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STREET CAR EMPLOYEES WORSE THAN SLAVES

Iniquitous System Imposed on Men by International Railway — Penal Servitude Easy in Comparison — Company Officials Stop at Nothing in Effort to Show Dignity.

On previous occasions the Buffalo Socialist has pointed out the working conditions of the conductors and motormen in the employ of the International Railway Company. We know that these men are treated worse than slaves, working all hours of the day and night, and at the least sign of protest are made an "object lesson" and discharged on the spot.

ETOR SPEAKS OF WORKERS AT LAWRENCE

In strong contrast to the mass-meetings held in halls paid for by the capitalist class, Lawrence, Mass., the workers at Lawrence, Mass. Joseph J. Rizer spoke to an audience of 1,200 workers who stood in the cool breeze of Thanksgiving Day to listen to their fellow worker and welcome him again to the factory.

CATHOLIC UNION AND TIMES MAKES ANOTHER GUESS

In the last edition of the Catholic Union and Times an attempt is made to show that J. A. Wayland led a double life and fear of exposure caused him to commit suicide. The reliable source is the Life Issue, a little anti-Socialist sheet published by R. S. Cole of New York.

CHILDREN REFUSE \$5000 FOR EDUCATION

The forces of reaction and religious bigotry combined in the Board of Aldermen last week and defeated one of the most progressive bits of local legislation ever introduced.

FOUR YEAR OLD CHILDREN WORK IN CANNERIES

Children four years old and up are employed in the canneries in Baltimore. The children work often 11 to midnight in New York State canneries was the revolting testimony of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a woman educator, before the Public Investigating Committee last week.

HOTEL WORKERS ORGANIZE IN EVERY CITY OF U. S. AND CANADA

The first annual convention of the International Hotel Workers the morning was held in New York City in November, laid the foundation of a great industrial union of the hotel workers.

THE TRAINING TEACHERS SICKED BY "CHILD-SLAVERY"

Professor at Teachers Convention Shows Connection Between Master-Class and Slave-Training in the Public Schools, Maintained for Service of Employers.

In calling attention to the absolute domination of the vocational schools of Buffalo by the capitalist class, The Buffalo Socialist has confined itself to a discussion of the question from the standpoint of the working class parent and the working class child.

BOSTON HAS BIG TROLLEYMEN'S STRIKE

Boston.—The strike of the employees of the company operating the traction lines in Boston, which has now reached its second largest street car employees' union in the country, has now reached its second largest street car employees' union in the country, has now reached its second largest street car employees' union in the country.

JURY BAKES AT LEGAL TROUBLE OF LABOR LEADERS

"Trained" for Months by Carefully Planned Prosecution, Twelve Picked Men Assert their Manhood in the Pinch and Refuse to Slay Union Men for Leading Strike for Six Loaves a Week.

Despite the months of training, designed to harden them and deprive them of all human sympathy, the jury in the coming spring, "The State of Massachusetts vs. Etor, Giovanniotti and Caruso" returned a verdict of "Not Guilty."

STEEL TRUST TRAINMEN STRIKE AT PITTSBURGH

The strike of the trainmen of the Carnegie Steel Company of Pittsburgh has now reached its second largest street car employees' union in the country, has now reached its second largest street car employees' union in the country.

POLICE ATTACK LITTLE FALLS STRIKERS

The police of Little Falls are doing everything in their power to break the strike of the textile workers. A few days ago after the strikers had turned in the direction of their headquarters from the city a squad of 50 policemen dashed into the crowd with drawn clubs and beat them up.

PROGRESSIVES BELIEVE IN WORKING ON SUNDAY

To show his great love for the working class, Lawrence, Mass. had the girls work on the Sunday before the pure food show, which was supposed to take place last week at the Sweeney store.

COMRADES EAGERLY WAIT FOR OPENING OF SOCIALIST FAIR

After many weeks of earnest work and careful planning, the Buffalo Socialist women are on the eve of their greatest triumph—the opening of the big annual Socialist Fair which begins on Monday afternoon in Franklin Hall.

