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Why Your Wife Should Join the Party

By FANNY JORDAN TREASTER.
THE WOMAN WAGE WORKER
Article 1.

I read in a current issue of one of the leading periodicals an article entitled, "Is a Woman's War Coming?" It dealt mostly with interviews and statistics and little with logic. The interviews were with women who have been employed with war work in munition factories, and received a high war wage. The interviewer usually asked each woman what she would do if love and an offer of marriage came into her high-waged existence, and the spontaneous answer came, "Why, marry, of course." "What if this man were poor?" The answer, "Keep on working." "What of babies?" There could be none." Then the article went on to explain the deteriorating effect on the child of the pregnant mother who is forced to work to the sixth or seventh month. The article ended with a weak remedy for this condition, that of maternity insurance, for only soldiers' wives, mind you, for a period of three months, to be divided before and after confinement.

I might also note here that this same article contained statistics showing that women on the same jobs with men at the same rating, made more money. Of course, the real reason for this is the novelty of the job to the women, hence, the interest and speed. Now the question that we want solved is how can these women, who have had a taste of power and independence during the war, go back to home, child-rearing and poverty, with their ever attendant struggle?

Well, we might say, "Let the women keep their jobs if they are more proficient and we might reverse the state of affairs and allow the men to become the housekeepers." Would this remedy matters? There would still be two living on one job. Though, too, the husbands would soon feel their bird-cage existence and revolt as had their wives.

Of course we understand the usual and natural reason for marriage, is mating—the propagation of the race of mankind. We have not yet reached such a state of moral, spiritual and physical perfection that will allow to humanity eternal life. We are still striving for that perfection; but, until then, there must be "marriage and giving in marriage."

Nature has built women for the function of child-bearing and rearing. She is the beaver because of her natural organization. The hip bones are larger than those of the male because that is the portion of her body that functions most. She is the child rearing because of a naturally developed mother instinct and that finer sensitiveness and intuitiveness that reads character keenly. She knows that each child as an individual must be governed by different tactics.

No way can the workings of nature be changed.

The man is broad of shoulder and thick and muscular of chest and arms. Naturally, his duty is that which necessitates the use of strength and manual labor. He, like the male bird, is the provider of food and shelter for the female and the offspring. This brings into use that development of the above-waist part of his body. The savage, who lived almost wholly by instinct, was the breadwinner of his family. So, it follows that the man is the natural provider for the family, since instinct is wholly natural.

Therefore, we are getting away from nature when the woman abandons her erstwhile duties to become a wage worker.

But what are we to do about it? The man does not make a living wage—a wage sufficient to support a wife and family? We want to see to it that he does. We want to have a little play time, besides. We want to feel like we can go to a show, even though Johnny does need a pair of shoes. We want pleasant, picturesque homes, without threadbare carpets and window glass broken out. We want to feel that life is worth the living.

If, with government ownership or control, high wages can be paid in war time for the manufacture of means of destruction; why not government ownership in peace times, with still higher wages, for the purpose of production.

We, as women, have more power to decide this important question than we know. That's where our strength as a whole will count. One woman can do little. Her individual protest has little effect. But together, we are a power, a wonderful power—a power against which no male organization has a ghost of a show. That is the thing that I want to impress upon you in this article—the necessity for organization. "There is the suffrage movement," you say. How much chance have women in our station in life in that movement? It belongs to the wives of the bourgeoisie. They are working for the enfranchisement of women. We want more than this. We want education to make the best use of this vote when it is granted.

There is no way in which we can use this power on which I speak, to use this power as individuals, until it becomes that great force for which we are striving, than to join a unit which will admit us to their cause and our cause as equals, with equal voice and equal opportunities—the Socialist Party. This party is the champion of your class and my class. It has your interest at heart. It has the interest of the communists at heart. It has the interest of the state, the nation, the world, not to make it a better place for the protection of big interest, but for the freedom of humanity. Its high-reaching goal is a big brotherhood of mankind, where money need not be the incentive, but instead, greater happiness for each and all.

