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HERE'S ONE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

General Electric Has Offered Electricity for Seven Mills Per Kilowatt Hour — Engineers Must Produce Electricity at That Rate or Bosses Threaten to Use General Electric — General Electric and International Railway Control City of Buffalo.

An engineer, in commenting on the article in the Buffalo Socialist on the Electricity probe of the Public Service Commission, made the statement that the General Electric has offered to sell power at 7 mills per kilowatt hour. Consider the difference in price of 9 cents per kilowatt hour to 7 cents of a cent for the same power, then imagine the profit there is in it for the General Electric.

Then there is the Chamber of Commerce. Well, what could you expect of them in the matter. Just sum up their position on this matter. In the first place a few big fellows can tell the leaders what to do or not to do, and orders are obeyed to the letter, for the simple reason that all the little fellows are dependent upon these few big fellows for their business and they have to be good boys, or off good by heads.

Engineers, in order to keep their jobs, must produce power at the price the General Electric will furnish it or find another job. These plants are called isolated plants. These isolated plants can be seen could furnish power for neighboring concerns or houses, if permitted to do so at one quarter the price charged by the General Electric, but that would be very naughty. No, no, says the law, you mustn't do that. The General Electric will be after you, as in the case of the Mental Building furnishing power to St. Paul's Cathedral. The General Electric has a franchise to furnish electricity in the City of Buffalo and we also can enter the field. A clause of the city government selling out a corporation, and for what? How much has the General Electric paid to get only for the franchise service it was granted?

Oh, you workers, can't you see the outcome of this investigation? I control of these three corporations by the same interests gives them political strength. They can fix the decision of the Public Service Commissions investigation without trying.

LITTLE FALLS WORKERS' HELL

The chief of police, acting for the boat owners, has again stopped workers from speaking at Clinton Park. Captain W. E. Clark, who has acted at Buffalo on his way to Little Falls, last week, has been arrested for speaking and sentenced for six months in jail. Command Clark writes: "The wolf is at every door. No shoes, no socks, no shoes, no food. \$1.25 cannot feed 2000 men and girls long, so help us. Your fight as well as ours. Ask for the old back pay for men and girls. They have raised the price of food. We will change the color of the river before we give up. It may as well be red with blood as to starve by the banks. We will then give up. You can. An old man of 72 years was arrested today by a manky dressed with a gun and club, and a tin can in his coat called law. He is now in jail and will stay there in his socks and no shoes."

UNDERLYING CAUSE OF POLICEMAN'S DEATH

Sincerest sympathy for the widow and children of Patrolman Clark, murdered last week by three Polish officers, issued from the hearts of all peace-loving citizens. Sad as these incidents of life are, they remind us of the lessons they teach. They show conclusively that present civilization and Christianity have to a degree failed in their mission. A civilization which tolerates ignorance tolerates the cause of murder and most of all our crime.

CARNEGIE PENSIONS FOR EX-PRESIDENTS

The Carnegie Corporation informs us that ex-presidents of the United States receive \$25,000 per year from the funds; and after their death the pension is to be transferred to their widows.

EXPRESS KNIFE ALWAYS READY FOR SOCIALISM

The joy the Buffalo Express gets out of the job at Socialism is so great that it would be a worse crime than taking candy from a child to spoil their teeth. That the Express has always been a labor-hater we well know. But Socialism—Oh, my, what would the proprietor say if we were given it a fair trial. We are in a dire need of a class paper, you seven-days-a-week sawney—Way, you would lose that job of yours. That's what would happen. The joke of it is that you always evade the thing in your anxiety to please the boss. Everybody is wise to it but yourselves.

SPECIAL NOTICE

A large number of subscriptions run out with this issue of the Buffalo Socialist. While the list of subscribers is growing rapidly, we cannot afford to lose one. Least we cannot afford to lose one who has the label on your paper and compare it with the number and if it agrees with this issue send in your subscription immediately. Do over the names of those you secured as subscribers and if they are run out make it your business to see that a new card is sent in.

NOT GUILTY DEBS, WARREN AND SHEPARD

Editor, GIOVANNITTI AND CARUSO FREED. RALEIGH, Mass.—The jury in the case of Editor, Giovanniitti and Caruso brought a verdict of not guilty. These three men have been the target of the capitalist class ever since their imprisonment on a charge of assisting before the fact the murder of Anna Leary during the strike of the textile workers at Lawrence, Mass. The strike was won, and now the men accused have been acquitted. This is a great victory for the working class.

