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THE "PROFESSOR'S" INDIRECTNESS

Under the title, "Directness and Efficiency," in the May Day number of the New York Call, "Professor" Algeron Lee attempts to deal with direct action.

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"Direct ACTION means that directly with the employer of labor by the action of workers. The most usual form of direct action is the STRIKE."

MAKING THE PIRATES WINCE

The Wall Street Journal publishes the following interesting story derived from a press despatch from Hermosillo, Mexico:

"The revolutionists of the states of Sonora and Sinaloa who are operating under the name of the 'pirates' are making a huge plaything of the Southern Pacific Railroad in Mexico."

"The authority of the officials of the road is not in any way recognized by the Mexicans who are now directing its operations."

"The usurers are apparently deriving lots of fun out of the railroad. Whenever the train attempts to make a trip over the line he was forced to pay full fare and was treated as any other first-class passenger."

"The form of expropriation of the capitalists is well as many of the regular employees have been ousted from their positions and their places filled with ignorant men from the ranches and farms."

"But seriously, why shouldn't the peons of Mexico indulge in a joy ride or two under the circumstances. Didn't their labor

build the road, operate the road, furnish the wealth of commodities that have been hauled over the road all these years, and which have furnished the basis of enormous dividends absorbed by the Wall Street pirates who never saw Mexico or contributed to the least to the plunder they have taken from the peons?"

SAD PLOT OF THE OPPORTUNISTS

It must be evident to even their blindest friends, that the ultra-reformist, or opportunistic, elements of the Socialist Party have, in their endeavors to injure the I. W. W., overreached themselves. This, to such an extent, that they are now bankrupt.

"The laughable plight of the 'revolutionists' who try to stem the tide of progress by paper decrees, short-sighted policies, and petty precautions—of which was Haywood's recall—will be made more evident on investigation of the details."

The English Militant Suffragettes Take first, the English militant suffrage movement. In this historic case, not only was subterfuge and equivocation, but civil war literally prevailed. Bombs are exploded; arson is committed; property is damaged and human beings are injured and threatened."

"But one might here ask, a la opportunist and ultra-reformist, why the careful, systematic distribution of literature and education, a la Milwaukee? What of joining the English Socialist Party, or joining within, until the majority of the voters realize the justice of the demands and grant them? What of the debates, a la Hillquit, and lectures, a la Springer?"

Where the attainment of proletarian emancipation by socialist organization and ballot?" Where "the anti-anarchist education that leads away from catalysis to civilization?"

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NEXT TRANSPORT WORKERS CONGRESS

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH PITTSBURG

(Special to Solidarity)—Pittsburg, Pa., May 2.

The Pittsburg district for the past three or four months has been a chaotic condition, suffering from a severe attack of INDIVIDUAL AN- tonomy. Strikes have been lost, due to various causes, and the Socialist strike; but the rank and file have been taught to believe that the whole trouble was with "General Headquarters."

"Optimism is another dangerous ingredient to inject into a strike situ- ation. It is a mistake to instill in the minds of the strikers the notion that the loss is down on his knees when he has not even thought of getting 'up' there. Here is another example that will help explain the strike situation."

"National autonomy and everything connected with it is destructive to the organization of the United States."

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FROM MOTHER JONES

Pratt, W. Va. Military Bastille, April 20, 1918.
 Mrs. T. B. Jamison, Cleveland, O.
 My Dear Mrs. Jamison:
 Permit me to express my appreciation of your kindness in remembering me so far away. It still signifies that there is at least one woman here and there who is loomed up at the thought of the better day. I don't understand why the women of the labor movement and in fact, the women as a whole have not arisen before this and protested against the insult and outrage offered to womanhood. In no nation of the world can you register where a woman of 80 years has been incarcerated in a military bull-pen for feeding and clothing the helpless women and children who have been robbed. It was left to fair America to put that blot on the page of history. Forever shame on the women who have silently submitted to this. If we had been working to send missionaries to China or belonged to a temperance brigade or a suffragette army, we might have met with more favorable response, but if you dare fight the battle of economic freedom to give the child who is yet unborn a chance to rise, you must be chained in a military bastille.
 Well, perhaps the dawn will break when we shall have a grander, nobler motherhood in the American nation, but until that hour comes we will have to continue to wage the battle no matter how fierce the struggle may be.
 I am, yours in the cause,
 MOTHER JONES.

