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Real Remedy... Public Ownership

Washington, D. C., Sept. 3, 1914.—Uncle Sam can board men for less than 30 cents a day. This is the average per diem cost of the rations served the soldiers in the U. S. army, and according to the recruiting posters, Uncle Sam feeds his boys well.

These figures are taken from the latest annual report of the Chief of the Quartermaster Corps. They point the way to the solution of the problem which has put the Democratic politicians into such a righteous flurry—the problem of keeping the cost of living, boosted by the European war, down within reasonable bounds. The President and his subordinate officials are throwing a big bluff about federal investigations of the inflated prices of the last few weeks. They are not going to do anything more than throw a bluff, however, for they do not want to face the inevitable logic of the facts and have the Government set up in the business of feeding the nation at cost. Such a step would endanger the private profits of the organization known as the Food Control.

The exact average cost per man per day for army rations, including cost of rations issued, commutation of rations of all kinds, ice, meals, clerical hire, extra-duty pay, net cost of transport service, net losses of stores and property—in short the actual cost per day as far as subsistence is concerned is, in the United States proper 29.72 cents, and in the Philippines, 26.65 cents.

The average cost of the actual food alone used in the garrison ration during the last year was 22.32 cents. The cost of transportation for each ration was .883 cents, thus bringing the cost of the food up to 24.27 cents. The additional 3 cents which must be added to make the total cost of the ration are to pay for the items enumerated in the preceding paragraph.

Army men, army officers and those officials and semi-officials of the Government who are allowed to purchase their food supplies at the commissariat are not worrying about the big prices which are causing so much misery to the country at large. While it is true that the Government purchases from the Beef Trust and other far business members of the Food Control, nevertheless the Government is able by buying in large quantities and by serving its rations efficiently and in large numbers, to cut way under the daily cost of living of the average family.

On the Panama Canal Zone the United States Government runs a Public Food Control which includes stores, cold storage and other warehouses, a packing grocery department, manufacturing plants, and a bakery. In spite of the fact that the prices of food stuffs on the Zone must include the cost of hundreds of miles of transportation the prices are lower than they are in the United States. Hotel meals are served and served by the Government at 90 cents a day.

The Democrats know that unless they appear to do something about lowering the cost of food the people will rise at the polls and throw them out of office. So far, however, not a Democrat worth mentioning has ventured to suggest that the real remedy for the high cost of food is public ownership of food supplies and food stuffs. The army has demonstrated that public production of meals is an economic possibility, and the Democrats are going to have a hard time denying that if the Government has made a success of this on a small scale, it can do it for the entire nation on a large scale.

The emancipation of the working class will be accomplished by the working class itself; and the struggle for this emancipation does not mean a struggle for class privileges and monopolies, but for equal rights and equal aid for the abolition of class rule.—Marshall Maxe.

Ludlow, Colorado, Sept. 18.
THREATENED WITH A BIG STRIKE OCT. 1.

These children are ground into dividends for the benefit of the Master Class.

They are forced into the mills because their fathers are unable to support them. Why?

How much longer must such conditions prevail? Don't forget you are a factor. Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!

This is the father of one of the children employed in the mill, he votes the old party tickets thereby giving power to the owning class to rob the worker of four-fifths of all the wealth he creates. This is why the working fathers are unable to support their children.

A Talk About Private Savings

Talk about private saving. It is a strange fact that the savings of the people have become the basis of the bond issues that now afflict them, and the things they "laid by for a rainy day" have been used to mortgage their earnings for all time to come.

The people have deposited their money in the private banks, without security, and for the most part without interest, and these deposits have been used in the purchase of stocks and bonds that now belong to the capitalists, and on which you are expected to pay—nay, bonded to pay—interest forever.

Had the money been deposited with the government, in government banks, it might have been used in buying these same industries for you; and after you owned them interest and profit would have been at an end.

But the government, authorized to issue money and assuming the power to punish counterfeiters, has pursued the policy of depositing its money in private banks for them to do things it wished to do.

If the system that admits of all this is not criminal, it at least is insane. You will have to pay for encouraging the sillies in yourself. You deserve to. But what right have you to afflict others with the infamy your vote has fostered?

NEW NATIONAL HYMN.

My country 'tis of three,
Land where things used to be
So cheap, we sing,
Land where folks once could buy,
Things that are now so high
To thee, with many a sigh,
Our memories cling.

Some of thy children swear,
That what they eat and wear
Takes all their wing.
Others vow that they
Hat only once a day
And for it they cannot pay,
So help them God.

Thy people humbly crave
To pull from out the grave
At least one leg
We do not ask to dine
On flesh of beef or swine,
But give us, land divine,
One good, fresh egg.

Our father's land, with thee,
Blest homes of liberty,
We choose to stop,
We don't exactly like
So soon to hemorrhage like,
But we must hit the pike,
If things don't drop.

Not by the law of force, but by the law of labor, has any man right to the possession of the land.—Henry George.

Says War Profit Game For Greedy Money Interests

Poet Longfellow's Grandson Declares Christianity Has Failed or European Uprising Would Have Been Impossible.

Boston, Sept.—Edmund Trowbridge Danna, the grandson of the poet Longfellow, delivered a stirring address against war on Boston common Sunday afternoon to a large crowd. He drove home some after point in his argument against the war of human beings against each other, which he declared was a part of a scheme to make profits for the banking interests and money powers of the world.

He asserted that after a trial of more than 2,000 years Christianity had failed of its purpose or the great European war would have been an impossibility.

He compared the methods of Christianity to a master gardner who attempts to grow a beautiful rose for a long time and finds that his methods have utterly failed to produce the result striven for.

Two Germans.

In speaking of the feeling of the people of this country against Germany, he justified it by stating that there were two Germanys, one the Germany of Goethe, Schiller and other great minds; the other the country of capitalists, armament manufacturers and militarists, who were a menace to the Germany of Goethe and Schiller section.

He quoted the fact that the war debts of the world at the present time was $35,000,000,000 and the amount of money in the world only half that great sum.

Three fourths of the revenue of the United States, he said, is spent in war or its preparations.

He expatiated on the undefended country when its people were at war, and asserted it left the capitalist to work his will to further exploit the nation in extortionate loans to the government, and thus increase the load on the backs of the workers, who were doing the fighting.

Socialists Rap War.

Dora Lightman, New York, a Socialist worker who followed Dana, stated that in spite of the censors the workers in Germany and others of the warring countries had protested against this war, and that the grumblings would grow louder and louder until they resulted in action.

James Oneal, Indiana, delivered an address against capitalism as the chief cause of wars. His speech, which lasted more than an hour, was full of thrusts against the money powers. He said:

"It is just possible that those rulers of Europe who were willing to start the war may get a little more war than they bargained for before they get through."

"The rulers of the warring powers are jumping-jacks, with the capitalists pulling the strings.

Wants Millionaire Fight.

"I would like to furnish the millionaires of the United States and Mexico with arms and ammunition and a special train to bring them together and give them the opportunity to fight each other all they desired.

"I assert that this class was responsible for the statement to get the United States to go into Mexico.

"I believe that New England is a region ruled over by the New York, New Haven and 'Heartless' railroad, and Boston the home of Purtian planners.

"The revolutionary war was a war of 'capitalists.' The men who fought at Lexington, Bunker Hill or left their bloody footprints in the snow at Valley Forge came home to find that their homes were sold for debt, and many were thrown into jail for debt, and I can prove what I say by that eminent historian, President Wilson."

Resolution of Protest Against War

By Mountain View School, Hughes county, Oklahoma.

Mountain View school, Hughes county, used the period from 10:20 a. m. to 12 m. as war period, Monday Aug. 24th, and nearly every pupil able to write wrote a letter to President Wilson protesting against war. The attached resolution was signed by every pupil able to write:

TO THE HON. WOODROW WILSON,
PRESIDENT OF U. S. A.
Dear Sir:

We notice in studying history that the leading bankers, merchants, and business men of the nations always stay at home in time of war look after the business interests of the country and workingmen. We are fathers and brothers are always the ones that march to the front and get shot, that workers' wives are the ones left widows, that the worker's children are ones left orphans. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the students of Mountain View school, Hughes county, that we are opposed to war under any conditions; resolved further, if war is forced upon us, that big business shall furnish the soldiers from its own ranks, composed of big bankers, merchants, business men, politicians etc., and we hereby pledge you that our fathers and brothers will remain at home with country while the Big Interests are patriotically furnishing the widows and orphans from their own ranks. Be it further

Resolved, that the big interests are the ones that make money out of the war, with which to buy homes and comforts for their families, therefore if human corpses must be the price of this money we believe it only fair and right that those who receive the money and profits of war should be the ones to furnish the corpses.

WILLIE GOT EVEN.

"Now, I want you to apologize to little Freddie the first time you see him for making his nose bleed. Little boys should never fight. You promise me you will apologize the first time you meet him."

"All right, mother, I will," readily promised Willie.

The next day Willie met Freddie.

"I want to apologize for making your nose bleed," said Willie.

Little Freddie made no reply, but started down the street with his nose in the air.

Willie grew angry at his little friend, but suddenly thought of an idea. Running around the block as fast as his legs would carry him he met Freddie coming slowly down the street.

"Hey, Freddie," he called.

"Watcher want?"

"Isn't this the second time I met you?"

"Yes."

"Well, take this, then," said Willie, with a well-directed punch on Fderrie's nose, which knocked the lad into the mud.

