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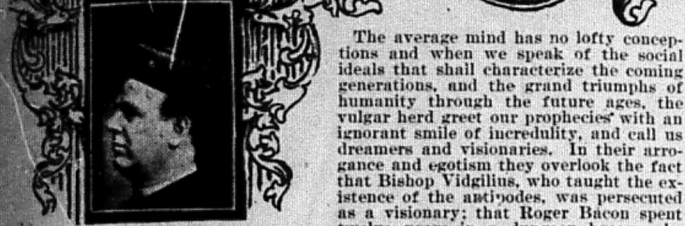
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## Reckless Opponents of Socialism.

By Father L. Vos, M.C. Grady.



The average mind has no lofty conceptions and when we speak of the social ideals that shall characterize the coming generations, and the grand triumphs of humanity through the future ages, the vulgar herd greet our prophecies with an ignorant smile of incredulity, and call us dreamers and visionaries. In their ignorance and egotism they overlook the fact that Bishop Vigilius, who taught the existence of the antipodes, was persecuted as a visionary; that Roger Bacon spent twelve years in a dungeon because he was a visionary; that Kepler, Tycho Brahe, Copernicus, Galileo, Descartes, Cardan, Galileo, the Marquis de Worcester, Columbus, and all the great men who have made the history of our world, were condemned as visionaries by the ignorant conservatives who can now array against the Socialists. The conservatives believe that progress is a curse and the safety of humanity consists in social inertia. They maintain that "ignorance is the mother of devotion" and teach the world to beware of the torchlight of truth; that learning proceedeth from the Angel of Darkness and leadeth to the Shadow of Death.

The conservatives think that you can wear the same pair of trousers at twenty-five that you wore at five; and, if the trousers don't fit, so much the worse for the trousers.

But I do not ensure these poor benighted persons for their imbecility, for it is the sad inheritance of the Dark Ages, when thought was identified with crime, and the mental torpidity, transmitted from father to son through a hundred generations or more, has culminated in sealing the fountains of intellectual life and destroying the innate powers of the human soul. In the Mammoth Cave there is a river called the Styx, filled with blind fish, and biologists explain this abnormality on the theory, now recognized by science, that the disuse of a faculty or organ destroys the faculty or organ. The first generation of fish in the Green river, which is connected with the Styx, having discovered the subterranean stream, frequently lingered in its darkness, and perhaps, charmed by the weird environs and the enchantment of the unknown and mysterious, explored its labyrinthine course and were lost in its dense and ghostly shadows. Having spawned in those cavernous depths, the young fish were born in an environment of shadows, where the functions of sight was not called into requisition, and after several generations the eyes disappeared as useless organs.

On the same principle, the poor, obtuse, conservatives, having been victimized for ages, and deprived of mental culture from generation to generation, imbued with the idea that independent thought was a crime which the fires of hell were inadequate to punish, the tendency to cerebral inactivity has been cultivated and enhanced to such an extent that the brain cells are as inert as a mass of lifeless clay, and they are incapable of comprehending the simplest truth. The faculty of thought has been totally annihilated and they are only distinguished from the beasts of burden by the possession of higher instincts and more refined habits.

The Catholic Columbian, published at Columbus, O., in a recent issue, attacked Socialism with the reckless stupidity of a country schoolboy and denoted me personally, claiming that I did not have sufficient learning to give an opinion on the question. At the same time the Columbian presumed to give an infallible decision on the philosophy and morality of the Marxian school, although it manifested the densest ignorance of the subject and evidently had never read a line from the works of the famous German savant, who is recognized by all critics as the peer of his age. The Catholic Telegraph of Cincinnati also sends forth a weak stream of ignorant vituperation against the champions of Socialism, but has never even attempted to refute the theory of surplus value and the "Iron Law of Wages," or to discuss any principle involved in the science of economics. Instead of argument it pours forth its flood of falsehood with the virulence of a fiery demon, and takes refuge under the flag of patriotism, and sanctifies its ignorant utterances with the cry of the hypocrite, begging the public to wage war against the Socialists "in the name of God, Religion and Humanity." The Telegraph is published by two courtiers of human nature, who depend on the stupidity of the public for a living, and hence they are opposed to progress which might enlighten their readers and curtail the circulation of their sheet. They know that the increase of enlightenment would elevate the standard of culture, and dispense with the necessity of the socialist (slavish thinker), and they are determined to oppose education with the desperation of an enthralled hyena; and with this purpose in view, they endeavor to frighten their readers with a picture of the dire catastrophe that will blight the world with the dawn of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

To accomplish their purpose, they wish to keep the people from thinking and to circulate the base calumny that the Socialists are the enemies of Catholicism. If they can succeed in sowing the seed of hatred among the laboring class, they will divide the ranks of the toilers; and when the poor wage slaves are fighting about their religion, lazy, shiftless, ignorant parasites will batten on the fruit of their industry. Such men created the A. P. A. movement in America a few years ago, and they are anxious to stir up the latent prejudices of the nation again, and arm workman against workman so that they can grow fat in the midst of the horney-handed toiler for his companion in sorrow. Workmen unite and refuse to support the blatherskites who seek to divide you in the name of "God, Religion and Humanity" and in the weakness arising from division, to exploit you in the name of the devil, materialism and brutality. In another decade the inequities of capitalism will be inhumed beneath the tidal wave of progress, and the journalistic charlatan will be relieved of the pen, and will take his place among the street cleaners and coal heavers, where he can use the pick and the hoe and swing the shovel and the spade, and all the friends of Mammon will howl and weep when the Angel of Justice shall gladden the earth with the smile of joy.

