

Note on Profit Seeking:

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The relation of the revolt against profit seeking to security should perhaps be touched on. It looks ^{very} true that ~~people turn to revolutionary methods~~ that it ^{is a} ~~is a~~ ^{turn} failure to achieve security - it turns people against the system. Take Henry George's case. I think it is very doubtful whether he would have ever worked out the theory of Poverty and Progress if he had succeeded in any one of the things he undertook.

The greatest affection to the profit system in ^{is} my judgment that there are so many people enjoying unearned profits. It can only be justified when people are required to earn what they get, ^{and} ^{get} in proportion to what they ^{are} ~~get~~ by the contribution they make to an undertaking. My ^{old} ~~own~~ notion of ^a the scale to measure ^{the value} ~~contribution~~ ^{by} what one does might come in here.

The idea that profit, the greed for money, is the only driving force behind men would seem to be upset by what is going on in Russia. Here you have no private property, but the greed for power, ^{their} ~~your~~ own way of administering profitless government is as dangerous to ^{socially} ~~the system~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ greed of the old regime ever ~~did~~. There is as much cruelty, there is more assassination. And certainly there are more inequalities if you believe what is reported, inequality of conditions, of life. ^{Does} ~~And there~~ nobody starves. Under this profitless system thousands are doing work for which they are quite unfitted and it would seem sometimes from the reports that they are doing it under conditions

quite as brutal as under the old regime. I would like to know how those banished to Siberia live. Are they living any better than those who were banished by the Tsars.

But the point is that men are slaves, not alone by money.