FEAR THE I. W. W.

That the bosses' fear of the I. W. W. is real and ever-present, can in no wise be doubted by those who are on the firing line these days. The other day in Jersey City, the mayor refused to allow William D. Haywood to speak at a meeting advertised in a hall. His excuse was that "riots and bloodshed always accompany Haywood when he speaks." Such a simple statement is calculated to "add to the gayety of nations." But it also shows that the megaphone of a mayor does not really fear any possible "riots," but the Jersey City employers do fear the I. W. W. agitation in "their" city. A similar nervousness is now in evidence in Detroit. Several automobile factories in that vicinity are outside the city limits, and the borough officials are always Johnny-on-the-spot to stop I. W. W. speakers from addressing the automobiles at the noon hour. Several speakers have been arrested in the past two weeks, and last Friday, five Russian fellow workers, who were distributing handbills at the Ford factory, were arrested, brought to the borough court, fined \$5 each, and refusing to pay, were sent to jail for 30 days. Thus the automobile factory owners hope to head off the I. W. W. They have a few more hopes coming. In the language of our chief of the borough of Hamtramck, to Organizer Wash the other day, "I want you to understand this ain't no lunk!"

HOW TO WIN STRIKES

The editor of a socialist paper far down on the grassy plains of Texas, bawls out the I. W. W. for claiming to have won the Lawrence strike, when it was the \$60,000 contributed by the socialists and A. F. of L. that won the strike, and the same elements also "furnished the advertising." We would suggest that this young Texas editor take a course in logic right away. Who ever heard of \$60,000 or any other sum winning a strike, without strikers? Who ever heard of "advertising" winning a strike alone, with no strikers, bosses, cops, or soldiers to furnish the "news." Finally, how could any amount of money or any amount of advertising have won the Lawrence strike, in the absence of the wonderful solidarity of 20,000 strikers of many different nationalities and prejudices? That solidarity was the peculiar product of I. W. W. action and teaching. Its absence from any conflict sufficient cause for defeat of striking workers. No doubt those rebel workers from the A. F. of L. and the S. P. helped to sustain the spirit of the Lawrence strikers by their contributions. And they will do the same again, if left to themselves, and not prevented by the lying efforts of politicians and labor fakirs.

INCITERS TO RIOT

Since the rubber workers' strike, the city council of Akron has passed an ordinance, providing a penalty of \$500 fine for anyone who starts a riot in that city. Will someone please inform us how many cops there are on the force in the rubber town? We would also be pleased to learn the number of stockholders in the rubber factories who reside in "their" city; likewise the roll of the Citizen's Hell-fare League. We think these lists will contain about all the "inciters to riot" that the Akron city fathers will need to refer to for enforcing their ordinance.

They Won't Let Him Sleep Any More



CLASS LINES CLEARLY SHOWN IN TWO NEW YORK PARADES

(Special to Solidarity)

New York, May 4.
 This city—rival of London and Paris as the financial and dominant city of the world—was the scene last week of two parades in striking contrast to each other: The woman's suffrage parade of yesterday and the labor parade of May 1st. The woman's suffrage parade was in the nature of a pageant, a delight to behold, full of beauty and color, dainty, refined and strictly feminine—"ladylike" as some would be inclined to call it, either as a matter of censure or of praise. It was well policed and marshalled, every facility being afforded by the authorities and the great wealth of many of its supporters, to make it an orderly affair, that went off without a hitch or trouble of any kind whatsoever. Fifth Avenue, the most useful thoroughfare in the city for the purpose, wide, without surface cars, and in a continuous line from north to south, was given over to the suffragettes. Saturday, with its half holiday, was also theirs. The weather was superb; the crowds were large, though not exceptional. There was no enthusiasm, no argumentative banners; conservatism prevailed.

