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## Are Socialists Practical?

Some Democratic and Republican politicians sneer at the Socialists because we are "idealists." The others claim that we are as a whole "pretty good fellows," but utterly "impractical."

How what is Socialism? Socialism is defined as the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution. It is the name given to the next stage of civilization, if civilization is to survive.

As a matter of fact the centralization of the control of property in a few hands is increasing with a rapidity that threatens the existence of civilization. Within a short time we shall have two nations in every civilized country, and especially in America—both of native growth.

The nation will be very large in number, but semi-civilized, half-fed, half-educated and degenerated from overwork and misery; the other nation will be very small in number, but over-civilized, over-fed, over-cultured and degenerated from too much leisure and too much luxury.

What will be the outcome? Some day there will be a volcanic eruption. The hungry millions will turn against the over-fed few. A fearful retribution will be enacted on the capitalist class as a class—and the innocent will suffer with the guilty.

Such a revolution will retrograde civilization—it might throw back the white race into barbarism. Let us heed the warning of history. Every honest and practical man—and every patriot who can think—ought to say to himself the following:

The machinery and all the progress in the implements of production today we don't want to destroy and we can't destroy, if we are to have civilization. Modern humanity does not intend to go back to the barbarism of the middle ages.

But as long as the instruments of production—land, machinery, raw materials, railroads, telegraphs, etc.—remain private property, only comparatively few can be sole owners and masters thereof. And so long as such is the case they will naturally use this private ownership for their private advantage.

The present system was a step in the evolution to freedom, but only a step—it has already resulted in making comparatively few the absolute masters of our daily bread.

There is but one deliverance—from the rule of the people by capital—and that is the rule of capital by the people.

If so much of what has been considered private property is to be absorbed in great monopolistic ownership—and there is nothing that can stop it—then, if we are to remain a politically free people, the inevitable outcome will be that the people must take possession collectively of the production and distribution. And this is called Socialism. It is simply a matter of growth and of evolution. Yet we must not forget that though society is truly an organism, the evolution of society does not take place precisely like the growth of plants and animals. The former is the result of efforts consciously put forth; the progress of man requires the co-operation of men. Therefore, while it is true that Socialism will be the outcome of economic conditions, if civilization is to survive, we must see to it that civilization does survive.

The idea that because Socialism is bound to come, we do not have to work for it, would be fatalistic, and might prove fatal to civilization. Carlyle is right, when he says: "The history of what man has accomplished is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here." An idea to be successful must be in harmony with surrounding conditions, but that alone is not enough. It must be propagated and made alive in men and women. There must be a few people, at least, who care a great deal about the idea and who feel a resistless impulse towards its propagation.

And in that respect the Socialists are eminently practical people. Since Socialism is to be the next phase of civilization—as the trusts, the centralization of property and every new invention seem to prove—those who act as the road-makers and pathfinders for the new civilization do eminently practical work indeed.

I have indicated before that we are not able to destroy the present order of society at one blow, without destroying civilization. Society is an organism. We are not able to start all afresh. We cannot begin civilization all over again and Socialism must emanate from capitalism, as capitalism developed out of feudalism.

Our present civilization has gradually grown up and the future civilization must grow out of this.

Society could be compared to a house we could simply tear it down and build a new mansion on modern lines with every convenience. But we cannot compare a living organism with a house—at the best we could say that our task is to convert the old house into a new up-to-date mansion and to keep it habitable all the time while we are rebuilding.

We know what we want. The Social Democratic party is essentially a constructive organization. Whenever and wherever we pull out an old brick or take down a dangerous wall we have something better ready in its place.

Now it has been shown that public ownership is better than private ownership. Who would hand over the postoffice, for instance, although it is not an ideally managed institution, to Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Gould. Or what Milwaukee citizen would like to see the Milwaukee Gaslight Company take hold of the city water plant? And while "public ownership" is not Socialism by any means, it is a step towards it and trains the mind for Socialism. And it is not too much if we say that the idea of "public ownership" is in the air today and that the agitation of the Social Democrats is largely responsible for educating public opinion in that respect.

The Social Democrats are students of history and know that sunken and degraded people lose the power to help themselves. Therefore the Social Democrats welcome all efforts of the laboring people to better their condition right now by organization. Social Democrats consider it their duty to assist the trades unions in their struggle for fair wages and a better standard of living.

Are we a lot of "impracticables" and "idealists" for so doing?

*Victor L. Berger.*

It isn't necessary to go to Ireland to witness an eviction. This country has its share of them, but has too worshipful an awe of the sacred rights of property to care a curs about it.

Now more of them are feeling ruffled. In a two-column editorial the World-Herald of Omaha admits that "the Socialist vote is now a factor to be reckoned with," and that the only solution for the Democracy is in retaining Bryan's leadership. The World-Herald is Bryan's leading daily in Nebraska.

The Socialists of Lansford, Penn., after electing a majority of the town council discharged a capitalistic chief of police and installed a well known Socialist in his place, a miner who was a leader during the coal strike.

Look at the faces you meet every day. See how the present system has written tragedy, and strife and calamity and even wolfishness in every lineament. What beauty, what kindness, would beam from every countenance, were the curse of capitalistic strife banished; what a clean world, what a world of beautiful natures this would be!

## More Clericisms.

The Rev. Bosche, the Milwaukee priest who is preaching six sermons against Socialism, begins to show signs of anxiety. His third sermon last Sunday evening was full of unbrotherly rancor, that illly agreed with the spirit of the Nazarene, after whom the Jesuits are named. He referred to Karl Marx as "that German Jew Marx," and false-ly charged the Socialists with being against the return of the Jesuits to Germany, whereas, the Socialists have always voted to allow them to return, not believing in banishments and exiles. The fact is Father Bosche has not had clear sailing in fighting Socialism, and is now becoming bitter. The war on Socialism has been a bad break on the part of the priests who have indulged in it, and they haven't the wisdom to hide their chagrin. For instance, now comes Archbishop Quigley, who stirred the thing up in the first place, and admits that he favors all influences that tend to better the material conditions of the people. The interviewer asked him if it was not true that he was "not afraid of the word Socialism, especially when prefixed by the word 'Christian.'" And he said, "It is a QUESTION OF METHODS. The end is about the same—THE BETTERMENT OF THE PEOPLE. Making their life an PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE HERE ON EARTH, as long as they are here."—Chicago American, March 15, pp. 3.

