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## CAN WE CHANGE THE RULES?

Under right conditions, sufficient work to return the worker enough on which to live, in what we now consider luxury, will be nothing burdensome at all. It will only be exercise enough for our health and like a fascinating, desirable and enjoyable game. When this condition comes then will civilization take such an upward shoot that our present inharmonious, individualistic, anarchistic system will look like heathenism.

And when will it come? When every worker can get work, when he or she wants work, and when everyone can get the full product of his or her labor. Then labor will be rest. It will be honorable, for all will work during the working period of their lives. It will be very productive for the labor will be done by those best fit to do it. The old and feeble will not have to work, nor will little children be ground to death in the wheels of industrial slavery. Universal happiness will reign supreme for, all the worry about making a living or losing miserly savings will be gone. Then the brotherhood of man will come and will take the place of churchanity, for the greatest impediment to practicing the golden rule will have been removed. The houses of punishment and suffering will give way to institutions of healing and of joy.

It takes over a month's hard work, working eight hours a day, and counting one dollar per second, to even count a million dollars, and if those who are getting now only twelve million dollars income a year counted all the time, they could not even count their money, let alone doing any useful labor. At ten per cent it requires one hundred and twenty million dollars to bring such a yearly income and at two dollars per day it would require a worker, in order to secure such a capital, to work eighty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three years "and then some." Therefore we see that labor and honesty and the greatest of wisdom all combined can not succeed under this present system. The most honest man in the world, the most industrious, the wisest and best could not become what is considered a wealthy man now through his honest productive labor. Manipulation, speculation, getting something for nothing in large bunches, is the game.

Now, the longer this game is kept up, the faster will the wealth gravitate into the hands of the few. And these few will necessarily be those who are the most unscrupulous and willing to pay the price of a lost conscience. And war and hate and moral and material bankruptcy in all classes is the sure result. Can we, will we, change the rules of the game? Will the time ever come when honesty, industry, knowledge and wisdom will receive its just reward and when selfish manipulation and priestly fraud will be thrown into the world's scrap heap as refuse from this carnivorous, jurassic age of social, political, religious and economic corruption?

## ONE MAN RULE AND WAR AGAINST WAR

In the name of thousands of brave workers whose bodies have been mangled in the colossal hell of Europe, and whose unthinkable, life-destroying pain cries out to you to raise your voice against the wholesale murder we call war, read the following which was printed in The American Review of Reviews four years ago, October 1910, and then think and act with as much bravery and with as much energy and with as much persistence as is required in war itself. Read it and think if we in America want the principle of One Man Rule to continue its manipulations. Read it, principles of One Man Rule to continue their manipulations. Read it and remember that priestcraft always precedes kingcraft and prepares the way. Read it:

### The Kaiser's "Divine Right"

At Koenigsberg, the town on the Baltic Sea in which the Prussian

Kings crown themselves, Kaiser Wilhelm, on August 25, reiterated his faith in the divine right of kings. The following sentences "revised by a member of the Imperial household," and therefore not misrepresenting his majesty, give the substance of his speech:

Here my grandfather, by his own right, placed on his head the royal crown of Prussia, once again declaring that it had been bestowed upon him by God's grace alone, not by parliaments, national assemblies or the popular voice, so that he regarded himself as the chosen instrument of heaven, and as such performed the duties of a ruler. . . . Looking upon myself as the instrument of the Lord and regardless of the views and opinions of the hour, I shall go my way, which will be devoted solely to the well being, and peaceful development of the Fatherland.

There seems to have been no special reason for the Emperor breaking his silence of nearly two years in this way, unless he was provoked to rhetorical utterance by the recent election of a Social Democrat from Saxony to the Reichstag. It was peculiarly a Prussian occasion at Koenigsberg, and it may have been that the Kaiser intended to notify his people that he fully approves the course of Chancellor von Bethman-Hollweg, who is also Prussian Minister of State, in refusing the franchise right in Prussia.

