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Govenor Haskell

I am proud to say that I had the pleasure of hearing the famous C. N. Haskell deliver his inaugural address, and strange as it may seem, I actually did expect to hear something that at least bordered on to a remedy for the present industrial panic, but not a word did this so-called radical emit that would in any way cheer the hungry and oppressed. He did, however, show his pitiful ignorance and inability to give a remedy when admitted that the twenty-nine million dollar fine assessed against the Standard Oil company would inevitably have to be paid by the people. Is it possible that there is a working man left in this state that is so menial minded as to continue voting the Democratic ticket after his standard bearer, like the miserable defender of slavery that he is, comes out in inaugural address and says that we must bow to the will of mammon or bring down the wrath of the god of greed on our rebellious heads. It is alright for the Standard Oil company to make forty per cent dividend on their stocks but if they make it by theft and a judge sees fit to take part of it back by due process of law the rash act is liable to wreck the whole financial system. Mr. Haskell says that by fining the Standard Oil company such an enormous amount that the people will become afraid to invest their savings in corporations and that will retard industrial progress. In other words, he gives us common suckers to understand that whatever we do we must not try to cut down the profits of the corporations—the welfare of industry depends on the amount that the common people will stand to be robbed of. That's awful fine dope, but somehow or the other nothing but a willing slave will swallow it. Under chattel slavery the more the slaves produced the more they were worth, but under wage slavery the more the slaves produce the more the machinery of production is worth and the less the slave is worth. Under chattel slavery when a slave got sick or died it was a loss to the master, but now when a slave gets sick or dies it makes times better; everybody but the slave himself rejoices; the undertaker's business picks up, the doctor begins to look wise, the coffin maker gets his wife a new dress, the druggist—another story on his smoke house, his widow buys a pair of black shoe strings and a sack of flour, while the philanthrope insurance company points to her as an example of the immense amount of good they are doing humanity.

This capitalist system is thoroughly saturated with disease and death, crime and vice, want and misery, oppression, robbery and deception, and yet the preachers almost to a man support it. It is an utter impossibility for a person to live a Christian life and be a financial success under capitalism. Every

preacher that defends the profit system is not only guilty of aiding and abetting the murder of a million babies and the debauchery of a quarter of a million virtuous women annually, but he is assisting the human race on its course to a hell on earth and the inevitable destruction of all the virtues that remain in the race, but he is violating, and defending others who violate, the one command in the bible which is worth more than all the rest of the bible combined, which is "earn thy bread in the sweat of thy face." If all laws were founded on that one command there never would have been a pauper on earth, there wouldn't be any virtue traded for bread, there wouldn't be any monkey dinners, there wouldn't be any diamond-studded pug dogs, there wouldn't be any thin-pated, champagne-soaked harlots flying around in automobiles, sneering at ladies who are as far superior to them as a white dove is to a bait-stealing turtle, and whenever you hear a preacher say that any man has a right to live off of the labor of others you hear a hypocritical scoundrel who is lower down than the sneak thief, because he not only helps to rob you, but insists that you believe that it is right, so you won't object when the next thief comes along. That the church was the friend of labor up to the time of Constantine cannot be denied, but the ruling class by this time had learned that a man will sacrifice his all for religion, and they set about to capture it, and they were so successful that ever since then the church has been the bulwark of oppression. Not a step has been made in science that has not been resolutely fought by the church. Jesus Christ was a union carpenter, a Socialist, and an uncompromising foe to all kinds of oppression, and if he were to come back and start a newspaper he wouldn't have preachers enough on his subscription list to preach the funerals of the rest of the list. I don't like to talk about the preachers (I suppose you have already noticed that), but take this surrounding country as a sample of the breed and you may form some idea of what they stand for as a class. One joins the Socialist party and pours out his soul to his audience as often as he is able, while he makes his living farming; another rapes his own child and also the child of a neighbor; another swims a lake with a screen wire over his head by the light of the little dipper and a magazine shotgun; another (evangelist he) gets into a controversy with his brethren about the advisability of evangelists having a surplus of women, while he peddles saving grace at so much per save. I don't believe there is another profession, not even the cow thieves, that can show up such a brilliant record in this surrounding country. The whole trouble lies in the fact that for hundreds of years the preachers have supported the ruling class, and there is not a man on earth with as much brains as a March hare but what knows that it is contrary to

