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## The Pope's Message to the Working Men of the World.

The other day a body of 2,000 workingmen from the city of Rome called on the new Pope. From a press dispatch we take the following:

The pontiff was attired entirely in white; except for his red hat ornamented with gold, and a magnificent pictorial cross encrusted with jewels. As he smilingly seated himself on the throne he was greeted with a storm of applause. Cries of "long live Pius," and "long live our father," were raised, while a band played the papal march. The Pope drew near to the steps of the portico and, raising his hand for silence, said:

"This demonstration of reverence and affection touches me, not because addressed to my person, but it is addressed to Him whom I represent—Christ. It is an index to the faith animating your heart. I am yours all the more because the majority of you are working men, for Christ is the advocate of the workingmen and the latter are faithful to Him.

"These words," continued Pope Pius, "are the first I address to the Romans. Be satisfied with your condition, provide education for your children and I assure you, in the name of the Holy Ghost, that the blessing of God, which I so much invoke for you and your families, will be given."

You will notice that the Pope wore a red hat ornamented with gold, and a magnificent pictorial cross encrusted with jewels, and that in acknowledgment of the cheers of the visitors he said, "I represent Christ."

When the Pope said that he represented Christ, he really meant us to believe that in himself is all that Christ would be to the world at this time.

If this be true then Christ has changed since the time he in person trod the hills and valleys of Galilee, and spoke from the street corners of the Judean cities.

The Pope says to the Roman workingmen: "Be satisfied with your condition." In making this statement he meant to make this his message to the Catholic workingmen of the world.

If Jesus had said things like this to the working people two thousand years ago, he would not have suffered death on the cross, for the Roman government would never have permitted a man with such persuasive power as Jesus possessed to be put to death. The Roman Emperor **WOULD HAVE KEPT HIM BUSY PREACHING TO THE WORKING CLASS TO BE SATISFIED WITH THEIR CONDITION.**

Because Jesus preached just the contrary he lost his life. The Pope is in no danger of being hanged on a cross. The monarchy of Italy, and the capitalist class could well afford to provide him with a palace, gold, diamonds, and all the wealth the church needs, if he could persuade the working people to be satisfied with their condition.

Socialism teaches the working class to be **DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR CONDITION.** It teaches them to unite in all lands, capture the political power, and establish the co-operative ownership of the factories, mines and shops, and produce for themselves their food, clothing and shelter.

No one can deny—not even the Pope—that Socialism will abolish poverty, and the evils that flow from it, and that poverty will exist so long as the capitalists own the means of life.

Socialism will never be reached till the working class becomes so dissatisfied with the present system that with one voice they will clamor for its overthrow.

If the working class "continue to be satisfied" then they will always be robbed, will always live in hovels and shacks, eat the coarsest food, wear shoddy clothes, while all the time the capitalists who take profit from labor's toil will fare sumptuously. When the Pope tells the workingmen to be satisfied, he is telling them exactly what the wicked rulers of the nations wish them to be.

Therefore we repeat the Pope is in no danger of being crucified.

When the Pope tells the workingmen to be satisfied with their condition, he is aiming his remarks at the Socialists, who are all the time stirring up the people to throw off oppression. If the people had always been satisfied there would be no liberty, for written constitutions, democracies, the abolition of slavery, and all the good things we have come as a result of popular dissatisfaction.

If the Catholic workingmen of America were to follow the Pope's advice in politics, they would abandon every effort to get

out from under their burdens, and humbly submit to capitalism, no matter if they starved in their humility. But we have no such fears, for the attitude of the Catholic workingmen of Europe is a clear indication of what will happen in America.

In Italy, right where the Pope issues his advice, more than two hundred thousand Catholics are Socialists. These men have not lost their faith in God, and most of them still bow at Catholic altars, but they deny the right of the Pope and the priests to interfere with their politics. In France there are still more than in Italy. Spain, the most Catholic nation on the globe, is beginning to swarm with Socialists. In Germany we made surprising gains in the Catholic sections at the last election.

The Appeal gets clippings by the bushel from all over the land containing sermons preached by priests against Socialism. The Catholic workingmen apparently pay no more attention to the priest when he makes a political speech in his pulpit than they would if the same speech were made by a common politician. The most of them simply laugh. We get hundreds of letters from Catholic Socialists, and we draw our conclusions from their contents.

When the printing press was built, the art of paper-making discovered, and the land dotted with schools, it spoke of a coming time when a few could no longer deceive the many. The Catholic workingman can read as well as the priest, and when he goes to his worship he accepts the priest as a spiritual authority, but not as a political dictator.

When the priest says that Socialism is anti-religious, the Catholic workingman says to himself: "This cannot be, for Socialism will enable us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and that is just what Christ taught." When the priest says Socialism will destroy the home the worker says, "CAPITALISM is destroying the home and Socialism will protect it, for under the new system there will be no poverty to drive love away, and there will be no rich men's sons to prey on the daughters of the poor."

When the priest says that religion teaches that private property is right, the worker mentally responds, "Not when that property is something which everybody must use, and the capitalists monopolize it for the purpose of exploiting the many."

The working man wonders why the priests always defend the rich whom Christ denounced, and never defend the poor for whom Christ gave His life. If he has never heard of Socialism he goes off and enquires about it to see why the priest has attacked it. He learns that in the first three centuries the Christians had all things common, and that the Fathers of the Church all agreed that this was right, and that the rich oppressors of the poor were all denied the Kingdom of Heaven, and he wonders how the church came to change its attitude on the question of rich and poor.