### A Religious, not a Political Utterance

The publication of the speech in the daily press next morning aroused indignation throughout the Empire and widespread discussion in the press of the rest of Europe. Some of the socialist and radical journals in Germany openly demand action by the Reichstag. The semi-official newspapers mutely deny that the speech was a declaration of absolutism or a thing at representative government. It is not as a ruler that the German Kaiser makes these statements, but as a man who, on religious grounds, proclaims the obligations he feels to Providence for the well-being of his people. Such is the explanation given by the conservative press and emphasized in subsequent remarks by the Kaiser himself. This explanation would seem to be near the truth. Kaiser Wilhelm is too able and modern an executive and too intelligent a man to take up the cause of absolutism against constitutionalism. He is personally very devout and of an exalted, emotional disposition. There are those who just at his declaration that he regards himself as an instrument in God's hands. It is, however, a tremendous thing for an honest and earnest man, as the Kaiser undoubtedly is, to believe himself an agent of the Almighty. It has made an intense, fervid patriot of William II, with an exalted idea of duty, and has wrought some good things for the German nation.

Time has developed the fact that the conservative press was wrong. Look at bleeding Europe today! Was he too intelligent a man to take up the cause of absolutism? He has certainly proved himself the agent of the Devil if war is hell. He played priest and pretended to be religious because he found out he wasn't quite ready, but he has showed his hand and in league with foul popery he has precipitated the foulest murder of the ages. Down with one man rule! Down with imperialism! There are no nobles but free men! Down with priestcraft and kingcraft! Up with democracy! Up with liberty and justice for all.

### CATHOLICS AND THE JAIL

There are many Catholics in Marion County, but there are none in the Marion County jail. The Catholics are, as a rule, good people, but this is not altogether the reason for none being in this prison, for there are some good people unfortunate enough to get locked up and then another thing, there are some Catholics who commit crime which calls for a jail sentence. Why is it then that out of a large Catholic population in Marion County there are none locked up? The priesthood of Marion County is taking care of its members. Let a Catholic commit a crime and the priest rushes to his rescue, takes a good "wad" for the church and punishes the wayward brother by making him fast or mumble over a few holy (?) words to the glory of the virgin and the holy Catholic church. No officer, generally speaking, dares to refuse dear father the privilege of handling the case and there are not many who can not be persuaded that the crime was not very bad any way under the circumstances and that it's best to let the priest do the punishment for the sake of the family, etc. And then we must not forget that very many of the arresting officers are Catholics and this is one of the reasons that the city of New York and Chicago and Boston and San Francisco and nearly all large cities are officered by Irish Catholic policemen. The church needs the money. She needs the strangle hold on the culprits, so they will not refuse to do any old thing they are told to do and so in a political campaign

none of the members will dare to refuse to support the party espoused by the priests. The Marion County Jail is for heretics only and the only Catholic wards of the state will be found to be old men who have been robbed by the church and then dumped onto the tax payers of the state for support, old women who have gone crazy and of no use to the church and such other victims as are continually becoming derelict on the holy waters of this most holy fake. This Catholic manipulation is not confined to Marion County. It is general. To prove this let us quote from the story of a Catholic boy who some time ago ran away from his home in Missouri and went to Chicago where he was caught after having committed many crimes, which were considered very wonderful for a boy of his age. After he was captured the priest took him in hand and the officers were dismissed. The priest said to the boy:

"In a day or two from the time I took you in hand your little money would have been exhausted, and you would have been turned over to the Gery Society as a criminal and committed to some reformatory institution. This would have brought disgrace to your parents and perhaps broken their hearts. Your own life would have been clouded."

"The boy promised the priest to follow out a line of conduct that the priest had written down for him."

If this boy had not been a Catholic, he would have lost what money he had left (the priest made his parents dig up, you may depend) and he would have been locked up. But he was sent home, ran away again and finally committed suicide and was made a hero of a great magazine story. And what does this all show? It shows that even how a small band of Roman Catholic priests are a most powerful little government and that this parasite will soon be powerful enough to control the whole of Uncle Sam's domain, unless his children who believe in the flag, the principles for which it stands, with liberty and justice for all, wake up and destroy this evil, foreign, blood sucking hierarchy.