the teaching of Jesus. The preacher knows it all right, but while he is finding that out he also finds out that he cannot make a living out of his profession and follow the teachings of Christ. Then it is that he turns traitor to his own self respect, and having the ignorant follower by his superstition which beats the throat a block, he grafts him to the grave, and then some. He gets so many of the good things of this life and is allowed to sorter run at large with all this riotous living stuffed under his belt that he naturally takes kindly to the ladies, sometimes to save them and sometimes to keep 'em—it's owing to who the preacher is. If it were not for the influence of the church there wouldn't be a monarchy on the face of the globe. If the preachers do not know it, I can tell them that fried chicken in the stomach of men who do not labor causes ten crimes to where Sunday baseball causes one.

BIG DINNER ON THANKSGIVING

The big cemetery dinner will be held at the Electric theater house, the proceeds to go to the cemetery fund. Bring on your turkeys, chickens, etc., and leave them at Allen & Newland's, the committee. This is a righteous cause and it is your duty to give it your consideration. No one gets any profit out of this except the satisfaction that Duncan is to have a cemetery free of all incumbrance. It is enough for a person to live a lifetime in encumbered homes without spending eternity in a debt-covered casket. If you want to bring anything that is not cooked, bring it early, and it will be cooked. This dinner will be held Thanksgiving day, November 28th.

It is very common to hear people talking about the oppression of Russia. It seems that it is almost a hopeless task, this business of opening the eyes of the workers to the fact that no despotism can exist except by permission of the subjects. There is hardly a man but what will readily admit that the workers of the world are writhing under the tyrant heel of mammon, yet the very moment you propose a remedy he gets suspicious. He is like the fellow who has kidney trouble; he knows he has it and he also knows he has stood it so far, and that kidney cure, he don't know so much about it; he has already tried several remedies that were guaranteed to cure if you would take six whole bottles, and he is kind a juberous, and the same thing holds good about politics. As far as I am concerned, I will guarantee saw dust to cure bowel complaint if you will take three tons, and send me a report of how you getting along after each ton; take a scoopshovelful at a dose after each meal the first ton, and report to me and I will give you directions for the next ton. The reason more people are not cured by my remedy is because they don't follow my directions. But my remedy for the industrial ills of society is not so hard to swallow, as I require you to take only a headful at a dose and that only once a week, and it costs you only a dollar a year, but that must be paid in advance, and after you take twenty treatments and still you are not relieved you are at liberty to get your money back if you will only call at my office—wherever that may be.

PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

International Collectivism as Set Forth in the National Platform at Chicago, May 8, 1904.

I.

We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratization of the whole society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are alike false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people. Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agents of great propertied interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges and our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker people, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to think or speak for himself or for the common good.

By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university, the public school, the pulpit and the press, the arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become the possessors of private property in the means of life.

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces above subsistence wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

Social-Democracy comes to so organized industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the vast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

II.

As an American Social-Democratic party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of the International Social-Democracy as embodied in the united thought and action of the Social-Democrats of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national, but international, both in organization and results. The

chief significance of national boundaries and of the so-called patriotism which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalists to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggle of contending capitalists for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or the remaining sources of profit.

The Social-Democratic movement, therefore, is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts of interest between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations, and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

III.

The Social-Democratic movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development of world process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyment these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery, as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long since ceased to be individual. The labors of scores or even thousands, enter into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas and continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interest, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded on fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right to be.

IV.

The Social-Democratic program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the constitutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of this strain and crisis of civilization the Social-Democratic movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Social-Democratic movement. The Social-Democratic party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and delib-

erately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Social-Democracy means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all productions shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

V.

To that end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Social-Democratic party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class, for shortened days of labor and increases of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of income, inheritance and of franchise and land values, the proceeds to be applied to the public employment and bettering the conditions of the worker's children and their freedom from the workshop; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including the initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist and increase the like powers of the workers.

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be intrusted to us by our fellow-workers both for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause, to cast their lot and faith with the Social-Democratic party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for the common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves and those which we present to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom of the whole man.

Have you seen those magnificent steel Davenport at Fosters? You should have one. Come and look at them whether you buy or not.

To have them shave you, is a treat at Garrett & Studebaker's.

FIRST VICTIM OF PROHIBITION LAW.

