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Everyone who knows anything knows that something is wrong with the way that society makes billionaires and paupers, and keeps millions in terror of threatened want.

New York, Jan. 4.—New York workmen and women are demonstrating the solidarity of the working class. The second meeting of the Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone conference, composed of all workers who want to save their brothers in Idaho, irrespective of race, color, creed or politics, was more enthusiastic even than the first.

try to a youngster who has eaten too much jam and yet is hungry for more. "As a nation we are gorged with prosperity," it asserts severely, but with evident concern.

American History for the Workers.

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LESSON VI. Causes of the Revolution.

There are few phases of our history concerning which the facts have been more persistently misrepresented than the American Revolution. As S. G. Fisher says in his preface to "The True History of the American Revolution":

The above letter reached the APPEAL last week, and is but one of many of similar import that reach my desk every day from school teachers who are now regularly reading the APPEAL.

Suppose that a worker receives \$18.00 for six days' work. That means that he gets three dollars for what he produces in a day. But he produces more than three dollars' worth of value; that is, the labor he applies to material in a day gives it more than three dollars' additional value.

The financial secretary reported the receipt of \$2,700.20 for the "Defense Fund," and \$1,500 for the "Agitation Fund." While we are laying particular stress on the necessity of money to carry on the trial, still we are setting forth also the necessity for agitation.

"We are tremendously overtaxing a system designed and established for one-tenth part of the service we now force upon it. The strain is terrific, and it is by our neglect to adjust our monetary facilities to the immense and imperative demands of these overwhelming prosperous times that the threatened failure may be precipitated.

I am quite confident from the reports drifting in that the constant bombardment of these moulders of American youth is going to yield splendid results for Socialism.

This difference is what the Socialist calls surplus value; and it is the wringing of surplus value out of laborers that yields increase to the capitalist and keeps the capitalist system in operation. When you realize that this is the cause of all the injustice and inequality that oppress the toiler you are ready to apply the remedy.

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The action of the Central Federated Union, in displaying such intense interest in the "Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone Conspiracy" was a hard blow for the prosecution. The Globe commented editorially, and said that the C. F. U. should not have allowed such statements to be made on its floor.

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Whereas, The United States supreme court, and the government authorities are discriminating against workmen in favor of capitalists and politicians. Resolved, That we condemn these discriminations, and demand that Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone be carried back to Colorado and tried, or released.

Meanwhile, industrial development in America had reached the point where portions of the ruling class had need of a government that they could use in their own interest. A large portion of the flourishing New England commerce was illegal. Says Fisher: "If we could raise from the mud... any one of our ancestors' curiously rigged ships... we should be tolerably safe in labelling her 'smuggler'."

"Nine-tenths of their merchants were smugglers. One-quarter of all the signers of the Declaration of Independence were bred to commerce, the command of ships and the contraband trade. Hancock, Trumbull (Brother Jonathan) and Hamilton were all known to be cognizant of contraband transactions, and approved of them." Hancock was the prince of contraband traders, and with John Adams as his counsel, was appointed for trial before the admiralty court of Boston at the exact hour of the shedding of blood at Lexington, in a suit for \$500,000 penalties, alleged to have been incurred by him as a smuggler.

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Scientist Advocates Socialism.

It certainly must have startled those 700 American scientists who gathered in New York on December 27 to listen to one of their prominent members advocating scientific Socialism as the remedy for our present industrial ills.

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Moving Up a Peg.

Senator Beveridge, in Lincoln, Neb., the other day, said some pretty strong things against child labor and declared that it must stop. I am glad to see the worthy gent taking hold of live questions—the agitation can only result in good to the little ones and push the Socialist solution to the front. It may look easy to these fellows who always play to the gallery to abolish child labor, but pretty soon they will run up against a snag. That snag is the fact that you can't abolish child labor without abolishing the capitalist wage system.

Socialism recognizes the right of every man, woman and child to all their industry has produced, but it denies their right to exploit the industry of others in any way or by any means.

HARDSHIPS OF PROSPERITY.

Only a few weeks ago the press of the entire country were lifting a pean of exultation over our national prosperity as revealed in recent statistics—a prosperity so amazing, according to the editor of The Manufacturers Record, that we can not measure the meaning of it "until we learn to think in billions."

The oldest ex-slave in the United States is Elijah James, of Washington, Va. According to the most reliable information, this old negro is 112 years old. He is remarkably well preserved, and works with his hands ten hours every day. Since the civil war he has labored sedulously, and for half a century before the war he lost precious little time from the work of his master.

WHERE IS THE PROSPERITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE?

Local Union No. 39, U. M. of A., at a special meeting held in Washington, Ind., December 21, 1906, passed the following resolutions protesting against the present treatment of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone:

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