A feature of the pageant was the stress laid on the economic argument for woman's suffrage. The first divisions were given over to professional and industrial organizations; to teachers, nurses, physicians, lawyers, artists, actresses, editors and journalists, stenographers, etc. Banners were in evidence, enumerating the census of women's occupations and embarrassing forth the names of women who had become famous in them.

The economic factor was also much in evidence in the wealth displayed, and in some of the incidents of the parade. There was costly attire worn; and the paraphernalia of many of the clubs reflected the riches in the possession of their members. Many women rode horses, with the costumes and training of the riding schools; others were seated in automobiles that were obviously not hired for the occasion, but indicated a taste and elegance synonymous with great private wealth. The socialist workingwomen were absent from the parade, though they had taken part in the previous one. The Women's Trade Union League, dominated by society women, was represented by a small delegation, whose poverty was more impressive than their wealth. The same may be said of the Greek and Italian clubs of the Henry Street Settlement—an East Side organization.
 The first martial air, played by the military band of the first division, that greeted the writer's ears was the French Marseillaise. At first he was astounded. What! Revolution in such a parade! It seemed impossible. Yet the Marseillaise is very appropriate. The Marseillaise is the song of the bourgeois political revolution. A woman suffrage parade is a belated manifestation of that revolution.

The May Day parade was a giant, sprawling affair, that, confined to working class districts mainly, wound through many narrow streets, improperly policed and given over also to the traffic of trucks, trolley cars and automobiles. Union Square, the place of rendezvous, was jammed, so much so, that as many had to leave constantly as entered. Sixty thousand is a low estimate of the number who thus came to and left the Square. Labor overrun and good-naturedly dominated everything there. The paraders were composed largely of the organizations in the needle industries—garment workers, jacket makers, cloak makers, shirt waist makers, etc.—and the subdivisions of the Social-

ist Party. The silk strikers were also in line; as were automobiles containing children of the Paterson strikers They made a hit! All presented a crude, but sturdy picture; poor, but fundamentally powerful.

The May Day parade was not a pageant; it was a demonstration. It was imposing because of its size, virility and obviously new tendencies. While not representative of all industries, it was principally, almost solely, economic. On this basis, women took part in it, on an equality with the men. They were much in evidence, not apart from their fellow wage slaves, but shoulder to shoulder, and aspiring, with them for something more than the ballot; to-wit, the industrial democracy.

This fact was emphasized by many incidents; first, in the growing spirit of the I. W. W. among the paraders. Banners were carried denunciatory of the conviction of Filippo Bocchini, affirming sympathy for the Paterson strikers, and demanding the eight hour day. The I. W. W. also had a truck at Union Square from which speeches were made in many languages to a large and interested audience. Copies of the Paterson Strike Issue of Solidarity and many pamphlets were sold. The Internationale and the Italian songs of labor were also heard on the Square; though the Marseillaise still predominated. It will be "ditched," as the industrial democracy grows in power.

Taken all in all, May Day in New York was inspiring, because of its promise of a new spirit in labor—a spirit of equality on the basis of labor and democracy in industry; a revolutionary spirit at war with the belated spirit revealed in the conservative woman suffrage parade.

GOLDEN CONDEMNED

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF TAILORS, U. G. W. of A.
 Affiliated With American Federation of Labor.
 Office: Public Bank Bldg., 89 Delancey Street, New York City.

At a special meeting of the Executive Board of the Brotherhood of Tailors, United Garment Workers of America, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Because of the heroic struggle which the Paterson silk workers are engaged in, we therefore are appealing to all the garment workers of the United States and Canada to extend to them all the moral and financial assistance possible.

At the same time we condemn action of President Golden of the Tailors, Workers of America for interfering in the Paterson silk weavers strike. We believe that such dirty work is not according to the wishes of organized labor. Therefore we appeal to all the organized workmen especially to those affiliated with the A. F. of L. to follow our example and act accordingly.

We hope that the Paterson silk workers strike will end successfully in spite of their enemies.

Fraternally yours,
 EXECUTIVE BOARD,
 United Brotherhood of Tailors,
 (seal) U. G. W. of A.

Seattle, Wash., April 30.