He finds out why no priest will debate with Fathers Haggerty or McGrady. He sees that it is because the priest will have to face the writings of the Fathers of the Church, all of which are against him. It comes to pass then, that the priests only lose when they attack Socialism. It is the priests who support capitalism who are hurting religion, for they are turning the poor away from the doors of the church.

Men must have bread and clothes and shelter. Socialism offers us these things and guarantees them. Comfortable things surely will not make us wicked. Capitalism has nothing to offer the working class but the chance to be robbed, and the time will come when the Catholic workingmen will oppose capitalism, with all their power, regardless of what ecclesiastical authority may say or do.

If Christ does not love the working class today, and will not defend them in their struggle for justice, then He has changed. We do not believe He has changed, and the voice of any man who claims to represent Christ, but talks for capitalism, has a strange sound in our ears.

# The Proletariat and Its Leaders Must Be One.

Ernest Untermyer.

**T**HE American Socialist movement is reaching the point where it begins to look inviting to the professional politicians and notoriety seekers of all shades. Many come at their own prompting, others may be emissaries of the old party machines. All of them are doubtful customers. The success of the Socialist party depends on the maturity of its rank and file. A thoroughly educated and class-conscious proletariat is fire proof against such men. But the rapidity with which our movement is growing in this country prevents the development of that self-control and discipline which has made the older European movement so successful, especially in Germany. A great influx of middle class and professional politicians, who at once aspire to leadership and frequently gain a temporary influence on the recruits in our ranks, is therefore an eventuality which deserves our earnest attention.

Not that these men can prevent the historical mission of the working class to come to its consummation, but they can do much toward retarding it and causing it momentary injury. The only safe and efficient way of meeting them is a thorough education of the rank and file in the principles of the Socialist philosophy.

No leader from without the life and ranks of the working class can lead it to victory and freedom. It is from its own bosom, from the toil and travail of its own existence, through the path of thorns and the valley of sorrow of a proletarian life, that it must beget the leaders of its own flesh and its own blood. No leader with a half capitalist and a half Socialist mind can find the way that will take the working class out of the capitalist labyrinth.

Such a leader is himself still in the mazes and needs himself a leader. A man who tries to reconcile within his own self the capitalist philosophy and the Socialist philosophy is like a man who tries to mix fire and water. He produces neither fire nor water, but steam, in other words, hot air. Now, hot air is all right to float a municipal ownership gas bag safely above the point where it will not hurt the capitalist system, or to dazzle the gullible with a good-citizen-civic-federation-national-economic-league-all-around-good-feeling-and-fooling-bubble, but it will not lift the working class into political power. A Socialist leader with a semi-capitalist mind will as soon lead the working class into the co-operative commonwealth as a pilot with a stuffed compass will steer his ship into port during a fog. The working class has only one compass that points true to the star of the co-operative commonwealth, THE CLASS STRUGGLE. And only leaders who have fought and felt this struggle to the very depth of their being, will steer the Socialist ship by that compass and take it safely through the rocks and shallows of its political evolution.

The ideal Socialist leader is first of all a comrade. His leadership is not sought by himself, but conferred upon him by his fellow proletarians as a badge of trust and honor. He is bound to his comrades by a thousand inseparable threads which neither temptations nor dangers can ever loosen. He owes his influence, not to the wiles and tricks of the machine politician, but to the bonds of love and comradeship that grow spontaneously out of the feeling of security engendered by his impregnable proletarian philosophy. This is the simple and natural explanation of the overwhelming power of such leaders as Bebel. Not personal magnetism, not the power of oratory and persuasion, not the art of parliamentary wire pulling—however effective they may otherwise be—make him and others like him the great leaders they are. It is essentially because they express in word and deed what the great mass of their comrades feel, because in their mental life the lives of the proletarian rank and file are crystallized and mirrored, that the heart and soul of the class-conscious proletariat goes out to them.

Such are the leaders that the American Socialist movement needs. We must raise out of our own midst the men with clear eye and steady brain, who will not compromise one iota of our revolutionary principles, and yet seize every opportunity to force the capitalist parties into granting concessions to the working class. In this sense we are all opportunists. But the opportunism of the revolutionary Socialist differs in this from the opportunism of the opportunist: The opportunist is willing to endorse semi-Socialist or pseudo-Socialist steps of the capitalist movements in such a way that the class line between the historical forces in the class struggle is blurred; but the revolutionary Socialist insists that any tactics on our part which blur the class line mean a weakening of our political strength. We are not absolutely opposed to all temporary alliances with the capitalist parties, but only on one condition: **THAT THE SOCIALIST PARTY MUST BE ABLE TO DICTATE THE TERMS OF THAT ALLIANCE.** In other words, we must first of all become a prominent political factor, and the alliance must be sought, not by us, but by a capitalist party that is weaker than we are. Then they will be forced to make greater concessions to us than we shall make to them. That is the only condition under which any alliance with a capitalist party is safe for the Socialist party. But as long as we are politically a minor factor, so long as compromise means political death, just so long will the revolutionary Socialist look upon all attempts to commit his party to an endorsement of capitalist reform movements as a conscious or unconscious attempt to betray the historical mission of the working class. So long as the political power is in the hands of the ruling class, just so long has that class the power to make economic steps in the direction of Socialism. Only by threatening their political supremacy, only by conquering step by step this power, shall we come nearer to the fulfillment of our hopes and aims. The steps by which we march to victory are political steps. Let us see to it that these steps are made with long strides in a clear and class-conscious struggle. The sharper the class line appears, the better.

