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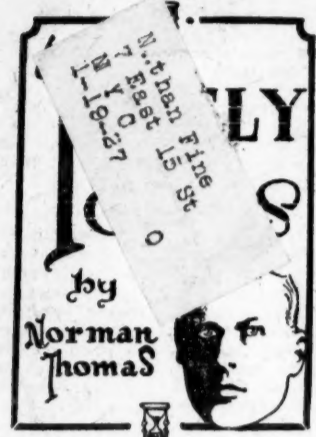
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'Prosperity' Creating Ever Wider Gap Between Profits and Workers' Income



AMERICANS interested in peace and a reduction of taxes for naval expenditures will probably be under great temptation the next few days to denounce the wicked British or the wicked Japanese for trying to get the better of our peace loving American delegates...

Sam Moore, Freed, Pledges Life to Cause of Debs, 'My Christ'

By S. A. DeWitt

'S AM, I want you to meet Sam Moore, the Negro buddy of Gene Debs at Atlanta...

HALF MILLION IN SACCO PLEA

Huge Petition Is Presented to Governor Fuller in Mass

BOSTON.—The Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee has filed with Gov. Alvan T. Fuller a petition with signatures estimated by the committee to number more than half a million, gathered in many countries, protesting against the impending execution of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti.

In a letter accompanying the petition the committee says that, "these signatures represent a longing cherished by many human beings—the longing for justice."

When Debs Came Almost thirty years passed, and Sam had forgotten time and history. Men were only sullen automatons doing a sodden round within four walls of spike and stone. Then the light broke. Gene came into that sordid world. A sanctity had permeated the half living hell.

Socialists Win Seats In Swiss Elections

Municipal elections, which resulted in marked success for the Socialist Party, have been held in the Cantons of Neuchâtel and Geneva. In the town of Neuchâtel five seats were gained, whereby the Socialists became the strongest party.

MINE OPERATORS WHITEWASHED ON BLAST

Killing of 97 Coal-diggers Creates Strong Reaction in West Virginia

(By a New Leader Correspondent)

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—For the first time in decades a newspaper has had the courage to question the benevolence of the coal and steel oligarchy that rules West Virginia. The needless killing of ninety-seven miners in the Everettsville mine disaster last May and the subsequent whitewashing of the company induced the Wheeling Intelligencer in two blistering editorials to challenge the whole complex regime of economic despotism and governing servility which has sacrificed many hundreds of miners' lives and made West Virginia a synonym of the old czarist Russia.

Trade Unions Protest The Everettsville explosion was one of the most disastrous in the history of the State. The coroner's jury made the usual investigation and the usual report. Only the trade unions protested against this outrageous and brutal report when the Intelligencer published an editorial in which it pilloried the jury, the mining company and the public officials who are accomplices in this ruthless killing of workers in the mines.

Emergency Measures Needed Measures for the immediate control of industrial hazards will be outlined as well as the practical steps to enforce safety codes. A concerted attack on the causes of industrial accidents and occupational disease will be mapped out. The health experts hope to bring the facts forcibly before the labor representatives. They realize nothing is quite so effective as the force of labor, when aroused.

Most Dangerous Jobs Every country has reduced its industrial death toll except the United States. Accidents on buildings are second to mining tragedies. Fifteen states have no safety codes for building work. Construction accidents have increased 61 percent in New York state in the last two years. Only twelve inspectors are employed to safeguard the lives of 400,000 workers in that wealthy commonwealth.

Arthur Henderson Attacks Bethlen for Insulting Note ARTHUR HENDERSON, British Labor M. P., reacted sharply to the insulting telegram from Count Stephen Bethlen, in which the Hungarian Premier advised the head of the Socialist and Labor International to "obtain correct information" before directing unfounded and ridiculous attacks in matters concerning foreign States against men in responsible positions.

35,000 Die Yearly In American Industry Labor Conference Finds

CLEVELAND.—Every working day 117 workers are killed "accidentally" in the United States. Of this ghastly total, 35,000 lives a year, fully 85 percent is a needless sacrifice.

LABOR VICTORY IN COURT Picketing Without a Strike Is Legal, N. Y. Judges Declare

A DECISION of great importance to organized labor has just been handed down by the Court of Appeals, the highest court of New York State.

