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URGES ACTION FOR UNITY

MAJORITY OF S. D. P. COMMITTEE ON UNION ISSUES STATEMENT TO MEMBERS.

To the Comrades of the Social Democratic Party: The manifesto issued by the national executive board of the Social Democratic party and published in the S. D. Herald of April 7th, 1900, demands that the majority members of the committee on Union in Justice to themselves and the movement state their position to the party membership. We regard the issuance of the manifesto as a grave mistake and one calculated to bring disruption into the party and thus cause serious injury to the cause of socialism. For this reason we submit to your consideration the following statement of facts.

We protest emphatically against the right exercised by the national executive board in issuing such a manifesto before receiving the official report of your committee on union.

The action of the board clearly usurps power and is entirely without the jurisdiction of an executive committee acting in the name of a democratic organization, and though no other reason existed THIS ONE alone justifies the members of the Social Democratic party in voting "Yes" on the question of Union.

The New York conference closed Wednesday, March 28th. The manifesto is dated as written on the following Monday, April 2d, only four days having elapsed. The results of the conference were not, and in fact could not have been officially submitted to the board and therefore was based upon information received from individual and irresponsible sources and was not actuated by the fear expressed by them of "a spirit of a revolt thundering at our doors."

The manifesto states that the committee of sixteen "failed of performing its true work in two salient and vital points"—first as regards the name and second as to the referendum on the name. This statement is unequivocally false. The instructions received by your committee were to urge the name Social Democratic party. This was done with all the ability and argument at the command of the committee. The committee of the Socialist Labor party, however, were desirous that their party membership should be allowed to vote upon two names and after a lengthy debate, your committee suggested that two names be submitted to a referendum vote of both parties: One the Social Democratic party, and the other whatever name the S. L. committee might select.

As regards the referendum vote your committee was instructed that a concurrent vote of each party should decide upon the name, but your committee understood that in the event of names voted upon failing to receive a concurrent majority of each party, negotiations for union would have ceased. In order that the efforts for union should not be annulled we submitted as a proviso, that in case either of the names fails to receive a concurrent vote, the membership of each party should decide the question of name by voting upon the following proposition:

"In case the party name voted for by you fails to obtain the concurrent majority of both parties shall the name receiving the majority of the total vote of both parties be adopted?"

This proposition also requires a concurrent majority before taking effect. It is plain then that your committee has not violated any instructions and instead has left the entire matter of name to the membership of both parties.

On the matter of pledges, we insist that it is both unfair and unjust to hold the joint conference on unity responsible for any pledges made at any private conferences held without the authority or sanction of the convention. And we hold furthermore that the question of the union of the socialist forces is of too much moment to the cause of socialism to be in any way endangered by any individual or unofficial acts.

We protest against the indirect charge made against our comrades of the Socialist Labor party that they studiously evaded giving any definite information concerning their membership; the insinuation that the Socialist Labor party would resort to unfair means in order to gain advantage over their comrades of the Social Democratic party. This charge is an insult to the members of the Socialist Labor party and one which deserves a stern rebuke from the members of your party. Comrade Job Harriman stated upon the floor of the Indianapolis convention the enrolled membership of the Socialist Labor party, and Comrade Harriman's statement was essentially confirmed by their national secretary at the New York conference.

In view of the foregoing statement of facts we desire to impress upon the members of the Social Democratic party the utmost necessity of voting "Yes" on the proposition embodied in the manifesto. The national executive board has not only exceeded their authority, but also placed the movement for Socialism in this country in a critical and perilous position.

After union had been practically consummated and a united ticket placed in the field which attracted the attention of the world and aroused the enthusiasm of Socialists everywhere, the board places before the membership a proposition which would annul every act taken thus far toward union and thus hold the movement up to the contempt and ridicule of the enemies of our cause.

There was no reason why union should not have been accomplished easily and satisfactorily to the members of both parties and it would have been effected without undue friction had not the manifesto been issued.

The enthusiasm that first found birth at the Rochester convention and which had been steadily growing would have found expression in the most remarkable and energetic campaign ever made by the Socialists of the United States. Instead, we are now engaged in a controversy involving details which are of infinitely small importance when compared to the great question of uniting the Socialist forces.

