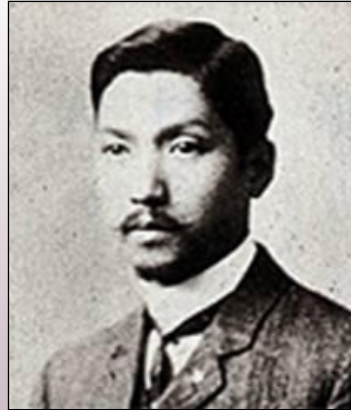


Ōsugi Sakae was the best known Japanese anarchist of his generation. A flamboyant and popular speaker, writer, translator, founder of the Esperanto Association of Japan and all round trouble-maker.



The Chain Factory is a short piece of fiction first published in 1913. The translator, Adam Goodwin describes it as an “allegorical story by Ōsugi to represent the modern economic order as he relates it by recollection of a dream he had one night. The imagery in Japanese is compelling and accurate to an insurrectionary-anarchist’s perspective on our social order.”

Ōsugi was murdered in 1923, along with his wife Ito Noe and infant nephew, by the notorious military police officer and sadist Amakasu Masahiko during the Kantō Massacre, when thousands of leftist radicals, Koreans and Chinese were killed in pogroms following the Great Kantō Earthquake.

Amakasu served a mere three years in prison before continuing his vile career as a state employee – running drugs, torturing prisoners and producing racist propaganda, finally killing himself in 1945.



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