The happy fields of the co-operative commonwealth are in sight. There are only a few more cliffs and shallows to pass. Have a care to whom you entrust the tiller of your ship at this critical moment. It is bad policy to swap horses while crossing a stream. It is still worse policy to swap pilots while steering through the shallows. You can choose whether you want to be wrecked in sight of the goal, or whether you will sail into the coveted port with the flag of victory proudly floating from the mast. You have your own fate, and that of the coming generations, in your hands. The spirit of independence, which you, my class-conscious comrades, are daily nursing in the working class, is pining for the fresh air of the new society. It rests with you whether the working class, and with it the whole human race, shall at last fill its lungs with the pure breezes of freedom, or whether the foul stench of a putrid civilization shall choke us all. Men and women of the working class, rise to the great occasion and do your duty!

master, and the balance thrown to the kennel. The farmer and his hand should both turn their attention to the common enemy, capitalism.

## NEW ENGLAND FARMERS.

Dear Comrade:—In answer to the invitation to discuss the question in its phases most interesting to farmers, I tender a few remarks.

There has been no little controversy on the question whether the farmer will lose his farm or retain it under Socialism. I have reasoned with several men who, though generally desirous of seeing the principles of Socialism crystallized into law, yet tremble at the balance of deciding for or against it for fear that they will be losers through the change. Now, whatever the result, the least the intelligent Socialists can do is to tell the truth as near as may be. The perspective facts may have been stated, but if so I have failed to bring them into the focus of my vision. It is obvious, when a little systematic thought is applied, that when a man is told "certainly, you can keep your own farm under Socialism, etc." there is a mistake made. The socialization of all industries will be the inception of a state of affairs that is bound to lead toward perfection, and that in no probability of time. Few farms are carried on without farm hands. In this section, and many others that draw their help from Boston and New York, the real planning, planting cultivation and marketing is done largely by farm help, which they later move to operate a farm than the owners. Farther away from the great markets and on the small farms the operators are in many, nay in most instances (no matter what made them so), far too narrow minded and poorly informed ever to retain the position, granting they might be elected to the directorship of a farm. Then, too, the class of help employed all through the northeast is foreign in every particular in a great measure. There are innumerable men and women who would prefer to pursue the work of agriculture who have gotten liberality and sense in the towns and cities, and in working in many different places. Many of these farmers here in New England do not thrive through the application of modern ideas—they live out of hard work and a mean, pinching economy. Plenty of them are not fit to lead a horse to water, let alone give him his dinner, and they, above all, dread the advent of Socialism. Shall they keep their farms?

Again, there are farms especially adapted to bearing pine trees and others the more valuable grains, grasses, vegetables, etc. I realize that some farms will be valueless as farms in the future while others will have their natural and present value enhanced. Location, the value of land and new transportation expenses are reduced to the minimum, who, knowing the facts, will be willing to till the sterile N. E. soil that requires a favorable season and ten cords of manure to the acre to produce a crop when one-half the cost and one-tenth the expense will accomplish as much elsewhere? It will be a case of the survival of the fittest—the reclamation of really valuable soil, no matter how remote, and the giving back of such sections as the greater part of N. E. to their original and legitimate destiny of yielding periodical crops of timber. Science must be applied here as elsewhere. And, there will have to be some community system to regulate the matter of agriculture so that it may be carried on as nearly as possible in a manner commensurate with the advance of great modern industries. The farmer, owing to environment, is "out of sight" in the rear, in the race of progress, and needs more, perhaps, than any other class, master minds to direct him in his work. It seems needless to add that single tax will never apply. Fraternally yours,

RALPH C. FEMER, Danvers, Mass.

The above letter is of interest, because it touches on an agricultural situation in the New England states totally different from anything in the west and south. The western farmer is often a man of extensive education, the writer having talked with many Kansas and Nebraska farmers who are college graduates. Carriages and bicycles may be found in abundance, as may also pianos and comfortable furniture in the homes. As you journey south, however, these nice houses give way to cottages and cabins. The fertile valley of the Mississippi despite the gigantic exploitation carried on by the capitalist class, has yielded up to the owners of the farms sufficient to make life fairly comfortable, but it is from the Mississippi valley, nevertheless, that capitalism has enormously fattened. An ordinary Iowa farm of 160 acres well handled will yield its owner about \$1,000, but at the same time it yields the capitalist class, owning the machinery of finishing and distributing the raw material which the farm furnishes, an amount perhaps twice what the farmer gets. Thus you see that the better the farmer we have, the better servant of capitalism he makes. Regarding the matter of taking over the farms, it seems clear to the editor that so soon as the Socialist party gets control of the government and begins to enlarge the public service, the barren New England farms will be abandoned, for those now working them will go into public service, where much SHORTER hours and better pay will be received, this will at once compel the administration to reorganize farming in that section on a co-operative basis. You see the problem will solve itself. It will thus solve itself everywhere. Our trouble will not be so much in getting possession of the farms, but of having them thrust on us so rapidly in certain sections, as to have difficulty in handling them. It is, however, to our disadvantage to hold out the idea that we are going to take the small farms away from the owners, for we will have no reason for so doing. I am not a utopian. The Socialist party is the political expression of the working class, and has resulted from the class struggle. Socialism can not be achieved till the political power is in the hands of the working class. Once in possession of this power we will begin to reconstruct industry with the view to making life easy for the worker. Now, all the end and aim of the political administration is to make life easy for the capitalist.

Political power is the first essential to the successful overthrow of capitalism. The aim of this department is to teach the farmer that cap-

italism is robbing him even as it is the wage worker, and that the class struggle tends to drive all who are exploited into one political party as a measure of self defense. For these reasons the farmer must join the Socialist party. We contend that the reorganization of farming must to a great extent be left to the farmers themselves. Our Socialism would not be democratic otherwise, and any other kind would be worse than capitalism.

