

GOMPERS IN FOUL TIRADE

Charges That Socialists and 'Red Special' Are Financed by Capitalists

HEAPS ABUSE ON DEBS

Enraged at Revolt Against Delivery of Toilers to the Democracy

Wild with rage at the revolt against his attempt to deliver the organized laborers of the United States into the hands of the party that is shooting trade unionists in Alabama, Samuel Gompers has broken out in a foul tirade against Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist party.

His outburst appears in the current issue of the American Federationist. In this he charges the Socialists with being the allies of the Citizens' alliance, of being maintained from capitalist funds. He insinuates that the 'Red Special' is being financed from the funds of the capitalist class and, unmindful of the fact that the Socialist party is the only party that publishes all its financial transactions, shrieks for it to tell where the money comes from to pay the expenses of that train.

Blind to Debs' Service

Ignoring the many years of labor by Eugene V. Debs as an organizer for the unions from which Gompers now receives his salary, he declares that Debs has never done anything for organized labor.

Closing his eyes to the fact that it was against the Socialists of the Western Federation of Miners that the Citizens' alliance struck its heaviest blows, and that representatives of that organization then declared that they would welcome Gompers and the organizations which he controlled, and which Debs was engaged in a fierce fight against the Alliance, Gompers made no sign of resistance. Gompers alleges that Debs is now being aided by this same Citizens' alliance.

Gompers' Article in Full

Below is the article in full as it appeared in the current issue of the American Federationist:

Plot to Disorganize

The attack by Debs is the more despicable because he poses as a friend and representative of labor—even as a labor martyr forsooth!

Extortion Becoming Intolerable

He declared that the practice of extortion against the men who push carts was becoming intolerable and that the only recourse they had was to organize and lay their grievances as a body before the officials and insist that the custom be stopped.

Ruby Aged 22 Months

An expert rifle shot.

Cultured Oak Park Is to Be an Oakless Park

A terrible fate confronts the village of Oak Park.

Circuit Owner Is Arrested

When passes are refused.

Sit on Curb and Eat

When all of the 'left over' bread, cake and pie was gone, each of the children fled out. Some sat down on the curb and began picking out their

Religious College Loses

Big sum for killing cat.

128,519

At 6 o'clock Saturday evening the orders for the Labor Day Special footed up 128,519, an increase for the day of 11,982.

There is no time left for words now. It is time for every real Socialist to ACT. Those who have delayed sending in their orders, or those who wish to increase their orders, should DO SO immediately.

The big press is now busy and the bundles for the Pacific Coast are being mailed. The edition is a hummer. No time is to be lost. CATCH THE FIRST MAIL WITH YOUR ORDER.

FARMER WHO KILLED WIFE AND SON HANGS HIMSELF

Clay City, Ill., Aug. 31.—Insane as the result of having slain his wife and fatally wounded his son in error, Julius Turner, a farmer, committed suicide in the county jail last night. He hanged himself with the sheets from his cot.

The shooting of Mrs. Turner and her son occurred on June 28. The murder was the result of insane jealousy on the part of the husband. The son was mistaken for a rival and he and his mother were shot while they were standing in the dark just outside the village church.

Turner, who was 69 years old, had been separated from his wife for some time. He was reputed to be wealthy, owning several large farms in this vicinity. Mrs. Turner was 49 years old, and since the separation had been living near Saylor Springs. The son, Glenn, had been working on a farm a few miles from that point.

PEDDLERS UNITE TO STOP GRAFT

6,000 Street Market Men Organize to End Extortion of City Inspectors

Claiming to be the constant victims of grafting city inspectors, the "pushers" or market peddlers, took radical action yesterday by perfecting an organization for their mutual protection.

Organization 6,000 Strong

A committee was appointed to confer with "associations on the north and south sides. Within the various bodies are consolidated they will represent an organization of 6,000 strong.

Dragged Into Court

They do not give the peddler the opportunity of accompanying the customer to the store where they claim to do the weighing, but simply make the arrest, and while we know that we have given proper weight it is necessary for the inspector against our people.

