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Don't stand with your hands in your pockets and your mouth open in the expectation that the other fellow will come along and do that you must do for yourselves. Dig up the soil surrounding your grey matter and butt in with your fellows to do some fighting, right now.

Yes, Socialists differ often, but human nature is still in us! And being on the defensive so long makes us string up "on our nerves." We will overcome this some day and each will look into our brother's face and heart will respond to heart, and eye will look love and confidence into eyes which respond with brotherly love and peace. "Am I my brother's keeper" Can then be answered in the affirmative and the adage can cease to exist.

If the farmers and the working class don't quit dividing up the product of their toil with the fruits monopolists and big thieves higher up, they will soon have nothing left to divide and will be reduced down to a dead level with the Dago and Chinaman. If you are a Republican or Democrat capitalist, just keep on voting for the capitalist system of dividing up. If you are a Socialist vote to stop the capitalist system of hold up and divide up.

Well, now that the Republican candidate question is settled, does the Republican voter feel that he will derive any benefit when it is all over?

You members of the twin parties that are kicking about hard times and high living, what are you howling for. Didn't you get what you voted for?

Socialism is nothing but the political expression of applied christianity.

AS THINGS ARE.

Socialists do not believe that there should be classes. They do believe that there are classes. They see in history only a struggle of one class to triumph over another. They call this the philosophy of the class struggle, and see in the understanding of it, knowledge that shall make it possible to end classes by ending the need of struggling for a living.

Socialists are not necessarily materialists. The materialistic conception of history, about which they talk, is merely an understanding that that which caused things to happen was the need and manner of making a living. Socialism points the way to a scientific and easy way of making a living, and understands that when this is secured ethical culture will necessarily follow.

Socialists see what to many is a mystery—how the workers are robbed. They see that a man working for another must produce all he receives and something else that the other man gets. Rent, interest and profit tell the whole story. That which a worker produces and does not get is called by him surplus value.—Chicago Daily Socialist.

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BEST YET FOR PROPAGANDA

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A Catholic Socialist society, which was started in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1906, reports enormous progress in lecture work, literature distribution and membership. It claims more adherents for Socialism among Catholics in Scotland than are gathered from any other denominational section of the community. A similar society in Ireland is reported to be making equally rapid progress and that some of the clergy who formerly opposed Socialism are now secretly supporting it.

Hard continuous, methodical labor destroys courage, saps vitality and demoralizes character. It tames and subdues men, just as it tames and subdues the wild steer or the young colt. Men who labor hard and continuously have no power to think. It requires all their vital force to keep their muscles in trim.—Redheard.

THE REASON WHY.

Read. Study. Reason from effect to cause. Why is it that in the midst of plenty, you are always on the verge of starvation? That the cycle of your fellows is so narrow and monotonous? Why is it that so many who toil without ceasing, have nothing and the few who toil not, have so much? You will find that ignorance is the cause, at least it is so in this country. Where we have the franchise and the toilers have the majority, they know not how to use their power.

Government does not form society, but society makes government.

Government is the mirror of the social intelligence of the people.

KICK, YOU DEMOCRATIC GUYS.

Say you Democratic guys what are you kicking about high taxes for? High taxes are necessary to produce revenue to pay the high salaried officials in the offices created by the Democratic party, stand up and take your medicine like a man. You are getting all you voted for, so stop kicking and still vote your yellow dog ticket.

LOOKS LIKE A GONE OLD PARTY.

DEBS SEES VICTORY

Chicago, June 17.—"The death knell of the Republican party will be sounded tomorrow and Socialism will be swept into control November 4."

"The present situation is exactly the same as it was in 1860, when the Whig party disappeared and the Democratic party broke up. It was then that the Republican party was born and it swept the country. The Socialists will sweep the country this time in the face of the coming smash.

"The Republican part yis now bound to break up. If the Democrats nominate a reactionary, they ,too, will split. The Socialists then will march across the country with seven league boots. Roosevelt and Taft are doing some excellent campaigning for me. They are telling the truth about each other and are verifying what the Socialists have been saying about them and their kind for a long time.

"Roosevelt never had a principle. He will subscribe to anything to get into office. If by some turn of fate the people of the United States would become Anarchists by a large majority, Roosevelt would become a rampant Anarchist. Roosevelt is called Socialistic. I resent the imputation. We would not take him into the Socialist party.

POSTOFFICE CLERKS THANK VICTOR BERGER

Indianapolis, Ind.—Victor Berger, the Wisconsin Socialist congressman, was thanked for his work in behalf of the postoffice clerks at the state convention of the National Association of Postoffice Clerks held here. The matter came up in a resolution thanking the congressmen who had aided them during the past year and was passed without dissent.

In addition to the demand for election of "good men" on old party tickets, let's agitate for a law permitting none but honest men to buy burglar's tools.

You have not learned to vote until you can accomplish results with your ballot.

THE RIGHT TO PICKET

Josephine Casey, a well-known organizer and Socialist, has just been released from the Kalamazoo jail, where she has spent thirty-seven days in confinement. She is not a criminal. She was not accused of crime. She served her sentence for disregarding an injunction in the corset-makers' strike.

This injunction prohibited picketing. It was one of the most drastic ever issued.

Miss Casey felt that it struck at a fundamental right of labor.

"Upon the right to peacefully picket in the time of the strike depends the whole struggle of organized labor," she said; and for this belief she spent thirty-seven days in jail.

Josephine Casey, a frail delicate girl, risking her health and her life through long days in a cold, damp cell, is one of the pioneers of a new moral code. All over the world those pioneers are suffering for their principles. Little by little they are gaining victories for the working-class. Little by little their class is advancing in power as they establish principle after principle, and claim right after right.

The right to picket peacefully is the foundation of the organized labor movement. This right can be won only by a struggle and by suffering.

All honor to Josephine Casey and to the working girls who shared her struggle and her imprisonment. All honor to those pioneers throughout the world who have the judgment to recognize the fundamental principles in the struggle of labor for its rights and the courage to suffer, as they must, to establish those principles.

SCHENECTADY SELLS ICE TO PEOPLE

Schenectady, N. Y.—The city has started selling ice to the people. More than 2,500 tons of ice has been stored away by the city under the Socialist administration. Those who are unable to pay for the ice are to be given it free while others will be charged 25 cents a hundred pounds. No person will be sold more than one hundred pounds.

The Democratic platform, "Kick 'em you cuss."

INNOCENT STRIKERS SHOT IN KERSEY RIOT

Perth Amboy, N. J.—Serious rioting broke out here in connection with the strike in several of the big factories where several thousand men are out on a demand for 15 per cent increase in pay.

Before order had been restored late last night three strikers, said to be innocent, had been shot, one probably fatally, and two policemen were injured severely by stone throwers. Trolley cars and a stage running to a ed to work were attacked and stoned and a number of persons were hurt by missiles or broken glass.

It is being claimed that Major Butts, Taft's aide, who was lost on the Titanic when en route to Rome, as a last act before going down, destroyed the papers entrusted to him by President Taft, for fear they might in some way be recovered and become public.

English landlords are indignant at the government's action in appraising several of the biggest estates and selling them off in small tracts. In the last two years nearly a million acres have been sold off in this way; the price averaged about $22 per acre.

CHARGES REVOLT TO SUGAR TRUST

Washington, D. C.—The presence in Havana harbor today of two American warships under Admiral Osterhaus, the appearance at the state department of Speaker Gonzales Parrara, of the Cuban house of representatives, pleading for more time in which to crush the negro rebellion, continued official dispatches that Havanna is on the brink of a sanguinary race war, and a newly developed opposition to intervention in the United States senate, brought to official Washington today the most critical situation in the Cuban embroglio.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota is heading the opposition to any meddling with Cuban affairs, charging that the negro uprising has been incited and financed by the sugar trust in order to effect annexation of the island, and thus escape the present duty on sugar.

Jingoes in the capital received a jolt today when they learned that Senators Root and Bacon agreed with Senator Nelson that intervention must be authorized by Congress to be legal. It has been assumed that the Platt amendment gave the president the right to order intervention in Cuba without asking permission of congress.