A HOTCHKISS IDEA GETS A HUNCH

When William H. Hotchkiss, the Bull Moose State Chairman and Depey land shark, was State Superintendent of Insurance, he was already heavy with the idea of the Bull Moose party to create "good trusts." In those days not so long ago, when William H. went to walk down the Capitol hill with the crowd of his gaiters huddled to his collar button, the natives all thought that he was some Hotchkiss. Basking in the sunshine of general admiration, Mr. William H. Hotchkiss one morning went over to the Governor to enact and sign a bill looking to the creation of a good insurance broker's trust. The bill that became a statute prohibited anyone but a real estate shark from running an insurance broker's business as a side line. You see, Mr. Hotchkiss was a real estate shark, State Superintendent of Insurance, and looking forward to a fat insurance job when he got out of office.

STREET CAR COMPANY DISCHARGE SOCIALISTS

On November 20th, Vice-President Conner's exposure of industrial conditions at the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth, which resulted in the discharge of several of the wardens in retaliation for the appeal to Reason, and J. I. Shepard, their attorney, have been arrested.

SEAMEN'S MISSION SUPPLIES SCABS FOR BOAT OWNERS

There is an institution at the foot of Main Street called the Seamen's Mission, which is owned by a number of boat owners and is managed by an ex-pilot by the name of Pickard. Judge Taylor is said to be its president. Said ex-pilot, according to his own statement, pleads guilty of originating the scheme after having had an experience with the workhouse in Cleveland, also as a probation officer in the same city. He said that he had always tried to give the working class and the decked the sailors on the lakes decided him—not to mention that he also needed the sailors as an excuse for a job.

FOREIGN SOCIALISTS DENOUNCE WAR

Four hundred and fifty delegates representing twenty European nations, are present at the extraordinary Socialist Congress at Basel, Switzerland. The delegates are prepared to do anything to stop further bloodshed over the Balkan situation. If need be, a general strike will be called throughout Europe in the event that the war lords attempt to carry the conflict farther.

ELMWOOD AVE. SHOULD HAVE MORE CARS

We understand that the franchise of the Elmwood avenue line calls for a four-minute service, or more frequent if necessary. The Public Service Commission takes matters in its own hands and changes it to read every five and one-half minutes. From our humble station we venture to ask what right has the commission to make this change. Who is paying the commissioners their \$15,000 per year, the International Railway of the people.

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office and discharged them. No satisfactory reason was given. It looks as though the officers of the International believe they can intimidate the Socialists and scare the Buffalo Socialist from its stand for decent hours and pay for the men. Mr. Connette, you have another guess coming. You are so accustomed to handling the capitalist press that this case will be an innovation to you.

Right here and now we tell you that we do not intend to let up until your Street Railway Company is owned by the people and run for their use instead of your profit. We know that you, as an individual think you own the railway, but you are a wage slave, and you don't know enough to know it. When the company decides to make a change, you get out, and that ends it. Maybe they will say TALK TOO MUCH, and that would be no lie, either, the difference between you and the men is that you haven't got any, and you get away with it.

But a good point about your work for the Socialist movement is that every time you fire a man, you make him hate the system—the capitalist system—you make him class-conscious. You wake him up to the fact that there is no such thing as identity of capital and labor. You hire other men and they go through the same process. Men do not work long for the International Railway. There is a reason.

It looks as though the working class must wake up soon if they expect to maintain their rights.

MINISTER BLAMES ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Washington—Dr. Samuel Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational church and cousin of President-elect Wilson, preached a sermon on "The Social Unrest," in which he said in part: "A war which cost New York about recently \$65,000,000, for which he toiled not, neither did he spin.

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SOCIALISTS TO THE FRONT AT A. E. OF L. CONVENTION

Socialist Delegates make Big Fight for Industrial Unionism — Big Vote Cast for New Form of Organization — Gompers Again Elected President.

The last week of the A. E. of L. Convention held at Rochester, N. Y., proved to be a lively affair. The Socialist delegates never failed to advocate the cause of the workers from the chronological point of view, and when the debate on adopting the industrial form of organization took place the remarkable growth of industrial unionism was a surprise to the convention.

The convention began to warm up when the discussion of the Sherman Anti-trust law came up. In speaking of the Danbury Hatters case a tilt between the Socialists and Sam Gompers took place. Gompers came out finally to defend himself and attacked the Socialists direct.