Comrade Martin Ernst of Vineland, N. J., answers all the questions propounded by the editor of this department. In his introduction, we give below what he predicts concerning the first two:

**THE CAPITALIST CLASS.**  
1. They will gradually absorb all the land, starting at vacant land of large sections; when well in order, they will under-sell the farmers and overrate them in freight until the farmer is by this means forced to sell but for almost nothing. Till this is accomplished they will run both ways, their own farm land and the exploitation of the farmer.  
2. If there is no "iron law" they will make one; the future of the farm tenant will be the same as in Ireland.

**HOW WE DIVIDE UP.**  
Comrade J. H. Simpson, a California fruit grower, makes the following statement of his orange business, in the current issue of the Los Angeles Socialist:  
"The freight on my 2125 boxes of oranges this year was \$1912.50, without the icing in the last part of the season, which costs 25c to New York.  
"The net to me was about \$1500. Are we dividing up? Oh, no, we don't want to divide up. I pay for loading and unloading, the care of the fruit the rear round, take all the risk of frost, winds, dry weather, bugs, etc."  
Yes, and by the time the public consumed these oranges they cost not less than \$10.000. What a glorious divide up system we have.

Unfortunately, the advocates of state Socialism have used the word "capital" as synonymous with "monopoly," and this confusion of ideas makes it difficult for many to distinguish now between capital and monopoly; they forget that any man with a surplus above his immediate needs is a capitalist to just the extent of such surplus.

We take the above from the Farmers' Voice one of the ablest of the farm papers published, and which gave the Bryan movement a vigorous support in 1896. A Socialist will laugh at the quotation. It is indeed remarkable that an editor of so great a paper should display so evident a lack of economic knowledge. To begin with no member of the Socialist party is a "State Socialist." We are democratic Socialists. You ask what is the difference. The postal system with the government in the hands of the capitalist class and administered by appointed officials is an illustration of state Socialism. The postal system, with the post masters, clerks and carriers elected by the public with the power of recall by the people and the fixing of the salaries would be an illustration of Democratic Socialism, so far as it could be applied under this system. In regard to the definition of capital, let us remember that capital in the sense which we employ the term refers only to that part of labor's creation which is used for the purpose of creating more capital. Since capital is something that labor must employ in the creation of wealth, whenever this capital is owned by one person and used by another its ownership constitutes monopoly. The wage working class owns no capital. The very fact that a man is a wage worker implies that he is compelled to sell his labor power to bring himself in conjunction with capital. As a consequence the entire wage working class is exploited by the monopolist holders of capital, and to get rid of monopoly we must abolish the capitalist system. Verily, friend Burke, you do "strain at a gnat and swallow a camel."

TEACHING SOCIALISM.  
All along the line comes news that indicate that the union man is going to be made to feel the pressure of the Manufacturer's Association. Every fight that is made today can be traced back very easily and found to rest upon the plans and purposes of this organization. It will not take long at the present rate to teach the ultra union man that he needs some other means than that he now advocates if he would have anything of importance to say about his wages, hours and conditions of labor. It is only when the union man wants Socialism hard enough to vote and fight for it that he will have anything of importance to say about his conditions of labor. This the Manufacturers' Association is fast forcing him to do, and in the end the union man will rise up and call the employers' association blessed.



This is a picture of your neighbor. He is sick-sick of reading this old capitalist paper which he holds in his hands. He knows as well as you that it doesn't tell the truth, but he likes to read and this is the only kind of paper he ever gets hold of. Now that's your fault. YOU should have supplied this man with a copy of the Appeal to Reason. Someone gave you the first copy, why don't you "pass it along"? There are millions of people in this country right now who would be glad to read a Socialist paper. We can't reach them but we can print the papers and YOU can help to get them in the hands of the people. Come, Comrade, we're doing all we can; go after that neighbor of yours; and if you want to know who that neighbor is, just ask some preacher, they've got that all figured out very nicely. By the way, get the preacher's sub while you're at it. Preachers' votes are just as good as any.

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**THE FARMER**  
Conducted by AMWICKER

Criticisms and questions are beginning to come in for the consideration of this department, and this week the discussion of another topic is suspended to give place to some letters from correspondents relative to what has already been said. The letters indicate a healthy interest in the discussion of the farmer and Socialism. This is cheering, for the agrarian question is one of the most interesting and important with which we have to deal at this time.

Periodically you will see in some of the capitalist papers an article in favor of better highways, and urging farmers to vote bonds for the purpose of macadamizing country roads. Now the necessity for better roads undoubtedly exists, and when a Socialist government gets into action the public service will be at once extended to cover this existing need. To undertake the matter now would require immense issues of bonds, and this is just what the capitalist papers have in mind when they show their concern about the farmer's need of better roads. We have bonds enough now. Let us put our money in Socialist propaganda, and when we DO make the hard roads, the bonds will be left out.

**WHEN THE FARMER IS A CAPITALIST.**  
A man has a fishing boat and tackle. He goes out alone and catches, say, 20 salmon in the rich waters of Puget Sound. He sells these 20 salmon for "two bars" apiece, and so gets \$5 for his day's work. But he has boat room and tackle for two men. He stops at the wharf where ten men sit in the sun cracking their heels together. He hires one of these unemployed men, the cheapest he can get. One of them contracts for a dollar a day, barely enough to keep him alive. The other nine stand ready if he refuses, and he sells his labor power for one dollar a day. With this

man's help our salmon fisher catches twice as many fish, 40 in all. He sees them for \$10 and pays his wage worker the one dollar agreed upon, leaving himself nine dollars instead of the five he had when he worked alone.

