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## Work of Butte Socialist Guild

The women of the Butte Socialist Guild recently set the ball rolling in the direction of a much needed reformation movement when, last week, they so successfully secured the release of Agnes Benson from the Silver Bow county jail, where the girl had been placed for little other reason than the unfortunate fact that she was destitute and physically unable to support herself. After she had been in jail several days and it had become evident that the authorities could no longer hold her legally behind the bars, the philanthropists, who were supposed to be caring for the child, put their heads together and decided to launch the charge of insanity against her, which was emphatically denied and condemned by every person who interviewed her. At this stage of the illegal charity farce, the attention of the ladies of the Butte Socialist Guild was attracted by an article, which was published in the Butte Evening News, regarding this case, and with a sense of honest indignation and pity for the girl, they determined to investigate the matter and if the circumstances as reported were found to be true, they would canvass every home in Silver Bow county before this helpless child should be so unjustly dealt with. Accordingly, one of the ladies set forth on the errand of investigation and succeeded in gaining an interview with the little prisoner. After being convinced that Agnes was neither insane nor guilty of crime, a special meeting of the Guild was called as a committee to take the necessary steps to secure the girl's release. Inasmuch as they had learned that she was a Catholic, it was decided to first call upon the Rev. Father De Siere, and ask his assistance in securing Miss Benson's release and also to intercede in having her admitted to the Good Shepherd's Home in Helena, where she had made a request to be taken, as she had usually attended Catholic schools previous to coming to Butte.

It was 10 p. m. on June 21st before they were able to secure an interview with Father De Siere and at this late hour there had not been a voice raised—Catholic or otherwise—in behalf of Miss Benson as far as could be learned. Notwithstanding, however, it has since been falsely stated that Miss Benson was rescued from the county jail and a probable future in the madhouse through the efforts of the Catholic ladies.

The Socialist Guild is composed of ladies of all denominations, and in matters of charity and principle, recognize no sect or creed, but take the stand for humanity in general. Immediately after being released from jail, the young woman was offered a home by two respected citizens, both of which she refused, preferring to be taken to the Good Shepherd's Home, and in compliance with this request, the ladies of the Socialist Guild dressed the forsaken girl clean and comfortable, defraying all expenses, and placed her in the care of Mrs. R. Anna German, a prominent member of the Guild and nominee on the state Socialist ticket for superintendent of state public instruction, who took the young girl to Helena and safely placed her in the convent, where she will be well treated and have a good home.

It was generally supposed by the community of Butte, as will be remembered, that the Women of the Crittenden Circle were caring for Agnes Benson, until it was discovered that she was behind the bars in the county jail, although as far as could be learned she was a proper subject for the

charitable institution mentioned above and not the jail or insane asylum. What is the matter? Can it be, as many persons in the community intimate, that some of our philanthropic institutions are being converted into rendezvous for society gatherings, high noon teas, and aristocratic functions, while the unfortunate waif of circumstances is neglected and allowed to be taken from a pitiful lodging at the mid-hour of night and led off to jail, there to be cared for by men, who have grown more or less hardened from constant handling of unruly criminals.

It is a disgrace to the dignity of a county as wealthy as Silver Bow not to have a competent woman

in attendance in the woman's ward at the county jail, here where women are placed almost every day of the year, and every self-respecting person and taxpayer in the county should raise a voice against this unwarranted negligence. What is being done with the county funds? Some say that the county is trying to curtail expenses, but it is evident that the taxes are not growing less. If we would improve conditions for the general welfare, where shall we begin our reform work but in the public institutions of the nation? We must secure a solid foundation, if we would build aright, and it looks as though there would have to be some hauling down and cleaning out before a better condition of things can be successfully established.

Wake up, comrades! Perhaps there is a little something after all in this recent construction which the old party representatives have placed upon poverty, as is shown in the Benson case,

i. e., insanity. Then come out of the old party-stricken hallucinations, and when you are called to the polls to cast your vote this fall for better principles, stand in unison shoulder to shoulder, and with one mighty voice make your desires so intelligently known that they will be felt and recognized from Castle Garden, New York, to the Golden Gate, California.