But please notice this difference of authorities among the Catholics:

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Father Bosche ridicules democracy. He extolls the system that divides men into the rich and poor, and says some men are rich because they deserve it. He defends the sacred "rights of property" and believes in the right of discovery. If a man discovers a gold or a coal mine it is his, he declares; if you haven't a gold mine, go discover one! He believes in the survival of the fittest. The survival of the most selfish and most wolfish. He believes in the right of eviction, in the law of mine and time. And yet he says he has seen the miners at work, lying on their backs, and knows their condition (a God-ordained condition)—his philosophy is summed up in one sentence: "Servants, obey your masters."

The Kansas Senate killed the child labor bill last week, thus showing the true state of their citizenship. The bill provided that no child under 12 could be put to work in a factory. Another nail in capitalism's coffin!

The usual way in which bills obnoxious to capitalist interests are killed in the Legislature is the following: The capitalist goes to the chairman of the committee to which it has been referred, or, rather, for the sake of self-protection, he sends a hired lobbyist instead, and the chairman is asked, "How much will it cost to kill that bill?" The price is fixed, the chairman divides the money with the other members of the committee, and the bill "dies in committee," or is never reported back to the Legislature. Do you doubt our knowledge of facts when we say that only little rascals go to prison!

Archbishop Quigley said to a reporter that when he made a campaign against Socialism in Buffalo he "stamped it out entirely"—and a glance at the Socialist vote just after his agitation shows an increase of 50 per cent!

## The Curse of Toil.

"Be industrious and you will be prosperous."

This is the great conventional lie of the present age. The people who utter it know it is false, yet have a personal interest in hoodwinking the people with it. Last week a poor woman in Milwaukee was evicted for being behind in her rent. In her absence, by a contemptible trick on the part of a constable named Pooker, the key was secured and her furniture was tossed out of doors. And there was this woman whom capitalism was thus hounding—she was out washing, trying by her industry to live and raise her family. "Be industrious and you will prosper." Pah!

Capitalism is cannibalism. The beasts of the jungle are not as ferocious. Once it gets the taste of blood it is lashed into a frenzy that is only assuaged when it has pursued its victims into a corner and has them, helpless, at its mercy. "The first thing I knew that there was any trouble when I saw my little Annie running by the house when I was working on Twelfth street," said the evicted woman. "She told me that a big man with black whiskers was taking out all our things. I ran down to the house and saw them all in the front yard. I don't see why they had to do it. I have always been paying my rent, which is \$10 a month. In advance, but last month I couldn't do it because I was out of work. Next Saturday I was going to get work at a restaurant at \$25 a month and my board, so I could have paid my rent all right. My boy Willie, who is 17 years old, is driving a wagon for White, the mailman, and Joe, who is 14 years old, is painting staves for Hennecke on Broadway. My month won't be up until Saturday and I think I could have paid my rent."

In this particular case, the merciless capitalists were most respectable citizens. The head of the firm, Gen. Auer, is no worse than other capitalists—and no better. It is to his credit that at the time of the Bay View riot in 1887 he showed the white feather when Gov. Rust ordered the soldiers to "shoot to KILL." The people with capitalist hearts called it cowardice; but that it was a sudden awakening to humanity, is much more probable. The thought of shooting his fellow citizens down in cold blood was too much for the man, and he recoiled from it. But capitalism also "shoots to kill" in another way—and it is much easier to bring to earth a poor, struggling, unfortunated woman, toiling with the energy of despair, for poor pay, over a steaming wash-tub, in the war which profit, interest and rent is waging against the peace and integrity of society. From that "shooting to kill," he did NOT recoil!

"Social Democrats say all machinery belongs to the state," declares the Rev. Thos. Sherman.

Social Democrats say no such thing. They say it should belong to the people.

## Tapping Proletarian Veins.

Nothing good is sacred in the capitalist system. Last of all human life. As between a poverty-stricken human and a vagabond dog the latter fares far the better. He may be dispatched with a bullet while his master has to run the gauntlet of hunger, cold and shame, suffering himself to be tortured, mangled and finally slain by the slow and refined processes of what is called Christian civilization, compared with which the cruel practices of cannibals seem as ministrings of mercy.

The poet Gray says: "Beasts kill for hunger, men for pay." "But is not man to man a prey?" Such reflections are suggested by two dispatches which I have clipped from the daily papers. The first is as follows:

New York, March 11.—In order to pursue certain scientific research E. E. Smith advertised for men willing to sell part of their blood for \$5. He has been OVERWHELMED WITH RESPONSES. One application came from the Waldorf-Astoria and another came from the Morton House. SEVERAL WERE FROM MEN OF EDUCATION AND STRAITENED CIRCUMSTANCES. THE GREAT MASS OF THE OFFERS TO SELL CAME FROM MEN OUT OF WORK. Dr. Smith says a healthy man might spare a pint of blood, though he would not take so large a quantity. SOME OF THE APPLICANTS, HOWEVER, WERE EMACIATED, HALF STARVED AND UNABLE TO SPARE A DROP OF BLOOD.

And here is the next: Indianapolis, March 10.—Adjutant General Ward said today that the Indiana National Guard will be equipped before the annual camp of instruction with the new Krag-Jorgensen rifles, as provided for in the militia bill enacted at the recent session of Congress. The requisition has been made and he expects they will be shipped within a short time by the ordnance branch of the war department.

