





Struggle for Socialism Rages Across the Land

MISSOURI MINES MAKE SOCIALISTS

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BY JUD HARRIS, Nevada Socialist State Secretary.

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BY M. G. OPSAHL

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BY H. L. MARKWELL

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BY ALEXANDER SCOTT

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BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ

THE EVOLUTION OF MAN. By William Boelsche; translated by Ernest Untermann. This book tells in detail, in a clear, simple style, illustrated by pictures, just how the descent of man can be traced back to the animals composed each of a single cell. It is up to date and gives the latest discoveries in science. It is THE book on the subject. Cloth, 50 cents.

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Advertisement for Boston Baked Beans and Brown Bread, including a list of prices for various flour products.

Advertisement for Alois Spachman, a restaurant and saloon.

Advertisement for Central Drug Co., featuring a list of products and prices.

Advertisement for a book company, listing various titles.

Advertisement for the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, featuring a logo and text.

Advertisement for Allied Printing, including contact information and a list of services.





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When Thieves Fall Out

To a mere spectator it looks as though something interesting might happen in the fight for graft in Illinois.

John E. W. Wayman went into office as the tool of Lorimer. He quickly decided that it was better to stand in with the Busse-Deneen ring, who were closer to him, and to the graft, than United States senators.

Since then he has worked a game which he undoubtedly learned in the days when he was attorney for the Mills Novelty company. He has "stalled" and Busse has "dipped."

Then the Daily Socialist called attention to the game and the fat was in the fire. Wayman tried bluffing, and that did not work.

Then Lorimer saw how easy it is to scare Wayman and took a hand through the Inter Ocean and told a few more facts.

Things began to get pretty hot. The Tribune, that had put Busse in the mayoralty chair and received the heads of the school board as a reward, took a hand.

If Wayman had not been in an absolute terror of actually catching some criminal he would have called the Tribune staff before the grand jury and compelled them to turn over some of the evidence they possessed.

The Tribune, having shown Busse that it had the goods, waited for him to "come across." Rumor has it that Busse, like Crockett's coon, came down without waiting to be shot at.

AT ANY RATE, THE TRIBUNE CLOSED UP LIKE A CLAM. No more did the Old Testament prophets thunder at the Busse thieves from its editorial page.

But Lorimer was still outside. So the exposures of Busse and Wayman went on. After the Daily Socialist had pointed the way it was easy to expose these parties.

Moreover, Lorimer is preparing to invade the Chicago banking field. That field is sacred to the Forgan brothers and their followers. The Forgans are the most powerful financial personages in Chicago.

In view of all these facts the Tribune built that fire in the rear of the army attacking Busse's strong-arm men. It certainly is a beautiful fire. It has illuminated the whole political situation in Illinois.

However, when "thieves fall out," the public at least sees an interesting show in return for its money.

Berger's Square Deal

Immediately after the Milwaukee election the Associated Press carried the word that Victor L. Berger had told John I. Beggs, the street car magnate, that the Socialists would give the capitalists, including Beggs, a "square deal."

Just now we will call attention to what Berger calls a "square deal." He has just told Beggs a few of the things that must come from the traction side in order to fill out the corners of such a "square deal."

If these things are not done Berger assures Beggs that his stocks "will fall below the freezing point."

X-RAYS

BY JOHN M. WORK

My, what a hornet's nest my sermon on children at public meetings has stirred up! First, the editor flings his ink bottle at my head. Then Comrade Edwards jabs me with her staph. Then Comrade Crocker smashes me with his bludgeon.

Of course my article is not good propaganda. It was written to increase the efficiency of our public meetings. And it will have that effect, provided the guilty parties take it home to themselves and act upon its wholesome advice.

On the Firing Line

BY MONSABIO

Under Socialism it will not be necessary to ask underpaid working girls: "Have you no gentleman friend?" The way the cities are awakening to the necessity of combatting the white plague is immense.