MINE OWNERS CHARGE FENCE WITH ELECTRICITY

The strike of the Western Federation of Miners in Porcupine, Ont., is still on and the mine owners determined to win this time. The mine owners have imported a lot of professional gunmen and strikebreakers, who know no limit in their methods.

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ADVERTISING SOCIALISM

Every one knows the value of advertising in doing our part in keeping the Socialist Party before the public. It is a subject that will be widely discussed during the next few years and it is up to us to...

Branches should display a notice of time of meeting prominently in their halls. The local press will print numerous articles on the subject if properly approached in a businesslike manner...

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With last year's effort of the same organization—and last year's Fair was the grandest ever held in Buffalo—Socialists and sympathizers living outside of Buffalo are also taking a very active interest in the preparations...

JURY BALKS AT LEGAL MURDER OF LABOR LEADERS

think that they were too dangerous to be at large, even in a court room with a score of police on hand. To give the impression that they were wild animal shackles were loaded upon them in their cages, and hence invective hurled at them as they lay helpless.

CAPITALIST ELEMENT AT LAWRENCE STILL PEEVED

The "law and order" element at Lawrence, Mass., that were the real accessories before the fact of Anna Lopez, are still holding "patriotic" meetings to "defend the honor" of their fair city...

OLD AGE PENSIONS AS A SALVE

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has seen the handwriting on the wall. In an effort to allay the spirit of restlessness, to discourage the formation of unions, and to prevent the growth of Socialism...

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Assuming the average wage in the Telephone Company to be higher than the one given in the last census for all wage workers (\$5.10 per week)...

Let us dissect the motive for this un-American act. Within the last year the growth of industrial unionism and Socialism has struck terror to the hearts of our corporation rulers...

Old age pensions, insurance programs and other reforms are designed solely to discourage revolution. They attempt to make a bad egg good through disinfection...

Reforms are arriving too late. The working class, conscious of the abolition of the wage system will survive, is organizing politically and industrially as a unit...

MURDER OF LABOR LEADERS

Throughout the country the newspapers bitterly denounced them and accused them of all kinds of fantastic crimes. The Buffalo newspapers were especially bitter and vindictive in their attacks...

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THE MONEY QUESTION

V. Panics By Dr. KARL P. M. SANDBERG, author of "The Money Trust."

The many financial crashes, from which this country has suffered, are generally called panics. The public feeling, however, if present at all, is not the cause but the effect. The cause of most, if not all, has been the same. A decrease in the amount of the money supply...

WE MUST REMOVE FROM OUR FELLOWSHIP THE TEMPERAMENT TO CAUSE PANICS BY TAKING CONTROL OF OUR MONEY SUPPLY AWAY FROM THEM AND MAKING IT PUBLIC GOVERNMENT MONEY AND BANKING ONLY.

THE MAN WITH THE HOE

Bowed by the weight of centuries he stands Upon his hoe and gazes on the mark. The empires of ages in the face, And his back the burden of the world...

Oh, matter, lords and rulers in all lands, How will you reckon with this Man, How answer his brute question at this hour, When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?

THE REASON FOR THE PRIESTLY PHENOMENON AGAINST SOCIALISM

The mental attitude of the priest-craft, at least that assumed with this Man, How answer his brute question at this hour, When whirlwinds of rebellion shake the world?

At the beginning of the 17th century DeClave, Bitand and DeVillon revived the scientific study of the earth. Francis Bacon, the theologian, family went for them at once, drove them away, burnt their writings and forbade them to live in or to enter the towns of any public place.

At this time the position of the priestcraft against scientific geology was the same as that of the priestcraft against the scientific study of the earth...

WILSON

Now that election is over and the spirit of working men's wrath has quieted, let us look back at what we have recovered from the experience of the Wilson era...

When President Wilson assumes office he will have with him a Democratic Congress. Therefore if we had a Republican Congress on the other hand...

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Women's Column

Many interesting letters have been received from out of town comrades and sympathizers, with reference to the Fair which begins next week in Frankfort, Kentucky. Many of the letters contain extracts which are interesting, in that they show the interest in the event which is being taken by Comrades of neighboring towns.

