

THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

To what depths will the desire for "making money" lead people, though it is hard to judge who is the most degenerate—those who pander to a depraved taste, or those whose morbid curiosity has made ghouls out of themselves. Every Socialist will read with disgust and contempt the following ad. from the N. Y. Clipper, though it is evident the advertiser believes there are enough people with morbid minds and degenerate tastes to make his hideous enterprise profitable. But I suppose anything goes in the show business. Anyhow, the advertiser unconsciously shows his appreciation of the immorality which the competitive system breeds. Following is the ad:

Wax Figures of McKinley, Garfield and Lincoln.

These are lifelike mechanical figures, representing their dying moments. The chest and head rise and fall in respiration, while at intervals the eyelids rise, baring to view the eyes growing glass in death. Life-size wax figures of Czolgosz, Guitauau and Booth, dressed ready for exhibition, each \$30 with order.

It is from the ranks of those who find pleasure in looking upon the mimic dying agonies of our martyred presidents that come our assassins, murderers and criminals. It is but a step from the imitation to the real, and he whose conscience is so dull and whose brain is so warped that the one gives sensations of "pleasure" will not hesitate to "enjoy" the latter. That it is possible that such mockeries are profitable makes of our Christian civilization an empty phrase.

I wish to call the attention of those people who refuse to believe that labor is a commodity and bought and sold like potatoes or fertilizer to the fact that the capitalist class, at least, recognize it. Says Senator Clark, speaking of his success in business enterprises, "I am always secure, for manager, the best man on the market." Now you fellows, who believe your origin more divine than tanny or toilet paper, come on with your talk of the "significance of labor" and the "honor of toil."

The Pittsburgh Dispatch devoted half a page the other Sunday to interviews with the representatives of China and other foreign nations on "How to Suppress Anarchy." On the same page was a long article reciting the woes of the small ranchers of the west, how they are bulldozed by the big, cattle-men who monopolize the grazing, and how the land laws encourage fraud. Would it be impertinent to suggest to the big, handsome and capitalistically-enterprising paper of the smoky city that as long as the conditions exist as outlined in one article it will be impossible to carry out the suggestions outlined in the other article?

The editor of the Ballard News is howling about Socialism and insisting on confounding the same with Anarchy. Some of these days the said editor, if he doesn't starve to death in the meantime, will be howling for Socialism to save himself from being crushed into the ranks of the wage slave, even as he now howls against it. That's one reason the Socialist smiles at the ignorant invective of the little fellow, who will some day remember with shame the time he worked against the interests and hopes and ideals of humanity for the sake of the dollar he thought he saw in sight.

SPECIAL dispatch from Tacoma under date of Sept. 30: "There is no truth in the report that the Loyal League intends having the red stripes removed from the barber poles of this city."

This result is proving that it would have been a good plan for the capitalists to have hired Czolgosz to commit his idiotic crime. The wanton killing of McKinley is now being used as an excuse for the passage of laws to prevent criticism of public officials, discussion of public measures, and prevent a change for the better in political or economic conditions. "Whom the gods would destroy," etc.

The attention of P.-1., which defends the system which creates trusts, and the private ownership thereof, is respectfully called to the fact that 50 puddlers were discharged by the Laird branch of the Steel Hoop Trust at Youngstown, Ohio, because they, out of respect to President McKinley, refused to work on the night of his death. As the owners of the trust are staunch republicans it is a matter of some speculation as to how the equally staunch republican P.-1. will treat the question. Jumping on the Anarchists and long arguments in a vain attempt to confound the Socialists with them, however, probably leave neither time nor space to mention the trifling Youngstown incident of the rights of private ownership.

In joining the ranks of our calculators the Socialist papers of the country are shrewdly looking after Number One; but they are not acting a manly part nor covering themselves with honor. These editors have been reading the Anarchist papers for years. They know perfectly well that Anarchy, however contrary to their own theories, is not a doctrine of lust and violence, nor an incentive to assassination.—(James F. Morton in Discontent.)

Probably this is aimed at The Socialist as well as at other papers which have given Anarchy a lashing in the past few weeks. It is written, however, with a complete misconception of the Socialist position. It is not a question of personal honesty or peacefulness, such as I admit obtain among the members of Joes Bay colony.

There are Anarchists and Anarchists; in fact, there are numerous kinds. There are the Anarchists who believe in the "propaganda of the deed," killing those whom they imagine oppress them; there are the ones who vote the republican ticket in the hopes of making things worse (and I must confess they seem to succeed); there are the Anarchist-Communists, whom you wouldn't know were Anarchists if they didn't tell you so; and there are various other kinds, with all shades of ideas as to how to do and live now, and all, everyone of them, believing firmly in absolute personal freedom.