Yeatman Smith, the first individual to be convicted of selling whisky under the new prohibition regime, pleaded guilty to the charge of bootlegging the beverage on Tuesday night before Judge Hooker of the county court, at Oklahoma City, Wednesday morning, and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$50 and to serve thirty days in the county jail.

Smith was arrested by City Detective Roe Burnett and Ed Davis at 5 North Broadway, Oklahoma City.

A. G. Wangeman, proprietor of the Broadway saloon, 166 North Broadway; his bartender, Bass Martin, and the negro porter, Clarence King, were also arraigned before Judge Hooker. They pleaded not guilty and their trial continued until Nov. 22. They were released on bond of \$250 each.

A question of interest to prospective vendors of prohibited liquids is whether or not the court is compelled to assess a fine of \$50 and thirty days in jail alone, or whether it is discretionary with the court to make it a sentence for life and a fine of \$29,240,000, such as did Judge Landis. The clause of the constitution fixing the punishment for the offense only described the minimum penalty.

Our advancing civilization has gone beyond the power and possibilities of the gold standard. Ruskin said that metallic money was a relic of barbarism. So it is. We cannot carry on business transactions amounting to more than one hundred billions a year with every debt payable in gold, and not come to grief sooner or later. The gold standard was established by the bankers for the bankers, but it "won't work." A trap that will catch the people looks good to the banker from the right point of view. It has got the banker now, and he can study the beauties of its benevolent mechanism from the inside. No, the single standard won't work. Neither will the double standard. The money we use must be redeemable by the people of the United States in the necessities of life. Old supervisions, frauds and oppressions are about to pass away.—The We're here.

A FEW FOOLISH QUESTIONS

Oma, in Chicago Daily Socialist.

If the scrip is as good as real currency, why don't the banks keep it and pay out what currency they have?

If they think the scrip is just as good, why did the bank cashier refuse to trade a \$5 gold piece he had for my green counterfeit?

Why don't the confidence in scrip work both ways?

If that security is worth \$1.33 in real money, why do they sell it and give us the dollar and keep the change?

Why do the stores that like the scrip so well give us scrip in change and keep the real money?

If a panic were coming and you were loaded down with high-priced goods, would you not feel with the store-keepers that the depreciation in scrip can't be any worse than the depreciation in goods, and the more of

these high-priced goods you could force on the workers the better for you?

Why should the bankers worry about that \$150,000,000 for dividends; pay them in scrip. Why is it not as good for the shirkers as for the workers?

Why is the scrip only in small denominations? it is only for the poor fellows that never have more than \$10 at one time?

What is the difference between a clearing house check and an order on the gracer? With the clearing house check you have got to find the grocer.

Has Teddy indorsed the scrip? If not, why not? Is there something at last that he won't talk about? Would Teddy take his salary in an order on the grocer or a mail order house?

Who was it lost confidence? The workers were busy and all was lovely, when one morning on our way to work we read the bankers' notice—no cash. We arrived at the factory; the superintendent said he would have to close down. We got our check and went to the bank. No cash. We had plenty of confidence, but where were the banks?

In this country, blessed with the gold standard, where the people have had dinned into their ears the necessity of sound money and the dangers that accompany the use of a circulating medium not redeemable in gold, we find ourselves dependent on paper money, issued by the banks, based wholly on faith in the solvency of the banks, and that faith in solvency of the banks on the part of intelligent men is a mere pretense; so that our circulating medium is based on a bluff at pretending to believe something which it is necessary that all should believe, for the time being, at least. We see here a currency supported absolutely by a state of mind. It is a peculiar situation, and very ticklish. Stand pat is the word. There is no other salvation. When the banks go down our little boats sink in the vortex.—The We're Here.

Anyone wanting to buy good work horses or milk cows will do well to call at JUSTICE office, five good work horses and three good milk cows for sale at reasonable prices, the cows are jersey and will all be fresh soon.

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Just unloaded a car load of new furniture, come in and see it before you buy. At Yates furniture store.

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Shorty Parker, the tamale man, has taken out license for auctioneering. If you want your stuff sold for twice what it is worth don't fail to see Shorty; he has a voice like an imported Democratic politician. 37-tf

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

GEO. L. CROW.

Against us, you will find the man who believes in "blue blood." He may be either coarse or refined. He believes that some are born to ride, and others born with a saddle on. Or he just wants others to think him the "stuff" and to defer to his greatness. This class looks with horror and dread upon a system that would compel ALL to labor; a system that would make the amount of individual effort for the good of all the only test of nobility.