I would like to submit the following—perhaps novel—mode of warfare to the Hague tribunal: That whenever an armed conflict between two countries is inevitable, and war is declared, no one shall be allowed to participate as a combatant, voluntarily or for hire, on either side, except only those who have a direct interest in the matter in dispute.

It was really enterprising for the Detroit chamber of commerce to advertise in other cities for "2,000 skilled mechanics" to come at once and receive a capitalist blessing for competing for the jobs of local workers and the "highest standard of wages," which was held out as a bait.

John M. Waldron, the legal brains of the Mine Owners' association of Colorado during all the Peabody war and its consequences, is about to retire.

He does not say why he wants to go to a quiet place at fifty-four and leave his career behind him, but the following interview will give some hint. Previously he had made some statement as to direct nominations. Of this he said: "The boss still prevails, and works underground; he's a model, and when all the noise and 'reform' waves are forgotten, and the public conscience is exhausted, the mole has finished his trenches and commands the situation."

He walked to one of the book shelves that lined the walls of his office and brought two large volumes to the desk. "Have you ever thought," he said, adjusting his glasses, "of the danger that must confront us if we permit the accumulation of vast fortunes to go on unchecked. Have you considered the increasing divergence between immense wealth and almost abject poverty that is going on here. It was a condition of that kind which provoked the French revolution. I would rather have been a slave in the old south," he declared, his voice lifting an octave, "than a peasant in the France of Louis Sixteenth, or a common workman in the plant of the steel trust, either, for that matter."

"That's only a comparison, of course," said Mr. Waldron, "and the steel trust case should not be taken quite literally. But I use it to indicate a progressive tendency. There's a class of idle rich growing in this country," he intoned, "a class that is very idle and very rich; and the existence of that class predicated a condition that leads inevitably to national decay. It was wealth and idleness that destroyed Rome. It was wealth and idleness that destroyed Athens. It is the inheritance of stupendous fortunes that actually threatens this country today. And we ought," said Mr. Waldron, "we ought to stop and prevent those stupendous fortunes being bequeathed."

"How stop them?" he repeated, opening one of those law books. "By what right can it be done?" said Mr. Waldron. "By what law? Why, by the power inherent in the nation and the states. Don't you understand

He—Farewell, my darling. I hope you will remain true to me. She (through her tears)—I hope so, too.—Fliegende Blätter.

Only a Hope Neighbor—How did that naughty little boy of yours get hurt? Ditto—That good little boy of yours hit him in the head with a brick.—Jewish Ledger.

than she does at other times when she lets the child go to children's parties? Would she suffer more mental agony by being separated from her child two hours than the lecturer suffers when he has to stay away from his child six months? I know one Socialist lecturer who had to stay away so long that his child forgot him. It was one of the saddest days of his life when his frightened child stared at him without recognition.

Every mother needs to have respite from the constant care of her child. If she is with the child all the time she very frequently becomes irritable and unreasonable. And one only has to look about him in order to see that the children of irritable mothers acquire contempt and almost hatred for their mothers.

STORIES OF AN AGITATOR

BY RALPH KORNGOLD II.

Have you ever visited a town where there is a large cement works? I know of such a place in Illinois. For miles around the trees, grass and houses are covered with a fine, gray dust. It is as if some volcano had been belching forth ashes upon the surrounding landscape. The sun itself seems shrouded in a perpetual mist.

I visited the factory late at night after the meeting. There were but few men at work. In some of the rooms the dust was so thick that it was impossible to distinguish anything. In the heating room the great caldrons turned over and over with a sluggish uncanny motion, pouring forth through an opening in front the blinding mass of cement, upon which it was impossible to look with the naked eye. A man in dusty clothes, his eyes protected by blue glasses, prodded now and then among the cement with a long iron rod.

He smiled grimly. "I guess they'll die before they get a chance to catch consumption; most children do in these parts." He took up his iron rod and started to poke among the white-flaming cement.

Your lungs can't be washed; give them an airing. Disease germs won't go visiting if you don't take them along.

The consumption mortality is highest among stonecutters and lowest among bankers; you may not be able to change your occupation, but you can change your working conditions.