President Gompers began by saying: "I won't have any man place me in the position of failing to defend the hatters or any set of men in their position. "I think I know too much of the struggles of the human family. In the earliest times the first effort to suppress the liberty of the people was to take away their right of association the right of free speech. I was assured when the Sherman anti-trust law was enacted that it could not be construed by the courts to do this. Now we know better.

"There has not been a congress since in which organized labor has not been pressing home the demand for the full rights of free and voluntary association. "I am impatient. I will not wait to protest until a labor party of working men is entrusted with power. That is my answer to some speakers who urge that a second labor party take up this matter.

"Four years ago we urged you to hold mass meetings of protest for the hatters. Where were you? Where in other halls, or with the other side? He fairly screamed the taunting question at the convention. Delegate Joseph Cannon of the Western Federation of Miners, claiming personal privilege, interrupted, waving a booklet and shouted: "There is here where we are, as this book shows, every man of us in our organization paying twenty-five cents apiece to the hatters instead of giving them 'hot air.'"

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This was Gompers' reply to one who has been a steadfast friend of the A. E. of L. for years.

The question of adopting industrial unionism was the most important thing of the convention. It occupied a whole day.

The following is the resolution introduced by the minority: "Whereas the lines are being more closely drawn between capital and labor, and

"Whereas the capitalists of the country have organized the National Manufacturers' Association and other large employers' organizations, compact, cohesive bodies, having for their purpose the destruction of the trade-union movement, and realizing that unity there is strength, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That in order to combat these compact and powerful organizations of employers of labor, this convention adopts and indorses the plan of organization by industries instead of by crafts, which often divides the forces of labor, and that the officers of the American Federation of Labor be instructed to use every effort to bring this about and that they visit the different labor conventions and use their influence to mold sentiment along these lines."

"The strength of the industrial movement, is on the increase, as shown by the fact that which was 10,953 against and 5,923 for.

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Women's Column

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S PENSION AND THE CLEMENCY.

On Nov. 1st, 1912, the government of Australia began making payments of \$25.00 bonus to every mother bearing a child in that country.

Some people say that we Socialists are true Christians. Then the writer is not. A little study of Christ's attitude toward the fallen women might be beneficial to them.

A WOMEN'S NEWSPAPER. The Board of Directors of the Buffalo Socialist have very graciously offered to turn over to the Women's Club of Local Buffalo, the complete control of this paper for one year.

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A WORLD'S FAIR. It will last a whole week, and it is going to be a week of work, bustle and cram-yourself-to-the-muzzle-with joy all week.

A PRIZE FOR SOMEONE. Among the good things which somebody is going to take home from the Buffalo World's Fair is the painting of Eugene V. Debs, beautifully framed.

At Sunday's meeting, Branch Four decided to donate \$10 to be given in the collection of \$102.00 for the Little Falls Strikers.

MEMORIAL MEETING. A very attractive audience attended the World Memorial meeting held at the auspices of Local Buffalo at Franklin Hall last Saturday evening.

CUSTOM TAILORS meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at Schwabacher's corner 5th and Delaware St.

SOCIALIST PARTY NEWS

SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS. Central Branch Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

JOIN THE SOCIALIST PARTY. If you are a Socialist, but not a party member, we invite you to become interested in the Socialist Party.

There are 17 branches of the Socialist Party in the City of Buffalo. They are located in all parts of the city.

Branch 3, composed of the 15th, 17th, 18th and 20th wards, meet every Sunday afternoon, 3:30 o'clock, in Kingston Hall, Main and Ferry streets.

Branch 4, composed of the 23d, 24th and 25th wards, meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Kingston Hall, Main and Ferry streets.

Branch 5, composed of the 25th, 26th and 27th wards, meet every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Kingston Hall, Main and Ferry streets.

Branch 6, consisting of the 11th ward, meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Star Hall, Broadway and Pratt Street.

Branch 7, consisting of the 12th ward, meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Star Hall, Broadway and Pratt Street.

Branch 8, consisting of the 13th ward, meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Star Hall, Broadway and Pratt Street.

Branch 9, consisting of the 14th ward, meets every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Star Hall, Broadway and Pratt Street.

LABOR NEWS

STRIKE CALLED OFF. After one of the most spectacular and effective strikes, which was inaugurated September 9, the street carmen of Duluth, Minn., concluded to end the contest after a conflict covering fifty-eight days.

