

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

IT WAS BORN BEHIND THE PRISON BARS OF WOODSTOCK.

Culminating Event of The 1894 Strike Resulted in The Formation of a New Line of Battle.

To understand any great struggle in history we must know and understand the antecedent causes that produced it. Should we confine our attention to the events that transpired between the battle of Lexington and the surrender of Yorktown we should study Revolutionary history to but little purpose. Not until we recognize the fact that those events are but parts of a greater conflict, beginning long before what is known as the Revolutionary War, are we in a position to read understandingly. That great conflict had its beginning in the oft-repeated acts of tyranny and usurpation of the British Government, designed to curb the growing power and increasing spirit of independence of the American colonies and bring them under the yoke of an absolute despotism.

The colonists remonstrated, petitioned, sent representatives to England to plead for justice, but all were alike ignored. It finally became evident to all that if any form or semblance of justice or liberty was to remain the American people must boldly assert their rights and defend them if need be, even unto death.

The "Stamp Act" was passed, and as a result British officials were mobbed. Royalists were hung in effigy, stamps were seized, government agents were forced to resign, and the people refused to use any article of British manufacture. Royal troops were quartered on the colonies under the "Mutiny Act." New York, Massachusetts and other colonies refused to provide for them; the English parliament levied a tax on tea; the citizens of Boston unloaded a cargo of it into Boston harbor.

But, finally, protest, entreaty and these milder forms of resistance having failed, they had recourse to arms, and the Revolutionary War was fought and won.

Another mighty conflict is now in progress, and has been for many years. This new contest, like the former one, is a struggle for dominion, for power to levy tribute, for wealth and power to rule. It owes its beginning to the marvelous mechanical triumphs of the past century and a half, by which the commerce and industries of the world have been completely revolutionized.

Production, formerly carried on by isolated individuals, is now the result of the associated labors of many, and it has been found that the more centralized this process becomes the larger the number of workers under one management, the further the principle of associated industry is carried, the more productive does labor become; and now, supplemented as it is by labor saving machinery, it is far more fruitful than in any former age.

The result of this revolution in our industries is that for many years the constant tendency has been to larger and larger establishments, more and more machinery, and more and more capital required to engage in production. The small factories have been gradually disappearing, and must soon exist as a memory only.

This tendency towards centralization of industry in few hands has been greatly stimulated by modern means of transportation—steam and electricity having practically annihilated space and brought every part of the country, and of the world, into as close touch with every other part as two towns a hundred or two miles apart were a century ago, and today we find not one, but practically all of our great industries, with the exception of agriculture, controlled by a single combination of capitalists, and the hour is near at hand when one gigantic trust will own or control practically all the great industries of the country, rumors of such a combination having already been current for months.

To the discriminating student of affairs it is manifest that with the advent of labor-saving machinery our industries were, or would become, revolutionized in three important particulars: First, isolated individual production was doomed. Second, the labor of the hand could be largely dispensed with. Third, under the new system only those are free to produce who have the capital; in other words, it creates a monopoly of production in favor of the capitalist. The result is that we now have what we term "capitalistic production" instead of the greater freedom of former times.

THIS INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION put into the hands of the capitalistic class a new and far more powerful instrument of exploitation than they had ever before possessed, and they were not slow to recognize its advantages. Laying hold of our industries one after another, they crushed all competition, and operated them, not as a legitimate business, but as a means of levying



THE VAMPIRE.

Verses a la Rudyard Kipling, on the Queen's Jubilee, inscribed to Eugene V. Debs, Social Democrat. By Mrs. H. S. Geneva Lake.

A swell there was, and he made a prayer,
(Even as you and I)
To Rag, Tag and Bob Tail, in his hair—
(We call him "the people," for so we dare),
And we laugh and squint at his load of care,
While he must work or die.

Oh, the wasted years, and the years of waste,
And the work of his hand and brain,
They all belong, of course, to the swell,
Who "lives for heaven," but who makes a hell
For Tag, with his tallow brain.

A swell there was, and he swelled with pride,
(Even as you and I)
With silk and linen he decked his hide,
His "sacred person," with swinging stride,
His poisoned blood with the weed he tried,
Even as you and I.

