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Why You Hate And Fight Each Other

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UNLESS YOU KNOW THESE THINGS YOU ARE NOT EDUCATED

Just now there are two sets of gigantic international financiers who are at variance with each other.

These swindling gangs both have the same objective, which is to force the wealth producers of the world to hand over all of their properties to them in lieu of unpaid interest and to force them to sign I.O.U.'s for future payment on the ever increasing interest collection swindle.

That tribute which the people are now forced to pay to the financiers in the shape of interest has reached such tremendous proportions that four-fifths of everything they earn now go to meet the payments of it.

Well, these two big sets of financial swindlers are struggling for supremacy along different lines; one claims to be democratic and the other, autocratic.

The democratic financiers talk the people out of their wealth and the autocratic financiers shoot the people out of it, but both gangs have to depend upon the people, not only to hand over their wealth to them, but also to protect them from each other. They have to make the people fight themselves in guarding the property they have defrauded them of.

So, there these two sets of big swindlers stand, threatening each other.

The autocratic financiers, who use bloodthirsty bullies whom they call dictators to frighten the people into submission say that they will fight to the death of their last working man.

Then the financiers who control the so-called democracies retort that they will fight back to the death of their last working man.

But the financiers of the democracies are not so sure that their working men will fight until the last man. So they are not so anxious to go to war for awhile, as they are intending to put in their own dictators just as soon as they can agree among themselves who will boss the job.

But in the countries where the financiers have already established their dictators, they can depend

upon every working man fighting until he is dead because they are going to have men go behind him with guns and bayonets, and force him to fight until he is dead.

That is the difference between a dictatorship and a democracy.

In the democracy the men and women still have an opportunity to talk freely among themselves and to hold meetings such as this one to discuss their own affairs. They cannot do that in the countries where the financiers have established their touts whom they call dictators.

After all, their dictators are but chore boys to them, whom the financier can put out whenever he wants to. But of course, he will never put out a bloodthirsty wretch who will use all foul means to keep the people in slavery.

Now these so-called democratic financiers are only waiting to decide among themselves which of the local gangs here in America will have the authority to put in the dictator.

BUT, get this into your heads, there is to be a dictator here in America soon—much sooner than the people have any idea.

You working people, manufacturers, politicians, farmers, merchants, professional men and police permit the little, scheming touts of the financiers to set you to fighting among yourselves, and as long as you continue to do that you are easy meat for the financiers to take advantage of and force you all to finally take your orders from the chore boy that they put in as their dictator.

They get the working man to fighting the manufacturer and they get the manufacturer to fighting the working man, and they even get the working men to fighting among themselves. They are able to do this because they have put their touts in the key positions of all of the different organizations, and therefore they pit one organization against another and thereby control everybody.

They say to the manufacturer through their touts in control of manufacturing organizations, "These working men ought to be

whipped. They are no good," and then they say to the working man through their touts who control the laboring man's organizations, "These manufacturers ought to be whipped." So they keep them in an everlasting state of fighting amongst themselves.

Why do they want the working men to fight the manufacturer and ruin his business? Simply because they want to take the manufacturer's plant away from him. They loan him about one-tenth of the value of his property in order that he may purchase raw materials and pay wages to his employees upon which they charge him interest and if they can get him into a position, through strikes and other questionable methods, where he cannot pay the interest on their loans, they are then able to foreclose and get a plant worth ten times the amount that they made their original loan upon.

The financiers force the manufacturers to do as they tell them to do or they withdraw their credit from them, so they threaten to take away their factories if they don't set the scale of prices for the working men's wages as they tell them to do.

By controlling all of the different organizations, they not only can keep the manufacturers and the working men quarreling among themselves, which permits them to whip both sides as well as keeping the wage scale where they want it, but by controlling the merchants' organizations they can force the prices of living necessities of all of the people up to a point where it is almost impossible for the average human being to purchase the ordinary things that he needs for a living.

It is a regrettable fact, but the truth nevertheless, that the financiers are able to put their touts in the high positions of the laboring men's organizations. By that method they can get the working man to hate the man who builds the factory and gives him employment to buy food and pay for the home that his family must live in.

Then on the other hand, the financiers' tout is enabled to take away that home from the work-

ing man, in which case he is double-crossed in both directions, as he loses both his home and his job through the crookedness of the touts whom the financiers have put in to manage his organizations.