**Ladies of the Butte Socialist Guild.**  
Butte, Mont., July 18, 1904.

It is amusing to read some of the country exchanges from the east, and especially so from Nebraska. Populism is still alive according to those papers—that is the papers that are still holding to the public teat. The farmer of that section, who so readily rallied to the call of the populist party or its 16 to 1 proposition, fails to now rally to the Socialist cause, which promises something, not only to the farmer, but his hand as well.

## Classconscious, What Means

Before the working class can intelligently appreciate the animus of the Socialist movement they must have a more or less comprehensive knowledge of what constitutes class lines, what Socialists are aiming to destroy and what they are attempting to establish.

Indeed consciousness means knowledge in its last analysis.

We are proud of the progress the American movement has made, delighted and encouraged that so many thousands have definitely arrayed themselves with the industrial revolutionary forces of society. And yet no one knows better than the Socialists themselves that a bare half million votes are but a handful compared with the majority that it will require to establish the co-operative commonwealth. And all Socialists realize that they are comparatively a lonely voice in a vast wilderness of desolate stupidity.

How to arouse these dense toiling masses to a realization, a consciousness of how unnecessary their worry, and anxiety, and brutalizing toil are, a knowledge that they are crushed and oppressed that others may enjoy the delights of the world, and a clear, rational conception of how this barbarous and senseless oppression may be ended, these are the pressing questions of the hour that perplex the mind of every Socialist, who knows that we might build a better world if we only knew how.

The degrading influence of a system of slavery upon the mind is shown in the well-nigh universal opinion among the unfortunate classes that their misfortunes are of their own making, and that the successful class have earned and deserve their success.

Class consciousness must be based on a knowledge of their own exploitation. That is why the economic facts of our industrial system must be reiterated over and over again. Class consciousness cannot exist without a knowledge of what economic classes consist, a knowledge of the class nature of government, and the true causes of aggregated wealth.

To instill this resisting consciousness into the minds of the wealth producers, who continually face poverty and despair, is the gigantic task of the Socialist educators, speakers, writers, editors, private talkers. Sometimes, even to the most ardent Socialist, the task seems stupendous and impossible. The farmer class is almost a solid mass of ignorance on the subject. The reasons for this are that the farmers have enough to eat and a place to die. They never live. My experience is that mentally they are the most degraded class of workers that we have. Collective workers, no matter how miserable their condition, learn something by association. This the farmers never do, and their ideas are of the primitive sort of thousands of years ago. And even though they own their farm and have all the material comforts, their stinginess is monumental, proverbial and amazing. It is the one great virtue on which they pride themselves. Consequently it is almost impossible to maintain propoganda among the farmers without a special fund behind the work. For this reason the farmer districts of America are still comparatively untouched. The farmers know nothing of what the Socialist movement is, if they are well to do they are satisfied; if they lose everything they are unfortunate. They constitute forty per cent of the voting population. They must be instructed through continuous and patient labor.

There are those who feel dis-

couraged at the enormous amount of people to be reached and the slowness of the propoganda, and if the co-operative commonwealth depended entirely on the intelligent knowledge of all the people it would look as though it might be indefinite years before the goal were reached. No such condition is anticipated. Even our most experienced thinkers estimate that when the Socialist change is made not more than a tenth of the workers will be class conscious or have an intelligent comprehension of what is to be done. The underlying industrial or economic forces which are constantly in operation in the universe are forming necessities of action which will push men in the line of their self-interest, which can only be eventually the co-operative system of production. And there will be enough, there are already enough, of those who have a practical, comprehensive knowledge of the advantages of co-operation to organize the foundations of the new society.

The organization of Socialists at any point is of course an immense step for the education of that community. And yet there is occasion for caution in regard to premature organization. Thorough educational work by those who understand Socialism is better than forming a local of those who have only vague ideas of what the Socialist movement is, and no knowledge of how the party affairs are conducted.

Where the struggle of the classes is not immediately perceived by the conditions of industrial life, it must be pointed out, defined and emphasized. This ever present class struggle is evident in all the forming interests of society around us. Even in the great woman's club movement social interests are at work which will finally disrupt it. In the great city clubs women are dividing along the line of their class interests. Each class resents the attitude of the other, though unconscious of the cause. It is to change this unconscious antagonism into consciousness that is the purpose of the Socialist propoganda, and thus hasten the evolutionary process.

