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What a Picture to Paint

U. S. Senator Brookhart from Iowa, in speaking at the annual picnic of Trades and Labor Assembly in Indianapolis, predicts fusion of different blocs such as farmers', laborers', war veterans', and mothers', to remedy inequalities of our economic system.

Mr. Brookhart said these groups have reached the common consensus that their interests are identical and that they have been kept apart and at enmity by great combinations of wealth, "which have thrived on profits and ruled in politics by keeping these groups of common people at each others' throats. Civilization has reached a turning point. It is a universal prediction that great changes are impending.

"This unrest is caused by the inequalities of our economic system. These inequalities have forced the different groups, like the farm bloc, labor bloc, soldiers' bloc and the mothers' bloc, to consider their own interests and each from its own standpoint."

Have these different so-called groups or classes been "at each others' throats" or is not their alleged hatred for one another and their collective hatred of our economic system merely an overdrawn picture which foments class hatred and unrest?

From this statement, a stranger in a foreign country, could picture different classes in America gunning for each other or joining hands to exterminate combinations of wealth and industry which, according to Senator Brookhart's accusation have "thrived on profits and ruled in politics by keeping these groups of common people at each others' throats."

What a picture to paint of the United States!—The Industrial News Bureau.

Silent Witnesses of Evil

We read that in the olden time the larger cities were walled and protected by extensive moats, and as we read these things we are vividly reminded of the insecurity existing in those days. Men robbed and plundered; entire nations lived by pelf. These were the times of barbarism, where might was right. In our age the lamp of civilization is shining brightly, and men live without fear.

Do they? Do they live without fear? We no more have fenced cities, it is true; but what about the gates and bars and bolts upon our houses? Are they not full of suggestion of corresponding evil? Are they not silent witnesses against the honesty of the society in which we live?

Every bolt upon the door is a moral accusation; every time we turn the lock we say that there is an enemy outside who might endeavor to violate the sanctity of the house. Every precaution that we take for our preservation implies the presence of hostile elements in the world around us. All of which is very humiliating, for it proves that society as a whole is far from being civilized.

In a society which is truly civilized bolts and bars would be an anomaly. Each citizen would perfectly trust every other citizen and scorn to protect himself with locks and gates. In rural districts few people secure their doors. But in the cities all gates and doors are locked with care, lest a thief should break in and steal.

Every time we lock our doors we indict society. We may not do so consciously, for it is so easy to forget the moral suggestiveness of

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even our commonest institutions and plans of procedure; but that is what our action amounts to. Not until we can leave our doors wide open without fear of theft, will society be truly civilized. Will that time ever come?
Wm. Schoeler.

100 R. R. Cars Will Bring Giant Circus to Portland

Arriving aboard 100 double-length railroad cars forming trains more than one and one-third miles long, and made even greater than in 1922 by the addition of many big, new foreign acts, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey combined, will exhibit at Portland Thursday, August 23.

Those who read the daily papers or keep in touch with the movie news reels need not be reminded of the ship load of acts and animals recently imported by the Greatest Show on Earth. The remarkable cargo included two companies of baby elephants are now joined with the forty adults of the mammoth herd. There were also 100 more performing horses accompanied by Europe's greatest trainer and many wild animals, some of which have been added to the scores upon scores of trained jungle beasts, while others have become part of the marvelous menagerie.

More than a million persons saw the mammoth new circus of 1923 during the weeks that it exhibited in Madison Square Gardens, New York. Now this marvelous exhibition is touring the country aboard five great trains. It is a third bigger than the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show of last season. It is ten times larger than any other circus now on tour.

Big as is this wonder circus of 1923—with its more than thirty trained wild animal displays in steel arenas, fully 200 wonderfully schooled horses, 700 men and women performers, 100 clowns and scores of features—the price of admission is no more than before. And although the trained animal numbers and the immense horse show were circuses in themselves while touring Europe, they are not offered as separate attractions by the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows. Instead all are on one gigantic program. Everything is in one mammoth main tent. One ticket admits to all these and to the tremendous double menagerie. There are more than a thousand animals in the zoo of this circus and these include entire families of hippopotami and giraffes. Another remarkable zoological feature is an armored rhinoceros, the only one known to exist and alone worth \$50,000.

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Pipe dreams are wonderful while they last—but shattered health, misery and despair are the final penalty. The ones who profit are the dope sellers. Unsound money is a pipe dream—and the penalty is economic ruin, misery and despair for the majority. The ones who profit are the speculators.

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Dated this 28th day of June, 1923.

PAUL PIERCE, Administrator of the Estate of Mae Pierce, deceased.
Carey F. Martin, Attorney for Estate.

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