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Henry Dubb—The only species of animal that ever learned to work.

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Illegal—Anything of benefit to a wage slave.

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On with the good work, peacefully and legally, so long as the enemy will let you, though, like Comrade Bruce Rogers in the Alaska "bull pen," I am almost convinced that non-conformist propaganda, even of the mildest sort will not be allowed much longer. The plutes of dollar land and their legal and political watch dogs are certainly not going to allow us to quietly and peacefully erase them and their good, fat plunder game out of existence, via intellectual propaganda and political action at the ballot box. They will force us to strangle them with a proletarian dictatorship as surely as there is a class struggle in existence.

Comrades seems the next logical act in the great social drama of America. I have neither the means or ability to help our movement much, and shall never be one to advocate the use of force and violence in the conduct of the Socialist movement, as long as there is one honorable alternative left.

But I long ago dedicated what little there was of me to the cause of international socialism and the struggle of the working class of the world, and whatever form of revolution may be forced to assume in defense of its own best interests I hereby pledge my undying loyalty—unto the end.

Greetings and regards to you, beloved comrades,

Ever yours in the revolution,

VAN EDISON PRAYER,

Rockvale, Tenn.

FROM A WES TERNER

Comrade Muriel Veiters is looking after the interests of the Ohio Socialist at Bangor, Wash., as a list of four proves. Comrade Muriel says that she hopes to secure more subs, too, although some of the "patriots" are hot on her trail. Here's a comrade not yet graduated from the eighth grade in school, yet takes her socialism seriously enough to brave the taunts of the ignorants and prejudices to live up to the ideals of a revolutionist. When we have more like Comrade Muriel we shall be a long way on the road to emancipation.

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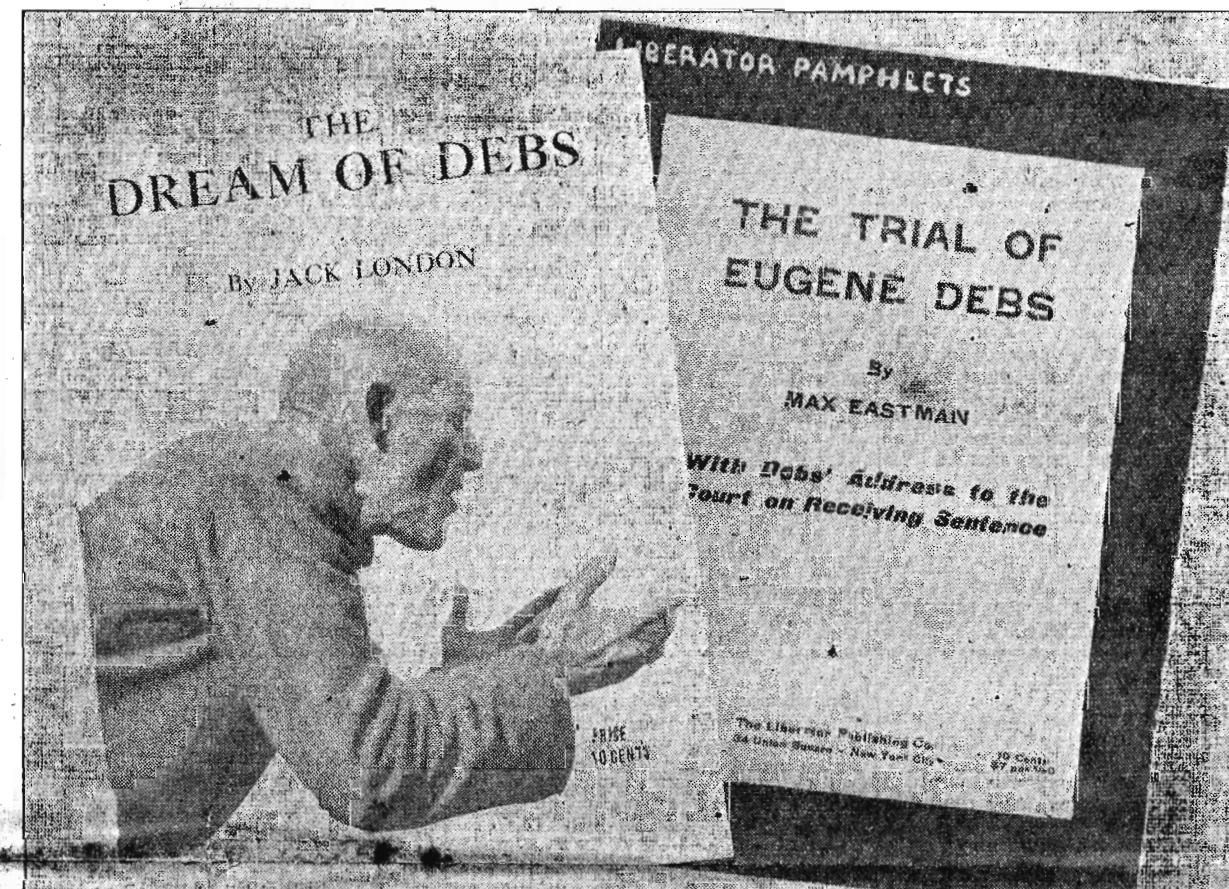
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8,000 To Be Deported