THE GUARD WILL ALSO BE SUPPLIED WITH THE RECENTLY DEvised Krag-CARTRIDGE, WHICH THE WAR DEPARTMENT IS PREPARING TO GIVE OUT. THIS NEW FORM OF AMMUNITION MAKES THE ARMED SOLDIER TWICE AS POWERFUL AS BEFORE. General Ward said the range of the Krag-Jorgensen, with the regulation cartridge, is three miles, and, therefore, IT IS NOT FIT FOR QUELLING RIOTS, inasmuch as people two or three miles away might be killed. The limit of the range of the old Krag-Jorgensen rifle, with which the guard is now equipped, is less than one mile. THE NEW Krag-CARTRIDGE IS LIKE THE REGULATION Krag-JORGENSEN IN SIZE, BUT INSTEAD OF BEING PROVIDED WITH THE ORDINARY STEEL JACKETED BULLET, LONG AND FAR IN FLIGHT, IT HAS TWO BULLETS SOMETHING LIKE BUCKSHOT.

There is a world of pathos in these two pictures. Also an eternity of deep damnation.

Think of a shriveled wretch driven to sell the life-blood which has already withered in his veins! See him as he reels, faint from hunger, toward the proletarian blood market, to offer the last ruddy drops for a crust to keep starvation from his child. Note the mute appeal, catch the sigh of despair, hear the agonizing cry as this bloodless soul is pushed aside in the scientific shambles to make room for his younger brother who still has the red current in his veins.

The subject is too grossome for reflection—too abhorrent for comment. The eye grows dim, the brain numb and the heart weary.

Every decent human must blush for his species. All the sadder that this proletariat supported with vote and musket and otherwise the capitalist system that drains the last drop of his life-current and then dumps his corpse, via the morgue, into the potter's field.

The second dispatch is the first echo of the army reorganization law enacted by the last Congress under the inspiration of President Roosevelt of the United States and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. The law is one of the President's favorite measures and was enacted for the special benefit of the working class, especially those organized in unions who will now recognize the wisdom of having made the President of the United States a union man and presenting him with a card of membership so large and costly that it had to be hauled to the white house on a dray under guard.

The ordinary Krag-Jorgensen cartridge will not do for quelling riots. It is entirely too slow, as it only kills workmen one at a time, whereas the riot cartridge will wipe them out in job lots to the terror and dismay of the lawless strikers and the delight and applause of the patriotic plutocrats.

Trades unionists are to be congratulated upon this great achievement, the fruit of their anti-political policy, of which they will be the sole beneficiaries. The state militia, thanks to the Republican and Democratic members of the late Congress and President Roosevelt of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, is now in the hip-pocket of the capitalist class, loaded with riot cartridges with the union label on them and ready at the word of command to furnish corners and medical colleges with union corpses.

Every trade-unionist who voted the Republican or Democratic ticket is entitled to his share of credit for this beneficent law. He is getting, or will get—perhaps in the neck—what he voted for. There will be no disappointment for the "pure and simple" trade-unionist. Only the Socialist will have the right to object to the diet of riot cartridges.

Live trades-unionists know that the army was "reorganized," that the state militia was converted into a standing army and that it has been equipped with riot guns and riot cartridges PURELY TO OVERAWE STRIKERS AND CRUSH ORGANIZED LABOR in the interest of the capitalist class; they also know that the Republican and Democratic politicians in Congress, who are supposed to represent the people, acted as one in constructing this military machine to tap the veins of union labor and spill proletarian blood enough to reduce the working class to the level of servile submission to their masters.

The most shocking murders were committed in West Virginia only a few days ago. Miners were killed in their homes at the dead hour of night by armed assassins in the name of law and order.

Every trade-unionist who supports the Republican or Democratic party is morally responsible for this and kindred crimes. These are the parties that support the capitalist system and this is the system that thrives in the robbery, the misery and the murder of workmen.

This system must be overthrown and workmen set free—and SOCIALISM WILL DO IT. Terre Haute, Ind., March 18.

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## IS OUR CIVILIZATION DOOMED? A GREAT LABOR CONFLICT SEEMS INEVITABLE.

Capitalism in its wolfish hunger after profits and plunder constantly invites ruin upon itself. Who is there so stupid but can see in the present capitalistic organizations that are so rapidly forming, the very forces that are to call down upon the plundering class the vengeance of the oppressed multitudes, a vengeance that may, even in spite of the educational efforts of the Socialists, bring our civilization to a terrible ending. For what does the thorough organization of the civilization to a terrible ending. For what does the thorough organization of the civilization to a terrible ending. For what does the thorough organization of the civilization to a terrible ending. For what does the thorough organization of the civilization to a terrible ending.

Says the Chicago Inter Ocean: "Alarmed at the activity displayed by the employers of labor in forming associations, the labor unions of Chicago are forming alliances on the 'community-of-interest' plan, and preparing for the battle which, some of the leaders believe, will inevitably follow the organization of the employers."

"While none of the leaders will be quoted at this time as expressing alarm, it is known that they are watching the organization of the employers closely. They say they are not to be caught asleep, and if a struggle is forced upon them they will be in a position to STARTLE THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD."

"The Employers' Association, of which F. W. Job was lately appointed secretary, is known to be growing in strength rapidly; and from the fact that its membership, as well as its aims and objects, have been kept a secret, the labor men have been kept in the dark as to any good purpose, so far as the interests of the workers are concerned."

"Every branch of employers of labor in the city is said to be organized, and in some industries the employers have gone beyond the mere organization of associations, and formed a central body, in the same manner the unions have done. This is true especially of the lumber in the city. While the Lumbermen's Association is exclusively composed of lumber dealers, it now has branches affiliated with it of the furniture manufacturers, the sash and door manufacturers, saloon and office fixture manufacturers, desk manufacturers, and manufacturers of barbers' supplies."

"There is a central council composed of delegates from all these different associations, with a permanent secretary, whose principal duty is to keep a close watch on the movements of the various labor unions connected with the lumber interests. The association is pledged to assist financially any of its members who may become involved in a strike. At the present time the wood workers are on strike in three desk manufacturing shops. Although a wheel has not turned in any of the establishments in the past six weeks, the manufacturers are making no effort to settle, believing they will starve out the strikers."