Admiral Osterhaus is instructed to land marines in Havana the moment he thinks the Cuban authorities need their assistance to stop fighting in the streets. On the desk of Major General Wood, chief of staff, is an order filled out except for the signature. The order, if issued, will start five thousand troops for Cuba within an hour.

It is reported that A. F. of L. loom-fixers and twisters are working with scabs in Patterson, N. J., and trying to break the strike there as was attempted in Lawrence, Mass. Fine type of unionism that.

It is estimated that ten million people in the United States are constantly on the verge of poverty.

STRIKE BREAKERS ARE STARVING

That the Grand Trunk Railroad company is starving its strike breakers was the declaration made today by Frederick Troy, 839 East Thirty-ninth street. Last week Troy, who knew nothing of the strike on the road, went to work for the company as a checker. When he learned that he had become a strike breaker he insisted upon quitting, but, he says, the company refused to pay him unless he continued to work. Troy asserts many other men were treated in a similar manner and also charges that the company is making slaves of its strike breakers.

The Democrats are in favor of the toiler dividing up with the small capitalist. Republicans want to concentrate the divvy with the bigmagnates. And there you are.

SIXTH ACCIDENT IN BOSTON STRIKE

Boston, Mass.—With 100 men, women and children aboard a South Boston surface car left the tracks on the Broadway extension bridge today and crashed headlong into a small power house in the middle of the bridge.

A small log living several feet from the bridge railing, hit by the car wheels, diverted the car and sent it smashing into the power house. Had it not been for this log, dropped from a passing wagon several minutes before, the car with its load of human freight would have fallen 60 feet to the railroad tracks below, where an express train passed at thirty miles an hour as the street car tore into the bridge power house.

Twenty or more passengers were injured.

This is the sixth serious accident in two days on the Boston elevated, 2,500 of whose men are on strike. Police believe the accident was a result of a "green" motorman running his car too swiftly from the tracks on the draw sections of the bridge to the stationary portion.

FROM AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND

In the municipal election in Vienna, Austria, the Socialists carried seven districts for the City Council out of a total of 21. The Clerical (or Christian Socialist) party, which controlled the council, seems to have lost control. The Liberals also made gains, as did the Czechs.

Another seat in Parliament has been gained by the Socialists of Switzerland. In a special election in Nuremberg the Socialist candidate secured 10,100 votes to 9,238 for the Radical candidate. This makes 17 Socialists in the Parliament of Switzerland.

In the city of Zurich, Switzerland, the Socialists elected four out of 10 local justices and lost a fifth seat by a fluke. In Graef the Socialists won in a referendum compelling the adoption of the proportional representation system in election, which will materially add to their strength.

POLICE HOLD NEWSIE SELLING UNION PAPER

Following the forcible ejection of boodlemen from the North La Salle street police station, who had come to bail out union newsboys arrested for no other reason than that they were selling union newspapers, the police last night abducted Meyer Minsky, a union newsie, from the Daily World building and are holding him somewhere without booking him or allowing his friends to see him.

Minsky was quietly talking with friends, when a plain clothes policeman entered and called him into the street. No sooner had he stepped outside the door than he was seized by two other plain clothes men and hurried into a patrol wagon without being told on what charges he was arrested.

After smuggling Minsky to the North La Salle street station the police took him over to the Desplaines street station in order to prevent friends from finding out where he had arrest gotten he was taken to secret been taken. From the Desplaines street station he was taken to some station unknown to anyone outside police circles.

The long series of arrests of union men and assaults on newsboys by hired sluggers, it is believed, is the result of a hysterical effort on the part of the street workers' strike before the beginning of the big Republican convention next week.

Farm and Fireside says that 25,000 parasites in Chicago live off western grain, most of them conferring no useful service whatever.

The Oklahoma legislature has passed a measure providing a lawyer or public defender in all cases where an accused person is unable to hire a lawyer.

WHAT IS SUCCESS?

They say we Socialists indulge in abuse of successful men.

The truth is that we never yet abused a successful man.

We try not to abuse any one at all. Frequently, when we are charged with abusing someone we are merely using him as an illustration. Whenever we do make the mistake of abusing any one, we abuse the miserable failures.

Who are the miserable failures?

They are the men who have wasted their lives getting rich.

There is no way in which a man can make a more complete failure of life than by spending his life in the accumulation of wealth. Such a life assassinates all the higher ideals and causes him to grow downward towards the brute.

And yet, preposterous as it is, such ignoble failures are worshiped as people mean when they speak of "successful men."

Who are the really successful men?

They are the men who have risen above mercenary motives. They are the men who have spent their lives assisting the upward urge of the human race in many ways. Some of them have undergone persecution and public ignominy while serving the race. All of them have made the mercenary their slightest motive.

To do good is the only real success there is in the world. All else is sham, pretense and unreality. It does not matter what money or position one gains, unless the world is better and humanity higher for his having lived, he has been a flat failure.

Says Thomas Carlyle:

"If the great cause of man, and man's work in God's earth, got no furtherance from the Arabian Calif, then no matter how many scimetars he drew, how many gold plasters he pocketed, and what uproar and blaring he made in this world—he was but a loud sounding insanity and futility; at bottom he was not at all."

True success and mercenary motives cannot exist together. They are in deadly hostility. When they approach one another in the same individual they engage in mortal combat and one of them dies.

No, we Socialists do not abuse the successful men. When we abuse anybody we abuse the wretched failures.

But we do not mean to abuse any one at all.

No one knows quite so well as we that the failures who spent their lives getting rich are creatures of their environment. It is not a square deal to blame them for their own undesirable qualities or for the effects of the capitalist system.

We fight the system, not the men.

Reports come through the capitalistic press of the suppression of the Appeal. We notice that the total number printed this week was 218,900, a gain of only 4,100 over last week.

WORKING CLASS BUTCHERS

The workers are meek and modest and humble and docile, and are always guilbly ready to obediently do what ever their crafty masters order them to do.

When the capitalists want war and the politicians declare war, the flim-flammed, bamboozled working man straps on a knapsack, shoulders a rifle, kisses his wife and children good-bye, and marches away to fight a war he didn't declare, a war that belittles and wrongs him by injuring his class—and marches away to butcher other working men whom he doesn't know and against whom he has no quarrel.

He yells, kills and slaughters—because—simply because—because some persons called "prominent people," tell him to do so. He screams and is slain, he yells and is slaughtered—simply because he does not understand the trick that is thus being played upon him and his class.

Young working men are shrewdly flattered into joining the militia and the army, in order to help the capitalist class force the working class to keep still and starve; or accept cheap food, cheap clothing, cheap shelter, and cheap furniture as all their share for all their work for all their lives.

Suppose the working man has a son in the local militia company, and suppose Mr. Working Man goes out on strike for two or three more nickels per day with which to buy better food for the young militiaman's own mother and his little brothers and sisters.

This young man in the militia company can be ordered to shoot or bayonet his own father who on strike is struggling for a few cents more with which to buy better food for the humble mother and hungry little brothers and sisters—if the father on strike doesn't keep quiet and remain docile while the industrial masters starve him back to his old job at his old age.

The capitalist holds the whip of hunger over the working class of father's back, and the working class son holds a rifle at his own father's breast. The father must surrender.

Thus the young militiaman wrongs his own class, and thus his own father helps humble his own mother and his sisters and spits in his own mother's face.

The war is the class war.

The militiamen are local soldiers ready for orders to shoot their neighbors, friends and relatives in the struggle for existence. In the industrial civil war the capitalist class starve, seduce and bribe the working class to fight both sides of the battle.

The rulers rule. They think—and win by thinking.

Think it over, young man. Be loyal to your own father and mother and your own brothers and sisters, and your own class. Be class loyal.

Teddy and Taft are making Socialists by the hundreds. They don't know it. Let 'em fight.

TO BE GREATEST IN THE U. S.

The Woman's National Committee is sending out a special letter to the secretaries of all the locals, to the state secretaries, to the local woman's committees and to as many other active workers as can be reached.

This letter announces the necessity of immediate action being taken, if they are to save their splendid woman's paper, The Progressive Woman.