You never hear what I am telling you from this platform because those touts who are at the head of your organizations don't want you to know the truth. If the people of this country should ever learn the truth, then it would be a sad day for the financier and his touts.

But you are going to learn the truth and all of the dastardly touts on earth can't stop me from telling it to you.

Now your man, Lawson, who is for the people and against the most powerful bunch of international swindlers who ever lived, is a moneyless and propertyless man today. He could be a multi-millionaire any time if he wanted to. But he prefers to stand with God and the people as a penniless man rather than to have all of the money in the world and work against the wealth producers. He believes that God intends to stand by the people and show them how to get rid of the financial swindlers.

But as bad as the financiers are, their touts are worse.

Those big financiers, with whom I associated for twenty-five years, used to call their touts filthy vermin. They would say to me, "Lawson, those vile creatures who sell out their own people sell us out, too, whenever they get a chance. All our competitors have to do, to buy the touts and have them sell us out is to offer them two bones to chew upon instead of the one that we give them." So they despise their own touts, who do their dirty work for them.

Why do the financiers of the democratic countries all over the world get down on their knees and kowtow to the financiers who have put in their own dictators in their autocratic countries?

It is because they want to play safe and wait until they have established their own dictators in the so-called democratic countries before they enter into a war. They

will then feel sure that they can make a fight to their last working man, the same as the financiers in the autocratic countries.

So the people better learn what the intentions are of the financiers before they have turned the trick and it is too late for the people to do anything about it. It is my job to warn the people and show them how they can avoid a dictatorship here in America.

When I organized the Direct Credits Society in 1931, there were about twenty different international financiers in America, but today there are only six, big, international financiers in this country. You know, they are wolves, and when a wolf can't get another animal to eat, he swallows another wolf. So these financial wolves are now eating themselves, and they have put out of business in the last few years about fourteen of their big competitors.

These big six financiers have also wiped out almost all of the American bankers, of whom they have made choreboys. Yes, they have put out of existence over five thousand different banks here in America during the last few years.

Of course, the Direct Credits Society has nothing against bankers. Under Direct Credits rules there will be banks, but the bankers will take their orders from the United States Government instead of from the international financiers. Such bankers are going to be able to sleep nights without seeing a picture of starving babies and weeping widows in their nightly dreams.

The kind of a banker that will be in existence under Direct Credits rules will work for the people and take their orders from the people's government.

If you have been reading the monthly Benefactor you will know that I have shown that the American people owe three hundred billion dollars to the financiers, but still they never tell you that in their controlled publications. They say that the people owe about forty billions of dollars, but they don't tell you that, that is merely the federal debt and does not include state debts, county debts,

municipal debts and all bonded indebtedness, mortgages and interest-bearing loans of every description.

The people of the United States are paying to the financiers approximately twenty billions of dollars each year in interest, which is about five times as much of their earnings as they have money in their pockets to spend.

That means that the people are swindled, through crooked credit maneuvers, out of four-fifths of the wealth they produce.

The stupendous amounts that cannot be paid out of the people's earnings in interest and taxes are being stacked up and are inflating the interest bearing principal into a gigantic, gaseous balloon, which is liable to explode any time and blow this crazy financial system to smithereens.

If the people will listen to my advice in time, I can save this nation the most terrible suffering of its men, women and children that has ever been known during all history.

But the people must listen to what I tell them instead of taking the advice of the touts of the financiers who are selling them out.

Yes, as leaders of your organizations they get paid for selling you out.

If you want proof of these statements, ask the leader of your organization if he will publicly announce that INTEREST MUST BE ABOLISHED.

If your leader stands with the financier who is fleecing you out of your earnings that is all the proof you should need, unless there is something wrong in your upper story.

Now, the touts of the financiers don't like Lawson to tell the TRUTH to the people, but God does and He protects him for doing it.

As far as I know, every disreputable wretch who has attacked Lawson since the year of 1931 has met with misfortune.

According to God's Natural Law there is a re-action for every action. If you do good acts, the re-acts are beneficial to you. If you do bad acts, the re-acts are against you.

That Law has always been in force and will continue to be so during all eternity. It makes men, women and children strong when they do what is right and it makes them weak when they do what is wrong.

The financiers, their children and their touts have been jumping out of the windows of tall buildings at a rapid rate during the past few years. That is the re-action for their degraded acts.

One of them, who made heaps of money by poisoning the American children's minds with cigarettes, lived long enough to see his own children grow up dippy and degraded. The sign boards showing handsome athletes, brainy men and beautiful women smoking dope were a snare to his own offspring.

