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## CONTRACT CONVICT LABOR IS DEBASING

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labor." shows the impossibility of free labor competing with products manufactured on a labor basis of 52 cents a day.

As an inducement to purchase stock in the American Fibre Reed company, the management says: "There are

no strikes or labor troubles in prisons. Prison contracts are usually made for eight years and generally continue indefinitely. This company pays for its labor 52 cents per man per day; its competitors who employ free labor pay an average wage of about 2 per day. This company is supplied free of rent with factory buildings, storage warehouses and grounds inside the prison walls, and with free heat, light and power.

### Prison Trust's Boast.

To acquire similar facilities as this company has obtained free with its contracts, would necessitate an additional investment of approximately \$1,000,000. Having to make no investment for factory buildings, storage warehouses, heat, light or power, the company's funds are kept actively engaged in liquid assets such as raw materials, finished goods and accounts receivable. These are ideal conditions for profitable manufacturing.

In a contract entered into in January 10, 1910, between Michigan authorities and A. C. Tawse & Co., it is provided the company shall employ 100 convicts and pay to the state 40 cents per dozen for each dozen work shirts completed.

### Niquity of Contract.

This interesting provision is also noted in the contract: "The party of the second part (the company) further agrees that none of the work shirts manufactured under this contract will be sold in the state of Michigan." Under the terms of the Hughes-Hughes bill these shirts would be driven out of every other state that passed laws on the subject.

In a speech last month, delivered in the house of representatives, Representative Nolan of California, a member of the labor group, said that the convict labor system prevails in 24 of our states, and that in some cases the contractor pays as low as eight cents a day, although the average price ranges around 50 cents.

### How Convicts Are Worked.

Of the 86,038 prisoners, 52.5 per cent of them, or 51,172 were engaged in productive labor in 80 different industries. The total market value of their product was \$34,276,205. Of this amount nearly \$17,000,000 worth of goods were produced under the contract system in 54 institutions, located in 27 different states. Over \$3,000,000 worth of goods were produced under the piece-price system. Ninety-seven per cent of these goods were produced in penal institutions and three per cent in juvenile reformatories.

In answer to the question, "Who are the people who have fought this legislation?" Congressman Nolan said: "Tearing away the masks and disguises, we are face to face with the prison contractor himself. We find him in his dual role. On the one hand an exploiter of convict labor, on the other a potent factor—yes, even a high official—in the councils of the so-called prison reform associations."

### Gompers Hits Hard.

"The only real opposition and the only voice of protest has been that of the prison contractor, and he has been careful to cloak and to hide his opposition and to use as his mouthpiece either the warden or the so-called prison reform association."

"The ramifications of this 'prison ring' so interlocked that I am unable in this brief reference to the subject to give you the details. However, they are all of record, and a careful perusal of the facts and figures, I am sure, will convince the most skeptical of you."

"The fact remains that these contractors have until recently been in absolute control of the leading so-called prison associations of this country, which are ostensibly in prison reform, but in reality their true object is to exploit the unfortunate prisoner for their private gain and to oppose any form of federal legislation tending to emancipate the convict from the shackles of this iniquitous system. These are the only motives which have actuated their opposition."

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## PAINTERS ALL OUT: DEMAND UNION SHOP

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other than the non-union shop in disguise, and it has been found wanting. Men are used to underbid each other on wages. The union men must carry the load, the non-union members accept the benefits without bearing their share of the cost.

Some master painters even go so far as to refuse employment, it is said, to members of the union. There can be no "open" shop where such an attitude as this is maintained. It is the closed shop, the shop that is closed to union men. The union is never closed; it is wide open to every worthy workman.

### No General Strike.

All talk of a general strike is bosh. There will be no general strike. The Duluth unions will not be drawn into such a trap at this time. They know better. However, the union painters may become competitors of the master painters. They may take jobs on their own account and work for other persons at the same rate of wages they ask from the master painters, and thus they will help to eliminate contractors' profits.

The Labor World hopes, however, that this extreme will not be taken. There is a meeting ground somewhere between the employers and employees, and surely there is some one in Duluth big enough, broad enough and sympathetic enough to bring both sides to that happy ground. Who is there to do this?

By the Court, S. W. GILPIN, Judge of Probate.

Attest: A. R. MORTON, Clerk of Probate. (Seal Probate Ct., St. Louis Co., Minn.) L. W., April 11, 18, 25, 1914.

Order for Hearing on Petition for Administration. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS—ss. In Probate Court. In the Matter of the Guardianship of Lawrence Perry, Minor.

UPON FILING THE FINAL ACCOUNT OF Guardianship for final settlement and allowance of Louis Perry, guardian of the above named minor, IT IS ORDERED, That said petition be heard, and the settlement and allowance of said account be made at a general term of the Probate Court to be held in and for said County of St. Louis, on Monday, the 4th day of May, A. D. 1914, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the Probate Office in the Court House, in the City of Duluth, in said County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this order be served by publication in The Labor World, according to law. Dated at Duluth, Minn., the 4th day of April, A. D. 1914.