"O-o-o," wailed the unfortunate Freddie struggling to his feet, "what did you do that for?"

"My mother tell me to apologize to you the first time I met you," replied little Willie, "but she didn't say nothing about the second time I met you."

RED WEEK—WHY?

We have seen the Capitalist press of all countries circulating the foul slander that the Socialists of Germany were backing the insane lust in his last for power at the cost of untold human suffering. We have seen the infamous Hearst plotting and goading the administration of the government to war on Mexico. We have seen the facts distorted in a thousand ways to the injury of the workers and their cause, we have seen the flames set by the hand of the Militia of the state of Colorado lick up the lives of helpless children in the tent colony at Ludlow, Cabin Creek and Calumet are history and now comes the acquital of the hells own hounds that murdered the children at Ludlow, at the hands of the state government in Colorado.

Today all over Europe the war demon rages. The human race seems insane, and among all the horror and infamy we see churches, creeds, governments, and all the institutions of capitalism breaking down if they are not committing suicide, and among all this wrack and ruin but one thing remains steadfast, and that is the International Socialist Movement, standing firm against the madness of war, as well as against the Class Struggle that causes war.

In Germany had the Socilist party been just a little stronger instead of cutting and slashing the peace makers who assembled in unter Den Linden to protest against war, the soldiers would have been put to useful labor to help make the world a better place in which to live.

There are those who are so mean and contemptible, that they secretly rejoice, and some even openly boast, that the war in Europe will make times good in this country. But remember, my friend, that the SAME FORCES THAT TODAY DRIVE THE WORKERS OF EUROPE AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS WILL TOMORROW DO THAT SAME THING FOR YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBOR.

Means of communication are today a part of our very lives and without that there can be no such thing as co-operation in anything.

Knowing that the papers of the Socialist Movement in all Europe are today suppressed so as to prevent co-operation on the part of those who hate murder, in preventing it, Let us act while yet there is time to strengthen the Socialist press and strengthen the Socialist organization. Do both by securing subscriptions to the papers, and joining the party. SIMPLY TO PROTECT OUR OWN LIVES, IF FOR NOTHING ELSE, FOR NO OTHER KIND OF GOVERNMENT BUT SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT STANDS FOR ANY THING BUT LEGALIZED MURDER.

Does it make any difference to your starving wife and babies whether you are murdered by a plain robber in rags or by a soldier in uniform.

DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU?

Come alive comrades, rally to the red flag, the flag that means "TO HELL WITH WAR," "TO HELL WITH MURDER," LEGAL OR ILLEGAL.

Does it mean anything to you that the fierce clash between Capital and Labor keeps us in a living hell that cannot be controlled by any government on earth? If it does, get to the front in this fight for honest economics, that will abolish class lines forever, and will mark the boundaries where they cursed the earth, with monuments of human brotherhood.

Does it make any difference to you that you are liable to be drafted into the army any day to murder men with whom you have no quarrel?

Do you believe really and honestly that war is a good thing? If you do WHY IN HELL DON'T YOU GO AND FEED YOURSELF TO THE CANNON? If you don't believe war is a good thing, WHY IN HELL DON'T YOU GET INTO THE FIGHT TO BURY WAR IN THE MIDDLE BOWELS OF HELL ITSELF, WHERE IT BELONGS?

Be a man—be a woman—stand for what you believe in, while yet we have time to strengthen the fight against the things that cause war.

You can help by joining the Socialist party, and supporting its press. It's battle is your battle, the battle for your wives and your babies.

Comrades, get after your neighbor, make him see the truth that it may set us all free from the hell of Capitalism.

ARTHUR LE SUEUR,
Vice-President People's College.
Fort Scott, Kansas

Capitalism, Not Cussedness

To attempt to make the "natural depravity" of Rockefeller responsible for the class war in Colorado is to adopt the philosophy of an outgrown theology and still more antiquated eschatology. It is accepting the theory of capitalism that evils are due to "bad men," and that each person gets what his abilities and his inclinations entitle him to receive.

The Socialist does not admit that if you could turn all the Rockefellers into Fords that the social problem would be settled. Neither the Socialist nor the unionists has ever agreed that the "welfare work" of Pullman, the great baron shipping trust, the broad combine or even the Colorado Fuel and Iron company is an answer to the demands of labor.

If Rockefeller is responsible, then abolitanation of Rockefeller would settle the question. But no one save the terrorist anarchist and his blood brother in logic, the capitalist, even pushes this position to its inevitable conclusion.

Capitalist and laborer are each determined to "be master in his own house" and nothing less will satisfy either. The question of who will be master and who will own the "house" is the essence of the problem that is turning modern society upside down. And it is going to turn it upside down, not by making heroes or martyrs, not by posturing and parading not by war upon individuals but by steady growth in strength that class is able to take and hold the forces that can end the reign of that satisfy the waste of mankind.—Milwaukee Leader.

A SOCIALIST WEEK AND A SOCIALIST YEAR

By Joseph E. Cohen.

Because Europe is aflame with war, and because capitalist civilization is being reduced to the barbaric elements it consists of, it falls to the lot of the Socialists of America to take up the work of enlightenment with special vigor and doubled enthusiasm.

Such an opportunity never before presented itself; such a duty never before waited to be discharged.

All that capitalism could boast of is turning to ashes. In the fire that makes or mars empires and world powers are not only the wealth of cities and the harvest of country, but, more than that, an avalanche of human flesh and an annihilation of human souls.

It may not be the death rattle of capitalist exploitation and oppression. But it certainly is a mortal wound.

And as it happens with capitalism in peace, still more so does it happen in war. Until the masses of the people, the workers, pay the price with their blood and their lives. And not only does the dance of death blister the hopes of those who snatch at the institutions of capitalism as weapons with which to fight Socialism, it likewise scorches the purpose of the valiant army of the coming commonwealth of labor.

America is yet free of the fire, and to the Socialist party of this country comes the responsibility of holding aloft the red flag that is the remaining hope of human kind.

All the toil, the travail and the sacrifice of the Socialists on this side of the water therefore will be but child's play indeed if it has not made us the men and women to accept the present responsibility and acquit ourselves well.

And happy are we met with the week in September we have set aside for special propaganda. We could not have hit upon a better time had we, and not capitalist fates, plunged the world into darkness that our light might shine all the brighter.

We have worked patiently in the trades unions to turn the rank and file away from the parties which betrayed them. Year by year more union cards have found company with the red cards of the Socialist party. One by one our union officers, smeared with the stick of fossilized policies have been passed up, and their places taken by vigorous minded men facing the front of progress. We must enlarge our efforts until the whole trades union movement swings in line to the rising revolution.

We have brought method and purpose to the student and the teacher in the university of learning. More than enough of this good work remains to be done before the superstitions are covered by new knowledge.

We have put in many a stroke for women's votes and women's labor. More whole-heartedly still must we shoulder the effort to carry that movement to the Limit of full freedom.

On the street corner and cross roads, in shop and school, we must spread the spoken word. The points of agitation must multiply until the web of Socialism tints the whole land.

Where we have bundled off our literature by the thousand, we must make it millions. In every home and hovel the printed word of Socialism must reach until the nation has thrown off the slavery of today for the freedom of tomorrow.

Socialists must appear in the next Congress to sound the demands of labor, to cry down the preparation for war that is war and destitution, and call for the measures that will ease the lot of the masses who do the nation's work and bring them the victories of peace and plenty.

Against the war funds of the capitalist nations, we are to pledge a Socialist peace fund.

We are to build up the circulation of our press, particularly our own organ, until it is the most powerful paper in the land.

All this we can do and will do if we are true to the Cause to which we have dedicated ourselves.

Europe is deep in darkness; America must light the way for humanity.

This is the task and test for Socialism, for the men and women of the Socialist party.

Let us respond.

Fourth Estate.

By William Morris Feigenbaum.

It is related that on that fateful day for the human race in May, 1789, when the people had forced the French king to call the States General in Paris for the first time in 175 years, a man, wise beyond the present, including the lowly and despised Third Estate. Then turning to the gallery of the hall, where sat the representatives of the press, he declared that as powerful as were the three estates, powerful as was the newly aroused Third Estate, the newspaper men, the Fourth Estate, was the most powerful of all. Carlyle relates this story, and it may not be true. But if it is not accurate history, at least it is profound prophecy.

Since that time, the power of the printed word of influence, not only thought but also action, has been growing greater each year. The books that we print are ignorant books that we print are important, but far more vital is the power of the press, the power of that which has been called, from the day of Thomas Carlyle until this day, the Fourth Estate. The American of today is a newspaper reading beast. The American of today selects his newspaper, and having selected it, thus lulls his mind into innocuous automatism allowing the paper to do his thinking for him. Today, the Fourth Estate has become the First Estate.

The capitalist class wants to remain on top. Hence, the capitalist press. There is one thing that the capitalist press yearns for—to keep the workers from thinking. Some papers are a bit radical. Some are too radical—until it hits them in the pocketbook. But they are all for the capitalist class every minute in the day.

They know that all the working class cannot always swallow the soporific rubbish of the kind that the office boy of the New York Times writes as editorials. They know that the working class refuses to engulf the tremendous, resonant, nothingness of the kind that the Evening Post dishes up. So we have the more radical, the near-progressive, the almost Socialist capitalist press. And it shows so late! It proves as it was wont to do in the past, ways falls down in one particular.