Josephine Conger-Kaneko has carried on the work of editing and publishing the magazine, and has devoted all her strength to reaching the women of the United States with the message of Socialism. One year ago she was obliged to move to Chicago. The additional expense is so great that she can no longer fight the battle alone.

The Woman's National Committee, upon the advice of the National Executive Committee has devised a plan for making the paper the greatest woman's magazine in the United States. With the co-operation of every local it can be done and no person is asked to donate a cent. All that is asked is co-operation.

Any one not receiving a copy of the letter can get it by writing to the general correspondent of the Woman's National Committee, No 111 North Market street, and stating that he is interested in the plan for educating every working woman to an understanding of her class interests.

You are especially invited to subscribe for this paper and get others to do the same. Help us carry the county for Socialism.

Oklahoma State Platform

OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

Adopted By Referendum Vote.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism and enunciated in the national platform of the Socialist party.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma declares its object to be the political organization of the working people and those in sympathy with it; for the purpose of capturing the powers of government of the State of Oklahoma and using this power for the betterment of the conditions of the workers.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the state ownership and control of such industries and monopolies transportation as are collectively used by the people of Oklahoma; such as the coal and mining industries, the oil industry, the cotton ginning and compressing and cotton-spinning industries; the stock yards, packing and cold storage industries, the telephone lines, the interurban electric lines, etc.; such industries to be under the democratic management of the workers in such industries, and be operated not for the purpose of making profits for the state, but to give to the workers in such industries the full social value of their labor.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma stands for universal suffrage, and advocates the extension of the franchise to women upon the same terms as men; and will fight every move having for its object the disfranchisement of the working class, or any part of it, through so-called poll tax laws, grand father clauses, educational, property and residence qualifications that have no object other than the gradual taking away from the workers the right of franchise and thus prevent the workers from securing control of the powers of government.

The Socialist party of Oklahoma demands the enactment of laws, that will effectively give into the hands of the people the use of the initiative and referendum. The Socialist party charges that the Democratic administration and the interests it represents has and is using every effort to prevent the people from using the initiative and referendum on any measure, unless such measure is advocated by the capitalist class. The Democratic administration has further circumvented and evaded the demands of the people, even after the people had voted and determined upon such measures by large majorities at the polls.

As such measures we cite:

The people against the sale of the school lands.

The people against the sale of any part of the school lands.

The people against the initiative and referendum on the Taylor Bigelow Ballot election law. The legislature evaded this referendum by passing an election law equally as odious as the Taylor law, which repealed the Taylor law and thus took away from the people the right to vote on the Taylor law.

The capitalist interests of the state initiated an amendment to the constitution to be known as article 49 of section 9; and further initiated a law to determine the location of the state capital. On these measures the Democratic governor called a special election so as to make these measures easily passed, as it requires but a majority vote of the people voting at such election.

On the other hand, the initiative petition signed by more than 25,000 voters demanding the right to vote for women upon the same terms as men is held up in the courts on the word of one man, one of the henchmen of the Democratic administration. No special election is called on this measure. It must wait for the General Election, when it requires a majority of all the people voting at such election for the same office receiving the highest number of votes, to pass this measure.

The Socialist party further demands the enactment of laws providing for the Right of Recall, and such election that recognize the rights of all political parties taking part in such elections, to representation on the election boards, and to a counter at each precinct. Such election boards to be elective, and not appointive.

The Socialist party demands the repeal of senate bill No. 126, which has for its aim and object the taking out of the hands of the people the use of the initiative and referendum by limiting the time for the securing of petitions to 60 days, in violation of a constitutional provision of 90 days; and which law further gives into the hands of the legislature such powers, as to make any measure suggested for initiation by them. Easy of passage through an unfair and nefarious arrangement of the ballot.

The Socialist party demands the enactment of a law abolishing "professional" guardianship, for the purpose of cutting out court expenses and lawyer fees, which are now gobbling up practically all the income from small estates, especially that of Indians in the eastern half of the state.

The Socialist party demands the free administration of justice, and the maintenance by the state of families dependent on state and county contracts.

The Socialist party demands the enactment of laws providing for state insurance of workers against sickness, accident, and death; so as to give to an injured or sick worker, or those dependent upon him, compulsory compensation, and relieve him from the necessity of going into the courts and sue for compensation, which delays action indefinitely, or to such a shape as to be of little benefit to the worker.

The Socialist party demands the establishment of sanitariums for the free treatment of tuberculosis and other social diseases.

The Socialist party stands for every measure that will add to the material, intellectual or moral welfare of the working class; and as the working class of Oklahoma is largely made up of agricultural workers, we stand for the following:

Farmers' program:

As measures calculated to bring into collective property the land, and enable every farmer to have the use and occupancy of the land sufficient for a home and the support of his family, we hereby advocate and pledge our elected officers to the following program:

Farmer's Program.

Article 1.

The retention and constant enlargement of the public domain.

By retaining school and other public lands.

By purchase of arid and overflow lands and the state reclamation of such lands now held by the state or that may be acquired by the state.

By the purchase of all lands sold for the non-payment of taxes.

By the purchase of segregated and unallotted Indian lands.

By the retention of leased lands after the expiration of contracts and the payment of the improvements thereon at an appraised valuation.

Article 2.

Separation of the department of agriculture from the political government by means of—

Election of all members and officers of the Board of Agriculture by the direct vote of the actual farmers.

Introduction of the merit system among the employees.

Article 3.

Erection by the state of grain elevators and warehouses for the storage of farm products; these elevators and warehouses to be managed by the Board of Agriculture.

Article 4.

Organization by the Board of Agriculture of free agricultural education and the establishment of model farms.

Article 5.

Encouragement by the Board of Agriculture of co-operative societies of farmers—

For the buying of seed fertilizer.

For the purchase and common use of implements and machinery.

For the preparing and sale of produce.

For the working of land by groups.

Article 6.

Organization by the state for loans on mortgages and warehouse certificates, the interest charges to cover cost only.

Article 7.

State insurance against disease of animals, diseases of plants, insect pests, hail, food, storm and fire.

Article 8.

Aid and encouragement to be given the actual workers of the farms in the formation of district co-operative associations which shall be given the power to issue bonds for the purchase of suitable farming lands—bonds to be redeemable in forty years. Individual purchasing such lands shall pay the purchase price of land in share or cash annual or semi-annual rentals extending over a period of forty years, or may at their option pay in full in and given number of years.

Article 9.

Exemption from taxation and execution of dwellings, tools, farm animals, implements and improvements to the amount of one thousand dollars.

Article 10.

A graduated tax on the value of rented land and land held for speculation.

Article 11.

Absentee landlords to assess their own lands, the state reserving the right to purchase such lands at their assessed value plus 10 per cent.

Article 12.

Land now in the possession of the state or hereafter acquired through purchase, reclamation or tax sales to be rented to landless farmers under the supervision of the Board of Agriculture at the prevailing rate of share rent or its equivalent. The payment of such rent' to cease as soon as the total amount of rent paid is equal to the value of the land and tenant thereby acquires for himself and his children the right of occupancy. The title to all such lands remaining with the commonwealth.

Don't Forget!

That we are growing.

That new subscribers are waiting for you to call on them. DO IT NOW.

EMIL SIEDEL,
Candidate for Vice-Pres.

VOTES FOR WORKING WOMEN

(Meta L. Stern.)

Tramp. tramp. tramp! A vast and silent army they go marching by in the early light of morning, on their way to office, store and factory, thousands of them in every big city, millions of them in the whole country; the women who toil for wages, the working women of today.

They are no new type of womanhood. They are on the contrary, the only true type of womanhood, for women have always toiled since civilization began and they always will toil, because all true human dignity is founded on productive labor.

The grandmothers and great grandmothers of these millions of working women have been workers and producers too in their day, but the character of their work was radically different. They worked at home and the product of their toil was usually intended for immediate consumption by their own families. They owned the tools with which they worked and they were their own task-masters, determining their own hours of work and the amount and nature of their products.

But the modern working women must leave their homes to perform their labor, for they are only part of a gigantic system of production destined to supply the large and complicated needs of society. They no longer own their own tools but perform just one specialized task with the aid of complicated machinery, and their hours of work, the articles they produce, the conditions surrounding their daily task, are quite beyond their individual control.

