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Industrial freedom cannot be established by any outfit other than LABOR—producing.

A political party in its maximum purity or virtue cannot establish it—governing.

Dictatorship least of all because it is the last stage of political—con.

(I do not believe civilization will break down, but that is opinion of only one.)

In the case herein recited those enormous profits flowed to the boss (since 1899). All those years.

And the boss invested them in expansion schemes and over-expansion silliness.

Overexpansion has no value; it is money thrown away; it is money spent to generate expense—a double tragedy.

Despite this injury, the crippled capitalist system completed its cycle and now that all those insanities have come home to roost what are you going to do about it?

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Plant some trees, mebbe?

You'll need them! The monkeys did before you. Only the I. W. W. can make the capitalist system work; no political party can do it; no dictator can do it—the injury is overwhelming.

This it (the I. W. W.) can do by instantly enforcing the 4-hour, 4-day week—and no wage cuts.

But! the I. W. W. cannot do it without members. You are either going to be a member of the I. W. W. or a member of the next world . . .

All of my prophesies except one (the only one I ever made) have come true, so now I'll make another one: The misery will continue.

Now let us discuss the political trends of the world: Folks were somewhat discouraged dozen years ago when the Italian government went in hands of receivership (Mussolini) dictatorship, fascism or what have you and they did not understand that capitalism was thus preserved to dish up miseries for future generations. Now a dictatorship, even if not benevolent, but political, cannot be as perfidious as dictatorship at the point of production (where the injuries are given form) because political dictatorship can view production in an impersonal light.

Russian dictatorship is different from others in-so-far as the original receivership of Kerensky went into hands of receiver (Lenin and Tretski)—space forbids further discussion on that score.

In Germany the bankrupt political republic, planted in industrial autocracy, went into the hands of a receiver, the august and audacious Herr Adolph Hitler. The principle that applies is as follows:

Insofar as benign politicians (Social Democrats) were not able to keep up with industrial thieves, working autocratically, without restraint, it was concluded autocracy is the best for speed—it is too for many forms of thievery when the gold-brick market is off.

I have only to cite the magnificent returns from those immortal words "hands up" to prove my point.

But as I before said, a blanket dictatorship covering politics and industry cannot in its indirectedness be as pernicious as was the employers direct assault upon labor's pocketbook.

All in all these dictatorships are the pulmonary squads that preserves capitalism's life until such a time as the Industrial Workers of the World organize as a class and puts an end to all forms of thievery at the point of production—robbing of labor is the original sin. This has gone to such an extent now that it is doubtful if dictatorship can adjust industry to the needs of the people and it shall have to resort to swift new moves daily to maintain its own life in the aura of uncertainty.