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The Great American Eagle - - Ain't He a Bird!



Is Tracy Alone?

Tracy is a murderer. He has killed a dozen men, more or less. But what of the mine owners where explosions kill hundreds? A hundred or so at Fernie, B. C., another hundred or so at Johnstown, Pa., and now a score or two more in Utah, all within a few days of each other! Every one of them could have been prevented. A properly ventilated mine will abolish fire damp. You read now how currents of fresh air penetrate and flood the remotest workings of these mines—now that they are reconstructed after the terrible loss of life.

Set this down as absolute axiom: **No mine exists that cannot be ventilated by modern machinery.** Make shafts enough, have electric fans enough, provide inspectors enough, in a word, spend money enough, and you will avoid all explosions.

Well, then, the mine owners who will not spend money enough, care more for money than men. Hence they are murderers, and worse than all the Tracys in the land.

Tracy wanted money. He broke into houses and got it. When caught and deprived of his liberty to get money in this way he shot down those who imprisoned him and opposed him.

Capitalists also wanted money. They deliberately sent men into death holes, miles and miles into the bowels of the earth, to dig money for them. They did not ventilate those holes. It would cost too much, deprive them of some profits.

What matter if a hundred or five hundred men perished? There are plenty more where they came from. Save the mules—they cost money. But men are valueless, as common as dust or flies.

As between Tracy and so-called men who will commit these horrors, give us Tracy a thousand times.

But look deeper. After all, both Tracy and the capitalists can hardly help themselves. If they don't do these things, what will happen to them? If Tracy contents himself with an "honest" life, he will be only a wage-slave, a life hardly worth the candle. He is one of an unnumbered army of work-seekers who have to live at pitance wages. He might become a self-despising little lawyer or hustler or stock gambler or preacher or politician, but would he be so much better off?

And the mine owner? If he ventilates his mine, if he counts lives before dollars, what will happen to him?

He will be undersold by his competitor and have to sell out his mine to him. He will have to go out of business, and perhaps be reduced to a really honest, but despised and robbed, wage-worker.

Now, what would Socialism do about it? That's easy. Tracy and the capitalist would both be delivered from the bondage of this necessity. With free access to productive work, they would receive abundance of their own production. There is plenty of coal in the world for all. If men were not forced to produce it for profit, if coal were simply dug for use, no one would think of digging it in unventilated caves. If Tracy could get plenty of the good things of life for a few hours' exertion each day he would never have been a burglar and desperado.

Socialism, by putting all the mines and factories into the hands of all workers and running them for the use of all, will provide all with that wealth they now so vainly and wickedly are compelled to seek.

The Crow's Nest Coal Co. at Fernie, B. C., where the terrible explosion occurred, refuses to permit the miners to rescue the bodies of eight men still buried in the mine. The company is also reducing wages to compensate them for the loss of profits due to the accident.

If they were short of men, would they be thus independent? No, the army of the unemployed, ready to take the places of the employed, is the key to all our difficulties. How to get rid of the unemployed, is the question? The Socialist solution is, set them to work, and thus have enough wealth for everybody.

This paper will go to thousands of Coal Miners on strike in the East. Over one hundred and fifty thousand soft coal men now out for decent wages! The convention at Indianapolis this week is to decide whether the anthracite men shall go with the rest! They seem to have out with the key to the situation. "He controls the situation absolutely." No man ought to have such power, unless he is class-conscious, unless he knows his class is the inevitable enemy of the capitalist class. Then he will not compromise or sell out.

Latest Mine Disaster, in Park City, Utah, due to storage of powder in magazine in the mine. Statutes forbid storage of powder inside dwelling limits of any city or town in U. S. But nothing prevents mine owners build-

ing powder magazines among the defenseless slaves imprisoned in the caves of the earth! Crime, your name is Capital!

