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# This Great Game Was Played By The Roman Too

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"The Romans, however, had refused to listen to the rival claims of ambitious heirs. They had divided the domains of Herod into three unequal parts and had given these to such candidates as best suited the momentary political needs of the Empire.

"The largest share, almost one-half, including Judaea, had gone to Archelaus (Archy Louse) the oldest son. Galilee and most of the northern territory had been given to Herod Artipas, who was a brother of Archelaus by the same Samaritan mother. What remained, a very negligible strip of land, had gone to Philip who does not seem to have been a relative of Herod at all."

Henrik Von Loon.

It would not do for these three to remain a WHOLE in as much as united they might be a threat to the Roman Empire.

Now I see that England has again proposed the division of Palestine into "three unequal parts" and settle down to tune in on the squawk. It's nothing new.

The "economic royalists" of our fair land are in full cry to whack up the industry into three unequal parts. The largest share to go to John L. Lewis. All the "hasbeens," skilled trades were to be given to Willie Green. What remains, a very negligible strip around Dearborn and River Rouge was to go to Father Coughlin who does not seem to be a Crown Prince at all.

How they love to chop up labor!

One Big Union of I.W.W. would spread the cake farther.

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Select tribe of our multimillionaires (those in the know) have been on "relief"—income tax relief, to be precise—and then they begrudge the unemployed barley soup a la Father Knickerpucker. Eleven of our leading lights, including W. R. Hearst, ranked in \$8,355,000.

In 1936 the treasury settled 214,220 cases (out of court?) and got a total of \$152,760,000.20 in deficiencies. Oo la la! and to think Al Capone was longing for company all these years in Alcatraz.

These are not thieves any more than Al Capone; they was only trying to get away with a couple hundred million through the loopholes their man Friday or Joe built for 'em in Washington.

I suggest that Al Capone be given a half-dozen high speed hack saw blades for Xmas present.

"Mr. Hearst avoided paying the Government \$5,111,708.72 in 1935 and 1936."—Daily News.

Quite an avoider! Quite a jackpot! I wonder if California ever got anything from William?

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David Clark, editor of the Textile Bulletin, official spokesman for the Southern Textile Mill Owners, has this to say in N. Y. Daily News' "Economic Battle Page": (Anet A. F. of L. strike in 1934):

"They called the strike September 4 and although the A. F. of L. poured thousands of dollars into this region to sustain it, it died of its own volition within less than four

weeks. But it cost 14 lives and \$18,000,000 in wages."

Died of its own volition?—Then the A. F. of L. didn't kill it? This seems strange. But go on, Dave, I'm listening.

"The workers who were so deluded (What? did the A. F. of L. delude them?) as to join the walkouts at the various plants received not a single cash payment, not a single strike benefit from the lush coffers of the American Federation of Labor."

Go on, David, you're doing good:

"They subsisted on government relief at \$4 a month. Their wives went hungry and their babies went without milk."

Truer word was never spoken, Dave; but the wives and babies were accustomed to it (since they never had any milk anyhow and but damned few vittles—chittlings and sweet potatoes). But you surprise me, Dave, I cannot bring myself to believe the government gave only \$4 a month from its lush coffers.

Can it be that the government, too, was trying to break the strike? Let us see:

The strike lasted "less than four weeks";

Government chipped in four bucks (dollar a week);

Wives went hungry;

Babies went without milk.

What does it add up to? The textile mill owners kept the workers only four weeks ahead of starvation and even then government relief had to step in and save them.

Wages run as low as \$7.90 for two weeks work in overan mill and as high as \$6.53 for one week's work in same mill. There's your dollar a day again. Dollar a day DOWN from the lush coffers of the textile mill owners, eh Dave? Everybody seems to be lush but the workers.

Join the I.W.W. (The Industrial Workers of the World)—the One Big Union.

You ain't getting nowhere divided, half C.I.O. and half A. F. of L.—these divide. Join the union that unites—the I.W.W.—and the babies will have milk and the mothers—milk to give them.

P. S.—Working class that signs time agreements cannot ever be united until they forget about their "John Hancock" and remember all about economic-romanoffs. Time contract is the "grand divisor"—the exact distance between a plank steak and the poor-house.

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