

The Harlot's Marching Song

By Joyce Kilmer

When are-lights gleam in fevered streets and mock the glare of day. A mighty army comes from camp to march along Broadway.

Each is a soldier, tried and true, sworn knight of good King Lust; Each does her sovereign's bidding well, as loyal soldiers must.

"Oh Master Manufacturer! O Master Financier! If you would see what made you rich, look at your victims here.

You took our youth and innocence, our sight and blood and health, And made them into merchandise, and so you got your wealth.

O Master Financier, you have a lovely daughter there, We know she's good and innocent—as pure as she is fair.

Perhaps she will have died by then, some lucky devils do; But otherwise she will have left and looked for something new.

Then from the crowded tenements, where women are for hire, In filthy dance-halls, reeking stews, I heard a ghastly choir.

"O Master Manufacturer, how goes your Sunday-school? Go tell the kids that God is love, and teach the Golden Rule.

National

Kentucky Will Have 5,000
In Kentucky it is estimated that our party has polled 5,000, being an increase of about 10 per cent.

Arkansas' Socialist Vote.
The Arkansas vote is about 7,200 as against 1,900 four years ago—a gain of nearly 300 per cent.

The Montana Socialist Vote.
Reports from Montana put the Socialist vote here at 6,000.

New Hampshire Official Vote
The official count in New Hampshire shows 1,228 votes for Debs and Hanford, an increase of 138 over the vote cast for them in 1904.

Socialist Vote in Virginia
Of the 137,555 votes cast in Virginia, Bryan had 82,948, Taft 52,579, Chafin 1,104, Debs 254, Watson 196, Higgen 52 and Gilhaus 25.

Socialist Vote in Oregon.
Oregon gives about 6,500 votes. This is 400 less than we had four years ago. It is not certain, however, that the official report will not show a better result.

Our Vote in Texas.
Texas correspondents estimate the Socialist vote in that state at 20,000 to 25,000. If the official count verifies these estimates, it will show an increase of 600 per cent or more.

Kansas Vote.
Debs 12,420.

New Jersey
Debs 9,587.

Delaware
Debs 240 as against 146 in 1904.

Local San Diego Cal., admitted 142 new members last week, making a membership of 550 all told.

The latest report from State Secretary Bell of Texas shows that 148 charters have been issued between March 1st and Nov. 1st.

State Secretary Krueger of Washington reports the election of Emil Herman and Arthur Jensen, address Box 52, Seattle, as National Committeemen for Washington.

State Secretary Geo. B. Kline of West Virginia reports the expulsion of Jack Rubensthal by Local Sistersville, Nov. 15th, for voting the democratic ticket.

Comrade Sumner W. Rose of Biloxi, Miss., who toured the south for the party during the campaign, is soon to issue a book entitled "The South for Socialism."

The returns from the state, which are now nearly all in, show a fair gain in the straight Social-Democratic vote of Wisconsin. While the Debs vote of 1908 was only slightly larger than the Debs vote of 1904, when Debs ran over 4,000 votes ahead of his ticket, the straight Socialist vote this year was 3,692 higher than in any previous year.

A lecture course for the Wisconsin locals is now being arranged. The locals entering into this arrangement will take one lecturer every month, either for a single lecture or for two or three in one town. That the comrades throughout the state are ripe for this work is proved by the promptness with which they responded to the proposition. One local voted to suggest this plan to the state headquarters before they had learned that it had already been adopted by the board. The comrades have earnestly resolved to begin the campaign of 1910 at once and to so educate and organize that we shall double our membership before another election.

Comrade Rev. George W. Slater, No. 2009 LaSalle St. Chicago, has undertaken to reach one million colored voters with his pamphlet entitled "The Cat's Out."

Much enthusiasm is manifested all along the line by the locals and party members. Requests for speakers are being received and many locals are starting winter lecture courses for the propaganda of Socialism. "Organization" is the big word in the Socialist vocabulary today.