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ARGENTINE TO ENLARGE NAVY

Republic to Spend \$55,000,000 for Five Modern Battleships; War Feared

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The Argentine republic has suddenly felt the need for a larger army and better protection. It is reported that the South American government will rehabilitate and increase its navy to the extent of \$55,000,000. No open breach between any of the South American countries is visible as yet, however.

Perfecting Its Defenses

All feeling between Argentina and Brazil arose during the recent revolution in Paraguay, in which neither nation took an active part, but in which both were supposed to have vital interests.

Will Build Five Vessels

Argentina with her new appropriation probably will place an order for five modern vessels, and thus at a bound will be in a position to meet any emergency at the north, which at the present time has but three building.

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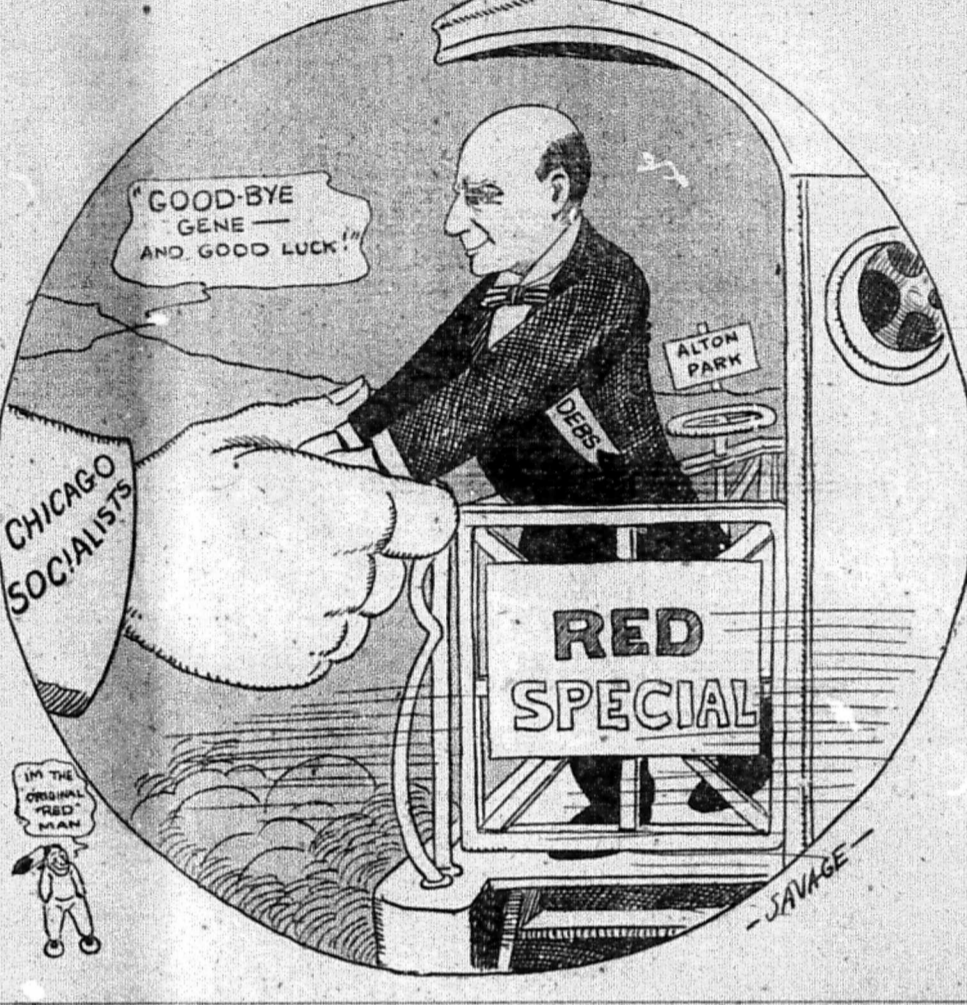
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THE GLAD HAND!



PASTRY SCRAPS THEIR LUXURIES

Waifs Buy Left Over Pie and Cake for Ten Cents a Basket

Chicago not only has a bread line but it also has what is known as the "bread basket line," an innovation that has come with Chicago's 1908 siege of prosperity.