Bellevue, Ky., Aug. 25.

In past periods of history men who labored were able to lay by property as a protection against old age. At no time were the workers so systematically robbed as they are at the present time, through the competitive wage system. The poor house stares the hardest worker in the face.

Any man willing to work can get it, says the garrulous capitalistic class, and at the same time employs as many women and children in the factories as it can lay its brutal hands on. The census reports show that there are many less jobs than there are workers looking for work, and that child labor is rapidly increasing!

If our capitalists who do not propose to work were shipped to the wilderness they would starve to death in spite of their millions for there would be no workers to fleece a living out of.

## Famous Labor Days of History—The Story of the Age-Long Revolt for Justice and Right.

IN THE EVOLUTION OF MANKIND THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN TWO CLASSES, THE MEN OF WAR AND THE MEN OF PEACE; THE MEN OF THE HILLS, WHO FOUGHT, AND THE MEN OF THE PLAINS, WHO TILLED; THE MEN WHO ACCUMULATED PROPERTY BY LABOR AND

THE first great contest between capital and labor is mentioned in Exodus V, 15-18; and, by means no longer available, labor won. The children of Israel struck, and to the number of six hundred thousand on foot that were men, besides children, withdrew from the brick fields of Menepthah, the Pharaoh of Egypt.

This the first organized strike of history, took place somewhere about 1314 B. C. Moses, the man who freed the Hebrews from this Egyptian bondage, was perhaps the strongest personality in the history of mankind, the most gifted administrator, the most remarkable organizer. By virtue of his strength he made a nation of a pack of brutalized and dehumanized serfs who had dwelt for four thousand and thirty years in slavery, and who, for a generation, were incapable of making the Messias and the responsibility of their liberty.

Scythian civilization was to wither and die, and to be succeeded by Phoenician, Greek, and Roman civilizations, because the struggle of labor again stamped itself indelibly on the history of a nation. The scene of this later conflict, nearly three thousand years after the revolt of the Israelites, was to be the bare wastes of Blackheath, to the south and west of London.

In the England of the middle ages serfs were, for the most part, serfs bound to the land, to churches, or to manors. They were of two classes—the villeins in gross employed in menial household work, and the villeins regard-

ing the tilling of his land and the storing of his hay. These medieval workmen took few holidays with the exception of Sundays and saints' days.

In the Fifteenth century expert wages received one dollar a week in wages, less capable workmen 80 and 70 cents. Their house rent was practically nothing, and the purchasing power of a dollar then was equal to twelve dollars of our present day money.

Wheat in the Fifteenth century cost one dollar and fifty cents per quarter of eight bushels; oatmeal one dollar and twenty-five cents for the same quantity. Geese could be bought for eight cents each, and fowls for six cents the pair; pigeons cost eight cents the dozen. Butter was not expensive at one cent a pound, and eggs were cheap at a cent the dozen. The clothing of the workingman was as inexpensive as his food.

The year 1348 was a terrible year in the Old World. The Black Death swept out from China, spread westward by the great caravan routes across the desert and raged over Europe. In London it called for a hundred thousand corpses, and its breath turned the hearts of men to water. The serfs recognized their opportunity. In the confusion of all things, they banded themselves together into trade unions to enforce their demands for higher wages. But since all men's business was every man's business in the Middle Ages, these unions were secret societies, and the "poor priests" of Wycliff were their walking delegates. Had the lords of the manor known aught of them, a massacre of the serfs would have been ordered.

Twenty years after the plague, the lords of the manor woke to find that they were paying double the wages for harvest work they had paid before the onslaught of the Black Death. The lords

## As to American Labor Parties.

By Victor L. Berger.



A political labor party has a "raison d'être" only when it expresses the economic class interests of the workingmen. A labor party which does not fulfill this condition is as superfluous as the fifth wheel of a coach.

Who ever supports a labor party, if he is honest and not trying to humbug, must recognize the fact that the working class has interests which the other parties cannot represent and do not wish to represent, because they have to represent other interests.

Every political party is the representative of certain economic interests, for economic conditions form the foundation of all politics. The struggle of political parties is the struggle of different groups of interests for the control of the political power of society. A group of interests or a class of society that succeeds in getting possession of the political power of society is therefore pledged to make this power serviceable to their particular interests, that is, to define and direct the politics of the country.

So long as workmen imagine that their interests in all essential points are identical with the interests of any other class of society, they naturally feel no need of entering into politics on their own account. They make common cause in political affairs with the class to which they imagine themselves united in economic affairs. But when once workmen come to understand that their interests are essentially different from the interests of all other classes, or that interests which separate them, then they will feel the need of a separate political representation of their separate class interests.

Of late in several states, and some large and small cities, there is a noticeable movement toward the organization of various local labor parties, from which the workingmen have found a hair in the political broth of the old spoils-politics. Thus by degrees the workmen are coming to understand that they can reckon on a political representation of their economic interests only when they themselves take this representation in their hands. That they are not yet clear as to the nature of their class interests is proved by the demands, but they leave out the FUNDAMENTAL THOUGHT which would express the class character of their movement.