But all Anarchists, whether at Joes Bay or elsewhere, have no better moral effect on society than had Czolgosz. In fact, an unprejudiced and impartial scrutiny reveals the truth that they are worse, if anything. Their negative position makes them indirectly responsible for more suffering than a dozen assassins who each kill an individual.

Recognizing the unjust economic conditions which exist, knowing the poverty, the degradation, the dishonesty, the crime, within the present system, and knowing those conditions are becoming worse, they commit, as a class, the most detestable crime of all against humanity.

They refuse to vote to change conditions, and they urge others not to do so, thus aiding, even as do the capitalists whom they denounce, a system of robbery, murder and assassination.

Actuated by selfish motives, thinking only of their own welfare, they hold themselves aloof in the cities or bury themselves in the woods, when they might help and encourage the thousands of less strong individuals. They hold their own little personalities of more worth than the whole of the human race. To the Socialist they are worse than the assassin. And the responsibility for every child that goes to a premature grave, every woman that falls, every murder committed, whether of president or workman, as the system continues, can surely be partly laid at their door.

No, friend Morton, the Socialist editors are not unmanly. They see things as they are. Their eyes are not blinded by the glasses of impossible individualism. Society is an organism. The best results demand collective effort, whether you will or no, and he who shirks his duty as a unit of that society, he who, thinking a part greater than the whole, holds back from doing his share along the best possible lines, is responsible for the accidents, disasters and deaths that might have been averted.

ed had he done his duty by his brother. Of this refusal the Anarchist, however peaceable and gentle he may be personally, stands convicted. And the killing by the refusal to do that duty due society by him is as criminal, and the suffering greater, and the degradation deeper, than if he had merely been a Czolgosz.

Those who are not with us are against us.

And those who deny their brothers have no cause for grief if their brothers deny them.

UNCLE SAM.

A SHOP GIRL'S LIVING.

Some little time ago the Social Economics Club of Chicago brought up the subject of the wage of the common working girl, or, to put it more explicitly, the shop girl, and how she manages it. It appears that the statement that many such girls live, or are expected to live, and be self-respectful and decent on \$2.50 a week, raised a storm of indignant protest against the cruelty and inhumanity of the thing, and Dr. Frances Dickinson, who introduced the matter, was condemned for ever discussing the possibility of any person living on such a sum. Unfortunately, it is a fact that many young shop girls can get no more, and in some instances even experienced girls do not get over \$3.50, on which they are expected to live respectably and dress decently.

No girl can be decently lodged or fed and clothed on such a sum unless she lives at home and has her lodging and perhaps her food free of expense, and where is the sum that, even under such favorable circumstance, can offer the absolutely necessary recreation or meet the dreaded doctor's bill in case of illness? There's no arithmetic that can give a satisfactory answer. As a consequence that followed a club discussion that was continued in the daily press, the club received a letter from a shop girl giving her own experience. The case having been looked into and found to be as the writer said, it has been brought forward as evidence.

This girl, Annie by name, had no parents, therefore she boarded. She is 15, and therefore presumably not as prudent as she will be when older, though there is scant room for the exercise of thrift. Annie furnished her table of expenses for the week, having \$2.50 to begin with:

Monday, car fare	.....	\$ .10
Mutual Benefit Association	.....	.05
Coffee (no milk)	.....	.05
Tuesday, car fare	.....	.10
Wednesday, car fare	.....	.10
Thursday, car fare	.....	.10
Friday, car fare	.....	.10
Saturday, car fare	.....	.10
Board	.....	2.00
Sunday school	.....	0.00
Total	.....	\$2.70

It will be seen that there is a deficit of 20 cents, and yet she has spent nothing save for food and car fare. Nothing for clothes, nothing for pleasure, nothing for recreation of mind or body, and yet she has overrun her salary! What is she to do? Shoes, a hat, an umbrella, a jacket, a new dress presently—these must be had, particularly the dress. If she looks shabby she will lose her place. She proceeds to starve herself to save money for some of these necessities, and in six weeks actually lays by \$1.50. Someone gives her an old dress; she coaxes a friend to cut it over, and sits up nights to make it; she spends 99 cents for a hat because her old one is so shabby, and \$1 for slippers, and now she is in debt. There follows more starving to meet this awful debt, and so the years go by until she gets tired of it all. Why do not these good people make some effort to save her while she is making an effort to save herself?

It is always interesting to speculate as to just how much of the real situation is known to these reform preachers who drive the erring women periodically from one part of a city to another, and back again, in their "crusade against vice."—(Socialist Spirit.)

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THE ASSASSINATION—ITS CAUSE.

The Terrible Deed.

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The head of the U. S. Government shot by an Anarchist!

An innocent, kindly American, trying to do his duty, shot by the self-centered Pole, who only said: "I am an Anarchist. I did my duty."

The world is turned dumb. J. Pierpont Morgan, the most powerful man on earth is thunderstruck to silence, regrets to consult his partners and remains inaccessible.