Europe to Hear of Debs Train

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SOCIALISTS NAIL A CAMPAIGN LIE

Democrats Spread Story Red Special Is Paid for by the Republicans

BY OTTO McFEELEY (Workers' Press Association)

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VOICE OF DEAD WARNS MASTERS

Grover Cleveland in Document Predicts 1,200,000 Socialist Votes

THINKS TAFT WILL WIN

Says, However, Capitalists Have Nothing to Fear From Big Parties

Neither Party Dangerous

On there were three large parties, one liberal, one radical and one conservative, there is no doubt that the east and the manufacturing west would assemble its forces behind the conservative standard and would carry them forward to a measure of victory, but this is to be a campaign in which the voters' interests can have no candidate and in which they can best secure their selfish ends by taking the safer choice.

Capital's Life at Stake

"Gracely different, however, are the facts underlying the social movement. It must be realized that this is no agitation for a fairer adjustment of matters between capital and labor; it is something which attacks with the idea of destruction the fundamental idea of property and the plain principle of wage employment.

ENDS LIFE BY JUMPING FROM PULLMAN CAR WINDOW

Wilmington, Del., Aug. 31.—Charles Adams, 32 years old, of Baltimore, leaped from the window of a sleeper on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington railroad at Stanton, near this city, Saturday and sustained fatal injuries.

OLD PARTIES' CAMPAIGN FUNDS LAGGING; TRUSTS TIGHT FISTED

New York, Aug. 31.—Both the old parties are planning a curtailment of their original plans because of the poor prospects for an adequate campaign fund.

Democracy in Worse State

The Democrats are in still worse condition. Their plan of extending about \$500,000 in in doubt because they don't seem to see just where the money is coming from.

CAN'T DODGE ACCIDENTS; MEETS 13 IN FIVE YEARS

Gloster City, N. J., Sept. 1.—Harry Walker, who has been followed by a streak of bad luck for five years, met with another accident yesterday at Hammonont, N. J., when he was thrown from his automobile with Mrs. Thomas Conover, his mother-in-law, and his 13-year-old daughter. Walker has a broken hip and internal injuries, while his mother-in-law also has a broken hip. His daughter was unhurt, however.

Have Nothing to Fear

All of this would indicate that the capitalists can see no difference in the

ATLANTIC CITY HAS DRY SUNDAY; MILITIA THREATS ARE HEDED

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 31.—A real blue Sunday came to Atlantic City yesterday. Every one of the 229 saloons and hotel bars were closed. They were closed alike to bona fide guests as well as to strangers just arrived within the gates.

It is said that this is the fourth time in the fifty-four years of its existence that a drinkless day has been observed in Atlantic City. A bulletin posted at police headquarters, this afternoon stated:

Many Unique Signs Posted

Saloons all closed. No troops in town.

Another bulletin, officially signed by the chief of police, consisted of a card on which was printed:

"In 1851 it was 'Hold the fort.' Today it is 'The fort holds you.' Governor Fort's proclamation threatening to send troops to the seaboard in the event of a further violation of the Sunday closing law had its effect. Saloon-keepers and hotel-men reluctantly accepted the advice of the mayor and of the more conservative members of the saloonmen's organization, and closed their places of business as tightly as they know how. Broadway cafes that on Sundays past have been thronged to their utmost capacity today were all but deserted.

Thousands of Visitors There

There was a decided decrease in the size of the visiting throng yesterday, though many persons came from Philadelphia and New York out of sheer curiosity to see what Atlantic City looked like on a dry Sunday.

The majority of the boardwalk multitude however seemed not to mind the change of conditions, and enjoyed themselves in other ways. The gay night scenes in the cafes, the music and the stinging were, perhaps, missed more than any other feature of the resorts changed Sunday life.

A spokesman for the affected liquor merchants declared that the loss of yesterday's closing would amount approximately to \$100,000. He declared that the saloons would close every Sunday hereafter until some warrant of law will permit their remaining open.

