Poor Widow' Fallacy.

"The mill is set forth before us not only as a blessing in giving employment to every member of the family, but it is represented as a sort of orphanage, and reformatory, and health resort, and colliery, and so on. It is actually claimed that the mill children—despite their pallid faces, are healthier than the children of the farms, when statistics here in Atlanta will show that every aggravation of the diseases peculiar to women. As to the orphanage idea, the poor widow, who is supposed to be supported by the labor of her young children is herself made the support of an impenetrable system, and the pendent father is more overworked than he ever was in his natural, or unnatural life. It is the rarest thing that any widow is entirely dependent upon the labor of a child that is too young to be put into the mill. I have never found one such in pretty extensive investigations. I have found none in several factories not a thousand miles from this spot. And the reason is evident. It is not given to employing a widow with one

THE PROFIT TAKER'S VICTIMS

Toledo Socialists Throw Down Gauntlet to Ring Ruled Service Board--Machine's Bluff Will Be Called.



YOUNG WORKERS IN GEORGIA MILLS. The oldest is 13 years of age, and has, according to statement of her father, been working in mills 5 years. This is the girl in group of three standing to the right. The one by her side is only 10 years old, and has been working two or three years.

THE PROFIT TAKER'S HOME



HOME OF W. J. KINCAID, GRIFFIN, GA. This stately residence is one of the finest specimens of the colonial style of architecture to be found in Georgia. Mr. Kincaid is president of the Griffin cotton mills.

The Socialists of Toledo will contest the attempt to abridge the right of free speech in the public parks.

This action was decided upon at the municipal convention last Sunday, when a municipal ticket was nominated, and at which the greater number of the active Socialists of the city were present.

The arbitrary ruling of the Board of Public Service in leasing an order prohibiting anyone from delivering political speeches in the parks of the city will be challenged at the picnic to be given at Central Grove park on Sunday, July 30. Socialist speakers will exercise their right as citizens to discuss the political questions from the Socialist standpoint and will be prepared to use every legitimate means to preserve that right if the Board of Public Service tries to prevent its exercise.

The Socialists are not willing to allow the ring in control of the Public Service Board to Russinize Toledo without making a vigorous protest—a protest which will be carried through to the last ditch, if necessary.

The ruling of the Board of Public Service, seeking to prohibit political speaking in the public parks, was enacted immediately after a meeting addressed in Ottawa park by Mr. Brooks Lawrence, president of the Anti-Soviet League, nearly two weeks ago. It seems that Mr. Lawrence made some remarks in the course of his speech, which jarred the sensitive nerves of the gentlemen who are at present in control of the board and with the impatience with opposition which usually distinguishes such gentry they promulgated the order which would prevent any citizen from using the public parks to express an opinion upon the questions vitally affecting the common good.

This action of the Service Board betrays how cock-sure the local ring is of its dominance in this city. Since Mr. George B. Cox has obtained undisputed control of the Ohio Republican machine, his local representative, Mr. Walter Brown, evidently thinks that he and his maldororous gang are the "whole thing" and that he can play the Czar whenever he feels like it. He will find out that there are some people remaining in Toledo who yet call their souls their own and who will not allow any political boss to cow them into submission to his dictatorship.

It is well to note right here that, with the exception of a feeble note in one of the daily papers from Mr. Lawrence himself after the ruling was announced, no other political organization in the country sanctions the attempt to abolish free speech in Toledo.

Part of a General Movement.

We say also because there is a decided tendency throughout the country, since the start of the year, where either one or the other in control, to crush any attempt at criticism or opposition manifested by those who desire a better and more wholesome order of things. The Socialists are being made the especial target of the contempt ring in Oakland, Cal., Seattle, Wash, and other cities, South, East, and West. The Socialists are making valiant efforts to retain one of the few rights remaining to the workers under the present capitalist system.

If the local ring is permitted to abolish the right to use the public parks for political speaking, then the next step it will take will be to prevent street corner meetings without a permit from the board, and if that is allowed to go unopposed, the next thing will be an order to prohibit speaking on the streets altogether. One encroachment allowed to go unopposed will lead to another until the right of free speech will be abolished entirely. This is the history of all abridgements of the liberties of a people and its eternal vigilance is the price of liberty as true now as it ever was.

Mr. Stollberg's Inconsistency.

Mr. Stollberg, of the Service Board, is quoted as saying:

"The parks belong to the people, and it is decided that they shall make use of them for political purposes. We don't want it done, and we intend retaining the use of the parks to those who propose to so use them. The republican party isn't allowed to use the parks for this purpose, nor shall the representatives of any other."

Mr. Stollberg is mistaken, or he is singularly lacking in a sense of humor. The very fact that the parks are supposed to belong to the people makes it manifest that they should be free for the use of the people. Or does Mr. Stollberg think that by the "people" is meant only those who belong to or are in close touch with the ring? Of course, it is disagreeable to the gang to have somebody come along and dispute their monopoly to the earth and everything on it, but the Socialists are here to do it and if the feelings of the local "machinists" are hurt by it so much the better. It will do them good—what a thing is possible.

What is at Stake.

Why are the Socialists so determined about this matter? Because it is a very serious thing to the working class whose interests the Socialist Party represents. When the working class cannot meet to express its dissatisfaction with existing political and economic conditions, then tyranny is so near that we don't have to go to Russia to feel it. In fact, the workers of Russia are fighting now for free speech, free press and the ballot—the very things which the workers of this country have had heretofore but which they are in danger of losing through their own negligence.