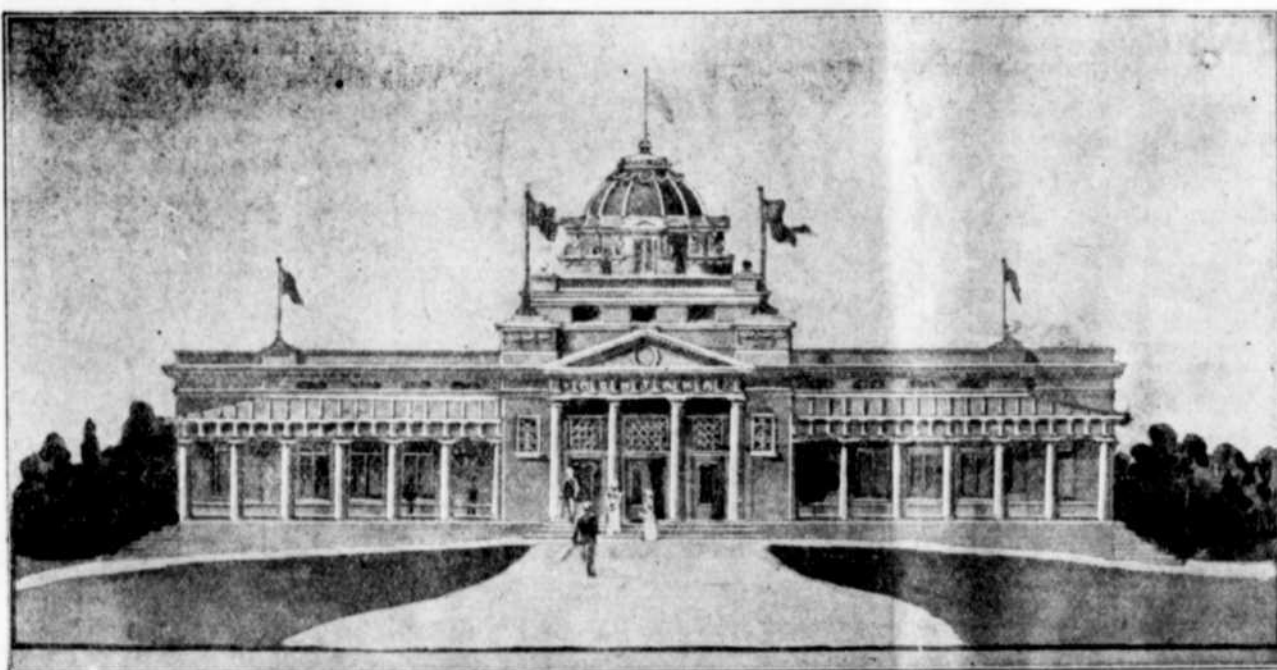
The acceptance speech of Debs at his nomination for president, in Chicago, is one of the clearest and finest expressions on the nature of class consciousness that exists. It should be spread broadcast over the land, and will teach workmen their position wherever it goes.

The crisis is close upon us—is here now. The Socialists have the only magic that will build the new cosmos out of the existing chaos. And "There within the world new builded shall our earthly deeds abide. Though our names be all forgotten, and the tale of how we died."

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

All union and laboring men in general who belong to the republican party can spend their spare moments looking for a "labor plank" in the republican national platform. It isn't needed, however, for laboring mules who at this day and age belong to the old parties are dupes enough to vote for anything.

Congressman Dixon and Senator Carter of Montana were both honored guests at the Peabody-Walsh banquet given in honor of the anarchistic reign of the butcher that puts the acts of Weyer to shame. Union men might remember this and have them explain why they were there; of course they can do it.



MONTANA BUILDING AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION

## THE AMERICAN FARMER UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM

The American farmer and his exploiter are two of the greatest factors which keep the social revolution in the rut of slumber, and there it will stay until the farmer realizes that he is the worst played sucker on the American continent. The farmer has been the slowest to help himself, of any laborer in the world.

The commercial robber is cute, "foxy," and unprincipled, so, because he has nothing else to do but to study the shortcomings of the class he is in the field to rob, by making him believe he is his friend, and going to do that for him he cannot (or will not) do for himself, while he (the farmer) as yet, studies not the schemes of the commercial robber who never earns, but fixes the plans for the farmer, that he may earn that he (the commercial robber) may make off this stupid farmer class.