Dear Comrades—Allow me to say that being an old man—in my 78th year and an invalid for a long time—I am not in condition to aid financially as I would like to; but I have a proposition which may possibly answer in lieu thereof. This fall, in passing up and down the street I was struck by the beauty and varied color of the autumn foliage that fell from the maple shade trees along the street. So I collected a large variety and pressed them in books. Looking them over recently, I thought struck to put in some sheets in a large frame, 28x36 inches in size and after treating each leaf, arranged them in order and framed them. They really make a new view of the autumn pictures. An order number has been sent and admitted it and one lady offered me \$10 for it. Another remarked that if she had it, \$20 would not buy it. I am glad to part with it, but it is not for sale and great cause as the sustaining of so valuable

INTERCOLLEGIATE SOCIALIST SOCIETY GROWING FAST

Never before has the collegian shown a keener interest in Socialism than at present, according to Harry W. Laidler, organized of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. This society, which began its present college year with 43 chapters, is receiving constant promises of further organizations in the universities from Maine to California. George University, Lehigh College, the University of North Carolina, and the University of Kansas State Agricultural College, University of Indiana, Purdue University, Lenoir College, the University of Arizona and South California and State College of Washington, and Queens and McGill in Canada.

The Harvard Socialist Society has just issued a splendid tract on "Socialism and Present Day Politics," written by Gerard C. Henderson, president of last year's Socialist Club. The tract, which membership will, within a few days, be sent to every club, also the Canadian Club & Co. At New York, the Society recently held a meeting at Carnegie Hall at which J. Keir Hardie was the principal speaker. The New York Annual Chapter will be the first to meet on the 10th of November 1912.

Plans are now under way for the Fourth Annual Convention to be held in New York City, Friday and Saturday, October 17th and 18th. Delegates will be present from study groups throughout the United States and Canada, and some of the best known members of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society will address the various meetings.

From the first to the middle of December, Organizer Laidler is arranging a speaking tour in the colleges of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Among the professors in American universities who have publicly endorsed the object of the Society which is, "To promote an intelligent interest in Socialism among college men and women" are:

Prof. C. A. Adams (Harvard); Prof. William Frederick Bae (Univ. of California); Prof. Emily G. Balch (Wellesley); Prof. E. B. Bannister (University of Chicago); Prof. Charles A. Beard (Columbia); Prof. Arthur W. Calhoun (Lenox College); Prof. George Chalko Cox (Dartmouth); Prof. Morris W. Croll (Princeton); Prof. James D. Lanahan (Columbia); Prof. Charles P. Fagan (Union Theological Seminary); Prof. Kuno Franke (Harvard); Prof. Chester N. Hall (University of Chicago); Prof. Thomas G. Herd (Cornell); Prof. Orthon C. Hall (University of Chicago); Prof. Frank H. Hayes (Princeton); Prof. George Meloy Hayes, Jr. (Cornell); Prof. Ellen Hayes (Wellesley); Prof. L. W. Horton (California); Prof. Arthur P. Hunt (General Theological Seminary); Prof. Vladimir Kappeler (Cornell); Prof. F. L. Kennedy (Harvard); Prof. Gustav A. Kleene (Trinity); Prof. William A. Keever (Kansas State Agricultural College); Prof. E. C. Lester (University of Chicago); Prof. L. J. Lloyd (Harvard); Prof. Thomas D. O'Boyle (Pennsylvania); Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt (Cornell); Prof. E. C. Smith (Connecticut Agricultural); Prof. Henry Clark (Clark); Prof. Wilbur M. Urban (Trinity); Prof. George Bay Wicker (Dartmouth).

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society will be held in New York City Friday and Saturday, December 17th and 18th. The Society has now over fifty chapters in the United States and is being organized in colleges and technical schools all over the country.

Socialist Party News

COMMITTEE OFFERS \$100.00 IN GOLD AS PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES.
To celebrate the spread of Socialism during the past year the Socialist Party will gather at the Broadway Armorial New Year's Eve. The event will be the Annual Masque Ball of Local Buffalo Socialist Party.