But just as in Russia or any other country where the struggle for liberty has waged, or is waging now, the Socialists of the United States are the only ones to register their protests and engage with the enemies of liberty when the rights of citizenship are invaded. And every citizen, whether Socialist or not, should support them in that contest.

Must Be Settled Right.

It is the duty of the Board of Public Service on Monday considered the challenge thrown down by the Socialists but "would not settle the question until they come to it." There is only one way by which the question can be settled.

The people, be the Socialists, Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists, or anything else must have the free, unrestricted, un molested use of the public parks for the purpose of exercising their rights as American citizens.

Question for opportunists: If it will take twenty years to bring about municipal ownership in Chicago, how soon will we have Socialism by the same route?

Talking about Mr. Root's "self-sacrifice" is well to remember that the Cleveland entered the White House poor and came out rich.

That Secretary of War Taft is pleading for higher salaries for federal officials but saying nothing about the huge salaries received by the working class?

Labor and capital may be brothers or some other kin but it is safe to say no other family ever had such a hard time to get along.

Visitors to the city should make it a point to visit THE SOCIALIST GROVE, Cleveland building, corner Michigan street and Jefferson avenue.

For the Workers of Russia

To the Workers of Every Country:

New crimes have just been added to the list of massacres organized by the government of Nicholas II. Since the shooting down of men at St. Petersburg, Vassila, Varsovie, Wola, Somoanovic, Bakou, Bolyotick, Lods, and Odessa, the slaughter continues in every corner of the empire of Russia, and on the Caucasus, upon the Crimean and in Poland.

After having massacred men of different faiths, one against the other, the agents of the government have lifted the mask; they preside in person at the prearranged massacres, and those whom they especially single out are the organized elements of the proletariat; those who are consciously propagating the new ideas, and the Jewish workmen.

The threat for carnage is such that the soldiers kill for the sake of killing, they attack train loads of travelers, they disembowel women and shoot hundreds of children near the front. It is not enough to be in the Orient, it is not enough to be in the East, it is not enough to be the defenders of the autocratic regime cutrap young lava, even in the woods, and they systematically massacre them in the towns.

Especially these last days the corpses are piled up in the streets by hundreds. And, although the peoples of the civilized nations show indignation, their governments passively concur in all these disgraceful.

Czarism has bankrupted all its promises and its engagements. No one longer believes in the efficacy of reform. Free Russia demands a change of system for she knows that no fruit can be grafted upon a rotten tree.

The proletariat of Russia itself is carrying on an heroic struggle. It is sacrificing its peace and its life for the triumph of the idea, and perhaps that its sublime abnegation may serve as an example to the working class organizations of other countries.

Unhappily the era of sacrifices is not yet over. Repression will call forth new protests and new protests will call forth again new repression.

The working class of the world cannot remain indifferent to this formidable struggle against the blind forces of reaction. Let them raise their voices everywhere in order to proclaim their protests and above all to rescue by all means their brothers of Russia. Let them show their solidarity by their acts.

DOWN WITH AUTOCRACY!
LONG LIVE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM!

By order of the Executive Committee of the International Socialist Bureau.

EDOUARD ANSELE,
EMILE VANDERVELDE,
CAMILLE HUYSMANS, Secretary.

NOTE—Send contributions for the Russian cause to J. Loopoloff, 121 E. 119th street, New York City.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH JOHN D.?

What's the matter with John D. Rockefeller anyway? Why all this hurrah about his personal character, where he got his money from and what he should do with it?

Wherein does he differ from Carnegie, or Morgan, or Harriman, or any of the other money grabbers? Has he done any more than they have done in their fields or would have done if they had been placed in the same position, with the same light to make and the same odds to overcome? Certainly not.

Wherein does John D. differ, except in degree, from the little capitalist or the little storekeeper or from any one else who lives off profit? Not a particle.

The trouble with John D. is that he succeeded where others failed. He had the nerve, the ability and the genius for doing big things while others of smaller caliber or less imagination failed.

Yes, he was unscrupulous—but one must be unscrupulous to succeed under the present business system and John D. was not any more unscrupulous than others would have been had they had the opportunity to do as he has done.

The worst that can truthfully be said about Rockefeller is that he is the logical outcome of the competitive system and he is the individual representative of the survival of the fittest. If he is greedy by instinct and action, if the dollar is his god, it is because the competitive system demands greed and cultivates it in its devotees. John D. is probably not any more greedy by instinct than were the competitors whom he overpowered, but he had the brains and daring to apply his instinct to his own upliftment and their undoing.

So John D. Rockefeller is not bad

MILITARY BAND QUESTION AGAIN

The national government, in a reply to the protest of the Portland (Me.) Central Labor Union, against allowing United States military bands to compete with civilian bands, said that the bands would continue to so compete. The Military Secretary said further that the Central Labor Union had no just cause for complaint.

That the Portland labor body does not hold the same view as the War Department is shown by the following open letter to workmen and the War Department:

"The Central Labor Union of Portland desires to call your attention to a letter in which the highest military authority in the country sanctions the intrusion of the daily labor of professional musicians by the paid military bands of the United States government."

"The amount of work for private bands and private musicians is some two large, without this additional and unnecessary competition."

"We consider that competition by military bands, instead of encouraging the art of music, tends to discourage the growth of the professional musician. We believe that the people need more music and not less of it."

"If the military bands can take away employment from private bands, we do not see why the same ruling of the War Department is not equally applicable to soldiers and sailors while under the pay of the government. The soldiers and sailors can provide any industry or field of labor, invaded they ask the same pay as private workmen."

"They can even be used as strike breakers."

"It is said that the military bands are insufficiently paid. If this is true, they should receive proper compensation by the government. It is mani-

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