Where did he get the extra four dollars? Who created that extra four dollars' value for him?

That is easy. His wage-worker, of course. He paid one dollar for the use of his labor power for ten hours, but his labor itself was worth to him five dollars. That is, he got four dollars' worth of labor out of that laborer without paying him anything for it. In fact, he robbed him of four dollars in one day.

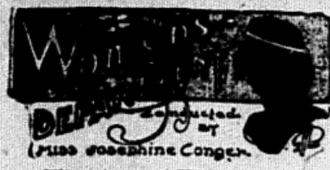
Now then, what Marx has proved is this, that always in this wage-system, this capitalist system, that some robbery goes on. He proves, as a matter of hard fact, that the enormous fortunes of modern times have been got, and are being got, by means of this wage robbery. That Salmon Boat was not capital until the second man was hired. The owner of the boat could never get very rich by means of his own labor at \$5 a day. But charge that boat to a "Salmon Combine," with wharves and vessels and "canneries" and seines and fishing grounds, with thousands of wage laborers, and how long will it take our capitalist to make his fortune?

We take the foregoing from the Seattle Socialist. The illustration is a good one, showing truly that wealth becomes capital only when it is used as a means of profiting from the labor of the wage earner. With this understanding of capital, no farmer, owner or otherwise, is in any sense a capitalist unless he employs labor for wages, or is a landlord. A landlord is undoubtedly a small capitalist, and so is the employer of wage labor.

It should be remembered, however, that the employment of farm help by small farmers is unprofitable and in the great grain growing states is done solely for the purpose of adding a balance of labor necessary to the completion of the crop. There is of course a divergence of interest between the farmer employer and the wage worker. One wants more work, and the other wants more wages. It is, though, very much like a quarrel of two dogs over a bone from which the best meat has been taken by the







The Appeal Women.

I have registered in this department over a thousand names of women who have asserted their interest in the prospective freedom of men, women and children from the tyranny and greed of capitalism.

The Children of Civilization.

The chief reason that I desire Woman Suffrage is to insure the children representation in our legislative halls.

If babies were designed to grow into mere automatons in mills, why were they not so born instead of being obliged to degenerate after their birth?

Our present system ties the babe of the slums to a millstone, the Fifth Avenue babe to an air ship, and then shouts: "They are born equal, with equal opportunities to rise."

Like a Trampled Flower. Like a trampled flower she lay there in the cabin on the mill.

Carnegie says, "Books should be well housed," so he builds libraries with the money diverted from its rightful purpose, while the children of his defrauded workmen grow up beards of burden, poorly fed and poorly housed.

Where lies safety? In mother love—the one unanswerable answer to the lie that money-grabbing is the great incentive that moves the world.



Oh, the silence of the children in the sunny south to-day! It is sadder than the cry of fettered slaves.

All the pleasures known to childhood are but tales of fairyland; What to them are singing birds and running streams?

In this boasted land of freedom they are bonded baby slaves, And the busy world goes on and does not heed.

When they perish, we are told it is God's will.

Oh, the roaring of the mill, of the mill.

bread. Only women can know, and only women can save.

The only real progress must come through a growth of reason and love. Men have usually supplied the small fund of reason, but that alone has led to the selfishness of commercialism.

WENONAH STEVENS ABBOT, Pres. Woman's National Socialist Union, Chicago.

"I eagerly sign your pledge," says Comrade Flora Mink, "as one woman in a million—I hope—who is interested in Socialism and the emancipation of women."

Like a Trampled Flower.

Like a trampled flower she lay there in the cabin on the mill; "Jennie's sick," said Tom, her brother, To the foreman of the mill.

The Horrors of Competition.

Are Wakening Part of the Church to a realization of the fact that the Brotherhood of Man is impossible under the malignant influence of capitalism, and after a study of the matter they have turned to the Socialist movement as the only rational theory of society.

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"I believe that if every working-man's wife would become a class-conscious Socialist that their influence would be so great that Socialism would be speedily brought about."

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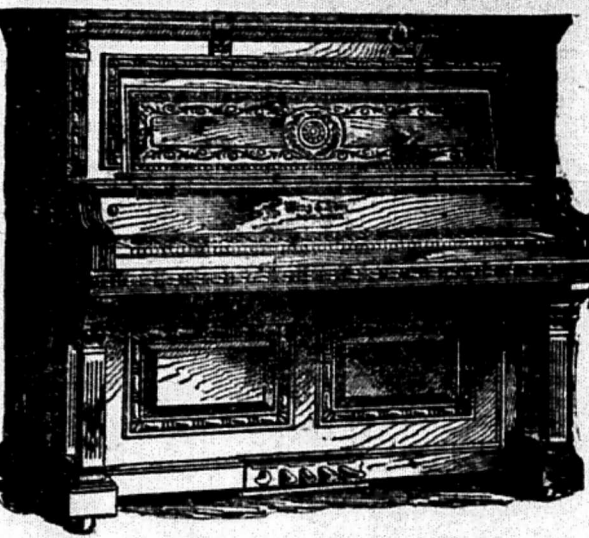
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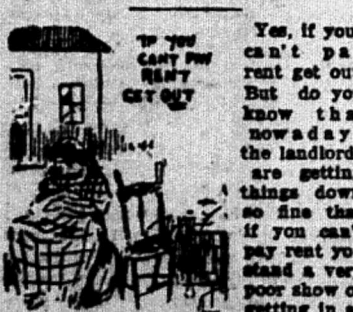
A good question that every housewife should put to her husband three times a day is this: Do you receive all the wealth you produce? If not, why not?—Union Leader.

