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## THE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE AND THE WORKING CLASS TASK

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It is assumed that you believe with us that within the present order of society there is being developed the form and embryo of the society that is to be—that the present contains the germs of the future and the institutions that men are to establish in time to come will be fashioned very much out of the experiences men have with institutions now existing.

The assumption is based on universal experience, upon the facts of every day life. What men accomplish is the result of economic necessity, but also of preparation, of application, of industry. The mechanical device that revolutionizes production comes rarely by chance or accident; it is nearly always the outcome of the accumulated knowledge of previous appliances; necessity suggests what experience and skill work out to meet requirements.

To the perfection of the steam engine as we know it, the crude ideas and experiments of the earlier inventors were all necessary and indispension. The evidence of a Corliss engine has been attained.

A day passed in a museum inevitably links the present with the past, not alone in mechanics, but in every line of human endeavor. The evidence is universal and on every hand that the present is the grogeny of the past.

There is nothing that is solely of today; all is bound up with yesterday. We ourselves are children of ancestors who, in their different ways and under other conditions struggled with the same; problems that vex us. As they built for their future, so we build for ours.

But there is no future for us unless we are building for it now. We of the working class will stain our ideals tomorrow only in the degree that we lay our foundations broad and deep today.

It is not upon the benevolence of the possessing class, nor upon sentiments of brotherhood and love that the producers of the world must depend for deliverance from the injustice and brustling of the capitalist mode of production. To achieve freedom, the one necessary condition is the organization powerfu

trial Commonwealth.

That form and body can be developed only by the workers themselves. Their development and final liberation into the enjoyment of the full life of free men can not be accomplished without the instrumentality of an industrial organization, capable of taking hold of and continuing in systematic operation the means of employment and utilizing the natural sources of wealth, which are the means of life for all.

Into this Industrial structure all class-conscious workers enter. It is their only logical place. It is the embryonic structure through which their ideals can alone be attained.

## Inviting Disaster

In many communities throughout the country since the Collimwood school disaster inquiries have been started relative to the security of school buildings and parents have become solicitous about the safety of their children attending schools. Where provision has been made by the law for the protection afforded by fire escapes, the disposition of those in authority seems to be to ignore the requirements, as in Chicago, where the president of the school buildings are safe and the board has no money for the purpose.

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The BULLETIN has received information that the residents of Franklin Park, a suburb of Chicago, are in a state of alarm, owing to the practice of the superintendent and teachers of the public school of locking the pupils in the school house during the lunch hour. The children are in the habit of carrying lunch with them to school, many of them having long distances to go. The superintendent and teachers, however, go home to lunch, first locking the doors and leaving no means of exit except through the basement where the furnace is. Since the Collinwood school fire protest has been made by residents of Franklin Park against the practice in vogue there, but the only response of the superintendent was that the doors would be locked and the children kept in the building as before. This is one

way of inviting disaster that should be stopped.

Strike at Goldfield called off on all properties except the Consolidated, the Conspans scale being accepted. The distant, the every strong with idle mental the conditions are such that any additional men going to Goldfield will meet with disappointment.

It is not simply a lot of individuals that make a society or an organization, any more than a lot of bricks make a house. Where there is no cement of social consciousness, no sense of belonging to one another in an organism with a common purpose and aspiration, there is really no society. "An injury to one is an injury to all," says the I. W. W.

The assumptions of capitalists that one set in society may do as they see fit and that another set must submit or be permitted to act only within the limits which the first set prescribes, is abhorrent to the Industrial Unionist, who organizes to assert the workers' right to act within the limits prescribed by themselves.

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take hold of the good work. How is it with your local? Are you doing your part?

The individual worker being at an immense disadvantage in the struggle for existence, because of private ownership of the job, and the material adjuncts of the job, is compelled to social action for protection; he is compelled to associate with those of his class for immediate relief and ultimate freedom. It is not any act of his fellow workers that enforces association, but the material conditions under which he lives.

"Berlin," the S. D. Herald tells us, "is in the hands of the Social Demo-crats." We are glad to hear this, as we had understood that Berlin was in the hands of the Kaiser and his troops, quite recent events having confirmed this understanding. We are always willing to learn.

The appointments for Vincent St. John in Illinois extend to April 10, the complete list appearing elsewhere in this paper. Any labor organization desiring his services for one or more lectures after that date should communicate with Wm. E. Trautmann, 212 Bush Temple, Chicago.

Chicago.

"The Present Panic, Its Cause and Remedy," will be explained by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, under the auspices of "The Ikeled Clubs," Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., at Odd Fellows' Temple, William, near Jefferson streets, Buffalo, N. Y. Admission free.

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one can get some slight idea of the real situation.

The following is a fair list of the unorganized unemployed:
Department Stores ... 70,000
Hotel and Restaurant Employes ... 30,000
Mechanics (all kinds) ... 10,000
Office Employes (var. branches) ... 25,000
Transportation Help ... 30,000
City Employes ... 15,000
Unorganized Railroad Workers ... 6,000
All branches of unorganized
Laborers ... 65,000
Domestic Employes cannot be gotten at ...

## "GIT!"

Gentlemen, you've got to show us; we're from Missouri, from our red hair down to the crooked heels. If you've got anything worth having, then trot it out, we want if. What we want is results—results right here in this man's town, not in llong Kong or Kalamazoo, or in any other one of those out-of-like work of the man's town, not in llong Kong or Kalamazoo, or in any other one of those out-of-like with the man's town, not in long Kong or Kalamazoo, or in any other one of those out-of-like with the man's town, and pold mines pay give denda.