I speak now of the farmer who owns (that is, he thinks he owns) his farm. Of all the thick-headed men on earth, it is the farmers of this class; and next, comes that class of farmers with mortgages.

First, these two classes believe they own their own lands, because the class who are robbing them tell them so, and they are so busy producing wealth for the robbers that they don't have time to think, and learn that they don't own a foot of land in reality.

The commercialists know this and that it why they say to these farmers: "Why do you want to vote for those Socialists who are going to pass laws so you can't own your farms?" knowing full well that the Socialist program means a system through which every man can own his land, and all that land produces; and that no man can get any rent, interest, or profit from that land; for if they did not know that, do you think they would be fighting Socialism—if Socialism means to take away the lands, wouldn't they be right for that? For are these commercial robbers not tak-

ing hundreds of farms away from you every day through the mortgage and tax process?

Second, no farmer owns his land, even though it is not mortgaged. He is a renter of the state.

Why? Because he pays taxes; and taxes are rents to keep up the expenses of the state. If this farmer fails to keep up his rent (taxes) the state, through its commercial agents, sells it to some other man.

The capitalist class pays no taxes.

How so? Why, because, when the assessor assesses him for \$10,000, \$50,000, or \$1,000,000, the amount is added on to the oil, coal, freight, groceries, clothing and rents, besides a profit of from 40 to 100 per cent, and all this is added to the farmer's and laborer's taxes.

The commercial class is the government, and that is the class who fixes the tax for the farmer and the laborer; and they fix it so the class that earns pays for everything and the commercial robber class who don't earn, pays for nothing. And the producing class votes the commercial robber class to be the government to do the robbing—and to take away the lands and homes.

The commercial robbers do not want to own the land, if they can help it, however. They would rather the deeds would run to the farmer, because the farmer, thinking he owns the land, will work sixteen hours a day, year after year, "for himself," (?) and turn the proceeds all over to the capitalist—all but just enough to buy back from him a few cheap overalls and scant adulterated food to keep him producing more wealth to turn over to these robbers; for it is the products from the land and not the land the capitalist wants; while the thick-headed farmer wants the land, and is willing to turn all the products over for fifty years, and when he is worn out and ready to die, turns

the land over too.

On the other hand, if the capitalists should make the deeds running to them, by foreclosure or purchase, they would be forced to hire the farmer to do the work at so much per day or month, and he would refuse to work 16 hours a day, him and his whole family, and the consequences would be, the establishment of an eight-hour day on the farms, and that would cut the profits for the capitalists down, and make it too bothersome for them.

So you see it is better for the capitalist to make the farmer think he owns the land, when in fact he is only a renter in any way you can put it, and a slave worse than the chattel slave of fifty years ago.

E. B. FORD.

How superbly exquisite it is to behold the Bill Clark and Faug Heinze wage slaves, who have eloped from the drought-ridden corn fields of Kansas and less afflicted states of the east, and are now posing as editors (men of letters) on these subsidized organs, and exchanging slime, vituperation and oxidized hot air with each other, exculpating the corrupt acts of their masters. Under the wage system this is necessary to obtain bread. The matter has a parallel, in a lesser degree, to the wage slave yawns in the Butte mines, who recently blasted each other into eternity, with the assotie idea of preserving their masters' (the Amalgamated and Heinze's) rights. Meanwhile Rogers and Faug are in New York enjoying "Red top," blue points and aristocratic blandishments. Wage slaves, do you see the point?

Socialism means the fulfillment of the saying of the declaration of independence that "men are born free and equal." Not until we have Socialism will this be true.

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Wall street is sure of Parker, but it is not so sure of Roosevelt.

The announcement that Bryan was sick at the national convention was not so much worry to him as to know that he was a dead one.

The American Labor Union Journal announces in its last issue that the next publication will be from Chicago, the new seat of headquarters.

Cleveland congratulates Parker, and Bryan says that he will sneak in under the canvas with his little Commoner as an attraction for the side show of the big democratic circus.

Parker says that there are to be no more pictures taken of him. This is not because that there are not plenty, or too many, but because Parker, like the Irish boss on the section, desires to show his authority.