There will be costumes of all kinds. Everybody is going in costume. The young and the old, the tall and the little fat Socialist will be with their friends. It will be a gala affair. The prizes for the best costumes will be one hundred dollars in gold. It will be well worth the effort to spend some time and care in your costume.

Seina's band, one of the best in the city, will furnish the music. It will begin at 9 P. M. to some time the next day. The committee in charge announces the following as the judges of costumes. Frank Ehrenreich, W. P. Taylor, St. Attaway, W. D. Thayer and William Almsdinger. Letters are coming in from people all over Western New York who are interested in the Masque Ball. From present indications it will be the largest and most enjoyable event ever held by the Socialists of Buffalo.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Central Committee of the party met at the headquarters last Wednesday evening. Comrade Ehrenreich was elected chairman and Comrade Heacock vice-chairman. The Organizer reported that two National Socialist Lyceum Courses will be held in Buffalo. One under the auspices of Branch One and the other under the auspices of Branches Four and Two. Thirty-six applications for membership were read and admitted to membership. The Recording Secretary reported that 109 new members had joined the party since election. Louis F. Resin was nominated as member of the State Committee for Erie County.

THE LYCEUM COURSE.

The Lyceum Department of the National Office is touring the country through every section of the country creating sentiment for the course and completing the arrangements. Frank Resin and City J. Wright are taking care of New York State.

DEB-SUBBLES COM. MITTEE REPORTS.

The committee which had charge of the Deb and Russell meetings, also the election night affair submitted a report to the Central Committee last Wednesday. A sufficient number will be printed for distribution among the branches. The Masque Ball Committee reported on the New Year's Eve Ball to be held in the Broadway Armorial. The committee is making extensive plans for the success of the affair.

IS SOCIALISM COMING?

The subject of "Is Socialism coming?" will be the subject of an affair submitted a report by Samuel Atkinson at Branch Six headquarters Thursday evening, December 5th. The new headquarters of Branch Six Local Buffalo is located at 1244 Lovejoy Street. The Capitalists cry that Socialism is impossible and it never will come. Atkinson will prove to his audience that it must come.

SOCIALISM IN AMERICA.

A FINE LECTURE. Branch 3 had the pleasure of listening to one of the most instructive lectures on Socialism that has been delivered in this city for some time. Charles J. Ball, Jr., chose for his subject "Socialism in America," and brought out the history of the movement in this country in a manner that was both entertaining and educational.

CHINESE SOCIALISTS.

"The Self Consciousness" is the name of the Chinese Socialist monthly magazine published in Vancouver, B. C. Through only a few months of circulation it is already over the five thousand mark. Reporter Wann is the editor of the new paper which is being well supported by the Chinese Socialists of Canada, Mexico and the United States. Two hundred Chinese Socialists recently attended a banquet in Vancouver, celebrating the first anniversary of the overthrow of the Manchu Dynasty.

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LABOR NEWS

"STRIKES" HIS JOB.
Syracuse.—The Rev. Karl Heyne, a Protestant Episcopal clergymen here, has franked the ministry and gone to work as a wood finisher. He made the change, so it is asserted, because he found that he could not properly support his four children by preaching.

STILL THEY SOAR.
Washington, D. C.—In ballroom assemblies in the price of food is not an assurance of plenty especially for a holiday season but has become a fact incident of everyday life. Egg sandwiches on December 1 will join the food aviation corps and make an ascension of 100 per cent. Hereafter those who order egg sandwiches for breakfast will be compelled to pay 10 cents instead of 5 cents. A mathematical genius has figured out that the increased cost to each individual who participates in the luxury of an egg sandwich every morning will be \$52.76 a year, and 'his said that the story is but half told, and that the coming year will witness still further increases of those commodities which supply the human body with motive power.

OTHERS ASK INCREASE.
Washington, D. C.—The railroad brotherhoods in the operating department of the fifty-two Eastern railroads, aside from the locomotive engineers, are still further increases of those commodities which supply the human body with motive power.

