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Capitalist Morality--Our National Shame!

THOS. W. LAWSON UNCOVERS LEGISLATIVE ROTTENNESS IN MASSACHUSETTS

IN the December Everybody's Magazine, Thomas W. Lawson, in a most astounding broadside, has brought to a climax his repeated charges of dishonesty and bribery against the kings of finance. His latest accusations are made without the mincing of words.

He tells of the buying and selling of the Massachusetts legislators. He says:

"The Massachusetts legislature is bought and sold as are sausages and fish at the markets and wharves. That the largest, wealthiest, and most prominent corporations in New England, whose affairs are conducted by our most representative citizens, habitually corrupt the Massachusetts legislature, and the man of wealth among them who would enter protest against the iniquity would be looked on as a 'Class Anarchist.' I will go further and say that if in New England a man can be found who will give over six months to turning up the legislature and the Boston municipal sod of the past ten years, and does not expose to the world a condition of rottenness more rotten than was ever before exhibited in any community in the civilized world, it will be because he has been suffocated by the stench of what he exhumes."

The startling facts are revealed by Lawson of how a great bribery syndicate, headed by H. M. Whitney, broker, brother of the late William C. Whitney, ex-Secy. of the Navy, operated from rooms in the Parker house, Boston, where the legislators were taken and bought, and how lists of the prices of the various legislators were kept:

"At the head of Whitney's forces was his lawyer, George T. Towle, big of brain, ponderous of frame, and with the strength of an ox. When a lieutenant had reported that Senator This or Representative That would not come into camp, Towle, with an oath, would simply say: 'Take me to him, and I'll have his vote in ten minutes or there'll be occasion for a new election in his district tomorrow!'"

"It is a Beacon Hill tradition that for years Towle on final-payment day would have the members of the Massachusetts legislature march through his private offices one at a time, and handing each of them their loot, would proclaim: 'Well, you're settled with in full, aren't you?' That represents your vote on—and on—"

Then he would loudly identify the bill and the particulars of the service, while behind a partition with a stenographer would be Mr. Patch, his secretary, who after the notes had been written out would witness the accuracy of the stenographer's report. When the

legislature assembled again, old members, the same story goes, would be requested to call on Towle to renew acquaintance. Then he would allow them to look over his memoranda 'just to keep 'em from being too proud,' as he gently phrased it. Subordinate to Towle and Patch was a long line of eminently respectable lawyers known all over the Commonwealth as 'Whitney's attorneys.' These men participated at nominations, orated at elections, and took care of the finer preliminary details. The first line of attack was composed of practical politicians of various grades—ex-senators or representatives, and local bosses, who were known as 'Whitney's right hand men.' Below these were the ordinary lobbyists, the detectives, and runners, who kept 'tabs' on the members of the legislature. It was the Whitney machine, and it worked together with that fine solidity and evenness which can only be attained with lots of practice and much success.

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and when a decision on disputed points was arrived at, Towle would make a memorandum on his blank, and the chief concerned recorded the order in the little note-book which each carried. All reports in at last, Towle retired to Room 11 and speedily returned with the 'stuff,' consisting of cash, stock, puts, calls, transportation tickets, which he dealt out to the chiefs to fulfill the promises they had made for the day. It would be obvious to the outsider, as soon as he had learned what was being dealt in, that a large proportion of the members of the Great and General Court of Massachusetts had bargained with the different members of the 'machine' to sell their votes not only in committee but in full session of the legislature, that the price was to be paid when the voters were cast, though something was invariably exacted on account, to tie the bargain. Payment seemed to be made in cash, calls on Bay State Gas or Dominion Coal, or transportation on any of the railroads in the United States or Canada. The latter appeared to be a class of remuneration Towle favored, probably because it cost nothing.

Lawson rather goes Stephens several points better in his exposure of American corruption by our big business interests. It certainly is a story that still startles us, even after we have read of corruption in other states and municipalities. For years and years the people of this country have spoken of the criminal classes, meaning the petty wretches whom poverty has forced into thievery and house-breaking. But we are coming to see who the term criminal class properly refers to. It is our 'eminently respectable' class that is found back of our big crimes. The big business man is the beau-ideal of American crookery, to coin a serviceable word. And it all flows naturally from a wrong social system, as evil fruit is gathered on an evil tree. Compared to the petty crook who has been forced into thievery by the exploitation of labor by the capitalist system, and who steals to live, the millionaire 'eminently respectable' leading citizen, who does not have to steal to live, is a criminal many times over. And especially so as his style of dishonesty flourishes by corrupting the very fount of government. It is only a step along the same road from trading to cheating, from making profits out of things to making profits out of legislation. The business conscience is bringing this nation down to humiliation and moral bankruptcy. A new social conscience, coming from the wage workers, must be substituted. The express train of the people is nearing the point where two tracks take the place of one, one is the track to Social Democracy, the other the track to chaos. We need the new conscience to make the decision as to which of the two tracks we are to take.