The next class is composed of those who worship the golden calf. They may be either paupers or millionaires. If the former, he looks forward to the time when he may have a chance to climb up the golden stairway and with the plutocrat stand. If the latter, he just simply doesn't want to lose his graft.

Then there is the class who draw salaries ranging from \$100 up. They think they are getting about all they produce, and they do not want to risk a change.

Then there is the speculator or gambler class, who dearly love to back their wit and judgment against the other fellow. To this class life would be a barren waste if their chances to rob somebody were cut off.

Also the M. D.s and D. D.s oppose it because it is not popular, for they have to be popular to get the ducats. The lawyers oppose it because it would put most of them out of business.

Then, added to this, is the blind ignorance and fatal indifference of the workers as to their condition.

On the other side, we have gaunt poverty in the centers of population. The greed and avarice of the capitalist class has blinded them to the smouldering volcano just beneath their feet. When they turn the screws on tight enough then the slaves will lose their stupor and begin to sit up and take notice.

Then the bible is on our side; also the ethics of Christianity. Then the greatest writers in the world today are on our side. The trusts and railroads are fighting for us. People are beginning to study political economy, and when they learn it, why, that means victory for us. Then those cruel monsters who are making slaves of women and children are working for us. Then when a person becomes converted to the principles of socialism he will not backslide. If he goes out into the country in the summer time he sees ragged women and children swinging hoes in the field; or if he goes in the winter season he sees the same crew dragging cotton sacks. Then it is that the blood begins to course madly through his veins and he registers a vow before high heaven that he will fight this accursed system to his last breath. Or perchance, let him visit the city and gaze upon the sweatshops and the houses of ill fame, the children in the factories and the squallor, want and wretchedness of one class and the wasteful luxury of the other, then he almost goes mad. Or let him go and listen to some political spellbinder tell the dear people how smart, prosperous and good looking they are

and then watch the poor, ignorant slaves, some of whom never had a decent square meal in their lives, cheer and whoop 'em up for the old party. Bah! It makes him want to vomit. Or, if he goes to church, the preacher gets up and says a rich man can go through the eye of a needle, then he takes the cholera morbus. Or let him stay at home and he will think about the thousands of men he has heard declare that they believed in the brotherhood of man, and yet were doing nothing to put a stop to this cruel system. He would think about the aged and the children so cruelly neglected in this mad chase after the dollar, and the martyr's spirit begins to burn in his breast.

The Socialist has perfect good will in his heart for the millionaire. He knows that it is to the interest of the rich man to oppose him and he believes in a man working for his own welfare. But when he is putting forth the best efforts of his life to pull his fellow men out of the mud, it does gall him to be sneered at and reviled by the ones that need his help the most. But when a man buttonholes the Socialist and wants him to return to the old party, and tells him there can't be three parties, then it is when the Socialist gets off to himself and has a hearty laugh.

Then the Socialists said, "We are going to have a panic." The other fellow said, "Not so, for there is nothing to cause it." Well, it is upon us, and there is a cause for it, and don't you forget it. Will you, oh, will you ever learn anything, you working mules? The plutocrat, when he sees you, in his heart says "fool"; the man of education when he thinks about you, thinks "fool"; the politician knows you are a fool, and the man who has spent his life in your service, who has tried to lift you up, to place you on a higher plane, places himself with you and bitterly says "fool."

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"A HOME OVER THERE."

BY S. T. PEETS, M. D.

Were a city or county government known to exist anywhere in the world that would employ every citizen who wanted work, and would buy from them everything they wished to sell, at actual value; sell to them everything they wished to buy, perform for them every service possible, build for them ideal homes, give all their children a first-class college education, ALL THESE AT ACTUAL COST, and then provide them a good GOVERNMENT POSITION FOR LIFE, at wages equal to the entire product of their labor, millions of American workingmen would take their families and go there as speedily as possible. Every working man we ever unfolded this proposition to has declared emphatically that he would be very glad of such opportunities—that he would go to the uttermost parts of the earth to secure them.

Well! Certainly!! Then they would circumnavigate the globe to get SOCIALISM, and yet! Think of it!! They won't cast a ballot for Socialism and have all these and many other opportunities, benefits and advantages RIGHT HERE, AT HOME, in the greatest country the sun ever shown upon.