"The Real Religion of To-day," "How I Acquired My Millions," "Easy Lessons in Socialism," "Intemperance and Poverty," "The Man Under the Machine," and "Socialism and the Home" are all good propaganda books.

It is no trouble to edit a Socialist paper—the trouble is to get space for all the matter that should be out doing work. Twelve years ago, when I first began the work, there was much labor to find suitable matter.

The honey bee is much like the working class. The masters own the hives and take from the bees about nine-tenths of the honey they produce.

Thirty factory owners in Chicago, have been sued for violating the child labor law. The little tots were being sweated horribly. Why? Because the private ownership of industry made it profitable to the owners.



Yes, if you can't pay rent get out. But do you know that now a days the landlords are getting things down so fine that if you can't pay rent you stand a very poor show of getting in at all—and even if you can pay rent and are so unfortunate as to be the father of a few healthy, vigorous kids you will get turned down frequently.

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atory, art, poetry, reason, statistics and news. Why every copy is worth five cents, and you are getting it for a half a cent. The trouble with us as Socialists is that we don't know how to conserve and use our energy. We get on a big spurt of enthusiasm, hire an expensive hall, get a high priced lecturer, go in the hole about a hundred dollars, and then stop working. We are offering you something now for \$10 that will be worth a hundred if rightly used. Here is the way to proceed. Draw up a paper like the following:—"We the undersigned, for the purpose of raising \$10 to buy a bundle of 200 copies of the Appeal for ten weeks, to be distributed to the homes of the people weekly, agree to give the amounts set opposite our names."

When you read this article get out your paper and write the foregoing, sign it for a dollar yourself, and then start out and buttonhole everybody in sight. Don't stop till you raise the money. Send it in and the bundles will start coming. These lines are sure to strike the eyes of a man or woman who can afford to give \$10. Now just a word to you. Perhaps you have never helped the cause. Maybe you are in business, or engaged so that you do not, for personal reasons, care to be active yourself. Order these papers sent to some poor hard working comrade whose heart will be gladdened thereby, and whose energy added to your money will do mighty things. To the comrades who have cards we will say—send them in; they will count on this the same as cash. Finally comrades we will say we have started in on this to win and like the bull dog when we take hold we never let go. Now who will be the first individual to respond with a donation of \$10? There are thousands of you who can do this. Where is the most active local in the U. S.? We want to hear from you. If you have no local get about among the comrades, and raise the money. Let us see how long it will take to mount those figures over on the army page to FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND?

The capitalist government of Australia has been giving the people there some hard knocks lately, by reason of having control of the railroads. They have cut the wages of the workers and used the troops to quell the starvation of the employees. Then they sent to this country great reports of the failure of Socialism in Australia. Australia is a capitalist government, under the rule of the king of England. When the Socialists capture the country there will be no king, no capitalists and no extortion. Capitalists charge their crimes to the Socialists! It is the thief yelling "Stop thief." Socialists do not want government ownership of railroads or any other thing while the capitalists control the government.

President Roosevelt lauds Secretary Root as being entitled to the adulation of the American people for his efforts in their interests; Secretary Root says the Standard Oil Company and the sugar trust are good trusts; the Topeka Capital (republican) says that the Standard Oil Company is an Ishmaelite and its history is one of lawlessness, meanness and sharp practice. Now, what an expectant and heart-throbbing public would like to know is, what is the Capital's opinion of Roosevelt, who lauds Root, who lauds the Standard Oil Company?

Democratic Alabama has passed an anti-boycott bill that will imprison the workers if they attempt a boycott. This is the democracy that is boosting Hearst for president, in the hope of deluding the union labor element of the country. Hearst voted for the Dick military law. Yes, he is a good friend of labor and they should yell for him!

The employees of the American Type Founders' trust are on a strike. This trust has increased the cost of type nearly 100% since it gobbled the type business of the country. The workmen who create the type should have at least double their present pay or the price of type should be lowered. The Appeal will stand by the workers.

The price of coffee in New York ranges from \$4.35 to \$4.55 per 100 pounds. What does competition force you to pay for it?



See the Workingman and the Capitalist. The Working class are as much stronger than the capitalist class as the picture shows. The workingman produces all the railroads, all the houses, all the factories, all the machines—everything, and has fifteen times as many votes as the capitalists. The workingman has little wealth and no political power. The capitalists have nearly all wealth and ALL political power. Isn't it funny that a great strong fellow like this workingman will believe that he would starve if the little capitalists did not employ him? The capitalist takes nine-tenths of the wealth that the workingman produces and permits the workingman to have one-tenth, to live on the coarsest food, to wear clothing of the cheapest kind, to live in shacks and shanties, to have little pleasure and to furnish his sons and daughters as servants for the little capitalist. Isn't the capitalist good to permit the workingman to have so much? What do you think of a great big workingman like that who would permit himself to be pulled about by the nose to do things that keep the little man in luxury, while he toils and moils all the day for a living worse than the little man's dog or horse? If ever the workingman wakes up and votes the Socialist ticket the workingman will live in the best houses, dress in the best clothes, live on the best food, take in all the finest entertainments and enjoy life to its uttermost. He has the votes and can elect the Socialists whenever he wants to get rid of the capitalist who takes most of what he produces. The capitalists hire the slickest politicians and clergy to keep the workingman blind to his own interest, and these politicians and clergy live in comfort. Do you know who this workingman is? Is he YOU?

