

A Significant Article-Taking Over the Railways

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1910. said: "The railway question is another form of the fundamental issue between oligarchy and democracy.
And the idea which the public is instinctively fighting for is that capital and monopoly shall not rule this country.

however, have impaired our government-owned postal system.)
That while we are tending toward public ownership no man with clear vision can fall to see...
Mr. Acworth concludes with the significant remark that the fall of private ownership of railroads in England will echo throughout the length and breadth of America.

service is of such importance to the public that it may be conducted at a pecuniary loss, having in view a larger general interest.
While we have said again and again that one volunteering to do such services cannot be compelled to expose his property to confiscation...
The crusade against railroads is a continuous crusade. It became acute in 1907 and helped to bring on a panic.

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hands of the people; that it be used for the formation of a new industrial democracy.
The above plan is presented to meet a great and overwhelming issue which is now disturbing the entire country.
It would mean the avoidance of a vast national debt and a railroad deficit to be made up by taxation.
LOOK TO YOUR COURTS.

The Trade Union and the Socialist Party

CORRUPTION AND DUAL UNIONISM

By ROBERT HUNTER.
It is almost impossible to give all the reasons advanced by seceders in their efforts to justify rival unionism.
We have considered briefly the attempt to form unions on political lines, and also the attempt of the Industrial Workers of the World to divide union men into craft unionists and industrial unionists.

Of course if all the accusations of corruption were true we should indeed be in a bad way.
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The Socialist Labor party for a decade or more dealt only in such goods. They developed a genius for inventing new names with which to liken the characters of their opponents.
"Speaking of the members as I have met them," says Debs. "It seems to me they are too prone to look upon a man as a faker who happens to disagree with them."

All this seems strangely incomprehensible. And, in truth, the whole history of rival unionism is totally incoherent.
There is nothing like it in any other country in the world. However diligently one may read and ponder over the literature of rival unionism, there seems to be no explanation for its confused policies and incoherent methods.

The Industrial Workers of the World had not existed more than a few months before the members of that organization began to denounce each other as crooks, grafters, fakers, etc.
At the convention of the Industrial Workers of the World in 1906, Delegate Parks said: "It is the general opinion... that there was among some of the departments of the Industrial Workers of the World corruption, graft and fakery."

Of course every movement must expect to have some of its leaders yield to corruption.
In one form or another it assails the working class movement in every part of the world.
Indeed, it is inevitable where classes exist, where men are human, and where capitalism is supreme.

The Issue—Socialism or Not?

Government ownership of railroads would be a long step toward Socialism.
The question of government ownership of railroads raises the direct issue between public and private ownership of all property, and if we are to have a struggle over Socialism, it may as well be fought out on this line as any other.

For doing this I propose the following method: Congress should incorporate a railroad "holding company" with a capital stock of \$25,000,000,000.
It has clearly the constitutional right to do this. In the charter, congress could name the first directors.

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Would Wall Street Still Control?

But would not Wall street control the holding company, just as Wall street controls the railroads now—through choosing its board of directors?
If so, the plan would be fatally defective, because the country will not much longer tolerate that control.

Directors of the People.
If the charter of the proposed railroad holding company for the United States named the first 25 directors—men of character, chosen from different parts of the country and given the power to elect their successors, subject to the approval of the president of the United States, in case of death, resignation, or removal for cause, Wall Street would get its proper representation and no more.

A Holding "Company" in the Nation's Interest.
The prejudice against the holding company in America is now very great.
The reason is that holding companies have only too often been used to form illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

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Workmen

Insure yourselves in the Workmen's Sick & Death Benefit Fund of the United States of America.
Organized October 19, 1884, by German Socialist Exiles.
Branches in 26 States. 40,000 beneficiary members. Assets over \$1,000,000.

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The books which keep the one in touch with the other.
Spargo's Readings for Children. Regularly \$1. Special price 50c; postage 12c extra.