With the invention of machinery and the rise of the factory system, with the application of steam-power and electricity, woman has become a social producer, and the change that revolutionized her economic position brought about a complete change in her relation to organized society as well. The modern working woman has outgrown the four walls of home that comprised woman's sphere in her grand mother's day. For she has been called forth to work side by side with men, to be self-supporting and often to support others by her toil. The man's world has become her world. The human sphere has become her sphere.

The modern woman has exactly the same burdens to bear and the same aims to strive for as her brother. She is confronted by the same industrial problems of overwork and under-pay and insanitary conditions. She must face the same fierce competition on the over-crowded labor market and the same tragedy of unemployment. But besides bearing the same burdens as the working man, the working woman has still a few special burdens of her own to bear: the age-long burdens of her sex.

If the man's working hours are long, the woman's are still longer. If the man's wages are low, the woman's are still lower. If insanitary conditions threaten the man's health and life, in the woman's case these same insanitary conditions threaten the health and life of generations still unborn.

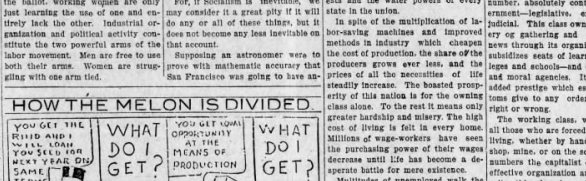
Thousands of women today are working under conditions unfit for human beings. At unguarded machinery they are risking their nimble fingers, the only source of income they possess. Badly ventilated work-rooms, filled with particles of flying dust, weaken their lungs and make them susceptible to tuberculosis. Long working hours sap their strength and vitality.

Dangerous occupations make them physical wrecks in a few years and render them unfit for wifehood and motherhood. In the case of married women workers, an appalling infant mortality is a noncontrant of woman labor. But with all these sacrifices even the woman who performs a man's work does not get a man's wage. Everywhere we find unequal pay for equal work. The voteless sex is cheap.

Of the women have always worked and always must work, why should their work be accompanied by so many wrongs and horrors? Because our social conditions have not been adjusted to the great economic change; because industry, although it largely depends upon the work of women, is not adapted to the needs of women; because women themselves have no voice in shaping the conditions under which they must work.

Women of leisure may demand the ballot for abstract reasons, justice and equality, but the working woman need the ballot. They need it as a means of self-defense in the terrible competitive struggle that marks our present industrial system. They need it to protect their very health and life and the future of their children. We are living in an age of social awakening. It has long since been recognized that the welfare of the workers can not be entrusted to the good will of individual employers. Therefore the state exercises the right of control and by labor legislation seeks to regulate to some extent working hours and conditions of employment.

Working men, by the right of suffrage, are able to exert a powerful influence upon labor legislation. They are able to elect men to office who will represent their interests and thereby can compel the enactment of laws that will improve their condition. But working women are politically helpless. They cannot voice their demands at the ballot box. They are not represented in the law-making bodies. They cannot compel the enactment of laws that would lighten their burdens. While working men have two weapons for self-defence, the labor union and the ballot, working women are only just learning the use of one and entirely lack the other. Industrial organization and political activity constitute the two powerful arms of the labor movement. Men are free to use both their arms. Women are struggling with one arm tied.



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JUST RIGHT FOR PROPAGANDA

Give working women votes, and you will give them an opportunity to help themselves as no charity or welfare work or middle class attempts at reform can ever help them. Give working women votes, and they will legislate child labor out of existence. Give working women votes, and they will shorten their long work day and establish a decent living wage, thereby combating prostitution more effectively than all your moralizing could combat it in a hundred years.

The Socialist party is the political representative of the working class. Since the working class consists of women as well as men, since women, in fact, form a large and ever increasing proportion of the working class, the Socialist party stands prepared to fight the woman's battle as valiantly, as unflinchingly as the working man's. To remove the bonds that hold the working woman in double slavery, to combat the crying evils that today make woman's work a curse instead of a blessing, to give women political freedom as a means of winning economic freedom, it is for this that the Socialist party demands votes for women.

A FORMIDABLE ARGUMENT.

What is the most formidable argument in the whole range of Socialist philosophy?

There are many formidable arguments; but there is one which the opponent of Socialism can not even make a bluff at answering.

It is the argument about the inevitability of Socialism.

Most Socialists are acquired with this argument.

Of course, every one knows that the worker produces a surplus over and above the amount of his wages.

With its wages the working class is therefore able to buy back only a part of its product.

The capitalist class, being a small class, can not possibly consume the remainder, or use it all up in frivolous living, and must therefore find a foreign market for it.

Now the foreign markets of the world are limited; in fact have almost disappeared. Most other nations, instead of being markets, are themselves looking for markets, having conditions identical with those we have in the United States.

Japan, which used to be a very profitable market, has practically ceased to be one. China is being rapidly "modernized," and will soon supply its own wants, and perhaps be looking for a market itself.

Now, if every nation wants to sell and no nation wants to buy—because those who want to buy can not buy—there will be a universal stagnation of industry, that is starvation.

Whereupon the nations will be able to make their choice between starvation or socialisation, that is, Socialism.

This is the argument, concisely stated. There is no loophole in this argument. The opponent of Socialism can't get over it or around it. He must face it. And he is facing a stone wall.

Herbert Spencer recognized the force of this argument, and declared Socialism to be inevitable.

John Stuart Mills recognized the force of this argument, and it made him a convert to Socialism.

And as long as this argument remains unchallenged Socialism remains unchallenged.

It is quite useless for an opponent of Socialism to try to "annihilate" Socialism by showing that it will destroy the home, the church, incentive or individuality, as long as he is unable to disprove the argument of the inevitability of Socialism.

For, if Socialism is inevitable, we may consider it a great pity if it will do any or all of these things, but it does not become any less inevitable on that account.

Supposing an astronomer were to prove with mathematical certainty that San Francisco was going to have another earthquake, would you try to disprove his statement by demonstrating that an earthquake was impossible because it would destroy the homes and churches in San Francisco?

Socialism will come because the human race may consent to suffer for a while and to a certain degree, but it will not consent to starve perpetually and to a decree hitherto unknown.

If the coming of Socialism will destroy the home, the church, individuality and incentive, why, then so much the worse for the home, the church, individuality and incentive!

But, of course, it will do nothing of the kind. Evolution does not work that way.

WEARING OF THE RED.

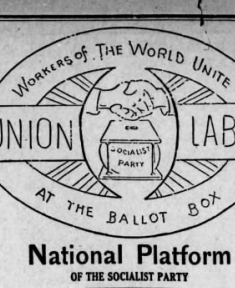
By Will Herford.

Out there in San Diego
Where the western breakers beat,
They're jailing men and women
For speaking on the street;
For asking freedom for all men
To keep the wealth they make,
For our masters say that we must work
While they sit by and take.

And so, in God's own country,
The bullies and police
Mob our comrades, men and women,
To make our vote increase;
For it makes us votes by thousands
With which to win the fight.
And show the silly Democrats
That we are in the right.

And the easy going preachers
Just fold their hands and say
"Thank God we're not as these who preach
This gospel of today."
Though here and there one hears the call
And puts hands to the plow
And looks not back, but bravely
For his brothers, here and now.
For the workers of this nation
stands

Are eighty millions strong.
While but ten million shirkers
Profit by greed and wrong;
So, the grafting politician
And his friend the heedless fool,
If they'll do a little thinking
Will see who's going to rule.



National Platform

OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist party of the United States declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historical function and has become utterly incapable of controlling the productive forces of society. We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation has passed into the absolute control of a plutocracy which exacts an annual tribute of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, the mines, the forests and the water powers of every state in the union.

In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods in industry which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the wages worker grows ever less, and the prices of all the necessities of life steadily increase. The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home. Millions of wage-workers have seen the purchasing power of their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for mere existence.

Multitudes of unemployed walk the streets of our cities or tramp from state to state awaiting the will of the masters to move the wheels of industry.

The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing prices exacted for tools and machinery and by exortionate rent, freight rates and storage charges.

