



Workers Need What the Boss Already Has

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The "inexorable economic laws" that we hear so much about are now set aside by "special economic privileges" and men, materials and manifestations are controlled contrary to all law or absence thereof, carte blanche. The end is in sight—and no where to run.

Probably thousands of schemes have been proposed to correct the condition of 30,000,000 unemployed and their dependents and every scheme so advanced is based upon the proposition of serving special privilege and rescuing the system to destructive of itself. Dearth of gray matter in special privilege guarantees we always will be kept busy serving it and rescuing its system from economic suicide.

It would be idle folly to place the employing class under a guardian for their preservation and to ration their income to conform with common sense requirements of well-to-do living, inasmuch they are excess baggage to begin with.

When an institution cannot keep up with modern development it is a drag upon progress and must be displaced or discarded, even so as a worn-out pair of shoes. I pity the country that hasn't an extra half dozen "systems" on hand for replacements, just in case the present system does the dutch-act.

Workers are in an enviable position to offer a "substitute for the whole" but are as yet unfamiliar with the details of the One Big Union and Commonwealth of Toil. Industrial Democracy under the present setup of Industrial Autocracy is, of course, possible but autocracy will perish in the move. Autocracy (overriding the wisdom or its advisors) is the cause for all human misery outside of natural catastrophes accomplished by accident, wind, water, fire and earthquake.

I think those five are enough pains in the neck without suffering the additional agonies of the system—government of the parasites, for the parasites, by the parasites in the factories, mines and other treadmills of human endeavor and industry.

Inasmuch as the exploiters of human servitude have self-government in the workshops, a precedent is set and the working class would be awful donkeys indeed if they don't demand "one like the bosses got."

Government in industry most certainly is not OF, FOR, AND BY

THE PEOPLE THERE EMPLOYED.

The nation has a problem child on its hands—and unless it can bring up that boy properly, democracy better learn backseat driving and let it go at that. And to think—putting the tiller in the hands of previous lunatics! O, America! O, America!

Jimmy Powers of the News gets some sand in his gills about a west coast wisecrack and retorts: "If it wasn't for a gent named Pulaski we might still be taking our hats off to a king."

I remember the occasion. That was one of the times we didn't let George do it.

I see where some of the boys (past service age) are hollering for gun training for the CCC. How naive! Don't they know that when an heir apparent is born us we toss a pistol into the cradle with him for a plaything.

CCC is way late with its training; in fact, the early gun training of our youth was the inspiration for the CCC—that is: they wanted to wean out youth of its belligerence. But I'm ahead of my story.

When our youngsters grow up big enough to ditch their diapers they march out and chase the cops up the alley; firing with both hands, etc.

Which all adds up: Roosevelt is right; no sense to teach our children the same thing twice. It's too much like teaching Paderewski to play the piano or Al Jolson the sobbing strains of a Mammy song.