Oh, he does not toll, this handsome, swell,
(Even as you and I)
His nails are long, and he will not tell
What 'tis on earth he has to sell,
This long-haired fellow who "looks so well"
Even as you and I.

Oh, the wage of sin is the wage of death,
And to squeeze a man till he has no breath,
The Bible knows, and the Bible saith—
(At least I've heard it so),
Is a sin and crime of the deepest dye,
Though the man is squeezed with a legal lie,
Which stupid Tag don't know.

Oh, swell's sweet face has a velvet skin;
She looks so fair, she is foul within;
Her hands are soft, and have ever been,
(This drone in the human hive);
But I'll bet my dime her days are past—
The kings and queens they shall never last—
Just tack that up on the tallest mast—
Old Tag, more dead than alive.

For I tell you what, the judgment day
Has dawned, at last, in a curious way;
The vampire crowd they shall pass away,
(Even as you and I)
Laces and tinsel, and crown, and trawl,
Wrought out of the lives that work and fall,
Are surely passing by.

Yes, a swell there was, and she looked on so,
Her feet they were shod with old Tag's woe,
Her flowers tossed up on a furbelow—
(It might be you or I)
But God swooped down and a new way tried,
The sheep from the goats He did divide,
And said that the swell must die.

To All Social Democrats--Greeting

On this, the second anniversary of our release from Woodstock, my heart is with you. The occasion is reminiscent, and the jail looms up in my vision. Once again I am in cell No. 2 and hear the voices of comrades true, whose fidelity in trying hours knew no shadow of turning. And the scenes of the great strike pass in review once more. How bravely our legions fought in the unequal struggle with corporate power! And as from the tomb comes the refrain: "There's nothing to arbitrate."

If, on this anniversary, Geo. M. Pullman stands with tear-filled eyes at the mercy seat, may he not be turned away with the cruel edict that issued from his lips when the victims of his power pleaded with him for compassion for their suffering children. As I sit here to-night my thought goes to the thousands who greeted us when the prison doors opened; my heart is touched and my gratitude finds expression in tears. After all it was for the best. The Social Democracy was born. It was perhaps fitting that this child of Liberty should have its birth and receive its baptism in a prison cell.

What a transformation in two short years! With giant strides this new-born movement is sweeping from center to circumference of the continent. The march is a majestic one—from slavery to emancipation. Our conjuring banner is in the breeze, and sturdy thousands are keeping step to the clarion notes of freedom. The coming slaves of capital drink eagerly at the fountain of inspiration, take fresh courage and stand erect, and every heart-throb becomes a drum beat in the onward march to victory.

On this anniversary day we do not hate—we think. We work and watch and wait. With our hearts attuned we press forward, one and all, to the new and glorious emancipation.

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tribute on all consumers through their power of fixing prices—as a means of crushing the toiling masses through their power of substituting machines for men, thereby filling the country with idle men, enabling them to hire all they require at starvation wages. In other words, our industries are operated as a means of conquest, as a force to compel all nations and all people to bow to the despotic power of capitalism.

It is hardly necessary to say that they have been in the highest degree successful. Today one per cent. of our people own more than sixty per cent. of the country's wealth, and, should the present rate of concentration continue, in twenty-five years will own 95 per cent. of it. When this country and its people have been subdued they will complete conquests already begun in other lands, and unless some new power shall arise to arrest their progress they will falter not in their triumphant course until all the world shall bow before the tyrant—Wealth!

The progress already made in the subjugation of the world is amazing—startling in the extreme. The work of the past thirty-five years in that direction would have required centuries of time for its accomplishment under former methods. Nothing but wisdom and courage of a high degree can thwart the schemes of the exploiting class and prevent their conquest of the world from becoming complete. Should their purpose be attained, it would mean to the toiling millions a form of

servitude more abject than the world has ever known.

OPPOSITION TO MACHINES.

From the first of capitalistic machine production the laboring class instinctively took fright; they saw in the machine a new competitor, and one with which they could not compete. In many places machines of various kinds were destroyed by mob violence, the laborers at the outset failing to perceive that it was not the machine but the monopoly of it that was their enemy. Men who before had been at work separately, or in small groups of three or four, were gathered together in large factories, where they speedily lost their independence.