Regarded in the proper light the manifesto coming when it did was the most serious blow that could be delivered to the cause. Nothing could serve more to dissipate the energy, shatter the hopes and stem the rising tide of Socialist enthusiasm than this manifesto. An automatic assumption of authority, a mass of misstatements and a glaring attempt to hinder the progress of our movement, it deserves severe condemnation at the hands of those who have labored to bring the Social Democratic party to its present magnificent standing.

The Socialists of America desire a united Socialist movement. They are weary of wasted effort, of the loss of time, ability and energy involved in controversies over technicalities which bear little significance beside the more important work of education, agitation and organization, the emancipation of mankind, the liberation of the working class, depend upon concerted and harmonious action on the part of those who believe that all of this will reach fulfillment in the co-operative commonwealth.

The great task of abolishing the present capitalist system and inaugurating Socialism rests with us.

A union of Socialists will mean shortly a union of capitalists into one party, and the hastening of the conflict to be fought out between the friends and enemies of human freedom.

Let no Social Democrat fall in the full performance of his duty at this critical period. The rising economic and political conditions demand Union. Let us show an example to the world by following the inspiring injunction enunciated by Marx: "Workers of all countries, unite! You have naught to lose but your chains; you have a world to win."

Respectfully submitted, Wm. BUTSCHER, JOHN C. CHASE, JAMES F. CAREY, G. A. HOEHN, W. P. LONERGAN.

Please read this at the next meeting of your Branch. Also show it to all comrades.

WITH THE AGITATORS. WHAT THEY ARE DOING FOR THE CAUSE OF SOCIALISM.

Social democrats of Terra Haute, Ind., have adopted a splendid platform and have entered upon a vigorous educational campaign. This is the first time a political party has ever adopted a municipal platform in Terra Haute and the social democrats ask votes for their candidates "in support of the principles advocated in this platform, and not because they are 'good fellows.'" And that's the way to talk.

National Brewery Workers local unions are raising a campaign fund for the support of Debs and Harriman.

New branches of the social democratic party are announced as organized last week at Lamanda Park, Cal.; Osceola, Fla.; Livingston, Mont.; Harville, Mo.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Prosser, Wash.; Crookston, Minn.; San Antonio, Tex.

E. J. Clear of San Antonio, Texas, has been nominated for congress by the social democrats of the San Antonio district.

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ANTI-SOCIALIST WRITES LETTER

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION OF EFFORTS OF HAVERHILL COUNCILMEN TO REDUCE WAGES OF STREET LABORERS.

The following letter has been handed in at this office for publication, and as we are willing to let the other side be heard, it is herewith printed.

To the Editor of the Haverhill Social Democrat:

I am a stranger in the city of Haverhill, being detained here for several days on private business. Since sojourning among the citizens of your city, the interest I had already felt in the doings of this municipality has been greatly increased, and were it not for certain tendencies greatly to be regretted, but apparent to everyone, I would seriously consider the advisability of making my permanent residence in Haverhill. But I am a man of affairs, possessed of considerable property, and I do not feel justified in settling down in a neighborhood where the doctrine of Socialism is unfortunately obtaining such a foothold. It is a matter for sincere congratulation that there still remains in the political life of Haverhill men with the courage to withstand the blandishments of a set of agitators whose only object in life is to array the otherwise contented working people against the industrious and intelligent classes of the community, who are the real bulwarks of liberty and progress.

I have learned a great deal about the manner in which the affairs of your municipality have been conducted since the time when Socialism became a fetish with a certain class of your citizens, and I must express my profound admiration for the stalwart attitude assumed by the members of the government who have become known as the "anti-Socialists." I regret I have not had an introduction to these gentlemen. I would have liked to have met them and congratulated them in person for the heroic work they are performing in giving Haverhill an economical business administration. But I can admire them from a distance and wherever I go henceforth, I will point to the brave men who are fighting the vile scourge of Socialism which is rampant in Haverhill as splendid examples for those to follow who will probably have the same dreadful contest on their hands before many years are past. When the other cities of this grand republic are threatened by the vile scourge which now afflicts Haverhill, may there be men like Roche, Bullock, Nichols, Watson, et al., to battle for the individual rights of the citizens, especially those with property and business interests at stake. Of late years there has become rampant among the laborers of the United States a sentiment against the present condition, a sentiment all the more regrettable because it is a false one. This sentiment of revolt has been fostered by such men as Debs, Carey, Chase and by those who neglect to remember that this is the freest, grandest country in the world, and that labor in our land has greater liberty than in any other on the globe. It is true that the hours of labor in America are longer and in proportion to the amount of wealth produced the remuneration is smaller than elsewhere, but so long as the workers themselves exercise the liberty to work long hours for low wages, shall we deny them the right? This, my dear sir, would be striking at the very root of our free institutions and they must be preserved at all hazards.