The Chicago Freight Handlers, Ten Thousand brave fellows, have lost their strike. Why? Because of false "leaders." The officials of the Chicago Federation of Labor would not support them. President Curran told his men he overheard by accident on his telephone one of his own executive committee advising a railroad manager to hold on as the men would soon have to surrender. There is no doubt whatever that many of the present officials of the A. F. of L. and its branches are tools of the capitalists to fool the rank and file.

But the rank and file are getting their eyes opened. Another wonderful thing in this Chicago strike was the sympathetic strike of the Teamsters in support of the Freight Handlers. Thousands went on strike as individuals without orders from their officers, and refused to team freight to the railroads, tying up Chicago without an order from any one. That is the kind that will make Socialists. Touch one laborer and you touch all, that is the Socialists' motto. Never give up the fight. Fight, not negotiate. Never treat the capitalist as your friend. Those are Socialist mottoes, too.

Comrade Brooks, of Butte, has ordered a supply all for his own use in the union. If you want to reach the union men, give the papers that will do it. At this rate, look out for Butte.

Who are the "Sowers of Dissension" in the Socialist Party? Those who adhere to the national platform and to the well established principles and tactics of International Socialism or those who try to reconstruct that platform and to modify those tactics? In one word, who are dissensionists, those who adhere to the class struggle or those who ignore it?

Subscribers who do not get papers would better investigate the local postmasters or the carriers. We have found some of them too "smart," and a little "kicking" brings them to time.

Don't fail to read that secret circular sent out by the Lumber Dealers' Association. It's a corker.

"Anybody can be in a majority. It takes a man or a woman to be a minority."—Debs.

Sidelights and Reflections

The first law of every revolution, says Mazzini, is to know what you would have. Now the Socialists know what they want; moreover, they know just how to get it; furthermore, they know just when they are going to get it, and that is, when the working class asks for it—at the ballot box.

The three great divisions of all Socialist development are founded upon these three things: The What, the How, the When. The first two stages have been gone through with. The Socialists have developed the What and the How. The next great stage, the last development, the culminating process, is the When; and it is up to the Socialist party to declare that When is Now, and to make that declaration stick—at the ballot box.

"The secret of moving the multitudes lies in addressing them with a brief, clear, and complete program." Has any party a briefer program than Socialism? Has any party a clearer program than Socialism? Has any party a more complete program than Socialism? But better than all this, the Socialist program is true, it is effective, it is inevitable, it is irresistible, it is evolution. You cannot change it, you cannot stay it, for Socialism is a decree of Nature, the spirit and the path of progress, the fiat and ultimatum of universal Man.

It is an old saying that a thinking peasant is a man a tottering throne. When Labor THINKS, Capitalism trembles; when Labor will Act, Capitalism will fall. When will Labor act?

The State of Washington versus Tracy seems to be the principal case before the people of this state just now. (I might say, however, that the people are simply a nominal party to this case—they will not be asked for their decision. Their proxies, a few capitalists and their hirelings, will try the case, pass judgment, and make it go.) But it is strange that \$5,000 is offered to any one that will end Tracy, but not a cent is offered to those who wish to end, once and forever, all the Tracys all over the world.

The way to stop Anarchy, says Eugene Debs, is to stop producing it. "Anarchy," said Dooley several years ago, "is only sewer gas"—the sewer gas generated by a filthy system of industrial production. Surely the way to stop Tracysim is to stop producing it, but if you go into the highways

and declare this truth in the face of capitalism, you're lucky if you escape hanging—by being allowed to die of slow starvation.

Whenever I hear it said that war is a good thing for the working class, I think about Mike's friend out in Frisco. Pat and Mike were giving each other some yarns about their respective experiences in sight-seeing.