Every single one of them, from the Times up to the most nearly near-Socialist, regularly supports the capitalist class. It may enthuse over it, it may shout with joy over its exploits, it may feebly apologize for it. But it has a batting average of 1000 in favor of capitalism, as against the advance of the working class.

What is the moral? Easy. Build up a Socialist press!

In New York, there is the New York Call. It is a struggling sheet. It costs two cents, it has but six pages. But for more than six years it has kept the red flag flying, never once hauling it down. In 1908 there were about 30,000 votes for Socialism in New York state. In 1913 there were 65,000. In 1913 there was a great campaign to "kill Tammany," a thing that is done about every three years. The United Press of all languages, with the sole exception of four Socialist dailies, (The Cleveland German Volkszeitung, the Jetwish Forward, and the Hungarian Elore) regularly, systematically, and steadily ignored the fact that there was any campaign except that of McCall, for Tammany was Wall Street, and Mitchell against Tammany was for Wall Street. That the Socialists were holding a wonderful campaign, that the biggest halls were jammed, that every street corner was the scene for spendid meetings for the Socialist party, was completely ignored.

If it were not for the Call, we would have fought in the dark. We would have groped about, without knowing what our comrades were doing. We would have believed with the mass who read nothing but the soporific capitalist press, that there was no Socialists campaign at all and the world have lost heart.

But with the Call we had a means of intellectual communication, and we know where we stood. And even if none but the party members ever read the Call, that alone would have justified its existence.

That is but one instance where a Socialist press saved the day where the lack of a Socialist press would have been disastrous.

There are innumerable cases where the Call forced the all powerful Capitalist Press to action. It forced them to note the Ludlow civil war; it forced them to take heed of the terrible lessons of the Triangle massacre; it alone stood against national hysteria grotesquely misnamed patriotism when all New York thirsted for "greaser" gore.

In a thousand ways it has rendered itself indespensible to the enlightened working class. In a thousand ways it has been a hundred-fold more powerful than the vastly richer and greater Capitalist Press.

Without a press, the Socialist movement is nowhere. With a strong, powerful, uncompromising, brilliant press, there is nothing that we may not dare to hope.

SOME SUGGESTIONS ON AVOIDING BARN FIRES.

"Put up notices about the barn and other buildings prohibiting smoking in or near barn, haymows or other outbuildings and see that they are complied with.

"Don't go into barn or other buildings with an open light.

"Don't fall to burn all rubbish, but don't do it near buildings.

"Don't keep matches or other than metalic boxes and out of reach of children.

"Don't keep gasoline engines or gasoline in barns.

"Keep at least six (6) buckets of water in passageway or barn. Mark 'For Fire Purposes Only,' and see that they are always kept filled.

"Keep fire extinguishers both in house and barn.

"Keep ladder of sufficient length hanging on side of barn for emergency and have footholds placed on roof of barn.

"If you have no fire-fighting force near you, form one amongst your neighbors, and don't hesitate to call them when services are needed, nor to promptly respond when they call you."

Socialists In Congress.

Our Duty to Our Country and Our Cause.

Carl D. Thompson.

Congress is the stagetie point in the struggle for social democracy.

We must capture the United States congress;

If we capture a city we can do something for the working class in improving conditions and something towards Socialism. But state laws, constitutions, courts and federal control restrict the cities and limit their possibilities:

If we capture a state we can do much more. But even then the federal constitution and courts limit us.

But when we capture congress we have won the battle.

Congress is almost supreme in this country. It can even hold down the supreme court of the United States. It has the power, as pointed out by the Socialists and now admitted everywhere, to prohibit the supreme court from declaring its measures unconstitutional; to inaugurate the policy of the public ownership and operation of railroads and thus remove any question of strikes, reduce rates instead of increasing them, cut out the over-capitalization, discrimination and frauds that prevail under private ownership and put the people of this nation in possession of the greatest power for the development of the country's resources, wealth and progress that has ever existed.

Congress, acting for the nation, could take over and operate the mines; grant every demand of the United Mine Workers and the Western Federation of Miners, which would settle every miners' strike and make such disgraceful and atrocious occurrences as those at Paint Creek in West Virginia, Calumet, Mich., and Ludlow, Colo., not only unnecessary but impossible. And what is more, it could reduce the price of coal and iron and oil, thus reducing the cost of living and eliminating all child labor from the mines.

Congress could take over the telegraph and telephone systems of this country and reduce the cost of the service at least one-third after raising labor conditions to the highest current trade union conditions.

Congress could take off the restrictions that now hobble the postal savings bank and establish these public institutions the actual people's government banks and thus put the money trust out of business and put the people in control of the credit and commercial forces of the nation.

Congress, using the credit of the nation, which is as good as gold, could start up great public works, conducting them so as to pay for themselves, steadily increase the wealth of the nation, and add enormously to its industrial and commercial resources. It could reclaim swamp and desert lands, develop waterways, reforest the devastated timber lands of the nation and recover much that has been stolen by the trusts; it could take over vast tracts of land now held out of use by the speculators; could establish public industries where needed, and by these means put the unemployed to work until in a short time there would not be one of the 3,000,000 unemployed out of work. The employment of these alone would save the nation at least three billion dollars a year that today it is losing.

These and many similar things Congress can do. And no other body can.

Therefore I say—Congress is the strategic point in the struggle of the social revolution for Socialism and social democracy.

It is more important than the capture of municipalities. More important even than the capture of the state legislature.

When we get Congress—we get Socialism.

To capture the United States Congress—that is our real task.

Let us get at it at once.

There are at least fifty congressional districts in America where the Socialist vote is already large enough to be a factor; there are at least a dozen where we are within sight of victory; there are at least four where with some extra effort WE MIGHT ELECT CANDIDATES THIS FALL.

SOCIALISTS IN CONGRESS: a few this fall—more next time, until we control that body.

America Is an International Working-ing-class Nation.

By Theresa Serber Malkiel.

Ours is and ever was a Nation composed of the working class of all people. From the very beginning, from the hour that the white man set foot on these shores it was the workers of many Nations, who hold aloft the torch of progress as they marked the path after the red man's trail.

The abused and disinherited of England, Spain, Holland and France were the first permanent settlers on this soil. With pick and shovel, saw and axe they moved ever onward clearing forest, laying roads, slowly turning the wilderness into a habitable land, gradually laid the foundation for the wonderful achievements to come.

These were made possible under the changed economic and political conditions. Within two decades after the Revolutionary war the States counted five instead of four million people. A million of Welsh miners, Scotch carpenters, German masons, Irish laborers and so forth came and built a new Nation on this side of the Atlantic Ocean. Cities sprang up and trade followed in their wake. This was the first period of our industrial growth when the fruits of early European inventions were utilized and promoted by the new government.

The effective application of steam to the machinery increased our activity and gave a new impetus to the influx of foreign labor, especially was this noticeable after the European strife during the decades following the year 1830. The new arrivals helped to utilize the new invention of steam locomotion and the factory method of manufacture extended itself to many branches. Success followed, glory came—ours is among the greatest Nations of the earth. In industry too, we rank among the first, while our trade is world wide and wealth fabulous.

But workers, you who made this glory possible, you who have given freely of your brain, sinew and muscle, you, the real creators of all that wealth, don't you realize that you have profited but little by it.

Is it not true that you hark to the clarion call—"Workers of the World Unite?" Make common cause you toilers of all Nations gathered under one flag, serving one master suffering of the same disease—oppression, for you must seek a common remedy to rid yourself of it.

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Suffrage association said: "Our country is filled even now with women who never became mothers because of our civil war. Germany is filled today with girls who will never be even widows. Every other woman has had to be a wage earner there; now it will be every woman."

Father Jones says: "We should stop looking cross-eyed at one another and unite against a common enemy." Bill

PUSH THE ANTI-WAR PROPAGANDA NOW

Anna A. Haley.

The European war has given the world a mighty jolt. It has jarred a lot of "dead ones" into consciousness.

"It's a terror," said a white-handed, jobless clerk from one of the New York shipping offices yesterday. "I've got to give up my five-room flat on the West Side and move into three little rooms on the East Side. No coal and no job and winter coming on the jump."

"Too," said an enterprising Socialist close by, "and your wife paid 28 cents at the delicatessen for the 2½ pounds of sugar that cost you 20 cents the day before."

"Well, what can we do about it?" came back the disconsolate clerk.

That man was in a mood to listen and he is one of thousands. Are we taking advantage of this newly awakened consciousness—are we planting in his mind the seed of Socialism before the relapse into lethargy shall come again? If it takes ten or fifteen years to reduce your genteel clerk from the proud caste of a resident on the West Side to the miserable estate of an East Side tenement dweller, he'll mope along unheedingly catching progressive blow-flies in his gaping political mouth. But if, in the course of a week, he is sidi from what seems to be permanent comfort to what assuredly is permanent discomfort and insecurity, he comes alive.

War just now is the question. Everybody that isn't doing it is reading it. If we can incorporate with the war discussion the social conclusions as to the necessity of social control, and the necessity for working class organization to achieve that control, we shall be taking our tide at its flood. We art not always alert. Let us sleep away not one moment of this precious time.

All Socialist publishers who handle valuable anti-war matter should now send their advertisements to THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. A goodly section of the paper ought now to be devoted to heralding abroad anti-war material.