Orchestras Held in Readiness

Long before midnight thousands of persons gathered on the boardwalk opposite the saloons, attracted by the announcement, which had quickly been passed around, that the strike of 12 bands would be through on the beach, two or three of the resorts orchestras and stagers were held in readiness to tune up joyfully as soon as Sunday had passed.

A few nights ago a man who happened to be a little under the influence of liquor happened to pass the "basket line" and his heart was touched by the sight. He steeled himself as best he could and dove into his pocket. The motion was one well known to the children and they made a rush for the man. One little girl reached him first and she got a five-cent piece. In less than five minutes he was carried off by his unsteady feet, hugged, patted and begged in unison. In a twinkling he was on the ground. When rescued he cast one scared look at the children and made a hasty retreat into a nearby saloon.

A "lady beauty" dressed in silks was the next victim. She was tripping along merrily, probably wondering whether her pet poodle had been well cared for during her absence. When she saw the horde of children she stopped her eyebrows in surprise and lifted a minute and then walked on.

Peers at Hungry Waifs

A little later an elderly man wearing a frock coat and a silk hat came along. He was a perfect picture of the well-to-do gentleman. He stopped on the edge of the sidewalk and peered over the rim of his glasses, at the line of children and the children in turn stared at him.

"See, kids, there's a fifth block," said one boy. "I wonder if he's gonna give us anything? He looks 'as though he's got a pile of cash."

"Naw, ye kin see he's a hard hat. He's too tight ter pony up," replied the waif.

"The boy was right, he did not 'pony up.' About half past seven, the door leading into Kohlsaat's restaurant opened, and the manager, a fussy little man, bustled out. The children, who had been watching the door anxiously, made a dash for it, and the manager, who was a little behind, followed them back into the restaurant, and these laid down their knives and forks and watched the waifs carry away the food that they would not design to touch themselves.

A woman sitting at a table gave vent to an exclamation of disgust.

"This is shameful," she said, "it is enough to spoil one's appetite and the proprietor ought not allow it."

Sit on Curb and Eat

Charles Lapworth of Sheffield, England, arrived in Chicago today and will accompany the "Red Special" as correspondent for certain labor and Socialist periodicals of England and the Continent. In addition to the work of Lapworth, the Article Syndicate, with correspondents in all European countries, will "cover" the great campaign effort for foreign newspapers.

Europe Orders Pictures

Pictures of the campaign train have been ordered by periodicals in every country of Europe and Japan and the Philippines. In Europe, where Socialism is the largest political factor, the eyes of both rulers and workers are on America, which has lagged somewhat in the revolutionary movement.

Lapworth is a member of organized labor and a prominent member of the British Newspaper Writers' union, which numbers 1,500 of the most expert newspaper editorial workers in England.

He is a member of the Independent Labor party and a speaker and writer of note in his native land. He has been working with Robert Hunter for the past few months, and is confident the working class of this country soon is to make as rapid strides as have distinguished England in the last few years.

Federation Puzzles Him

"I am unable to understand the tactics of the American Federation of Labor," he said. "The lessons learned in England and other countries show the way, and they should be studied here."

RELIGIOUS COLLEGE LOSES BIG SUM FOR KILLING CAT

Boston, Mass., Aug. 31.—Because a pussy cat was captured, slain, and cut up by six-sectionists, Wesleyan university has fallen in the grace of its benefactor, Miss Margaret Van Deusen. She was the owner of the cat. A large collection of historical relics and a big sum of money will be lost to the college.

Gompers' Attack on the Socialists

There could be no better proof of the complete collapse of the effort of Samuel Gompers to deliver the labor vote of America into the hands of the child-enervating, labor-disfranchising, boss-ridden Democratic party than his foully abusive and lying attack upon Eugene V. Debs and the Socialist party in the latest issue of the American Federationist.

The Socialists do not need to imitate him. They who can rest conscious of the justice and truth of their position have no need to get hysterical, or to indulge in mud-slinging. They can grant the honesty of Gompers in his opposition to them, even while they expose his lack of veracity.