Why Socialism Must Conquer. Its Principles
Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only with these assured are the higher faculties of the mind and the soul possible.
To produce food, clothing or shelter, land and machinery are needed.

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A Matter of Evolution

By OSCAR AMERINGER.

In every community we find a number of old sages whose intellectual stock in trade consists in the hoary old chestnut, "It always was that way and it always will be that way."

Life is motion. Even death is life. It moves the bodies of those who no longer capable of movement.

We are told that the first man was created in the image of God. But if one of us could meet this gentleman on a lonely spot in the road, we would take to our heels, or he would scamper up a tree.

The first and the last man would not recognize each other as the long-lost brothers.

I have seen the skull of the oldest known man, found in a cave in the Neanderthal, Germany. Scientific men estimate that he lived about 125,000 years before Moses.

I have listened to the beating of the tom-tom and I have drunk in the tone poems of Wagner and Beethoven. I have looked upon the crude walls of a cave decorated by a savage who lived during the ice period and I have feasted my eyes on the paintings of Rembrandt and Raphael.

I have seen the weapons of men from the club, the stone ax, the flint arrowhead, the crossbow and the blunderbuss to the Krupp

cannon, that hurls a ton of steel through 18 inches of armor plate ten miles away.

I have seen the runic writing on the tombstones of Norsemen. I have held in my hand a conical multiplication table made in Abraham's time. I have looked upon the childlike picture writings of the Moundbuilders, and I have read the works of Dante, Shakespeare and Goethe.

I have seen the crooked stick that was used as a plow; have seen the sickle, steam plow-turning a dozen furrow 30-foot sweep.

And between the first and the last of all these things there is the same difference as between the skull of the man from the Neanderthal and the skull of the Yale professor.

The little knob on the upper end of the spinal column, knowing nothing but hunger and lust, expanded into the magnificent brain of the modern man; a brain that gives us eyes to see a million suns; a brain that hears harmonies floating in silent space; a brain that drives palaces through the waves with fire and lightning borrowed from the bowels of the earth and the winds of heaven.

Life speeds round and round in spiral form and each returning life is on a higher plane.

Men have never been as good and wise and strong as they are now.

He who denies the evolution of man and tools from the lower to the higher form, or who goes as far as proclaiming that man has fallen from perfect state to a lower plane, denies the very fact of life.

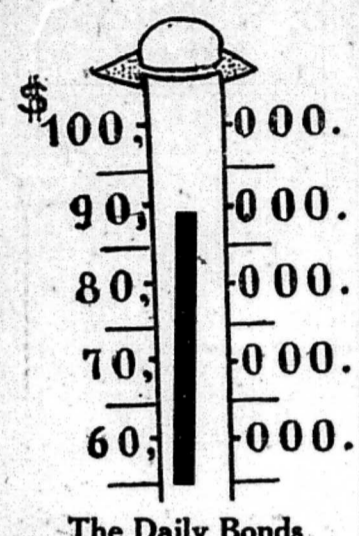
As men are born and die and every generation surpasses the preceding one in knowledge, strength and beauty, so human institutions and economic systems are only born to die.

Men on their roads to the grave give life to those who will bury them; so dying economic systems bear within themselves the germ of future life, and they, too, rear their own gravediggers.

It is a long way from the hairy cave man who with blood dripping jaw, sucked the marrow from the crushed bones of a slain man, to Thomas A. Edison. A long and painful way, leading over a thousand generations into slavery, feudalism and capitalism.

Tomorrow comes Socialism and after that we do not know—we do not care. For we are the children of tomorrow. In our veins courses the quickening blood of youth. The rose-red flush of health is upon our cheeks. The flash of victory in our eyes. Tomorrow, tomorrow will soon be today, and we shall be smiling heirs of all that was and all that is.

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The Daily Bonds. This Week \$88,650. Last Week \$88,550. GAIN \$100.

OSHKOSH, Wis. — David Goldstein, renegade Socialist, gave a talk here under the auspices of the German Catholics. He said that one could not be a Socialist and a Christian too.