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That "brilliant assemblage of diplomats," that the papers told you of as helping to unveil the statue of Frederick the Great at Washington the other day, was in reality a shameful assemblage of rascals, if foreign diplomats are made of the same kind of clay that ours are!

Elsewhere in this issue we print an exposure of the patent medicines that are largely compounded with cheap whisky. This will enable you to catch the humor of the thing when you read flaring testimonials given the patent medicine proprietors by preachers, temperance workers and club women!

The supreme court of Illinois declares that the Chicago City Street Railway company uses fraud in securing damage claim releases from the people it injures, and has awarded a Mrs. McClain \$2,810, although she settled her damage claim for \$25. Once in a while the legal machinery slips a cog and some honest person gets a dose of actual justice, but it isn't often!

We make this prediction: Milwaukee will not get a municipal electric lighting system until the Social-Democrats give it one.

The new Social-Democratic legislators of Wisconsin are busy making plans for their work at Madison. Several bills have already been drawn up.

For purposes of identification it may be stated that the capitalist system is the system that exists by plundering the worker for the benefit of the shirker under a system of "free" labor.

A correspondent writes from Portage, Wis., to know what will happen to old life insurance companies and their patrons "when Socialism comes in in 1912." He wants to know if the companies are honest in guaranteeing the face of the policies in view of the changes that are bound to come. In answering, we wish to say that we do not share our correspondent's belief that Socialism is coming in eight years. Socialism, or Social-

Watch Your Aldermen

MILWAUKEE!

John I. Beggs denounces some of the aldermen who voted for the light bonds as "blatant demagogues" because they are riding the "electric light hobby."

He says that "they are not working in the interests of the public, but to promote their own purposes"—that "Alderman Stigbauer wants to be mayor of Milwaukee."

It is a mighty good thing for John I. that he's not a member of the Common Council.

Ald. Heath came in for a severe censure last spring because he advised the citizens of the several wards to watch their aldermen.

All but nine of the aldermen objected to being watched by their constituents. The nine who did not object to being watched were the nine Socialists.

John I. said further, regarding these aldermen, that "YOU DON'T FIND ANY ENTERPRISES IN WHICH THEY HAVE INVESTED THEIR MONEY."

There's good reading between the lines in that sentence. Did John mean to convey the impression that his servants in the council own stock in the light monopoly, or did he unintentionally let the cat out of the bag?

The SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD will have an eye on the cat. Further developments may prove interesting. We are getting subscriptions every day from people outside of our ranks who WANT TO KNOW.

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The voters are finding out that the best method of watching their aldermen is to

Watch them through the columns of the SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD.

The following pregnant paragraph is taken from the New York Sun's financial statement:

"The fact is that there is something else beside the quantity of money in a country that affects the value of property there. Wealth does not consist of money, but of the necessities, comforts and luxuries of life; and if, for any cause, those necessities, comforts and luxuries sell at so high a price that the consuming portion of the population is not able to buy them freely with the fruits of their labor, that country is distressed and poverty-stricken, even though every grain of soil in its territory were a grain of gold."

The Sun better be careful! It is treading on thin ice when it gets to the point where it can give out such give-away secrets of capitalism as the above. Capitalism does regard the necessities of the people as potential wealth to the robber class, we know—but the Sun ought to be more cautious in what it says!

Berger Hits at Peabody. The following sentiments regarding the Colorado situation were introduced by Delegate Berger in the convention and referred to the executive council for action:

"Resolved, That the twenty-fourth convention of the American Federation of Labor hereby expresses its gratification over the defeat of that capitalist tyrant, Gov. Peabody of Colorado; furthermore, be it

"Resolved, That the twenty-fourth convention of the American Federation of Labor hereby pledges its moral and financial support to the Western Federation of Miners in its efforts to bring that gang of criminals, the so-called Citizens' Alliance of Cripple Creek district, to justice; and finally, be it

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, and to the chairman of the gang of leaders of the so-called Citizens' Alliance, in the Cripple Creek district."