"The association is said to be paying each manufacturer \$500 a week to compensate him for the loss sustained in keeping his factory closed. A short time ago only \$200 a week was being paid, and the manufacturers whose plants were tied up threatened to treat with the strikers and sign an agreement. Through this threat the allowance was raised to \$500—a larger sum than would be realized in profits if the plants were in operation."

"Another development of the labor leaders are watching with concern is the alleged employment of a large number of detectives who, they say, are secretly working in Chicago at the present time. They claim to have positive information that two detective agencies, with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, are furnishing spies to employers at the rate of \$150 a month, less the amount the men can earn as mechanics. One of these agencies, they say, has been in operation for years, and its workings have been exposed on several occasions. The other, known as the Employers' Auxiliary Company, has only recently come to the knowledge of the labor men."

Capitalism might have learned a few lessons in the past. The great Pullman strike of 1894 showed the power of extended labor organization. Little incidental trade strikes could be put down easily, but here was a widespread revolt of the workers, and it required the services of a Democratic president and the government troops to quell it. The recent great coal strike, which was only possible because of the strike money poured in by labor organizations all over the country (four millions of dollars gladly contributed out of meager wages by poor men!), it would seem that capitalism might have learned a lesson from this. But no, it is money-drunk. It thinks with the brains of a Nero. All indications point to a great future battle between capital and labor such as the world has never dreamed possible.

Only as Socialism is able to direct such a battle will its outcome be for good and in the interests of increasing civilization.

"In the circulars which it sends to employers it promises to furnish competent men in every trade for \$150 a month, less the union rate of wages paid in the trade. These men, the labor leaders say, are sent into various manufacturing plants, and join the union of their craft, making reports to their employers on the detective agency every week. They are instructed to ingratiate themselves into the confidence of their shopmates, and carefully to note all that transpires in the secret meetings of the unions and make a written report every week to the detective headquarters. These reports are then turned over to the employer."

There is an agency here in this city, but its business is to furnish strike breakers during a strike rather than to get into trouble with the city police on account of the brutality of some of the men during a local strike of bill-posters, and it has not furnished men in local disputes since. It is now engaged in sending streetcar men to South Bend to take the places of strikers there."

The recent visit in this city of David M. Barry of Indianapolis, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, when he made a sensational attack on labor unions and their leaders, was part of the plan of the employers here to stir up agitation and induce employers to organize. Since that time John Kirby of Cleveland, a prototype of Parry, has been flooding the country with circulars showing manufacturers how easy it is to smash labor unions through the courts."

Along with these circulars is a pamphlet, written by James H. Miller of Chicago, who has been chiefly instrumental in causing the strike now on here among the sheet metal workers. In the pamphlet Miller advocates appeals for injunctions in every case when a dispute arises, and he quotes a great many decisions of judges throughout the country to show that injunctions can be secured if applied for in the proper place.

Mr. Kirby now proposes to "publish a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the nonunion man, who, he says, is badly used and has no organ through which he can lay his case before the public."

"Altogether it looks, according to the opinions of even the most conservative labor men in the city, as if the contending forces were lining up for a gigantic conflict. The employer, labor men say, are relying on the unlimited capital behind them to bring them out victorious. It is known that one of the largest merchants in the city recently declared that he was willing to put up \$100,000 as his share of a fund to crush the unions of teamsters. In the opinion of many labor leaders the only thing that is delaying the conflict now is the imperfect state of the organization of employers and the good times throughout the country. The former obstacle is being rapidly overcome, as the employers are joining associations by the score daily, and if a season of depression comes to the country the union men believe the conflict will begin."

"We cannot close this quotation without calling attention to our union secretaries fund. Why our comrades do not see its importance more than they do, is a puzzle to us. Send in what you can spare to the fund. It will pay for sending The Herald to a number of union secretaries round the country for nearly a year and help plant Socialists seed in just the place where it is needed. "Peace hath its victories as well as war."—Editor Social Democratic Herald."

These people who are so glib about human nature having to be changed before the people can stand Socialism, fail to realize how the competitive struggle has warped and distorted true human nature. Man is a social animal. Without society he is most miserable and unhuman. But his instincts are not those of love for society for the sake of making a game of that society. Under the capitalist system the human being is forced to be predatory—to prey upon his fellow man. We Socialists do not expect to change human nature; we expect to give a chance to rightfully express itself.

A big labor skinner of Racine and Kenosha, one Senator Johnson, doesn't like the present child labor law of Wisconsin because under it he cannot work children at night, and so he has in a bill that only allows the work of children on Sunday nights—some of the capitalistic pliancies. Christianity is beneath contempt. Senator Johnson heartily joins Attorney Spooner (Senator Quarles' partner) and Lobbyist Moss of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company of Milwaukee, in calling all labor bills, "Loot bills." They are a fine brotherly brood!

Little by little the printing trade is being ruled by machinery. Machines are being used to distribute type, and now the press feeders are up against a mechanical feeder, that is guaranteed to do their work for them and give them the chance to hunt other jobs. The machine is being used to feed the presses on which the Eastern high-grade literary weeklies are printed and it is only a matter of time when it will extend its operations to other kinds of work, although the modern perfecting press, that prints the daily newspapers, long ago released a good many feeders. These encroachments of machinery are forcing the printers to give up their trade. They are becoming Socialists and extending their most praiseworthy fellowship to the larger one of the humanity of the entire working class.

Are we the starving?" demand the Rev. Bosche. Right in your own parishes. Your own parishioners are starving for the things that grace the standard of living! Where are the parishes? Go to the coal fields, go to the iron mines, go to the mill towns of England—and many ill-fed children among them, too! Go to the crowded parts of the cities. How many have starved to death in Chicago this past winter?

