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THE BREAKING STRAIN.

The present world-wide unrest and dissatisfaction amongst those whose labor produces the world's wealth is exciting much uneasiness and making amongst those whose activity consists in controlling the wealth produced, but it is safe to say that all but a very few of the latter have no adequate idea of what is going on in the minds of the coming storm portended to them. None fiddled when the war was burning, and his modern prototypes show as little intelligence as to the meaning of happening taking place under their very eyes. Such has been the attitude of the ruling classes from the earliest recorded times. "As it was in the beginning, so it is now," and ever shall be, admirably expressed the normal mental attitude of classes whose existence was bound up with the maintenance of the then existing system, of which they were the beneficiaries. So it is today. Whatever the so-called "statesmen" may say, the ruling classes are in the situation, the ordinary employer of labor, especially the small employer, who has no other remedy than soup-kitchen, cheap lodging and other such means, to keep the masses in line. The discontent is too widespread, the numbers involved are too stupendous, and their needs are too urgent, to make the methods of past centuries applicable to the present day; moreover, they excite in the minds of those upon whom they are imposed, a sense of injustice, a feeling of common that is highly dangerous to their oppressors. The situation is rapidly crystallizing in the ranks of the workers the world over, and binding them together as a solid force, and in that way a fact can be as far-reaching significance to the present unrest in all parts of the "civilized" world.

Society is an organism, and in its present form is a very highly developed one. It is sensitive, and it is complex, and the least interference with the exercise of its functions as an organism is bound to bring on a species of paralysis that threatens to bring the whole system toppling over like a house of cards, involving all concerned in one common ruin. The present form of society, in its present state, is a very highly developed one, and it is sensitive, and it is complex, and the least interference with the exercise of its functions as an organism is bound to bring on a species of paralysis that threatens to bring the whole system toppling over like a house of cards, involving all concerned in one common ruin.

All previous forms of society have arisen, functioned, and given way to succeeding forms, in strict conformity with the evolution of the methods and means of production. The things needed for its sustenance, and the method by which the products were produced, are the factors that we can understand the reasons for the present state of affairs, and for the appearance of the succeeding ones. Shortly, it may be stated that:

When a method of production reaches a point where it can no longer guarantee an existence to the majority of those depending upon it for existence, that form of production is bound to give way to a new method to manifest within itself forces that are bound to bring about its overthrow, and the struggle between the contending classes finally and inevitably results in the victory of the method for whose economic interests lie in the overthrow of the existing one.

Applying that test to the present state of affairs, what do we find? In the study of the most recent accumulations of wealth that the world has ever known, we find an accumulation of misery and destitution that any society ever produced. The present state of affairs, what do we find? In the study of the most recent accumulations of wealth that the world has ever known, we find an accumulation of misery and destitution that any society ever produced.

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In Rosland? If he does, we will be sure to the extent of buying a copy of the Saturday Sun.

The only place where the "rubber stamps" have made their mark is on the payroll of Victoria.

Mr. Harcourt, who died recently, left a fortune of \$500,000 as a result of industry and thrift in the work of his life.

The Premier: Napoleon Bonaparte, pilot me out this most tempestuous day. Give, railroad promoters in a shawl, and they are sure to get a bank-roll. I will give it all to them, if they only pilot me.

CYNICUS.

FACTORY INSPECTION.

By L. A. Maillet.

Considerable discussion has lately arisen in labor circles in reference to the faulty inspection of factories in this State. The Central Labor Federation has preferred charges against the Commissioner of Labor at Albany because of faulty and inefficient inspection and failure to enforce the law.

There is considerable ground for these charges and complaints, there is no doubt. It is well, however, to look deeper into the causes.

If an investigation of the charges against the Commissioner of Labor is made, it will disclose that the number of inspectors provided by law is utterly insufficient to make an adequate inspection and that it would take a force at least ten times as large as the present force to make the law possible.

Another complaint is, and it is fully justified, that the inspectors give notice of their coming and thus enable the employers to conceal violations of the law and especially the employment of children under age.

We are confronted with the fact that our legislators, controlled by capitalist interests, are unable to provide the means for the enforcement of the law.

There is a way out that will not only benefit the State but a great expense, but will, at the same time, provide an efficient and that is this: That the factory inspection law be amended so that the factory inspectors be appointed by the Labor Commissioner of the Factory Inspection Board, and they will be appointed and whose duties shall be to report all violations to the Factory Inspector, who will then adopt whatever measures may be necessary to enforce the law.

This will provide an inspection of factories by representatives of the organized labor, and the law will be enforced in the enforcement of the law.

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