The Department of Labor at Washington, D. C. announces that 7,000 to 8,000 more aliens are to be deported just as fast as they can be rounded up.

54 are now at Ellis Island, New York, waiting on the outcome of the fight that Caroline A. Lowe and others are making for their rights as human beings in "a world safe for a Wilson democrat."

In 1904, when another such an attempt to deport aliens was in full swing (and it failed as we believe this will fail), Judge Ernest Crosby said:

Let us take down the beautiful statue of Liberty Enlightening the world, that brazen lie, which now casts its beams on Ellis Island and its prison, and let us put in its place an ogre of iron, grasping a gnarled and knotted club, and casting its baneful shadow upon the immigrant—an image no longer of Liberty Enlightening, but of Despotism Darkening, the world.

We are of the opinion, however, that world events are so shaping them-selves that we will not have to comply with his "decision." Socialism is sweeping onward to all parts of the world, and we feel sure that the Statue of Liberty will yet turn her face shoreward to America and give the sign of Industrial Democracy and freedom for all to speak and write and to assemble as freemen and equals.

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SOME LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KEEP THE ROADS—
WE'VE PAID FOR THEM

THE SHORTER WAY

Let the Government own the railroads and pay for them, you say? Not on your life, not another dollar to the railroad owners! Haven't the people paid enough and more than enough? Didn't one of the able United States Senators say in a speech in the senate several years ago that the people of the United States had paid for the railroads from seven to twenty-two times and surely ought to own them? Didn't Jay Gould, 30 years ago, lock up about sixty millions of dollars in New York as his roads brought it in and brought on a panic in New York city and sent business men to the wall in order to run down the railroad stocks so he could get a controlling interest in the Wabash railroad for nine cents on the dollar?

Didn't our Congress years ago give the railroads nearly two hundred million acres of land that belonged to our children and their children, enough to make an empire almost three times as large as Germany? Didn't the people over the United States in many towns and cities vote millions of bonds to the railroads to build feeders to their main lines and in one instance they never built the road but tried for years to collect the money on the bonds and pay?

Didn't Ernest Seyd of London, come here in 1872 with \$500,000 to use in our Congress to get silver demonetized in the interest of foreign bond holders and accomplish his purpose and increased the value of the bonds ten per cent and then England was enabled to buy her silver for 1-2 the former price. Didn't Judge Kelley of Pennsylvania say he saw the first draft of the bill by which silver was demonetized in the hand writing of Ernest Seyd and by that criminal act Congress ruined thousands and almost destroyed some of the towns. Didn't we confiscate four billion dollars worth of chattel slaves that the slave holders had bought and paid for and they had to stand for it?

