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The Last Act.

The industrial revolution of the last couple of centuries has been sweeping and complete. The old time hand-craftsman, with his petty little workshop and puny hand-tools, has been wiped off the boards, and the huge factory, with its power-driven machines and organized and disciplined army of wage-slaves, has gained complete command of the field of wealth production. The downfall of small production has been swift and complete during the past fifty years. The one-time workman, with his hand-tools and comparative independence, is now little better than a memory. His successor is a wage-slave, dependent upon the uncertain circumstances of the labor market for his narrow and pitiful existence. With every step forward in capitalist development his tenure of employment becomes more insecure, his continued existence more uncertain.

By virtue of the circumstances of agriculture, this particular field of human endeavor has not been so readily invaded by the application of machinery to its processes. But, as the Socialist has frequently pointed out, by virtue of the fact that the vast bulk of farm products must pass through the channels of industry and exchange controlled by the huge combinations of capital that dominate the entire systems of the world, the values produced by the agricultural workers have been largely absorbed by these dominant capital interests. This long since became so pronounced as to have practically reduced the working farmer to the level of a hard-driven slave, whose slavery is hidden beneath the mask of small property. The more perfect becomes the development of big capital, and, therefore, the more complete and thorough the exploitations of the working farmer, the more transparent becomes the mask. Small property in agriculture has long since become a farce as far as being an assurance to its owner of anything except a steady job for himself and family at slaves' wages.

The application of gasoline, petrol and cheap oils to power production has been making rapid strides during recent years. The cheap power thus provided has brought the opportunity for capital to invade the field of agriculture, strip the small farmer of his fancied property, and thus convert this "horny-handed son of toil into a simon-pure wage-slave. No one who has taken note of the rapid application of the gasoline or the oil-driven tractor to agricultural purposes will doubt that the doom of the small proprietor is sealed, and that he is destined to permanently participate in the joys and beatitudes of the swamps and bogs of wage-slavery. In California it is no uncommon thing to see a huge tractor do practically all the work upon a big ranch. The plowing, seeding, harrow-

ing, harvesting and threshing and the hauling of the crop to market are all done by this monster, whose operations are directed and wants attended to by a few wage-slaves. An immense acreage can be handled with a single equipment and one small crew of men. By doubling crews, the process can be carried on both night and day in true-factory style.

The same methods are being rapidly applied wherever the conditions of soil, climate and nature of products will allow. In Alberta and the other wheat provinces the tractor is becoming a familiar figure. With its ten or more plows it turns over from 25 to 50 acres per day, with but two slaves to guide it. It is needless to say that an equipment of this sort will entail no inconsiderable initial outlay. Such an equipment could only be used economically upon a large acreage of land. It, therefore, becomes an impossibility as far as the small farmer is concerned. As impossible for him to purchase and operate it as for the individual artisan to purchase and operate a modern factory. Agriculture, as well as all other lines of production, will be completely brought under the dominion of capital. The means of production will become capitalist property. The operatives (workers) will all become wage-slaves. Small property, whether agricultural or industrial, is already little better than a sham and a pretense; a veritable millstone around the neck of the possessor, holding him in fealty and bondage to capital, whose rifling of his pockets he fails to see because of the aforesaid millstone collar.

The capitalization of agriculture, which is now coming rapidly along as a result of discovery and application of cheap power, will speedily remove the millstone from the neck of the small farmer. The property he now fancies he owns, but does not own, in fact, will pass into the immediate possession of capital in such a way that the farmer will understand what has happened. He will discover himself as a wage-slave. Rid of the millstone, he will be able to stand erect and view things from the standpoint of a slave who is conscious of his slavery. Perchance he will become imbued with the spirit of revolution and a valiant warrior in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalist rule and abolition of wage-slavery. The day of reckoning for the capitalist class is coming. The downfall of small property in agriculture, etc., and the consequent swelling of the proletarian host is a cheering herald of its rapid approach.—Western Clarion.

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