"Sure, no," says Mike. "Oh, but faith, that's the great city," says Pat. "Sure, they's buildin' there that's eighteen stories high." "Arrah, Pat, that's rothin'." Take Frisco. Oh, that's the place for your real shly-scrapers. Why, they's a buildin' there that's eighty stories up in the air. "Holy fathers!" says Pat, "eighty stories?" "Tis that," says Mike. "I wuz there looking at it, and a frind of mine wur up on the top story, and he fell off, d'ye mind, and he'd a pair of rubber boots on, and sure, when he struck the ground he bounced all the way up ag'in to the top, and then he went down ag'in, and then he went up ag'in. And then what d'ye think they did? Why, they had to shoot the poor devil to kape him from shtarvin' to death."

Yes, that's what war means to the workingman. They have to shoot a whole lot of him in order to keep the rest from starving to death. For, you know, the average workingman is so busy working backward and forward from one job to another that he is too busy to eat, and if wars and fire-damp and explosions and collisions didn't kill him in time, he might never make a living at all, to be sure. As Dooley would say, "Tis a gr-reat systim!"

"So terrified were the wretched governments of that day at the revival of any memories calculated to make us (revolutionaries) think less meanly of ourselves, that they would have abolished history itself had it been in their power." So writes Joseph Mazzini in his Autobiographical Notes; he refers to the governments of southern Europe in 1820-30. The same statement is now true and always true of capitalism: the capitalist seeks to obliterate from the pages of history the glorious passages that tell of the struggles, here and there, of the working class; he also seeks to suppress every truthful record of current progress in the class struggle. Naturally enough, too; for, as Karl Marx has shown us, history means to the bourgeoisie nothing but bourgeois history; glory is bourgeois glory, principle is capitalist principle, right is capitalist right. FORWARD MARCH.

Class-Conscious Capitalism

A Circular Not Intended for General Publication.

C. F. WHITE F. R. VAN DYKE CHAS. E. PATTEN VICTOR H. BECKMAN
President Vice-President Treasurer Secretary

Washington Red Cedar Shingle Manufacturers' Association

SEATTLE, WASH., July 3, 1902

To the Shingle Manufacturers:

GENTLEMEN—It has come to the knowledge of this Association that the Shingle Workers are quietly organizing with the view of striking for higher wages. Their plan will be to pick out one mill at a time until a sufficient number have given in to make it impossible to under a general strike. This time they are counting on the support of the sawyers and filers, who heretofore have refused to affiliate with the packers and knot sawyers, and they are threatening to refuse to work with them unless they join the union. This week the sawyers and filers employed in the Atlas Lumber and Shingle Company's plant at McMurray were ordered out by the union on the ground that the firm used Clipper Knot Saw rigs. The agitators stated that unless the sawyers and filers quit they could not work in Hallans and other places; and that all the mills had recognized the union. Fearing a boycott they quit work.

The mill men at Ballard, on the other hand, state that they do not recognize the union, and do not purpose having anything to do with the proposed boycott. On the other hand, if a boycott is declared they purpose doing a little becoming themselves. Therefore if you hear any reports that the mills have given in to the union do not take any stock in it but investigate.

Wherever a strike has been declared this year the strikers have lost. The first strike this year occurred on Grays Harbor, and the strikers lost inside of a week; the second strike took place at Ballard, with the same result; the third strike at Peninsula, met the same fate, and the strike now on at Tacoma is being vigorously fought by the large mills.

With the exorbitant high prices for logs and rails, a dull demand for shingles and the lowest prices obtained this year the mill men expect that labor disturbances at this time, and if concerted action be taken in every locality to treat the boycotters and agitators with a dose of their own medicine there will be no trouble this time. It is simply a question of units and you will win out. You will be kept posted from time to time as to the action of the boycotters and agitators, and we shall ask you to write the Association if you will join in a movement, if necessary, to discourage agitators and boycotters.

If you have not closed your mill for ten days you should do so at once, because the market is exceedingly weak and prices are being pounded to pieces. Having will commence in a few days in the east, and in the latter part of the month conditions for the fall demand will begin to come in. When the fall trade does begin prices will improve, but it is a good business policy to allow prices to go to pieces in the meanwhile, and a ten days' close down, if generally observed, will tide the mill over.