I have been prompted to write you this letter and thus infringe upon your valuable space, by reason of my attendance at the meeting of the common council on Tuesday evening last. The noble conduct there displayed by a courageous few excited my admiration, and at the same time increased my contempt for the fanatics who persist in allowing a wasteful expenditure of money in the street department. The

Other Socialist, Mr. Carrigg, is a bright looking young man, who seems to be very sincere in his attitude upon this important matter. He, too, is moved by sympathy for the laborers and he really seems to feel that this wage reduction will cause them suffering. This is to be deplored, as the reduction is, of course, necessary or the anti-Socialists would not consider it for a moment. It is this apparent sympathy for the working people that makes the Socialists to be dreaded by us, for history shows that when any people become sincerely devoted to what they believe to be a principle they will sacrifice a great deal for that principle.

It speaks much for the patience of the anti-Socialists that they were able to retire to an ante-room and enjoy a game of hearts while the repeated recourses were being taken. I noticed that some of the audience, which from what I could judge, was principally made up of street laborers and a large number of socialists, did not seem to appreciate the situation and

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WILLIAM MAILLY, Editor

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THEY MUST GO.

Our socialist friends of the sixth district are opposed to the Frye shipping bill as in the interests of capitalists.

There is no use talking, the wicked capitalists, as capitalists, must get off the earth.

The labor organizations of New York secured the passage of a law regulating the hours of labor and the wages paid by contractors.

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The Gazette, anxious to continue its work of misrepresenting the social democrats, says the sixth congressional district convention condemned the post office department.

There is a nine-hour bill before the Austrian parliament which the socialist members are trying to force through.

ment occurs. Instead he places the blame upon the privileges given to second class matter, which on the whole are just and beneficial to the people.

Whether purposely or not, not one report in the daily press of the platform and resolutions adopted by the congressional convention at Newburyport contained any allusion directly or indirectly to the condemnation of the national republican administration and the Idaho state democratic administration for aiding and abetting the outrages in the Coeur d'Alene district.

The agitation against the contract of furnishing the war department with supplies being given exclusively to certain Jew contractors in Philadelphia and New York is not caused by any antipathy especially to Jews, but chiefly because every sort of business shark is not given an equal chance to fleece the government.

Comrade Elizabeth H. Thomas, after several months of hard and unselfish work in the office of this paper, left Haverhill on Friday last for Boston.

There was a lapse of virtue on the part of the house of representatives on Tuesday when the bill placing the full cost of abolishing grade crossings upon the railroads was refused engrossment by a ye and nay vote of 66 to 33.

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Mr. Selfridge of Boston said in the house of representatives the other day that Representative Carey had been forced upon the legislature.

John D. Rockefeller owns a large and beautiful estate covering several miles in New York state, but the music of the flowing waters of the tiniest brook in his domain is sweeter by far than the jingle of his innumerable millions heaped up from the products of unrequited labor.

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Having succeeded in breaking the Croton dam strike the heroes of the New York seventh regiment have returned home to rest upon their laurels, and prepare for other strikes to conquer.

The trust placed in the capitalist parties by the workers is one of the greatest trusts in existence, but it is certainly one that will be broken up some day.

Governor Roosevelt has fully established his claim to run for president after his heroic work on behalf of the Croton dam strikers.

That was a costly entertainment indulged in by several coalition members of the common council on Tuesday night last.

Admiral Dewey has not yet announced his political views, probably because he hasn't any.

If "the workers are their own worst enemies," they can also be their own best friends.

Are you going to the fair?

The fact that the social organization of production within the factory has developed to the point where it has become incompatible with the anarchy of production which exists alongside of and above society—this fact is made palpable to capitalists themselves by that forcible concentration of capital that is accomplished in the course of the crisis, through the ruin of many large, and still more, small capitalists.

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SOCIALISM—A DEFINITION

(With Apologies)

By Eugene V. Brewster.

