

THE SLAUGHTER OF PEACE

In the battles of Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Chickamauga there were 12,857 killed and 69,408 wounded. These were the battles in which occurred the greatest slaughter of the civil war. Yet upon railways and trolley lines during the year ending last June there were killed 12,229 and 137,916 wounded.

This is only one department of industry. Factories are even more dangerous than transportation systems, but the statistics are not nearly so complete. It is estimated conservatively that from 64,000 to 80,000 persons are killed each year in America and 600,000 persons seriously injured.

With such appalling facts to face, the question as to the preventability of such accidents is a grave one, and the answer reveals a situation still more grave.

The Independent hazards the guess that four-fifths of these casualties are preventable, and to justify the claim calls attention to the common causes, practically all of which are preventable. Among these are boiler and mine explosions, unguarded machinery, unprotected grade crossings, defective couplings on cars and adulterated food, drink and medicine.

The above mentioned journal gives this serious arraignment of existing methods:

"The killing and wounding entailed by modern industry far outnumber the casualties of armed warfare. Whatever may be said for the system of capitalist employment, there is at

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least this to be said against it—that it takes small regard of human life. The slave owner and the feudal baron protected the individual life, because it was valuable to them. But under the capitalist system the employer accepts no responsibility whatever for the maintenance and protection of the laborer. The laborer is to the employer a 'hand,' to be hired and discharged at will. If he is injured or killed it is, as a usual thing, no loss to the employer, for another is ready immediately to step into the victim's shoes. And in all times since the beginning of capitalist industry the employers as a class have vigorously fought every measure, so long as it involved expense, making for the protection of the workman at his task."

It is this last fact, and it is an unquestioned fact that employing interests invariably fight hard to prevent legislation looking to the better protection of life, limb and health, which is the most serious indictment of the greed controlling too many industries. Not only are laws to this end opposed before passage, but when in operation they are evaded to the utmost. Inspectors appointed under such protective laws are often wholly useless, their work rendered perfunctory through either direct bribery or some form of personal obligation to the owners of property inspected.

Public sentiment should awake from its lethargy and realize the awful suffering involved in these figures of death and injury. Such an awakening would lead to a greater sense of responsibility and to the recognition by the public of criminals even when garbed in the guise of respectability or even saintliness.—Denver News.

THE CARPENTER OF GALILEE

"Is not this the carpenter, son of Mary?"—Mark vi: 3.
No dreamer He, who spoke of toil,
Whose simple message to us all
Breathed with the savor of the soil
And thrilled with its compelling call.
No dreamer, for He knew the worth
That in the finished task must be—
This greatest workman of the earth,
The Carpenter of Galilee.

He knew the striving and the stress
Of labor; He could understand
The soul-depressing weariness
That often comes to heart and hand;
He knew how weary night and day
Brought heavy longings for relief—
He, too, had walked on Sorrow's way
And He was well acquainted with
Grief.

But He knew also of the strength
That grows with striving, did this
One,
The confidence that comes at length
In viewing all that is well done.
The endlessness of Labor's quest
Was His; and He said: "Come to
Me
All ye that labor and find rest"—
This Carpenter of Galilee.

Ah, learning that is not of schools,
And knowledge that is gathered in
From comradeship of bench and tools!
He knew what battles were to win
In daily toiling; and He knew
The satisfaction and the pride
Of doing best what one may do—
And that is labor glorified.
—W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune.

THE COMMONER PICNIC

The fifth annual picnic of The Commoner force was held at Wabash Saturday, fifty-six employes and members of their families attending. A special car provided by the management was attached to the Missouri Pacific train leaving Lincoln at 9:15 and this was comfortably filled by the picnickers and the commissary department. Richard's park, near Wabash, was the scene of the day's festivities, and boating, ball playing and general sports were engaged in. The chief

feature of the day, aside from the dinner, was the match game of ball between teams chosen by William J. and Charles W. Bryan. The game was full of phenomenal plays, the great features being the wonderful base running of W. J. Bryan and the terrific batting of R. L. Metcalfe. In twenty-three trials Mr. Metcalfe managed to hit the air twenty-two times and a fraction. The game was won by the team captained by C. W. Bryan, it being the second successive victory for him.

An accident early in the day rather dampened the ardor of those who wanted to go boat riding. A wobbly skiff upset, precipitating one young lady and her escort into the water. Dinner was served at noon, or just a little before, and in the afternoon several of the young ladies captured a handcar and took a side excursion on their own account.

This is the third picnic by The Commoner force at Wabash, and it has been unanimously decided that no better picnic grounds are to be found within reaching distance of Lincoln. The accommodations are unusually good, and the boating is fine.—Lincoln Daily Star.

WHERE OPINION IS FORMED

The magazines are doing a great work of education in exposing the unholy methods of the trust pirates and frenzied financiers. The thoughtful reading people are becoming familiar with these questions which are pressing for solution, and when the proper time comes will register their telling condemnation at the ballot box or elsewhere. The fate of this nation is in the keeping of the middle classes in their quiet, peaceful and thoughtful

homes where the magazines are read and where a wholesome and formidable public opinion is being formed, which some day will visit its wrath upon those who conspire against the common welfare.—York (Neb.) Democrat.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Modern Speech New Testament, Richard Francis Weymouth. The Baker & Taylor Co., publishers, 33-37 East 17th St., (Union Sq. North), New York. Price \$1.25 net.

My Mamie Rose. The Story of My Regeneration. By Owen Kildare. An Autobiography. The Baker & Taylor Co., publishers, 33-37 East 17th St., Union Sq., New York. Price \$1.00.

Evolution—Which? Revolution. By H. M. Williams. The M. W. Hazen Co., 27 Thames St., New York City, N. Y. Cloth, \$1.50, postpaid.

The Quakeress. A Tale. By Charles Heber Clark (Max Adeler). The John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia. Price \$1.50 net.

Social Progress. A year book and encyclopedia of economic, industrial, social and religious statistics. 1905. Josiah Strong, editor. The Baker & Taylor Co., publishers, 33-37 East 17th St., Union Square North, New York.

The Story of the Congo Free State. Social, Political and Economic Aspects of the Belgian System of Government in Central Africa. By Henry Wellington Wack, F. R. G. S. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. The Knickerbocker Press.

For People Who Laugh. Showing How, Through Woman, Came Laughter Into the World. By Adair Welcker. Adair Welcker, publisher, 214 Pine St., San Francisco, Cal. Cloth \$1.25, paper 50 cents.

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