A later report states that the convention downed the old age pension measure! Which shows that the control of the A. F. of L. is still in control of enemies of the working class. What a spectacle!

Lights and Shades of the A. F. of L. Convention at Frisco.

San Francisco, Nov. 17. [Special to Herald.]—Not in years has a Federation convention been so moved as it was today by the word and eloquence of James Wignall, one of the fraternal delegates from Great Britain, an organizer of the Dockers union. Seldom does one hear upon the floor of any convention such a master of sentiment as this man from across the seas who for almost an hour held the closest attention of hundreds of delegates and a gallery filled with listeners. When he had concluded there was scarcely an eye in the capacious hall that had not been wet by tears. Grey-haired men wept as he recited the story of oppression among the workmen of South England. Among other things he said:

"We represent here today the wage earners of the continent, the wealth producers, and we have a right to demand a fair and just share of that wealth that we produce. We have a right to rest to eat and drink, to live in a comfortable and sufficient to give to our children the best education that can be obtained for them.

I think you are a great nation, and we take off our hats to you. I am pleased to have this opportunity of being the colleague of my old friend Abraham Lincoln. We have fought our way out of the days of slavery. We have gone on from stage to stage, until at last we have obtained for ourselves some kind of standing. We have given the men of our country the right of collective bargaining. We have, as a result, increased wages, shortened the hours of labor, improved the manhood and womanhood of our people, increased the home comforts,

RINGING WORDS FROM ENGLAND.—BERGER'S RESOLUTIONS EMBARRASS THE TRAITORS.—OLD AGE PENSIONS OPPOSED!!!!

Improved the home life of the workers, and, above all, trade unions have vindicated their existence by calling on the government to set a high value on the life and limb of the workers of our country.

Instead of asking others to make laws for us, we are going to make laws for ourselves. We long ago tried to go cap in hand to those people to whom we had given our votes, but we have come to this conclusion: That the Almighty God never gave all the brains to the rich people. He has given brains to the poor as well as to the rich, only give them the chance to use them. We have men who are fitted and able to represent us in the House of Commons. One of the grandest victories obtained for labor has just been gained in West Monmouth. We stood urging the miners to support Tom Richards, the secretary of the Miners' Federation, for Parliament, and since we have been here we have heard that our old pal, Tom Richards, has been returned to the House of Commons by 5,000 majority, which I believe is the largest majority which has ever been recorded in the history of the English Parliament. Thus, we say, we have brought into existence our labor representation committee, which is financed out of the funds of the trades union, and which has brought into existence its own constitution and will select its own men, and we have today a large number of workers representing places throughout our country, who are going to fight the battle of the toilers at the next general election. (Applause.)

Delegate Berger's Measures. Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, yesterday introduced ten resolutions at the American Federation of Labor convention. They were referred

to the committee. Although admitting that some of the resolutions are Socialistic in substance, Mr. Berger states that they are not radical.

The resolutions introduced yesterday provide: Unification of the American Labor Union of the Western States with the American Federation of Labor; that the American Federation of Labor will pledge its support to the Western Federation of Miners in its effort to bring the so-called Citizens' Alliance of Cripple Creek district to justice; that the Federation of Labor seek to induce Congress to pass a law which will secure to every wage earner in the United States who has earned no more than \$1,000 average wages per year a pension of \$12 per month at the age of sixty; asking the American Federation of Labor to assist in facilitating jurisdiction troubles growing out of misunderstandings between manufacturers and their employees; the adoption of a universal label to be used on all products of union labor; asking all organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to make a closer study of the labor question by means of lodgeroom lectures.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 21.—Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee literally threw a bomb into the convention of the American Federation of Labor today, precipitating a bitter

Socialistic debate by introducing the following resolutions: "Whereas, The unprecedented concentration of wealth in the United States, and the rapid development of the trusts in almost every branch of industry make it obvious that capitalism will soon reach its culmination point and will have to make room for another phase of civilization; and "Whereas, It is evident that this nation is destined to take the lead in this grand struggle for better conditions and higher culture; therefore, be it, "Resolved, That we hereby recommend to all organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor to have their members study the economic conditions; to have lectures upon these subjects in their lodge rooms, homes, and in meetings set apart for this purpose, and to do everything in their power for the enlightenment and intellectual advancement of the proletariat."