Socialism is a system not to be applauded, corrupted or compromised. It knows no baseness, it covers to no danger, it oppresses no weakness. Fearless, generous and humane, it rebukes the arrogant, cherishes honor and sympathizes with the humble.

It breathes into the soul of labor the new life of the world and raises it from the level of the beast. It restores to the producer his stolen implements of production, equitably distributes his products and transforms the lowly slave into ripe and beauteous manhood.

The ignorant, the vulgar, the base in spirit may denounce it as a dangerous thing, but in the social and industrial evolution socialism shall show to all the world that its principles are eternal, its laws immutable, its claims indisputable and its consummation inevitable.

THE ONLY WAY.

Down the brae, where leaves are shooting, Bleating lambs again are scotting; High above the sowing farmer, in the blue the skylarks sing;

Songs and signs of hope abounding, Spite of shot and shell resounding, Still plead for a recording and inspire a passing lay.

To the brighter day that's coming, When the tramping and drumming That distract and afflict have, like winter, passed away.

When this jingo, crazy season, Born of ignorance and treason, Has spent its senseless fury in the carnival accused, As in other days of yore, 'E'en the Briton and the Boer Must give at last to council all that reason claimed at first.

All our sons and brothers slain, Are but impotent and vain To right the rooted wrong of men or rectify abuse, Since their death alone can give to the villains spared that live More gilded toys of torture sans all servicable use.

In a lily-handed lord, Still the golden-billed sword Will be wielded, to hold workers in obedience at his knees, Who would scorn to use a spade, Or the tools of any trade, Is the enemy of all men who aspire to be free.

If we wish the wrong thing righting, We must make an end of fighting, For a melting up of cannon, and a hurrying of brass, And exchange our buckaneering For some sane electioneering, Or remain for aye the victims of our economic chains.

—Gleaner in London Labor Leader.

"LABORERS"

Now comes an objector to the socialist contention that the "laborers" should rule the industries. As usual with the objector against socialist ideas, his intellect bags a little at the knees.

The socialist merely wish to eliminate from power in government the useless, and to retain and continue only the useful members of society. To labor intelligently is to assist society. Those who do not labor are parasites.

The election of five out of seven socialist candidates to the city council in Copenhagen, Denmark, and a steady gain in the total vote has set the privileged classes and their politicians worrying again.

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The following circular letter has been sent out by the New York Central Federated union:

New York, Feb. 26, 1900. Fellow Workers: At a meeting of our union we were visited by two delegates from our newly acquired territory of the island of Porto Rico for the purpose of arousing the sympathy of organized labor in this country in regard to the shameful conditions which they are compelled to endure at present.

It is our desire, fellow-workmen, to assist our brethren; we therefore appeal to you to aid us in this noble cause, so that we may assist those who come to ask our hand of fellowship and co-operation in this work.

We realize that the island of Porto Rico is at least an open book, and the withdrawal of a territorial government with the purpose of admitting them into statehood as soon as possible.

All communications to be sent to Ernest Bohm, Cor. City Central Federated Union, University Settlement Building, 184 Eldridge street, New York city.

ARE WE AFRAID?

The curse of this generation is that we are afraid. Anxiety and the fear of want are necessarily the constant companions of the poor; but no class is today exempt. Everywhere there is uneasiness, everywhere there is a growing sense of insecurity, everywhere men dread to receive, and we are unable today to take stock of our resources as we never were before, and the most cursory examination shows that the resources are practically infinite.

The momentum already acquired by the human race is irresistible; neither priest nor master, can hope to bar the way. An immense solidarity of thought, and consequently an immense solidarity of action; a universal acceptance of the common sense teachings of evolution, and the consequent harmony of a universal life conducted upon principles in which all the actors are agreed: such is the forecast of a future which is probably far nearer than even the most sanguine of us suppose.

The socialists of Brockton have shown that their discipline means something more than an empty threat by expelling Alderman Eliza B. Perry from membership in the local branch because he voted contrary to instructions. The frailty of officials to party principles is made good and binding when there is no option but to "go or get," and the members cannot be long in ascertaining exactly how loyally their representatives stand.—Lynn Item.

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MODERN SOCIALISM.