SOCIALISTS CHALLENGE PRIEST.
The Socialists of Fond Du Lac, Wis., have been having considerable fun lately with the professional anti-Socialists.

Peter W. Collins was selected to deliver an address one evening last week under the auspices of Father Piette of the French Roman Catholic Congregation. The Socialists entered into an agreement with the priest that the affair be a debate between Alderman and City J. Wright and Collins. When the evening arrived Collins declined to debate.

A challenge has been issued to debate between Piette or Collins. He declined to select two judges and the four to select the fifth. The losing side to pay the expenses of the debate.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS.
The Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of the State of New York met in New York City last week. The report of the State Secretary indicates that the party has made good progress all over the State already busy on the 1913 campaign.

The Committee is somewhat in debt due to the large amount of money expended during the campaign. It is expected that the indebtedness will be met by the time the State Committee meets in Ithaca in January.

DEAR COMRADES.
I am a very poor man and make myself as a means of supporting myself and my six-year-old boy. I will send you a elegant silk four-button suit for 20 cents. A silk-hat-box for 20 cents or two for 35 cents. A fine silk string bow for 10 cents. You pay the capitalist merchant more than he gives you for the same thing. Why not furnish your ties? Send 20 cents for a silk four-button suit. You will be delighted to receive every one of my orders who have ordered a sample tie have sent for more within ten days. Address: ALMA M. TIGHE, 206 S. Station B, Kansas City, Mo. C. See Samples of ties at fancy work shop at the Fair.

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THE STRENGTH OF THE STRONG

To those uninitiated in Socialism who do not understand the philosophy of the mass as opposed to the philosophy of the individual, the strength of the Socialist Party is an enigma which they cannot solve...

Leaders may come and leaders may go. This leader or that leader may carry the torch with a brighter glow, but at his passing, another seizes the torch which is borne on and on.

We venture to say that the Socialist Party would not be seriously handicapped if every Socialist "leader," real or imaginary, were to disappear from the face of the earth...

The strength of the Socialist movement rests its Jimmy Higgenses and its Jenny Higgenses, who are to be found in every avenue and in every alley of America, persistently agitator, circulating literature, selling lecture-tickets and proclaiming the doctrine of working class solidarity.

The very title "leader" is repugnant to Socialists and the use of the term is in bad odor. We are not a party of "leaders" and "followers," but a party of comrades.

The essential equality of each factor in this mass-movement is the basis of the Socialist strength. The capitalists, in their poor, wretched, wretched individualism, imagine that when they have imprisoned, tortured into suicide, and persecuted the people whom they deem to be the "leaders" of the Socialist Party, that they will be able to shatter its spirit or to turn its course.

As long as Jimmy Higgenses and Jenny Higgenses are out in the alleys and the avenues, bringing the message of working class solidarity to their brothers and their sisters in the suffering of wage-slavery, the Socialist Party will continue its development and its growth.

A West Side parish has been asking his church-members why they don't go to church. Only two or three out of 200 were honest enough to say that life is too short.

The newspapers say: "Germany stands with Austro-Hungary in its differences with Serbia." What they mean is, that the ruling class of the one country has arranged to stand with the ruling class of the other country. What did the working class of either country have to do with their "arrangements"?

The Supreme Court, please excuse the capitals, We've got the habit, says that the railroads "must compete." Now watch 'em compete with each other. Note the ferocious expression on each other's face.

The Builders' Exchange claims that there was any collusion in the building on the construction of high school buildings. Heavens, no! Do you suppose that these virtuous Builders' Exchanges would stop to making money on public contracts? Dear reader, no! Nothing like that ever happens among the church-members of the Builders' Exchange. They are in business just for the love of the "peepul."

SLAKE IS NOT YET DEAD

Let none imagine that we have heard the last of Roosevelt and the Bull Moose. A meeting of the "insiders" who own the party will be held in Chicago next week, and the lines will be laid there to further "demolish" Socialism. It is true that the last attempt of the Bull Moose to "demolish" Socialism was not what you could call an unqualified success, but the next four years show perfectly well that the Democrat party will so thoroughly aggravate and exasperate the working class of this country that strong measures will be necessary in 1916 to keep the workers from throwing the capitalist class off their backs entirely.