Kirkpatrick's "War—What For?" is now on the market at 50 cents. The National Office handles it. The dullest reader on earth cannot miss its message. Many comrades who think very well of this book have never read it carefully. In general we know that its anti-war propaganda is powerful. The value of the book from the organization standpoint is what many of us may not have noticed. Chapter X, entitled, "Now What Shall We Do About It?" is one of the strongest arguments for organization to be found anywhere in Socialist literature. For the organization purposes of KEED WEEK this chapter cannot be excelled.

"The Human Slaughter House," by Wilhelm Lamszus, is a direct and terrible appeal to the conscience of civilization for revolt against the unspeakable horror of the mechanics of modern warfare. It can be obtained from the National Office for 50 cents.

The National Office also has published three leaflets against war, which meet the present situation: "Starve the War and Feed America," "The Socialists and the Sword," by Kirkpatrick, and "Socialism, The Lone Foe of War," by Benson. All these sell cheaply enough to make them available for house to house distribution.

Let all comrades give the fullest publicity to the anti-war material of which they have knowledge. War has closed the shops, it has cut wages and boosted prices, in every sense it thrusts straight at the heart of the working class. Laxity and failure in working class organization leave our government in the hands of the owners of the people's bread. Let us take advantage of the monstrous situation to prevent its recurrence. We must teach. The common sight can never be adequately safeguarded except by the common intelligence. Only the mighty lances of thought ever pay for their furbishing.

Labor Day and Capital Day.

By John M. Work.

Labor Day comes on the first Monday in September.

Capital Day occurs on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November.

On Labor Day, we workingmen get ourselves on the back and tell ourselves that we are the people.

On Capital Day, millions of honest workingmen vote for capital's interest and against their own, while the capitalist laughs gleefully and says: "What an entertaining and accomodating dumb fool labor is, anyway."

It is to the interest of the capitalists to keep on exploiting the workers out of the most of the value of their labor.

It is to the interest of the workers to put an end to exploitation.

Exploitation of the worker by the capitalist is the core and essence of capitalism. It must continue no long as capitalism continues.

The capitalists are numerically weak. Their own votes are not sufficient in number of continue exploitation one hour.

Exploitation is continued by the votes of the workers themselves. The workers walk up to the ballot box on election day and vote the capitalist ticket.

Therefore, the capitalists have control of all the public powers.

When they use these public powers to oppress labor, why should labor complain? Labor voted for oppression.

When a capitalist judge issues an injunction against labor, why do you growl? You voted to have him do it.

When a capitalist governor or president orders out the troops to shoot down workingmen and assist the capitalists to win a strike, why do you swear at him? You voted to have him do it.

When the periodical hard times come and your wife and babies cry for bread, why do you object? You voted to have the hard times come.

The United States is a popular government. All statements to the contrary notwithstanding, the people rule. Their will, as expressed at the ballot box, is approximately carried into effect.

You get what you vote for!

So long as the workers continue to vote for exploitation, bullets, injunctions, blacklists and hard times, they will surely get them.

When they quit voting for their enemies' interests and begin to vote for their own, all these outrages will disolve like the mist before the morning sun, and Socialism will begin.

There is no other way.

The Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose parties get their campaign funds from the capitalists. They are run in the interest of the capitalists.

The Socialist party gets its campaign fund from the working class. It is run in the interest of the working class.

The Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose parties stand for the continuation of exploitation, military oppression, injunctions, blacklists, poverty, and all the miserable retinue of capitalism.

The Socialist Party stands for the abolition of exploitation, military oppression, injunctions, blacklists, poverty, and all the rest of the wretched retinue of capitalism.

The howl which we hear in favor of the annihilation of the trusts is the doleful wail of the middle class. The small capitalists in the middle class want to smash the trusts so that they can exploit labor themselves, instead of letting the big capitalists get the lion's share of the swag as at present.

Does it make any difference to you whether the bandit who robs you carries a rifle or a pistol?

No?

Well, then, it doesn't make any difference to you whether the Republican or Democratic or Bull Moose party wins. No matter which of them wins, you have to hold up your hands and be stripped of the bulk of the value of your labor.

The tariff question, the trust smashing question and the trust regulating question are merely squabbles between the capitalist robbers as to how they shall divide the booty they steal from the working class.

None of these issues touch the interests of the workers. The thing which the workers must have in order to secure permanent relief from poverty is the collective ownership and control of the exploiting industries.

To accomplish this, the working class must capture the powers of government.

Then, the benefit will go to those who do the necessary and useful mental and manual labor.

This can be accomplished only by voting the Socialist ticket.

So long as the workers vote the capitalist tickets, election day will be Capital Day.

When they vote the Socialist ticket, election day will become a magnificient Labor Day.

That time is not far away. It is steadily approaching. Every time a worker finds out what's what, he begins to vote the Socialist ticket.

Thousands of workingmen have found it out of late. Thousands more are finding it out right now.

In the present mate, we shall not have to wait until the Labor Day emancipate itself by making election day a Labor Day.

Year of Remarkable Socialist Progress.

By G. E. Hoehn.

Within the last twelve months the International Socialist movement has made wonderful progress.

In a number of countries general elections have taken place during the year and in every instance the Socialists gained in votes and mandates.

In Italy our comrades almost doubled their previous vote and the number of members elected to the Chamber of Deputies, the total Socialist vote reaching almost the million mark (997,000), electing 78 Socialist members to Parliament.

In the Argentine Republic the Socialists increased their representation in the National Congress from 2 to 7, increasing their vote correspondingly. Sweden had a general election and the Socialists increased their number of members in the Riksdag (Congress) from about 40 to 64.

In Bulgaria, where the Socialist Party has practically no representation in the Sobranje (National Legislature), there are today 11 Socialist members in the legislative body. Finland increased the number of Socialists in the national Parliament from 31 to 90, in spite of the Russian Czar's tyranny and persecution.

The latest news of unprecedented Socialist progress comes from France, where the Socialists increased their vote by about 300,000 reaching the 1,400,000 mark, gaining 20 new seats in the Chamber of Deputies, where they are now represented by 102 members.

In Germany, Holland and other countries good Socialist progress was also made in municipal and local or special elections.

The three central European countries—Austria, Germany and Prussia—have today a combined Socialist vote of over 6,700,000.

What a magnificent army of labor working for freedom and international peace!

It is now up to the Socialists of the United States to add to these many victories of the International Socialist movement at the next November election.

Now is the time to prepare for the great Socialist campaign.

RANGEL A SOCIALIST.

San Antonio, Tex.—The books of Waco Local, No. 985, of the Socialist Party, show M. Rangel to have been one of its members.

The defense in the case of Rangel and Cline has received a communication from Eugene V. Debs in which he says: "I shall do all I can to assist you. I shall write to appeal or appeal and speak in behalf of those comrades of ours every time I have a chance." Debs emphasized his offer with a check toward the expense.

They May Remove The Colorado National Guards.

Trinidad, Colo., Sept. 22.—The Company A of the Colorado National Guard, the company of coal mine employers who were largely responsible for the murder and cremation of nineteen men, women and children at Ludlow April 20th, is being completely organized and filled with state employees.

The excuse is that officials feel that the federal government demands a reorganization of the militia so that Colorado can manage her own affairs and allow the United States troops to return to their barracks.

According to information received here, this reorganization is not taking place in other sections of the state.

Residents of the strike zone fear that the state officers will attempt to have the federal troops remain and then turn loose the remaining operators' thugs as "protection of peace" causing another insurrection of terror and appealing to the Federal Government for protection.

WOMAN'S COLUMN

VARIED ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN.

Women school teachers in Russia receive the same pay as the men.

There are nearly 30,000 women laundry workers in the United States.

Of all the people in Europe the French have the fewest children and the Irish the most.

Women are now accepted on the same terms as men by several of the big insurance companies.

A French woman has patented a corset that can be loosened by moving a single lever an the steels.

SOCIALISM WOMAN'S HOPE.

If women ever want to get things done, they will have to turn to Socialism, whether they like it or not. Employers, cadets, thugs, politicians, and crooks, both big and small, have been and are fighting the Socialist party to make their graft secure. Their gain is woman's loss.

Regardless of its few shortcomings, the Socialist party is the only political organization that has stood for woman suffrage since its inception. I will admit that many men, members of the Socialist party, are as indifferent to woman's rights as an English Johnny's club, but on the whole, the Socialist movement, itself larger than the Socialist party, knows that woman and man are both factors in the world's social progress—knows that the bread-and-butter problem affects women just as vitally as men—knows that capitalism, the present system of social injustice, can only be abolished by combined intelligent action of women and men. Republicans, Democrats and Bull Moosers dare not advocate the abolition of the existing social order. The Socialist party does, and a movement that needs both men and women to usher peace and happiness into the world will win. Women cannot lose her identity in the Socialist party. Without her, it would soon lose its identity.—The Coming Nation.

An exchange says: What right has a woman to get sore at a man for trying to flirt with her when she comes out on the street with her face smeared with paint and rouge, about enough clothes on to wad a shotgun and tripping along down the sidewalk like a toe-dancer? It is a rare thing that a modest, well-behaved lady is unduly accosted by a bold, gallant, flirtation crazed.

BELVA LOCKWOOD TO LIVE IN OLD BACK HALL ROOM.

Washington.—Mrs. Belva Lockwood, once candidate for president of the United States and the first woman admitted to the bar of the United States supreme court, was elected by order of the court from the home in which she has lived for 50 years.

Mrs. Lockwood herself superintended the moving of her belongings to the little back hall room which is all she can now afford.