All you democratic union men should remember that your nominee for president, Judge Parker, was the judge that declared the eight-hour law unconstitutional. But then, better for you to be a democrat than to have an eight-hour law.

The Eric People has absorbed the New Nation, and from now on declares its intention to put out an excellent paper. So far the People has been a good paper, and it is to be hoped that the expectations of the manager and editor will not fail.

W. J. Bryan said some time ago that he would, in due time, take up the subject of Socialism. We would suggest that now would be a very appropriate time for the same. He is a dead one with the democratic party and if he swallows the late platform with Parker

as its standard bearer he brands his past stand and acts as hypocritical and convinces the people that he is a fakir. He has not the interest of the common people at heart as he would make his readers believe in the weekly issue of the Commoner.

### Will Attempt to Crush Unions

The following sketch, from the Iowa Socialist, will be interesting reading possibly to the many typographical union men of this northwest country. It should also be of interest to the wage slave who writes hog-wash editorials for his master, a multi-millionaire. If the employers' association follows this line of action to a conclusion, which it is very evident they will, such papers as the large dailies of Montana will probably go out of existence. At the present there are several large dailies in this state, and all are owned by the multi-millionaire class, and run at a deficit each and every month.

In the event that the time comes through this employers' association, when the crush upon organized labor will be made, it will then be interesting to read the valedictories of the wage slave as he gets kicked out of his job.

The sketch from the Iowa Socialist is as follows:

"The employing printers and publishers, according to press dispatches, will follow the example of the employers in other lines and make a general onslaught on organized labor, in this case the International Typographical Union. The employers' organization—the United Typothetae of America—has resolved to make a united stand against granting the eight-hour day in book and job rooms, which the typographical union has voted to inaugurate January 1, 1905. It is also reported the employers propose to discontinue the use of the union label. From all accounts union labor will have a fight for its life after the election. And it appears the 'conservative' unions will come in for their share as well as those 'dominated by Socialistic ideas.' Are the conditions in Colorado to be duplicated all over the country? The unions will do well to look after their fences in the meantime, or their work of all these years may go for naught. It would certainly not be amiss if they also took a primary course in working class politics as taught by the Socialist party.

### Socialism In The Army.

Under the head, "A Socialism in Our Midst," by Capt. W. E. P. French of the United States army, in the Arena for July, an excellent article is given the readers, showing, in a manner, the comparative Socialistic conduct of the American army of today.

Mr. French says that in this country today there exists a practical working model of Socialism on a small scale. In part he says:

"The United States is our employer, taskmaster, paymaster and most kind and considerate public parent. We live on government land and in government houses, the uses of both being part of our perquisites, and both being kept in order free of expense; our pay is generous, our work in time of peace not arduous, and each is supposed to be proportioned to our respective ability and to aid in length of service. There is an increase on pay of grade every five years until a maximum is reached. \* \* \* We enjoy, free, certain other valuable allowances; comfortable, artistic, modern shelter, medical and surgical attendance, including nurses, appliances and drugs. Transportation when traveling on duty, with a fair baggage allowance, and sufficient mileage to cover all extra expenses; ice where it can be harvested (at cost where manufactured), ordinary household repairs, access to tools and machinery, music of a high grade, a fairly comprehensive library, golf links, tennis courts and ball grounds, toboggan slides, skating rinks and swimming pools; a chapel with a salaried chaplain and no pew rent, and an amusement hall which is always a fair ball room and frequently a tolerable theater. We may buy at the government at net wholesale rates, food, fuel, light, clothing, all free. We are furnished with stoves, furnaces,

ranges and cooking utensils, provided with feed for horses; we are given one month's holiday or leave of absence once a year. During illness or while on what we call 'sick leave,' no matter if it be for years, we are on full pay; at the age of 64, after 30 years' service, discretionary with the president; after 40 years' service (obligatory if application be made), or when injured mentally or physically in the line of duty, is retired on pay. It is to be plainly seen that rent, fire and endowment insurance, taxes, water rates, repairs, competition, mutability of employment, ill health, portionless old age, strike, lock-out and injunction, or most of the cares that shorten the life of the average human being, are not factors in our military lives."