So far as his attack on Debs is concerned there is no need of reply by anyone FOR Debs. He can, and doubtless will, reply for himself. It is absolutely certain that Gompers never will consent to repeat his charges upon the same public platform with the man he attacks, and where there would be an opportunity for a fair discussion and a full reply.

Gompers makes one charge, however, which, because of its disreputable character, will undoubtedly be repeated with all the power of the plutocratic press. This is the insinuation that Debs and the Socialist party, and especially the "Red Special," are being financed by capitalists. He insinuates that this support comes from the Citizens' Alliance and the Republican party. So far as the actual charge is concerned it is the easiest thing in the world to disprove. In fact, we can only account for its being made on the ground that Gompers' blind rage had overcome his usual caution.

He knows, as everybody who knows anything about the Socialist party knows, that that party is the only party that has ALWAYS PUBLISHED, NOT ONLY THE SOURCE OF EVERY CENT RECEIVED FOR CAMPAIGN OR OTHER PURPOSES, BUT ALSO EXACTLY WHAT WAS DONE WITH IT.

The Socialist party adopted this policy, not in response to a public demand, but because it recognized from the beginning that only in such publicity could all possibility of capitalist influence be excluded, and also because the Socialist party, being the only party controlled by the rank and file, is in duty bound to have no secrets from those who support and control it.

A portion of the answer to Gompers' attack concerning the financing of the "Red Special" is found in other columns of this paper. He asks, "Why not publish a list of your campaign contributions, Mr. Debs?" The answer is that they were already in print and had been mailed to thousands before he asked the question. They will be mailed regularly to Gompers if he wishes them.

That list is worthy of study. It can be duplicated by no other political party in America. There is devotion and sacrifice and hard voluntary labor in that list. There are no millionaires' names there. There are no corporation contributions there. Nor were any offered, to be refused. There is nothing there from employers of child labor, from members of the Citizens' Alliance, from traction thieves or strike breakers. CAN GOMPERS SAY AS MUCH FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND?

Gompers tries to insinuate that Debs and the Socialist party are working in co-operation with the Citizens' Alliance and the Republican party. The most desperate fight the Citizens' Alliance ever made was against the members of the Western Federation of Miners. When the members and the agents of that Citizens' Alliance were shooting, beating, imprisoning, and exiling trade-unionists, WHERE WAS EUGENE V. DEBS AND WHERE WAS SAMUEL GOMPERS?

Do we need to refresh the memory of our readers on the fact Debs was expending every energy he possessed, even to the point of endangering his life, in defense of those union miners and in fighting the Citizens' Alliance, while Samuel Gompers, with the full power of the American Federation of Labor behind him, and the American Federationist at his disposal, gave not the slightest sign that he knew of the battle. It would have been better for you, Samuel Gompers, if you had not called that event to mind.

Does the Republican party love Debs? It was the foremost representative of that party who designated him as an "undesirable citizen," and who has sought to use every power of the Federal government to suppress his utterances.

Almost the only time that the Citizens' Alliance struck at Gompers, when the infamous charges of Brandenburg were hurled at him, although his liberty was not endangered, although he was not threatened with deportation or imprisonment, the Socialists forgot all that he had ever said against them, remembered only that he was attacked because he stood as the representative of organized labor, and hastened to offer their support. WOULD HE DO THE SAME FOR DEBS?

The Socialist party has no desire to see disunion in the ranks of labor. It will refuse to respond to Gompers' attack in kind. It knows that when this election is over, whether Taft or Bryan shall sit in the presidential chair, that the whole powers of government will be directed against organized labor, and that there must be no rupture in its ranks.

The Socialists will do all in their power to prevent the disrupting tactics of Gompers from destroying the unions of America. In the meantime they will bend every energy toward educating the workers to a recognition of the fact that to unite with their enemies upon the political field in the hope of gaining a victory for labor is as foolish as a combination with the Citizens' Alliance upon the economic field as a means of winning a strike.

Gompers would not unite with the tobacco trust magnates to win fewer hours and higher wages in the cigar factory. YET HE IS UNITING WITH MOSES T. WETMORE, THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE TOBACCO TRUST, UPON THE POLITICAL FIELD IN THE HOPE OF PLACING LABOR IN POWER.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. A call to arms. Every man to his duty. Now for the rush and charge that will win the battle. More important than all the Red Specials...