China used to be the leading country of the world, but the financiers thought they could rule the people more easily if they were filled with dope.

What is the re-action? A little, two-by-four country that doesn't smoke dope has taken control of their country. Moreover, it is said that they intend to arm the Chinese with modern fighting equipment and send them across the Pacific to "take America." It is also said that they are now sending their best dope to America as the advance guard.

The dope technicians of the world held a convention in Paris a short time ago and they broadcast the information that China led the world in the use of dope and that America came second in the race.

That is nothing to brag about; and if Americans ever lead the world as dope smokers, those little, brown men from that two-by-four country will have little trouble in taking charge of this country as keepers.

People, if you want to be strong you must not follow in the footsteps of the gold worshippers who have control of this country now. They are weaklings, but they claim that their money will buy any man or woman with brains.

The American people still have some power left. They can go to the polls and vote yet. But they are being educated by the touts of the financiers to blame the politicians for taking from them, in taxes, everything they earn.

The financiers get the largest part of the taxes for back interest, but they want the people to hate the politicians so that the people will be glad to have them turned out and a financial dictator put in. That, of course, would end the American form of government and the right of the people to vote. It would also end the freedom of press, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly, freedom of speech and every known freedom of act that the people of America have enjoyed during the past.

The American people have no property that cannot be taken away from them. They now owe three hundred billion dollars to the financiers with interest.

Did you ever go into a gambler's joint with your pockets full of money? You play their game and they empty your pockets of the money. Then the gambler says, "You can win this money back again, as we will take your I.O.U. on credit. We will trust you for awhile."

You think that you will win your money back again, but instead you lose your I.O.U. So the gambler took everything you had in your pockets and signed you up to an I.O.U. for future delivery as you might be able to earn it.

Well, that is exactly what the financiers are doing to the American people. They took three-quarters of their property and then said, "We will take your I.O.U. for future payment. You may go to work, earn as much as you can and pay us the interest on it."

So they have taken your I.O.U. for three hundred billion dollars. You pay them twenty billion dollars every year in interest because you can never pay the I.O.U.

It makes no difference how much or how little money or property you have today, the financiers can take it away from you by forcing you to pay back interest on the American people's indebtedness in taxes.

Furthermore, whether you own property or not you are forced to pay your share of that twenty billions of dollars interest annually by reduced wages and higher prices in payment for anything that you may buy.

It makes no difference what race you belong to, what manufacturers', farmers', merchants' or laboring men's organization you belong to, or what religion you believe in, the financiers will take your property away from you to help meet that twenty billion dollars of tribute that he forces you to pay in the shape of interest.

Now, it doesn't do any good to commit suicide because you may go to a darn sight worse place than you now live in.

You may go to a heated region inhabited by hellish financiers with pitchforks, and when you jump out of that window they may be down below and ready to fork you into worse conditions than you now have to put up with.

So you had better stay here on earth as long as you can and do your duty to humanity as God wants you to do it. Don't be a traitor and sell out the people for the glittering promises made by the touts of the financiers. Don't try to emulate those gold-worshipping maniacs, as the re-action will be swift and certain and just what you deserve.

As long as these swindling financiers can make you believe that you are in on the interest swindling game they can defraud you out of everything you earn, so you may as well understand that right now and quit them suddenly and coldly.

If you will stop and reason for

awhile you will know that the people cannot pay twenty billions of dollars in interest annually when there is not that much money in the United States of America.

So if any of you people own anything now and want to keep it, you had better get into the Direct Credits Society and help to eliminate once and for all time such a swindling system. If you have a factory, a store, a farm, a professional business, a home or a job, and want to keep them, then for God's sake join this organization before it is too late in order to save them as well as your liberty.

You read much in the newspapers and other publications about stopping war, but that can never be done as long as the financiers control the people of the different countries through their money system.

The people of a country do not start a war. It is the financiers who start all wars. So the only way to stop war is to stop the big swindlers at the top from getting control of all the wealth of the world through the tribute charged to everybody for the use of money and credit, which they pretend to own.

The Direct Credits Society is attracting the finest men, women and children on earth. That is because our officers must develop intelligence and live natural and unselfish lives. We all work for this great humanitarian movement without pay. The slickers do not work with us because money is their blood corpuscles.

