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W. E. McEWEN, Publisher. If we had no child labor we should have very much less tuberculosis; we should have very much less alcoholism and fewer diseases of the mind and nervous system.—Dr. S. A. Knoff.

THE LUMBERJACK.

With the approach of winter, Duluth again faces the problem of the lumberjack.

The lumberjack of the Northern Minnesota woods is the best example of what the capitalist system can do to the unorganized workman.

The lumberjack is the prey first of the employment agent. He pays for his job. Then he pays railroad fare, and next a monthly gouge for hospital and medical attention.

The treatment of the lumberjack is a blot on the fair name of the city of Duluth and the State of Minnesota.

SOME GERMAN EFFICIENCY NEEDED.

In New Jersey potato raisers are getting 17 cents a bushel for their potatoes.

Peaches have rotted in the orchards of Michigan and grapes have been fed to the hogs in California.

The truth is that the United States has a very expensive system of food distribution.

This problem has frequently been investigated and the evil pointed out, but no remedies have been applied.

PREPAREDNESS: FOR WHAT?

At last the secret is out. "Congressman 'Gusie' Gardner of Massachusetts has been the mouthpiece of the 'Preparedness' advocates from the beginning.

At last we have it. The United States is to build a navy bigger than any in the world.

President Wilson's plans for a bigger army and navy are more than the "preparedness" advocates hoped for when they began their campaign.

"SHOOT THE OFFICERS AND GO HOME."

At the beginning of this war George Bernard Shaw advised the English soldiers to "shoot their officers and go home."

Mr. Shaw's advice was perhaps not very sound—at least the first part of it, for the officers were no more to blame for the men, but the trouble with Europe is that she is having the wrong funerals.

Perhaps the best armament a nation could have would be a law providing in case of war that the statesmen, diplomats, jingo editors, bankers, and munition manufacturers should comprise the first contingent of soldiers called upon, and no others would be asked to serve until they had been named, killed or captured.

If organized labor was not fundamentally right, it would have failed decades ago on account of some of the foolish acts of its members.

JUSTICE VS. PHILANTHROPY

Recently a new star has arisen in the philanthropic world in the person of Julius Rosenwald, principal owner and manager of Sears, Roebuck & Co.

There have been several reports concerning the wages paid in the famous mail order establishment.

The garment strike in Chicago has brought us some more information concerning the source of the millions that have built Y. M. C. A. structures and philanthropic glory for the donor.

One of these shops was operated by Rosenwald & Well and finds its main market through Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Various investigations in Chicago have shown that \$10 a week is the least that will enable a girl to live in the sort of conditions demanded for a decent human animal.

When these girls asked for higher wages the police force of Chicago was used to beat them up, twist their arms, break up their meetings, and manhandle and abuse them in various ways in which Chicago policemen are highly skilled.

Just to show that they are not lacking in humor, the employers of these girls had an injunction to "leave" printed on each envelope.

Speaking of education, this same Julius Rosenwald is leading the fight against the Chicago Teachers' federation.

WAGE AND SANITATION.

The world marveled at the work done by Dr. William C. Gorgas at Panama. One of the most deadly districts in the world was transformed into one of the most healthful.

For this work Dr. Gorgas has rightly received volumes of praise. We have all learned how he fought mosquitoes, drained swamps, built hospitals and dispensed quinine.

Now comes Dr. Gorgas and tells us: "The increase of wages in the Panama canal zone had more to do with the general health conditions of the isthmus than any sanitary measures employed there."

One more testimonial is thus given, from the highest possible authority, that it is the poverty of the poor that kills them.

Professor Nearing told the world the same thing—and lost his job for the telling.

The Cigar Makers' International Union has doubled the average life of its members by doubling their wages and shortening their hours of labor.

What ever raises wages saves lives. Whatever lowers wages kills wage workers.

The union, is the only organized force that fights constantly to increase wages.

New York has not even time to pathe for indulgence in a moment's grief over the suffrage defeat in New Jersey.

Of course, it is not strictly proper to speak of a "defeat" for suffrage in New Jersey.

There is one good thing about Henry Ford—in fact, several good things. First, he is not a special privilege millionaire.

It was most appropriate that Roosevelt's good friend, William Barnes, jr. led the cheering at a New York banquet when Elihu Root was mentioned as the "next president."

The Duluth Board of Trade men want the Seamen's law suspended until after the close of navigation on the Great Lakes.

We're only mildly excited by the telegraphic information that the president's fiancée will promise to "obey." Those things go by temperament more than words.

There is said to be a greater demand for labor now than at any time since 1907. What will Republicans do for campaign argument in the next election?

There is only one way to take the tariff out of politics, and that is to abolish the tariff—which is the incubator of graft.