Another revolutionizer is announced. After a number of years experimenting, H. A. Kuhn, president of the Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Coal Co., is now operating in a satisfactory manner a machine that can dig and load a ton of coal in a few minutes. A test of the machine demonstrated the fact that it does the work of men, makes its own road and clearances, delivers the coal it cuts and works without the necessity of blasting. It is so formed that one man can operate it, and cuts coal from the vein as though it were a knife passing through cheese. The coal is cut into blocks of almost uniform size and passing back is broken up and delivered into cars without further handling by man. The principal difficulty in the operation of the invention is the necessary speed on the part of the men who handle cars to receive the broken coal as it is passed back from the machine. The operation is carried on by the turning of a lever. The remainder of the work is practically automatic. The machine is operated by electricity. The Pittsburgh & Westmoreland Co. has spent more than \$1,000,000 in equipping its various mines during the last few years, and the aggregate output is about 2,500,000 tons annually.—Cleveland Citizen.

During the past week six requests for employment as National Organizers have been received, among them being two clergymen, one traveling salesman and an ex-president of a large national labor organization.

The State Secretary of Connecticut reports the vote of that state as follows: Debs in 1904 had 4,543 and in 1908 gets 5,096, a gain of 553. A constitutional convention has been called for Sunday, Jan. 3d, the place of holding same to be decided by referendum.

Local Philadelphia has established a circulating library and school of social science. The library consists of works on modern science and sociology, European and American history, politics and Socialism. Anyone paying an entrance fee of one dollar may become a member under similar conditions and restrictions of the public and mercantile libraries. Headquarters are at 1395 Arch Street. Classes have been formed for the study of the various subjects and the courses will start on Friday, Nov. 20th. Comrade Simon Libros is librarian and secretary.

Organizer William McDovitt of Local San Francisco reports as follows: "Local San Francisco went into the campaign of 1908 with a debt of \$700 and came out with a surplus in the treasury of over \$500, all debts having been paid. During the campaign the membership increased from 300 to more than 500. Literature sales for the months of July, August, September and October, amounted to over \$250—the best record ever made. The sales for September and October reached \$700. From seven to ten street meetings are now being held every week, and prospects for solid and progressive organization are brighter now than ever before. Our vote of 4,513 is only about 700 less than the combined vote of 1905, 1906, and 1907 (two city elections and one state).

Women's Clubs

GRAFT IN HOSPITALS.

There are different methods used in the game of graft. It is seldom that we hear, or not at all, of the fine moral manner in which hospitals are conducted.

We know people are underpaid for their services and some of these are nurses. Firstly, nurses have a three year term which could be very easily reduced to one-third that time, learn that is about the necessary amount of time to know, but instead, the girl in training must put in a lot of time which gives the hospital proprietors a chance to have work done for almost nothing.

Secondly, the small amount of money given each month is not called wages, but the education she receives is for services rendered.

So with only the small sum of \$4.00 a month the first year in training (excluding 3 months probation) and a little more the second and third years, the nurses are expected to furnish their own uniforms, both for indoor and outdoor use, also wearing apparel such as might be necessary, for what little the girl might have had when she first entered the institution would never stand through three or two and a half months, but medical books must also be had, and with an income of \$4.00 per month it is a difficult matter to get along, but the hospital authorities are real generous and let the nurses run an account with them, paying of a dollar or two each month and at the close of three years allow the girls to work it out by giving them \$35.00 a month, while if they could get out of the hospital and do private nursing they could pay it off in less time, for trained nurses never receive less than \$25.00 per month. But instead, these hard worked slaves must remain with them until these debts are paid.

If only these girls could see how much is asked of them for so little pay in fact, the wages in comparison to their labor, is no pay at all.