TRADES UNIONS.

Reflecting on the increasing combinations of capital and their own increasing dependence, the workers formed themselves into trades unions, hoping thus to stay the hand of avarice and greed and force from the employing classes a fair division of the joint product of capital and labor. Strike after strike occurred, sometimes successful, but more often a failure. The combinations of capital grew with marvelous rapidity, as did the army of the unemployed. With all their unions there was little real harmony in the ranks of labor, and to those who were in the forefront of the labor movement it seemed that the only thing that could save the sons of toil from being degraded to a condition of serfdom before the all-conquering advance of capitalism was the unifica-

tion of labor on a scale more extensive than had ever before been attempted. Such was the thought and purpose of Eugene V. Debs and his associates when, in June, 1893, they organized

THE AMERICAN RAILWAY UNION

on lines so broad as to render all classes of railway employes, of which there were from 800,000 to 1,000,000 in the United States, eligible to membership. The history of that organization is too familiar to the public to need recapitulation here. Its marvelous growth, its victory over the Great Northern railway in April, 1894, and the great Pullman strike a few weeks later, have all passed into history. Of the last great struggle we will only say it was as grand and heroic an attempt as ever was made to relieve the distressed, to rescue men, women and children from a form of rapacity and greed as soulless, from a despotism as damnable, as has ever appeared to curse and disgrace mankind. Some call it a failure; we write it a success. It was the

BOSTON TEA PARTY OF THE NEW REVOLUTION.

and, like the original, was a most heroic protest against tyranny and oppression. The former was a protest against English tyranny of the King George stripe; the latter was a protest against the modern capitalistic American tyranny. If the former was justified the latter was ten fold more so. Each was but an incident in a greater struggle to secure the rights

of man. Neither was the best means to secure the end desired, but they seemed the only weapons at hand to those who took part in those events, and each of those protests was far more successful in what is called defeat than either could possibly have been had all that was then asked for been granted.

Had King George received the petitions of his subjects and redressed their grievances (diluted their slavery somewhat, for they asked not for freedom) the Declaration of Independence, with its immortal proclamation of equal rights to all, would not have been written, and the course of all future events might have continued as they had been running from the beginning of time.

Had Pullman discovered that there was something to arbitrate it is altogether probable that Eugene V. Debs and his associates would still be working along the line of trade unionism, which does not aim at and can never secure economic equality, without which liberty will ever be like a fleeting shadow—what we acquire or possess today we must lose tomorrow.

We can thank King George and the British Parliament for the Declaration of Independence; some day we will thank the plutocrats of America of the Pullman stripe for teaching us how monstrous and unbearable a thing is the tyranny of wealth, and helping us to usher in economic equality. The story of the original Boston tea party we tell to our children as an illustra-

tion of the heroism and patriotism of our forefathers, and hold it up as an act worthy of emulation. Notwithstanding the "wanton destruction of property," we call those who took part in it heroes, but the leaders of the great strike of 1894, who neither destroyed property nor sanctioned its destruction, were cast into jail as malefactors, as though they had committed some crime against humanity. But some day, when the great war against capitalism, of which the strike of 1894 was but a part, has been fought and won, a happy and grateful people will write the names of those who marshalled the hosts for that great battle high on the roll of honor, among the great benefactors of mankind.

When Eugene V. Debs, Sylvester Kellher, R. M. Goodwin, W. E. Burns, James Hogan, L. W. Rogers and M. J. Elliott, the directors of the A. R. U., were landed at Woodstock jail, agreeable to the despotic order of Judge Woods, they at once organized the "Co-Operative Colony of

LIBERTY JAIL."

Liberty Jail! That sounds a trifle odd, but strange things have happened. Christ was born in a stable; might not Liberty be born in a jail? Let the future answer. This much, however, may even now be recorded; the plans formed by Eugene V. Debs and his companions in Woodstock jail are even now bearing fruit, and will yet be felt in every nook and corner of the world.