The greatest enemy of organized labor is the man on the inside who, for selfish purposes, brings discord into the unions.

A chap asks us when standing room is better than a reserved seat. Easy at the wedding of your best girl.

George W. Perkins fears there will be a big slump in prices after the war. We should worry.

They are fighting near Mt. Sinai now and eventually they may land as high and dry as Ararat.

When you hear a man defame unionism, look for the scar.

WHAT IS A LIVING WAGE?

What is a fair living wage in Duluth? During the coming winter The Labor World proposes to get an answer to this question if possible.

The Labor World takes it for granted that no fair-minded employer wants to pay less than a fair living wage.

This week The Labor World received a letter from a Duluth laboring man who has a wife and one child to support.

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OVERCOATS \$15 TO \$18 AT THE BIG DULUTH

PROHIBITION PRESS BULLETIN HITS HARD AT COUNTY OPTION

The Labor World has very little confidence in the efficacy of county option to prohibit anything, but the licensed saloon.

The Prohibition party has given wholesome support to the county option forces, but it evidently has little regard for county option itself.

The greatest wet vote came from the workingmen of Minneapolis. To begin with, the socialist organization and union labor were absolutely wet.

"If the county option law is as wobbly as all that, it certainly was a most serious error to openly advertise that fact.

WHY MANY HUSBANDS LEAVE THEIR HOMES

Why do so many husbands run away? A Chicago statistician, connected with the Bureau of Public Welfare in that city has been trying to answer the question.

After investigating thousands of cases of desertion he finds that the husband's action can usually be ascribed to one of the following four causes:

- 1. Ill health and peevishness of the wife. Slothfulness of the wife either in her own person or in her housekeeping, or both. The wife's habit of nagging or scolding. Dislike for children on the wife's part. This statistician found that the strongest incentive to reconciliation in cases of family discord is almost invariably the child.

Physically big and mentally cheerful. Able to contribute to the family income either by outside labor or by frugality in home management.

The very interesting and valuable statistics which he collected prove that native American husbands are more prone to desert their wives than are the foreign-born.

There are 350,000 factory workers in New Jersey.

If the unorganized workers were among the intelligent class they would see the intelligence of organization from which good to themselves flows.

The dry state carried, and in this prohibition special pains were taken to prove that liquor for medicinal purposes should be stored in homes and that the law governing this was not changed by the constitutional law.

"All this had a tendency to make the honest workman rather suspicious of the county option movement. He began to believe that the law was only intended to force prohibition upon the workman who had no membership in swell clubs and who couldn't afford to have a wine cellar and that there would be no prohibition under the law to the silk stocking element of society.

"The wets were quick to take advantage of this suspicion and nursed it along till it grew into bitter opposition to the dry move on the part of large majority of workmen of Minneapolis. "If we could make it really dry, we would vote 'yes,' but we don't propose to let them pass a law which does not apply to all alike, was the usual argument met with on the street. "If you are honest, why don't you work for a state-wide law which will prohibit manufacture as well as sale?" was a question often hurled at dry speakers.

"It is this fact which has given such an impetus to the new move for state-wide prohibition, a law that will treat every man in the state like every other man.

"A large percentage of the laboring men in Minneapolis are sober, industrious men. They are willing to stand for real prohibition when it takes in the rich man as well as the poor.

"That is the reason why there is no such bitter opposition to an effective measure for state-wide prohibition that there was to the dry county proposition."

A Joke or a Yoke?

In reports of real estate during the past week is sale of a lot at 374 Fifth Avenue, New York, for \$450,000 or at a rate of \$5,000 an acre.

The owner who sold it was a granddaughter of one William Astor who, in 1853, bought a farm of which this lot was a part, paying \$3,000 an acre.

OF INTEREST TO LABOR. One-sixth of New York's factory workers toil ten hours a day.

French co-operative societies are generally trade union undertakings.

There were, according to the record of the Canada department of labor, but forty-four strikes in Canada during last year.

The spread of unionism among the clothing workers of New Jersey has necessitated the opening of headquarters in Newark.

St. Louis Ice Wagon Drivers' union has entered into a two-year agreement with employers. Wage increases of \$1 per week for the summer months have been secured.

French & Bassett Co. Cut Down Your Coal Bill! Buy a Jewel and Save Fuel. Here's a beautiful baseburner we're proud to handle—an honest stove that lives up to our policy—a stove that we recommend to our closest friends. It's a great big nickel plated beauty with extra large circulating flues, duplex grate and three point roller bearing grates—all in a warm cheerful family friend and a marvelously powerful heater. Take advantage of our new easy terms throughout our entire store. \$1.00 DOWN \$1.00 A WEEK. On all coal heaters. Your old stove taken in exchange as first payment. French & Bassett Co. ESTABLISHED 1884.