"Why, Kitty, what are you doing with my powder puff?"

"It's all right, mother, I've been eatin' candy an' I'm only just simply covering up some stickiness."

GIRLS WHO GO WRONG DEFENDED BY EDUCATOR.

Chicago.—Girls who go wrong were defended by Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of schools, in an annual report on the city's corrective institutions. "Boys who sow their wild oats until they are sick of them are forgiven by society, including the churches," said Mrs. Young, "but along their path may be wrecks of girls, their lives hopelessly blasted, whom society, including the churches, never forgives."

No doubt every housewife knows she should not break the skin of the beet roots before boiling, or they will be almost white instead, of a nice deep red. Perhaps all do not know that if the raw beet root should be bruised or broken a touch with a red hot poker will form a new skin.

Forces Making for Socialism.

By Marian Louise Israel.

Of the many forces making toward Socialism, the two most conspicuous at the present time are Militarism and Feminism.

No modern nation could exist without its army and navy and militia and constabulary. Every civilized nation literally "lives by the sword." The object of armaments is the protection of the state, and it needs a vast amount of protection. That is because it is the organization of one group of people for the exploitation of another. The thief who enters my house at night can spare his trade more successfully if he is equipped with a good "automatic," even if he seldom has to use it. Armies and navies are to the modern state what the automatic is to the thief. When the state ceases to maintain an armed force it can no longer continue to exploit its people.

No state was ever satisfied with exploiting its own people. This is an additional reason for armaments. If China does not open her doors to American capitalism, we will force her to do so. But if our army and navy are powerful enough, we shall not have to use them. Hence, every commercial nation must have a bigger army and navy than any other nation and if one adds a battleship, the rest must do likewise. The increase of armaments keeps pace with commercial expansion.

There is a limit, however, to this increase, determined by the ability and consent of the people to pay for it and when they are too heavily taxed they rebel. When a nation reaches this stage it must do one of two things—yield to its people, and thus lose its power of subjecting them to exploitation, or plunge into war, to temporarily check the increase of armaments among its rivals. Either course leads inevitably to Socialism, to say nothing of the immense growth of Socialist sentiment which anti-military propaganda accomplishes. Militarism destroys itself, and the state that lives by it. In these days of war, of famine and threatening famine, this is the one high hope, that militarism will exhaust its last stronghold, the highest universal conflict, and that a period of reconstruction will follow, that war will be the beginning of the new order.

Militarism and Feminism are making for Socialism through the destruction of capitalism. Feminism is a constructive force. Military power exists for the sake of property alone. Feminism puts life above property. It values childhood above armaments. Militarism keeps the people in the power of the ruling class. Feminism stands for the complete freedom of the individual, economic, political, social. Like all constructive forces, it works slowly. The feminist movement will not label itself Socialist for some time to come. One reason for this is because Socialism has so long been presented as a destructive force. The overthrow of capitalism has been emphasized at the expense of the construction of a new system. We have accepted the fiction against the old order, rather than the building of the new. And woman, whose inherited viewpoint is essentially constructive, has been repelled by this rather than woo. Nevertheless, the whole trend of feminism is humanitarian, and the simple release of the constructive, concerning spirit of womanhood and motherhood for world activity is itself a powerful contribution to the progress of Socialism.

Class War in Texas.

Brothers and Comrades:

We again call your attention to the case of the fourteen members of the working class who have been held in jail in Texas for almost a year. Some months ago three of the men admitted by the prosecution to be minor offenders, were tried and sentenced to serve long terms in prison. The evidence showed that these men were not implicated in the killing of the deputy sheriff, which is the charge against all of the men.

The case against M. P. Martinez has just been tried and he has been sentenced to twelve years. The case of L. Vasquez, who had been sentenced to fifteen years, was reversed by the Texas Court of Appeals and has just had a retrial at the July special session of court, and TEN MORE YEARS WERE ADDED TO HIS SENTENCE. How is that for punitive justice in a poor worker in Texas who dares assert his legal rights!

The District Attorney in Texas receives a bonus of five hundred dollars for every man he sends to the gallows. Remember that. So confident is the prosecution of the prejudice against these men in the minds of the Texas land owners and farmers who fatten on cheap labor, that is rarely uses a challenge in the selection of a jury.

Charles Cline and J. M. Rangel are accused as the leaders of the group and they are the victims of extreme race and class feeling, fanned by the employing class which recognizes a menace to their cheap labor in the teachings of these men. Indeed the real "crime" for which the fourteen men are in jeopardy is their attitude and activity in the labor movement.

They will hang Rangel and Cline unless YOU prevent it. There is money and hate on the other side. The attorneys at San Antonio write, "We believe every man's life could be saved and there are reversible points in all of the cases already tried."

But they are confronted with unscrupulous witnesses ready to swear to anything to convict their clients.

Will you workers of this country surrender these brave men to the vindictive wrath of our common enemy? So far the answer is NO! They have worked for our cause while they could. Now they are helpless in the cruel claws of capitalism's "justice." WE WILL SHIELD THE OUTSIDE MUST FIGHT THEIR BATTLE NOW.

Do not let fourteen workers who have done their share in our struggle be imprisoned and hanged. It would be a blot on our movement.

WE HAVE SAVED OUR IMPRISONED COMRADES BEFORE AND WE CAN SAVE THESE AND WE WILL.

Let every organization which believes in labor's right to teach and organize the workers aid. Give as liberally as you can and show as GIVE QUICKLY. The Texas court is grinding the cases through with all possible speed and we must be able to fight for the lives of the men at once.

A complete statement of facts in this case is enclosed herewith.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

RANGEL-CLINE DEFENSE COMMITTEE,
VICTOR CRAVELLO,
Secretary.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

GENERAL LAFYAYETTE'S KINDNESS.

I presume that the larger number of the boys and girls of our young folks know that in the war of the Revolution General Lafayette of France raised an army and came to America and helped George Washington and his army to win independence from England. Lafayette was a young man and by this act endeared himself to the Americans. Fanny E. Cox, a literary writer tells a good story about him which I will retell for the benefit of my youthful readers. She says:

The incident I am about to relate occurred in 1824 during Lafayette's last visit to this country. Forty years had elapsed since his promise to Washington to return as his guest. He was now nearly seventy years old, but his heart beat as warmly for his adopted country as in those earlier days when he had fought for its liberties.

A brilliant reception was under way. A slow-moving line of stately guests passed by the Marquis, who greeted each with courtly grace. Presently there approached an old soldier clad in a worn Continental uniform. In his hand was an ancient musket, and across his shoulder was thrown a small blanket or rather a piece of blanket. On reaching the Marquis, the veteran drew himself up in the stiff fashion of the old-time drill and gave the military salute. As Lafayette made the return signal, tears started to his eyes. The tattered uniform, the ancient flintlock, the silver-haired soldiers, even older than himself, recalled the dear past.

"Do you know me?" asked the soldier. Lafayette's manner had led him to think himself personally remembered.

"No, I cannot say that I do," was the reply.

"Do you remember the frosts and snows of Valley Forge?"

"I shall never forget them," answered Lafayette.

"One bitter night, General, you were going the rounds at Valley Forge. You came upon a sentry in thin clothing and without stockings. He was slowly freezing to death. You took his gun, saying, 'Go to my hut. There you will find stockings, a blanket and a fire. After warming yourself, bring the blanket to me. Meanwhile I will keep guard.'

"The soldier obeyed. When he returned to his post, you, General Lafayette cut the blanket in two. One half you kept; the other, you presented to the sentry. Here, General, is the half of that blanket. I am the sentry whose life you saved."

That one act of kindness shown by Lafayette to the soldier possessed sufficient merit in it to justify the belief that he was a most noble man, and history testifies that such he was.—R. A. Dague.

War What For? Who's Breaking Up the European Home.

The Socialists?. No, the Capitalists Are the Criminals.

O, masters, lords and rulers in all lands, like the gladiators of old, salute Socialism, for you are about to die. And we shall assist you to commit your hara-kari.

For the last time ask your lunatic questions about what Socialism purports to do. About the destruction of "society"—your society—and "civilization." You, the destroyers!

Inquire with horror-stricken voices whether we intend a bloody revolution, and we answer that you are providing both the blood and the revolution. Consider now your work in Europe.

Ask if we intend to destroy property. Will there be any left to destroy after you get through?

Tell us that "it will never come in our time," and then set your wisest prophets predicting what the face of Europe will look like five years from now. It matters not about America. As goes Europe so goes the world.

Trot out your idiotic sneers about the "catastrophe theory" of Socialism, and then reflect that you are providing the catastrophe. And it will be one for you, if we can make it so. Tell us something new about the "slow and painful process of evolution" just to pacify and refute us.

Do you mean distraction of religion? Has religion—your religion—saved you from starting universal murder?

Do we stand for confiscation? Surely we stand for it as much as you do now. You mean confiscation, but he who confiscates last confiscates best, and that will be us Socialists after you have spent yourselves in trying to consummate your robbery.

We are holding back Italy from the hetacomb but not to save your system; rather to assure its future destruction.

Yes, we see the heaps of slain, the millions of maimed and crippled. Will there be any left to preserve in Europe after you get through? Why not ask us about building up new homes that you cannot destroy?

What about "anarchy" now? How about telling us—you, the preservers of law and order—that Socialism and what you called "anarchy" were the same thing? What about capitalism and "anarchy?" Where is the difference?

Socialism is the "end of all things," said one of your wisest advocates. Surely. And you and your system are the "things" it will end.

