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## With These Posters, Trotsky recruited the Red Army of 3,600,000 Men, Drove the Reactionary Forces of Kolchak, Denikin and Yudenich to Surrender and Saved Russia for Socialism!



SOVIET POSTERS

We have recently received a number of posters from Soviet Russia, which we are reprinting on this and the opposite page. In tone and execution they do not differ much—at least this is true of the four military posters—from the posters turned out by artists in other countries working on similar subjects. It is likely these military posters are of various dates, they indicate the varying objectives of the military effort of Soviet Russia. Thus, those on the opposite page urging men to enlist for fighting in the Urals (IV and V) may be a year old, for it was in January, 1919, that Kolchak's armies had advanced furthest into European Russia. No. 1, on this page, is an admonition to fight for the Donetz coal-fields, in other words, to help recover southeastern Russia from Denikin. Its top line reads: "The Donetz Coal must be ours!" At the side are the three sentences: "If there is no coal, the factories are idle. If there is no coal, the trains will not go. Until the Don is ours, hunger will be with us." At the bottom is the line: "Victory over Denikin's hands means victory over hunger." Just what part these posters played in raising the spirit of the Red armies to the point of victory, we do not know, but their work is done, and all the tasks they urged the workers to perform have been fulfilled. Probably No. IV, is the most recent of the posters: it deals with the defense of Petrograd, probably against the Yudenich assault of October, 1919.



Of the three posters on this page, the two upper ones are encouragements to enlist in the armies fighting for the recovery of the Urals. IV reads: "Comrades, all out for the Urals! Death to Kolchak and the other lackeys of the Czar and capitalism." V reads: "Forward, to the defense of the Urals!" VI, below, is a summons to defend the cradle of the Revolution, Petrograd, against the advance of Yudenich. It reads: "All Our Lives in the Defense of Petrograd!"



Pictures from "Soviet Russia"

### Cheerful Greetings from Chicago Jail

The attorneys for Marguerite Prevey, is being done to have her returned to who was kidnapped from Columbus jail and taken to Chicago by Illinois authorities March 3rd, are engaged in a legal battle for her release on habeas corpus. It is expected that before this issue of The Toller reaches its readers, the courts will have rendered a decision on the case. Everything possible



## The Kansas Court of Industrial Slavery

— By Bill Smith —

In a political sense Kansas is the most picturesque state in the Union. From the time Jim Lane, — bushy haired, wild eyed, with an enormous medal jangling from a ribbon around his neck, and a six shooter bulging from his hip pocket, invaded the U. S. Senate in 1861 as its first senatorial representative, it has been a sort of political museum. It has furnished many amusing and interesting characters and has enacted many fantastic and Quixotic laws; and just as Kansas seems about to settle down to a methodical and reasonable way of living — something lusts loose!

relative duties, and then they have no more idea than a kangaroo, what laws they are to make until the Big Cheese tells them what he wants. This cringing servility of a legislative body—no matter how stupid or mediocre—is indeed pitiful. There are vastly too many political serfs in all our state legislatures to-day, who do just as they are ordered to do. But Henney got his court. This is composed of three members, who are called "judges"—and mark you—all appointed by Henney Jay! They get \$5,000 yearly of the people's money and they have the power to fix wages, change labor contracts and do about every thing else under the sun that God Almighty overlooked. Its principal object is to strangle and ham string labor, and legalize slavery in the State of Kansas. It seems strange when one ponders over the early history of Kansas and recalls how bitterly she fought human slavery—to now find it the first state under the regime of capitalism to reintroduce it! At one sweep this new law nullifies the 13th amendment to the U. S. Constitution, The English Magna Charta, the Bill of Rights and even Christ's Sermon on the Mount itself!