What can be done with such cattle? They pay for "a home over there", in that mythical land of the dead, and won't vote for all these blessings for themselves and their families in this land of the living.

Would they forfeit their home in heaven by voting to make this earth an industrial paradise? Eh?

Why You Pay Rent

When you workers are hired to build a house for another you who cut and saw and plane the timber, who dig the ores and shape the metals and do the other work necessary to prepare the materials, you are paid for what you have done in wages, but the wages are not sufficient to buy what you have made. You must, therefore, pay rent for the house you have built if you wish to use it. In ten or twelve years you have paid to the owner of the house as much in the form of rent as he paid out for all the labor that went into the production of the materials and construction of the house. In the first place, you made the house, but you do not own it. Then you give the owner of the house all the wages you received for your labor in building it, but the building yet belongs to another and you go on paying him for the use of what your labor has made so long as you can get the rent money. It's a fine thing for the fellow who hires you to build and gets an income from what your labor has produced. Under Socialism you would receive the equivalent of all the value your labor would produce. In other words, you would be able to buy all that you would make with your own labor, and you could own the house which you could build. If it were necessary for others to do certain parts of the necessary work in preparing materials or putting them together

you could pay for such service with equal service rendered by you in the work wherein you are skilled, and there would be no idler drawing a perpetual revenue from you and other workers on the specious plea that he owns what you and other workers have made and must use. Of every day's labor you expend in the production of houses or other useful articles you work part of the day for yourself and part of the day for your employer. Then you give back to the same employer the wages received for the work done for yourself with the result that you finally have made the house for nothing and continue to pay for the use of it after you have paid its full value. The incomes of the rich are derived from your labor through the private ownership of houses and industries. All that the capitalists get is taken out of the worker's product. If the capitalists were denied such income it would go to the workers, and that is what Socialism seeks to bring about. It is to the material interest of the workers to abolish the present system, which makes it possible for these private owners to live sumptuously at the expense of the man who labors and it is to the material advantage of the capitalists to keep the working class in ignorance of the smooth game that is being played upon them.—Appeal to Reason.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 22, 1907.

A young couple, aged 95 and 90, were married in Lowell, Mass., the other day. It was love at first sight and their first wedding. If they but knew it they are about four generations behind the times.

Notice has been served on the undertakers that everything in the coffin line, from screws to embalming fluid, has increased ten per cent. It looks mighty like a fellow's going to be taxed to death and then taxed for dying.—Duncan Banner.

THE Banner is trying to give Joe Bailey a boost because he favored the distribution of the federal surplus among the states in proportion to population. What good would that do unless it were put into circulation? If that be what he means, we Socialists have been advocating that proposition for over 30 years, and yet the Banner has never accused one of us of being the greatest statesmen of the age.

The antis are very pronounced in their talk about the calamity that prohibition is bringing on the people. Whenever a nation gets to the point that it has to be saturated with booze to keep it from decaying it is about time that something besides talking were done. I have repeatedly said that the present system was a criminal system and that it takes crime for it to survive. A buzzard would starve on porterhouse and cream gravy, and when society is so arranged that there won't be any carrion then there won't be any buzzards. The same thing holds good about the booze merchant. When society is so arranged that there won't be any competitive warfare, no fear of bankruptcy, no climbing over the dead bodies of others to success, then there won't be any demand for an artificial stimulant to brace the nerves to keep up the eternal struggle, and then and not till then will that social vulture go down and out as a social necessity.

Forty negroes were baptized last Sunday in the Canadian river at Oklahoma City, and still the antis say that prohibition won't make them take to water. Old Zulu, a dope fiend with a police record a mile long, went beneath the waves and had her sins washed away, but when she came up she came telling about

it, and she nailed that preacher around the neck and waltzed him around Willie. About half of the negroes had Baptist fits when they came up out of the water. God may require people to make monkeys out of themselves before he will allow them to enter his beautiful city, but somehow I can't get it into my head that way. The Baptists have some queer ideas of their God. Honesty is only a worldly affair, while to neglect being baptized is a crime to be punished by eternal torture. You may murder, rob, ravish, lie and steal and if you truly repent and get regenerated and born of the spirit and get baptized you are saved, but if you are a walking personification of Christ and your religion is to do good and you never did a dishonest act in your life, never even pretended that you believed that your God ever commissioned Israelite bandits to murder infants and ravish virgins, and you refuse to believe that an all-wise creator demands of you that you discard your reasoning powers and deliberately walk out into a river in midwinter with your life in your hand just to show your faithful obedience, then the Baptists will consign you into the fiery depths of a burning hell, where they have sent most of the rest of the good people.