### THE LITTLE HOLD UP

We do not uphold the hold up, either the little one or the big one. But of the two kinds the little one is certainly the most excusable, whenever either one is excusable. The man (?) or trust (?) who holds up the government to the tune of \$40,000,000, has no excuse whatever excepting that "they're all doing it." But the man who has struggled to support his family, who is thrown out of his job, who has hunted day after day for work with but very little success, who is desperate because his wife and children are calling for something to eat — well that's different. It is a case of holding up his wife and children or holding up somebody else. He is hungry also, and hunger puts the animal to the front. Of course it's wrong and society must be protected, but why bring about such conditions for the little hold up to ply his trade, and then cast the little hold up in jail for the protection of the big hold up in his most damnable wholesale hold up business. There's something wrong, and don't you dare blame the little devils and let the big devils go scott free, and then vote for the big devils or some of their agents, at the next election.

### REPLY TO MATERIALISTS

By Guy Fitch Phelps.

(Continued.)

Then Mr. Ross tells us that babies go naturally on all fours, which proves an ape origin. And it is a sample of what they have to offer. The child does not go naturally on all fours, because he goes a thousand times better on his feet. As well say that the original state of dogs was blindness because they are so for nine days. The horse walks immediately because his life is a scant fifteen years on the average. Man takes twenty-five or more years to develop. Therefore, he creeps about while he is gaining strength, but he walks naturally. I have some children, and it has been my anxiety to keep them from getting on their feet when only a few months old lest they be bow-legged. All mothers know what I mean. The facts are just the reverse of what Mr. Ross says. Many a time I have taken a baby from a chair and put it on the floor because it had gotten upon its feet too soon, and this without any dictation or lessons from me. Who taught the first parent to walk? He says that it is a fact that the "natural mode of locomotion is on all fours." Let Mr. Ross try it some morning when he goes down to his office, and then let him report how it effects his circulation. I think Mr. Ross should take a three or four mile gallop on all fours to demonstrate his theory. If he ever does get that much faith in his dogma I would like an invitation to the exhibition. Then he says the human body has some two hundred

rudimentary organs and muscles. Which proves — according to evolutionists — that he was at least as many different animals, or parts of animals, as these organs. Now this whole rudimentary organ business is the veriest rot, and I am surprised that any man who cares for the facts would advance it. MAN HAS NOT ONE SINGLE RUDIMENTARY ORGAN OF ANY KIND OR DESCRIPTION. Darwin tried to show that in the human embryo there were rudimentary fish gills — you see, man used to be a fish. But these folds are found to turn into the jaws and lips of the child. This is another of their bluffs, which when put to the test dwindles to nothing.