Do not forget that we need a lot of shingle and lumber manufacturers in the next legislature, and the time to do effective work is at the primaries, soon to be held in every county in the state. It is immaterial what your politics are so long as lumber and shingle men are chosen.

If you have not yet joined the Association, and besides there are so many things that can be accomplished by united effort. Prices would not be as low today were all the mill members.

Sincerely yours,

VICTOR H. BECKMAN, Secretary.

NOTES FROM STATE HEADQUARTERS.

On July 10th two charters were granted: Olympia, 31 members; E. E. Martin, organizer; C. V. Boone, recording secretary; Burton, Clarke county, 12 members; R. B. Smyth, Orchard postoffice, secretary. Let the other comrades that are organizing new locals hustle in with their applications.

Some of the local secretaries are forgetting that part of Section 1, Article III, State Constitution, which reads like this: "Local secretaries shall keep the state secretary fully informed as to the names and addresses of local officers, and shall report to the State Committee the general condition of the Local the first week in June and December."

Very few local secretaries have furnished this information yet. Now is a good time to send it along. Let us know who the new officers are, how many new members you have taken in during the last six months, and what the outlook is for your local.

And, by the way, don't forget those June dues! Very few locals have forwarded their dues for June. How about yours? The State Committee needs the money right now for the opening of the new campaign. With a little effort in each locality the dues for June and July could be raised at once and sent to headquarters for immediate use. It would have a good invigorating effect all around. Try it.

We want to hear from the local organizers. Write and tell us what you think of the outlook in your own town and your own county. Let us know whether you are ready for the State Organizer or his assistants. What are you doing? What are you going to do?

Here are some of the larger towns in the state that need local organization:

Anacortes, Blaine, Centralia, Chehalis, Dayton, Ellensburg, Cheney, Ilwaco, Medical Lake, Montesano, Cosmopolis, Port Townsend, Walla Walla, Watsburg, and others, and others.

Then there are some towns that have in the past been organized, but now seem to need reorganization. Wake up, comrades, and don't let your local get stagnant, for then it cumburs territory that we need for active propaganda.

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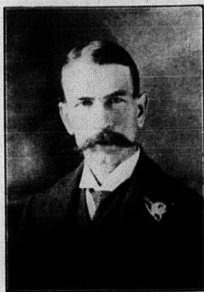
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active part in the organization of the Peoples Party and represented Yakima county in the Fifth Legislature of Washington. Since the death of the Peoples Party he has been active in the cause of International Revolutionary Socialism.

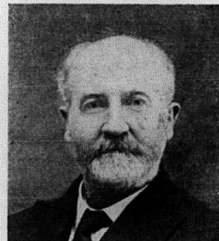
THOMAS NEILL



Socialist Nominee for Supreme Court.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, March 14, 1861. Was educated there and came to America in November, 1875. Read law in Monticello, Indiana, where was admitted to the bar in June, 1881. Went to North Dakota in 1883 and practiced law until November, 1888, when moved to Whitman county, Washington. Has been engaged in the practice of law since admitted to bar. At present city attorney of Colfax; elected on non-partisan ticket. At present jury term Comrade Neill was attorney on one side or the other of half the cases, though there are 30 lawyers in the county.

D. BURGESS, OF TACOMA.



Socialist Candidate for Congress.

Was born on a farm in Ohio in 1849. Attended country schools intermittently until 1868, when he attended the Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, for two sessions, working to pay his way.

Parents and most of his relations were abolitionists. Until in recent years was a most enthusiastic republican. After marriage moved to Southern Arkansas in 1879. Experience there convinced him that capitalism rules all political parties which now attain power; that it is utterly futile for the toiler to expect justice at the hands of either of the two divisions of the capitalist party; that neither can succeed to power until its leaders have prostituted their manhood to the use of the captains of industry; that at all times and everywhere business men favor the party which in their opinion promises the best opportunities for exploiting labor.