The great army of earnest, conscientious, awakened men and women, which is now marshalling to do battle for the rights of men, will, in the end, drag every tyrant from his throne, restore the earth to the people strike down every coin but service, inaugurate the Brotherhood of Man, and hasten the day when every tongue shall sing "On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men." God speed them in their efforts, and grant that all their battles may be bloodless!

The objects and purposes of the "Co-Operative Colony of Liberty Jail" were to get all the good possible out of the sojourn of its members at Woodstock. A systematic course of both physical and mental training was at once undertaken. They were well stocked with some of the best works on economics, sociology and history, including, among others, Social Evolution by Kidd; the Coming Climax, by Hubbard; Civilization Civilized, by Maybell; Better Days, by Fitch; The Human Drift, by Gillette; Lloyd's Wealth vs. Commonwealth; Henry George's works, Fabian Essays and Merrie England. Time spent with such companions must of necessity be profitable, even if it be in jail, for these works breathe the spirit of the broadest brotherhood and of the loftiest of human aspirations.

BIRTH OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

Here it was that the inherent fatal defect of trade unionism forced itself on the minds of these students. They saw that as long as there is a vast army of persons who are unable to find employment any organization which considers the interest and welfare of its own members only can not long secure results that will be of benefit to any one. They saw that to permanently benefit a part the needs of all must be considered; that the injunction, "bear ye one another's burdens," has not only a moral but a scientific basis, and they came to the conclusion that any platform of principles is too narrow that does not contemplate justice to all.

When these great truths were at length clearly perceived, the work of forming a new line of battle, organizing a new campaign, was entered upon in earnest. It required much careful study and many conferences with many men, but the plans were at length fully perfected, and in June, 1897, about nineteen months after Mr. Debs left Woodstock jail, the conditions then appearing to be favorable to the inauguration of the broader movement that had been long contemplated, the American Railway Union was merged into the Social Democracy of America.

While the christening of the new organization took place in Chicago, its birthplace was Woodstock jail.

MISSION OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

The mission of the A. R. U. was to alleviate the condition of a part of the people; the Social Democracy of America has for its mission the saving, not merely a part, but all of the people from the blight of capitalism. While the objects and purposes of the new organization are much broader and more comprehensive than the old, they are nevertheless practicable, while the ends and aims of the former organization were not only impracticable, but impossible of attainment—we must save all or all will perish together.

The Social Democracy is based upon a great scientific principle—the essential unity of all. Its watchwords are justice and equal rights. Upon this foundation it will become as impregnable as the rocks of Gibraltar.

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William Jennings Bryan was asked recently if he favored government ownership of railroads and made a pregnant if evasive reply by declaring that when Rothschilds ceased to own the government he would consider the question.

The "Coming Nation" thinks the late Charles A. Dana lent his powers to the development and concentration of capitalism in the belief that that method would the sooner compel socialistic decision than any other way.

The present situation as regards the ills of the body politic may be illustrated as follows: A person is very sick—is covered with all manner of sores and ulcers, and is constantly getting worse.

A physician is called who says of the patient, "Let him alone; he is all right," and goes his way. Another physician is called who says that the patient will die if he gets no relief. He prescribes a healing salve for the sores.

What fools these mortals be! They try to kill new ideas by sending a man to jail, and by doing so they make the man a John the Baptist. It takes time and oil to study great questions.

The other day while attending a Socialist meeting I was approached by a German comrade, who handed me a book. "This book was written behind prison walls!" the comrade proudly declared.

When nobler things were done; Ne'er shone a deed of great avail Athwart the tide of years.

Menkind moves slowly by degrees, On life's ascending way; And he who writes the best decrees Has little need today.

Such was our Lovejoy; so he braved, When none would dare advise, The darkest consequences, and saved His country's rarest prize.

To Eugene V. Debs. Brother and Friend: The hand of Time records one year when the power of "Woodism" trampling upon the constitution of our unhappy country hurled thee and thy faithful companions, as it thought, to a felon's doom—disgraced; but to American glory instead, registered upon the annals of American slavery—that its nefarious power could no longer hold thee and them in bondage for the crime of helping Humanity—of uplifting brothers in distress.