You say we did that in the interest of humanity. Sure it was. Now let us take the railroads in the interest of humanity also, as every man, woman and child is dependent on them. The shoe of private ownership is pinching the foot of the creators of wealth for more than fifty years until it has become unbearable. Let us change the shoe and put it on the foot of the absorbers of wealth for awhile until we can even up again. Of course they will howl with pain. But let them howl—let them suffer until they are willing to come down on the earth again and say to Labor that you are as good as we and have as much right to Mother Earth and its great resources.

Let us keep the railroads while we have them in the interest of humanity. We have already paid the bill. ALEX. VAN GUNDY

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

Our late world war has taken rest and we hope that President Wilson and the Peace Conference will succeed in establishing at least a system of peace arbitration for nations, to take the place of wars for conquest.

The producing classes are always called upon to do the dirty work in war, and also to pay the cost thereof. If any thing is gained in the way of land or wealth, it is generally taken over to increase the fortunes of the scheming profiteers. Russia is among the first to throw off the yoke of profiteering bondage and to establish justice for the laboring classes. From inside reports we comprehend that they are making pretty fair headway, even with all the misrepresentations presented through the monopolized press.

We note that in the Russian language the word "Bolshevik" means the same as "majority" does in the English vocabulary. Hence, the majority of the farmers, mechanics, laborers, soldiers and necessary business people of Russia are at present establishing a government intended to benefit the greatest number. This, of course, is something entirely new and virtually quite different from what history has written in regard to any former great governments.

Just imagine for one moment, a country, where the producers of all wealth should undertake to control the productive industries, and also endeavor to formulate the laws of the country under which they expect to live, and where every man or woman over eighteen years of age can vote on public policies, provided they are soldiers, sailors, farmers, mechanics or in some way employed at some useful industry. Money lenders, slave drivers, speculators and usurers, are not allowed the right to elective franchise.

Even in "Free America, the land of Liberty," we could not stand for that kind of thing. Just think of a country being governed without the guiding hands of the great monopolists and their political wire-workers. Where will the workers get the money to build the factories and operate the industries, unless they issue bonds for the banking institutions to manipulate in a way that will make great fortunes for a class who think themselves too "Kultured" to do any part of the useful labor?

Let us keep an eye on those Russian "bolsheviks" (the majority of the useful workers) and see how they will manage to live by labor and under an economic government. The mensheviks (meaning the minority) will be required to do a share of the useful labor or abide by the consequence, which in Russia means, "He that will not work shall not eat."

The greatest trouble in Russia at the present time, is that the profiteers wish to live from the toil of the producers and are trying every plan they possibly can concoct to re-establish the old order of things as it was under the czar, or something similar to our government in the U. S. A., where the monopolies have grown more rapidly than in any other country on the earth.

Honest co-operative and productive enterprise with economic government in the interest of those who make human life in civilization possible, must in the end prove successful, although it may take time to fully develop the experiment so that honest toil may be considered respectable and worthy of just treatment under the law.

E. Z. ERNST, Olathe, Kans.

were excommunicated and denounced as anarchist and traitors by the autocrats of Europe in that age and were persecuted even as we are persecuted today. But the patriots of '76 espoused just what the peoples wanted and they have survived the spleen of the autocrats of that age and have gone down in history as true patriots even as our persecuted comrades will in the age just dawning. Patriotism is a fluctuating thing and fluctuates even as Morgan's stocks and bonds in the markets of trade, being regulated solely by the demands of the peoples.

Learned, parasitic professors are poring over voluminous statistics and making equally voluminous disquisitions regarding the heretofore unparalleled unison of the heretofore humble and submissive workers and are apalled giving as their authoritative and learned findings, that one, age old and tried speech, "Socialism, Anarchy, Bolshevism, Free Love and that our Churches, Religion and Ancient Institutions are Endangered," some part we heartily agree with them.