Here is an interesting item from "over the sea." "When a Socialist was elected mayor of Pompejiana, Italy, the defeated Royalist authorities wished to have a quiet inauguration, and set the time at 4 p. m., when the beasts of burden are at work, hoping that few persons would attend. But, some way or other, the people broke loose and thronged the hall. When the Royalist president reluctantly proclaimed Antonio Conio mayor there was a great demonstration because it signaled the downfall of one of the most corrupt rings in Italy."

It is common talk round Madison that the state board of control are practically the lobbyists for Wells & Co., the big shoe manufacturers who have used the labor of the inmates of the Wisconsin state prison for the past twenty-five years under a shamefully advantageous contract. And what do you suppose they have to pay for their labor? Five cents an hour! The convicts must work ten hours a day, and steam heat, power and other things are thrown in. No wonder Wells & Co. make big profits—profits that if they go anywhere ought to go to the state. Instead of stopping up competition between convicts and honest outside labor, it is now proposed to diversify the employment—which would mean added cost of maintenance and put the convicts at the mercy of a number of hungry capitalists instead of one. But what right has the state to sell into slavery the men placed in its hands?

To hear the capitalists talk you would suppose that they themselves gave labor all the beneficent labor laws. The fact is that every single one of them has been secured only by threats and by asking for more and then getting a little by the force of the politicians' fear of losing labor votes. Meaning the statute books pile up with laws in the interests of the capitalists! This is "representative" government under capitalist politics!

"If anything should appear in the columns of the Forester antagonistic to the principles of Socialism, it does not follow that Socialists will be afforded an opportunity to reply. The Forester is not a Socialist organ; on the contrary, it is strongly opposed to Socialistic doctrine, and Socialists in general, regardless of the fact whether they claim to be Catholics or otherwise."—Catholic Forester.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Union Secretaries Fund, William Allen, N. J., \$280.70, etc.

A DISCUSSION OF TAINTED GIFTS.

Some of the journals, mostly those of religious denominations, are discussing quite freely the subject of gifts by millionaires and it makes interesting reading.

The Social Democratic Herald has its own field as a Socialist paper of national circulation. Some papers are primarily propaganda papers and their subscription lists are constantly changing.

The Herald has made arrangements whereby it will shortly begin the publication of a serial story treating of capitalistic rotteness. It will be by a well known author who is a frequent contributor to the leading magazines.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A French chemist who has devoted some time to investigating the subject declares that a pulverized saw-dust is used and has been used for years to adulterate foreign meats of cheap varieties, hence much used by working people.

Mrs. Fremont Older has just published a novel of California life called, "The Socialist and the Prince." Senator Perkins says that in depicting the Socialist the author has drawn on the anti-Chinese agitation in San Francisco of twenty years ago, which would indicate that Mrs. Older is not old enough to know a Socialist when she sees one.

A brickyard is in operation at Dover, N. H. says the Scientific American, that is a radical departure from the time-honored form in that the item of labor, which has been one of greatest consideration in brick yard operation, is now one of the least.

Willis J. Abbott, editor of the Pilgrim, is one of those Socialists at heart, who are at the same time cowardly. "What will Madame Grundy say?" is the thought that is constantly uppermost in his mind.

GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRAT SHOULD READ DIE WAHRHEIT

pendent on the even operation of the road and if the private owners cannot run it so that the men at work in the service have living conditions, the real remedy is for the people to take the ownership themselves.

London, March 12.—Lord Charles Beresford will be succeeded in the House of Commons by William Crooks, Radical and Labor candidate. Crooks is a working cooper, 50 years of age. As late as 1878 he was trapped from London to Liverpool in search of work.

Prof. Monaghan of our State University, recently contributed an article to the State Journal in which he said some uncomplimentary things of the Socialists. The strictures of the Professor have called forth replies from Ira Cross, a student in the State Historical Course, and Frederic Heath, editor of the Social Democratic Herald of Milwaukee.

The above is self-explanatory. Prof. Monaghan made some inexcusable strictures on the Socialists and on Socialism in a lecture delivered at Green Bay and printed verbatim in the Madison State Journal.

"I, William Thomas, sen., finding everything going against me as regards work and other things I think it best to leave it, thanking everybody for their kindness to me, and hoping they will never miss what they have done for me."

So wrote a human soul, crushed by capitalism in Somers Town, England, before cutting his throat. Pitiful, utterly pitiful! The Socialists are trying to end such conditions, such murdering of men.

The Social Democratic Herald has its own field as a Socialist paper of national circulation. Some papers are primarily propaganda papers and their subscription lists are constantly changing.

The Socialist Spirit, Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth's monthly, has discontinued publication. It was a journal of sterling worth and had the rare virtue as a Socialist publication of being well edited.

The Herald has made arrangements whereby it will shortly begin the publication of a serial story treating of capitalistic rotteness. It will be by a well known author who is a frequent contributor to the leading magazines.

A French chemist who has devoted some time to investigating the subject declares that a pulverized saw-dust is used and has been used for years to adulterate foreign meats of cheap varieties, hence much used by working people.

Mrs. Fremont Older has just published a novel of California life called, "The Socialist and the Prince." Senator Perkins says that in depicting the Socialist the author has drawn on the anti-Chinese agitation in San Francisco of twenty years ago, which would indicate that Mrs. Older is not old enough to know a Socialist when she sees one.

A brickyard is in operation at Dover, N. H. says the Scientific American, that is a radical departure from the time-honored form in that the item of labor, which has been one of greatest consideration in brick yard operation, is now one of the least.

Willis J. Abbott, editor of the Pilgrim, is one of those Socialists at heart, who are at the same time cowardly. "What will Madame Grundy say?" is the thought that is constantly uppermost in his mind.

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ETERNAL VIGILANCE NOW AND FOREVER

Never has the Socialist movement needed MEN more than today. The most formidable rock ahead of the movement is that of Yankee office-hunger. The movement is now so large that it presents the elements of political success and is now become attractive to men who look upon political movements as merely ways to secure and distribute public office.

We need men who will stand true. Men who will be impervious to the wiles of those who may hope to delay the downfall of capitalism by forcing disgrace on its representatives, thus shaking public confidence in the integrity of the movement.

