

Confidence

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“Things are bad,” we can often hear all around us.

It is obvious that everything is not going well, and that has been the case for a while now.

Nowadays, the crisis hits all workers hard, every industry is affected and, everywhere, we can hear rumours of salaries’ cuts and part or full unemployment.

Employment agencies are full of job demands and employment offers are becoming rarer and rarer.

Those who have the advantage of having a job are waiting for their dismissal any day or are ready to accept worse working conditions than those they have today.

Panic seems to seize everyone, and that’s where the danger lies.

Let’s sum up the situation.

On the one hand, financiers, industrials, and large business owners who, in the preceding years have made as much money as they wanted, and who, when they realise they are going to earn less, that the crisis they caused by their imprudent and incoherent methods is upon us, declare themselves irresponsible, cry that they are being flayed alive, that they can’t answer for anything any more and that they cannot see any other solution than to cut down salaries.

On the other hand, a mass of workers who, through its labour, has created the wealth from which nothing was left in their hands because their masters, far from making them benefit during times of prosperity, of their increased work, measured their wages sparingly.

Isn’t this mass of workers, spread across different unions or divided by political struggles, willingly offering their hands to the chains being prepared for it? By repeating these rumours on trains, in the metro, etc. by spreading everywhere rumours of salaries cuts, unemployment, do you not believe we are getting ahead of our employers’ desire?

Do you believe they ignore what we are doing and saying, or do you believe them to be of such a nice countenance that, although they know we are expecting it, they won’t use this to tighten the screw even more?

That is why I tell you, have confidence, my friends, confidence I ourselves, let’s go everywhere to tell that we won’t be robbed like this of the few advantages we had.

Demand that those who benefited from the criss bear the consequences.

And, you, the government, who, after you announced prosperity, are bailing out banks ready to declare bankruptcy, and deal out indemnities for the losses they suffer on the fluctuation of

the pound. Rather than dispense charity to the unemployed, bail them out too, and do not wait for sheep to become rabid.

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