Now, for a few questions, and will Materialists please answer them. They say that organs and developments appeared to fit some condition of life, etc. But how can this apply to the wing of a bird? The bird could not fly at all before the wing appeared, and having no wings he would never try to develop one by trying to fly. Man has never tried to evolve a wing, though he would be of all creatures the most apt to try it. But while man, the reasoner, failed to develop a wing for the clasping air, the turkey buzzard went him several better and grew himself some wings and took to the clouds. But how came this first wing to start to evolve? Did the buzzard look up and begin to reason that if he would heave himself sufficiently he would grow a lump on his shoulder which would become a wing? And did he continue to reason about it till, behold feathers? But why did not man get busy and save all this flying machine trouble by growing himself a set of wings? What was that "changed condition of life," of which Mrs. Bliven talks so eloquently when hard pressed, that started a wing? The bird evidently walked on the ground, and doubtless had hair, or was naked-skinned (I speak as an evolutionist). Then came a new condition of life and he grew wings and feathers. But what was there in his mode of original life which made wings necessary? How came they to sprout? They had to sprout BEFORE the bird got into the air, for he could not get into the air without them. Here the whole theory of rudimentary organs falls flat. For the bird had to sit around while nature grew him arbitrary wings. Well, but whatever produced wings was intelligent, for they fit the air perfectly. Let Materialists explain this matter. Take the wings of the owl; all his feathers are frayed at the ends, so he can fly without making any sound. This is a precaution of nature, because he is a hunter of prey. But what was there in his mode of life that would fray out his feathers? Did the owl get on a limb and talk to himself and say, "I wish my feathers were frayed at the end, then would I get more game. Last night I missed a rabbit because I made too much noise." And if he did so cogitate would that effect his feathers? How could the buzzard grow a wing for the air before he had any means of getting into the air to grow it? Take the rattlesnake. He has a curved tooth, which is hollow; back of the tooth are two sacs of poison which are sent down the hollow fangs into the blood of the victim he strikes. Question: If organs are produced by the changes of life and circumstances of food-getting, as evolutionists assert, how comes it that these sacs contain a poison which is utterly inimical to the blood? The reptilian age is one of the very earliest, and it follows that the rattlesnake developed his sacs and fangs before there was anything to bite. Let evolutionists explain these means to ends. The shape of the teeth, the hollows in them, the sacs of poison which corrupts the blood. What change of life or condition produced them? These are wholly means of defense. Did the snake find an enemy and say within himself: "I must grow some fangs with poison sacs behind them and I must produce a poison which will kill, once it is put into the blood of my victim. Then did the snake just think real hard till these things were produced? How did he know what sort of poison to concoct? Where did he get his knowledge of blood, so that he could brew his poison to fit it? These features of his make up were not produced from changed conditions of life for he does not use them to eat with or drink with. Where did the bee get his sting? He does not need it for eating, then what produced it? You see, evolutionists are forced to say either that the animal produced his organs, such as I have described, by reasoning on his need of them, or there is an over-ruling and Infinite Intelligence in nature which gave them to him. They may take either horn they chose. But seeing that snakes and buzzards can't reason, it follows that the infinite wisdom we call God made the snake and the bird and gave them their organs and wings. Again: Let Materialists tell us how the bird got his wings, seeing that he was not a creature of the air till he got them. This could be carried on endlessly. How any one can study the adaptations of nature without believing in God is more than I can see.

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Then Mr. Ross tells us that the books of the bible were written by men who did not know how a "cloud" was made, a rainbow appeared or a dewdrop was formed." Now candidly, Mr. Ross, do you feel proud of that deliverance? Read the psalms and the writings of Isaiah, and see if they did not know how dew was made, Isaiah speaks of God as sitting on the "Circle of the earth;" showing that he knew the world was round; a thing which is only a modern discovery of science, and a Christian discovered the fact. In the Bible we read that God spreads out his curtains over the "empty place" in the North. This statement was never understood till lately; but what it has taken scientists hundreds of years to discover the inspired writer knew three thousand years ago. There is a vast and strange empty place in the Northern heavens. I read in the bible that "The clouds empty themselves." Of what? Water certainly. Jude speaks of clouds without water, another scientific fact. In Deut. I read: "My speech shall distil as the dew." We see by these references that Mr. Ross is bluffing again. Infidels have spoken to human robins so much, who open their mouths and gulp down anything without a question, that they make these statements seeming to believe that folks will take them seriously. Let any one who may read this debate take a concordance and run the words dew, rainbow and clouds, and see if the ancient writers were not acquainted with those subjects. Will Mr. Ross please, please, tell us wherein the Bible contradicts modern science? It certainly does not contradict the evidence of Infinite Intelligence in the universe, and seeing that evolution is a hogwash of unproved statements, it has no difficulty in that quarter. As I said before, what Washington and Lincoln may or may not have been doctrinally has nothing to do with the case. The Britannica Encyclopedia says that Washington was a member — a strict member — of the Episcopalian church. Jefferson compiled a (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)