You that have such a cock-sure confidence in craft organizations, and who strain every nerve to break down industrial unions, show us what you have accomplished in this village—show us the closed shops, the raised wages, the childless factory; show us the victories you have wrested from the masters.

Now don't shout all at once about the bricklayers or Typographical Union—we know that some high-skilled crafts have practically a monopoly on their trade. Strike-breakers who can manipulate linotype machines are about as scarce as thugs who lay bricks; but show us one big plant where improved conditions have been obtained for all kinds of labor through your brand of organization.

Gentlemen, this silence is oppressive;

manufacturers' associations, and oppose hopelessly divided labor with compact industrial organizations.
You still may be able to lick some little one-horse concern into line, or praer it as a feast for the trust, but you can't touch the trust itself—that's too hard a bite for your old teeth.
Get wise, or vameouse and make room for something worth having.—Oscar Ameringer.

### St. John's Illinois Trip

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April 10.—Eldorado.

### The God of Gold

Yea, these are my loaded altars,
And I rear them in every clime,
And heathen, and Jew, and Christian
Are worshipers at my shrine.
For I am the demon Capital,
And the fates of the billions I mould
For mine is the blood of the workers,
And I coin it into gold:
By the spell of a mightier alchemy,
Than ever knew sages gray,
Mine is the brawn and the learning of
men
To "barter, sell, and convey."

am the god of gold,
I am the lord of gain,
The sceptres of fate I hold,
And Reason adjudged insane.
Mine is a creed universal,
The mitres of earth are mine,
And heathen, and Jew, and Christian
Are worshipers at my shrine.
Mine, of men, are the blood and the
brain,
Mine to be bought and sold.

## Mexican Defense Fund

in Greater New York

At the start of the present panic there was a considerable how! raised, due to the fact that several thousand of workers were thrown out of employment suddenly. The papers, wisely appreciating the real situation and realizing the effect that the truth of the matter would have upon the people generally, have from time to time, held out to their readers encouraging accounts of the resumption of trade has failed to materialize. In the various occupations and trades that were accustomed to start up after the Christman holiday there has been a huge failing off overthat of previous years, and we are conforded by a situation that demands serious consideration. The member of unemployed is alarmingly great, and were it not for the fact that this has been a rather mild winter the distress would have been something awfall to contemplate.

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"Mr. B. T. Weber, City:
"My Dear Sir and Comrade—Your letter is at hand, regarding the mater of announcement in Miners' Magazie, I presume about funds for the Merzicans. I would say that I have never seen the article in question, and have no knowledge whatever of anything seen to knowledge whatever about a week ago, saying that he had received selters that it was a fake. Now whose fake it is I do not know, and I am somewhat indifferent about it. I wrote the editor of the Miners' Magazine, explaining the matter as it seemed to me. What action he will take I do not know.

"Some time ago I was asked by the committee of the Socialist Party to allow them to send out my name to received. Quite a little money came in common Sense. If more comes to me tit will be handled in the should be glad to expected for the whole matter, especially say.

"But I should be glad to the competence of the mandled in the same."

"Fraternally yours, "FRANK I. WHEAR."

Capitalism's Reward for Genius
Richard Savage died in a debtor's
prison.
Stow, the famous antiquarian, became a licensed beggar.
Camoens. Portugal's poet, die in
na almshouse after years of beggary.
Ben Jonson perished in poverty.
One of his last acts was to return a
paltry sum sent him from King
Charles.
Ulrich von Hutton, the brilliant
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50.00 life. He was found frozen in the snow. George Gissing's work never succeeded till he was dead. His life was 5.00 a long struggie against disease and neglect.

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ECONOMIC DETERMINISM

How Social Institutions Came Into Existence Through

Changing Methods of Production

FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE

BY WORD H. MILLS

CHAPTER XX.

An industrial constitution is the inevitable next step in the fundamental form of government. Whether the social revolution which imagurates it shall be precipitated by a panic and industrial crossition which gives it form. This mode of production is collectively into the mode of production is collectively into the mode of production is collectively into the mode of production is precipitated by a prolonged industrial depression, this time, however, none the subject. And this literature is easily obtained the working class will, through their industrial constituted movement mover, none the subject. And this literature is easily obtained in the working class will abolish itself through the capture of its powers by the socialist movement in its evolution of the capture of its powers by the socialist usages that form the vorking class will abolish itself through the capture of its powers by the socialist movement in its evolution of the capture of its powers by the party's victory and the political power and the political organization of the capture of its powers by the socialist movement in its evolution of the capture of its powers by the socialist movement in its evolution of the capture of its powers by the socialist movement in its evolution of the capture of its powers b

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The past week was a good one for
the I. W. W. in New England. The
meeting held on March 1st in Hartford
was a hummer (with Jas. P. Thompson as speaker), the hall was jammed
and the boys there say it was one of
the best meetings ever held in that city.

Monday, March 2d, Organizer Thompson one to Stafford Springs and found
a club of seven or eight Italians, and
with the co-operation of these men got
handbills out and arranged meeting for
Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Both
of these meetings were extra-well attended. A local of Textie Workers
was organized; 109 signed the application for charter. Officers were elected
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