to the nice little gift of a \$1,000 fine and five years in the penitentiary! At the present rate of pay—and the limited days he is permitted to work—what miner or other worker could put up that 500 or 1,000 dollars? He could only do, as thousands of his comrades have done from the days of Christ down—suffer indefinitely in prison. Why could they not have been more generous and have made that fine \$29,000,000 so the boys could all feel like Rockefeller? Boys do you get that word "foment"? When a general round up is desired that word "foment," means anything that a judge desires it to mean that will afford an excuse for fining and sending an innocent man—whom they don't overly love—to the penitentiary. If one will canvass the "judicial" decisions of the last five years, he will note many horrible outrages against common sense, due to this twisting and juggling of words that only finds its equal in the blood smeared courts of the Spanish Inquisition. Once it burned a man because he looked "askance" at the king who was passing by to witness the burning of a lot of undesirables. The whole question hinged upon what "askance" really meant—and further the poor fellow could not help it, as he was cross-eyed. But that did not cut any ice with the Court of Industrial Relations, of that time,—for they found him guilty and sent him to the stake.

They should happen to be! Just a word here;—one year from now all the mines of Great Britain will be nationalized,—the miners have served notice that they refuse to further give their labor, lives and blood for the up-building of colossal fortunes for a few persons and corporations. When the miners of Kansas and elsewhere gaze across the waters and see this new condition,—what greater thing could happen to put them in a "foment"? Did the labor leaders of Great Britain know of the yawning prisons awaiting them in Kansas, they would surely stop this mad progression toward human rights. Huh! What did you say? But you will find nothing in this Kansas law—nor any law that has been passed at the instigation of the sleek and paunchy minions of capitalism where operators are really subject to fine or imprisonment. They may close the works indefinitely—they may entail untold suffering on the working classes by non employment to create artificial shortages,—they may profitter to their hearts content,—making their hundreds and thousands percent, blood money, and who shall say them nay! But let the working man ask for a decent living and resort to any method to secure it—the vamps of capitalism get busy and you hear the creaking of the opening prison doors!

of clothes, free of charge,—nice, nifty, sporty suits with stripes on them. Every Pharisee, and all the devotees of Dives, and the worshippers of the Golden Calf are patting Henney Jay on the back;—and is it any wonder as he capers over the "country brass-banding this freak court of "his fiddlers three," that he feels as swollen and important, as a five cent balloon at a country fair!

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER — By PAUL HANNA. — Staff Correspondent, The Federated Press. WASHINGTON.—Housewives that have no other way of knowing may learn from the federal reserve board's review of February that the cost of living climbed higher instead of falling during that month. That arm of the government is very scientific and thorough, it is said. It extends credit to manufacturers and merchants in every corner of the land. It knows what they are doing. It receives reports from them every day on the demand for commodities and the run of prices. And it reports that "notwithstanding the decrease in prices of some classes of goods" the general cost of living moved steadily upward during the month. Regional directors for the federal reserve bank system unite in the widespread demand that wage earners produce more and consume less. So we read that "labor conditions throughout the country are fairly stable, but unfortunately there is a tendency in various districts to restrict production." That means the working class still bankers after fewer hours of labor and more time for themselves or with their families. It all comes under the general head of "menace to our civilization." From the Philadelphia region comes word that "there is a brisk demand for manufacturers of all kinds, but the danger of further price advances is well recognized." The demand is so brisk, in a word, that another little boost in prices won't do us any harm. On this general theme of "recognition," the Atlanta regional directors have a word to say, thus: "The need of increased production is recognized." Just another hint to the loyal workman that he will not be popular until he consents to give more and take less. (Continued on page 4.)



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## "UNDERSIRABLE ALIENS"

The extinction of all humane privileges of the workers in the U. S. by the agencies of capitalism thru its Department of Justice and Palmer is continuing, but with a change of tactics which, while being less conspicuously in the open, is nevertheless, as repressive and degrading to what are generally referred to as the national ideals as any measures have been.

The change in tactics constitutes a guerilla warfare and is directed largely against the alien workers—those workers who have been induced by the rose colored promises of personal and political liberty and high wages and better living conditions to come to this country and serve its economic masters.

Since the nationwide raids of January and the resultant censure of the Department of Justice by the liberal minded of the country who saw in this example of Czarism the final extinction of popular liberties if it continued, the department has changed tactics and what it did openly and brazenly in January against all workers, it is doing more secretly and less ostentatiously to the foreign born. The non-citizen foreigner does not vote and just now the political pot is boiling furiously and the highlanders are playing cannily for the "labor vote" of the American worker and citizen.

