

for the masses of the people during the last century.

But "Beginner" fails to see that this "triumphant democracy, which is such a long step upward, is, after all, merely POLITICAL democracy, and he seems equally blind to the fact that the next upward step MUST be INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY.

Until this is secured Democracy is not "triumphant".

There is much in a name. If it were fully understood that "Socialism" means simply the fullest possible extension of those principles of Democracy for which our forefathers struggled we could find no opponents among the sincere and human hearted.

(2) Beginner holds "that a man CAN in a lifetime EARN by out and out service to his fellows, i. e., by giving them results of his own brain work, . . . not a million, but millions on millions of dollars."

His most notable instance is the employment by Carnegie of a chemist, "a German with spectacles," to analyze iron ore "thereby cheapening and improving steel for millions of people." In this case it is very clear that the bulk of the brain-work was done by the German chemist. Did he receive millions on millions of dollars?

It may be answered that he was working merely for money, but was Carnegie working merely for philanthropy?

Of course Carnegie is, like the most of us, the creature of his environment. There is no reason why he should be cursed for doing what most men would have done in the same place, but there is every reason why it should be made forever impossible for one man to levy toll on the toil of the millions. The modern "brain-work" method of taking toll is not one whit more defensible than the brawn-work method of the feudal barons.

Carnegie and the "able men" he chose for his co-workers are necessary factors in the evolution of our industrial life, just as the feudal baron and the able men he chose for his co-fighters were necessary factors in the evolution of our political life. Carnegie and his peers are a NECESSARY EVIL, and will be until the people learn that they can control their industrial affairs, and chose their industrial rulers, just as they now control their political affairs and choose their political rulers.

(3) Beginner's proposition, that the competitive industrial system does not contain within itself the element of its own decay, is somewhat surprising.

Has he not noticed that competition between railroads has been practically abolished by the consolidation of the last year? Does he not know that it is the constant and avowed aim of the Carnegie-kind to crush out competition, each, of course, in his own branch of indus-

try? I am sorry that he could not expand this proposition in last week's TORCH, and I hope he will do so soon. It would be interesting to know whether he considers the trusts an evil, and if so, what remedy he proposes.

That the trusts will, and inevitably must, wipe out competition, no one need be told who has watched the economic trend of the last few years. It is not a question of Socialism or competition, it is a question of Socialism or trusts.

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BY JOHN PRESCOTT GUILD.

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Accomplishments that do not accomplish anything are blemishes rather than betterments.

The "beauty of holiness" has no alliance with a beautiful house that is famous for its brutalities.

Putting a boss Spook into the material universe to explain its mystery only thickens the myst.

An ugly face is not remedied by a gaudy bonnet, nor is a dulled faith redeemed by a glittering ceremonial.

The liquor drinker is not the one who suffers worst for his sins, but the one he neglects and torments.

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