

The Passing Show of Capitalism

"We have repeatedly expressed the opinion that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with business conditions", states the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland to the press last week. Reading further we find that:

The future of business depends in great part upon whether railway workers accept their measly award and get down to "prewar efficiency" or whether they decide to throw a wrench in the profit making machinery of the bosses by another strike.

THAT: credit conditions do not justify any relaxation on the part of bankers and business men.

THAT: commercial failures numbered 65 as compared with 44 of the same corresponding month a year ago.

THAT: traffic conditions in the iron and steel industries have reached a more acute stage than heretofore.

THAT: there will be a shortage of coal in the northwest this winter, there being 5,219,000 tons less shipped previous to July 1-st than for the same period last year.

THAT: unemployment is on a rapid increase.

THAT: textile mills have closed indefinitely—no orders in sight upon which to reopen them.

THAT: the building industry is marking time due to the breakdown of transport.

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Instead, therefore, of the social revolution being a purely mental process, a change in ideas, as it was regarded by most Socialists before the war and even regarded as such in some quarters to-day,—the more clear-headed of the revolutionary workers now understand by social revolution a transference of the physical instruments of wealth production from the control of capitalists into the hands of the working class.

And since the evils of capitalism, or the serfdom of the workers, is contingent upon the profit-making system, that change must take place NOW. The Communists then stand for social revolution, and capitalism's difficulties must be the Communists' opportunity.

Summing up the report we would say that there is nothing fundamentally wrong with business except the fundamentally unscientific system of capitalist production.

Driven to desperation thru ill health and poverty, a New York mother advertised her two year old daughter for sale. Knowing she had but a fighting chance for life, and that unless she took that chance she must part from her child, she took this way to give her a home and to raise the needed \$250.00 for medical treatment.

That's capitalism. Russian Communists have found a better way. There, mothers and babies are the first consideration. Every child that is born is assured of the best food and care, and on top of that a free education even thru the highest university. No Russian mother needs to sell her children for money with which to enter into a quest for health.

A cotton raiser down in Georgia advertises that he wishes to marry a widow with 8 or 10 children. The economic value of children is realized if you know the facts of cotton raising. Aside from that, it is a great system that provokes a man to make a whore of his wife for the work he can get out of her children.

Railway workers at Marburg, Germany, halted a train loaded with troops and ammunition bound for Poland. The supplies were taken from the train, after which it was allowed to proceed.

The troops also were disarmed.

The boycott of Hungary by workers of surrounding countries as a protest against the White Terror used against the Hungarian workers is still on.

Negotiations looking toward a settlement of the boycott are underway at Amsterdam and similar discussions are taking place at Buda-Pest.

Six thousand Kansas coal miners are on strike because deductions in the form of fines were made from their pay because they refused to work on Saturdays. Looks like the Kansas boys are determined to get that 5 day week. And who can dispute that they know how?

Day laborers and drivers in coal mines in Indiana and Illinois have paralyzed the coal industry by a strike. They claim they were discriminated against in the wage settlement.