

OUR COMRADES FREE "ONWARD" IS THE CRY

Only this morning Jan. 10 our comrades Ricardo and Enrique Magón, Librado Rivera and Anselmo Figueroa, stepped out of the McNeil Island penitentiary, free once more...

My own time has been so fully occupied since I left Los Angeles, nine days ago, that I have been forced to neglect my editorial work in a manner I regret profoundly.

Financially, such a trip cannot be made to pay at any rate during such times as we are having at present. For example, a really splendid meeting at the Seattle I. W. U. hall, and under I. W. U. auspices, brought a collection of \$19.10, and I was genuinely astonished...

THE REAL ISSUE

Max Baginski has written for "Mother Earth" an article entitled "The Significance of the Mexican Situation." It is an old warrior in the social war, a pupil of John Most...

A dictatorship that will artfully hide the great poverty and misery of the Mexican people behind constitutional, parliamentary forms and "honest" elections that is the great wish of all the powers interested in the robbery of the Mexican people.

the heart of Washington than the fate of the poor Mexican peasant, whose position today is no more tolerable than that of the peasants of the feudal times...

In Texas a number of Mexicans are languishing in prison, arrested by the American government on the charge of smuggling ammunition across the border.

But suppose that the miserable peons should gather in their hundred thousands, proclaim the social revolution and drive their blood-suckers and all political pretenders like swine into the sea...

THEIR TRAITOR FRIENDS Our indefatigable friend and fellow-agitator, John B. Barnhill, of Washington, D. C., has sent us a leaflet of the "Personal Rights Series," published in England, which gives a lamentable account of conditions in Australia...

It is impossible for me to contemplate all this seething mass of righteous discontent, as it exhibits itself at unemployed meetings and in such centers as the I. W. U. headquarters, without regretting profoundly that it is so isolated and unattended...

treachery and murder and is trying to retain his office by the same means. Huerta has offended against the decorum and ethics of constitutional statecraft, whose basis is piety, sham and democratic hypocrisy.

The diplomatic exchange of notes between the dignified government at Washington and the despot of Mexico does not in the least touch the real question at issue, the vital problem of the Mexican people.

THEY WANT BREAD NOW AND NOT MERE TALK. Have you noticed how rapidly the decks are being cleared for action? The almost universal disrepute into which politicians have fallen?

Back Again to Our Post

(Translated from the Spanish by Enrique F. Magón.)

After a forced absence we find ourselves amongst the free once more. We went to the Penitentiary with our heads held erect, and come out from it with our heads still held erect...

Now that we reassume our work, we send both our cordial greetings to all the oppressed the world over and our challenge to the Almighty Masters of the Earth.

Are We Apt to Grasp the New Ideas? Through our short lecture tour that we were invited to make along the West Coast of this land of the "Free" from the American Bastille of McNeil's Island...

W. W.s dare to kick just for the fun of kicking. Yes, indeed; we Mexicans are very ignorant, uncivilized, uneducated. But let me tell you that there lies our strength and our aptness to grasp the New Ideas much quicker than the so-called civilized peoples.

Our greatest blessing is, indeed, to be ignorant, uncivilized, uneducated. Blessing, because that way our minds are like the mind of a child, pure, simple, honest, virgin, unspooled by our so-called civilization.

It is true, we Mexicans, as a whole, are very ignorant and awfully "uncivilized," too. A large percentage of Mexico's population, about 65 per cent, do not know even how to put their mark under their names.

Yes; it is true. We "greasers" as a whole are very ignorant and awfully uncivilized, too. So ignorant that we cannot appreciate how beautiful and uplifting it would be to allow our masters to take away from under our feet the land that from time immemorial we used to own in common.

Perhaps we Indians and half-breed Indians, who form almost the entire population of Mexico, might be too religious to the eyes of our critics, but in fact we are not so much, at least at the bottom of our hearts.

Yes; we Mexicans are very ignorant, uncivilized, uneducated. Millions of us never have stepped into one of those wonderful temples of science called schools, where we could have learned so many useful things as to hate other men just because they happened to come into the world by the other side of a line called frontier.

States. . . . But, what for to continue accumulating data upon data that could fill as many books as an encyclopedia?

There was a wise man in Mexico—and, by the way, this great thinker was a pure-blooded Indian, and therefore knew what he was talking about—who said: "The Mexican Indian might be very religious, if you please, but as soon as he gets into a pair of shoes he does not go to church any more."