Senator Hanna, keenest political manager, cries out, "My God, it can't be possible."

Here is a shot heard round the world in every household from Odessa to Chicago. The multitude of civilized men and women who do not think, shiver with fear and horror at this unheralded thing.

In their panic they call for the strong man to suppress this Red Terror. Men say, Roosevelt would take good care of these savages. Increase the army, multiply the police, banish the Anarchists, suppress free speech, exterminate these hell-dogs who infect the world.

And is that all? No more to be said or done by men who were created to think and progress? Here is a phenomenon to be explained. This man is a product of the times and every intelligent person must demand, Why?

The Conditions.

This is the third assassination of an American President. The other two

had their origin in the fierce struggles of their times. Lincoln's death was due to the passions of the civil war, Garfield's to the fight for official power. And this attack upon McKinley is the offspring of the present class strife as exhibited in the great strikes.

Before any news had come as to the person of the assassin, an acute observer was overheard to say to a group in front of the bulletin boards, "You will find this man is an intelligent Anarchist and a workingman." In fact, this Czolgosz proves to have been employed in one of the steel corporation mills. He is clearly a product of the proletarian class in the United States today. He and all his family are wage-workers and very poor.

Subsoil of Injustice.

Without these conditions, Anarchism would be impossible. The Anarchists see clearly as the Socialists the terrible injustice of the capitalistic system of exploitation. They seek the remedy in violence, either rebellion or assassination. Therein they are wholly wrong. Socialism holds life sacred and has always contended against the Anarchist method.

But here is the point to be observed by every member of the capitalist class now in power, the class which now feels itself responsible for the suppression of Anarchy, the class which is responsible for present conditions.

IT WILL BE UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREVENT THESE VIOLENT OUTBURSTS WHILE INJUSTICE UNDERLIES SOCIETY.

Your whole capitalist system is built upon a process which denies human rights. Your vast accumulated

fortunes are robbed from the workers. Your robbery has the sanction of law. It is supported by force. The worker has no redress. His strikes and boycotts fail him. He finds his largest unions and widest combinations helpless against the mighty aggregations of capital.

The unintelligent worker—like the labor union editor quoted elsewhere—calls for violence and revolution. The Socialist worker, having studied and learned, insists calmly and deliberately upon the peaceful methods of education, co-operation and the ballot.

But the radical, turbulent spirit, the extreme individualist, the stern, tragic sort of man that is always to be found, resolves to use his personal power to the utmost. He defies. He throws himself against the world. He kills.

The Only Remedy.

How can you stay his hand? How suppress the fiend?

Never by violent methods like his own. For every Anarchist you hang, a score of others will spring forward to be hung—SO LONG AS YOU LEAVE UNTOUCHED THE SUBSOIL OF INJUSTICE, FROM WHICH ALONE THEY DERIVE THEIR SUSTENANCE.

Violence breeds violence. "They who take the sword shall perish by the sword."

Socialism pleads for justice, for the rights of man, for peace on the earth. Socialism will be emancipation, co-operation, just distribution of the wealth of the world.

Until men are allowed to get these things, all now seen to be possible in the near future, that is, until Socialism wins, nothing under heaven can prevent the occasional rise of this terrible man of violence and blood.

THE MARCH OF THE WORKERS.

(Continued from 1st page.)

O ye rich men hear and tremble! for with words the sound is rife;
"Once for you and death we labored; changed henceforward is the strife.
We are men, and we shall battle for the world of men and life;
And our host is marching on."

"Is it war, then? Will ye perish as the dry wood in the fire?
Is it peace? Then be ye of us, let your hope be our desire.
Come and live! for life awaketh, and the world shall never tire;
And hope is marching on."

"On we march then, we the workers, and the rumor that ye hear
Is the blended sound of battle and deliv'rance drawing near;
For the hope of every creature is the banner that we bear,
And the world is marching on."

Chorus. Hark the rolling of the thunder!
Lo the sun! and lo there—under
Riseth wrath and hope and wonder,
And the host comes marching on.

—William Morris.

MONTANA TRADES UNIONS WILL STUDY SOCIALISM.

The following resolutions were recently adopted by the State Trades and Labor Council of Montana:

Whereas, In all civilized countries the natural order of economic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalistic, a small class, the possessor of all the means of production and distribution, mines, machinery, and means of transportation; and the larger and ever increasing class of wage-workers, pos-

sessing no tools of production; and

Whereas, This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class full control of the government, the public press, and is fast reducing the working class to a condition of dependence, making their boisterous political equality a bitter mockery; and

Whereas, The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the mission of the working class, and as the workers can only gain a full conception of the economic conditions and of their own interest by a full knowledge of the social and economic questions of the

day; therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge upon the workmen of Montana to study the question of the ownership of the means of production and distribution; and be it further

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