mean a release from obligation to perform any work or duty; the distribution of the land and money of the rich was shortly to so alter conditions that meantime it was superfluous to labor to produce anything. This happy state of affairs was accordingly discussed in work hours and out-- especially in. It became general for each workshop to suspend operations for meetings once or oftener per day. At these, politics, shop management and other topics were discussed and orators from a distance, generally rank Socialists or German agents, were listened to. New demands were repeatedly made upon employers, the working time was shortened and the work rendered per hour lessened progressively after the Revolution, until the output per man became reduced one-third to one-half. This re-acted upon the output of munitions of war (always insufficient) upon transportation and upon food supply even. The whole summer was one grand loafing time for the producer.

When I arrived in Petrograd the thing which most impressed and worried me was the horde of idle soldiery, which one saw everywhere, the lack of discipline among them and the systematic attempt which was being made by street-corner orators to engage their attention. I inquired what was being said by these men and was told that the uselessness of continuing the war was the principal topic. The soldiers were told that the war was wholly for the benefit of the capitalists, that to fight longer would endanger free Russia; "why go to the front and be killed to perpetuate a system in which the people had no interest; better go home and get your share of the land which is to be distributed-- and go soon, otherwise you will not have a fair chance, etc." The speeches were listened to quietly, although many times wordy arguments were entered into. Everybody was good-natured, but it was evident that harm