NOW is the time to be careful. NOW is the time to build with the right material!

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

Several things have occurred recently besides the coal strike to draw public attention to the absurdity of private ownership. Not the least of which are the terrible railroad wrecks and their awful effects on the people.

Whereas, The Seattle Socialist has even declared that the quorum is dominated by one man, viz. by Comrade Walter Thomas and lecturing professions.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Father Bosche Versus Marx. Milwaukee, March 16.—Editor Herald: In his attempt to refute the principles of Socialism Father Bosche cuts some very amusing capers.

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THE WASTES OF CAPITALISM.—From the Standpoint of A Chicago University Professor.

We are to understand social ques-... it is essential that we put... in position to take the national... view. It is true that we are... to approach these subjects... from the standpoint of our class inter-... we must lay aside the personal and... class prejudices that bias our judgments... and be willing to see things from the... standpoint of humanity. So con-... sidering the question of individual waste... we have all observed that every individ-... ual has a different line of demarcation... between what is necessary and what is... wasteful. In considering social waste... there is no room for difference... of opinion for whatever expenditure of... the individual that does not minister to... social welfare is a drain upon the vital... forces of society and must be classed... as social waste. When a society woman... spends \$2000 to bury a pet dog or a... New York millionaire invests a million... dollars in a yacht, it may seem neces-... sary to those who make the expenditure... that there can be no doubt that it is a... clear waste to society at large. And... when we consider the fact that there... are many who have not homes, such... waste becomes criminal. Wherever there... is one with too much, there is social... waste. Wherever there is one life spent... in useless luxury, there is waste of the... greatest kind, for it is not only wealth... that is wasted, but the energy and power... of that life that should be expended for... the welfare of society.

does good by spending his money for... needless luxuries. It is considered that... in this way he gives work to many men... But the people who say these things do... not understand that it is not work that... men want, but the chance to live and de-... velop their powers. If we were to accept... the philosophy of these people, a fire that... destroys the heart of a great city is a... good thing, for it makes work and the... bigger the fire the greater the blessing to... the world. Work is desirable only when... it produces useful things, things that... men need in everyday life or in enjoying... their share of comfort and happiness. Work... is worship, work is divine, but there... is a difference between work and... drudgery. All work should be of such a... nature that it ennobles the worker and... the product of labor should always ex-... press the individuality of the man that... produces. Such work is art and all other... work is brutality. "This life of which... our nerves are sear, 'tis life and fuller... that we want."

dent will deny that war has been a... factor in human development, perhaps... the greatest factor. But all will agree... that if the same amount of money and... energy had been expended in some other... way, far greater results would have... been accomplished. England spent \$1,250,000,000 and 75,000 men to conquer... the Boer republics of South Africa. No... doubt the historian of the future will see... some social advantages that this war... brought about, but was it the highest... advantage that could have been secured... with this immense expenditure? Had... the English government spent this... money in bettering the condition of the... people of England, how immeasurably... greater would have been the result? Compared with this amount, Pericles... had an inconsiderable sum to expend... but with it he made Athens the glory... of the world. We spent a vast sum in... subjecting the Filipinos, if we had... used this money in enlightening them... how much greater would have been the... advantage and how much smaller the... harvest of hate. In the year 1902, the... appropriation for war was \$116,000,000. If we had acted as sensible people... we would have used this vast sum, not... upon instruments of destruction but... upon instruments of improvement, in... improving the land and erecting public... buildings. This amount would have... built a library in every city and village... that has none or it would have erected... homes for 116,000 homeless families of... this country. It is not good that civi-... lization should move forward on a pow-... der cart. War is hell, it is unintelli-... gent and uneconomical.

In the second place social waste arises... from the failure of society to use all the... factors of progress to their full limit... These factors are land, labor and capital... and we will consider them separately... There are in the United States 2,000,000... square miles of land surface, of which... about half is arable. According to some... authorities only one-seventh of this... arable amount is under cultivation, while... others say that only one-tenth is in use... And while we will admit that the most... productive land should be put under... cultivation, the opposite is often the case... It is a well recognized fact that every... plant has its particular soil in which it... will do better than in any other, but in-... stead of having a corps of trained men to... attend to this selection, we permit every... farmer to follow his own ignorance and... plant whatever his fancy may dictate... upon his particular spot of ground. It is... one of the greatest curses of modern... times that large amounts of land are... withheld from cultivation by speculators... while the land that is cultivated is... farmed so unintelligently that it pro-... duces only a fraction of what it should... The waste that characterizes farming... is as general in the lumbering industry... All over this country forests have been... ruthlessly destroyed and only a small... amount of their aggregate wealth has... been of any use to society. Many parts... of Northern Michigan, Wisconsin and... Minnesota are dead and blackened wil-... dernesses, whereas they might far better... have continued to produce lumber and... fuel for many generations. There is not a single trust that does

not offer an example of idle capital... Every place we go we see mills dis-... mantled and factories standing idle, not... because society does not need the prod-... uct, but because the trust can make... more money by restricting the market... In New England dozens of cotton fac-... tories thus stand idle and every man-... ufacturing center in the country furnishes... at least one example of this waste of... capital. But while society loses through the... mismanagement of land and capital, its... loss because of the mismanagement of... labor is so great as to make the others... seem insignificant in comparison. And... by labor in this connection we mean both... physical and mental power to do things... There is a waste whenever and wherever... society is unable to discover and develop... the latent capacities of individuals. All... around you on every hand are thousands... unable to achieve the heights of which... they are capable. More than half the... people of the world are conscious of un-... fulfilled destinies. There are Edisons

in all the factories of the land, and it is... because they are not able to develop... their latent genius that the world cripples... along with so few of the comforts of... life. Poets, sculptors, artists and philoso-... phers are being continually born in... poverty and raised in squalor, and be-... cause of this condition society loses all... they otherwise would become and do... We are making almost no effort to dis-... cover geniuses. It is true that the... schools of the country try, but their ef-... forts amount to little, so hedged in are... they by the conditions of the day. In... spite of the efforts of the school, it... might truthfully be said of every back-... woods cemetery that, Some heart once pregnant with Celestial... fire, Some hand the rod of empire might have... swayed Or waked to ecstasy the living lyre... And why not? because Chilly penury repressed their noble rage... And froze the genial currents of the soul... Prof. Ira Howerth.