There are tricks in all trades and so are there tricks in the professional world. For example, when a patient has what is called a "special nurse," she must pay the hospital \$25.00 for her services. This girl, called a "special nurse," might hardly have completed her probation period, and the nurse is not generally aware of the fact that the patient pays for her service, and in one particular case mentioned, the patient offered \$25.00 to the nurse, which surprised her greatly, no doubt, but the nurse thought it a mistake and decided to turn the money over to the superintendent and it so happened that the head nurse (or superintendent) came in this very room and told the nurse to see her in her office, where the girl was given to understand that the patient must be answered in as few words as possible regarding anything she should happen to ask, and that she, Miss Superintendent, should always be referred to by the name of "Miss Superintendent," who had hardly slept for seven days and nights, had her eyes opened to this graft. She saw for once that swindle is in every kind of an institution and felt her blood boil when she saw that the nurses, whose services have to be paid in every case, are really not so hard-hearted as they are made out to be. If they had a better understanding of the situation, among these girls one would be surprised to learn how little they know, what a "make-believe they know" sort of set they are in astonishing.

Another case can be related of how hard-hearted this work makes one. In a ward where several women lay, one of them had to be taken to the operating room for the amputation of a limb which could not be saved and this patient cried most pitifully, which caused the other patients in the ward to weep also. The nurse in charge of the ward was affected by the cries of the patients as well, but before many moments had passed the head nurse of the floor (each floor has a head nurse) in charge, this honor being generally given to the longest in service) appeared upon the scene and this nurse in charge of the ward was given to understand that such soft-heartedness would never do in such work. It would take a heart of stone not to become affected by scenes such as witnessed, but tears must never be seen in the eyes of a nurse.

It always impressed me, from childhood until recent years, that one engaged in the occupation of a nurse would be sympathetic, loving and kind to any unfortunate one and would have a willing heart and hand, but to my disappointment, it is hardly so. The dollar is looked up to and it is always in the mind of the would-be trained nurse that some day she will get a nice salary. No thought is ever given to how much good they do for the helpless. The dollar, yes, that plays the biggest part! And that they must have for a big debt is always to be remembered. So like any other laborer, these strugglers plow along, giving all, receiving very, very little for their services, and their brains do not seem to inform them that they are taken advantage of, and should one try to explain how they are exploited, they turn away and call you a "kicker."

In another case a nurse used a little too much alcohol on a sore back of one of the patients and was reprimanded for this, also punished by having her two hours for rest taken away from her. Nurses work from seven to seven when on day duty, and two hours each day are given to nurses for rest and when punished severely, these hours are taken away for an entire week. This not only angers the girl, but overworks her strength. The rules of hospitals give one to understand that eight hours of rest must be had in order to be fit for each day. By this punishment the nurse not only exhausts herself, but does not do justice to her patients.

Then there is the night work that each nurse gets her share of. From seven p. m. to seven a. m. the next day and night until the patient can take care of herself somewhat, then the nurse gets a few hours to go out doors or put in the time on her lessons.

A course of lectures goes with the lessons. Lecture season opens up Oct. 1st and ends June 1st, and this means three to four lectures a week. Night nurses and nurses on "special duty" get their pointers from the nurses attending the lectures. The nurse on "special duty" has the worst end of training on account of having hardly an hour for herself. She is confined in the hospital and cannot take care of herself, then the nurse gets a few hours to go out doors or put in the time on her lessons.

These are some instances and facts of hospital life. How much clearer is this task would be if it were not the dollar that plays such an important part both with the hospital proprietors and nurses. I might also

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International

HERVE GETS OVATION

When Gustave Herve, editor of "La Guerre Sociale," who was released Saturday after having served nine months of a two year jail sentence for his exposure of the brutality of the French troops at Casablanca last year, arrived in this city he was met by an enormous crowd of friends and sympathizers and accorded a veritable ovation.

The general opinion is that the government has resolved to change its tactics in fighting anti-militarism and will try to use reason instead of force. It is practically certain that the charges of insults to army officers recently brought against Marchal, Martini and Grandjean of "La Guerre Sociale," will be dropped at once.

A potent factor in bringing about this change of front has been the biting criticism by Jean Jaures' daily, "l'Humanite," and the constant agitation carried on in behalf of Herve and other political prisoners.

Hungary.