Capitalist concentration is mercilessly crushing the class of small business men and driving its members into the ranks of propertyless wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of America are being under a yoke of bondage by this soulless industrial despotism.

It is this capitalist system that is responsible for the increasing burden of armaments, the poverty, slums, child labor, most of the insanity, crime and prostitution, and much of the disease that afflicts mankind.

Under this system the working class is exposed to poisonous conditions, to painful and needless perils to life and limb, is walled around with court decisions, injunctions and unjust laws and is preyed upon incessantly for the benefit of the controlling oligarchy of wealth. Under it also the children of the working class are doomed to ignorance, drudging toil and darkened lives.

In the face of these evils, so manifest that all thoughtful observers are appalled at them, the legislative representatives of the Republican, Democratic and all reform parties remain the faithful servants of the oppressors. Measures designed to secure to the wage-earners of this nation as human and just treatment as is already enjoyed by the wage-earners of all other civilized nations have been smothered in committee without debate, and laws ostensibly designed to bring relief to the farmers and general consumers are juggled and transformed into instruments for the exaction of further tribute. The growing unrest under oppression has driven these two old parties to the enactment of a variety of regulative measures, none of which has limited in any appreciable degree the power of the plutocracy, and some of which have been perverted into means for increasing that power. Anti-trust laws, railroad restrictions and regulations, with the prosecutions, indictments and investigations based upon such legislation, have proved to be utterly futile and ridiculous.

Nor has this plutocracy been seriously restrained or even threatened by any Republican or Democratic executive. It has continued to grow in power and insolence alike under the administration of Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

In addition to this legislative juggling and this executive connivance, the courts of America have sanctioned and strengthened the hold of this plutocracy as the Dred Scott and other decisions strengthened the slave power before the civil war.

We declare, therefore, that the longer sufferance of these conditions is impossible, and we propose to end them all. We declare them to be the product of the present system in which industry is carried on for private greed, instead of for the welfare of society. We declare, furthermore, that for these evils there will be and can be no remedy and no substantial relief except through Socialism, under which industry will be carried on for the common good and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he creates.

Society is divided into warring groups and classes, based upon material interests. Fundamentally, this struggle is a conflict between the two main classes, one of which, the capitalist class, owns the means of production, and the other, the working class, must use these means of production on terms dictated by the owners.

The capitalist class, though few in number, absolutely controls the government—legislative, executive and judicial. This class owns the machinery of gathering and disseminating news through its organized press. It subsidizes seats of learning—the colleges and seminaries—and even religious and moral agencies. It has also the added prestige which established customs give to any order of society, right or wrong.

The working class, which includes all those who are forced to work for a living, whether by hand or brain, in shop, mine, or on the soil, vastly outnumbers the capitalist class. Lacking effective organization and class solidarity, this class is unable to enforce its will. Given such solidarity and effective organization, the workers will have the power to make all laws and control all industry in their own interest.

All political parties are the expression of economic and class interests. All other parties than the Socialist party represent one or another group of the ruling capitalist class. Their political conflicts reflect merely superficial rivalries between competing capitalist groups. However they result, these conflicts have no issue of real value to the workers. Whether the Democrats or Republicans win politically, it is the capitalist class that is victorious economically.

The Socialist party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. Its defeats have been their defeats and its victories. It is a party founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically controlled.

In the face of the economic and political aggressions of the capitalist class the only reliance left the workers is that of their economic organizations and their political power. By the intelligent and class conscious use of these they may resist successfully the capitalist class, break the fetters of wage slavery, and fit themselves for the future society, which is to displace the capitalist system.

The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage-earners, the working farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the toilers of the fields as well as those in the shops, factories and mines of the nation in their struggles for economic justice.

In the defeat or victory of the working class party in this new struggle for freedom lies the defeat or triumph of the common people of all economic groups, as well as the failure or the triumph of popular government. Thus the Socialist party is the party of the present day revolution, which marks the transition from economic individualism to Socialism, from wage slavery to free co-operation, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy.

Working Program.

As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, the co-operative commonwealth, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

Collective Ownership.

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of railroads, wire and wireless telegraphs and telephones, express services, steamboat

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WHY SOCIALISM IS COMING.

(By Clarence A. Lewis.)

(Continued from last week.)

The natural result of competition is monopoly. Two horses cannot run a race and both win. The trusts were not invented, neither did they come about by the scheming of bad men. The trust is the natural result of the profit system in producing and selling the necessities of life.

According to the United States labor report for 1900, Census Bulletin No. 150, the average wealth produced by each worker in gainful occupation was $2471 per year, while the average paid was $437 per year. That is, the producers received $437 for doing all of the useful work, while the capitalists received the difference between $2471 and $237, which is $2034. This amount goes to the capitalists for doing nothing except holding a title deed to the property. According to these figures the working class get about 17 per cent of what they produce, the capitalists get 83 per cent. The profit has not always been so large as it now is. The workers can produce with improved methods and machinery many times what they could fifty years ago, yet they receive very little more.

At first the profit was small. It took most all that a working man could produce to keep himself and family, and he continually gets a smaller per cent of what he produces and the capitalist's percentage always increases as machinery increases the productive ability of labor. But with the smaller per cent of profit and very much smaller amount of profit that the capitalists have received in the past than they receive at present, they have been able in fifty or sixty years to practically gain complete control of nearly every industry in the country.

Now let us see what the capitalists have done with the profit they have received and what they can continue to do with it, and why the profit system, the wage system, the capitalist system cannot last.

The trusts are apparently growing stronger every day. One industry after another is coming under the control of some trust. Not only this but the trusts are merging together and forming a trust of the trusts. These are continually an increasing number of workers who depend on the trusts for a job. The percent of wage workers as compared to other workers and as compared to all other people are rapidly increasing each day.

Every time a machine is invented or competition is eliminated or consolidating the interests of competitors, the crushing out of the weaker competitor profits are increased. Fifty years ago a small per cent of the workers were strictly speaking wage workers. The profits to the capitalists because of the few workers employed, and because of the much smaller amount that the workers could produce at that time, were small compared with today. Yet in this short time by re-investing the profits of an industry in the same industry until one group of capitalists controlled that industry and then investing in another with every increasing profit which must be re-invested, until the capitalists already have almost complete control of every business and industry.

Farming Not Yet Ran on Trust Business Methods.

Although the trust does not control the farming direct, of course it is skinning the farmer just the same by owning the market where he sells all of his products, and where he must buy machinery, seed, clothing, what food he does not raise and everything else that he uses. But the capitalists are not content with this. They don't intend to stop here nor could they if they wanted to without causing the whole system to collapse.

They Must Buy the Farms.

It is about all there is left for them to buy. Many Socialists thought a few years ago, and probably a few think yet, that the trust method of production will never be applied to farming, at least under capitalism, but they are having their minds disabused of that idea very rapidly of late. The Socialists who believed this would either argue that the trust could not completely rob the farmer by owning the market as by owning the farm and market both, and that the farmer would be more contented if he owned his farm, although he might get a poorer living and work harder, or else they would argue that landlords would buy the land, and the farmers still farm the land in the small individual way as tenant farmers, that they could never afford to hire wage labor because wage workers would farm unions, demand a shorter work day and better conditions to work under, making it cost more than it would to let the farmers own his farm or let him work as a tenant.

This subject was investigated by certain Socialists in Oklahoma a few years ago and for the past few years up to that time, it was proven that landlordism was increasing and the farms were growing smaller instead of larger, thereby causing less wage labor instead of more. Their income was so small that they could not hire wage workers. Each year larger numbers of women and children were being forced into the fields to work along with the men, and wage labor was decreasing, so they said that here is one industry where the wage system will never prevail.

Forces That Created Glass and Other Trusts Will Produce the Agricultural Trust.

Before the invention of the Owen's Glass Blowing Machine there was no glass trust, but when a machine was invented which made it possible to produce a gross of bottles, such as milk bottles, beer bottles, etc., for eleven cents per gross instead $1.15, preparations began to be made immediately to form a combination that could control the entire glass output.

Although the glass industry was run by wage labor prior to this time it was controlled by many competing companies, because the glass business could be entered into with a small amount of capital and be run with as great profit as it could be on a large scale. The Owens' Glass Blowing Machine being very expensive, yet be-

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Are Socialists Ever Sick or Lame?