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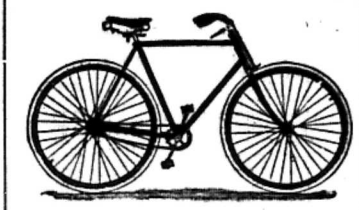
The French ministry of finance has... just published some very interesting and... significant statistics as to the amount of... French wealth invested abroad, the total... of which reaches \$9,000,000,000. Only... \$200,000,000 is invested in Great Brit-... ain, as against \$1,400,000,000 in Russia... \$600,000,000 in Spain, \$575,000,000 in... Austria-Hungary and \$300,000,000 in... Italy. In Egypt there is \$287,200,000 in-... vested and over \$300,000,000 in British... South Africa. Most of this money is... invested in foreign government loans, but... the South African investments are mines... and industrial companies connected... therewith. The extent of the foreign... commitments of French capital, though... large, is not, however, by any means so... striking as its distribution. In that dis-... tribution, it is hardly too much to say... may be found a finger post to French... foreign policy, for no French govern-... ment can withstand the combined pres-... sure of the small investor and the great... financial houses when they believe their... money to be in danger. For example, the... investments in Spain makes it absolutely... certain that France will never be a pas-... sive spectator where the vital interests... of Spain are concerned, and that evolu-... tion, involving financial rule, will not be... allowed in Spain. Again, the \$280,000,000... lent to Russia binds France to Rus-... sia more securely than any formal clause... in a treaty of alliance. While, also, French... investors have \$60,000,000 of capital... in Egypt, they will never seri-

ously wish to destroy the magnificent sec-... urity afforded by the British occupa-... tion.—London Spectator. What is true of France is equally true... of Britain and every other European... country. That which controls interna-... tional politics is not the welfare of... peoples, but the interests of financiers... When, for instance, the South African... gang were preparing for war, they... placed large slices of their well-watered... stock on the exchanges of France and... Germany, and those who invested at once... became agents for the band, who used... all their powerful influence to keep their... respective governments from interfering... whilst the republics were being done to... death. The press and people of France... and Germany were unanimously on the... side of the republics, but their govern-... ments, gagged and bound by the money... kings, were powerless to intervene. When "money is in danger" Kings, Em-... perors and Parliaments have all come... to the rescue, let the cost of human life... and happiness be what it may. Armenia... was another illustration of the same... truth. Not until labor becomes the... dominant force in politics will the brute force... mamon be dethroned from the seat of... power in politics.—Labor Leader.

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Socialism and Religion.

Socialism is not opposed to religion... Neither is Socialism an ally of religion... The Socialist party bears the same re-... lation to religion as it does to medicine... surgery, art and historical and scientific... research. It has nothing, whatever, to... do with any of these, for the simple rea-... son that Socialism is purely an economic... and political question. Will anyone... say that the Republican party is atheis-... tic because Ingersoll was a Republican... or that the Democratic party is a Catho-... lic institution because Bishop O'Sullivan... was elected a Democratic member of the... Vermont Legislature? Certainly not... Religious belief or unbelief is not a test... of membership in the Socialist party... The supreme test is whether a person be-... lieves in the complete overthrow of the... present wage system and the substitution... thereof of the co-operative common-... wealth. You may be a Protestant, a... Catholic, or of no religion at all, but if... you believe in this you are a Socialist. Father Hagerty.

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Twenty-eight towns and cities in Ohio will go into the spring elections.

A branch at Washington, D. C., has been chartered.

The vote at Barre, Vt., went up from 246 to 352 in the election just held.

Father McGrady is touring Indiana. Opposition from the clergy is increasing his crowds.

At Bridgewater, Mass., the Socialists succeeded in raising the pay of town laborers from \$1.50 to \$2 a day.

The New York Socialist and Trade Union Review is a new one. It is attractive and we wish it luck.

Comrade Joseph Balliger, a carpenter, has been nominated for mayor of Telluride, Colo., by the Socialists.

The Socialists of Luzerne Co., Penn., have abandoned the idea of publishing a paper.

Comrade George Boomer will make a tour of Idaho to organize, the national headquarters bearing part of the expense.

Dr. John Quincy Adams was elected a member of the board of health at Amesbury, Mass., last week, by the Socialists.

The new national platform with resolutions on trade union policy can be ordered through this office or the national headquarters. Price, \$1 a thousand.

The Republican aldermen of Haverhill are trying to embarrass the administration of the new Socialist mayor, Comrade Flanders, by refusing to confirm his appointments.

Comrade Enrico Ferri, the eminent Italian scientist, will make a tour of this country next fall, and communities having an Italian and French population will do well to correspond with National Secretary William Mailly, Omaha, for dates.

Leon Greenbaum will organize labor parties about the country, according to the Westliche Post of St. Louis, which says he has left the Socialist party and claims that the central body of St. Louis is behind him.

A Socialist paper will be started in Florida. Four new organizations in that state in the last two months show how things are moving, and Comrade Healey, the state secretary, writes that a state organizer may be a not remote possibility.

Comrade Eugene V. Debs is still down with his gripple, at his home in Terre Haute, Ind. Under date of March 14 he writes: "The gripple is hard to shake off. Yesterday I spent in bed, being too weak to be up. But I shall be all right again in a few days."

Father Hagerty is making a tour of the far Northwest and will speak at Vancouver, B. C., March 16; Victoria, B. C., March 18; Ballard, Wash., March 20; Seattle, March 22; Port Angeles, March 25, and later, in Arizona for ten dates.