In 1848 the French capitalist government crowded all the jails and prisons with labor agitators. Thousands of men were exiled to New Caledonia. In 1871 the capitalist government made it even worse than in 1848. Thousands of men were killed, others were exiled. Socialist organizations were suppressed.

John, I suppose you remember the time when our American newspapers published columns of telegrams about the fight of the Italian government against the Sicilian wage-workers.

Rosa's Notes To Brother John. My Dear Brother: In your last letter you expressed great surprise at the successful agitation trip of our comrade Debs in New England.

In Russia! How many brave men and women were killed or exiled to Siberia, because they believed Socialism was the only salvation of humanity!

And in Germany! Years of exception-laws, years of anti-Socialist laws, years of the most brutish persecution, years of Bismarckism—1878-1890!

It is on election day, when the voice of Socialism, two millions strong, is heard throughout the German empire: But no longer shall the children bend above the whizzing wheel.

Yes, Brother John, without the Woodstock jail I doubt very much whether you could read the Social Democrat to-day; whether there would be a "Social Democracy of America," and whether Eugene V. Debs would stir up New England in behalf of Socialism.

Yes, our cause is marching on. America is full of Socialism. All that is needed is to lead it into the proper channel, to organize the scattered elements into a powerful party of Labor and Socialism.

Last Monday a Lovejoy monument was unveiled in Alton, Ill., at the same place where Elijah Lovejoy was killed 60 years ago by a mob of law-abiding American citizens.

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Wage-workers of America, to the front! The time for action has come! We need the Lovejoys, the Wendell Philippses, the Wm. Lloyd Garrison, We need their courage, their honesty, their enthusiasm.

Break this two-folk yoke in twain; Break thy want's enslaving chain; Break thy slavery's want and dread; Bread is freedom, freedom bread.

Ever onward, Comrade Debs! And ye that follow him, take courage. Let social science be your guide! Let Socialism be the shield!

The competitive system of economic and industrial life is an absolute failure. It is anarchy plus the cannon and constable.

Socialism—that is, combination for class and personal profit—is all right when the exploiters and corporations alone are benefited.

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PUCKERBRUSH ALLIANCE

Puckerbrush, Last Saturday. Mr. Debs and all the Rest of You: It's funny how a roller what gits converted from one of the old parties likes to rub it into the crowd he has just left, eh? We had an example of it at our last meetin' of Puckerbrush Alliance.

When I was a-goin' to crack it to preacher Gard on the beauties of protective tariff, but he got in ahead of me and sed: "This talk about Socialism is all very nice in theory, but in practice it wud sink individually out of sight, and there wud be no incentive to work and get ahead in the world."

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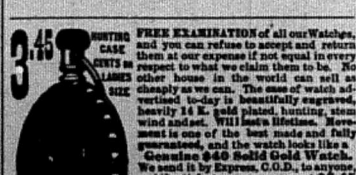
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For a little time the people sleep, And many must suffer and some must die, Till the hour will come when nations leap Into liberty, love and fraternity.

99 Degrees In The Shade.

Walk with me down through the furnace-like street. Feel the hot paving stones under your feet. Breathe the dead air; smell the vile human smells.

Portentous Shadows.

The unwarranted usurpation of power by the courts and the action of the federal government during the great Chicago strike marked a stage in the decay of Republican government, almost as bold in character as was the aggressive actions of the oligarchy which culminated in the overthrow of the Gracchi in ancient Rome.

ple in defiance of the spirit and letter of the constitution, under the pretext of carrying out the letter of the revolutionary injunctions of the courts which abrogated constitutional guarantees, and our men are shot down in a manner that would disgrace the Turks, but this subserviency to the letter of the judicial ruling was set aside by the militia the moment the regular process of the law sought to reach one who had shot down unarmed citizens.

fectly disinterested spectators of the strike, I discovered that the newspapers had been deeply at fault and that Mr. Debs was really one of the finest men and one of the greatest leaders this country has produced.

to eliminate the tramp due to mutilation in the industries, an employer's liability insurance should be instituted on a national basis, and every safeguard should be provided for the workman.

as that of another, and his needs should determine his share in the efforts of society. No hereditary title or charter of possession should be allowed to stand in the way of the common good.