No wonder that in many quarters the suspicion is loudly expressed that these new local parties are only the result of a universal wire-pulling for the purpose of giving certain persons the opportunity of fishing in troubled waters. At present of course it is difficult to ascertain on what and how well this suspicion is based. There is, however, one way of making it unfounded, and this is to recast the platform that it will most unequivocally express the class interests of the workingmen. For there is either one of two things:

Either the working class HAS separate class interests which compel it to give them separate political representation in and separate political representation. In this case these class interests must be clearly and definitely expressed in the platform of a labor party.

Or else the working class has NO separate class interests, and their economic interests are also IDENTICAL with the interests of other classes of society. Then every separate labor party is superfluous.

It is the class struggle alone that gives to labor parties their right of existence. A labor party that fears openly and honestly to point out this class struggle can have no future. Therefore American workmen everywhere can do no better than to stick to the party that on the world over represents the SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC party. It stands broadly and squarely upon the issue of the class struggle and it is the party destined to bring about the emancipation of labor.

The laboring people of Beloit, Wis., owing to bad leadership recently brought their united strength to bear and "captured" the Republican caucus and had one of their representatives nominated on the Republican ticket for the Legislature. The scheme worked and now the men are jubilant.

But why should they be jubilant? They haven't captured the Republicans—the Republicans have captured them! Nothing will come to labor from it, the capitalists will simply have a better grip on the laboring dupes of Beloit, a few leaders will have a stand-in with the Republicans with a view to some future "job," and the man that is made assemblyman may be utterly spoiled as a sincere representative of his class. It is the old game reworked, and labor is again the victim.

When the Beloit workers come to their senses and see the game the politicians have put up on them they will see that their only hope lies in the Social Democratic party.

Clothing, foods, metals and miscellaneous articles which cost on January 1, 1896, \$77.78, cost \$101.58 on January 1, 1902.—From U. S. Monthly Summary of Finance and Commerce, January, 1902, pages 27-28.

This shows how the game of lessening the value and purchasing power of the workers' wages is worked. How do you like it? Socialism is a foreign idea, eh?

The average industrial worker is merely serving time on earth at hard labor. No other body than the Socialists is organized politically or industrially to secure for the worker the entire product of his labor.

The men who preyed upon the labor of others—for centuries the men of the sword and of trade have been accounted the heroes. Today the two classes consist of capitalists and wage workers, and the day of deliverance is near.

King turned and addressed them, ordering them to disperse quietly to their homes under his kingly protection and favor.

It was generations before the struggle was renewed.

After the Tyler rebellion, the condition of the working classes gradually sank until it reached its lowest misery in the years immediately preceding the outbreak between Charles I. and his Parliament. The clearing of the air and stirring up of all things brought about by the strenuous dictatorship of Oliver Cromwell led the laboring masses, and their condition continued slowly to improve till about the middle of the Eighteenth century.

With the long and costly war with the American colonies, and the longer and costlier struggle that began with the French Revolution and ended at Waterloo, the state of the workingman again deteriorated. In November, 1792, serious labor disturbances broke out in both England and Scotland. At Sheffield and at Dundee revolutionary riots took place, and Pitt, then prime minister, had to declare a condition of insurrection in order to secure the necessary help of the militia. At that time to belong to a trade union WAS A STATUTORY CRIME, and a labor meeting was liable to be broken up by the MILITARY.

Three years later matters became still more serious. The masses were suffering from the dislocation and depression of trade from famine resulting from two consecutive bad harvests and from a constantly increasing burden of taxation. As King George III. was driving to

## WATCH IT PASS THE HUNDRED MARK!

FIFTEEN THOUSAND UNION SECRETARIES receiving and reading the Herald, through their influence on their unions, would be good for at least 100,000 Socialist votes in the next presidential election.	
THREE THOUSAND SOCIALISTS in all parts of the country ought to be glad to sacrifice a dollar each to bring about so good a result.	
Our plan is to bring the 15,000 union secretaries and 3,000 Socialists together. Send in your dollar to this office for the UNION SECRETARIES' FUND and we will send the Herald at once to five union secretaries from the official lists for eight months. Or send in \$5.00 and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that twenty-five union secretaries will read the Herald for eight months.	
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Just to spur some of our lagging fighters, we make this inducement: To the comrade sending in the largest list of subscription to the fund we will give a \$10 zither. To the one sending in the next largest amount a copy of Marx's "Capital," best edition, bound in cloth. To the one sending in the next best a copy of the "People's Marx." For the next two largest contributions, copies each of "Socialism in America."

This paper's advice to Comrade Max Hayes as delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention from the International Typographical Union, would be to utterly ignore the gag which the recent convention attempted to put between his teeth. The proceeding was as illegal as it was impudent. Mr. Hayes was elected by referendum of the entire membership and his socialistic views were known to those who voted. The convention could not supersede the referendum.

Henry Smith, who some years ago went to Congress as a Populist, now asks laboring people to send him to Congress again as a Democrat. What did he do for labor when he was in Congress before? All he did was to never open his mouth and to vote regularly with the Northern Tammanyites and the Southern Bourbon Democracy, just as he would do again if elected. His election would simply mean one vote more for the Tammanyites and the Southern representatives of child-labor exploitation.