One of the fundamental causes—and one that the learned professor always dodges is the fact, "That with all our boasted civilization, with all our great labor saving inventions and at the greatest stage of production the world has ever known, the toiling masses receive barely an existence and our advanced civilization and production has not served to decrease the hours of labor or better our conditions, on the contrary we find our condition steadily growing worse." Yet if we complain, the autocrats, leagued with the professors at the mouth with apparent hypochondriacal snort all the isms in their vocabulary at us. But Henry Dubb through these years of ceaseless unmitigated toil has rounded out some ideas in his nut and made some deductions of his very own and will continue to do some individual thinking, unaided by the professors of autocracy.

HOMER OWENS
Piqua, Ohio

HITS NAIL ON HEAD.

The Ohio Socialist, as it stands today, is a very creditable paper. It is an achievement, and indeed an inspiration.

I must voice the approval I feel as to the plans for a semi-weekly. It is the right way to progress toward the higher mark—the daily. The right principle is never to venture beyond the foundation laid. Then there are no recessions or collapses. It is the steady progress that counts, not the kite-flying sort. Again, our paper is published to support the movement, and not, as we have seen in conspicuous instances, the movement to support the paper! When we have built a substantial foundation for a weekly, and there is a justifiable margin of income to warrant the action then a concerted effort to advance to the semi-weekly can be safely made. When we have built the foundation out beyond this then the tri-weekly. The next move will be the international. We Socialists are still amenable to the laws of gravity.

"Ex-York slogan, 'We Have Quit Trading With the Enemy,' rejoices the eye. I hope so, in fact. Why we should keep on giving our money to profiteers, shoving power continually into the hands of our enemies, is a thing hard to understand. I have surely preached cooperation steadfastly to our comrades for these many years—not because I believed that it alone, or just the coöperation itself, was able to make the shift needed. But because it was one of the three supports we have put under capitalism. We should withdraw our buying power—or trading power—and our voting power. Our labor power must go to those who can buy it, for a while at least. For there is no excuse that we keep on putting our spending power at the service of the enemy, where it undoes in our direction what we do in another."

—A. L. Hitchens.

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Gleanings

From the Log of an Agitator.
By W. E. REYNOLDS.

Government officials are now talking about deporting all aliens who advocate socialism, or idealism, or bolshevism or any new-fangled ideas. England will deport Americans and America will deport Englishmen. Result, a new crop of agitators at government expense. Result again, UN-CENSORED news for the labor movements of the various countries.

Six months ago the Seattle ship yard workers were praised by the bourgeoisie as the nation's finest. They were "the men behind the men behind the guns." Then they went out on strike. Now Anathema! No longer are they the lauded heroes, but the despised hoboes, the men in front of the men behind the guns. The curriculum of the school of experience is hard but it is thorough.

It used to be "Good morning! Have you used Pear's Soap?" but now it is, "Good Morning! Been jailed or deported yet?"

With wages for the unemployed, as advocated by the bourgeoisie in New York—what is to become of the wage system? If one can get wages for not working, "what incentive will there be for activity" under capitalism?

According to the papers of the old gang we now need; bond issues—for the benefit of the working class; good roads—for the benefit of the working class; ship houses—for a big army—for the benefit of the working class; a big navy—for the benefit of the working class; a league of (capitalistic) nations—for the benefit of the working class; prison reform—for the benefit of the working class; lower wages—for the benefit of the working class; higher wages—for the benefit of the working class; deportations—for the benefit of the working class.

"Don't ask fr rights. Take them. An' don't let any man give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr nawthin' has somethin' the matter with it."—Mr. Dooley.

New Mexico Department

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W. P. Metcalf, S. Parks, W. P. Calkins, Andrew Eggum, Mrs. L. M. D. O'Neil.

Report of the State Secretary.
Albuquerque, March 17, 1919.

