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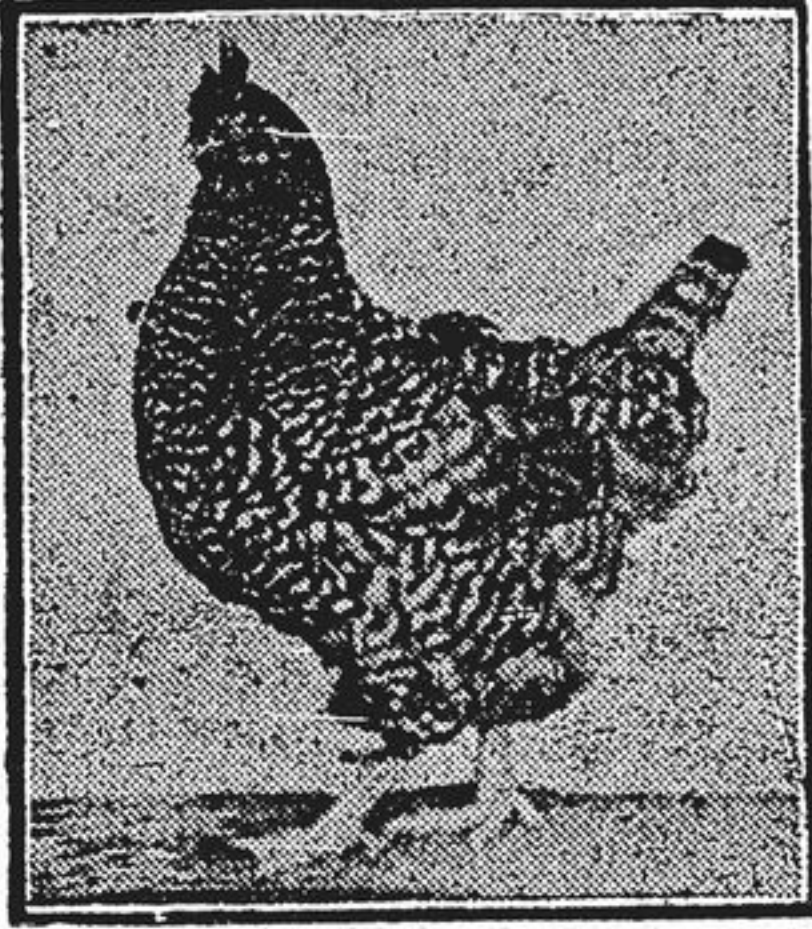
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### A Shocking Utterance.

From the chapter on Panics in N. A. Richardson's "Industrial Problems."

On March 1st, 1907, Hon. Leslie M. Shaw, while Secretary of the United States Treasury under Pres't Roosevelt, delivered a lecture to the students and faculty of the University of Chicago. It must be kept in mind while perusing his words that they were uttered during what was universally held by capitalists to be a period of unparalleled prosperity, and about seven months before the panic broke with such force and disaster upon us; that they were spoken by a high government official and in the presence of one of the most intensely critical audiences that it is any man's privilege to address; and that he knew that his words would be given as wide a circulation as anything that he could possibly utter. Thoughtless or reckless expression is not consistent with such conditions. Among other things, Mr. Shaw told us:

"The time is coming when the manufacturing will outgrow the country, and men by hundreds of thousands will be turned out of the factories. In itself that is not so bad; but when we realize that we pay out in wages as much as all the rest of the world put together, we begin to see the seriousness of the situation. The factories are multiplying faster than our trade, and we will soon have a surplus, with no one abroad to buy, and no one at home to absorb it, because the laborer has not been paid enough to buy back what he created. What will then happen? Why, these men will then be turned out of the factories; thousands of them—hundreds of thousands. They will find themselves without food, and then will come the great danger to the country, for these men will be hard to deal with. The last century was the worst in the world's history for wars. I look to see this century bring out the greatest conflict ever waged in the world. It will be a war for markets, and all the nations of the world will be in the fight, as they are all after the same markets for the surplus of their factories."

Did ever a more shocking, revolting utterance fall from tongue or pen? As one contemplates the awful significance of those words, it requires very little attuning of the ear to hear the applause they awakened in hell. He is addressing hundreds, possibly thousands, of young men, and as he casts their horoscope we read: Train well both mind and body. You may contemplate a life of usefulness, of praiseworthy service to humanity. You will soon be deceived. Capitalism has destined you for slaughter as certainly as it has the cattle in yonder yards. The strength and endurance of your manhood is to be tested by the sword; the keenness of your vision by its cer-

tainty in landing the deadly missile. Think you that you hear the applause of a grateful people for your splendid service in ameliorating human conditions? Deluded youths, that is the sound of gushing blood from the body of a slain "enemy" whom you have never personally met or heard of, and against whom you have no cause for grievance. Capitalism must have a market for labor's products that it is unable otherwise to squander, and you are destined a sacrifice upon that altar. Go like men to meet your doom.

Fathers, you and your grandsires withstood the horrors of war that this land might be free; that it might be a land of noble sons and a splendid manhood. When your work was done the prospect shone with bright hopes. To what purpose all this? That we might attain power to sweep the seas of their commerce; to crush with murderous iron heel the fruits of centuries of toil of muscle and brain; to destroy civilization the world over, hoary with age and teeming with progress. And why? That exploiters may carry on their work of plundering; that a relatively few may revel in the luxuries that other hands produced; that they may find markets for goods that are needed at home—needed by those who created them. The bandits have no claim to that market; it is in other hands and the heritage of another race. It matters not. With the passport of a declaration of war, countersigned by the strong arm of a conquering host, they will seal their right through might in the blood of its defenders.

Universal carnage, universal slaughter—this, then, is the prospect, the certainty, that capitalism lays before humanity: this is its logical and necessary outcome. And all for markets of which we would stand in no need were it not for the exploiters of human labor—the despoilers of earth. This, then, is the ripened fruit that blossoms in a panic. Here is capitalism's solution of the problem of the unemployed. The fulness of meaning of the quoted words is not upon us until we contemplate the fact that, if capitalism is to continue, these awful utterances are true. That hideous system can have no other outcome. Such progeny, such monstrosities, are its natural and legitimate offspring.

Man cannot exist half slave and half free. What does freedom of the body amount to, when a man has to sell that freedom because he has not free access to the products of the labor of his hands?

The class struggle will vanish with the triumph of the working class. Socialism does not lay stress on the class struggle to accentuate it, but only to analyse it, and to show how it can be abolished by the abolition of the parasite capitalist class.

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