MINERS DISSATISFIED. Reynolds, the great weekly paper of England, has this trenchant editorial in its last issue: "No sane and healthy person grudges from the late strike. Indeed, to any one who has the remotest knowledge of the hardships of a miner's life, the proposed reduction seemed ridiculously inadequate."

THOUSAND MINERS STRIKE. Cobalt, Ont. More than a thousand miners employed in the Porcupine mine in Cobalt, Ont., have gone on strike against a proposed reduction of 25 cents per day in their wages.

WIN CONTENTIONS. Minneapolis, Minn., Fifty-two union upholsterers of a local furniture company in Minneapolis, Minn., have returned to work, after being on strike against the ventilating system.

WORK TO 63 HOURS A WEEK. Worcester, Mass.—According to information received by the organizing committee of the Central Labor Union of Worcester, Mass., nine women are being worked to 63 hours a week in the eight-freight offices of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

LECTURE ON SOCIALISM AT BRANCH 3. Next Sunday, December 1st, Charles J. Ball, Jr., will lecture on "Socialism in America" at the headquarters of Branch 3, at Kingston Hall on the corner of Main and Ferry streets.

REFRIGERABLE TACTICS. Grand Rapids, Mich.—The Manufacturers' Association of Grand Rapids, Mich., composing the proprietary of the city, is beginning an effort to bring a large number of furniture workers to this city.

THEir WORKING CLASS. Despite the many and wide differences so obvious among the working people of character and temperament, of intelligence and occupation, of religious and political beliefs—they have one thing in common that outweighs all their differences: they are compelled to their labor power in order to live.

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Socialist Fair Beginning Week, Dec. 9th - AT - FRANKLIN HALL 52 West Eagle St. FOR BENEFIT Buffalo Socialist under auspices Women's Club Refreshments. Music. Buy your Christmas Presents at the FAIR

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ON INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

To the uninitiated, the vicious attacks, full of bitter, senseless recrimination, against the adoption of the industrial method of organization, made by a small group of so-called "leaders" in the American Federation of Labor, must be difficult to understand.

Let us examine the case of the craft union leader. Any person of sound mind and sound heart will see that the industrial unionism in which all workers in any industry are members of one organization, is the only method of organization which can hope to fight the battles of labor under present-day conditions.

From the standpoint of the union man, every sound-minded person must admit that it is folly to split up the workers into a multitude of warring crafts, instead of ONE BIG UNION.

But let us suppose that you are a craft union leader. And let us suppose that you are able to sell out that craft union to the master class in case of a strike. The favorite method of selling out to the masters is by means of simply thrusting a "jurisdiction" dispute into the situation, so that one union may fight with another union instead of fighting the masters together.

LABOR HAS NEVER BEEN BEATEN BY THE MASTER CLASS. Every defeat of the workers has been caused by THE WORKERS THEMSELVES. The greatest brain in the world never thought a loaf of bread into existence; the loftiest mind on earth could not fire a locomotive, without strong rugged hands.

It is in other words, the employers are CLASS CONSCIOUS. They fight together against the common enemy—the working class. And usually win, not because of their inherent strength, but because a great many of the workers can be led into fighting against their own interests, by DIVIDING THEIR RANKS INTO HOSTILE CAMPS.

It is up to the workers themselves to DEMAND the reorganization of the craft unions into ONE BIG UNION. The "leaders" who want a chance to sell out want to keep the ranks divided, so that at any time, by means of petty squabbles, they will be able to deliver something to the masters. THE ONLY WAY THE WORKERS WANT THEM TO DELIVER IS DIVISION WITHIN THE RANKS OF LABOR.

Watch the man who antagonizes ONE BIG UNION. Funny how the "Demand of the people" for Roosevelt shrunk when it came to the votes, wasn't it? If one man gets wealth without producing anything, other men must produce wealth without getting it. THOSE WHO GET WEALTH WITHOUT PRODUCING INCLUDE ALL WORKERS who are slaves for another's profit.

Mark Hanna predicted that in 1916 would come the supreme battle between the Socialists and the Progressives. The man who will win depends upon the work done by the Socialist comrades RIGHT NOW. Spread the light unceasingly.

"A man may not live on his wife's labor but he may live on the labor of other men," says the Progressive Woman, hitting the bull's eye. We might add that there are more queercases on Delaware Avenue than there are on Pearl street.

The first panic due to "over-production" was in 1837, the second in 1873, the third in 1893 and the fourth in 1907. Note how much closer together they are coming, with the development of labor-saving machinery under this absurd wage-system which forces underconsumption which enables the working class to buy back only a small fraction of the wealth it makes.