That is why the Mexican Liberal Party is fighting down in Mexico for "Land and Liberty." Because the LAND, and nothing else, is the basis of Economic Freedom.

You know how now we ignorant, uncivilized and uneducated Mexicans are apt to readily digest and assimilate the New Ideas, the just ideas that will bring into existence that beautiful chimera known as the millennium by the Christians and that is nothing else, in fact, than a kind of society based on Freedom, Equality and Fraternity.

The American Federation of Labor recently celebrated its annual convention in Seattle, and, as is its habit, adopted resolutions calling for strict enforcement of the immigration laws, especially as against all Orientals.

The Illiteracy Test

The poor, illiterate toiler is not the man who robs you and keeps you poor. The enemy is the monopolist and the monopolistic institutions your so-called leaders are too damned cowardly and too damned ignorant to attack.

You pray about union being strength. More than a thousand of your leaders were represented in the Seattle junket, and the whole lot of them were such weaklings that they dared not face the real enemy, though knowing who he is as well as we do.

They went on their knees to the Church, which is the master wire-puller of all the ages and pulls solely for the maintenance of authority and the perpetuation of a submissive, dependent class.

These leaders profess to be looking after the interests of ALL labor. In reality they care only for the building up of an aristocracy, which leaves the unskilled laborer in the lurch; bats out, with heavy dues, the man who packs his blankets, and looks down with all the snobbery of the

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beggar on horseback on what, in their unspeakably vulgar ignorance they are pleased to call the "inferior" races.

These leaders despise the negro, who is climbing while you have been sinking deeper and ever deeper, into dependence on that plutocracy your leaders monopolistic methods have done so much to create.

Your leaders snivel over the White Slave traffic. Your daughters are the ones who have to sell themselves because their leader ridden fathers' date riot strike for freedom.

And you remain content! You, who do the work are content to live in the slum, the tenement house and hovel. If your politicians will secure you, the patriots of pensions, when you have reached sixty and have a long life of strenuous labor to the credit side of your account, you will slobber all over them as the greatest emancipators your class has known!

Your leaders label themselves progressive. In reality they are the most reactionary element with which we have to deal. They read nothing, and in your voluminous labor press, which they manipulate, is to be found the most monotonously barren literature that ever spoiled good paper.

What Sabotage MAY DO

"You are destroying civilization" is likewise hurled against us, to which we reply in the language of the street: "We should worry!" Civilization is a lie. A civilization that is built upon the bended backs of toiling babes; a civilization that is reared upon the sweating, starving, struggling mass of mankind; a civilization whose very existence depends upon a constant army of hungry, servile and law-abiding unemployed is scarcely worthy of consideration at the hands of those whom it has so brutally outraged.

What is more civilized than to work slow and thus force employers to give a living to more of the unemployed? What is more civilized than to spike the guns when they are trained on our working class brothers in other countries?

What is more civilized than to waste the adulterations given the workers to place in food, thus making it unprofitable to sell impure products? Sabotage will civilize the soldier; the militiaman, the police, the speeder; the slave driver, the food poisoner; the shoddy manufacturer, the profit grabber of high and low degree, and even the politician.

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Don't be duped, young man. Your true interest lies with the great body of the toilers in solidary effort with the producers to possess themselves of the land and tools of production for the use and benefit of all. Down with the slaughter of mankind! Long live humanity! (The Revolutionary Almanac.)

The Revolutionary Almanac for 1914

A Book for Rebels in Social Life, Art, Science and Literature. Contains essays, poems and articles by Maurice Maeterlinck, Richard Wagner, Friedrich Nietzsche, Remy de Gourmont, Ricardo Flores Magón, Henry George, Lily Gair Wilkinson, Jean Grave, Theodore Roosevelt, Wm. C. Owen, Starr E. Bountar, Maxim Gorky, Victor Hugo, Vincent Van Gogh, Max Baginski, James Huneker, John Russell Coryell, Peter Kropotkin, Ljudevit Heam, Emma Goldman, Elisee Reclus, Alexander Berkman, Benjamin de Casseres, Bart Kennedy, Mark Twain, Walter Savage Landor, Margaret H. Sanger, Jack Whyte, Walt Whitman, George Gissing, Gustave Hervé, Jay Fox, Voltaire and de Cleyre and others.