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ment might in the last resort be elected by the work-people. If the industry were to succeed it would be the manager who could make it go, who would get and keep power, and the qualities he would require are just those which the successful employer of our own time displays. The revolt against State Socialism which the Guild expresses is largely due to the dawning perception that the State, though in theory democratic, is in industry as hard as another master, and rather more irritating in its mechanical ways. The Guild is a refuge from the State, but would in fact evolve very similar characteristics, because these emerge from the nature of industry rather than the imperfections of institutions. That the trade union is in any way a suitable body for conducting industry the Guild does not attempt to show. What is pretty certain is that if national Guilds could be set up trade unions would, after no very long interval, arise within them to defend the special interests of the worker as against the general interests of the industry. A trade union is not a Guild, and cannot be transformed into one without abandoning its proper and socially useful functions. Nor will the State if it nationalizes any industry be so complaisant as at once to relinquish control in favour of a section of its people, nor so ineffectual as to spoil the property which it takes over by eliminating from its management all the men of experience and special capacity.

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"Steady, all of us! There is a virulent fever in the air. We must prescribe the medicine of a sane, national sentiment. Call in Dr. Bull. Take long breaths and long views."—John Bull.

Says H. G. Wells.

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The Official Mind.

"Officer, (to guard on bridge of transport): 'Send that man down here.'

"Guard: 'There ain't no man here, sir.'

"Officer: 'But I see one.'

"Guard: 'He ain't a man, sir. He's a sergeant.'"

—Tit-Bits.

General—

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Misunderstood.

"Officer (whilst examining recruit): 'Got any scars on you?'

"No; but I've got some cigarettes over there in my coat."—Tit-Bits.

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