Following this brief description which gives the reader quite a broad idea of how the army life is conducted, and how Uncle Sam can attend to the business end of a proposition, even to the most minute details such as buying horse feed, the article concludes in part as follows:

"A Socialism is a trust of the people, for the people and by the people. A trust whose unwatered stock will be the brains and brawn of the whole people; a trust which will produce enough for ourselves and for a neighbor in trouble; a trust whose policy will be honesty, whose wages will be the normal earnings of the co-partnership of intelligence and industry, whose hours of toil will be the shortest compatible with doing the needful work for the community; a trust that will seek to rob neither the employes nor the consumers; a trust of open books and open doors; a trust amenable to the laws of the land; a trust managed by men and women of the highest integrity, not by gamblers, promoters and wreckers; a trust not at the mercy of a clique of bankers and underwriters; a trust not affected by inflation, depreciation and liquidation; a trust unimpeded by undigested securities; a trust backed by the credit of the nation; a trust without lobbies, bribery, corporate counsel or the corrupting influence of the stock market, and without oily saints, anthracite angels, kins of high finance or million dollar presidents; a trust managed for the benefit of the public, not for either capital or labor; a trust with malice toward none but with charity for all; a trust to ensure the greatest good to the greatest number; a trust that shall require from each according to ability and give to each according to need; a trust that will make for liberty, equality, fraternity; a trust that will put wrong on the scaffold and right on the throne; a trust that will ensure to every child, woman and man peace, plenty and play-time; and a trust that will make of this weary, toil-wrung, poverty-stricken old world a fit habitation for human beings too long cheated of their rightful heritage of hope, happiness and brotherhood."

### State Committee to Meet Monday

The state committee of the Socialist party of Montana will meet in annual session in Butte Monday, July 25. The meeting is the regular annual meeting as provided in the constitution of the party, and it is at this meeting that much good work should be done.

First of all, when the committee meets, they should have a competent stenographer present to take every word and the same should be published, giving it the widest circulation possible.

At the present the Socialist movement is too quiet in the state and much is due to inactivity at headquarters. The committee should proceed to put in the new books for said office as now provided by the national headquarters, and also prepare monthly report cards, as well as many other necessary leaflets that should be going continuously from the state secretary's office to the comrades over the state.

From now until the close of the campaign there is work enough in the state secretary's office to keep one good man busy with the assistance of a stenographer.

The conducting of a big campaign without money is a task that no party outside of the So-

cialist would dare tackle. However, the comrades are equal to the occasion, and after the state committee meeting the News hopes to be able to announce that things will be up and a-doing, and that headquarters will be placed in a position ready to furnish this paper with a weekly letter which will be of great interest to the comrades over the state.

### We Need the Comrades' Help.

Comrades of the state of Montana, the Montana News closed business in Lewistown with its last issue in June, and then proceeded to move to Helena, which work was accomplished without missing a single issue. This has been a hard strain on the management; not, of course, in a financial way, because we've got lots of money during days of prosperity, but in a physical way it was a strain. Why, a comrade subscribed the other day and paid 50 cents in cash! Sure ain't we got money, eh?

But, to stop joshing, during this time of moving and getting located, Comrade Lynch has been helping, consequently he has done nothing in the soliciting field, and for this lost time we must call upon you, comrades, to give him a helping hand by selling a few cards. Wake up now, comrades, and come on.

Mr. Lynch left this city for the Cascade country Sunday night and the way the cards are coming in, he is sure doing some hustling up in that part of the state, or else there are lots of Socialists in that neck o' the woods.

Now, let us ask, and urge the comrades over the state to help us along in this work by trying to dispose of a few subscriptions.

The farmer who is not favorably inclined toward the unions might take time to compare his position with the union man who gets good wages, and whose union has at least something to say as to setting the price of wages he receives. The farmer who is unorganized, so to speak, raises all the necessities of life, brings them to the city to sell, and takes the price offered by the merchant. Not one word does he have to say as to how much he wants for his produce, the product of his toil. And when he buys groceries of the merchant, he pays the merchant's price. Mr. Farmer, don't you think it about time for you to awake from your long lethargic sleep?

The plumbers' strike of Spokane has been settled, slightly in favor of the union. If they would strike at the ballot box all would be gained in place of a trifle.