By the Court, S. W. GILPIN, Judge of Probate. (Seal Probate Court, St. Louis County, Minn.) L. W., April 11, 18, 25, 1914.

Order for Hearing on Petition for Administration. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS—ss. In Probate Court. In the Matter of the Estate of Lars Johnson, Decedent.

The petition of Emma Johnson having been filed in this Court, representing, among other things, that Lars Johnson, then being a resident of the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, died intestate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, on the 9th day of November, 1913; leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said petitioner is the father and sole heir at law of said decedent and praying that letters of administration of the estate of said decedent be granted to said Emma Johnson.

It is Ordered, That said petition be heard before this Court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1914, at ten o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said hearing and in said matter are hereby cited and required at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

Ordered Further, That this order be served by publication in The Labor World, according to law, and that a copy of this order be served on the County Treasurer of St. Louis County not less than ten days prior to said day of hearing.

Dated at Duluth, Minn., April 9th, 1914.

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The petition of Rachel Thompson having been filed in this Court, representing, among other things, that Charles Thompson, then being a resident of the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, died intestate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, on the 23rd day of March, 1914; leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said petitioner is the sister and one of the heirs at law of said decedent and praying that letters of administration

of the estate of said decedent be granted to Carl E. Thompson.

It is Ordered, That said petition be heard before this Court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1914, at ten o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said hearing and in said matter are hereby cited and required at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

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The petition of Ella E. Walker as representative of the above named decedent, together with her final account having been filed in this Court, representing, among other things, that she has fully administered said estate, and praying that said final account of said administration be examined, adjusted and allowed by the Court, and that the Court make and enter its final decree of distribution of the residue of the estate of said decedent to the persons entitled thereto, and for the discharge of the representative and the sureties on her bond.

It is Ordered, That said petition be heard, and said final account examined, adjusted, and if correct, allowed by the Court, at the Probate Court Rooms in the Court House in Duluth, in said County, on Monday, the 4th day of May, 1914, at ten o'clock A. M., and all persons interested in said hearing and in said matter are hereby cited and required at said time and place to show cause, if any there be, why said petition should not be granted.

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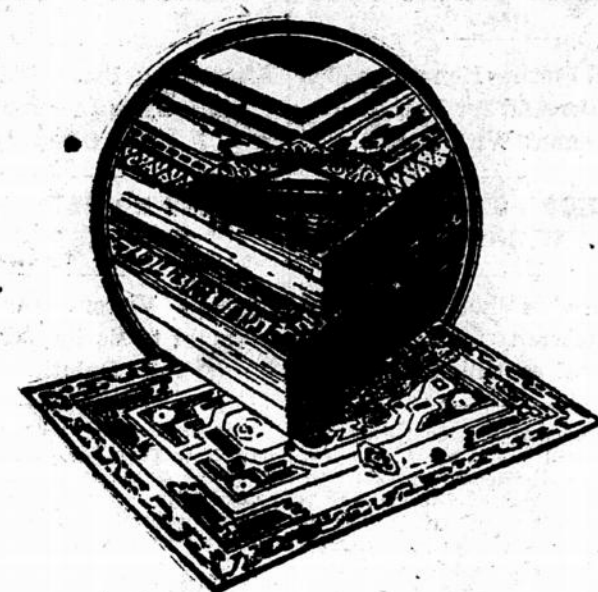
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State of Michigan, on the 9th day of July, 1911, leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said instrument has been allowed and admitted to probate as his Will in the court above named, and praying that said Will be allowed and admitted to probate in this state and that letters testamentary be issued thereon to said Mary A. Conklin.

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Order for Hearing on Petition for Probate of Foreign Will. STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS—ss. In Probate Court. In the Matter of the Estate of William S. Conklin, Decedent.

Certain instruments purporting to be authenticated copies of the last Will and Testament of William S. Conklin, deceased, and of the probate thereof in the Probate Court in for the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, having been presented to this Court, and the petition of Mary A. Conklin being filed herein, representing among other things, that said decedent, then being a resident of the County of Saginaw,

State of Michigan, on the 9th day of July, 1911, leaving estate in the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, and that said instrument has been allowed and admitted to probate as his Will in the court above named, and praying that said Will be allowed and admitted to probate in this state and that letters testamentary be issued thereon to said Mary A. Conklin.

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## A Dangerous Short Cut

Never take a chance anywhere, at any time, when it is unnecessary, and when a wait of a few seconds will open a safe way to you. Isn't it better to be careful than to be crippled? Think of safety first when you are tempted to emulate the man shown in the above picture.

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