The Milwaukee Sentinel shows the kind of interest it takes in a labor movement in the city by the following paragraph: "Since the arrival of H. W. Stead, secretary of the National Building Trades Council, that organization has been steadily growing in power, and Milwaukee has been regarded as one of the principal cities in the circuit of the Building Trades union, since the power of the American Federation of Labor HAS BEEN WANING."

It will be news even to the Building Trades Council that the A. F. of L. is waning. And if Milwaukee is a strong, what must it be at other points. The Sentinel seems to be up to its old game which it worked while Disorganizer McLean was in the city, and it helped do his dirty work.

set to work to reduce the laborers to their old state of vilenage, to force which to do for nothing the work for which they were overcharging. But the employers were too late, the organization was complete, and the priests were preaching insurrection.

In the summer of 1581, to defray the expenses of the war with France, Richard II., the young King of England, imposed a poll tax of three groats. A blundering tax gatherer in Essex insulted the pretty daughter of the district blacksmith, and the peasants swooped down on him. The "poor priests" preaching had ripened to harvest, and the people were bent on revolt.

Under Wat Tyler and Jack Straw, peasants of Essex, the people thronged to Blackheath, burning and pillaging as they went. The Boy King rode out to meet them on June 10, 1381, and Wat Tyler presented his demand: "We will that you make us free forever, our selves, our heirs, and our lands, and that we be called no more bond, or so reported." Richard pledged his kindly word the matter should go through as they desired it.

The King rode back by way of Smithfield, and there encountered another army of rioters, with Wat Tyler still at their head. Wat Tyler spoke with an insolence that roused Watworth, the mayor, so that he plunged his dagger into the breast of the peasant ringleader, and stretched him dead before the King. Richard was but 16, yet he was a son of the Black Prince and a grandson of Edward III. The growl of the infuriated crowd at the death of their leader was what he needed to wake his mother wit. He sprang to the head of the mob and offered himself as leader in place of the dead Tyler. Northward they rode through the wondering streets of London, to the fields at Islington. There the

Parliament, his coach was attacked by a mob of starving men who smashed its windows and yelled, "Bread, bread!" To suppress the popular outcry, bills were passed ordering the printing of advertisements of all public meetings to be signed by resident householders; granting any two magistrates the right to disperse all meetings under the Riot Act; and against the established government guilty of treason.

In the long years of war that followed, the condition of the British workingman fell to the lowest depth in the history of the nation. Just before the passing of the Reform Bill in June, 1832, the country was ripe for revolution. Months before, ricks had been burned and masonry smashed all over England. Those were the days when meetings by torchlight were held, when men silently drilled as soldiers on every stretch of waste ground. A universal strike was called for in May, 1839, but failed of response.

Out of these stormy episodes emerged the great modern army of labor, an army of unknown power, of unknown destiny. Acknowledged by every civilized government, it has today its organization and its festivals. In Europe, the morning of May 1 no longer is devoted to the maypole and the Morris dancers. It has become a matter of discussion in all the chambers of Europe. Here, in the United States, the first Monday of September has been devoted to the glorification of labor, to the recreation of the laborer.—Douglas Story, in Munsey's Magazine.



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know that a city bank in New York with \$500,000,000 capital would dominate this country if it had branch banks throughout the country? Do you know it would dictate the tariff, make or prevent wars, own all the ships, the railroads, the mines and hold the whole country in the hollow of its hand?

It makes a big difference who gets hit by competition. The working class has been enjoying the misery of having to compete for the jobs that were fewer than applicants, and the bankers have looked on with a smile. But how different it is, when THEY are threatened!

THAT AWFUL MILWAUKEE CIRCULAR

The circular recently sent out by the Milwaukee Trades' Council suggesting that the progressive central labor bodies of the country hold a yearly conference to discuss local labor conditions and suggest reforms to be insisted on politically in municipal elections, seems to have stirred up a good deal of inquiry, and justification and—eventually, antagonism.

In brief the plan proposed is this: That the various central labor bodies send representatives to an annual conference at which municipal conditions from the standpoint of labor would be discussed and measures for the improvement of local labor conditions suggested. It would be much such a conference as the profession charity-mongers of the country hold—only a much more moral and worthy affair.

Another LABOR DAY IS HERE! Another LABOR DAY is upon us and it behooves the worker to look at the situation full in the face. President Roosevelt said the other day that the rich were getting richer, but that the poor were getting no poorer! This is true and it is not true, and it is a fine commentary on our so-called prosperity!

More than this: We have this Labor Day the government census figures to think over. What do they show? That the wage worker is getting less in wages on the average now than he did ten years ago. Machinery is crowding labor to the wall, because labor does not own the machinery. It is calling for child and woman labor in place of man labor.

Henry Smith, capitalist, sham reformer and secret partner of David Rose, Milwaukee's corrupt spoilsman mayor, was nominated for Congress by the Democrats from the Fifth Wisconsin district, through the under-the-surface work of the Rose machine.

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FROM THE CATECHISM OF CAPITALIST MORALITY.