As a result the subject of this sketch has embraced the doctrines and teaching of Socialism and seeks to bring about the ultimate triumph of the toiling millions.

Comrade Burgess has been one of the most useful Socialists in this state.

Before any formal organization of this state as a whole was effected, he was in the field as State Organizer and supported by the Whatcom County Socialists.

He is more widely acquainted, perhaps, than any other Socialist in the state. He is one of the many who have been connected at one time or another with the Equality Colony and was at one time the editor of its paper, Industrial Freedom.

He is a frequent contributor to The Socialist and to many other Socialist papers.

We give his picture in pursuance of our policy to make the Socialists of this state acquainted with one another.

His wife and family are equally devoted to Socialism.

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WM. McDEVITT, Secy-Treas., University Station, Seattle, Wash.

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Arlington, Wash., July 15, 1902.

Editor Socialist:

Comrades: Please publish the following: Will the Secretaries of locals Snohomish and Stanwood please send their addresses to Wm. De Lilly, Arlington, Wash.

WM. DE LILLY, Sec. Snohomish Co. Committee, S. P.

D. BURGESS' DATES IN THURSTON COUNTY.

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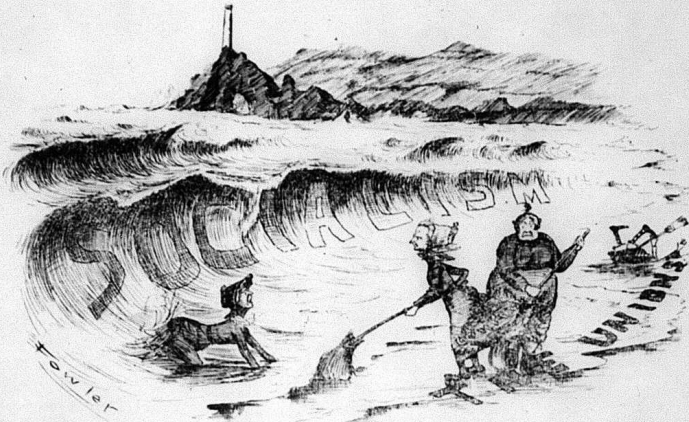
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NO MILE POST WHERE UNIONISM CAN STAND STILL.

The recent convention, in no ambiguous language, sounded the tocsin of industrial freedom, when the vast majority of its delegates proclaimed by their ballots that Socialism would be the religion of labor for the future. Unionism can stand still. Unionism must either advance or retrograde. Unionism must be able to grapple with questions and conditions which confront us, or go down in ruin, shattered into fragments as the result of its weakness to measure steel with the giant combinations of the twentieth century. Unionism must be able to meet the Napoleons of commercial greed and record upon the pages of future history the Waterloo of moneyed plutocracy. Organized labor in the past has been attempting to realize its dream and hope through a system which has merited only the mocking laugh from the sneering lips of exultant derision. We have realized that the superstructure of unionism, as constituted in the past, has been built upon a rotten foundation, the walls of whose defense must fall and crumble into atoms before the grape and canister of corporate power. Why have labor organizations in the past been shattered into fragments? * * * Simply because the great organized labor army of the nation has been dividing its strength between the two old political parties whose planks and platforms have emanated from the cunning brain of commercial cupidity. Because many of our labor leaders who have stood in the van of unionism for years have either slumbered in the lethargy of indifference, ignorant of the remedies to liberate struggling manhood, or else they have utilized the organization to which they belong to subserve their own personal political interests.

We know that, from the experiences of the past, labor, as it has been organized, will not be able to cross swords with the giant monopolies of the present day. We know that the great combinations of capital are firmly entrenched behind the courts, the state militia, the federal troops and the very government at Washington itself. The delegates in the recent convention realized that organized labor must capture the powers of government at the ballot box in order that capitalism shall be halted in its mad career of devastation and ruin. The people of this nation must own, collectively, the land, the machinery of production and distribution, before they can hope to raise aloft the symbol of industrial freedom. The Socialist party holds out a remedy that will obliterate from our civilization the tramp and the millionaire and robe manhood and womanhood with the vesture of equal opportunity. Labor has realized that the time has come when trimming and straddling will never accomplish anything that means permanent relief for the masses. Socialism will be the shot and shell that will be hurled from the guns of unionism to level the fortress of haughty commercialism, and then manhood will have a greater value than the dollar.—Miner's Magazine for July.