The Bull Moose party has come to stay. With its millions of dollars and its millions of dupes as a nucleus, it will not only stay, but it will prove formidable.

We do not hesitate to say that we expect the Bull Moose to be the principal contending with the Socialist Party for control of the country in 1916. It is true that we will win into the Socialist Party those of the working class who are militant and who really have an earnest desire to improve the condition of their class, and who were led into the jungle this year by the blandishments of the Steel Trust party.

On the other hand, the Bull Moose will win over from the Democrats and Republicans the people of the natural Bull Moose. These are the trust magnates, the little crooked capitalists, the markwisely sentimental professional people, and the hero-worshippers who love a war-ford.

But-day by day, while we are debating this reform or that, the base of capitalism, the mass-structure of capitalist society shows more sharply, the babies cry for bread and the truth is forced home to the victims of capitalist greed. The hollow mockery of a working class depending upon Steel Trust and Harvester Trust money for its salvation becomes more apparent, and the militants of the working class will find their way into the party of their class.

We do not want their "leaders," because their leaders are not in sympathy with the working class and its needs. The leaky-eyed reformers, and petty bourgeois labor-skinners are not of our kind. The Bull Moose and the Socialist Party can be devoutly thankful that this Perkins party was organized in time to keep them out of the Socialist ranks. Sincere no doubt are many of them in their mushy sentimentality over the poor workers; but their sincere charity is just about as useful in the present crisis as any through organization which does not propose to beg for charity through an organization of king-footed paranoias. It proposes to demand through ITS OWN PARTY a thorough-going reorganization of society on a basis of absolute WORKING CLASS DOMINATION.

We shall have a pretty fight with the smug reformers who haggle over their nauseating "reforms," before we are done with them.

SOCIALISM OPPOSED TO WAR

The appeal to war by nations is the settlement of disputes of any nature in accordance with the principles of Socialism, who insist upon arbitration being always employed in every event thus arising. The war against Turkey by Italy was an inorganic outgrowth of the war against the troops, and the war against the troops, and the war against the troops, and the war against the troops...

The London press, almost unanimously characterized the action of Italy against Turkey as worse than that of a highway robber, who but steals the money of an individual, whereas Italy was endeavoring to rob Turkey of a part of the territory, which she was endeavoring to defend through lack of warships and sea-going troops.

A QUESTION FOR WAGE-EARNING WOMEN

I want to ask the wage-earning woman this pertinent question: If you are not a Socialist why not? Perhaps you do not know what Socialism is. You know that it is a philosophy of life which leads you to question and to find out what is wrong.

Daily you go to your work rain or shine, whether it be in the factory, the store, the laundry, the work shop, there long weary hours. You render your best service. You do this six days in the week, week in and week out. What do you get in return for this body racking and nerve exhausting service? You get a mere pittance for a wage, insufficient for the bare necessities of life, to say nothing of its comforts.

Dr. Scott Nearing of the University of Pennsylvania in his book on "Wages in the United States" tells us that one-fifth of the women workers get less than two hundred dollars a year; or less than four dollars a week; two-thirds of the women wage-earners get less than three hundred dollars a year, which is about six dollars per week. Practically one-half of the working women of this country are young women of twenty-five years of age. Fifty-nine per cent of these young women are between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five years, and are dependent upon their earnings.

You know perfectly well, for you have tried it, the strain upon a working woman to try to make ends meet upon such a salary. She must be in and out of bed, washing and ironing, a sewing room, a kitchen, where she has small children, where the bright sunshine never penetrates. The room is not only a place to sleep in, but it becomes a kitchen, where she prepares her scanty meal, a laundry where she washes and washes and ironing, a sewing room, a kitchen, where she has small children, where the bright sunshine never penetrates.

You know how sorely she is tempted to accept a bit of brightness that comes to her through dangerous channels, where she gets had small children, where the bright sunshine never penetrates.