Not a week passes but numerous raids are recorded in the press. Great numbers of aliens are still being arrested in meetings, in homes or wherever they have the temerity to foregather. Many are held for deportation and all are catalogued, thumbmarked and recorded, questioned and terrorized. By such methods does Palmer attempt to qualify before capitalism for the seat in the White House for which he has been playing for many months, and because of such ambition and the fears of capitalists a reign of terror has been instituted and is continued by the Department of Justice.

As long as the foreign born were content to slave in abject servitude for the profits of American capitalism they were allowed to go and come unmolested, the shunned, intrigued against, and pitilessly exploited. When they endeavored to organize against capitalism and for themselves and their families, they at once became the object of the most villainous attacks ever instigated by a ruthless and robber class drunk with power. The fact that the power of the State was on the side of the industrial capitalists was brought home to them in blow after blow delivered with a mailed fist upon their defenseless persons. They are now classed as "undesirable aliens".

It mattered not to capitalism and the henchmen who serve it as political officials of the nation, that the industries of the nation have been built up by the hands and brains of these foreigners. It mattered not that the shining rails from coast to coast had been laid by them; that the mines were useless unless the foreignborn went down into them with pick and shovel; that without their brawny arms the steel industry would never return a dollar on the investment. Nothing mattered except that the worker's rebellion against enslavement and exploitation by the master class must be put down. That is the reason and the only reason for continuing this guerilla warfare against the foreign born workers. But the methods of Palmer to subdue the tidal wave of revolution, are proven false by how many centuries of human history!

## A "SUCCESS" STORY

We have just read in the daily press of the announced resignation of Harry Davis from the Mayorship of Cleveland. Not that Harry will resign right off—he will make sure of his candidacy for the Governorship before he takes the big leap into a chanceful political abyss.

We have read up on Harry—also from the daily press, a short sketch of his life—or some of it. We don't know how authentic this sketch is, but as History failed to record another, we will accept it as it runs.

It seems that when a boy, Harry earned his living with his hands in an honest and straightforward manner by working in a steel mill. This fact alone ought to earn him the Governorship at the hands of the steel workers of Youngstown, Lorain and Cleveland. It will be seen at a glimpse that this constitutes an affinity and oneness with Labor that must be recognized by Ohio wage-slaves next November. Harry knows all their ills, he knows how hard it is for them to meet their bills. If he isn't a "friend of Labor" from now until election we miss our guess.

From rusting steel slabs and iron junk, Harry graduated into the business of insurance. But it was not until he got in the political game in 1909 that his prowess as a statesman became recognized by those who had political plums to hand out to the deserving. We are not informed by this somewhat curried sketch of his life if a period spent as a page in the Ohio legislature served to whet Harry's appetite for political conquests or not. Very likely the evidence of pork barrel success at the Capitol served as in determining the course of the current of his young life.

However that may be, a term as city treasurer of Cleveland was the beginning of a series of games of hide-and-seek with about all the remunerative jobs on the city pay roll. Sometimes he won and sometimes not—but Harry was never discouraged—not as long as there was a better political job ahead than the one he had just won or lost. Tenacious is his middle name.

But still there was something lacking in Harry's life. Something was needed to "spot light" him and to clinch an uncertain political future—something that would forever and a day sink him up with the House of Have, Fate and the times brought it about. Since this memorable occurrence the surety of his future has been as safe a gamble as a liberty bond.

A glorious day in May 1919, in fact it was the first day of that sweet month, served as the point upon which his "standing in" was pivoted. And the Socialists were the cause (he ought to thank his stars that there are socialists in these days.) They held a parade—there were 40,000 workers in line, led resplendently by a horseman in red and white. Red flags were carried—with the sanction of the police and the administration. But "sanction" is not power and on the side of the police there was power—there were thugs and gunmen and rowdies and clubs and tanks and trucks—and behind them all was the majesty of the law. It was a massacre, but of course with it, Harry had nothing to do—was he not enjoying a ball game in the park at the very moment his mounted police were riding down women and children on the sidewalks of the Public Square? What better alibi would you ask? In fact, why ask? You are only a voter—

# EDITORIAL & PARTY NEWS PAGE

## Proletarian Science History

— By W. E. Reynolds.