Do we Socialists believe in "dividing up?" What is your belief except that you can "divide up." What is your belief except that you can "divide up" the world. We don't believe you can and we will show you. When this cruel war is over, you'll be over—and done with, too, if we can make it so.

How about the flag? Which one—yours or the other fellow's? They will all come down, and the old red flag will fly over a united world. It's good enough for us, and it won't come down, either, if we can keep it flying.

Sealie, doddering lunatics, we well know that you would set the earth ablaze. And we shall see to it that your insane system perishes in the flames you have kindled.

You can't kill the working class, the world's proletariat. They are immortal. But they can kill your system, and they will. There will be plenty left to do, even if they bleed one another while in fighting your battles.

This is but a foreword to you. Our time is not yet arrived for talking, when it is we shall do something more than talk.

Your only answer to us now is murder. You begin with Comrade Jaures. He was the first, but he will not be the last. Thousands of us may go down but there will be enough, and more than enough, left to carry on the accursed unsocial system after the first spasm is over.

We see the city streets crowded with drunken, blood-crazed "patriots" yelling for war. We hear their frenzied shouts at Berlin! Paris or Paris, or St. Petersburg, or Vienna, as the case may be. We see the Socialist peace advocates smashed down in the streets like wild beasts for even being suspected of being out of sympathy with their madness and blood lust.

And we remember history. Those fateful days of 1870, when the same mob in Paris yelled "On to Berlin," and two months later were shrieking, "Nous sommes trahi! Let us overthrow this government!" And they did. And we bide our time remembering the repetitions of history. Remembering that those you have driven to madness will be the first to turn on and rend you when war has finish their education. For that is what you are doing. Educating them or your own shrdlu cmfwyp h Sil for your own education.

You started out to pacify labor unrest by bleeding labor on the battlefield. At the last, labor, the aroused and immortal giant labor, will bleed you. And you are preparing capitalism for the knife.

The inevitable has happened, and now we are watching while working and planning how to destroy your system, the curse of the world, beyond possibility of revival. We know something like this was due. We didn't overlook it, though some of your alleged wisest insisted it was impossible even after it had started. Your difficulty is our opportunity. Your wisest shall strain every nerve to make it so.

Lock up or slay multitudes of our leaders or spokesmen. Imprison, suppress or kill us by thousands. Take all the "measures for safety" you please. Your day of judgment is at hand, none the less. Socialism is the immortal avenger of humanity upon your system. We bide our time.

The world of future, in which you and yours have no place, will need no banker and financier spiders; no diplomatic liars; no military bullies; no blood-crazed mobs; no swaggering kings, czars and kaisers. Humanity cannot only do without them, but will soon recognize them as its deadliness curse.

O masters lords and rulers in all lands you have taken a chance—you had to—and we the united working class of the world, shall see that it is your last. You have placed your fortunes on a cast and now you shall stand the hazard of the die.

Make ready your death cry: Ave Socialismus! Morituri Salutant!—New York Daily Call.

Another Failure.

The San Francisco railway company has been "looted" by its higher officials. Over $1,000,000 has disappeared. The state railway commission wants to know where it went and who got it.

It should not be difficult to trace the absent million. The street railway company in San Francisco has been active in "nonpartisan" politics. It has been Democratic, and Republican, and when occasion required it was strong for the Citizen's ticket. It needed franchises and protection. It was opposed to demagogues and disturbers. It feared "the menace of Socialism."

It costs a corporation money to be "nonpartisan." The New Haven was "nonpartisan." The stockholders are now trying to get back a part of the $90,000,000 which "disappeared into thin air.

The San Francisco street railway interests might have found their political expenditures a good investment if the people had been content to regulate them. But they insisted upon voting for municipal ownership. A municipal street railway has been established. It has proved such a success that the old grafters hidden "nonpartisan" system has been unable to realize on its political expenditures.

What originally promised to prove a paying investment has now become a felonious breach of trust.

There's nothing that succeeds like success!

To avow poverty with us is no disgrace; the true disgrace is in doing nothing to avoid it.—Thucydides.

Not by brute force, but only persuasion and faith is the king of this world.

A DROP IN THE HUMAN CURRENT

By Mila Tupper Maynard.

Only a drop in the great human stream flowing on to the unknown ocean. Does this seem an unhappy picture of the individual part in the world movement? It is only true when the individual drop is known to embody enormous possibilities and infinite significance, but, with this seem to be true, no words can express too absolutely the interdependence, the vital unity and the common destiny of the human aggregate.

The human mind may be quite unconscious of this, may hedge itself about with a sense of independence, exclusion, superiority, or originality, but by so doing it loses the crowning blessing that it is the privilege of mortal to attain. The more nearly our minds conform in their thought to the truth of things the greater our exhilaration and joy which spring therefrom. He is but half alive, who in his age of the interblended destiny of all, and of common life currents, fails to feel himself one with the human mass in its inheritance, its struggle and its prophetic hopes. To have this sense of mass life and mass purpose is to live.

A review of the biography of John Addington Symonds says of him: "His fight was to get rid of all caste effects, to be simple, to belong to the crowd. His struggle was to get back or forward into the crowd."

This is the estimate of a friend and fellow disciple of Walt Whitman. It was because Symonds felt that Whitman has aroused in him this passion for the simple, the human and the common that he regarded him as his deliverer. Early environment, education, inheritance and associations had all tended to make of him the stereotyped dilettante—bloodless, exclusive, hypercritical. But with the pulsing fever of democracy in his veins, all his work gained new vitality, "The hunger to be," as he said, "as simple as God made him, inspired all his later art." Simplicity is found on the bedrock of kinship with the least and the greatest in a common equality.

Childhood should be nourished in the sense of solidarity.

Have you guarded your child so carefully that it seeks dutifully to keep away from children you do not approve? Poor little soul, awake so early to the drawn skirt and the cruel fences of separation. Could you not in some way avoid this theft of the child's inheritance of all-inclusive friendliness?

Has the little one learned that there are "poor children" to be given doles of charity and patronizing and kindness? Shall we wonder then, that class pride and a sense of superiority grows?

The child must learn, no doubt, that wrongdoing exists and poverty, but the mother who loves her child and her kind will guard the young spirit from condemnation, contempt, Pharisaeism or any form of separateness as she would from deformity or disease.

Some of us make mistakes, are ignorant, unhappy or are poor, but they are one of us, none the less and in their frailties or misfortunes we see our own short-comings or our pain.

It were better that child should breathe malaria into the body than that its spirit should be surrounded by an atmosphere of criticism, antagonism, patronage or any form of alienation. Even the ideal "noblesse oblige" is the very embodiment of master and slave, lords and vassals—a kindly mastership, a gracious kingship, to be sure, but involving a chasm-like sense of difference.

The untainted soul of a little child goes out with an exuberant joy in companionship that rebounds invincibly in loving loyalty whatever conflicts mar the peace of the playtime hours. Such joy and loyalty should be treasured as the first fruits in the rich harvest of comradeship awaiting the soul destined to live in the conscious joy of brother hood with all.

The moral motif of life's drama is centering more and more in this growing sense of the united life of the human whole.

In discussing Wagner's "Parsifal" a modern prophet calls attention to the individualistic character of the salvation sought by Parsifal, the utter want of any sense of the secredness of life and the common humanity.

"Perfection," he said," is a social not an individualistic achievement. We shall none of us be extricated from this evil order of things by any hypnotic or mystic detachment from the world's misery. We shall be individually extricated only when the world is extricated. We shall become one in a social and collective sense. It is a harmonious and synthetic progress, only when the common, as all the members equally absorbing the common joy, the common world ecstasy. They who seek a much heaven for themselves, while the world is in the tormente of its industrial hell, they who seek as individual perfection that separates them from and makes them superior to the world-pain and the world-guilt, are but the truly and the finally damned. They alone find perfection who seek it not, who forget in deed that they have souls, but who descend into the deepest pit of the world in order that they may mingle with all their brothers into the common wealth of the perfect good."

The secret of the strongest optimistic hope lies in this identity of one with all. When the vast array of the world's ignorant and toil-burdened, erring and suffering, strong and passionate, are seen to be brothers, pulsing with the same life-blood—then whatever of insight or purpose, strength or confidence is found in one will finally, when the lesson is learned, thrill through all.

To the person who stands upon an eminence, upon an isolated island of exclusion, whether willing or not, and looks out and down upon the world's multitude, the forces gathering away from progress and wisdom seems insurmountable, but to him who is marching shoulder to shoulder in the ranks of the common life there is boundless inspiration and enormous hope.

All things are indeed working together for good. The saddest wrong done in them the breeding place of noblest right. The majesty of nature's law has set its seal over the forces which are making for brotherhood and united life.

Perhaps progress is not inevitable. We must not be too easily optimistic. But the swelling tide of life, beating in the hearts of such as are subnerged in the current of the common life of the workers, forbids them to doubt that the onsweeping tide leads into calms, cleanlier seas.

Horace Traubel [illegible] his place in the [illegible]

"My brother, this [illegible] for us to leave."

"It is beautiful to know that nothing is finally wrong with the world,

"It is beautiful to know that love may be out of place in the world, but that it always has a place in the world.

"It is beautiful to know that the false things have a true place in the world.

"It is beautiful to know that the cruel things have a kind place in the world.

"It is beautiful to know there is nothing in the world however bad but it has a good place in the world.