Always Onward! Forward! Upward!

Everywhere both Socialists and non-Socialists realize that the Social Democrats of Milwaukee really won what may well be called a tremendous victory in the recent city election.

"The Socialists were beaten," screamed the dispatches from Milwaukee. And every capitalist newspaper in the country flashed the news on the front page. There was supposed to be great joy in the ranks of the politicians everywhere.

Nine antagonistic dailies constantly pouring forth columns of abuse, distortion and misrepresentation have poisoned the public mind to such an extent that the splendid work of our volunteer boosters in building up the Leader's circulation to over 47,000 in four months is really wonderful and inspiring.

Comrades, despite the intense and violent opposition of a hostile press, YOU HAVE DEVELOPED THE LEADER SO RAPIDLY THAT YOU COMPELLED THE MANAGEMENT TO ORDER A SECOND BIG PRESS THREE MONTHS AFTER YOU STARTED THE LEADER.

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Gulf Between Rich and Not-Rich

By SILAS HOOD.

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paying Socialists at that time being 99,470.

The average party membership for the first three months of 1911 was 78,000.

In the month of March alone there was a gain of 10,000 members; the total number of members in February being 123,034.

Again the record for dues received at the National office was broken during the month of March.

During the first three months of 1911 the National office received for literature the sum of \$724.47.

By a recent referendum in Idaho, I. F. Stewart, Nampa, was re-elected state secretary.

Up to date the national headquarters has sent \$3,712.37 to Lawrence, Miss., for the strike fund, and the amount has increased.

The South Slavic National Translator-Secretary, Frank Petrich, now has his office in the national headquarters, 111 North Market Street, Chicago.

During the month of March the national office published 400,000 four-page leaflets, as follows:

A second 100,000 of "A Municipal Program," by Carl D. Thompson.

"The Children of the Poor," by Eugene V. Debs, 100,000.

"Why Socialists Pay Dues," 100,000.

"Socialist Methods," 100,000.

The total number of leaflets published during the first three months of 1912 was 2,000,000.

The leaflets are good paper and with large type. Price, \$1.50 per 1000, \$1.00 per 1,000 in bulk, and 50 cents per 1,000 in bulk.

The national office proposes the transportation charges.

During March the national office also published an additional 100,000 copies of the national platform, and 288,450 copies of the pamphlet, "The Growing Greedy Hun," by Allan L. Benson.

This pamphlet is meeting with phenomenal success. Almost 100,000 copies have been sold during the first three weeks.

It is reported to have had a great deal to do with the strike fund, and the amount has increased.

The price makes this possible: \$30.00, 1,000 for \$4.00; 100 for 30c; single copy for 3c.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

useful as a draught animal and luggage carrier. The earnest efforts of the last 10 years to tame and make him a good domestic animal have been largely rewarded.

The "Incentive" Idiocy

A number of capitalist editors in the South have declared that competition is the sole incentive to progress and that great deeds would not be accomplished unless we have the stimulus of pay.

How It Goes.

"Well, George," said the president of the company to old George, "how goes it?" "Fair to middlin', sir," George answered.

Her Fate.

Bridget—What does "kismet" mean, mum?" The Mistress—It is the Arabic for fate.

Puzzles

ILLUSTRATED REBUS, No. 5. A Socialist book, paper bound, will be awarded the first correct answer sent in on a postal card.

Answer to Picture Puzzle in last week's issue: 1. Poodle. 2. A run. 3. Pause (paws). 4. Heal (heel). 5. Curtain. 6. Kickshoe. 7. Manzat (man's hat). 8. Bare-faced. 9. Neck-lace (neck-less).

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With Our Readers. Editor, Social-Democratic Herald—Greetings and congratulations on the splendid demonstration of working class solidarity against the combined forces of capitalism.

The Builders' Column. By A. W. Mance. Now I am going to ask you flat dwellers, shack dwellers and the millions of others in America who dwell in modest homes to compare the luxurious surroundings of the upper class with the cheap furnishings of the

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