SOCIALISM AND PROPERTY

The most important interest of modern man is property, everything else is made subservient to it, even man himself. Most of our laws deal with property rights, most of our crimes are against property, and the chief aim of every man is the acquisition of property.

Every new movement among men is judged according to its attitude toward the institution of property, every new invention is measured by its probable influence on the production of wealth, and the worth of a man in the estimation of his fellow-men depends upon the size of his pocketbook.

Property is the real ruler of society, and any attempt to detract his almightiness is considered treason.

Of course, nobody thinks of abolishing property, but what a marvelous idea! Nobody even dreams of reducing modern civilized society again to the state of primitive society that knew nothing of private property and was not seeking about. But Socialism is said to be identical with the abolition of property, and this is not only not true, it is ridiculous. However, whether true or false, the charge is repeated as often as it is refuted, because it appeals to the common interests of men and helps to create a prejudice against the Socialist movement.

One of our opponents went as far as to say that property was founded in nature. Nature, however, as expressed through the laws of the physical world, has not a certain price upon the acquisition of property, and this price is labor. If the fact of nature is to be executed, all property ought to belong to those who create it, and this is just what Socialism recognizes as the true foundation of property rights; and our modern property-riders society and its laws deny it.

Nature never made millionaires. Nature never ordained that the wealth of a nation should belong to those who did not produce it. Nature never devised a law that the rich man's pocket should be full in poverty while a few thousands gather millions of dollars for useless work or no work at all.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

made without serious inconvenience to many individuals. Those who already get up very early in the morning, to do the business of the day, and the working men and women, would feel the change as a decided disadvantage.

There are two most significant things about these daylight saving bills, provided they are not adopted. The first is the early recognition of the increasing interdependence of society, so that the routine of business in any department can not be interfered with without seriously affecting every other department of social activity.

And second, in the extent to which capitalism has permitted business and industry to absorb the daylight hours of our lives, so that in order to preserve for ourselves some small portion of a life-time it is proposed to upset the entire system of time reckoning that has been in vogue for centuries and that was evolved by careful scientific observation and calculation.

Savagery with all its brutality, barbarism with all its savagery, and feudalism with all its tyranny and inhumanity at least did not take from the mass of humankind the privilege of the air and sunlight by imprisoning them in dingy, gloomy, offices, stores and dark basements.

THE PASSING WEEK

To assume that, in the tremendous struggle now being waged between the working class on the one side and the exploiting class on the other, the school teachers are an unimportant class by their associations with the small bourgeoisie, would be to insult the intelligence of any man of men and women as can be found in America. The school teachers are at heart a revolutionary as any group of workers in the world. The lot of the teacher is particularly onerous. Expected to instruct his pupils, to keep alive the purest love of knowledge, the school teacher is watched with an eagle eye by the ruling class. Every move that might be said to be out of the beaten path of middle-class mediocrity is carefully noted and commented upon and any attempt to break the chains of bourgeois slavery is mercilessly hounded.

There are school teachers brave enough to have and to express ideas which are in conflict with the shopkeepers' desire to see the maintenance of this class of working people whom many brilliant workers have been inclined to despise because they do not show the traditional industry in their work for the emancipation of humanity. The fact that in France the school teachers are almost a unit for Socialist goals to show where the school teachers will stand in the case of working class thought will not overlook them, but give them a chance to understand the philosophy of universal freedom.

EDUCATIONAL LECTURES

To the mind of the person obsessed with the notion that the Socialist Party is merely a political organization, without function other than to nominate certain candidates and urge their election, it will come as a surprise that the Socialist Party is active at the present time, immediately after a campaign, are even greater than they were previous to election. It is nevertheless a fact. At the present time most of the branches are conducting or preparing for lectures, debates and discussions without number. They are also planning a "week of lectures" to begin at Franklin Hall on the 15th of December, and for a great carnival and masquerade at the Broadway Armory New Year's Eve.

Early in February will begin the series of lectures on "The Socialist Party and the course of lectures having been secured for Buffalo. Busy? Why, campaign time isn't a marker to what the Socialist Party has to do in the winter, after the election is over.

