

class who don't know what they are talking about. Why don't men stand in line to marry them?

If our idle men would only turn "home missionaries" and marry off all our old maids it would be more charitable than saving 100,000,000 heathens.

Since widows and ruined women are lovable, men will in future seek them out for wives.

Men do not want lecturers for wives, but soulmates, hence the widow has the best chance and should not weep too long over her loss. She should get back into the firing line and help herself to another, since men are about all alike.—Allen Steven, 3854 N. Robey st.

COMMERCIALISM. — Defenseless mothers and children slaughtered by soldiers for commercialism. Such were Ludlow, Cherry Valley and other places; lessons to show that commercialism is devoid of sympathy, justice.

If every one would analyze the scheme back of our political system we would not have to ask why money is the ruling power. City, county, state and nation are in the accursed shame of debt. This, the richest country in the world, is millions on millions of dollars in debt. In spite of marvelous inventions, supposedly conceived to make prosperity and happiness, we are still in debt.

Who is the inventor and promoter of this outrageous scheme of debt and this throwing us off the track by keeping us fighting over preparedness, liquor, patriotism, vice, etc.?

Every country in the world except two small countries in South America are in debt. Business men say it's all right, that we can keep our heads above water; but how few survived in the panic of 1907, and a worse panic can be brought at any time.

Close study will prove that the lords of the world intend to keep us fighting, politically, religiously, industrially, until all combine to over-

throw the common enemy, the propagator of the debt system.

With the cause of commercialism removed, communism or advanced organization is sure to come. Eventually you will have to defend yourself and yours, like the Ludlow mothers did. Why not now?—M. Bloomgren, Room 408, 59 E. Van Buren St.

LIVING EXPENSES. — The New York health board's recent estimate that a family of five can live on \$7.50 a week can be interpreted thus: The predatory rich, observing the growing discontent among the laboring class that they cannot live decently on their starvation wages, has devised another hypnotic rule, thinking it will check the working people's cry for justice.

I would like to ascertain whether members of that N. Y. board live on that much. But they are not of the working people, and, doubtlessly, with indignation, would say that they—well, they have to live better, don't you see?

It is hypocrisy of highest degree. From time to time we are told that we must live an inferior life because God had made this world so, and that there must be rich and poor, for "It was this way, is and will be," as the hired agents of the plutes are injecting the damned lie into the minds of naive people. Isn't the existence of monarchs, nobility and other parasites being "explained" the same way and by the same class of people?

Now comes another ruling class and pretends superiority, but, as I see by the writing on the wall, the still existing privilege is doomed sooner or later.—Damon L. Orlovsky.

LOOKING BACK FOUR YEARS

The fourth day of the 1912 Democratic convention balloting started, with this result on first ballot: Clark, 440½; Wilson, 324; Harmon, 148; Underwood, 117½. The convention balloted without result until