"It is beautiful to know that even sorrow has a glad place in the world.

"O, my brother, it is beautiful to know, it is beautiful to know.

When everything goes back to its place it is beautiful to know."

everything goes back to its place, it is beautiful to know."

Rouse, Ye!

The thing that needs to be destroyed to war. No other nation in the world's history has ever had a grander opportunity to accomplish such a patriotic achievement. Never the American government back its food barons off the boards and refuse to ship food to the war lords of Europe. Let the American government take the control of the food supply out of the hands of the food barons and control the source of food supply to feed America. No political party in the world's history ever dictated a higher more exalted, more refined, nobler, more humane, more Christian, more practical purpose to forward peace, plenty, happiness, civilization. No political party in the world's history has ever shown more daring for liberty and justice. This is the banner that the Socialist movement of America unfurls in this campaign. To this standard it bids the man and woman of this nation to rally. Some [illegible] slogan throughout the land: "Rouse Ye! THE WAR AND FEED AMERICA."

Emigration to Canada from the United States for eleven months, ending June 30, 1914, amounted to 87,168. Emigration to the United States from Canada for the same period, 1914, amounted to 19,000.

FATHER JONES COLUMN

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Some Socialists have the habit of advocating Government Ownership in such a way as to lead their audiences to believe that Government Ownership, or Public Ownership, is at the very least, "near" Socialism.

But the facts are against any such a statement.

Government Ownership, it is true, is the next form Capitalism will be forced to take, but it is only under a government TRULY Democratic, where the people actually rule by the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, and these properly applied and administered, and not the FAKES that have been adopted in some states, that Government Ownership will even approximate towards the idea of Socialism. Just as long as private and corporate ownership can and does control the banking privileges, by rights and logical law, the function of the government, and just as long as associated Capital, thus is private hands, owns and controls the government, it can never be even "near" Socialism.

The action of the United States government in the building of the Panama Canal, UNDER SUCH A MANAGEMENT AS IT HAD, is in most ironically far superior in its practical efficiency, yes in its beneficial results as to labor, than any private contract or ownership ever could be, but that very fact, is a demonstration of the practicability, efficiency, and benefits of the public, that will come when Socialism is put in practice. Our postoffice is often pointed to as a Socialistic institution, but the status of labor in the Postal Service, its laws and regulations, so burdened by jokers, contradictions and absurdities, that a Philadelphia lawyer cannot unravel it, is about as poor an example to point to as could well be imagined. Thus, Jefferson advocated that newspapers and books that were of an educational character should be carried free, and that at a time when no railroad and steam vessels save the transportation facilities we now have.

In Chili, South America, under the Liberal Government of Jose Balmaceda, the suggestion of Jefferson was practiced and I believe is still the law, but in the United States, the same Political Machine that is endeavoring to undermine our free schools and free speech, and press, is trying its utmost to make the transmission of intelligence as costly as possible. The postoffice, as it is run today in this United States, will be yet a great degree of efficiency from its selective and monopoly form, to a most inefficient service when it comes to being of actual service to the public, as compared to what it could be made, if its revenue were not devoured by paying to the railroads so much higher rates than the express companies pay for a similar service. Even the limited and be-jokered postal banks are only a feeder to the banks and the Government made to pull the bankers chestnuts off the fire.

Instead of giving the public the service that could be given, it is stripped of the power to serve the people, by banker laws that make it give up the benefits to the Government, and deliver them over to corporations and thus to private gain and advantage through the profits that are declared to the owners of the stocks, and bonds of Banks and Railroads. It is not even Government Ownership, as if government owns it, then the government should alone reap the profits.

There's a man whose picture has been printed in all the leading magazines, King Gillette, the Safety Razor King. Well, Gillette has written a book, and spent thousands of dollars sending it to most of the libraries of the country and offering it for sale at a low price, besides sending Editors, Congressmen and lawyers copies. The book is entitles "World Corporation." He has a Charter for his company in Arizona. His idea is simple and in the direct line of natural social development, and a step ahead, really, of Government Ownership. It is a sort of continuous chain of investment, just what is going on already, only Gillettes' plan is an International Holding Corporation. It don't propose to enter industry but is only a corporation to hold the stock and bonds of existing corporations, and to thus absorb all the corporations IN THE WHOLE WORLD OF ALL NATIONS, as Gillette says, there will THEN BE "NO NEED OF GOVERNMENT," for the World Corporation will be the International Government." Do you catch the Royalty of that idea. When all industries and corporations are thus united into one International Trust, for that is just what Gillett's idea is, pray tell me what need would there be of governments? About as much use as 6 tails to a yellow hound dog.

Under Gillett's idea, and by the way that's where we are drifting, anyway. The Stock an dBond-holding Reggies, Gladys, and Chawlesses, would be more secure in their perquisites, and yachts, monkey parties, dog marriage, and other d—n nonsence and infamies than they are now. Then too, all the Broadnaughts and big armies would not be needed, except just enough to keep the lower classes in subjection, donchr know. But the producing classes could be ground down to the limit of long hours and short pay. That would be International Socialism, just as much as Government ownership is "State Socialism." So you see Tolstoy was right, "She masters will grant all kinds of Reforms, but they WON'T GET OFF OF THE WORKERS' BACKS," and ANYTHING THAT DON'T DO THEIR WORK IS NOT SOCIALISM. When the prestat half-fledged Capitalism takes Gillette's form, then there will be either the reign of the Iron Heel, or Revolution, and THEN Socialism.

Sampson.

A New Interpretation of the Bible.

By John F. Mieling and A. G. Sechrist.

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The old prophet who wrote the account of Samson was a philosopher, and, withall, had a bit of humor about him. To get a proper understanding of the matter we should know the meaning of the proper names used and then remember the saying in the New Testament, "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."—Matt. XIII-34, 35. Not enough attention has been given this instruction, and the tendency has been to take literally (the letter) instead of the true meaning—the SPIRIT—of the writing. "The LETTER KILLETH, but the SPIRIT giveth LIFE."—2 Cor. III-6. With this in mind we can understand SAMPSON and it became a great lesson which is just as applicable to our times as it was to the days of the prophet.

Interpreting it, then, briefly, we see that he word SAMSON means, "THE SUN, HIS SERVER," and is practically the same as "SON OF GOD," especially with reference to SERVICE, LABOR. In other words, SAMPSON represented LABOR; that is, the money or servitude, the PHILISTINES represented CAPITAL, and "And he took (HONEY) thereof IN HIS HANDS, AND WENT ON EATING, and came to his father, and mother, and he gave them, and THEY DID EAT:" His father, you learn, was MANOAH, which means "REST, or a PRESENT," signifying the peace that comes from the bounties of LABOR when LABOR RECEIVES ITS OWN. But MANOAH's wife was barren, and she was BARREN. ZORA means LEPROSY, SCAB, meaning the condition in which LABOR is when its products are filched from it—as Gillette says BARREN. Judge XIII-2. But we must hasten on, and will have to omit some of the incidents, and parallels, (parables.) How the Philistines followed him to thank him because he had "smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter;" "and when he came unto LEHI, the Philistines SHOUTED AGAINST HIM: and the SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME MIGHTILY UPON HIM, and the cords that were upon his arms became as FLAX that was BURNT WITH FIRE, and his bands loosed from off his hands."—Judge XV-15. All of which means that they went to ANGUING the question! Samson, or Labor, slew them, as they used their "jaw-bones," ARGUED, and as is well known, CAPITALISM has no ARGUMENT, no REASON, that can withstand the ARGUMENTS of CO-OPERATION, COMMON GOOD, and the same battle is going on incessantly now in the interested, intense discussion of economic questions and the RIGHTS of LABOR! "And he found a NEW jaw-bone of an ASS, and put FORTH HIS HAND AND TOOK IT, and slew a thousand men therewith!" Here LABOR is called an ASS because it is the BEAST OF BURDEN. A NEW jaw-bone means NEW ARGUMENTS supporting the contentions of LABOR in its claim of RIGHTS. "And Samson said, With the JAW-BONE of an ASS, HEAPS UPON HEAPS, with the JAW of an ASS have I slain a thousand men!" This is the victorious cry of LABOR when it has met the SOPHISTRIES of CAPITALISM and proved by its ARGUMENT—REASON— with its JAW that the claims of LABOR are RIGHTFOUL. And Samson "CALLED THAT PLACE RAMATH-LEHI," which "ELEVATION OF THE JAW-BONE." The JAW had done good work, the ARGUMENT WAS EFFECTIVE! The Philistines—CAPITALISTS—was destroyed, but LABOR is UNORGANIZED, UNEMPLOYED, and for that reason UNPRODUCTIVE. "And he (SAMSON) was SORE athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I DIE FOR THIRST, AND FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE UNCIRCUMCISED? But God CLAVE AN HOLLOW PLACE THAT WAS IN THE JAW, and there CAME WATER THEREOUT; AND WHEN HE HAD DRUNK, HIS SPIRIT CAME AGAIN, AND HE REVIVED." Which means that by using reason, planning, DISCUSSION, (using the "jaw-bone") using reason and argument hitherto neglected, (hollow place that was in the jaw,") LABOR was ORGANIZED and made PRODUCTIVE, ("There came WATER THEREOUT,") and LABOR was REVIVED. "And he JUDGED ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF THE PHILISTINES."