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What a wonderful thing patriotism is! It makes a man shout, with both fists in the air, and the patriotic blood standing crimson in his face, that he will lay down his life the next minute for "his country"—when he does not own a foot of the country, has not had a job for a month, and the wind whistles through the seat of his pants.

Roosevelt has demonstrated his position on the labor trouble in Colorado. He doesn't give a whoop for the miners out there. And why should he? Their interests do not concern him. He was not elected as a workingman, nor on a workingman's platform. He didn't pledge himself to uphold the rights of the laborers against the rights of the capitalists. When union men exclaim that he has betrayed the labor vote that elected him they make a big mistake. The labor vote elected him, but for what purpose? To serve labor's interests? Not much. It elected him to uphold and perpetuate wage slavery. And they are getting just exactly what they voted for. The workingmen who voted for Roosevelt betrayed themselves and their fellow workers, and he is proving it to them now in Colorado.

Workingmen, union men, don't give Roosevelt your vote again this year. Support a man whose whole life is bound up with the struggle of the working class. Vote for Parker.

The spectacle of a minister of the gospel taking active part in an association opposed to the organized labor movement should be enough to make every workingman class conscious.

The capitalist class controls the church just as completely as it does every other social institution. And uses it to promote its own class interests. Sermons are preached from pulpits of gold donated by the rich, out of their plunderings of the working class. The word of the Lord is translated

ed into the modern commercial tongue. It offers not a ray of hope to them that are weary and heavy laden. Our preachers do not tell of Jesus as he was—a workingman and a despiser of riches. They preach the religion of their economic masters—that if the poor will be content with their lot, submit to the lifelong exploitation that ceases only at the grave, they will be rewarded with a mansion in the skies.

The class conscious workingman says "Rot upon such stuff. My soul's salvation does not depend upon my giving up all that is good, and high, and noble in this life and offering myself as a sacrifice to a lot of human vampires."

Ministers who belong to the Citizens' Alliance and kindred organizations, here is a point for you to consider: Jesus was a carpenter. There were powerful trades unions during his life, to which practically every tradesman belonged. Is it not altogether probable that the carpenter of Galilee was a member of the union of his craft? Or do you choose to believe that your Saviour, in his character as a workingman, was a scab?

T. P. HUGHES

The populists have placed their national ticket in the field, composed of Tom Watson of Georgia and "Squaw-man" Tibbles of Nebraska as vice president. Watson was one of the strong opponents to fusion a few years ago, even though he was made a second tail to Bryan's kite. However, the fusion trouble didn't bother him much this year. The absence of a scintilla of principle in the Bryan following was the cause of their small gathering. Mr. Tibbles, who has edited the Nebraska Independent for some years, is too old to know that the populist party is dead, consequently he and Watson are just the two men to head the ticket whose party following was laid to rest in the graveyard some few years ago, death caused by democratic microbes.



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Many of the Socialist papers are making the mistake of criticising President Roosevelt for not taking a hand in the Colorado trouble. Roosevelt's stand so far has been correct, and those who believe

that he should send the troops into that state should read the dissenting opinion of one of Colorado's judges and then reflect over the same.

## BARNUM ON THE DEFENSIVE.

The Great Showman and Three Curiosities of His Museum.

Mr. Barnum's innate and exuberant love of a joke, which was a trait maternally inherited, and his frequent habit of self depreciation were not always quite understood by the public. He therefore suffered sometimes from too much of his own disparaging frankness. His first autobiography, issued in 1855, was not meant to be taken as literal truth, but it was so taken, and the criticism of it was very bitter. The soberer matter of fact public of that day did not see the Pickwickian sense and the orientalism of statement that pervaded it. The cold type could not carry with it the twinkling of the author's eye.

The three things, however, which brought upon him the sharpest criticism were the three curiosities of his show which were called Joyce Heth, the Woolly Horse, and the Fee Gee Mermaid. The first of these was said to be Washington's body servant and was given an incredible age; the second one was a real colt that was a freak; the last was probably of Japanese manufacture. Mr. Barnum constructed neither the second nor the third, but bought them from exhibitors, and he was himself fooled at first by the certificates of Joyce Heth's history.