TWO PARADES

A few weeks ago a parade took place in Buffalo. It was a parade of simple-minded, enthusiastic workmen who had been caajoled by the cunning prattle of the capitalist papers, and misled by the "patriotic" piffle of copy-book platitudes into going back to Bulgaria to help butcher certain Turkish workmen whom they had never seen, but who had never been seen, until they were needed for this particular festival of murder called war.

The newspapers patting them on the back for a certain well defined purpose. "Nobly known" as the capitalist newspapers toward these two parades? Chinese workmen in the interest of war bonds. So you see, if the newspapers applaud the "heroism" of these Bulgarian "fall guys," other American "fall guys"—call 'em patriots if you prefer, will be anxious also to be "patriots" and go out to fight the battles for the masters.

We've heard a good deal about the vast number of slain in this Balkan mess,—but as yet, we haven't heard about any prominent editors, or prominent preachers, or prominent clergymen, or prominent capitalists who were in the hot air but none of the blood, about "patriotism," leaving their mangled corpses to be food for the buzzards.

A day or two after the parade of the much-lauded Bulgarians who were going "patriotic" to the maternal land, there was another parade in Buffalo. This time it was a parade of the striking hotel-workers who were fighting for human conditions. The capitalist newspapers mentioned it, only to sneer at them. No talk of "patriotism" here, even though the hotel-workers were fighting a battle for better living conditions for a great mass of human beings, while the Bulgarians were marching away to fight only for plunder and the "business interests" of a small group of the masters.

Peculiar contrast, wasn't it? Did you notice the difference in the attitude of the capitalist newspapers toward these two parades? Did you ANALYZE it? Did you stop to ask yourself what YOUR OWN attitude is? Are you going to be victimized by the cunning wiles of the plutocrats' newspaper pimps? Were you stupid enough to applaud the march of the murderband, or sneer at the self-sacrificing attitude of the strikers and women who have forced the hotels to clean up their kitchens and provide sanitary conditions, which will mean improved health for a great mass of human beings of unborn generations?

Well, think it over for yourself and reach some conclusions. It's worth while.

LABOR

The greatest of all the forces of human progress, culture, and civilization is labor. Labor, mental and manual, has transformed deserts into gardens, and made the bowels of the earth yield fuel and light, which enable man to overcome the torments of frost and the heat of night, it has made the savage a civilized man, and man the master of the forces of nature.

But notwithstanding the leading part labor has taken in the shaping of our social world, the laboring man has always been regarded as an inferior being, as a mere beast, a hewer of human form, incapable of any higher intellectual and moral efforts, with but little sensibility, a very second rate citizen at his best. In spite of his importance as the creator of culture and the producer of the essential material elements of our civilization, the worker has been treated as a mere brute, occupying a position in society commensurable with the importance of his work. And however rich the harvest of his toil—has never had the chance to enjoy in full measure the fruits of his labor.

Engrossing all his time, his work had prevented him from thinking seriously about the relations existing between himself and society, and from taking an active part in the framing and directing of social institutions and policies, until he came to recognize the formidable power of organization. But by organizing with his brothers in misery, he found the key to the door of social influence as well as the means of emancipation from his ignorance.

He has become a power proportionately to the growth of his organization, and whatever he may be able to accomplish in the future, his organizations will be the means by which it will be accomplished. The workers will come into their own by collective action only, for the individual man, be he ever so intelligent and noble and brave, does not count in the arena where the gigantic class struggle of our times is fought.

PATRIOTISM AND SOCIALISM

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Socialists are said to lack in patriotism, and it is because the essential quality of good citizenship is the absence of any such charge brought against it? Is it because 'we advocate the common ownership of the economic resources of the country? Is it because we teach the people to own country and state and to be the masters of their destiny instead of being the tools of others? Is it because we demand a decent home and the means for a truly civilized existence for every man, woman and child, and we are endeavoring to help build up homes and produce the means by which all live? Is it because we demand a rational education for every child born and raised in this country? Is it because we condemn the misuse of public powers for the exclusive interests of a social class and against the welfare of the common people? Is it because we are decidedly opposed to militarism and especially the subjection of foreign peoples to the rule of our money-bag aristocracy? Is it because we believe in the brotherhood of man as taught us by every great thinker and moralist, from the carpenter's son of Nazareth to the least and most exalted of universal peace and human solidarity among the thoughtful men and women of our own day? Is it because we believe in the brotherhood of man as taught us by every great thinker and moralist, from the carpenter's son of Nazareth to the least and most exalted of universal peace and human solidarity among the thoughtful men and women of our own day?