When Senator Gore said that Oklahoma was the brightest star in the grandest constellation in the universe, he was cheered by ten thousand people, but if he had told them how to throw off the yoke of bondage that the money powers have put on their necks he would have, more than likely, been hissed by the very slaves he would free. It will be remembered that a few years ago Senator Gore was a very advanced Populist and the Democrat who tried to meet him in debate invariably went down to defeat. But the cause of Populism went down to defeat and the workingman rejoiced in the knowledge that he would be permitted to slave it on through his miserable existence, and Gore, like the starving man who eats his brother, turned his back on his honest convictions and another one of America's brightest stars is polluted on account of the gross ingratitude of the sleeping millions. I don't claim that Populism was the solution for our industrial ills, but it most certainly headed towards the goal of freedom.

Subscriptions continue to come in.

WHAT WAS DONE WITH IT

You have heard about how Roosevelt the strenuous put \$25,000,000 into Wall street? Yes? Do you know what was done with it? Well, if you read the financial columns of the New York World and other papers you would know. But as you don't read these papers, you outside of the effete and rotten east, let me tell you. On Friday, October 25th, when the government put this money into the Morgan banks they loaned it on call at 20 per cent interest! And the government didn't get a cent! Other money put in was used to buy up stocks that were forced to be sold. Steel stock, that the combine induced 27,000 of its workers to buy at 85, was sold under the stress at 22 cents on the dollars. You see the government furnished the money to enable the rich to get still richer. O, lordy, but you are easy,

STILL THERE'S MORE TO FOLLOW

A dispatch from Leavenworth, Kansas under date of Nov. 12, says:

"Capt. F. J. Tygard, ex-president of the Bates County National bank at Butler Mo., was brought to the federal penitentiary that afternoon to serve a five year sentence. Capt. Tygard is the twenty-first national banker now in the federal penitentiary. The colony of bank presidents and cashiers is growing constantly. There are more bank presidents in the penitentiary than any other class except horse thieves and territory liquor dealers."

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REAL CAUSE OF FINANCIAL PANICS

BY F. DUNDAS TODD

The so-called practical man despises the theorist, but the later in turn gets even by pointing to the awful muddle the former lands into at frequent intervals. Governments are conducted by practical men, yet a survey of the world at the present time gives one little faith in their judgment. Practical men brought about all over our recent big wars and have made a miserable mess of the peace conference at The Hague. In Russia the czar's practical grand dukes are forcing a revolution in trying to prevent it. In central Europe practical men, by huge armaments, have brought Germany, France and Italy to the very verge of bankruptcy while everywhere the awful weight of poverty is creating an ever-increasing volume of discontent. Yet our practical-men rulers despise the theorist and compliment themselves on their insanity.

The United States is certainly the land of practical men—have they themselves not said it? Not so many years ago they assured us of the full dinner pail for an indefinite period. As practical men they rated the multitude as being equal but not superior to the brute creation, for every farmer assures a full dinner pail to his horses, cattle, hogs and chickens, all without any doubt; but our practical-men rulers make such guarantee a test for election purposes. Think of it, ye supposedly intelligent humans! Beasts are provided with a full dinner pail at all times, but men only occasionally. Practical men rate you as inferior to the brutes, not superior, for if they did they would promise you more than you provide for your four-footed dependents.

These practical men discovered the real cause of financial panics—it was overproduction. No longer would they overproduce, therefore panics would be no more. We Socialist theorists were to be confounded by practice, and as the unending years of prosperity and full dinner pails rolled on into the endless ages, the word Socialism would first become a byword, and then be forgotten. Our trust magnates were the real saviors of the world, and were they not practical men?

And when once in a while the industrial machine seemed to lurch sideways as if it would topple over, did not the practical men who run our government rush to aid by the practical application of free gold to the weak side, and the practical men who conduct our newspapers shout that everything was all right?

But what is the matter? Panics used to come in twenty years—surely this cannot be one with us today, six years before its time. Absurd, ridiculous! And so practical bankers nip it in the bud by refusing to pay depositors, at least the small fellows, their money. There is no run on the bank. Of course not. What is the use if you cannot get your money. This is practical bank management for your life. No theory here; no chance of failure so long

as you refuse to pay the other fellow his money, especially if the rulers stand by you. Great practical scheme, by practical men, not theorists. But will it work?

