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WAGES.

make it impossible for the capitalist to carry on his business and live; under such circumstances it would be more Wages can never rise so high as to profitable for the capitalist to give up his business. Consequently, the wages of the workingman can never rise high enough to equal the value of his product. They must always be below that, so as to leave a surplus; it is only the pros-pect of a surplus that moves the capital-ist to purchase labor-power. It is, therefore, evident that in the capitalist social system the wages of the workmen can never rise high enough to put an end to the exploitation of labor.

This surplus, which the capitalist class appropriates, is much larger than is usually imagined. It covers not only the "profits" of the manufacturer, but many other items that are usually credited to the costs of production and exchange. It covers, for instance, rent, interest on loans, salaries, merchants' profits, taxes, etc. All these have to be covered with the surplus; that is, the excess of the value of the product over the wages of the workingman. It is evident that this surplus must be a considerable one if the concern is to "pay"; the exploitation of the workingman must be great, even when the wages are high. It is clear that the wages of the workingman cannot rise high enough to be even approximately equal to the value of his product. The capitalist wage systhorough exploitation of the working class. It is impossible to abolish this exploitation without abolishing the sys-

But wages rarely reach the point that they might even under these circumonly starves, but starves rapidly, all and do nothing. work is at an end.

ment has a tendency that is most pleas-ing to the capitalist, to wit, to lower the necessities of the workingman in order

There was a time when skill and strength were requisites for a workingman. The period of apprenticeship was then long, the cost of his training considerable. Now, however, the progress made in the division of labor and the system of machinery render skill and strength in production more and more superfluous; they make it possible to substitute unskilled and cheap workmen for skilled ones; and, consequently, to substitute weak women and even children in the place of men. Already in the early stages of manufacturing this tendency is perceptible.; but not until machinery is introduced into production does the wholesale exploitation commence of women and children of tender age-an exploitation of the most help-less among the helpless, who are made a prey of shocking maltreatment and abuse. Thus machinery develops a new and wonderful quality in the hands of the capitalist.

Originally the wage-worker, who was' not a member of the family of his employer, had to earn wages high enough to defray not only his own expenses but those of his family, in order to enable him to propagate himself and to bequeath his labor-power to others. Without this process on his part, the heirs of the capitalists would find no proletari-

ans ready made for exploitation.

When, however, the wife and, from early infancy, the children of the workingman are able to take care of themselves, then the wages of the working-man can be safely reduced to the level of his own personal needs, without the risk of stopping the supply of fresh labor power.

Over and above this, the labor of women and children affords the additional advantage that these offer less resistance than men; and their introduction into the ranks of the workers increases: wonderfully the quantity of labor that is offered for sale in the market.

es his capacity for resistance, in that it overstocks the labor market; owing to which circumstances it lowers the wages of the workingman.-Karl Kautsky.

Race Wars.

The race wars about which we hear are really economic wars. The reason they are race wars is because every na-tion is wanting to sell in foreign countries, or, in other words, to send valua-ble stuff-clothing, food and machinery -away in exchange for that which with-in itself is valueless—money. The rea-son they want to send it away is because the laborers at home have not been allowed enough money for producing the goods to enable them to buy them back. goods to enable them to buy them back.

If they were given enough money to permit them to buy all they produced, then the profit system would go to smash.

Therefore, the profit system forces foreign wars in order to get rid of the wealth its own people have created; and the nation that gets the worst of it is forced almost to servitude and barbanism. It would be so entirely, if it were rism. It would be so entirely, if it were not that war kills off so many people as to relieve the labor market, and destroys so much property that labor can be put to work making it over again. tem means, under all circumstances, the Such a safe and sane thing is the profit system .- Appeal to Reason.

Plenty a Curse!

One of the overworked objections tostances; more often they are found to be Socialism is the assertion that the realinearer to the lowest possible point. This point is reached when the wages do not even supply the workman with the barest nerveless race that, because its necessinecessities. When the workingman not tins are provided for, will want nothing In other words, we are to understand

The wages swing between these two extremes; they are found to be lower tion is a blessing, while plenty and the the lower the necessities of the work-man, the larger the supply of labor in We are to understand that starvation is the labor market, and the slighter the the means of building up stamina, while capacity of the workingman for resist- comfort makes fat and unmakes everything else.

In general, wages must be high enough If this is true, there must be a serious. to keep the workingman in a condition defect in the present economy that fills to work, or, to speak more accurately, they must be high enough to secure to the capitalist the measure of labor power which he needs. In other words, wages must be high enough, not only to keep the measure of labor power while the supposedly strong-nerved hungry mob has nothing to do with the direct in the present economy that may be made and industry with the well-fed; while the supposedly strong-nerved hungry mob has nothing to do with the direction of momentous affairs. But the the workingman in a condition to work, apologists for the capitalist system can-but also in a condition to produce child- not move without falling over themren who may be able to replace them. selves. Their statements are as weak It follows that the industrial develop- as the conclusions to which they lead.

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