Comrades:

I have delayed making out my report for so long for many reasons, chief among them being that I have been patiently waiting for you to make nominations for state officials. That won't do, comrades. The times ahead of us demand the very best attention to party tactics of every one of us, and I believe that every member of the official family of the party in this state will agree with me when I demand that you, YOU, give us your mandate at least by renominating us if you don't want to make any changes.

You MUST make these nominations, comrades, as none of us want to continue in office indefinitely. The members of the State Executive Committee, state organizer and state secretary must be nominated. I suggest that Comrade Tom Pendergrass, present state organizer, now being entertained lavishly by the field office at Deming, be re-nominated by acclamation. We will have much for him to do when his host decides to give us some of his time.

And remember, comrades, Tom Pendergrass is in jail at Deming because he exercised his rights under the constitution of the United States, because he attempted to defend your right to free speech, free press and assembly. He is allowed to write only two letters per week to the outside world, but he can read two hundred letters. You who are outside should write him a word of cheer and greeting, but do not sympathize with him or counsel him to abstain hereafter from fighting for socialism as propounded by the St. Louis platform, for Comrade Pendergrass belongs to the Left Wing of the party—not to the mollycoddles. He will greatly appreciate your letters, but if you receive no reply blame the authorities, as they will not allow him to write more than two letters per week. Address him: T. E. Pendergrass, Luna County Jail, Deming, N. Mex.

Since my last report to you several of our best and most loved members of the international have been murdered by the reactionaries. I have from time to time sent you copies of the Ohio Socialist and the Revolutionary Age containing accounts of the murder of Liebknecht, Luxemburg and Eisner. Let the grill fair where the bodies, comrades, is not carried to the earth, but reburied. Socialists of the type of Scheidemann and Sparge, of Keyensky and Benson, of Elmer and Russell, that brought about the foul murder of these exponents of the working classes in the international.

Here in the United States, in spite of the fact that the war is over, the reactionaries have added five of our nation's officials to the list of convicts, and have upheld the convictions of Gene Debs and Kate Richards O'Hare.

A True Story

ANISE, in the Seattle Union Record.

He was just A BIG BOY.
* * *
Frank Travis,
* * *
When he blew into Sacramento
* * *
A year ago last October.
* * *
He had ONLY A NICKEL.
Left in his pocket,
* * *
And he met a FRIENDLY man,
A WORBLY, who said to him:
"Come along down to the hall
And bunk there for the night.
And we'll get you a JOB.
Tomorrow." So he went down
To the I. W. W. hall,
And they gave him
A place on the floor TO SLEEP,
And they gave him comradeship
Of fellows who asked him
NO INSULTING QUESTIONS.
And next morning
Some one staked him to a dollar,
And they got him a JOB.
He went out and made a little stake,
And a month later he came back
And said, "A bunch like you
Is GOOD ENOUGH for me."
He joined
And took out a RED CARD.
He had a GOOD VOICE
And loved SINGING.
He went down nights to the HALL,
And where else could he have gone
For welcoming comradeship?

It begins to look as if Marx was right when he said the bourgeoisie tried to make it appear that "the bourgeoisie is a bourgeoisie for the benefit of the working class!"

The conservative Bourbon Burleson was appointed and still holds office by the consent of the liberal (?) Mr. Wilson. After all it is not a question of liberalism or conservatism. The real dividing line is the class line—bourgeoisie or proletariat? Viewed

in this light Burleson and the president are on the same side of the line—and the working class on the other side!

We have trials and tribulations? Is there trouble anywhere? "Is because we do not use them. Use the brains beneath our hair!"

Oh the joys we oftentimes forfeit,

Oh the needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry

Working brains beneath our hair.

Gompers—Friend of Capital

The men who essay the role of profit in these days of evolution and transition does so at the risk of finding himself quickly discredited and repudiated. Nevertheless we all have our theories about what is likely to be the trend of developments, at least in the near future. Many of us have found it necessary to revise our forecasts almost every day. It is this that makes us all the more cautious.