Solidarity
 At a regular business meeting of the City Central Committee, Sunday, April 27th, under instructions from the Marine Transportation Workers, Local 262, a motion to the effect that the C. C. order no more of Trautmann's pamphlets after the one now in the hands of Solidarity are disposed of, carried.

A committee was elected to draw up a resolution to be published in Solidarity and the Industrial Worker, of our action regarding Trautmann's pamphlets.

Be it further resolved that the C. C. advise Trautmann to read up on the Constitution of the I. W. W. and to acquaint himself who is eligible to membership in the I. W. W.

Yours for Direct Action,
 COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS,
 Walter Hammond,
 B. Hofman.

Victor Berger, in a recent interview in New York City, declared that "the American Federation of Labor is dying of dry rot." Berger ought to know; he has been "borring from" in the craft union movement some 15 or 20 years. But still, he doesn't really understand. It is he who is quoted in the interview: "It is A. F. of L. who has done its duty by the unskilled workers there would be no I. W. W. What Berger, and others, don't seem to grasp, is the utter absurdity of expecting the A. F. of L. to "do its duty by the unskilled workers." The A. F. of L. is an organization of skilled workers—an "aristocracy of labor," as Berger himself admits in the same interview. The "skilled" could not and cannot save the "unskilled." The latter must save themselves. That's why they turn to the I. W. W. as the logical expression of their movement. At that movement will be found to be the basis for the revolutionary unit—the entire working class.

PATERSON VIGILANTES

Headed By a Preacher, Same As Akron, Want To Drive I. W. W. Out

New York, May 7.—A demand for a body of vigilantes to drive the I. W. W. labor agitators from Paterson, N. J., was made last night by Dr. Walter B. Johnson at a lively meeting of the committee of 25 citizens selected by Mayor McBride to end the silk strike. Dr. Johnson is a leading physician of that city.

The Rev. David S. Hamilton, rector of St. Paul church, had just said he was opposed to the apparent policy of the committee; and that in view of the fact that the I. W. W. was the sole issue, he was "for action and not inaction," when Dr. Johnson rising from his seat in the council chamber of the city hall, exclaimed:

"There was a committee of this size in Akron, Ohio, called for the purpose of ending a trouble such as confronts us. They took the matter in their own hands, gathered 2,000 more men and drove the labor agitators from the city.

"We can get 6,000 if necessary to do this in Paterson. The quicker these people are driven out of the city the better it will be for the city. I hope that legal process will accomplish this tomorrow.

"If these I. W. W. people are permitted to continue as they have been doing, we might as well go out of business now. And if we're forced to go out of business, we might as

well go down fighting."

Every member of the committee except John W. Griggs, the chairman, applauded Dr. Johnson. It was clear that his view was held by the others, though they had hesitated at expressing it so forcibly. Action was referred to a committee.

NEW YORK AIDS PATERSON

(Special to Solidarity)

New York, May 4.
 Big meetings in favor of the silk strikers at Paterson and elsewhere are being held in New York City. On April 30, 3,000 persons gathered in New Star Casino, Harlem, to hear Pat Quinlan, Victor Grayson, Bill Haywood and Chas. Goldery; \$225 was contributed to assist the strikers; while 5 cents admission was charged to cover expenses. Another big meeting was held in the same place three weeks previous. A big ball was held last night on the West Side, for the same purpose. Sentiment for the I. W. W. is on the increase in New York City.

Strong efforts are being made to counteract this growth. One is to attack the I. W. W.'s handling of free speech and strike funds. The paper mainly devoted to the publication of these attacks, audited the books of the Lawrence strike and found nothing wrong in them. Still it continues to cast suspicion on the I. W. W. This is to be expected, as I. W. W. growth interferes with its policy.

NEW YORKER.

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Protest Meeting

Proceeds For The Defense of Strike Prisoners in Jail at Little Falls, N. Y.

JOSEPH J. ETTOR

Lawrence Strike Leader, Will Speak
 WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 8:00 P. M.

Turnverein Voerwerts Hall, 1610 55th St., Near Payne Avenue
 Admission 10 cents Turn out and protest