Question. What is the main object of human life on earth? Answer. Success. Nothing succeeds like success. Q. Who may be considered a successful man? A. A man who succeeds in accumulating the largest possible amount of material wealth in the shortest possible time with the least possible personal exertions may be termed successful.

Q. What is religion? A. Religion is an institution, by the means of which the unthinking masses of humanity are hypnotized into cheerful submission to the valiant possessors of the valuable. Q. Define the terms Right and Wrong. A. Right and Wrong are but attributes of Power and Weakness. The strong is always right. The weak is always wrong.

Q. What is the object of Art? A. To make the life of the strong and cunning ornamental. Q. What is the object of Science? A. To increase and perpetuate the power of the fittest to survive over the unfit. Q. What is the object of Education? A. To make the life of the strong and cunning ornamental.

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number of coaches and they would be in serviceable condition for twenty to thirty years. The reason of this sort of management by the government is plain—it is because the government is in the hands of business men, men who are there for BUSINESS! A little less "business" of this sort would be a good thing for the country, if not for the schemes of the railroad magnates.

PARABLE OF THE WAGE SLAVE. A certain Rich Man had a Colored Slave for whom He had Paid Twelve Hundred Dollars. He also had a Hired Man who Worked for Wages. One day He Commanded His Slave to Climb a Tree and Cut Off a Dead Limb. The Slave, however, Entreated Him to Ask the Hired Man to do the Tree-cutting. "If I Fell Down and was Killed You Would Lose Twelve Hundred Dollars, while if the Hired Man is Killed You Lose Nothing and can Fill His Place without extra Cost." Moral: Wage Slaves are Cheaper than Chattel Slaves. —C. H. Robinson, Toronto.

NOTES BY THE WAY. There are less than 12,000 white persons in Rhodesia, and each might of 70 square miles of land if of the most fertile Rhodesia. Denmark is one of the best organized co-operative countries in the world, and all done within thirty-five years. There are 970 distributive societies, 1622 co-operatives, with 12,000 members, selling \$25,000,000 worth of their butter annually, mainly to England, and twenty-five bacon factories doing a business of \$15,000,000 per year.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

The Drama in the Coal Fields. Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 21.—Social Democratic Herald: A more thrilling drama of human passion, self-sacrifice, heroism and tragedy, could not be found than that which is now passing rapidly from scene to scene in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. On one hand stand the coal barons, owning everything necessary for human life: the ground the miners stand on, the coal that is to keep them warm, the railroads that are to bring them food and clothing, the stores where these supplies can be bought; the huts and shanties in which the miners live; and on the other stand the miners, hungry, destitute, desperate—owning nothing but their labor which they proudly refuse to sell at the sacrifice of their human rights.

not as NOW be the slaves of the politicians. The editor of the Wisconsin Citizen does not know what Socialism means and how it would operate or otherwise he intends to make a vain attempt to cut down the Socialist vote this fall by misrepresenting its operation. Concerning government supervision of trusts and monopolies, so long as the INCENTIVE of making money EXISTS, SO LONG the politicians who are called upon to SUPERVISE the trusts and monopolies will become the proprietors and the people the slaves. The only remedy is popular ownership. H. C. S.

What Are You Going To Do About It? "Ninety-seven men out of every hundred die practically penniless." So said ex-Senator John J. Ingalls of Kansas. So you have tried it? You have tried it? Ingalls became a national figure. Do you know what that statement means? It means that whatever may be said as to the theoretical value of the present social system it is unsuited to the needs of the men and women of today. If it were suited to their needs, then a majority, at least, would succeed.

only forty-nine out of every hundred failed, then there might be some defense of the existing social system interposed. But, Ninety-seven!—Do you need a mail to pound the idea into your head? Anything is right that is for the betterment of the people of this present world and which promotes and secures their happiness. Everything is wrong that detracts from their happiness or is to their detriment. The question is not: "What has any social idea done for the people or countries that have tried it?" nor whether, forsooth, it has failed at other times. The question is this: "What will it do for America and her people and will it be to their benefit?"

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A Labor Day Message.

Contributed to the Herald by Acting-Gov. Coates, of Colorado.

On this Labor day of 1902 a retrospective view will show great advancement in the struggle of labor to free itself from wage slavery, and in this fact there is found much encouragement for the continuation of agitation and education in the future.

Today wage workers everywhere are flocking by the thousands into trade unions, realizing that they can no longer contend in an individual capacity for betterment of condition against the organization and power of modern capitalism, and trade unions are stirred as never before with discussion and plans to more effectively meet this system of exploitation on the economic and political battlefields.

Modern machinery and production have attained such heights of perfection that many thousands of our people are beginning to understand that they are being denied the opportunity to make a livelihood by labor—their ability and willingness to labor being their only means of earning a livelihood—and those who are working long hours and suffering inhuman conditions in mine, mill, shop and factory are receiving in return for their labor wages barely sufficient to keep them in working condition.

These conditions are forcing the workmen and women to think or to listen to those from their own ranks who think their attention is being diverted from the mere demands for less hours of work and higher wages, because they are realizing that so long as the means of production and distribution—the power to give employment, fix the cost of production and the price that must be paid for the things produced—remain in private hands for private profit, little progress will be made toward industrial freedom, and they are beginning to learn that a complete revolution from private to collective ownership of all means of production and distribution must take place before the worker can emerge from wage slavery to industrial equality and freedom. This must be brought about

by political action through a party which stands for that principle in government, and the thinking trades unionist is fast joining the Socialist party, in spite of the cry of some of the leaders that they must keep out of politics.