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SOCIALIST NEW TESTAMENT.

D. R. Piper.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven."—Mat. 6:10.

Christ is an idealist looking forward to the time when God's will is to be done on earth perfectly. He expects this goal to be reached as the culmination of the career of humanity. And he teaches his followers to pray for this time. Prayer brings a man's faith and courage to the point of making the effort to achieve his desires.

The early days of the Socialist movement were days when the movement was full of Utopian dreamers. They mapped out their plans for an industrial society of perfect co-operation and harmony. Their ideas were often so visionary as to be utterly impracticable. But every movement which has ever been inaugurated among men for the betterment of the race has begun in idealism.

The Socialism of today has been purged of much of the impractical idealism of the early nineteenth century. It has become scientific. Socialists of today do not believe that Socialism alone will make men perfect. But they do believe that it will give them a far better chance to strive after perfection than they have now.

God's kingdom is coming some day. If the time never comes when men are perfect, yet the time will come when men shall have approached a hundred-fold closer to that goal than they have yet reached. And Socialism is the next big step toward that goal. That it is the logical next step any one may discover by a careful study of past economic history. That the progress of the race has always been directly dependent on the amount and kind of physical comforts enjoyed by the race, and the evenness of their distribution, is now a fact patent to every economist, acknowledged by scholars who repudiate as well as by scholars who advocate Socialism.

What Socialism proposes to do is to secure to the mass of men their just share of the products of toil. When this is achieved men will be free to pursue the goal of brotherhood and of individual and race perfection.

No. Socialists will not make men be what they ought to be—excepting public thieves—but it will give them the opportunity to be what they ought to be.—an opportunity which is denied today to the majority of men. Therefore Socialism is the preliminary step to the achievement of the religious ideal of Christianity.

INEVITABILITY OF SOCIALISM SHOWN BY GRAHAM TAYLOR

Beloit, Wis.—Professor Graham Taylor of the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy and head of the Chicago Commons, speaking on "The Socialist Movement Abroad and at Home," presented some very momentous facts to an exceptionally large audience at the First Congregational church here.

He first briefly reviewed conditions as he had seen them in many foreign countries, showing how the rapidly spreading Socialist movement holds in its grasp the destiny of the churches and industries. He stated that foreigners who return from the United States to Italy have great influences in changing standards of living and tend to agitate a great discontent against unreasonably hard labor, low wages and many such deplorable conditions. The Roman church is taking a pathetic stand against this righteous tendency and in many cases temporarily checking it, but the gradual advance in Italy as a whole, shows that it is an inevitable movement, the effect of which we hardly yet realize.

Germany has taken rapid strides in this movement since the time of Bismarck and the Social Democratic party exhibited its strength by sweeping the city of Berlin in an election on January 12.

The great power of the Socialists in England was shown when J. Ramsey McDonald, upon failing to get a certain desired position for railroad men, sent out 1,500 telegrams and within twelve hours industry in England was at a standstill. Not only did railroads stop operating but all other industries in sympathy did likewise.

Taylor showed that as soon as the great mass of people who have been laboring below the life line get organized, so that workers in different movement will dominate the world. During the recent coal strike in America there was active sympathy among the miners in both England and Germany. This sympathetic movement is becoming international and when developments make possible an international coal strike, for instance, everything will stop. Such a strike could stop all industries and even war between any two nations. They would control industries' greatest necessities.

Prof. Taylor said that he dreaded to think of too sudden a rise to such concerted action, but it is coming and coming like an avalanche. He says that the workers have a clear case in

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Business Interests Subduing Labor.

demanding right to bargain collectively. Capitalists have been doing it for years and it is only just that labor should have equal rights and they will have them.

BOY SCOUTS--MILITARY?

(By Terence Vincent.)

The maze of assertions and denials regarding the Boy Scout movement has baffled some of us, and in order to get the matter cleared up we have gone to headquarters for "exact information."

Following are statements sent to the writer, evidently with a view to imparting information. If the reader can go through them and come out with the feeling that all is now clear and simple regarding this much-vexed question he will do well.

The following is from Baden Powell's office, London: "In reply to your letter, Sir Baden Powell asks me to say that we do not train scouts in any military duties, nor do we concern ourselves in any way with strikes."

Here again we have a statement from James M. West, executive secretary of the Boy Scots of America:

1. The Boy Scouts of America is not a military organization.

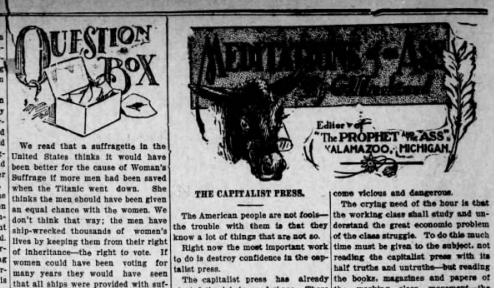
2. The organization of the Boy Scouts of America is only of value to the future U. S. army, in so far as the training which boys receive would prepare them to be strong, healthy men, who know how to take care of themselves under all circumstances.

3. The scouts have never been and never will be trained in the breaking of strikes. That is the business of the police and militia.

And this was prepared by the general staff and sent to me by Major General Wood, chief of staff, War Department, U. S. A.

"There is no doubt that a boy who makes a good scout will make a good soldier. There is no doubt, also, that were rifle practice added to the requirements the first class scouts would have most of the training necessary for soldiers in the ranks; and, should they have absorbed thoroughly the ideals of honesty, courage, loyalty and patriotism, a company recruited from their ranks need fear comparison with no organization ever mustered into the service of the United States."

Comrade, is your boy going to be a bullet-stopper? It is a patriotic pleasure.



We read that a suffragette in the United States thinks it would have been better for the cause of Woman's Suffrage if more men had been saved when the Titanic went down. She thinks the men should have been given an equal chance with the women. We don't think that way; the men have lives by keeping them from their right of Inheritance—the right to vote. If women could have been voting for many years they would have seen that all ships were provided with sufficient number of life boats and other saving apparatus. Many of the best inventions we have today are due to the ingenuity of women. Inventors are now busy devising some way of keeping ships afloat in case of accidents.

Many are quick to say, "It can't be done." It isn't safe to express such opinions, for later we may remember with chagrin that we exposed our ignorance. "The first steamboat was built in 1807, the people sneered and said the inventor of the boat was either crazy, a fool, or a liar. They watched it move and it went to Albany in 36 hours, a trip which before that had required 7 days.

In 1830 an Englishman said, "I have built a traveling engine which will go on a track without horses or oxen faster than a man can run." The wise (?) people sneered and said, "It can't be done!" The engine's name was "The Rocket," and traveled 29 miles an hour.

In 1844 a man said, "I can make an instrument by which I can send words and thoughts over a wire to places many miles away and one can read them immediately exactly as they are sent." The people said, "O, just hear that crazy Morse!" But Morse knew, and the people were ignorant. Ignorance is what hurts most. Ignorance is the mother of all crime.

Now don't say an unshakable ship is impossible; it is not. Don't say women are incapable of voting for their best interests, they are not. This right is coming to them through the aid of the Socialist party. Don't say "Socialism is not coming." It is! Watch it grow! Help it grow by subscribing for THIS PAPER."

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THE CAPITALIST PRESS.

The American people are not fools—the trouble with them is that they know a lot of things that are not so.

Right now the most important work to do is destroy confidence in the capitalist press.

The capitalist press has already started the job in good shape. There are hundreds of thousands of people who no longer believe what they see "writ," just because it is "writ."

But there are still hundreds of thousands, yea millions, who believe every blessed thing they read in the capitalist papers, even though the falsity of the statements are so glaring that the slightest knowledge of the real facts would prove them so.

The trouble is that so many people take only one paper, or one "kind" of paper, and have little opportunity to get the "other side" of the controversy, or even to know that there is a controversy.

The Working Class Must Be Weaned From the Capitalist Press!

Millions of working men are still "listening to their master's voice through these mouth pieces of the wage system, and they are kept constantly misinformed on all the questions of vital importance to the working class.