Our fight is a battle of blood! The danger is made that Socialism is present in Florida were unable because the polls did not open

Additional editorials on last page.

The LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A SOCIAL-DEMOCRAT.

By S. L. HOOVER, Author of "CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIALISM."

WITHIN ten years this nation has given to the world three of these gigantic markets of progress. After Chicago, 1893, the magnitude of the undertaking, and the magnificence of the completed exposition were upon every tongue. All who visited this exposition felt that something hitherto unknown had been accomplished, and now, 1904, when there is scarcely a feature that has not been excelled at St. Louis, there is not half the comment, nor half the expressed satisfaction that another great triumph for material progress has been made a fact, Chicago, 1893, made St. Louis, 1904, easier of accomplishment. We have come to consider such enterprises as these, as matters of fact, and feel confident that we can repeat them whenever occasion demands.

But the Socialist is progressive. He sees still further. He knows there is another freedom—economic or industrial freedom which is the next step in human progress, and that if this nation is balked in its onward march the time will soon be here when the days of this nation's greatness will be numbered, and such an accomplishment as the one beheld at St. Louis in 1904 can only be a picture of the memory.

When the Socialist sees the marvelous ingenuity and skill of a people like the Japanese in that vast display of useful and pretty things of all kinds, he is pained deeply to know that in this the twentieth century such a people are being slaughtered by thousands, and in turn are slaughtering their neighbor, thereby destroying labor power beyond calculation, and he cries out, O that men would learn that they must guarantee the freedom of the whole man each to the other, if real life, civilization and progress are ever to exist upon the earth; if war, misery, disease and suffering are ever to cease.

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in reasonable bounds, it must be brought to a close after calling attention to the observation that the Bontoes, the scalp hunting Philipinos, were there, and there was no evidence to show that their keen desire to add scalps to their string had in any manner abated. They were simply not allowed to do so because they were in a country where the majority do not think scalp taking is best for all. There is a bit of philosophy in this last paragraph, if the reader will just study it out.

In many precincts in Whatecom county the Democrats are denied the consolation of knowing that they are second in party strength to the Republicans. There is no getting around the fact that a Socialist movement is on foot.—Beltingham (Wash.) Herald.

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Classics of Social-Democracy. SOCIALISM FROM UTOPIA TO SCIENCE. By FREDERICK ENGELS. MODERN SOCIALISM is, in its essence, the direct product of the recognition on the one hand, of the class antagonisms, existing in the society of to-day, between proprietors and non-proprietors, between capitalists and wage-workers; on the other hand, of the anarchy existing in production. But, in its theoretical form, modern Socialism originally appears ostensibly as a more logical extension of the principles laid down by the great French philosophers of the eighteenth century. Like every new theory, modern Socialism had, at first, to connect itself with the intellectual stock-in-trade ready to its hand, however deeply its roots lay in material economic facts. The great men who in France prepared men's minds for the coming revolution, were themselves revolutionists. They recognized no external authority of any kind whatever. Religion, natural science, society, political institutions, everything, was subjected to the most unsparring criticism; everything must justify its existence before the judgment-seat of reason, or give up existence. Reason became the sole measure of everything. It was the time when, as Hegel says, the world stood upon its head: (1) first, in the sense that the human head, and the principles arrived at by its thought, claimed to be the basis of all human action and association; but by and by, also, in the wider sense that the reality which was in contradiction to these principles had, in fact, to be turned upside down. Every form of society and government then existing, every old traditional notion was flung into the lumber-room as irrational; the world had hitherto allowed itself to be led solely by prejudices; everything in the past deserved only pity and contempt. Now, for the first time, appeared the light of day, the kingdom of reason, henceforth superstition, injustice, privilege, oppression, were to be superseded by eternal-truth, eternal Right, equality based on Nature and the inalienable rights of man. We know to-day that this kingdom of reason was nothing more than the idealized kingdom of the bourgeoisie; that this eternal Right found its realization in bourgeois justice; that this equality reduced itself to bourgeois equality before the law; that bourgeois property was proclaimed as one of the essential rights of man; and that the government of reason, the Contrat Social of Rousseau, came into being, and only could come into being, as a democratic bourgeois republic. The great thinkers of the eighteenth century could, no more than their predecessors, go beyond the limits imposed upon them by their epoch. But, side by side with the antagonism of the feudal nobility and the burghers, who claimed to represent all the rest of society, was the general antagonism of exploiters and exploited, of rich idlers and poor workers. It was this very circumstance that made it possible for the representatives of the bourgeoisie to put themselves forward as representing, not one special class, but the whole of suffering humanity. Still further. From its origin, the bourgeoisie was saddled with its antithesis; capitalists cannot exist without wage-workers, and, in the same proportion as the mediaeval burgher of the guild developed into the modern bourgeois, the guild journeyman and the day-laborer, outside the guilds, developed into the proletariat. And although, upon the whole, the bourgeoisie, in their struggle with the nobility, could claim to represent at the same time the interests of the different working-classes of that period, yet in every great bourgeois movement there were independent outbursts of that class which was the forerunner, more or less developed, of the modern proletariat. For example, at the time of the German reformation and the peasants' war, the Anabaptists and Thos. Munzer; in the great English revolution, the Levellers; in the great French revolution, Babeuf.