SAVIORS NOT WANTED.

Editor Socialist: At our recent convention I often heard comrades assert that they were clearly class conscious and that they recognized the class struggle, and then these same persons would declare that capitalists will be as greatly benefited as the wage-workers; that we ought to make appeals to capitalists and to the more intelligent of the middle class.

I do not question the honesty, the sincerity nor the devotion of such comrades, but it does seem to me that they utterly fail to comprehend the nature and character of the class struggle. These comrades fail to perceive that the class struggle divides modern society into two hostile camps, that the combatants have little choice. Evolutionary forces over which we have no control have thus arrayed us. We cannot evade our class responsibilities without bringing loss and suffering to our own class. All dallying with the opposite class is treachery to our class.

The duty of the working class is to get every wage worker to see and to understand his class interests. If a member of the capitalist class professes to a desire to aid us let him join our ranks and there remain until he has proven his fidelity to our cause.

When we can use him he will be notified. If the tender-hearted of the middle class want to engage in a job of saving, tell such to save themselves. If they make a success of this we shall have some confidence that they can be of use to us.

We must cease to waste sympathy on any but our own class.

I have observed that these little saviors that are so solicitous for our welfare are always ready to accept a cash consideration for their invaluable (?) services, and then on every occasion they look down with pitying glances, but remain away from the rable that they scorn. They talk glibly about getting down and helping the poor, ignorant worker.

Such help we do not need. To accept proffered aid from such sources would be to concede a weakness which

does not exist.

We must learn to see that the wage-working class is the only class in the world that can feed, clothe and house the world, and, having intelligence enough to do this, we surely have intelligence enough to administer the affairs of the world without aid or assistance from any class that is manifestly unable to achieve such results.

The only essential to success lacked by our class is confidence in ourselves. We shall acquire this confidence by a comprehension of the mighty achievements of our class. So soon as we shall have gained confidence and self-respect we shall spurn proffered aid from all sources.

We are not in need of help, but we are competent to emancipate and redeem the whole earth.

D. BURGESS.

The wages of lumber workers in Washington are quoted in a recent bulletin of the Census Bureau as averaging \$1.75 a day. Certainly those men have no business to have families. If Victor H. Beckman, who is hired by the lumber masters to keep their slaves in subjection, were put on \$10 a week for the rest of this natural life and made to sleep in a lumberman's bunk,

even he would be in a fair way to become a Socialist.

The Gompers crowd are meeting in San Francisco this week. The war is on, brother Gompers. Your Federation cannot make friends with capital. Either you will have to turn Socialist, like Debs and McDonald, or step down and out. Socialism in the rank and file of Organized Labor is coming like the whirlwind and the tide, and you cannot sweep it back, nor a million like you.

Read the class conscious document issued by the Puget Sound Lumber Dealers, which we print in fac-simile in this issue. If you want to know what "class-consciousness" means, this will tell you. Victor H. Beckman is fully conscious of the interests of the Lumber Dealers as opposed to the interests of the wage-workers. If the workers were equally class-conscious V. H. B. would be out of a job.

"Where there's a will there's a way," so 'tis said. Apply this to securing subscriptions and see what you can do. If you want to round up votes, hustle in the subscriptions and we'll do the rest."

WHO KNOWS HOW MANY SOCIALIST VOTES WILL BE CAST IN WASHINGTON THIS FALL?

We all know there will be Socialist votes cast, but whether it will be 3,000 or 15,000 we cannot now determine, but we will give you an opportunity to express your idea.

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