AND ITS RELATION TO PROGRESS - A PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

One of the bright young social democrats of the west is James O'Neal of Terre Haute, Ind. He is an iron worker by trade, and he can discuss the economic question with the ablest of socialism's opponents.

Editor Gazette:

Having read in your issue of the 14th the paper recently read before the Terre Haute Literary Club by Prof. Kemp on "The Relation of the Exceptional Man to Progress," I ask space enough to reply to it as I deem it a misrepresentation, whether conscious or not, of the program and principles of modern socialism.

What were these doctrines? One of them was that we wish to establish an "equality of wages" under some future ideal state of society, while the other is that we would bring the existing social order down to the level of his inferiority. I wish to state that modern socialism does not say anything about equality of wages under a future social system.

What we do say concerning future returns is that the returns for labor will be on an average the full value of his social labor, because there will be no employing class to take the largest portion in profits as now.

What is modern socialism as distinguished from the Utopian ideas of the Fourier, St. Simon, Robert Owen and Bellamy? The distinction is this: The writers above concerned themselves almost entirely with some golden age in the future, while modern socialism concerns itself almost entirely with the present.

Modern scientific investigation has demonstrated that the evolution of society is not shaped by the ideas of any great men such as I have mentioned above, but is molded by the economic interests of great social groups or classes.

Recent municipal elections in Denmark, according to the New York Herald, are very encouraging. In the thirty-five cities where elections were held the socialist vote was tripled.

The French cabinet was interpellated regarding the big strike in the Isle of Martinique, and would probably have been overthrown had not ex-Premier Ribot charged that the government was only able to stand because of the support of the socialists.

In the German reichstag the social democrats won a brilliant victory by forcing the government to postpone a bill to give the police greater power to regulate the sale of books, pictures, theaters, public entertainments, etc.

The king of Italy has pardoned C. Battisti, who was falsely accused of bomb-throwing and sentenced to penal servitude for life. The socialists stated that Battisti would be nominated for parliament in one district after another until elected, and thereupon the government became alarmed and pardoned the innocent man.

In Walthamstow, England, the social democrats carried the day in school board election, polling 556 votes against 323 three years ago.

The attempt to connect socialists with the attempt of a boy to assassinate the Prince of Wales in Brussels is proving a big boomerang. No socialist was connected with the affair, even remotely, and the public has been benefited by the lying statements of the capitalistic press and politicians.

The declaration of Italy's celebrated poet and orator, D'Annunzio, as a member of parliament, that henceforth he intends to work with the socialists has created a big furor. The government and royal family don't like the news a little, as it is feared D'Annunzio's example may be followed by other young men.

Now, what is modern socialism? I shall try and give an explanation in a few words as possible. In the first place it is not a new religion, an ideal state of society away off in the future where everybody will have a pair of wings and a golden harp.

As we look back through the ages of the past we see that humanity in its gradual ascendancy to civilization has reached certain marked stages in its onward march, and these various stages have been classified and given a name by investigators.

The socialist answers that social ownership of the land and the implements of wealth production is the next stage that social development points out.

I have not the space to point out the laws which I believe drive us to the accomplishment of this end, suffice it to say that these laws will not be found in the works of Bellamy or other Utopian socialists.

To those who read these lines it is evident that the only proper and scientific method of combating socialism is to question or destroy its premises and not its conclusions.

What we propose is a co-operative commonwealth. Some men say that we want to compel you to co-operate. Do you not see that you are already compelled; that capital compels you; that unless you organize and control the machine you and the machine!

What we want is to induce men to take the typesetting machines, the spindles and looms, the foundries and railroads, the threshers and factories of all descriptions, out of the hands of individuals and put them in the interest of the commonwealth.

The socialist members in the parliament of Italy have forced the president of the chamber to resign. He persisted in making illegal rulings in the interest of the capitalist parties and the government, which is again attempting to further disfranchise the workers and to break up labor unions and political organizations.

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HARRIMAN ON SOCIALISM

THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S VIEWS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

By Job Harriman.

We are endeavoring to bring about a condition where each and every man will have an equal opportunity with every other man.

All the ages of human progress have been marked with conflicting individual economic interests, that is, by competition. It is competition which has brought us where we are.

These combinations are absolutely inevitable as long as competition exists. Concentration of power conforms to the science of political economy.

The reason we have concentration of capital in its present form is because of the wages system which makes possible the monopolization of industries.