The case arose out of the arrest of a member of the Shirt Ironers' Union last October, who was picketing a hand laundry at Broadway and 112th street. In the Police Court the magistrate convicted the picket of "disorderly conduct" on the theory that there was no strike and that therefore picketing was unlawful.

The picket was also charged with collecting a "crowd." On this point the Court of Appeals had the following to say: "There must be some evidence that he did collect a crowd. We are told that a crowd is a throng, a great number of persons, a multitude. At best the word is indefinite. Difference in time and place may shape its meaning. A crowd at midnight may not be a crowd at noon. A crowd in a country schoolhouse may not be a crowd in Washington Square, but there is always implied in the word numbers in reference to the hour and location."

This decision, following the recent decision in the Court of Appeals in the case of Exchange Bakery vs. Rifkin, clearly establishes the law in the State of New York on the question of picketing.

Swelling Profits After all dividends and interest are more or less stable, the fat years coming to the assistance of the lean ones, but the net profits from which dividends and interest have to be deducted are variable. The best comparable statistics reach back to 1923 only. The Federal Reserve Bank of New York

WEALTH MOUNTS AS WAGES LAG

Unskilled Labor Has Not Participated in Gains, Facts Indicate

By Louis Stanley

TWO facts become evident from a study of the available statistical data on wages, profits and income:

- (1) That the gap between the shares of labor and capital is becoming ever wider, despite increased wages, and (2) That the exploitation of labor is actually lowest during a period of depression and highest during one of prosperity.

This bears out the theoretical analysis made in the two previous articles. We assumed that the function of the capitalist system is to create profits and more specifically industrial order is most successful when profits and exploitation are at their best. We pointed out the inadequacy of the usual indexes to the business cycle in throwing light on the problem of distribution of income, and we recalled that the amount of profits is generally kept safe from the public eye. Nevertheless, we suggested that an analysis be made of the material at hand, and that is our present task.

First, it will be observed that the years 1919-1926, inclusive, have been selected for this inquiry. Two considerations have dictated this choice: (1) the availability of statistics and (2) the typicalness of the movement of the business cycle in this period, for there are (a) two periods of depression, one severe, in 1921-22, and the other mild, in 1924, and (b) years of prosperity before and after these recessions. Secondly, it will be noticed that all figures have been reduced to relative terms by the use of index numbers, with the year 1923 as a common base equal to 100. In this way rates of increase and decrease—we are not interested primarily in the absolute numerical quantities for the purposes of this study—can be compared.

The Social Product

It is necessary at the start to have some understanding of the total production of society every year to see what amount is available for distribution. While the various estimates by equally reliable or unreliable authorities differ among themselves, the rates of change are in general the same. We shall select three sets of figures. The first is the new index of industrial production constructed by the Federal Reserve Board at Washington. In the original the average for 1923-25 is made the base (100). We have made the shifts required by 1923 as a base, according to the announced plan. (See column 1, table 1.) The next two indexes are based upon the annual national income as estimated by the National Industrial Conference Board. One set of figures represents income in values of the current dollar, the other the same items in terms of the 1913 dollar. Income in current dollars ranges from \$68,260,000 in 1919 to \$78,649,000 in 1926. The corresponding amounts in 1913 dollars are \$38,162,000 and \$46,392,000. In columns 2 and 3 of table 1 the index numbers for the National Industrial Conference Board estimates of national income are given.

Our next task is to show how capital has fared during these years. The "New York Journal of Commerce" has compiled figures for the total dividend and interest payments made every month by practically every corporation in the United States. The amounts vary from \$265,764,000 as a monthly average in 1919 to \$361,356,000 in 1926. Dividends alone run from \$79,746,000 monthly to \$93,366,000 and dividends on industrial and miscellaneous stock start with \$48,264,000 in 1919 and reach \$51,641,000 in 1926. Lack of space will only permit us to supply index numbers for the total dividend and interest disbursements, which will be found in Column 4 of Table 1.

Montreal Loses Fight to Oust Police for Union Membership

MONTREAL.—The third round in the fight between the city council of Montreal and Police Union, No. 62, was won by the latter when five judges of the court of appeals of the Province of Quebec dismissed the city's appeal against an injunction restraining the civic authorities from dismissing members of the police force because they belonged to the union.