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And now to keep this article with- The profit taking craze which has reached its climax in our time and which is the chief agency in turning the minds of our people toward Socialism was in evidence on every hand, but at the booth of one exhibitor in particular the opportunity was given to see it in its direct relation to every consumer. The writer played the part of a groceryman, and a certain make of scales was shown to him, so sensitive that a grain of coffee would cause them "to break," and at once set an electric bell to ringing which would continue to ring until all excess weight was removed and the equilibrium was restored. The agent in charge explained that by the old clumsy scales of former days, by the down weight system, the dealer was giving anywhere from a half ounce to an ounce of excess weight. Immediately the thought came. This is our contention. Exact justice to all, even to a grain of coffee, but how rudely the writer was shocked when a little later the demonstrator asked whether he placed his sugar, coffee, tea and so forth in the sacks before weighing. No, in the scale pan, was the reply. "Well, now there is where you lose again. Why not sell your sacks at eight cents every time you sell a pound of sugar, at twenty-five cents every time you sell a pound of coffee, at forty cents every time you sell a pound of tea?" Now you have it. This is exact justice under capitalism. It becomes so exact that it insidiously passes over on the side of profit.

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And now to keep this article with- In the Palace of Agriculture one could not help but think again of Bellamy in reference to the food of man under the Co-operative Commonwealth. Everywhere was seen new vegetable products which would supply all demands of the body. The writer was told that a company with a capital of one million had been organized to put the nutritious banana on the market in the form of flour, a drink called banana coffee, and several other products. He was allowed to sample many of these new vegetable foods and as "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," he must confess that they served re-

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Herbert Spencer's Socialism

Authors Shows Where the Scientist was Lame.

Correspondent asks us to answer argument against Socialism... Spencer states that under present system the production of wealth is efficient... He imagines, on the one hand, a ruling caste, the regulators of industry, and, on the other, a mob of idiots, the regulated.

out Socialists. Now in Mr. Spencer's bad dream there do not appear to be any Socialists... He imagines, on the one hand, a ruling caste, the regulators of industry, and, on the other, a mob of idiots, the regulated.

THE "PATENT MEDICINE" CURSE. Extract from an article by Edward Bok, in the Ladies' Home Journal... The Alcohol in "Patent Medicines"...

WHAT THE PRESS IS SAYING

Foolish Explanations. We have invited attention from time to time to the growth of the Socialist vote in the United States... The Socialist vote has been making notable growth in New England, though we have not yet returns for the late election.

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Gleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields!

NOTE: In some states the organization is known as the Socialist Party, in others as the Social-Democratic Party... NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND. Chicago comrades are busily engaged in planning a Socialist daily paper.

The English Election.

London Clarion.—In addition to the Labor and Socialist gains already published we are this week able to add the following: Blackburn, 2; West Bromwich, 1; Brighton, 1; Clydebank, 2; Higham Ferrers, 1; Kilmarnock, 1; Manchester, 2; Middleton, 1; Musselburgh, 3; Newport, 2; Nelson, 1; Ripon, 1; Weymouth, 2; West Ham, 1.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND.

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COMMENTS ON PASSING EVENTS.