An economic interpretation of history especially arranged for use as a text-book for study classes, or for home study.

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### FOREWORD.

Proletarian study classes are more and more coming to be recognized as an essential part of any class-conscious movement having for its aim and object the establishment of a better social system.

The study class movement has been handicapped in the past by various obstacles, not the least among them being the lack of a sufficient number of text books adapted to study class use.

This little volume is the result of several years of practical experience as an organizer and teacher of proletarian study classes, and is sent forth in the hope that other students will find in the subject matter of its pages, an aid to a better understanding of the materialist conception of history.

The author wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance given him in both the preparation and revision of the manuscript, by Professor John H. De Quer. Valuable assistance was also given by C. W. Garret, especially in the arrangement of some of the charts.

Aside from the class conscious element in society there are few who recognize the necessity for proletarian study classes. The rest are ignorant of the class nature of our educational system, and labor under the delusion that the public school, with its winked-at compulsory attendance laws, is all that is necessary.

"The whole history of mankind (since the dissolution of primitive tribal society holding land in common ownership) has been a history of class struggles, contests between exploiter and exploited, ruling and oppressed classes", says Frederick Engels in the preface to the Communist Manifesto of 1848.

Here is a fundamental truth which is completely ignored or concealed by the bourgeois-controlled schools and colleges of today.

If all history is the history of the struggle of one class to get and another class to keep supremacy, how can one be well educated if taught in a school which ignores the existence of classes and denies the class nature of society?

Securing an education in proletarian science will consist largely in substituting the dynamic for the static concept of life. It is evident that the dominant class in control of industry will strive to keep from the worker the fact of the class nature of society, and to foster in him meekness, obedience and other mental attitudes that will tend to make the worker more productive and less restless.

A large portion of the things which in bourgeois society pass for scientific education, is but a mass of contradictions, half-truths and a muddle of misinformation.

In their daily labors for the dominant class the working class is taught many useful bits of information, but most of the education received by the worker, is given, not for the benefit of the working class but for the direct benefit of the employer. Instead of having an opportunity to acquire a knowledge of the science of society, of which he, the worker, is an integral part, he is purposely kept in ignorance, while his prejudices are aroused and his superstitions cultivated.

Armed with a knowledge of proletarian science; free from ignorance, prejudice and superstition, the working-class will have a tremendous advantage in their struggle for Industrial Freedom.

### CHART FOR INTRODUCTION.

LAW GOVERNS THE UNIVERSE. NOT MAN MADE LAW, BUT NATURAL LAW INHERENT IN THE UNIVERSE ITSELF.

THE FOUR CLASSES OF SCIENCE THE FOUR CLASSES OF IDEAS

ASTRONOMY	COSMOLOGICAL IDEAS
PHYSICS	BIOLOGICAL IDEAS
BIOLOGY	ANTHROPOLOGICAL IDEAS
SOCIOLOGY	SOCIOLOGICAL IDEAS

NOTHING HAPPENS BY CHANCE.

THERE IS NO ROOM IN THE WHOLE DOMAIN OF SCIENCE FOR MIRACLES OR THE SO-CALLED "FREEDOM-OF-THE-WILL."

### INTRODUCTION.

Words are used primarily to convey ideas or to conceal their absence. In order that the correct idea may be conveyed it is of scientific importance to use exactly the right word or words. All students of proletarian science should strive at all times to use the exact word

needed to convey the idea sought to be expressed.

A definition is a concise statement of the meaning of a word. A definition to be concise must be all-inclusive and all-exclusive, including all that is necessary and excluding all that is non-essential.

Law governs the universe.

The law which governs the universe is not man-made law written upon the statute-books by parliamentarians, but natural law, inherent in the universe itself.

Nothing happens by chance. Everything that happens is CAUSED TO HAPPEN by some former cause or causes. These causes produce effects and these effects in turn become the causes of future effects. This is known as the law of causation.

Carefully examine the law of causation, for if it is true there is no room in the whole field of science for miracles or the so-called "freedom of the will."

