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INJUSTICE IS AN AGITATOR

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it. He started an investigation. And this investigation wasn't the congressional variety from which one never hears anymore. It was a real investigation. He found that the people were being charged exorbitant interest, that they were being forced to sell their land and that some of them had had to sell their children into slavery to meet the obligations imposed upon them. No wonder there was discontent!

"After the investigation the account says Nehemiah consulted with himself." How many preachers and leaders in the church today are spending any time consulting with themselves about the pressing industrial problems of today? But Nehemiah was not content to sit and think about it. "I contended with the nobles and rulers," he says, "and I held a great assembly against them and I said, would ye even sell your brethren?" Today Nehemiah would get into serious trouble if he began to hold great assemblies against the wrongs that confront us. Some one would call him a "bohemian" and he would never be thought well of anymore by nice, respectable (?) people.

"But to get back to the text (for this is supposed to be a sermon), notice the plea upon which these people based their claim for justice. 'Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children.' Jesus, when he was here, echoed the message of the old prophets when he talked about human brotherhood. Today science confirms his teaching. We don't have one physiology for America and another for Japan. Science says 'the flesh of one is as the flesh of the other.' The same holds true for studies of the mind. And when we begin to study books about people getting along together in groups, the best authorities tell us that Jesus' teaching about cooperation is absolutely essential to progress in human relationships.

"He who takes my wage takes my living. He who takes my child for factory labor takes my child's right to grow and be educated and come into a life that is free and happy. He who takes my wife to labor in his shop takes my home." This is the modern equivalent of the cry of the people to Nehemiah. They said, "Neither can we help it for other men have our fields and our vineyards." That is the old story of the dependence of the worker upon the one who owns the means of production. Nehemiah's solution is the only solution. He saw that the only remedy was to restore to them their fields and their olive-yards—their means of making a living. "Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their olive-yards and their houses."

"We need to see that there cannot be industrial peace without industrial justice. No, never! We pray, 'Thy Kingdom come.' What are we doing to make it come? To pass resolutions is no good. To sacrifice something for their realization is vastly better."

Under these conditions it is only a question of time until every railroad in the country is thus operated. Over 600 miles of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad are already operated by electricity. The terminals in New York City and certain sections of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and of the Norfolk and Western are electrified—in all 5,900 miles. The rest will follow.

As to the cities, the streets, parks and public buildings must be lighted. The water works, practically all of which are municipally owned—there are 2,818 in the United States and over 400 in Canada—must be cheap current and under the system in force in Ontario and which will soon be voted on in California and South Dakota, electricity will be universally used for lighting, heat and power.

Especially is this coming forward in agriculture. Over 3,500 farmers in Ontario are using electric power. For 60 cents a day a farmer in Ontario can hire a ten horse power motor which is equivalent to the labor power of 120 men. The installation of a twenty horse power motor may increase the value of a 100 acre farm from \$20 an acre to \$200 per acre.

Besides the adoption of the plan proposed in California and South Dakota of the government ownership of electricity, which must be applied shortly to all railroads and which is inevitable now anyway as to the ownership of coal mines, will rid the world of the enormous burden of the tremendous salaries paid high officials in the great corporations and will eliminate their influence in contributing the money too often paid towards the nomination and election of congressmen, legislators and other officials to keep in force private or capitalistic ownership of public utilities.

Yast Fortunes Accumulated. We have here so long accustomed to the operation of these utilities for private profit that we have seen, almost without a murmur men accumulate in 30 or 40 years sums of money which on a salary of \$5,000, and saving one-half of it, would have taken these accumulators hundreds of years and in some cases even five thousand years to accumulate.

The immense sums spent by these owners of aggregated wealth as propaganda in controlling a large part of the press has largely inoculated the people with the idea that government ownership is ineffective. On the contrary, we know that if the government had not taken charge of the railroads at the beginning of the great war the whole system would have inevitably broken down. After a few years operation by the government these transportation systems were restored to the handful of men who controlled them, not only in a far better condition, but with many additions in cars, engines and other appliances, yet notwithstanding, the power of these great combinations was such that many billions were voted to the men thus benefited out of the public treasury as a bonus.

Not only all these public utilities can be operated at much less expense to the public, i. e., at cost and the farmers and others can be benefited by cheap power and light, but the expenses of every man will be lowered by reduction in the waste and cost

DEMOCRACY IS IMPOSSIBLE

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of the high salaries and other expenses of the present system, and politics will be much purified by the elimination of the hired propagandists which is maintained for the election and perpetuity of the inordinate accumulations of wealth which now so largely dominate this country to its injury.

Electricity can be produced most cheaply in large quantities in great co-ordinated and unified systems. It must be manufactured on a large scale in order to secure the advantages of the lowest cost. It costs about ten cents a kilowatt hour to produce electric current in a small isolated steam plant. The cost per unit goes down rapidly as the size of the plant and the volume of production increases until in the largest, combined, water driven superpower system the cost is as low as one-half of a cent (1-2 cent) per kilowatt hour, or only one-twentieth as much. The State alone has adequate power financial resources, legal authority and co-ordinating ability to develop such a system on such a scale as to secure its full advantage.