The "reasons" of the Minneapolis Tribune for the growth in the Socialist vote are certainly amusing, to say the least. The press hates to admit the growth of Social-Democracy. It has sense enough to know that it is its coming enemy, and an enemy that cannot be bought or frightened out of the road.

live there, but in this case there was an exposure and he was driven from Washington by the Madeline Pollard scandal. He bobbed up again at the Get-Coal conference in Detroit in 1902, and was put forward to use the magic of his oratory to kill off an obnoxious resolution proposed by Socialist Victor L. Berger, which wanted a special session of congress called to deal with the situation.

ings. In an interview Adams says that he proposes to administer his office in the interests of all classes which may be better than Peabody rule, but not much better. He will serve the interests of the Democratic capitalists no doubt.

That circular which the Chicago & Northwestern railway is circulating among its employing officials (known as Circular No. 301) is a significant document. It reminds them that there are three men looking for every job. The power of deciding who shall have work is a dangerous one to be in private hands so far as the liberties of the American people go.

Robert Hunter, president of the Social Reform Club and chairman of the New York Child Labor Committee, has just written a book entitled, "Poverty," in which he makes a study of the ten million persons in this country whom he estimates to be partakers of poverty, and shows the effects of poverty on human nature.

W. C. P. Breckenridge, statesman and orator of Kentucky, is dead. He spent many years in congress, living the kind of life that most of his class

From all over the country come words of cheer at the great strength shown by our party in the election. It has given our workers new confidence and they are already at work in the campaign of 1908. Not only is our membership growing, but the rate of growth is growing, too!

The effort of Peabody to count out the Democratic governor of Colorado appears to have come to naught, despite the flaring newspaper head-

Socialism from Utopia to Science.—(Continued from page 2.)

There were theoretical enunciations corresponding with these revolutionary uprisings of a class not yet developed; in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Utopian pictures of ideal social conditions; in the eighteenth, actual communistic theories (Morely and Mably). The demand for equality was no longer limited to political rights, it was extended also to the social conditions of individuals.

One thing is common to all three. Not one of them appears as a representative of the interests of that proletariat, which historical development had, in the meantime, produced. Like the French philosophers, they do not claim to emancipate a particular class to begin with, but all humanity at once.

For, to our three social reformers, the bourgeois world, based upon the principles of these philosophers, is quite as irrational and unjust, and, therefore, finds its way to the dust-hole quite as readily as feudalism and all the earlier stages of society. If pure reason and justice have not, hitherto, ruled the world, this has been the case only because men have not rightly understood them.

We saw how the French philosophers of the eighteenth century, the forerunners of the Revolution, appealed to reason as the sole judge of all that is. A rational government, rational society, were to be founded; everything that ran counter to eternal reason was to be remorselessly done away with.

But the new order of things, rational enough as compared with earlier conditions, turned out to be by no means absolutely rational.

The State based upon reason completely collapsed. Rousseau's Contrat Social had found its realization in the Reign of Terror, from which the bourgeoisie, who had lost confidence in their own political capacity, had taken refuge first in the corruption of the Directorate, and, finally, under the wing of the Napoleonic despotism.

The "freedom of property" from feudal fetters, now veritably accomplished, turned out to be, for the small capitalists and landlords, to these great lords, and thus, as far as the small capitalists and peasant proprietors were concerned, became "freedom from property."

In a word, compared with the splendid promises of the philosophers, the social and political institutions born of the "triumph of reason" were bitterly disappointing caricatures. All that was wanting was the men to formulate this disappointment, and they came with the turn of the century.

At this time, however, the capitalist mode of production, and with it the antagonism between the bourgeoisie, and the proletariat, was still very incompletely developed. Modern industry, which had just arisen in England, was still unknown in France.

This historical situation also dominated the founders of Socialism. To the crude conditions of capitalistic production and the crude class conditions corresponded crude theories. The solution of the social problems, which as yet lay hidden in undeveloped economic conditions, the Utopians attempted to evolve out of the human brain.

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more completely they were worked out in detail, the more they could not avoid drifting off into pure phantasies. These facts once established, we need not dwell a moment longer upon this side of the question, now wholly belonging to the past. We can leave it to the literary small fry to solemnly quibble over these phantasies, which to-day only make us smile, and to erow over the superiority of their own bald reasoning, as compared with such "insanity." For ourselves, we delight in the stupendously grand thoughts and germs of thought that everywhere break out through their phantastic covering, and to which these Philistines are blind. (CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.)

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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS

The sole purpose of government is to subjugate the masses, say the Anarchists. And this view also obtains to a great extent among the knowing ones in the capitalist class, as witness the item, quoted elsewhere from Leslie's Monthly in which it is claimed that Social-Democracy seeks to overthrow the government. But the government sought to be overthrown is the capitalist government which spells: capitalist subjugation of the masses. Capitalist control of government is not, the government itself, by a long shot, but the capitalist writers and editors have the anarchistic view in mind and consider it so when they set up the alarm that the Social-Democrats want to destroy the government.