Good health is the best form of life insurance. Eat and drink moderately in order that you may do so again tomorrow.

High rent drives the poor into low, death-dealing basements. Open windows close the door to consumption.

Underfeeding is bad; overfeeding is worse. Respect the capacity of your baby's stomach; it is not built and operated to suit the mistaken notions of fond and ignorant mothers.

Flies poison your food, pollute your home, pest your life. Out with them. Seeing Her Home Hegan—I think Miss de Blank is very rude. Jones—What causes you to think that? I never thought her so.

Hegan—I met her out for a walk this afternoon, and asked if I might see her home. She said yes, I could see it from the top of the high school building, and that it wasn't necessary to go any farther.—United Presbyterian. Those Little Angels Neighbor—How did that naughty little boy of yours get hurt? Ditto—That good little boy of yours hit him in the head with a brick.—Jewish Ledger.

CATHOLICISM VS. SOCIALISM

BY ROBERT HUNTER

From all parts of the country news comes of the fight that the Catholic clergy is making on Socialism. I never realized that any doctrine could appear so dangerous to anybody as Socialism seems to appear to the Catholic clergy. Most of the clergy who attack Socialism seem to be Irishmen and nearly all denounce Socialism because it is a FOREIGN product. One good priest says, "Socialism is the creed of blind despair, the alien product of foreign lands."

There is no question whatever that the Catholic clergy are very much worried about the growth of Socialist ideas. Multitudes of Catholics in Spain, Italy, France, Belgium and Austria have become Socialists. And of course it is hard to fight the truth that Socialism stands for; harder still to fight its doctrines and hardest to fight the hope that Socialism offers.

It is spreading with marvelous rapidity among the poor and lowly of all lands, and is fast becoming the gospel of the entire world of the oppressed. And will the Irish clergy who worship a Saviour born in Bethlehem, a Pope born in Italy and a Saint born in France ask their following to fight this Socialism because it is the product of the foreign mind?

It is said that the Irish have a sense of humor, but seriously, I begin to doubt it. Curiously enough it is also largely the product of a Jewish mind. It is spreading with marvelous rapidity among the poor and lowly of all lands, and is fast becoming the gospel of the entire world of the oppressed.

OPEN FORUM

On Dangerous Experiments The account in the Chicago Daily of April 21 of medical experiments with tuberculin upon helpless foundlings will perhaps be startling news to those who have not investigated this question. It should serve to impress the fact that exploitation by a ruling class is not limited to politicians and captains of industry.

Some of us who get excited easily have been agitating the question of vivisection for many years, and in 1900 the attention of congress was called to the need for legislation; but, as usual, entrenched interests of a powerful class must be considered, and the matter got no farther than a hearing before a committee. Senate document No. 78 furnishes the following instances of the diabolism to which the scientific temperament is often addicted.

At the close of my address in the Twenty-first ward last night (April 27) one of my hearers strenuously objected to my having used the word "reform." He said it was a "dangerous word"—it should never be used by Socialists—it was synonymous with "graft"—the change in Milwaukee was not reform but revolution.

To my query what he would substitute for that dangerous word "reform" he said "revolution." Though no one seemed to side with my critic, such snags should be removed if possible. Plainly, my critic confused process with completion. The progressive changes leading up to the final establishment of the social commonwealth must be improvements, reforms in the capitalist statutes and institutions. Evolution is the process, reform the material change. Furthermore, a revolution either by right or by might becomes a "rebellion" if defeated and crushed.

Reform is the pregnancy, the gestation of a mighty change from the old into the new, and a revolution is its midwife. My critic evidently forgot that the Milwaukee organization which captured that city was the "Social Democratic" party. Is "reform" a more objectionable term than "democracy"?

Fatherly Retort "Physical culture, father, is perfectly lovely!" exclaimed an enthusiastic young misfit just home from college. "Look! To develop the arm I grasp this rod by one end and move it slowly from right to left." "Well, well!" exclaimed the father; "what won't science discover! If that rod had straw at the other end you'd be sweeping."—Success.

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