It is admitted that labor produces all wealth; that wages are not drawn from a result of the products of labor.

The essence of competition is that one individual shall get more of the goods for which he competes than does his competitor.

If all society had access to all capital and every member of the community were supplied with food and clothing, the requisites of life in return for his labor, it would no more destroy man's aspirations or rivalry than it does those of the school boy or the artist or sculptor or the inventor or any other aspirant in the field of art or science.

What we propose is a co-operative commonwealth. Some men say that we want to compel you to co-operate. Do you not see that you are already compelled; that capital compels you; that unless you organize and control the machine you and the machine!

What we want is to induce men to take the typesetting machines, the spindles and looms, the foundries and railroads, the threshers and factories of all descriptions, out of the hands of individuals and put them in the interest of the commonwealth.

The socialist members in the parliament of Italy have forced the president of the chamber to resign. He persisted in making illegal rulings in the interest of the capitalist parties and the government, which is again attempting to further disfranchise the workers and to break up labor unions and political organizations.

The French cabinet was interpellated regarding the big strike in the Isle of Martinique, and would probably have been overthrown had not ex-Premier Ribot charged that the government was only able to stand because of the support of the socialists.

In the German reichstag the social democrats won a brilliant victory by forcing the government to postpone a bill to give the police greater power to regulate the sale of books, pictures, theaters, public entertainments, etc.

The king of Italy has pardoned C. Battisti, who was falsely accused of bomb-throwing and sentenced to penal servitude for life. The socialists stated that Battisti would be nominated for parliament in one district after another until elected, and thereupon the government became alarmed and pardoned the innocent man.

In Walthamstow, England, the social democrats carried the day in school board election, polling 556 votes against 323 three years ago.

The attempt to connect socialists with the attempt of a boy to assassinate the Prince of Wales in Brussels is proving a big boomerang. No socialist was connected with the affair, even remotely, and the public has been benefited by the lying statements of the capitalistic press and politicians.

The declaration of Italy's celebrated poet and orator, D'Annunzio, as a member of parliament, that henceforth he intends to work with the socialists has created a big furor.

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PLATFORM OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The social democratic party of America declares that life, liberty and happiness depend upon equal political and economic rights.

In our economical development an industrial revolution has taken place, the individual tool of former years having become the social tool of the present.

Capitalism, the private ownership of the means of production, is responsible for the insecurity of subsistence, the poverty, misery and degradation of the ever-growing majority of our people.

The present system of social production and private ownership is rapidly converting society into two antagonistic classes—i. e., the capitalist class and the propertyless class.

Independent political action and the trade union movement are the chief emancipating factors of the working class, the one representing its political, the other its economic wing, and both must co-operate to abolish the capitalist system.

Therefore the social democratic party of America declares its object to be: First—The organization of the working class into a political party to conquer the public powers now controlled by capitalists.

Second—The abolition of wage slavery by the establishment of a national system of co-operative industry, based upon the social or common ownership of the means of production and distribution, to be administered by the society in the common interest of all its members.

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones; all means of transportation, and communication; all water-works, gas and electric plants, and other public utilities.

Fourth—The public ownership of all gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, coal, and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

Fifth—The reduction in the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production.

Sixth—The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose.

Seventh—Useful inventions to be free, the inventor to be remunerated by the public.

Eighth—Labor legislation to be national, instead of local, and international when possible.

Ninth—National insurance of working people against accidents, lack of employment and want in old age.

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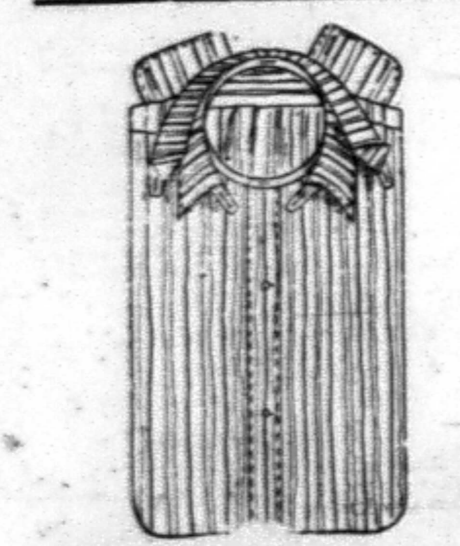
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