I have long been undecided between two conflicting theories of how plutocracy would meet the fateful issue forced by the epochal upheaval in Europe. American capitalists now have their great chance owing to their erstwhile more powerful rivals in Europe being temporarily harnessed to combat, commercially, to become the commercial masters of the world. America's financial and commercial status, as evolved by the fortunes of war, make this not only possible, but from the viewpoint of the capitalists logical and worthy as being THE DESTINY OF AMERICA.

The fruition of this DESTINY will necessitate reducing American Labor to a competitive basis with the lowest wage-paying capitalist nation of earth. To do this would almost precipitate a storm that would quickly take on all the ominous phase of the European upheaval and menace capitalism to its very foundations. Would capitalism in America be deterred by this spectre and forego the chloroforming of labor, about he was paid to represent as president of the A. F. of L.? Why does he insist on crawling on his belly and begging as favors, those things that are basic human rights? And now, when labor at last has its epochal chance for emancipation from the galling yoke of wage slavery, why does Mr. Gompers enter the lists as the peerless champion of the forces that have kept labor in chains?

The truth is that Mr. Gompers has never stood for anything more advanced than well fed slavery, and has never succeeded in attaining even that. He has sold the birthright of his followers for a mess of pottage, and they have had to fight, beg and compromise to get the pottage. Although his ideal has never risen above the full belly for his followers, they have never been able to attain it through his leadership, but perhaps he has for himself, he has thrust his gnees under the banquet boards of the masters at Civic Federation banquets, and here is no question of the feed there.

Looking over Mr. Gompers' career as a "labor leader" we cannot be surprised that he has taken a commission to fight the only thing that has ever held any promise to labor. Bolsheviks invested the foul smirch heaped upon it by imperialism, absolutism and capitalism, simply means Socialism—the emancipation of the toiling masses from the thral of wage-slavery and exploitation. It means that the masses shall be the masters of their own lives through the instrumentality of a democratic state that is something more than a joke—something more than a bald instrument for repression and coercion—really constructive co-ordinating instrument flexible and amenable to the majority will.

The spectacle of "the greatest labor leader in the world," a man getting five thousand dollars per year to lead labor, entering the lists to lead the charge against labor, is a sight to make the gods laugh. Gompers' leadership has ever been an insult to labor. His attitude has assumed amor incapable, and unfit for self-government, and fit only for the yoke of slavery under the mastery of their superiors. A labor leader assuming such an attitude toward labor, would be a joke if he were not a tragedy.

Folks who have seen nothing more sinister in the leadership of Samuel Gompers than the insane puttering of a dotard have been want to refer to him humorously as "Granny Gompers." But, Gompers is not a dotard and the characterization of Granny does not fit him.

With a modicum of intelligence, he has ability and supreme cunning. The role of reactionary that he now assumes openly he has long pursued deviously. His leadership has ever been miss-leadership. Now that he has been placed in the open it is to be hoped that his deluded followers will be able to see him in his true light. And although Mr. Gompers is not a Granny, there is a feminine that fits him—he is a Delilah.

You remember the Bible story of Sampson, whose wonderful strength lay in his hair. His enemies could not prevail against him so long as his strength remained, and as his strength lay in his hair, he must be shorn of it. Delilah, his own wife, whose duty it was to love and protect Sampson, fell under the influence of his enemies, and traitorously sheared off his hair, thus placing him at their mercy, and encompassing his ruin.

Now that the giant of labor is arousing and feeling his mighty strength, his enemies and traducers are panic-stricken. Something must be done to bind him and reduce his dangerous might. He must be shorn of his strength. Who will wield the shears? Forth steps Delilah Gompers brandishing his shears, sharpened by the misplaced confidence of his deluded followers. He will shear the giant. Labor—if labor will submit, WILL THE LABOR GIANT LET THIS MODERN DELILAH GET HIS HAIR? Let us hope not.

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