Thomas W. Lawson, the Boston millionaire high finance king, who is turning "states evidence" against former pals, follows up his attack on the big insurance companies by a second broadside in the December Everybody's Magazine, that is a veritable bombshell in the camp of the crooks who manipulate the vast sums taken up annually all over the country in the shape of insurance premiums. These men gamble in the great surprises the companies roll up! The exposure is making such a hubbub that the reorganization of the managements of the largest insurance companies in the country seems inevitable. The puppets of the companies are making a guerrilla warfare on Lawson in the hope of shutting his mouth, but it only goes him on in his purpose of exposure, and his facts are startling. "In a word, the big men of the insurance companies are using the millions of their premium holders to speculate in high finance and to enrich themselves. If Mr. Lawson's facts are true, it would appear that there is no one of the largest companies that is secure from a sudden crash due to frenzied speculation and manipulation! It behooves policy holders to "get busy" and pretty quick, too.

To give some idea of the amazing interweaving of high finance interests, entanglements and dangers of the three companies—the Mutual Life, the New York Life and the Equitable Life—we give herewith a copious extract from Mr. Lawson's account, slightly edited for the sake of brevity. It is as follows:

"First, the three companies I have named have absolute possession of property and money in the form of assets of over \$1,000,000,000—more than half the combined assets of all the insurance companies of America, and indirectly through their affiliated institutions of an additional sum, the aggregate of which is much greater than all the national banks of America and the great financial institutions of Europe, such as the Banks of England, France, and Germany. The three have a ready cash surplus of almost \$200,000,000, which is greater than the combined capital of the Banks of England, Russia, France, and Germany. The income of these three companies is, each year, \$100,000,000 greater than the combined capitals of the Banks of England, Russia, France, and Germany—about \$250,000,000, \$200,000,000 of which is taken each year from their policy holders in the form of premiums. Yet from out of this income there is returned to their policy holders each year in dividends less than \$15,000,000, and in total payments of all kinds not over \$100,000,000. And yet these three companies pay out each year in what they call expenses to keep the concerns running \$50,000,000, paying to the officers of the companies \$3,000,000 in salaries, almost \$1,000,000 to their lawyers, and a number of millions in various forms of advertising.

"Second, the three companies are absolutely steered and controlled from a common centre, and the men who do the steering and controlling are the 'System's' foremost votaries, Henry H. Rogers, William Rockefeller, James Stillman, and J. Pierpont Morgan, through George W. Perkins, a partner in J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. Mr. Rogers, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, is a trustee of the Mutual Life and a director in one of the largest trust companies owned by the three great insurance companies, the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. William Rockefeller, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, is a trustee of the Mutual Life and director in the National City, the 'Standard Oil' Bank. James Stillman is a trustee of the New York Life, and president of the National City, the 'Standard Oil' Bank of New York. George W. Perkins, partner of J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., is vice-president and trustee of the New York Life and a director in the National City, the 'Standard Oil' Bank; while John A. McCall, the president of the New York Life, is a director in the National City, the 'Standard Oil' Bank.

"These great institutions own a majority of the capital stock or absolute control of a number of the leading banks and trust companies of New York and elsewhere; and such ownership shows conclusively the linking together of the three insurance companies. For instance, the Equitable owns more than a majority of the stock of the Mercantile Trust Company of New York, of a book value of about \$4,500,000 and a market value of almost \$13,000,000; and of the Equitable Trust of New York, of a book value of \$5,500,000 and market value of \$9,000,000, and of the Bank of Commerce of New York, of a book value of about \$8,000,000 and a market value of over \$9,000,000; and in the directory of the Mercantile Trust of New York and Equitable Trust is E. H. Harriman, one of the leading 'Standard Oil' men and one of the active votaries of the 'System,' while in the directory of the Bank of Commerce are the president of the Mutual Life and seven other trustees of the Mutual Life and three of the trustees of the New York Life.

