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Knowest thou a political party that has a plank in its platform that bestows industrial freedom or industrial democracy upon the workers?

No, you do not.

Why is that?

Political freedom is good. Religious freedom is good. Freedom of speech, press and pulpit is good.

Why is it then that industrial freedom is not good?

Why draw the line between freedom and the man that must work?

Why must he forever serve under a self-appointed autocrat, a boss?

One would think all freedom good?

One would think if he is capable of choosing a president for a country from amongst men he *does not know*, he must be capable of choosing a boss for a shop from amongst men he *does know*.

Why must he forever be politically free and industrially a slave?

Is there a reason?

No, it is a mistake—a social blunder.

(In the shop he has less self-government than the prisoners in Sing Sing—"honor system.")

It seems then, there being no reason, the worker is a slave because the boss wills it. Surely he himself does not prefer slavery?

Now, these matters are of more importance than the mere industrial enslavement of a great share of the population and the institution of a series of minor autocracies within a political republic.

Such an arrangement will not work, never did work and never will work—except the duration of time it takes the prevailing economic system to make a major cycle. Sometimes not that long. Our economic system has now made a complete major cycle and, because of the willful actions taken by the industrial overlords, the so called capitalist system is pretty thoroughly discredited. The system must now suffer the consequences of the highhanded and unlimited exploitation of labor-power by the autocrats of industry on the pay-throne. The fertile field of wealth production, source of society's substance, its very economic security had been left at the mercies of the employer, and he promptly betrayed the trust.

No you cannot run industrial slavery and political freedom side by side. You cannot run all one, political and industrial slavery side by side.

You can run only political freedom and industrial freedom side by side.

(Dictatorship is overthrowal of government insofar as no constitution provides for the transfer of legislative power to an executive—and cannot within reason do so.)

You may as well recognize the fact that political freedom, freedom of speech, press and pulpit are pretty small fish alongside of industrial freedom—those freedoms did not buoy your system, and it's going to crash.

Political reconstruction of prosperity presupposes, retracing the convolutions of the system in its major cycle—not an entirely impossible task were it not for substance sunk into gigantic and brainless overexpansion.

As it is, it is a political impossibility.

But it is not an industrial impossibility.

The condition was caused by industrial slavery and industrial freedom will remedy it.

No you cannot leave out the all important freedom and expect your nation to prosper.

Dozen fallen civilizations bear witness to the truthfulness of my remarks—all had a major flaw, human enslavement.

Mark ye then, when your system falls, and comes time to set up a new one, forget all, if you will, but *don't forget industrial freedom*.

That is the road to economic security—the establishment of a paradise in United States of America.

Join the I. W. W.

Note: to bring this about automatically, as self-generating influence, make labor *best paid occupation*—(a five word cure.)

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