Those who are able to do so are especially urged to attend the educational lectures being given every Sunday at the Y. M. C. A. at 10 o'clock every Sunday. The lectures are designed especially for the education of Socialist party members and for the education of the general public system. The series of about eight lectures is designed to examine critically the foundations of capitalist society and are marvels of clearness and forceful exposition. The discussions that follow the lectures are also valuable as an educational factor. Every Socialist in Buffalo should, if possible, be present at the lectures, which begin at 10 o'clock every Sunday. In the opinion of the author of the Comrades these lectures are even superior to the Lyceum courses.

MR. CARNEGIE IS PLEASED

Mr. Carnegie is reported to be pleased, very much pleased indeed, because the world is getting along all right. "Everything is O. K.," declared the old man in the Tribune, and there is really no reason in the world why everybody should not be perfectly secure and pass his days in soul-satisfying repose.

Let us see. Is Mr. Carnegie a wage-slave? No, he is not a wage-slave, he is one of those poor unfortunate fellows who do not know how to get rid of his last dollar, which the working class still insists on hoarding at his feet.

Does Mr. Carnegie ever have to make decisions for him to keep the fangs of the rent-hound from gnawing at his neck? No, indeed. He has ten thousand working men to provide for his every want, even when it is necessary that he should be able to keep a little longer.

Is it surprising that Mr. Carnegie should be so pleased with this wretched, murderous jumble which we call a shopkeepers' civilization? Who wouldn't be happy when thousands of wage-slaves are so kind to him?

ON CLASS-CONSCIOUSNESS It is a curious fact that many people look upon the Socialist as a man who has decided to become some kind of the worker's "savior" and "sacrifice" himself to the welfare of the working class. It is a man who has developed "class-consciousness," which simply means that he has identified his own best interests of the mass with the best interests of humanity—the working class of which he is a part. Now, then, the realization that one's own interests are indisputably bound up with the interests of the mass will cause the person realizing that fact to work for the interests of the mass. It does not mean the "sacrificing" of anything by individual selfishness, but it means that the individual and the mass are one. The pack instinct is not an unuseful instinct. It is an example of enlightened selfishness. Socialists are people who have learned to use the pack instinct to serve the interests of the individual worker is to mass those interests, merging the individual in the class. Take an illustration of the bundle of sticks. One stick alone is easily broken. Tie them together in a bundle, and it becomes many times harder to break them. To become one of a "bundle" of sticks, is to become one of a "class." Identify your own interests with the interests of the working class, and you become "class-conscious."

THE VIRTUE OF PATIENCE

Whenever a wealthy magnate or a capitalist politician is gaged of any crime, no-matter how piffling it may be, the Buffalo Express, with an ostensible attempt at fairness of demeanor, continues to print the name of the offender in the verdict. But when it is a working-man, and particularly a working class militant like Joe Ettor or Arturo Giovannitti, the wealthy criminal is not himself in, so anxious is it to prejudice only at the price of labor.

Socialism will change many things in our social life. It will do away with an economic system which gives to the laboring worker an income of \$100, barely enough to keep him and those dependent on him, alive, and to the "well-born" kidnap one of \$50,000 or more, and the wealthy criminal is not himself in, so anxious is it to prejudice only at the price of labor.

It remains for Socialism to adjust the system to the needs of our lives by adjusting the people to the system.

NATURAL INEQUALITIES AND SOCIALISM

It is undoubtedly true that nature does not create two things alike, and from this fact some people conclude that the class distinctions in society are a necessity, as if they were also created by nature. Because there are no two leaves exactly alike, we must have millions of trees and plants, because there are no two calves alike, men and women, must be sacrificed by thousands and tens of thousands at the altar of the golden calf, while the priests of the god of capitalism enjoy all the good things that money can buy. Because there are no two human beings alike, it is evident that the masses must be sacrificed by thousands and tens of thousands at the altar of the golden calf, while the priests of the god of capitalism enjoy all the good things that money can buy.

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