Hearst's papers recently quoted Comrade J. C. Chase, the former Socialist

mayor of Haverhill, Mass., as saying that Hearst and his papers were grand institutions, but Chase has issued a flat denial, says he never mentioned Hearst, and that if he did it would be to expose him as a demagogue. Hearst tried the same game on Debs, but was promptly called down.

Father McGrady speaks at Kokomo, Ind., March 19; Terre Haute, 22; Mt. Vernon, 23; Evansville, 24; Jacksonville, Ill., 25; Chicago, 26; South Chicago, 27; Williamston, Mich., 28; Conneaut, O., 29; Buffalo, N. Y., 30; Waterbury, Conn., 31; New Haven, April 1; Hartford, 2; Bridgeport, 3; Lawrence, Mass., 4; Chelsea, 7; Somerville, 8; Worcester, 9, and Newton, 10.

The three Socialists in the Massachusetts Legislature succeeded last week in securing reconsideration of their bill to give the Socialist party representation on the state ballot law commission and the local election boards. It had to be done by threats, the Socialists saying they would otherwise demand recounts in all elections, thus touching capitalism in its conscience, i. e., its pocketbook.

New Socialist Alderman at Austin, Minn.

A communication from Comrade Leonard of Minneapolis brings us news of the election of Comrade P. H. Zender as alderman at Austin, Minn., with a vote of 497 out of a total poll of 904. The Socialists made a hot campaign also against the new charter and defeated it. It attempted to limit the right to elective or appointive office, except in the cases of the police and fire department, to freeholders only.

Report on Bazaar Tickets.

Table listing names and amounts for Bazaar tickets, including A. Borgelt, L. Baler, A. Goebel, etc.

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Wisconsin State Executive Board. The state executive board met March 11. The secretary's financial report for February was as follows: Receipts from dues \$62.40. Total receipts from dues \$76.20. Campaign fund \$2.00. Fred Mohr \$1.50.

The following letter is published by request. Its author was taken into custody in Milwaukee some two years ago, but after some time, was expelled by the central committee, for calumny and intrigue. When the tickets for the Krachwinkel Fair were put on sale, he was in the list by chance. The following letter was his reply: Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 15, 1902.

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Editor Herald: I want to congratulate you on your article on "Tolstoy's Descent?" It will be an eye-opener to many of Tolstoy's worshippers in this country. I wish you could follow it up next week by something more especially defining the type of Anarchism and showing its weak points as compared with Democratic Socialism. My impression on finishing your article was that no objection had been taken to his Anarchism, as such, but only to his reactionary social and industrial policy. On this, it was a masterly effort. Hope you will soon give us larger type for the Herald.

Houston, Texas, March 8. Editor S. D. Herald: Has the Socialist party got a mortgage on Socialism? It seems other parties have no such claim. Geo. Howie. That depends! Socialists ought to stick together—the capitalists do.

Dear Herald: I enclose a list of new subscribers and order for \$3.00. I got the wedge started and hope to get more ere long as I have got them stirred up and find several inclined towards Socialism, but don't take any paper. Wm. M. Seger, Worcester.

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Editor Social Democratic Herald: Please find enclosed 20 cents for renewal to the Herald and Wilshe's Magazine for March. I should like to assist in the anti-Hearst edition of March 7, but I can't do more than renew for three or four papers, as I am in my eightieth year and not able to do much. I get a little job sometimes to keep me in clothes, etc. D. J. Kaufman. Snelling, Col., March 2.

Comrade W. E. Clark, formerly associate editor of the Appeal to Reason, writes the Herald a pleasant letter, and adds this significant remark: "Best wishes for the Herald, which, by the way, resulted in selling quite a number of books for me." "Women, Men and Poverty," the book advertised, certainly deserves a good sale.

Dear Herald: The New London comrades have rejoiced, since the word was first sent out, over the coming to Wisconsin of our comrade, Rev. Carl D. Thompson. We knew him and what his work would mean for the cause of Socialism in our state. We feel that our meetings were a success. From start to finish the speaker held the rapt attention of his listeners, as in his eloquent and masterly manner he presented the principles and programme of Socialism.

His lectures were full of apt illustrations, pathos, humor and FACTS. Our faith in the triumph of Socialism has been inspired and our lives made richer by his coming. Seed has been planted which we know will produce the ripe fruit. We want to be put on the list now for his next trip to Wisconsin, and let us say to the comrades everywhere, don't miss a chance to hear Comrade Thompson. He will be ranked with Wendell Phillips in time to come.

We feel that in such men as Carl D. Thompson there is a guarantee of safety for the Socialist movement. Mary Thompson. New London, Feb. 17.

Dear Comrade: We are in clover to our eyes. A short time ago Comrade Gaylor's lectures to a full house we ever heard, and as we are still feasting on his words of eternal truths and facts we were almost further with mingled joy and surprise to have Comrade Howard Tuttle light in our midst. We arranged meetings for him Sunday evening at our school house and one day afternoon in the town hall. It would be useless to say that his old friends that heard him two years ago were there, bringing their friends with them, and the way he trimmed and slashed the timber of Comrade Gaylor's old follies can only be realized by those that heard the sledge-hammer blows and cant-booked our heavy brains around and then applied the lever of reason, which turned the cant-book into scrap-iron through with us you may be sure there will be a rich harvest for 1904. H. J. Dunham. Pacific, Wis., Feb. 10.

Here are a few items the business manager has left on our spindle—a few, we say, for he is too rushed to itemize all of the larger items of The Herald's daily business. The branch at Neenah, made up of hustlers, orders a bundle of 100 copies weekly until further orders. Comrade Niemann of Sheboygan sends in thirteen reprints and a voluntary order. Comrade Cambler of Milwaukee during the last four weeks brought in orders for fifty dictionaries, besides getting 152 subscribers and selling 250 buttons and a large number of books. Bundle orders this week go into eight different states. A notable Herald caller last week was Comrade P. G. R. Gordon of Massachusetts, a former Milwaukeean.

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