I do not say that the working class should cease to read the capitalist papers—it is, perhaps, wise that we continue to read them in order to understand what they are up to, with regard to the labor movement. But—I say that we should no longer believe them, when it comes to questions of importance to the working class, for if we do we are sure to be trapped into believing what is not so, and again I reiterate that this is just the trouble with the masses of the people today.

Here is another point worth careful consideration—I have said that the American people are not fools—that they know a lot of things that are not so—I wish to add to this that they know a lot of things that are so—but are unimportant. And, having their minds full of unimportant things it keeps them from filling their minds with the really important things that pertain to their economic welfare.

Nine working men out of ten today can tell you more about base ball than they can about economics. Some of them know by heart the "batting averages" of all the so-called great players, while others can give you the complete history of all the prize fighters on that mat, while still others are up on the "ponies," and not a few are posted on the stars and satellites of the theatrical world.

These things are all right for recreation—but when a working man fills his mind with such dope—to the exclusion of an actual and positive knowledge of the fundamental economic situation that effects himself, his family and his class, then they become vicious and dangerous.

The crying need of the hour is that the working class shall study and understand the great economic problem of the class struggle. To do this much time must be given to the subject, not reading the capitalist press with its half truths and untruths—but reading the books, magazines and papers of the working class movement—the most remarkable literature of any world movement.

Just after writing the above headings I was called to the phone. A party in very much interested in Socialism was on the line and asked about meetings, etc. This party has been out of town for some months, since the strike of the corset workers has been on. She said she hoped that the Socialist party was not getting mixed up in the strike in any way. She said she had been reading the papers and thought there were things to be said in favor of both sides, and against both sides.

I asked her what papers she had been reading—the capitalist press, of course—

This is the general attitude of the small capitalist press. They dare not come out and openly oppose the working class in their battles for their masters. Such a program would be altogether too raw, and besides it would not be policy or good judgment.

The capitalist press never admits that there is any balance to the Master Class. It always pretends to give both sides—but in this giving of "both sides"—it always gives itself away, to those who are informed. But to those who are not informed on the workers side—from the workers themselves—it, by its weight, and helps to fool the people, and this is its real mission today.

If the capitalist press would come out openly and oppose the workers, the workers would at once get wise, and commence to cancel their subscriptions, and that would never do, the Master Class would not stand for such a program for a moment. It is absolutely necessary that the capitalist press have working class readers, consequently its pretense of giving "both sides."

But does it give both sides? Most assuredly not. It gives only such parts of both sides as will help to carry the favor to the master class—or at least to delude the uninformed. The capitalist press is a tool of the master class. Its chief means of fooling the people into a continued support of the capitalistic system.

It is in this "both sides" attitude that the capitalist press is dangerous, for it really fools the people into the impression that it really does give both sides.

The capitalist press is in a very peculiar position. It must ever pretend to give both sides—but in reality give only one side of the great labor problem. Its mission is to fool the people

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National Platform of The Socialist Partv.

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Base and all other social means of transportation and communication and of all large-scale industries.

3. The immediate acquirment by the municipalities, the states or the federal government of all grain elevators, stock yards, storage warehouses and other distributing agencies, in order to reduce the present extortionate cost of living.

4. The extension of the public domain to include mines, quaries, oil wells, forests and water power.

4. The further conservation and development of natural resources for the use and benefit of all people.

(a) By scientific forestation and timber protection.

(b) By the reclamation of arid and swamp tracts.

(c) By the storage of flood waters and the utilization of water power.

(d) By the stoppage of the present extravagant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and oil wells.

(e) By the development of highway and waterway systems.

5. The collective ownership of land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership is impracticable the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental value of all land held for speculation.

6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system.

Unemployment.

The immediate government relief of the unemployed by the extension of all useful public works. All persons employed on such works to be engaged directly by the government under a workday of not more than eight hours and at not less than the prevailing union wages. The government also to establish employment bureaus; to lend money to states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works, and to take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

The conservation of human resources, prticularly of the lives and wellbeing of the workers and their families:

1. By shortening the work day in keeping with the increased productiveness of machinery.

2. By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week.

3. By securing a more effective inspection of workshops, factories and mines.

4. By prohibiting the employment of children under 16 years of age.

5. By the co-operative organization of industries in federal penitentiaries and workshops for the benefit of convicts and their dependents.

6. By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor and of all uninspected factories and mines.

7. By abolishing the profit system in government work and substituting either the direct hire of labor or the awarding of contracts to co-operative groups of workers.

8. By establishing minimum wage scales.

9. By abolishing official charity and substituting a non-contributory system of insurance by the state of all its members against unemployment and invalidism and a system of compulsory insurance by employers of their workers, without cost to the latter, against industrial diseases, accidents and death.

Political Demands.

1. The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage.

2. The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the present corporation tax and the extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the value of the estate and to nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.

2. The abolition of the monopoly ownership of patents and the substitution of collective ownership, with direct rewards to inventors by premiums or royalties.

4. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.

5. The adoption of the initiative referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

6. The abolition of the senate and of the veto power of the president.

7. The election of the president and the vice president by direct vote of the people.

8. The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.

9. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in a majority of the states.

10. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia, with representation in congress and a Democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.

11. The extension of Democratic government to all United States territory.

12. The enactment of further measures for general education and particularly for vocational education in useful pursuits. The bureau of education to be made a department.

13. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health with such restrictions as will secure full liberty for all schools of practice.

14. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor and its elevation to the rank of a department.

15. Abolition of all federal district courts and and the United States circuit courts of appeal. State courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens of the several states and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short terms.

16. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.

17. The free administration of justice.

18. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

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PRISCILLA'S QUESTION

By J. O. Bentall.

You remember Miles Standish. John Alden and Priscilla in one of Longfellow's poems.

Priscilla was a beautiful maiden, the fairest among the pilgrims who had landed at Plymouth Rock.

Standish was a sailor, a proud and haughty captain. He wanted Priscilla, but was too clumsy and cowardly and awkward to woo her.

John Alden was a common ordinary man who was used to go errands for the captain and in a general ordinary way serve him.

Alden was an intelligent young fellow and a good worker. Incidentally he was also a good looker, erect, broad shouldered and so on—just what girls in novels and otherwise fall in love with.

Alden and the captain were friends and the captain explained that while he could not take the mouth of the cannon and the jaws of death on the battlefield without fear or trembling he could positively not muster up courage enough to face Priscilla and take no from her in case she would reject his proposal. That would kill him.

So Alden was induced to go to Priscilla and plead the case of the captain.

Alden put the matter squarely before the girl and with all the fervor of a true friend held up the virtues and fame and possessions of the captain and urged her to take him.

He told her how he loved the captain and how gloriously she would shine as the wife of the great Standish.

But he couldn't budge the girl. She simply couldn't see it that way. Her eye had been on Alden and her heart was already inside its coat.

The upshot of the whole business was what she just blurted out. "Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

That just knocked John silly for a while and he had an awful time absorbing the idea that he was just as much entitled to the girl as Miles Standish. If Standish was too lazy and too awkward to go after her he could go without her. The girl held the same opinion and that suited John Alden exactly just as soon as he got next.

Well now, what's all this got to do with Socialism?

Let's see.

Where is the beautiful maiden a grand inexhaustible earth with resources superabundant to give joy and happiness to a whole race.

Then there is Miles Standish, the haughty, selfish, brutal capitalist. He wants the maiden and sends for John Alden, the worker, the intelligent producer of all wealth, and says to him: "You go and get Priscilla, the fair maiden, for me."

And John, the worker, like a big dunce, fearing that he might hurt the feelings of the capitalist, goes out and wears his life out to get the girl for the other fellow.

The earth has stood it as long as she can, but now she is crying out with all the impetuosity of a bewildered maiden. "Why don't you speak for yourself, Mr. Worker?"

The capitalists call on you in these days to vote for them, to elect their men, to work in their interest.

The earth in all her glory calls on you to woo her for yourself. The earth and the workers belong together. They love each other. They are suited to each other. They will be unhappy as long as they are separated.

Don't go and plead for capitalism, for the big exploiter.

When you vote the old ticket, either the Republican or the Democratic, you are pleading for the Captain, the Capitalist class, the exploiters.