Who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own—my native land!' It is so natural for a man to hold dear the country in which he formed the earliest associations of his life, and especially fondly and usually his best, and the history of which is in a way his own biography. But must we, in order to love our country, hate any or every other people? Must we, in order to love our own people, hate any or every other? Must we, in order to love our own people, deprecate the homes of others? Is it a personal right to be born in one country and not in another, to be long to one people and not to another, to share a certain set of national traditions and not another? If it is not a merit, why should we boast of our birthplace? And furthermore, must love of country include a love for those who monopolize and abuse its resources and people? Must love of countrymen include a love for their exploiters? No! If it means the spreading of freedom and happiness and the elimination of the causes of poverty and misery; if it means the re-education of the material and the diffusion of intelligence and enlightenment among those who need it most; then Socialists are just overflowing with patriotism.

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Capitalism has cleared the field of civilization of the rubbish, which feudalism and the old aristocracy had piled up. It has done away with legal privileges of estates or castes; it has relieved industry of the fetters which hindered its development; it has freed the individual from the shackles of feudal despotism. It has let loose all the latent and slumbering forces of individual and corporate initiative in every line of human activity and has proclaimed personal freedom an inalienable right of every man.

It would be foolish not to recognize the fact that capitalism has done a good deal of useful, valuable, splendid work, in the process of the development of civilized society. No really modern man would wish to exchange the achievements of capitalist society for the conditions which prevailed prior to its rise and rule. And our labor movement, playing no mean part in the history of our own day and doing a great deal of good, is also a product of the civilizing work of capitalism. Capitalism has trained the minds that give life and energy to the modern movement for human progress. It does not matter that the capitalist class did not create the labor movement, did not wish it, in fact did every thing to strangle it in its cradle. There are many things to be improved, which the champions of capitalism never desired to come about, and which more as a pain to him than he cannot be spared by the threats of hell, for in comparison with the hell of life, he figures he is the winner.

Fifteen thousand persons who deprecate the achievements of capitalism are not worth the struggle. What a condemnation of the so-called civilization of today! Death is more to be chosen than life. What is to be done? Make life more enjoyable, but privilege give man something more than a mere existence. Great fortunes grow, suicide grows, we are becoming decadent and civilization is toppling. The parasitical rich are tightening their hold. A new race of barbarians is being raised in the squalid centers and slums of the great cities. You answer, learning has been taught, but privilege has denied man the time to read. Invention has given us beside the steam engine and the printing press, nitroglycerine, dynamite, and the gas engine, and desperate men are not particular as to the choice of means.

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What means this? It means that death is preferable to an existence under the present system. Men are fighting a struggle for a bare existence from the cradle to the grave, that life is not worth the struggle. Men are thinking and have summed up the things that are improving their conditions. They have weighed life in the balance and they have found it wanting. Struggle, pluck, scruple and scheme have not helped them to get themselves growing poorer year by year. The hopes of youth are blasted before they reach their prime. The age limit is lowered by the year. The leading ladies of the press are bragging of their mental prostrates are infinitely lower and more depraved than the women in Israel.

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THE PASSING HOUR

That interesting little single tax organ, "The Single Taxer," has been published by the Birmingham, Ala. It is a recent issue, a picture of conditions 50 years hence, under a single tax regime. The concept of society in which taxes are levied solely on the value of the land, is of little interest to workers, inasmuch as exploitation in these days is through the ownership of the tools of production rather than the ownership of the land. However, the single taxer is always interesting, portraying as he does, a manly "cockroach capitalist," well started on the road to socialism, arrested at the particular stage of mental development.

The single taxer is usually a very earnest, well-meaning student, who has reached the point where he can intelligently criticize the capitalist system. Unfortunately, however, the single taxer does not proceed logically beyond that point. His remedy for the existing evil turns back to the hands of time, and "restore comity." He is just such a sorry figure as the Utopian Socialist of a hundred years ago, before Socialism had developed from a utopian speculation into the scientific stage. The single taxer might truly be said to be the levels Socialist of the feudal period,—a social rebel, but his rebellion is not in the same sense as that of a former age, when exploitation was chiefly carried on by control of the agricultural lands.

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