There is no longer any fear of destroying trade unions because of political declaration for the Social Democratic party, which stands as labor's true representative in the political field, makes it unnecessary that the meetings of labor organizations be disturbed by political discussions and wranglings. The Social Democratic party urges that every worker join a labor organization and that each and every member of a labor union should join the Socialist party.

So long as the present system of private ownership and profit exists, trade unions are necessary, but they are beginning to see that only through unity at the ballot box with the class interest solely in view can there be any permanent improvement in industrial conditions. The present day life is one of constant battles and suffering, and there can be no industrial peace or plenty by the mere raise of wages or lessening of labor hours, but that the total abolishment of capitalism is necessary before the mass of human beings can enjoy the natural right of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The Western workman is taking the lead in this new work for his emancipation from wage serfdom, and on this Labor Day the mountains, plains and valleys of the West are resounding as never before with the march and voice of the new army battling for human rights. We send greetings and encouragement to our brothers and comrades everywhere, for the day of emancipation is beginning to break, and we urge them to work with renewed heart, vigor and determination for the cause of Socialism, the higher enforcement of human life. It is coming, comrades—coming, and already capitalistic exploitation is beginning to totter and will soon fall. Courage, courage! Forward! David C. Coates, Denver, Col.

MACHINE VERSUS MAN.

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

Machinery has increased the productive capacity to a marvelous degree. Why does not the worker receive from twenty to fifty times as much of every thing as he had fifty or sixty years ago? I will tell you: When the machine came, it absorbed the skill of the trade—that is to say, as the machine became more perfect it could be operated by unskilled labor. The capitalist must have cheap labor to control the market. Here is a woman. The wage of her husband has gone down; he can no longer support his family; the woman must leave home and become a factor in industry. Millions of women are so employed, and millions of children are in competition with them. As a result the wage steadily declines. The workman produces in abundance, but he only consumes up to the point of the wage he receives. What is the wage he now receives? You have been told over and over again that the wage is higher today than it ever was, an untruth on the face of it, and a challenge contradiction. The wage of the worker in proportion to the production is smaller today than it ever was in the history of the country. Let us get down to actual figures. In 1890 out of every \$10 worth of finished goods the working man received \$2.22, according to the census reports. After a lapse of ten years we find that instead of \$2.22 he received but \$1.77 in 1900, a fraction over 17 per cent. of what he labor produced. As the machine multiplies, as the competition sharpens between men, women and children, his

wage diminishes in inverse ratio as his productive increases.

It is used to require some years to learn a trade. The skill of the trade places the workman above the level of unskilled competition. He then received practically the product of his toil. When work was done by hand the workman, who is the consumer as well as the producer, furnished a market for what he labor produced. Every thing was done by the slow and tedious process of hand labor. It took three or four days to make a suit of clothes, and now you can make one in a few minutes. Then men were as a rule well dressed. Now thousands are in rags because we can make clothes too easily. Who has the time to make a suit of clothes, the worker who absorbed a good deal of the product of others while making the clothes. The workers also wore hats and clothes and shoes. They simply exchanged with each other, and every community supplied its own wants. Overproduction was done by the struggle for a foreign market was practically unknown. But today the machine operated by a child produces these articles in abundance, but the machine does not wear hats and clothes and shoes. Do you see the point? The machine, in producing the goods, does not provide a market for what it produces, and for many years we have produced not more than we can use, but more than we can sell, for the great body of the workers can only buy a small share of what they produce and the capitalist class cannot absorb the surplus.

THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF WEALTH.

By Edwin Markham, Author of "The Man With the Hoe."

We smile complacently at the Hottentot, whose pride is centered in the tawdry ring he wears in his nose, yet how much are we raised above this savage, who prostrate ourselves before the mingled gold of the millionaire? In our shorts money-worship, we have reached a stage where a golden cat, instead of a royal eagle, might well be the symbol of our national spirit. The corrupting influence of unprincipled wealth was not unknown in the days of antiquity. The Bible speaks of the man in whose right hands are iniquities, and in whose left are bribes. It is related that the Delphic oracle, in response to a request of Philip of Macedonia for advice, uttered these words: "Make him thy weapon, and thou wilt conquer all." We know that Philip triumphed by carrying more fortifications by money than by arms, saying that a golden key would open a gate, and that a mule laden with silver could find entrance through any pass. The giving of bribes is, perhaps, not the worst feature of the policy of the money power of today. The chief evil, nowadays, lies in the well-nigh universal

fawning and cowering before wealth, in the blind scramble for fortune or favor. We are taught to act a part, when we should embody a principle. We stoop over and walk on all fours, when we should stand erect, remembering the stars above us.

Many of the hangers-on of the millionaire are mere fawners and flatterers seeking to push their way into the social swim. Other classes who bend at his feet are working people, who are dependent on him for food and shelter.

The mortal bane in all this money worship, this toadyism and timeserving, is the effect it has on the soul of the toady and timeserver. It calls his attention away from the real and the permanent in life to the false and the fleeting. It robs him of the idea that character is the chief glory of man.

