

they really need assistance. This can be remedied easily if they will follow my advice, which is: In good times just put a few thousand in the savings bank. They would be astonished to find how nicely they would tide over a season of bad luck in this way.—Aristocrat.

PRODUCTION FOR USE.—Face to face with the problem of unemployment the organized workers are also helpless, for they do not control production or the natural resources. Business is so organized that the so-called middle class is also helplessly dependent on the few who control the means of production and exchange.

The means of life have gradually passed into the hands of a comparatively few men, and the masses of the people have been reduced to a state of absolute dependence, this in spite of universal suffrage and democracy. Whenever a certain profit can not be realized production will not be carried on, although the people are starving. With the present speed and efficiency goods are turned out faster than they are demanded.

Thus, when the demands are met or when a certain amount of products have been stored away, the factory closes down. The wage of the worker is based on what it costs him to live while he works. Even labor unions base their demands for higher wages on what it costs to live from day to day. But no provision is made for the periods of unemployment, and no demand for constant employment is made. Thus when the worker is not needed to make profit for the owner of industry he has no means to live and he can no longer buy the necessities he bought while he worked. This again decreases the demand for products and causes further industrial depression.

It is evident that "production for use" is the only remedy. "A fair day's wage for a fair day's work" does not fill the bill, for how is the worker to live the days and weeks

and months when he is not permitted to do "a fair day's work?" There can be no fairness in a system that has speculation and gambling and profit-making for its sole purpose. This the leaders of labor should understand by this time, after more than twenty-five years in this country of periodical unemployment and constant want. If not actual starvation, among great numbers of our working people.

Labor unions should effectively demand "production for use," and themselves take control of industry and operate it according to the needs of the people. Capitalists and rich men should be asked and allowed to do whatever useful work they could, but should not be allowed to gamble in the means of life or live off the labor of others. A little manual labor would do them much good and they would have less stomach trouble.

Let the men of labor everywhere take up the slogan: "Production for Use, Not for Profit!" This is a conservative and practical demand.—Theodor Johnson.

MAIL SERVICE.—I mailed 16 postal cards a couple of days before Christmas to be delivered in the city, placed stamps on them and enclosed in envelopes those that the postal laws require. I did all that the government requires. I have met all except three of the persons to whom I mailed the cards and find not one of them received a card. I would like to find out why the postal authorities are so slack in their duty.—Mrs. D.

Editor's Note.—Inquiry made to the postmaster will always result in an investigation. There is no other way to find out.

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PET NAMES

We have a doggie in our home,
Of him we're very fond,
His moniker is Herman,
Because we didn't think Cleopatra
would suit his style of beauty.
—New York Tribune.