The Hungarian government is doing everything in its power to crush the strike movement by means of spies, agents, provocateurs and terrorism of the worst possible kind. It is supported in its action by the bourgeois press, as for instance, the "Alkotmany," which urges that the whole Social-Democratic Party organization be smashed up, if it is discovered that secret meetings are held in its offices and that the same fate be meted out to trade unions when any weapons or any "seditious" leaflets are found in their offices, that every "seditious" number of the "Nepzava" be confiscated, and that demonstrations every disturber of the peace be expelled from the capital; in fact, that the most brutal Cossack methods be adopted. And the police are but too ready to adopt them. On the Sunday before last they made a wild attack on a peaceful surface demonstration and several persons were fired at by the police from among the crowd, doubtless by agents-provocateurs, upon which the chief of police posted up a notice forbidding all street demonstrations. Eight Socialist meetings were forbidden on October 8, and those persons who had been arrested were brutally ill-treated in the police cells in order to extort confessions from them.

The police arrested the secretary of the Machine Workers, Karl Payer, for having distributed revolvers amongst the crowd at a street demonstration on Thursday, and suggesting to them to shoot down the police.

The minister of commerce has ordered the suspension of the activity of the Union of Railway Workers, because it has sometimes disobeyed and criticized his orders, and has refused to hand in a list of its members.

Socialists Let Labor Party in.

Brussels.—The International Socialist Bureau and the International Journalists have finished their annual meeting at the Maison du Peuple in this city.

The International Bureau, almost unanimous vote, decided that English labor party should be admitted in good standing to the Bureau.

This proposition was put forward in a resolution by Karl Kauteky, editor of Die Neue Zeit. It read as follows:

"In consideration of the resolutions of past International Congresses, according to which the organizations which take up their stand upon the ground of the class struggle and recognize the need of political action;

"The International Bureau declares that it admits the English Labor Party to the International Congresses, because without explicitly accepting the proletarian class struggle, it is practically engaged in that struggle; because, thanks to its own organization, it is independent of the bourgeois parties and places itself in consequence on the ground of international Socialism."

The resolution was violently opposed by Hyndman, the English Socialist, by Madame Roussel on the part of the Guesdists, by Roubanovitch and the delegate from Bulgaria. But it was passed with only four votes against it. The presence of the representative of the Armenian Socialists of Constantinople and of the first delegate from Bulgaria caused genuine satisfaction to all the delegates.

It was decided that the International Press Bureau of the Socialist party should meet annually. It was further voted that International Socialist news should be sent to the Socialist press of the world through the present German Central Bureau, which is the best organized of the Socialist press bodies.

On October 6 of the current year, on a board where all the world can see their falsity," was the keynote of the speeches at the meeting.

Russia.

Vassiliev, who was given up to Russia by Switzerland, is now in one of the "secret" cells of the prison at Pensa. It is a dark, damp cellar, and as it is overcrowded the air is absolutely pestiferous. Vassiliev is half suffocated. He is never allowed to walk in the prison court and has not once been allowed a change of linen. The place is swarming with vermin. He may have neither books nor letters. Vassiliev and his wife wished to make their marriage legal; but even this has up till now not been allowed, and she is not allowed to visit him until the marriage be blessed by the church. His mother is allowed to visit him at rare intervals, but can get no news of him between her visits, except that he attempted to take his life by hanging himself, but was prevented in time.

The above is taken from a letter written to the "Tribune de Lausanne," in which the writer implores that Switzerland take some action in behalf of the unfortunate man.

A few days ago the session of the court-martial in Saratov came to an end. During three months it had condemned 40 people to death, most of whom have already been executed.

On October 6 three prisoners in Kiev were to be executed. They managed to procure poison which they took a few days before. One of them, a woman named Prissjaehnik, died, but her two companions were "saved" by the prison doctor after much trouble in order to be executed "officially" the following day. Russian justice is now satisfied.

South Africa.

A Socialist Literary Society was formed in Germiston four months ago, and we have already a membership of 50.

Education and Drunkenness.

Only \$3 per year for each child is spent to educate it, while \$17 per year is spent to keep its father drunk.

Montana News

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