Public Ownership Necessary. Again, public ownership is necessary because the State can secure the necessary capital for the development of such a superpower system at a much lower rate than private individuals or corporations. The public utilities commissions are now quite generally allowing the companies to charge rates high enough to net them eight per cent on their capital investment. The State can set its bonds at 4 1-2 or 5 percent at most, a saving of three to three and a half per cent. That means that on the capital account in the lower rate of interest which the State has to pay there would be a saving of \$9,900,000 a year on an investment of \$200,000,000 such as the province of Ontario now has. And this saving makes possible reduction in rates to that extent. And if we take the case of the great superpower system which the private power companies are now proposing to develop covering the whole northeastern section of the country from Boston to Washington, D. C., the capital required is stated as \$1,294,564,000 and the rate of interest which it is estimated that this capital would draw is ten per cent. So that in this case the saving effected by public ownership because of the lower rate of interest would amount to \$64,728,200 annually—a truly enormous saving that would then go to further reduction of rate.

Much of the above figures have been taken from literature and bulletins issued by the Public Ownership League. Much more can be added and effectively. The action of the people of California and South Dakota at the polls on the seventh of November, if they declare for this progressive measure of public owner-

ship, will advance the comfort and happiness of the entire people and will be followed ultimately by all other communities.

Democracy in government is almost impossible until we have a democracy in industrialism to the extent of public ownership of all the great agencies such as transportation by rail, water power, coal mines, and oil wells and the like by which the immense fortunes are gathered in a few years by those who control them and who also control through them so largely the politics of the country. Public ownership of these utilities will insure democracy in government, greater purity in administration and that democratic equality which has been the object of all men in all times who have had the "greatest good of the greatest number" at heart.

Created By Nature. Coal and oil and water powers are created by nature and not by the efforts of man and they should never have been permitted in any country, at any time, to pass into private ownership nor any part of the transportation of a country which is dependent upon these sources of power. Whoever controls and owns them can control the people and inevitably must own the government.

Long ago Fletcher of Saltoun said he cared not who should "make the laws of a nation if he could write its ballads." With more force, it could be said that it matters not what is the form of government of any people if a few men are permitted to own its sources of power, its coal mines, its water power, its oil wells, and the transportation system which is created by these. The owners of these own its people, for the capital which they can accumulate through these agencies from the masses in a few years will be sufficient to manipulate its press, its congresses, its parliaments and legislatures, and name the majority of the officials who shall declare and execute its laws.

Jersey Labor Federation Raps Fascist Movement. Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 19.—Strong condemnation of the Fascist movement was voiced by the New Jersey Federation of Labor, in an annual convention here. The convention charged that employers were trying to form a Fascist movement to combat American trade unions and adopted a resolution which declared: "The Fascist movement, under the leadership of Dictator Mussolini, is doing all in its power to extend its influence to the United States in order to destroy all that our Italian fellow workers have built up during long years of struggle and self-sacrifice. "The Fascist movement is indorsed

by all the Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs and manufacturers' associations, who are fighting the American labor movement. "The resolution calls upon all union workers to resist efforts to introduce it in New Jersey. "The convention also adopted resolutions condemning abuse of the writ of injunction in labor disputes and tendencies of the courts to discriminate against the workers. Constitutional changes permitting direct nomination and recall of judges were urged. "The convention approved the campaign for seasonal employment that would distribute work over the dull periods through cooperation of the various building agencies. Brunswick county women continue to take about \$75 in cash each Saturday at the Women's Exchange Market in Wilmington, reports the home agent.

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in connection with this office, and Delegate Albee seems to like to work, judging from his reports at each meeting.

Business Agent Lyle, of the Carpenters' Council, made a splendid report, showing a great gain in membership of all the building crafts.

Delegate J. N. McKnight, member of the executive board, resigned his office and announced his intention of departing for Sunny Florida. Mr. McKnight is a "plumb good one," as the boys say, and in accepting the resignation it was voted that the secretary give Mr. McKnight a letter to the effect that he is a gentleman, a scholar, a prince of a good fellow and a trade unionist of the deepest dye.

Delegate Alexander, of the Painters, had trouble passing the inner guard. Mr. Alexander is growing a moustache, and it was with difficulty the inner guard recognized the wide-spread delegate from the Painters' union.

Some of the delegates were a little bit uneasy about Delegate W. J. Estridge, fearing he was ill. You see, he didn't have anything to say, and that is unusual. Whenever Mr. Estridge is not talking unionism enthusiastically, those who know him best are always concerned about the big man's health.

There is a big surprise in store for the delegates at the meeting next week, as some of the officers have arranged a program that will highly entertain all who attend the meeting.

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