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Gov. Durbin, of Indiana, has been blowing off his bazoo to the eastern Sons of Veterans at Atlantic City. Like most of his property-cringing class he took a sting at the lack of patriotism, the growing disrespect for the laws and officials. Such men as Durbin are the prime cause of the growing discontent. It was this man who refused to honor a requisition from the governor of Kentucky for the republican ex-governor of Kentucky, implicated in the murder of the previous governor! Such men should be hissed out of public life. It is such men and their fealty to property that are making for a great upheaval some of these days. They will be responsible for the crime. But to see them shed crocodile tears over the lack of patriotism would make the uninitiated think they were little tin angels.

At the close of business Sept. 28, the U. S. government sheet showed loans to the national banks of \$163,735,979 without interest. Nice to own the government, isn't it?

Moly Hoses! What is a poor editor to do? Here are reams of good manuscript written for the Appeal and the readers kickin' because the type is too small!

## Republican Loyalty.

The good republican mayor of Maltoon, Ill., has been indicted for malfeasance in office. In the same paper is reported the indictment of six republican officials in Detroit, Mich., for stealing public funds by reason of padded pay rolls. Yes, the G. O. P. is a truly loyal organization! It has forty ounces of that kind of patriotism to the pound. Now whoop it up for the G. O. P. and Teddy. Great is the American working class who give their votes to such a party. Experts have discovered that the republican officials of St. Joseph, Mich., have been stealing thousands from the city by means of water, license and other collections. Oh, these goody, goody republicans! Just a partial list of a day's republican official honesty. Just think of turning out these honest men and electing the bad, bad Socialists! Gives one the cold shivers, don't it?

Prof. O'Neil, of the California University, now traveling in Europe, writes an account of a great labor strike in Southern Russia last July, for the San Francisco Examiner, of Sept. 3, in which ALL industries were stopped in four cities having a population of more than a million people, and that the government shot down the people wherever they gathered, but without breaking the strike. So complete is the despotism that not a word of strike was printed in a single Russian newspaper or allowed to be communicated to the press of other countries. This is a condition the owners of the trusts in this country would like to see established here, and which they duplicate as nearly as they can. The over riding of the rights of the people of Colorado is little less than the brutal Russian conditions. I hope to see the people of Russia rise in tremendous revolution and wipe out their whole tyrannical system, and the indications are that such action will not be delayed many years. This country, under its present control, would lend every possible assistance to the czar to subdue his victims. It is a disgrace that this country would entertain a treaty with such a murderer. Labor will yet rule.

Union Labor is the organized PROTEST against being skinned. Non-union labor is submission to the extortion.

The Attorney General, of Illinois, has just decided that the state child labor law does not apply to the telegraph companies! It is a crime to employ children, but it is NOT a crime for the Western Union Monopoly to employ children! But capitalism must defend itself, and as long as fools elect tools of capital to office they must expect just such legal farces to apply against the people.

The Turks have slaughtered 65,000 men, women and children, say the dispatches. For what? Because there was a protest by the people against extortion by the Turkish officers for the bloody Sultan. If there had been no PROFIT in governing the Macedonians there would have been no desire on the part of the robbers to govern them. PROFIT is the cause of all war and all crime. Those who uphold the PROFIT SYSTEM are the ones guilty of crimes today in every land.

The Boston Herald, of Sept. 22, chronicles the burial of a dog belonging to C. V. Neardsley in a satin-lined casket, and the burial of two sailors in the potters' field in wooden boxes. This is a great and glorious country, where dogs are of more account than men who lose their lives in producing wealth. VOTE HARD to keep the old parties in power, ye workmen, that treat dogs better than yourselves. Wonder how the dogs would vote if they were enfranchised?

Socialists contend that "overproduction" is the cause of industrial depressions. Now note: Dispatches this week state that the four mills of Minneapolis will close for a season; that the Steel Trust will shut down one-half of its furnaces; that many mines in the anthracite fields are being closed; and that in many other industries the same conditions are appearing. This means that many thousands of employes are out of work, have no wages and can buy nothing; that what they formerly bought with their wages will now be unbought, which will cause a still further reduction in industries, for employers will not produce when they can not sell, and men without wages cannot buy.

On twenty-five separate occasions President Roosevelt has had special trains or special cars, which the railroads furnished him free. Do you suppose the railroads furnish special trains without a reason or hope of reward? Does it look like a man of honor would put himself under obligations to the corporations who are interested in nearly every act passed by congress or signed by the president? It appears that the corporations have nothing to fear from the president. Still, nobody who had kept track of the public affairs expected anything else than what has happened. And thus is one illusion of the people dispelled only to give place to another. It looks worse for a president to take such favors from corporations, than for a judge to accept presents from the side or the party to a suit in whose interest he always decides.

The millionaires have taken possession of the Adirondack mountains in New York, and have fenced them up like the ducal estates in Europe, put armed "game wardens" to keep the wild game for their especial pleasure in hunting like their royal European friends, and the residents of that section, accustomed to believe that wild game is wild game, and that they have as much right to use it for food as any one, have got mad and killed some of the millionaire hirelings. The rich do not need these mountains. They have homes elsewhere, while the mountaineers have not. These mountaineers are democrats and republicans and in their ignorance appeal to assassination to right their wrongs. If they had not been kept in ignorance by the rulers, they would know that such action is just the one to injure them and not the owners and that the conditions could not be changed by murder. The danger that lies in the strained conditions of the common people toward the rising aristocracy is made plain. When the people are ignorant of a remedy they appeal to brute force. If this becomes general it will end in a physical revolution in which millions will be slaughtered. If these foolish people had the least political sense they would vote the Socialist ticket and make laws that would prevent the rich from hogging what they do not need. But they will likely vote the old party tickets and commit murder to effect the 'desires. There is danger in the old party voters.