Our Truly Great Men. (By Ella Reeve Ware.) Others beside Carlyle have written of "hero worship," and there are many poor souls afraid to express too much enthusiasm for the heroes they most love and admire, fearing to be accused of this same hero-worship.

SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

A RECORD OF THE WEEK'S PROPAGANDA AND PROGRESS.

Some Interesting Facts About The Movement From Various Parts of The United States.

Cheering reports from the east continue to come in. Comrade Debs' eastern trip has resulted in great good for the organization.

Every one of the eastern meetings has been a pronounced victory for Social Democracy. Comrade Debs' forceful presentation of the purpose and aims of the organization has disarmed criticism and forced an entrance into the strongholds of conservatism.

On Nov. 7 an audience of 5,000 people packed the city hall at Holyoke. Comrade Debs spoke for two hours and commanded the closest attention of his hearers throughout.

At Haverhill the Social Democracy meeting was held under the auspices of the Central Labor Union, and was a pronounced success from all points of view.

At Fitchburg a branch of railroad men will be organized. This meeting was held under the auspices of Branch 2 of Massachusetts, and was very successful.

The meeting at Jersey City was everything that could be desired. The greatest interest was manifested, and seventy-nine new members were enrolled.

The immense Baltimore meeting resulted in the enrollment of fifty-seven new members, and a new American Branch will be organized at once.

Two immense mass meetings is the story from Brooklyn. The last meeting was not reached until 11 p. m., and it was still packed to the door.

The Hartford meeting was one of the best of the entire trip. It was held in the Auditorium, and the Examiner says that: "Not since the address of Rev. Dr. McGlynn in the same hall about ten years ago has there been anything like it, either in numbers or enthusiasm."

But the wave of organization has by no means spent its force in the east. It is spreading throughout the country.

The work in Chicago and vicinity is progressing finely. New members are being added and new branches organized, and on all sides the best efforts are being put forth.

Fitchburg, Mass., Nov. 10, 1897. Mr. Editor:—Comrade Debs addressed a large audience at the city hall, on the evening of Nov. 8.

The audience was composed mostly of workmen, with a sprinkling of business men, ladies, and professional men thrown in.

This lecture was a new departure for Fitchburg, and the idea of half-man-half-beast is forever dissipated.

Every one with whom I have conversed is much pleased with the address and had no contradictions to offer.

Applications for membership will now roll in to Branch 2. Your comrade in the good cause,

DENNIS E. MORAN, Branch 2 of Massachusetts.

The Jersey City Meeting.

Jersey City, Oct. 10, 1897. Mr. Editor: Eugene V. Debs spoke here last night. The large hall was filled to its utmost capacity.

Eugene V. Debs did not only satisfy the multitude present with his eloquence and undoubted singular power of persuasion, but he also satisfied those critics who came there with no less an anticipation than that the speaker would, either from want of study or want of judgment, commit some grave error.

To tell the truth, I must confess that I entered the hall with dagger-like questions, carefully compiled and ready to be poured upon the speaker in my breast pocket.

Previous to this speech of Eugene V. Debs the impression was imparted to me that the man was somewhat of an unreliable, inconsistent, mongrel-like orator.

To my utter astonishment I beheld one of the strongest individualities, a true Socialist, a most accomplished and refined teacher, fit to teach to all people, all shades, all ages, at one and the same time, without exciting a blush or unnecessary hatred, nor tiring out those that crave for pure knowledge on the social question.

My powers to describe the man and his genius are limited, and I regret nothing more than this fact.

To my mind it is undoubtedly proven to be true that the New York S. L. P. members have but one reason why they take a stand against Debs. That reason is: Debs failed to lead the men, who, not without cause, confide in him, crusader like, to the shrines of knowledge, or, better, the factory of Socialist Labor Party tactics, 184 Williams street, New York.

That the fundamental principles of Socialism are the principles of Debs and his followers, that they are, if time of their existence as a body be taken in consideration, more true to the cause of Socialism than some of our foremost men in the party, I am at all times willing to assert.

CARL PANKOPF.

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