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THE SENTENCE

"Prisoner at the bar, stand up!" commanded the criminal judge. The prisoner, gaunt, hollow-eyed, unshaven, obeyed sullenly. "Have you anything to say before sentence shall be passed on you?"

"Fellow Servants" There was once a man named Coffey who worked for the United States Steel Corporation in South Chicago. And there was also a man named Swick who worked for that same corporation in that same place.

Our old existing regime has seen its best days. It is going down because no longer equal to the powers and duties of its position. Its resources are exhausted. Not now, as in its militant days, does it put forth trumpet blasts of conviction, inspiration and advancement.

THE WORLD BEFORE US

The glorious days of our present civilization are behind us; before us, unless the signs are wrong, is its downfall. All the promises of triumph and good seem to center on the side of the new movement. History ever repeats itself, not, of course, in its forms and patterns, but in its main line.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

MOTHERS, SONS AND HUSBANDS

The boy is the father of the man. That much we have all heard. There is no doubt about its truth. The man of public homage or general opprobrium is the man foretold by the boy, stultic; the later environment has been tremendously strong in counter direction.

For Home Dressmakers MISSES FIVE-GORED SKIRT. PARIS PATERN NO. 321. ALL SEAMS ALLOWED. Made up in linen or khaki or in this serge flannel or mohair, this is an excellent model for the separate skirt for every-day and general knock-about wear.

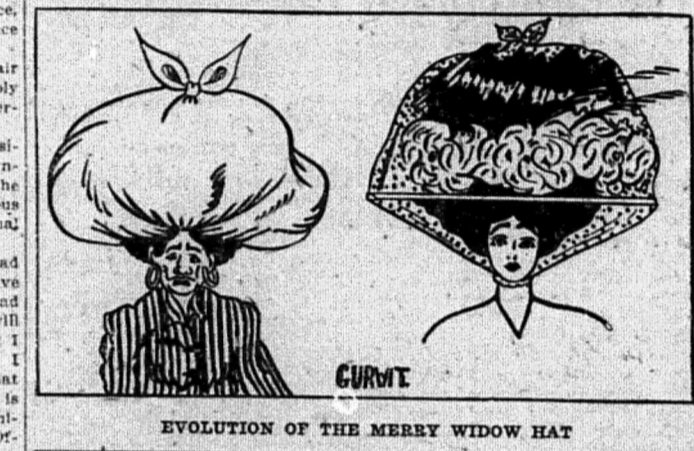
What Became of the Lamb? BY JOSEPH DANA MILLER. Mary had a little lamb— Of course, you've heard of that— But she has seen those days, because Of certain woolen tariff laws And statesmen standing pat.

KARL MARX AND TAMMANY HALL

The other night after an address to a small meeting in New York a tailor arose and said: "You Socialists know all about Karl Marx, but what do you know about Tammany Hall? Do you suppose Marx, if he were now living, would be quoting the holy words of some philosopher? Not at all. He would be studying Tammany Hall."

Tammanny Hall is a machine to control our political life as financial and industrial trusts are machines for controlling our economic life. Marx would know Tammany Hall from top to bottom. He would be telling us the things Lincoln Steffens, Charles Edward Russell, David Graham Phillips and others of our muckrakers are telling us.

If you are a Marxist, find out what capitalism is doing now. Study the condition of the people; observe the growing power of the few. Watch monopoly as it lays its hand upon industry, upon commerce, upon education, upon religion, UPON POLITICS—upon every phase of life.



Legal Advice

M. S. came to this country at the age of sixteen. He is now twenty-one. He wants to know how he can become naturalized. M. S. should at once make declaration of his intention to become a citizen before the clerk of any court of competent jurisdiction. He will then have to wait two years more before filing his final petition for naturalization.

PENSIONS FOR PEACE

The Chicago Relief and Aid society made last year a special study of one thousand families consecutively abandoning their family integrity, consecutively breaking through those barriers which should be imperishable and appealing to the outside world for help.