When you vote the Socialist ticket, you are pleading for yourself. And you won't need to plead hard. The maiden loves you.

"Why don't you speak for yourself, John?"

DON'T TRY TO ANSWER THE SOCIALISTS

If you are an opponent of Socialism do not try to answer its arguments. Thousands of men have tried it. They have been the ablest men that could be bought for money. They have been the "great men" of the universities and the pulpit and political platform. They have all failed. They have failed so miserably that the Socialists use their attacks as ammunition in their campaigns.

Schaeffer, the great German economist of the previous generations, tried it, and his books are for sale by every Socialistic publishing house. Bombart, the great German economist of the present age, tried it, and more copies of his book have been circulated by the Socialists than by their enemies.

The Civic Federation brought Mallock from England to refute Socialism. The result is the standard joke book in every Socialist library. The only way in which to fight Socialism is to lie about it. Slander the Socialists. That has come to be the standard method of attack. It is the method now followed by the hired pen prostitutes of the Civic Federation, which adopted this policy as soon as it saw how foolish its employers became when they tried to argue. There is a certain set series of lies that are told so often that quite a number of people have come to believe them.

There is the old, gray-haired falsehood about Socialists being opposed to the family. The trouble with that is some one is apt to inquire if King Leopold and Lilin and Astor were Socialists, and if not, why the opponents of Socialism defend them.

Another good old stand-by is that the Socialists are trying to break up the Unions. If this were true the Socialists' treasury would not lack for funds, nor the Socialistic press be hanging between life and death because of poverty. Socialist treasuries would be as fat as those of the Civic Federation.

It is just because the reverse is true that Socialism is attacked. There are several other similar falsehoods that may be used with good effect. If your audience is sufficiently ignorant. You can say that the Socialists are opposed to religion; that they want to "divide up;" that their leaders are immoral; that they do not know what they want; and so on through a long list.

But, whatever you do, do not try to discuss the Socialist party platform or its literature.

Some succeed because others are suckers.

WHY SOCIALISM IS COMING.

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ing very profitable to those who could afford to own one, making it impossible for those who do not own a machine to compete with those who do, has revolutionized the entire glass industry.

(To be continued.)

WHICH OF THE TWO ARE YOU?

Say, Mr. Capitalist, why do you wonder at the wage slave's discontent, and why it is he does not love his master as did the negro or chattel slave. The negro had every reason to be proud of his master, for his master provided not only his job, but supplied his every meal, and his only duty was to his master's bidding. But the wage slave has to look after all his bosses, secure all his jobs, and accept just what his boss will give him out of what he earns, and the boss retains just about five times as much as he gives his slave.

Say, you poor Lazarusses, how long will you sleep on your economic rights and reject Socialism, for fear its principles put into practice might conflict with the economic interests of your master and hesitate by saying to the Socialists what are you going to do with these men who have the land, machinery, mines, mills, factories, etc? I would suggest that you ask yourself "What am I todo?" I am the man that is in need. Yet I produce all good things and am denied the right of my own industry as is guaranteed in the National and State Constitutions. I would say to you producing, creating gods, that feed, clothe and shelter the world, why don't you stop dividing up to the extent that they who do no useful or productive work or service to society, who get all the farms, houses, machinery, horses, cows, mules, railroad relics of the system?

The ownership of which gives them prominence above you, socially, morally and intellectually and for this reason they own the courts with which to scare you out of your labor or put you in the pen for disobeying laws made by them and the class that robs you poor devils.

Why do you suffer about your master's welfare that you forget the fact that you are a mental slave and that its your poor tools who need a system that will guarantee you the pursuit of happiness, life, liberty and the right to enjoy the fruits of your own machinery which is denied you now.

Say! rube, use your head for something besides a hat rack!

H. M. SHELTON.

If you don't want all you produce the thing to do is to continue voting the old party tickets.

MEDITATIONS OF AN ASS.

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all of the time, or fool as many as it can.

The so-called "labor press"—that is still working on the "comunity of interests" idea must also play the same game as the Master Class press—carry water on both shoulders. For this reason it also is an unreliable source of information—for a man cannot serve two masters—neither can a paper,—or an organization.

The only reliable press to give the full truth in all matters vitally effecting the lives of the working class, is the Socialist press. Here there is no pretense of giving both sides. The Socialist press gives the side of the workers—it is the only side worth giving. In the great class struggle between the robber class and the robbed, the Socialist press takes the side of the robbed, the economically exploited working class—and it is about time the working class line up behind the Socialist press and let the Master Class support their own press. Get that?

Speaking of the capitalist press we naturally mean the large metropolitan papers owned and controlled by the large capitalists or their sympathizers and plant tools.

In the smaller places there are many thousands of papers that are religious women "the devil and the deep sea." They are often owned by men of very small means, not at all to be classed with the real "master class," men whose real personal interests should be with the working class revolution.

These papers are in a very unenviable position, for they will be damned if they do—and damned if the don't. When they take the side of the workers the capitalist ax falls on their neck in the shape of withdrawal of advertisement and patronage. And the capitalists are not slow in personally indicating their disapproval and in various ways making it hot for the offending sheet, even to the extent of putting them out of business, if they wish.

When they take sides with the master class, then the informed members of the working class, and they are growing in numbers daily, commence to get after their goat—and have to answer to many of the things decidedly unpleasant, to say the least—besides the withdraw—all of the working class support is quite as serious as the withdrawal of the support of the master class from these "petty burgoise" sheets.

These papers are in just the same position that the preacher is in who has members of the master class, and members of the working class in his church. His attitude on any question that vitally affects either class is necessarily a "straddle"—that is unless he has the course to stand for the truth regardless of criticism or censure, and very few have.

Now here is the fact—

He Who Is Not for Us Is Against Us

In the transition period, while the working class is becoming class conscious, it is not possible for the comparatively small number who are class conscious to destroy the capitalist press. It is not wise for them to boycott it, as in this way they are not able to keep informed as to what the capitalist press is doing. The best they can do is to kick—to protest vigorously directly to these small fry papers whenever they misrepresent the labor situation. In this way they can, in a measure, mitigate the harm the press may do—and in the meantime go ahead with their program of educating the workers until they all become class conscious—then they will have also developed a press of their own, and will be easily able to force every paper to take sides.

Many of the "boss sides" papers may be won over to the working class side. The evolution of industry is fast making "advertising of capitalistic trust products" unnecessary. A paper can exist without advertising—but it can't exist without readers. And the working class must ever be the readers for the capitalist press—if they have any. For this reason the working class is not without power, and if this power is rightly used the capitalist press can be made to feel it even to the extent of modifying its policy.

The greatest work the Socialists can do right now, in an educational way, is to destroy the power of the capitalist press to mould public opinion in favor of the continuation of the capitalist system. The best way to do this is to push the Socialist press. Once get the people to reading the Socialist press—and they will soon take care of things.

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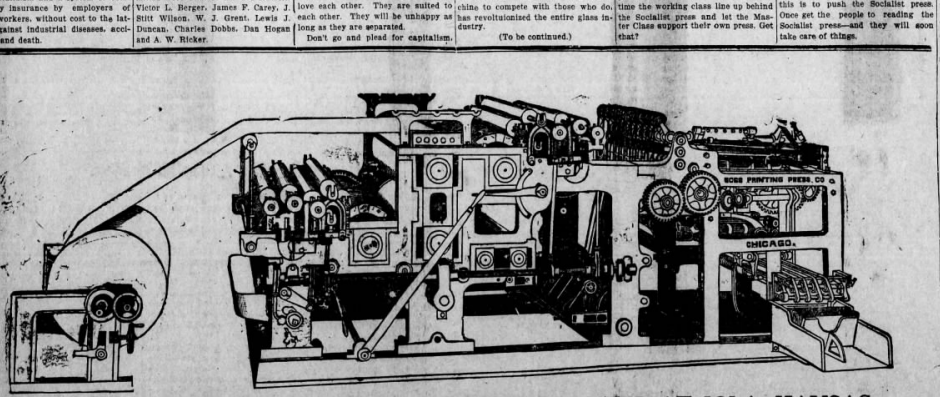

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