There are two methods of explaining phenomena, the static and the dynamic. The static method views life and history as a collection of unrelated happenings. The dynamic method views life as a succession of processes; as links in the chain of universal causation.

The prevalence of static education accounts for the almost universal stupidity on matters pertaining to social progress.

The static-minded chase effects while the dynamic-minded seek to change effects by analysis of causes. It is the ability to analyze cause that gives the dynamic minded their pre-eminence in the struggle for supremacy.

People who are static minded can not see the forest for the trees; the city for the houses. A knowledge of science\*) gives the dynamic-minded a sense of relationship which enables them to see not only the trees but the forest; not only the houses but the city.

An illustration of static-mindedness is to be found in the workings of certain governmental committees. One committee will be sent out to ascertain the number of women working in industry. The committee will eventually bring in a report that there are ten million women engaged in gainful occupations in the United States. That committee will then be dismissed. Another committee will be sent to find out the wages paid to women in industry. That committee will report that the average wage paid to women in industry, is less than a dollar a day, and that committee will be discharged.

Another committee will be appointed to find out the number of prostitutes. That committee will report and be dismissed and that will be the end of it!

The dynamic-minded would reason this way; ten million women in industry, wages less than a dollar a day, of course there must be prostitution caused by the low wages and the bad economic conditions.

According to the dynamic point of view we find the causes of human misery to be, ignorance, poverty, disease, etc., in short a lack of understanding of the natural and social forces and the activity which would logically flow from such a knowledge.

There are four grand divisions of science, Astronomy, Physics, Biology, and Sociology. The sum total of human knowledge being included in these four general sciences it is evident that the student of proletarian science can not know everything about all things.

One should know something of the science of cosmology, the knowledge of the universe and the natural laws which govern it.

One should have a working knowledge of the science of biology, the science of life.

Next in order of importance comes a branch of the science of biology, Anthropology, the science of man.

Last but not least is the science of sociology, a knowledge of the structure and function of society.

In these lessons the aim is to teach such portions of the above mentioned sciences as most directly concern the material interest of the modern proletariat.

\*) "We are beginning to understand that science does not consist of a great mass of facts, but rather in the ascertainment of the laws which lie behind the facts and which constitute their relationship to each other" ARTHUR M. LEWIS, in "Introduction to Sociology."

\*) Huxley said of his debate with Gladstone Genesis vs Science, that when the latter was thoroughly beaten he retreated under a cloud of words.

### QUESTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION.

1. What is the primary use of words?
2. Why is the use of exactly the right word important?
3. What is a definition?
4. How is the universe governed?
5. Explain the difference between natural and statute law?
6. What is the law of causation? (Give examples.)
7. Are miracles possible?
8. Is it possible for one to be a "free moral agent"?
9. By what two methods are phenomena explained? Define static? Dynamic?
10. What is the effect of static education?
11. What is the advantage of dynamic-mindedness?
12. Give illustrations other than the text of both (Continued on page 4.)

So it was only natural that when the fall election drew near, the name of Harry Davis should shine all the rest on the political job board. Hadn't he bearded Bolshevism in its den and destroyed both Bolshevism and the den? And then came the climax. It just escaped being an anti-climax. The Mayor's home was dynamited—just before the votes were cast. Some bombs were found in a barn—at least it was proved in court that they were found. The Mayor walked back to the city hall following the election with a smiling confidence in the future. All jinxes were out of sight if not entirely obliterated.

Prophecy often proves fatal to the prophet's reputation, but we wish to record a forecast here. Davis will be the next Governor of Ohio—Realizing

the full import of this statement and its lack of flattery of the intelligence of Ohio workers, still we stand by it. And as soon as he is elected in the Governor's chair he will father some such state law to curb labor as the Kansas Court of Industrial Slavery. A cigar to you if it isn't so.

Beneath the sketch of Harry's life as it appears in the daily paper I find this:

Stockholm, March 10.—Gen. Yudenich, former commander of the Russian northwest army, arrived here today on board a torpedo boat. A dispatch Feb. 27 said the government of Latvia had permitted Gen. Yudenich and some of his staff officers who had been interned to proceed to Paris by way of Libau. So, Yudenich did NOT kill Bolshevism!