In 1922 the city council adopted a resolution instructing the chief of police to take disciplinary measures to compel the police to abandon their union. The chief thereupon ordered the men to disband their union within eight days on pain of dismissal. The union at once secured an injunction from the lower courts restraining the city from enforcing its edict. The city appealed to the superior court, which upheld the action of the lower courts in issuing the injunction. The city then took the case to the court of appeals.

Walls and Bars Experiences and impressions in three prisons by Eugene V. Debs BEGINS NEXT WEEK IN THE NEW LEADER

IN THE THEATRES

Views and News of Current Productions

Adamant Love

BACK in the days when love was loyalty, Henry Kistenmaeckers and Eugene Deland wrote a play called 'The Woman of Bronze'...

Margaret Anglin does her best to give this dated play the stir and tenacity of life...

Today, too, the very nature of the wife's reaction seems too bronzed, too marble, too adamant...

Margaret Anglin, however, is well worth seeing, and there are several others in the cast who give commendable performances...

lively caricature, retaining in its humor the greatest breath of vitality in the piece.

Joseph T. Shipley.

Notes of the Drama

There have been so many requests for tickets for certain numbers of 'A Night in Spain'...

Gilbert Miller has purchased the dramatic rights to Paul Morand's story, 'The Living Buddha'...

David Belasco has accepted for full production a new play by Edgar Allan Woolf. The play, tentatively called 'Marista'...

Gustav Blum's production of 'The Mystery Ship', which moves Monday to the Bayes Theatre...

'The Mystery Ship', which moves Monday to the Bayes Theatre, is a moving play...

In each case 'The Mystery Ship' moved to a larger theatre.

Mr. Gilbert Miller has concluded arrangements with Frank C. Reilly to open the 1927-1928 season at the Empire Theatre on Labor Day...

N. Y. YIPSELS PLAN ATHLETIC MEET

Twenty-two circles of the Young People's Socialist League of Greater New York will compete in the annual City Athletic Meet at Pelham Bay Park...

The spirit in which the young people have responded to this year's meet has been most encouraging...

The Rice Stadium, one of the finest the city has, has been procured for the purpose. Over 5,000 people can be comfortably seated...

The passenger automobile market appears to have passed the saturation point in this country...

WILL AMERICAN PROSPERITY CONTINUE?

(Continued from page 3) purchasing power has not been so great as the increase in productive capacity.

The farmers, too, have been badly off. Many believe that the only reason we have not before this had a depression due to underconsumption...

And there must be a limit somewhere to the expansion of instalment credit. It should be noted that growth in all these directions has largely been financed by bank credit...

BUSINESS UNDERMINING PROSPERITY THROUGH TAX REDUCTION. It is ironic that big business interests themselves are in one respect doing their best to undermine prosperity.

TRADE RIVALRY AND WAR. This is by no means an exhaustive list of the perils which might overturn prosperity, but my time is short...

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BRICKLAYERS' UNION advertisement, local 99, regular meetings every Tuesday.

PAINTERS' UNION No. 261 advertisement, regular meetings every Tuesday.

MORRIS WOLFGAN LAWYER advertisement, 26 COURT ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

WHEN YOU BUY FELT, STRAW, PANAMA or WOOL HATS advertisement with circular logo.

DOCK AND PIER CARPENTERS advertisement, local 1454, regular meetings every second and fourth Monday.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS and JOINERS advertisement, local 418.

N.Y. TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 6 advertisement, offices and headquarters at 24 W. 16 St., N.Y.

DR. E. LONDON SURGEON DENTIST advertisement, 961 Eastern Parkway, Near Troy Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

WORKMEN'S SICK & DEATH BENEFIT FUND advertisement, organized 1894, 9 SEVENTH STREET, N. Y. C.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS and JOINERS advertisement, local 308.

PLASTERERS' UNION, LOCAL 60 advertisement, office at West 125th St. Phone Harlem 4432.

JOURNEYMEN PLUMBERS' UNION, LOCAL 418 advertisement, of Queens County, New York.

WORKERS! Eat Only in Restaurants that Employ Union Workers! advertisement with logo.

U. A. Plumbers, Gas Fitters and Marine Plumbers advertisement, local union no. 483.

LIGHTER CAPTAINS' UNION advertisement, local 994, international longshoremen's association.