In Cripple Creek, Colo., the capitalists have 1,000 state troops at their command. These troops arrested labor leaders without any complaint. The Labor Unions secured writs of habeas corpus from the courts but the militia officers refused to recognize the civil authority, though no martial law has been declared. This is anarchy. This is what the Colorado working class get for voting for republicans for office. The only way for the laboring class to get control is to elect Socialists and the militia will be used in the interest of the working class, and AGAINST the capitalist class. Which does the working class prefer?

# What Do You Believe?

Do you believe that it would be right for one man to own the whole State of Kansas?  
Or to own one-half of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri?  
Or to own one-fourth each of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri?  
Of course you don't unless you are a very ignorant, foolish person, who does not know the terrible effect such ownership would have on the people who must live in such territory.

Notice now that it is not complete ownership of a state, but the imminence of that ownership to which you would object. For it would be just as bad to own part of many states equal in value to one state, as to own one state, otherwise you would not think it bad to own part of several states.

Now please explain to YOURSELF what is the difference whether one man owns the State of Kansas or whether he owns property equal to the whole state? And if he owned property equal to the whole state, yet had it in many states, could he not conceal that vast ownership much better than if it were the fee simple to a state?

Now what I am driving at is this: There are several men in the United States who each own as much or more than if they owned the whole state of Kansas in fee simple, with all its lands, houses, machinery, stock, stores and movable wealth.

Mr. Morgan, Mr. Rockefeller and a number of other people are credited with having possession of more wealth than the REAL (not assessed) valuation of a state like Kansas, and are rapidly adding to that vast ownership and power.

What are you going to do about it? If the ownership of a state would be WRONG and these men own more than a state, then this wrong should be righted. Shall wrong be upheld? Is wrong practical and RIGHT IMPRACTICAL? Shall the laws be made to foster wrong and crush right? If men wrongly possess property shall they be protected in the wrongful possession? Should the laws be made to protect the weak or poor, or should they be made to protect the strong and rich? Is it the strong or the weak that need protection?

The profits from these vast ownerships is being invested in other property to make more profits to buy more property to make more profits.

Where is it going to end, except in the ownership by a few of all the wealth of the nation?

Do you not know that such ownership by a few would produce a bloody revolution, and that the rich could and would hire soldiers to slaughter the people in their efforts to retain control of what they had skinned the people of the nation? Are you willing to invite such a terrible time as that will surely bring by refusing to begin now to organize to not only prevent this vast power, but to take over the property and thus destroy even the power these men now possess over the public?

Sooner or later the people will take over all the property in self defense. Nothing is surer than that. The sooner it is done the easier it will be to do, and the sooner the benefits of Socialism will come to all the people.

The concentration of wealth in the hands of a few destroyed Rome and all other nations. Shall we permit the Great Republic of the New World to likewise perish amid the pomp and power of private wealth?

It is up to you.

## The Drums will Beat in Arkansas.

Long before this paper reaches you there will be a small body of people in a country district of Arkansas, 30 miles from a railroad, immensely pleased. Craig local, of Van Buren county, organized by Dr. C. C. Stell on August 9th, 1903, wins the first set of instruments on the Drum Corps contest for 9 subscribers. There was one other contesting local, that of Green Lane, Pa. The instruments will be ordered forwarded just as soon as shipping directions can be learned. We congratulate the Arkansas boys. If they prove to be as good drummers as they are fiddlers, the country round will ring with music. Now we will venture that there are about 500 locals that will wish for something to hit them when they read how easy this prize was secured. You could have got it? Why, of course, but you were sleeping while the Arkansas boys went out and hustled in all they could find at one picking, and then they won an \$18 prize for \$2.25. Now, boys, the Appeal has arranged for fifty sets of these instruments and every Saturday night a local will be awarded one of them. If you want in, get busy. Here is all you need to understand: The local sending the most subscribers during week, the names written and signed by the secretary, will be awarded a set of instruments.

You see, boys, the country local has as good a chance to win as the city, for while there are more people in the city, they are more canvassed than the country people, and thus things balance all around. If you fall the first time you can try it again for some other week. Watch this space for announcements of the contest.

Henry Demarest Lloyd, political economist and friend of the laboring masses, died at his home in Chicago, Sept. 23.

**CAPITALISTS** insists that the right to labor **MUST BE MAINTAINED**, (meaning covertly the right to hire non-union labor.) All right. If Laborers have the **RIGHT** to labor, is that right on no account to be abrogated or denied? Shall they be maintained in that right against the wish, pleasure or interest of the owners of the places where they desire to labor? If the owners of such places where they desire to labor has the right to refuse them the use of such places, how is the right to labor to be maintained? Is not the refusal to a laborer of the right to work where he pleases, or at satisfactory wages, a denial of the right to work—a failure to maintain his right to labor? Or is labor merely as a horse, with no right of selection as to what, or where or when he shall labor, or what he shall receive? Is the matter of wages not a factor in the matter? Shall each laborer be maintained in the right to work at such wages and hours as he may like? And if so, shall the employer be compelled to pay such wage? And if not, would not the right to labor be broken instead of being maintained? Would not the right to labor carry with it the same right of a Union worker to get the wages he demanded as the right of the Non-Union worker to get the lower wages he demanded? If not, why not? To what judge can laborers appeal to protect themselves in the right to labor?