

simplest, easiest, most natural thing in the world to show and to prove that the idea of Sabotage was not understood.' Thus entire handbooks can be published giving detailed directions for crippling the various industries, extending even to dropping mercury into coffee, or kneading powdered glass into the bread.

'So well acquainted,' wrote the New York *Sun*, in reference to certain hints thrown out by Ettor during the New York waiters' strike in January, 1913, 'are men of intelligence with the policy of denial practised by this organisation (the I.W.W.) and its leaders that the reporters who heard Ettor's incitement to poison took the precaution to obtain from him confirmation of their understanding of his speech after he had relinquished the platform. Because of their foresight, his denials uttered after the event fall completely to the ground. Nor can the advice of this Industrial Worker of the World to make food unsafe be twisted into the less harmful suggestion that it be too highly seasoned. Had Ettor meant unpalatable he would have said it. He and his fellows know the difference between unpalatable food and unsafe food as well as anybody else.' (Jan. 14, 1913.)

To illustrate more fully not only the method of propaganda, but likewise the meaning of Sabotage, it will be instructive to quote here a few of the suggestive items printed by the Chicago *Syndicalist*, February 15, 1913. They were written by J. A. Jones, and published in a column headed, 'Society Notes.' They require no comment, since their purpose is perfectly clear.

'A few drops of sulphuric acid,' he writes, 'placed on top of a pile of woollen or cotton goods never stop going down.'

'Two decks of cards in a grain separator cover the screen and cause the grain to vanish out the blower.'

'A piece of iron dropped in a crucible full of glass will eat through it. Crucibles are made of graphite and cost 40 dollars.'

'A handful of salt in paint will allow a good-looking job for a day or two, but when dry will fall off in sheets.'

'Maclay Hoyne, Chicago's district attorney, is analysing a spontaneous fire powder that allows the user to be miles away when it breaks forth.'

'Castor oil capsules dissolved in varnish destroy the ability of the latter to dry. The job must be washed down and started all over again.'

Similar information is usually given by the syndicalist orator or publicist, with some such sarcastic comment as, 'Don't do it, boys!' It is often conveyed at a time when its significance and application cannot be doubtful. Nor is such teaching confined to the I.W.W., since we frequently meet with it in Socialist publications which are not in sympathy with them. It is only fair to mention, however, that the Detroit I.W.W. is not to be confused with the Haywood faction, to whose methods it is opposed. But it is the latter which is absorbing all the public attention, and which has gained a strong foothold in the Socialist Party itself. Its adherents are confident that

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We have hitherto spoken of the practice of Sabotage as applied to private property. It is not, however, restricted to this, but likewise is directed against public possession where the Government can be considered as an employer of labor. Especially is it concerned with the army and navy, since soldiers and sailors are considered to be only working men in uniform. Sabotage in the army is defined as a defiance of one's own country in favor of one's own class, as a demonstration against the power of capitalism, represented in the Government, in favor of the proletariat, represented in the rank and file. This, in the eyes of its admirers, at once invests the practice with the dignity of a great movement. It is especially in the army that French radicals have endeavored to popularise this method, and have met with considerable success, leading to frequent destruction of weapons and army utensils. Haywood tells with great satisfaction in the *International Socialist Review* for March, 1911, how one company trampled the national flag into the mire, and another marched with guns reversed to show their contempt of discipline. Such 'bright red spots' have appeared even in the British Navy, and we are well aware of the propaganda that is being carried on among our own American soldiers and sailors.

Sabotage has become a serious menace. It is practiced in a systematised and organised manner. It is publicly taught and promoted by its own syndicalist press, as well as by frequent allusions to it in letters and articles communicated to Socialist papers. It supposes the most complete disregard for all principles of morality, and the utter repudiation of religion. It is the last stage of Socialistic and anarchist degeneracy.

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