A few years ago I told the people of America that the financiers had them hooked for two hundred billion dollars of interest bearing indebtedness, but now I have to tell them that they have been hooked for three hundred billion dollars of interest bearing indebtedness. Yes, and this interest bearing indebtedness will continue to increase in the future way up into the thousands of billions unless the people stand up on their hind legs and put an end to it.

Besides signing to our application blanks for membership almost all laboring people, we are also signing manufacturers, merchants, farmers, politicians, and professionals of all kinds. Yes, even bankers are signing applications for membership. They are whispering to one another that Lawson is right. So we are enlisting into this great movement everybody except the international financiers and their awful touts.

The financiers intend to throw out all politicians and put in their places a DICTATOR; they intend to put boys with bayonets in place of the civil police; they are going to confiscate every industry so they can control the manufacture of all products; they are going to take possession of all retail stores so they can increase the price of necessities; they are going to foreclose on all farms and force the people to pay tribute on their bonded indebtedness; they are going to take all of the working people's homes and charge them exorbitant rents to live in them; they are going to close the schools so that the children will grow up ignorant and slavish; they are going to do away with all labor organizations just as they have already done in other countries where they have established dictators; they are going to reduce the purchasing power of the dollar until it will buy no better living conditions than is enjoyed by Chinese Coolies.

Yes, just what the financiers have done to the people of China they will do to the people of America if we don't stop them before they get the strangle hold of a dictator.

So people, you must think seriously of what I am telling you and make up your minds that to save yourselves, to save your children, to save your friends, to save your freedom and TO STOP WAR you must do what I have advised you to do. There is no other course to pursue.

So join the Direct Credits Society at once and help to

ABOLISH INTEREST

EDITORIAL

IT IS NO DREAM NOW, IS IT, TOMMY?

In the early days of the Aircraft movement, when grass-cutting flying machines had a hard time getting into the air and staying there more than a few minutes at a time, Alfred Lawson, chief advocate for the development of an aircraft industry and airline service, was generally ridiculed for promulgating such impractical ideas and was invariably alluded to as a dreamer of things that could never become realities, both by laymen and airmen alike.

Therefore, at this time, after the world has become thoroughly air-minded, it is most interesting to republish an editorial that Lawson wrote for the December issue of AIRCRAFT in the year 1912. It was addressed to Thomas Sopwith, at that time one of England's leading aviators who later became a manufacturer of airplanes on a large scale.

There can be no doubt that Mr. Sopwith has come to Alfred Lawson's viewpoint concerning fighting in the air, long before this time.

The following is a reprint of Lawson's editorial from page 292, December, 1912, issue of the Magazine AIRCRAFT.

WAR IN THE AIR

Because a man can fly a machine well does not necessarily mean that he has the power to forecast the future of aviation.

Recently a newspaper published the ideas of some English aviators in regard to future military service. Thomas Sopwith was quoted as saying:

"I do not want to think of fighting in the air; it means death to every man engaged. Think of going after a chap 2,000 feet in the air. When you get him you get yourself. It is all very well to sit and speculate about battles with guns and bomb throwing and all that sort of thing, but it is only a dream. All that anyone is doing is developing the aeroplane for scouting purposes, and they have a big job on hand in doing that. The aeroplane, for some time at least, is going to be nothing more or less than the eyes of the army. It is true they are testing guns, but that is all in the experimental stage. And as matters stand the most the scouts can do is to try and keep their armies informed as to what was doing and keep out of one another's way. I am confident that the main work is the development of the aeroplane as a scout."

That is all very well, Tommy, on condition that the other fellow looks at it in the same light that you do, but what are you going to do about it if he is bent on getting rid of you and goes after you with guns? To be plain, suppose that your English army has 500 aeroplane scouts and believed as you do and did not arm and suppose that the German who does not believe as you do, arms the same number of air-scouts. Naturally, the Germans want to give their armies in the field as complete information as possible and naturally the German army in the field does not want their tactics reported to the English army. Don't you think that the first command to the German air-scouts will be to clear the air as quickly as possible of the unarmed English air-scouts? It surely would, and in order for the English air-scouts to stay in the air and do any scout work at all would lie in their capability of fighting back at their opponents, would it not? If so, why is that not a battle in the air, or a skirmish, or a fight, or whatever you wish to call it. And then, isn't it a fact that the country that had the most efficient fighting air force would defeat and put out of existence its opponent and thereby hold the key to the whole situation? So there will be fighting in the air, Tommy and there will be fighting just as soon as two such nations as France and Germany, or Germany and England, or France and England decide to go to war.