Character is the one thing whose foundations go down to the world's granite; and when to character we add culture, we come into an inheritance more durable than time and richer than the kingdoms of this world.

THE MOLOCH OF TRADE.

O Trade! O Trade! would thou wert dead! The time needs heart—'tis tired of head! I see that avall the endless tale of gain by cunning and plus by sale. Up the land, look down the land. The poor, the poor, the poor, they stand weeded by the pressing of trade's hand. Ask him an inward pressing done. That pressure tightens evermore; And high a monstrous, foul-air sigh For the outside leagues of liberty, Where Art, sweet lark, translates the sky Into a Heavenly melody. —Sidney Lanier.

Dooley on the Label.

"Did ye say 'Wot's the union label?' Hogan, 'Listen t' me fer a short space and ye'll know.' 'The union label, Hogan, is a sign that t' trusts don't make everything. T' words of what's-his-name, t' 's' is t' bright an' shinin' star that t' world th' strength us th' workin' man an' also a club t' knock th' divils out in th' scab factories. When ye see th' label on th' shoes ye buy ye can make up yer mind that th' man that made th' shoes had fer dinner last Sunday. When ye see the same on yer coat ye know that ye won't ketch th' scab bug from wearin' th' shirt. Hogan, ye see th' label on th' paper ye buy ye know that no matter whether it's Republican or Dimmocrat or Middle of th' Road Prohibitionists, th' gang set it had a few pennies in their pockets Saturday night. I tell ye, Hogan, 'tis a smart thing. When ye go t' buy yourself a hat, Hogan, don't let th' man tell ye that ye can't get a nice hat, sir, until ye've looked fer th' hatmakers' label. It's good will all this do ye, d'ye say, Hogan? 'Ye're an ass. Don't ye see that when th' gang gets paid \$10 a week they can pay ye fer more groceries than they can on \$8? Hogan, ye're a dead

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Real Unionism, and False. Why do you belong to the union? Is it because you have to? What is the use of being a union man in name if not in heart? Never be ashamed of saying, "I am a union man." First my union before any other organization. Remember that your union is that which upholds your wages and makes it possible for you to belong to some other organization.—The Union, Minneapolis.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

MEANING OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

It has been charged that the Socialists are stirring up class hatred as teaching men to hold each other in contempt, but the fact is that the Socialists are in no way responsible for the present class war and are the only ones who are trying to see a safe and humane ending of the struggle between the economic classes. If one glances at the historic background of the present strife he will as soon blame Lincoln for the Civil War as blame the Socialists for the class struggle. Soldiers and slaves divided the whole Western world of Europe and Asia for 4000 years, but the slaves never ceased to struggle against their bondage and the castes never came. For a thousand years in Europe, lords and their retainers in the castles and serfs in the hovels made up the economic classes, but the serfs never admitted that they were born to be serfs—never surrendered to the claims that they had no share in the life of a full free manhood and so the castes never came. At the beginning of the wage system, the class struggle which occupies the attention of the historians of that period was the strife between the old feudal landlords and the manufacturers and merchants. It was war between the towns and the castles. The French Revolution marked the end of the power of the castle and the triumph of the trades in the manufacturer as the new ruling power of the world. The old had stood for the divine right of kings, the new contended for the sacred obligation of contracts. Socialism means that the workers are to fall to the bottom and in the end be bound there by lines of caste above which they may never rise. Struggle can only result in the overthrow of the master class and so end the class struggle with the disappearance of all classes. Socialism will end the class struggle by removing the economic inequality of opportunity which has created the classes. —Walter Thomas Mills.

MAN'S INHUMANITY IN THE ANTHRACITE REGION.

BY MORRISON I. SWIFT.

THE infamous child labor practice in the South is showing up the hypocrisy of the slow New England rich, our good Puritan blood, they are moving their mills to Alabama and Georgia in order to take advantage of the opportunities to exploit tender little children of their health and vitality, because there are no child-protection laws in those states. It is a soft phrase to call these mill children "orphans," as infamous. I respect a Tracy who went out and followed his cruel instincts daringly, more than I do these cruel manufacturers who pose as honorable, decent citizens and break the lives of helpless little children who can do nothing to rescue themselves or retaliate. If of such little children is the kingdom of heaven, of such manufacturers is the kingdom of hell. It is white children who in the South are thus used up and destroyed. If one of these children, crushed in body and deranged in mind, should in young manhood kill a President, all the fials of the nation's anger and detestation would be poured into his name, curses and imprecations would be leveled at the parents who brought him into the world. The soulless, greedy capitalists who ruined him and caused his act would be the first to revile and stone him, to clamor for his blood, and before the nation they would be held quitless. These Christian devils, these cannibal saints of New England, would continue their honorable careers of saintly "Christian" infamy.

