





TWILIGHT AND DAWN.

By EUGENE V. DEBS.

In the United States, as in other countries, International Socialism is making tremendous strides...

ing the outcry, trusts and department stores, these great modern agencies, increase in number and power.

This will mean the end of the capitalist competitive system and the introduction of Co-operative Commonwealth.

Ignoring all such alleged issues as "expansion," "imperialism," "free silver," "gold standard," "protection," "free trade," etc., the Socialist party declares that economic freedom is the supreme question that confronts the people.

Socialism proposes equal rights and opportunities for all without reference to sex, color or other conditions.

Then, again, the factory and mine are operated for profit only and the owner class, and often does it down at will, throwing hundreds, perhaps thousands, out of employment who, with their families, are as helpless as if in the desert wastes of Sahara.

The evolution of the social organization is a fact in nature. In the ceaseless process one state of society follows another in the sequence of succession.

Without any partiality he denounces his critical attitude towards extreme Socialism. The book is a gem and takes its place indisputably among the best specimens of that class of popular literary work.

OUR POSITION ON ANARCHY CHALLENGED.

Reply to Article in Herald of November 23, on "The Philosophy of Anarchy."

As I am neither a Socialist nor an Anarchist I am at least an unprejudiced judge of both anarchy and socialism.

Socialism stands for co-operation, made almost compulsory by conditions and majority rule. That is why it fails to establish harmony in the world and has so much difficulty in keeping its hold.

Anarchy advocates "free everything," in harmony with the law and order of life, and voluntary co-operation, which stands for the one co-operation that will ever stand.

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The Socialist party is organizing in every village and hamlet, and territory of every state and territory of the Union.

SOCIALISM

UTOPIAN AND SCIENTIFIC.

By FREDERICK ENGELS.

The perfecting of machinery is the making of human labor superfluous. If the introduction and increase of machinery means the displacement of millions of manual by a few machine workers, improvement in machinery means the machine workers themselves.

steeply of industry, commercial credit, and speculation, which, after breakneck leaps, ends where it began—in the ditch of a crisis.

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In any case, with trusts or without, the official representative of capitalist society—the state—will ultimately have to undertake the direction of production.

If the crises demonstrate the incapacity of the bourgeoisie for managing any longer modern productive forces, the transformation of the great establishments for production and distribution into joint stock companies, trusts and state property, show how unnecessary the bourgeoisie are for that purpose.

State ownership of the productive forces is not the solution of the conflict, but concealed within it are the technical conditions that form the elements of that solution.

This solution can only consist in the practical recognition of the social nature of the modern forces of production, and therefore in the harmonizing the modes of production, appropriation and exchange with the socialized nature of the means of production.

Active social forces work exactly like natural forces—blindly, forcibly, destructively, so long as we do not understand, and reckon with them.

But when once their nature is understood, they can, in the hands of producers working together, be transformed from master demons into willing servants.

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The law that always equilibrates the relative surplus population, or industrial reserve army, is the law of the market.

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"The Passing of Capitalism."

The book of this title by Isador Ladoff, whatever may be said by adverse critics, has stirred the circles of socialist thought, here and abroad.

Child Labor South.

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A Republican Opinion.

Although the state of public ownership of public utilities has not yet reached the point where it can properly be called a burning question in this country, the interest in it has grown perceptibly in the last few years.

Must Reverse the Action of Government.

As the right of the working class to organize is now openly challenged by the capitalists, and as their assaults upon union are always directed upon the lines of governmental action, the true course for the workers to follow is plain.

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