Going on to the fourth verse in the sixteenth chapter of Judges, it says: "And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of SOREK." This word SOREK means "vine, hissing, a color inclining to yellow." (See list of definitions in appendix to the book, THE MYSTERY OF GOD IS FINISHED, and is intended to describe one of LABOR'S faults or weaknesses, i. e., that of too free use of liquor, "looking on WINE when it is red." And the name of the woman was DELILAH," which means, "POOL, SMALL." The POOL SMALL, trifling pleasures with which LABOR wastes itself instead of keeping to the higher and nobler aims. "And the LORDS of the PHILISTINES, (CAPITALISTS, (seeing this weakness of LABOR) came up unto her, (Dellilah,) and said unto her, ENTICE HIM, and see wherein his GREAT STRENGTH LIETH, AND BY WHAT MEANS WE MAY PREVAIL AGAINST HIM, THAT WE MAY BIND HIM TO AFFLICT HIM," and they BRIBED her with eleven hundred pieces of SILVER. This is the same SILVER for or with which CHRIST was betrayed. And by the way, the ASS in this account, is the same ASS on which CHRIST rode into Jerusalem, that is, LABOR the beast of burdens, the SINS of the world. And the LION is the same LION that DONIEL, (GOD'S JUDGMENT) faced and overcame. Various schemes were tried to fetter SAMSON, but they all failed until it was discovered that his strength was in the "LOCK OF HIS HEAD." This means that his power was depended upon his INTELLIGENCE, and if he could be deprived of that he would be at the mercy of the PHILISTINES. "And she made him to sleep upon her knees, (same sleep that ADAMAS had) UPON HER KNEES, * * * and she CAUSED him to SHAVE OFF the seven LOCKS of his HEAD, * * * and he awoke (like the ignorant laborer today there who's AWAKING and said, I WILL GO OUT, AS AT OTHER TIMES BEFORE, and SAVVE MYSELF. And he WIST NOT that the LORD was DEPARTED FROM HIM." LABOR doesn't know, doesn't realize its own IGNORANCE. And now the Philistines TOOK HIM, and PUT OUT HIS EYES, (kept him in IGNORANCE, DARKNESS,) and brought him down to GAZA (strong) (kept him in subjection by force) and BOUND him with FETTERS of brass; AND HE DID GRIND IN THE PRISON HOUSE." A sad, sad GRIND it has been through all the history of the human race!

"Howbeit the hair of his HEAD BEGAN TO GROW again after he was shaven." LABOR gradually emerges from the night of its ignorance. "Then the LORD'S OF THE PHILISTINES" held a big celebration to their GOD, DAGON, (CORN, OR FISH,) meaning WEALTH, PROPERTY, WEALTH, RICHES, and "they PRAISE THEIR GOD," and "when their hearts were merry," "they CALLED for SAMSON OUT OF THE PRISON HOUSE," "that he may MAKE US SPORT." And most certainly the PHILISTINES, CAPITALISM, has enjoyed itself at the expense of LABOR! But THEY SET HIM BETWEEN THE PILLARS." Aye! "BETWEEN THE PILLARS!" LABOR is the VERY FOUNDATION of the WHOLE STRUCTURE. And when it is EXPLOITED, DEFRAUDED, HUMILIATED, and MADE SPORT OF, the "MERRY-MAKERS" are caught in the COMMON DESTRUCTION! "THE HOUSE was FULL," "And ALL the LORDS of the PHILISTINES were THERE!" Does CAPITALISM imagine it can escape the sure retribution of its INJUSTICE? Let it read its doom in these words. "O Lord God remember me, I pray thee, * * * that I may be avenged * * * of the PHILISTINES for my two eyes!" "And SAMSON TOOK HOLD OF THE TWO MIDDLE PILLARS upon which the HOUSE STOOD * * * and * * * said, LET ME DIE WITH THE PHILISTINES; * * * and the house FELL UPON THE LORDS, and upon all the PEOPLE that were therein; so the DEAD which he slew at HIS DEATH were MORE than they which he slew in his LIFE!" "Then his BRETHREN and ALL THE HOUSE OF HIS FATHER came DOWN, and TOOK him, and BROUGHT HIM UP, and BURIED him BETWEEN ZORAH, (LEPROSY, SCAB —POVERTY, DESTITUTION, UNEMPLOYMENT,) and ESHTAOL, (STOUT, STRONG WOMAN—STRONG THRIFTY PROSPERITY,) and there SAMSON lies BURIED today, in our own time. The crash of falling civilization is now heard in the roar of battle on the plains of Europe! O, would that the children of men would read aright the lesson taught by the old prophet in the story of SAMSON!

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CIVILIZATION DUE TO THE SOCIALISTIC INSTITUTIONS

By H. A. Dague.

A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.—Jesus

The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity —Encyclopedia Britanica.

There is as much difference between Socialism and anarchy as there is between good and bad. Socialism is the theme of the poet and the philosopher.—The Rev. Dr. Washburn, President Roosevelt's pastor.

Socialism—A theory of society which advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of the social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed.—Webster's Dictionary.

Anarchy—Want of government; the state of society where there is no law or supreme power, and individuals do what they please with impunity; political confusion.—Webster's Dictionary.

Competition—The act of seeking or endeavoring to gain what another seeks at the same time; rivalry; emulous contest, (Syn.) Emulation; rivalry; contest! struggle; opposition; jealousy.—Webster's Dictionary.

Many people say: "Yes. Socialism presents a fine theory, but how are you going to put it into practical operation?"

My reply is, we already have in operation many Socialistic things. In fact every good institution we now have is Socialistic.

What is Socialism? It is co-operation—it is collectivism. A man living a purely competitive life would be an extreme individualist for he would refrain from co-operating with his fellow man. The savage in his cave is an individualist living a purely competitive life, his hand being against the hand of all others. As man surrenders some of his individual rights and associates with his fellow man in the formation of tribes, societies and governments, and contributes of his labor or taxes toward the maintenance of schools, asylums, churches, governments, etc., he becomes to that extent a collectivist or Socialist. All our public schools, universities, libraries, bridges, highways, court-houses, asylums, prisons, the postal system and other public institutions are Socialistic because they were established by the people collectively. The practice of individualism or competition in its purity, would disintegrate all civilization and send us back into savagery. On the other hand the inaugaration of more Socialism would lead to a higher and better civilization.

Do we want more Socialism—more co-operation?

I think we do, and every generation as the world advances will need to practice competition less and co-operation more.

We need now to Socialize the great trust monopolies. "But," I am asked, "what particular steps should be taken to enable the nation to own the trusts?"

The problem is easy of solution. It is now and long has been the law and the practice that when the government (city, county, state or nation) wanted a piece of property owned by private parties, for public uses, to duly appraise the same, pay the owner the appraisement price and convert it to the use of the public.

The coal trust, the steel trust, the oil trust, the railroads or any other monopoly or combination might be worth (with the watered stock squeezed out), the owners paid for the plant and they could thereafter be owned by the people collectively and operated at cost to the inclusable benefit of the people.

To thus convert private property to public uses would be applying a principle long established. Socialists are advocating no new doctrine but they urge that certain industrial conditions have recently grown up which make it necessary for the people to take another forward step in collectivism.

One of the planks in their platform is "no competition to mute as such, but when they become oppressive and injurious to the masses by displacing large numbers of workingmen and charge extortionate prices for their services or products, and destroy all competition in their line of business, then they should be converted from private to public ownership.

Socialism does not propose to abolish all private property. Its proposition is to convert to public uses only such franchises or utilities as show by their nature that they should be owned collectively and ought to be conducted in the interest of all the people. One institution is that machinery and the great forces of nature designed by infinite wisdom to contribute to the well-being of the whole human family, shall not be monopolized by a few individuals for their selfish gratification and to the detriment of the whole race.

Socialism is practicable because it is founded on justice. It will finally triumph because it stands for high ideals and those ideals are the hopeless of every man, woman and child.

Competition is impracticable because it is founded on selfishness and greed. It will fail because it stands for no high ideals. Its creed is "every thing for himself and may Satan take the hindmost." Only the crafty few who have little regard for the rights of others can succeed under Competition. Practiced in its purity it curses the masses and reeks the morals of those who succeed by its methods.

The few pile up colossal fortunes, establish a moneyed aristocracy, learn to despise the victims of their greed and become despotic and enemies of a Democratic form of government. The masses are forced into bankruptcy, poverty and ignorance. The poor are crowded to the verge of despair and crime.

The doctrine that "might makes right," and the "survival of the fittest," may be the rule of conduct among ferocious beasts and reptiles of the jungle and among ignorant and savage tribes of men, but intelligent civilized people have evolved to a sphere where a higher law prevails. The great teacher said "a new law I give unto you, that you love one another."

Competition, founded as it is on jealousy and strife, breeds anarchy, and is the deadly enemy of true religion and of a high civilization. No one can practice the precepts of Christ under a competitive system of business.

Socialism, founded as it is on order, harmony and love for humanity, having emblazoned upon its banners, "Equal opportunities to all, special privileges to none," will create conditions under which competition and anarchy can not exist. It must triumph because it is planed on the law of progress governing heaven and earth. Though now maundertood by others, it will encircle the world and the powers of darkness and discord shall not prevail against it. "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again."

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HARVEST FRENCH CROPS VALUE IN $250,000,000

Paris, Aug. 13.—The report from the provinces for six harvesting the grain and wine crops ceased. This indicates that the crops now are considerably safe. The vale of the grain is estimated at $250,000,000 and the wine at $100,000,000.