The anthracite miners are a great population who are being treated upon parallel principles. Their children are captured for industrial slavery in the death-nursing breaker several years before the age set by law. Here they begin their disease-breeding toil without education. From hence, with lungs already stored deep with black coal dust, they graduate downward to spend their days below ground in the death-nursing breaker. Now, the other side of it. In the palaces of Newport are families living on the huge fortunes extracted from these

white slaves. Colossal wealth has been torn from the very vitals of this old-world mining population. Their toil furnishes the splendor of the idle gluttonous spendthrift rich. And it is for this, these poor men toil and waste away and die! To pamper a crew of profligate, consuming gluttons! O America, have you come to this? O Fraternity and Equality, have you permitted the breeding of devils as our owners and over-lords in this land of Franklin and Jefferson? Open your eyes to it, we the once free people of the United States are beridden by brutes. Church-going brutes, educated brutes, if you will, but brutes. For, while the brutes would not consent to consume the bodies and souls of men in Newport frigidities? There is a rich man's palace in New York one room of which cost \$400,000. It would take a miner earning his \$300 a year 1333 years of labor to earn that sum, and during the period he could not eat for he would have nothing over to spend for food or clothes. Is this a nation owned by humans or brutes? The opportunity of the miner has at last come. He is, after his long sleep, politically aroused. He is groping after a right use of the ballot. Shall we help him adequately? He needs a tremendous economic schooling, and it must be done quickly. An election comes in ten weeks. If the miners are schooled as they may be in these ten weeks, they will be ready to vote for Congress. They will elect enough Socialists to the Pennsylvania Legislature to hold the strong balance of power between the two capitalist parties. Socialism will get its first grip on Washington. It is a rare and unique moment for Socialism to be made its inaugurating moment in the spirit of the nation's Socialists in rising to the occasion. Socialists of America, awakened to the great possibilities of this moment. This coal strike can be made one of the most momentous events in American history, if we make it the inaugurating moment of Socialism. If we win here we win everywhere. —Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 14, 1902.

Worse than Slavery Days. New York, Aug. 15.—Thirty-two men and boys have made affidavit that they were taken from this city a week ago by a detective for one of the railroad lines, and in a locked car were sent to Pittston, Pa., where they were compelled to work in the washeries connected with the coal mines. None of the men were told, according to the affidavit, that he was wanted to take the place of a striking miner.

- Labor Day Speeches. Milwaukee—Father Thomas McGrady. Davenport, Ia.—Eugene V. Debs. Chicago—W. D. Mahon, Samuel Gompers, W. J. Bryan, "Billy" Mason and others. Murray, O., (Hoeking Valley)—Mother Jones. Philadelphia—John Mitchell. Van Horn, Ia.—Father Hagerty. Janesville, Wis.—Thomas J. Morgan. Clinton, Ia.—Max S. Hayes. Dubuque, Ia.—John M. Work. Denver, Col.—Walter R. Burleigh. Birmingham, N. Y.—Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to United States. Akron, O.—George Lafayette. Beloit, Wis.—Arthur E. Ireland. Warden, Ill.—M. B. Dunn. Penn., Pa.—E. V. Putnam. Waukesha, Wis.—E. H. Besenbergh. Penn. Ills.—Leon Greenbaum. Flint, Mich.—William E. Walter. St. Paul, Minn.—Walter R. Burleigh. Streator, Ills.—James S. Roche. Neenah, Wis.—Geo. H. Russell.

GENERAL NOTES. The Toronto Trades and Labor Council, the largest central body in Canada, is reported to have declared for Socialism. Coal miners of South Wales have voted to send \$50,000 to the striking American miners. Reports from Kansas and Nebraska indicate that they will have to burn corn for fuel again this winter. Bolton Hall, the eminent lawyer and direct legislationist, has advised the striking coal miners to obey no unlawful injunction. Through the testimony given by Henry Thuman and others before the grand jury a week ago in Chicago, on which a number of members and officers of the Metal Polishers and Brass Molders' Union were indicted for conspiracy and the like, was revealed the present movement and the world at large the existence of a secret-spying organization operating in the trade unions of this country, rumors of which have been in existence for nearly two years. The following labor organizations in convention assembled have recently declared for Socialism: The American Labor Union, Western Federation of Miners, National Union of United Brewery Workers, Journeymen Bakers and Confectionery Union, Hotel and Restaurant Employ Union, International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, Colorado State Federation of Labor, Iowa State Federation of Labor, Cleveland (O.) Trades and Labor Council, Dayton (O.) Trades and Labor Council, Toronto (Ont.) Trades and Labor Council.

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PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

The following is the national platform of principles of Social Democracy: The Socialist party of America, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its policy to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the producer and keep the workers dependent upon them. Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the workers. The struggle is now between the hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives the capitalist the control of the government, the press, the public schools, and enables them to reduce the working men to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political servitude and virtual slavery. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home. But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the wage slavery society, and to the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the proletariat, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

- 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue therefrom to be used on the reduction of the taxes of the capitalist class, but the entire revenue to be applied first, to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and then to the improvement of a political party, directly to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end. As such means we advocate: 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue therefrom to be used on the reduction of the taxes of the capitalist class, but the entire revenue to be applied first, to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employes, and then to the improvement of a political party, directly to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end. As such means we advocate: 2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor. 3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age, the revenue therefor to be derived from the government. 4. The inauguration of a system of public industries for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose, in order that the working class receive the product of their toil. 5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food. 6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women. 7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents. 8. But in making these demands as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and in the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the people against the public ownership demands made by capitalist political parties, which always result in perpetuating the capitalist system through the compromise or defect of the Socialist revolution.

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