"The Mutual Life owns stock of the Bank of Commerce of a book value of \$4,500,000 and a market value of \$7,500,000; of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company of a book value of \$2,000,000 and a market value of \$4,500,000; and of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York of a book value of \$1,250,000 and a market value of \$5,500,000. The directors of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company consist of eight trustees of the Mutual Life, including its president, and two trustees of the Equitable Life, while in the Guaranty Trust 'directory is the president of the Mutual Life, Henry H. Rogers and E. H. Harriman. 'Standard Oil' play and director in the Equitable.

"In addition to these financial institutions, the Mutual Life has about \$22,000,000 of its funds invested in the stock of twenty-five other trust companies and national banks, while the Equitable has about \$10,000,000 invested in some fifteen other trust and banking institutions.

"Third, the absolute control of the three great companies, and through them of their subsidiary financial institutions, while supposed to be in the hands of the policy holders is entirely beyond their regulation, as all policy holders of the three companies give over complete control of their companies to the 'System' through the following machinery: All policy holders of the New York Life, on accepting a policy, sign away their rights in the form of a proxy which runs to the president, John A. McCall. All those in the Mutual Life do the same through a proxy which runs to President McCurdy, and the Equitable Life's control lies in the \$100,000 of capital stock which is almost entirely owned by the men who elect themselves to control and manage the company.

We conclude by giving this comment by Mr. Lawson: "Therefore, you will see that I fully comprehend that this, which you claim to be, and which undoubtedly is the greatest power on earth, is absolutely, for all practical purposes, in the hands of three men, and that anyone who attempts to do anything contrary to what this power will allow, will find himself opposed by practically unlimited money, which can be used first to corrupt all sources, including state insurance law enforcers, and then to keep such corruptions from the policy holders by subsidizing the press. In other words, you see that I fully comprehend that I, or any man, or any body of men, would be absolutely helpless in an attempt to correct present evils, if they exist, unless we can do two things: First, show to the policy holders of the great insurance companies that they are absolutely in the hands and at the mercy of 'one man,' and that, next, this 'one man' is unscrupulous."

In Milwaukee enough Democratic and Republican aldermen went over to the street railway company to defeat the plan for a municipal electric light plant. The Social-Democratic aldermen stood pat for the plant. As all parties were pledged to the plan, the Socialists are seen to be the only ones that can be trusted by the voters.

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THE THEATER.

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tionally strong. Among the characters calling for particular mention are those of James Wendel, the detective; "Smoke Pot," a quaint comedy con; Charles Rivers; Alice Brantson, who is also seen as "Ragged Joe," a newsboy; Laura Rivers, the beautiful young woman who is abducted by the Highlanders; "Tottie Dizzle," a typical New York tough girl; Wang Fo Low, a Chinese Mandarin; Ralph Grims, the strongest "heavy" ever seen on the stage, and about twenty other subsidiary characters.

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10c Sateen, nice figures for waists and dresses, this sale at.....57c
22c Best German Yarn, 1 lb. to a customer, at.....17c
7c Apron Gingham, only 5 yards to a customer, a yard at.....37c
Foreign and Domestic Wool Waistings, in plaid, checks and stripes, the very latest effects in dark and light, 98c, 75c, 60c and.....49c
All-wool Tricot, all the leading fall shades, worth 35c per yard at.....25c
44-inch Dress Goods, with satin figures and scrolls, worth absolutely 39c, special, 15c
Angora Tams, Caps, a special purchase of Tam O'Shanter's, that pull way over the ears for the cold weather, 50c and 44c on sale at.....\$2.99
11-4 White Wool Mixed Blankets, 3-inch silk binding (about 80 per cent wool), extra value and full size, always \$4.50, on sale at.....\$2.99
200 Pairs Extra Heavy White Twilled Blankets, size 78x80 inches, very firm and close, fancy colored borders, positively worth \$2.50, pair.....\$1.49
11-4 White All-wool Blankets, fine long heavy, pretty colored borders, worth up to \$8.00 a pair, choice at \$4.98 and.....\$3.99
12-4 Finest Australian All-wool Blankets, extra long and very heavy, wide silk binding, pair \$7.98 and.....\$6.98
Hand-knotted Comforters, filled with white carded cotton, pretty new designs, silk oilce covering, worth \$1.25, for.....89c
Full-sized Comforters, good filling, should sell at \$1.25, at only.....69c
Heavy Comforters, figured on both sides, for single beds, a bargain at \$1.00, this sale.....49c
Girls Felt Hats, the 85c for 50c for.....19c
Girls Caps, at.....29c
30-inch Twill Shaker Flannel, sold always at 12, this sale only.....7c