Let us theorize about it a little. Take a concrete case, work it to the limit, then apply the results, and possibly we may see something.

A merchant starts life penniless and dies worth \$100,000,000. This amount he leaves in trust for forty years, the accumulated sum to be divided between his two grandchildren, who are now boys going to school. From nothing to \$100,000,000 in fifty years assures that our merchant's capital earned a big percentage, but we will be moderate and assume only 6 per cent for forty years. The annual income the first year will be \$6,000,000, an impossible amount to spend on two school boys, so practically all must be reinvested, and so the income next year will be bigger. Compound interest is getting in its work.

At 6 per cent compound interest money doubles in less than twelve years. Here is the schedule of the Field millions on a low estimate:

100 millions at start becomes
200 millions in 12 years.
400 millions in 24 years.
1 billion in 40 years.

Money multiplies itself ten times in forty years at 6 per cent. Therefore John D's billion will become 10 billions.

Now, the problem is: Do these millions make other millions, or merely take other millions? Practical men say make, but let us see for ourselves.

It is claimed that the wealth of this country today amounts to \$1,500 for every man, woman and child. At the time of the last panic it was said to be \$800. Big shrinkage took place in values recently so we will call the amount \$1,000. Last Census showed 80,000,000 people in the United States. Therefore the total wealth of this country will amount to 80 billion dollars, and John D., therefore, owns one-eightieth. If he leaves his fortune in trust for forty years his estate will be one eighth of the total wealth to-day, and forty years later his descendants will own more wealth than there is in this country to-day.

The population of this country doubles in about 30 years, but per capita wealth in actual things increases but slowly. A little figuring will show that a century hence the Rockefeller family will own absolutely everything in the United States, and if the income be higher than 6 per cent, then just so much the sooner will the ultimate be reached. The Rockefeller millions will have taken everything, but made little.

But there are other millionaires, whose millions are taking just as fast as John D's. How about them? Each center of financial gravity is attracting smaller sums to itself, and so in turn each money center loses its relative importance and is absorbed in turn.

Need I go the limit and demonstrate that

if one cent had been invested in the year one it would at 6 per cent interest, be not only equal to all the wealth of this world today, but would demand more billions times billions of earths like ours than any human mind can comprehend to liquidate the indebtedness.

Listen to the conclusion of the whole matter. It is a mathematical impossibility to pay profit and interest—in the last analysis both are the same. You think we do it, but we don't. We pretend to for a little while, then we wipe out the indebtedness and so stop the interest. Listen to the statement of the "Credit Men's Association: "The bad debts in the United States every year equal one-third of all the capital invested in mercantile and industrial pursuits."

Just think of it—one third of this country's capital lost every year. What about the other two-thirds. Do not our current panics wipe out a vast amount of nominal capital on which we have ceased to pay interest. And don't you see that the higher the dividends and the more certain their earning power, the sooner must come the big round up. Our trusts, headed by extremely practical men, forced the individuals, and hastened by six years the inevitable panic—that is the time when we can no longer pay interest.

But a residue of indebtedness still remains and this tends, as we have seen, to center itself in the hands of a few, in preparation for the final adjustment, which we name revolution. For after all, does not a revolution essentially consist of this—that those who are despoiled by those who have not, and a rough-and-ready distribution takes place. In the French revolution the land was taken from the ancient regime and given to a class that was lower in the social scale. In the American revolution the Yankees took New England from King George III and divided it among themselves, and less than half a century ago the southern planter was deprived of his capital in the form of black folks, and the bodies of these were supposed once more to go along with the souls. Should the Russian revolution be accomplished, the most important feature would be the giving of the land to the peasantry and the grand dukes would be deprived of their capital. The payment of interest would be stopped.

Practical men, then, we must conclude, in demanding the payment of profit or interest, are asking for the impossible. Sometime the indebtedness must be wiped out, and when that date arrives there are no days of grace, notwithstanding the absurd things the practical men do as they devise such puny and ridiculous theories as our level-headed bankers are formulating at the present moment.

Bad debts, panics and revolutions will be with us until profit and interest shall be no more. Some day the human race will stop trying to accomplish the impossible—that will be when we have Socialism, because its watchword is "No profit, no interest."

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