Barnum frankly admits in his biography that he employed two of them to advertise his museum and was not trying to make their history too exact in announcing them. He romanced somewhat, he says regretfully, in describing the horse, born in Indiana, as a curiosity discovered by Colonel Fremont in the Rocky mountains, but did this to call attention to a museum of curiosities of which it, with the other two, was merely a fractional part. He said he should not do this again, and expressed a wish that it had not been done at all. The best palliation he could plead for these schemes was that without them he did give a big money's worth to all who visited his museum. No perfectly ethical defense beyond this was offered.—Joel Benton in Century.

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**The Class Fight**

BY A. T. HARVEY  
LEWISTOWN, MONT.

Kelly and Stoudt, late of the Argus, are wondering where they are at since Johns won the fight for control of the Democrat. Sweet visions of large donations gladly given by the rich to democratic and republican papers have vanished, and all that now remains for them is to hunt another master. The manager of the Argus becomes almost eloquent denouncing the temerity of those wage slaves in attempting to engage in the newspaper business. Their action is absolutely incomprehensible to his loyal, slavish soul, and his feelings prompted him to desperate action, but the savage and combative manner with which Kelly threw off his apron proved too much for his aesthetic soul. Fergus county democracy can now quit fighting about the paper, as Johns will run it and handle any boodle that may be sent down to help keep the people ignorant of the class struggle; after election the owners can probably have the plant, but until then Johns is boss.

Sad is the fate of the local Heinzeites, and salt are the tears that fall for the loss of the promised barrel. To think that their chief, hero and god should forsake them, and because there was dollars in it, make friends with the Amalgamated, perish the thought, it cannot be; Heinze, labor's champion, who gave the workers beer out of the millions their labor produced, while the Amalgamated only gave bread, he could not desert them; but the hard, cold fact remains, the copper war is over and the state will probably be swung in the republican column this fall. To pile insult on injury, Heinze has declared Lawson mad because he is exposing the crimes of the copper kings in Everybody's Magazine. Montana's labor fakirs hope that some of the barrel may be distributed amongst them, and the wail they send up is greater than that of Israel in the wilderness, when they think of having to vote without pay. Combine with Rockefeller if you must, Heinze, but the barrel, oh! the barrel, turn it loose!

Republican ring politicians are seeking lambs for slaughter and incidentally add strength to their ticket by nominating one or two men who are supposed to be opposed to their control of the party. This is an old trick, but it pleases the suckers as well today as it did years ago, when odd democrats were elected although the county was republican by several hundred; remarkable to relate, the democrat elected was always for an office sought by a non-ring republican candidate. It is probable that some unsophisticated aspirant for political preferment will accept such a nomination and afford the ring the glorious sport of jobbing him to death with democratic ballots.

As an example of the workings of the Dick military law, the case of Private James Carroll of Rochester, N. Y., is interesting. He failed to appear for drill and was dragged from a ball room by some of his militia comrades and rushed at the double quick to the armory for drill and court martial. Sympathy would be wasted on the men who deliberately join the so-called national guard, an organization that long ago ceased to be soldiers for the defense of the people, and degenerated into an armed organization used by the rich in troubles arising from the robbing of labor by the capitalist class; but there are thousands of

members of this militia who did not understand that they were to be used as murderers of their own class, when they joined, and to whom the idea of butchering workers for the benefit of Rockefeller & Co. is repulsive; to such this little incident will be of service, as illustrating how their masters love them.

The influence of the middle class in the nation's politics is gone, and the late democratic convention proves it beyond a doubt. All students of economics know that the small capitalist must go down before the competition of the trust, and bound by the laws of evolution, which rules both, the trust and them, disappear. Political parties give expression to the necessities of a section of the people; democracy in the past represented the desires of the middle class; that class is going, and democracy is dying, and the small capitalist has lost control of the party organization. Instead of Bryan, the millionaire Belmont dictates, while Trust King Tuffy and Copper King Clark smile approval. Hearst, who hoped for reform under democratic guidance, is crushed, and Parker, the tool of the capitalists, is the candidate.

Whoop'er up for Teddy or Parker, workers, whichever of them wins, you lose. Every period of industrial depression is marked by a great increase in crime. The papers are recording long lists of holdups, train robberies and similar crimes, of which Montana is getting its share.

From all over the land we hear accounts of reductions of wages, discharge of workmen, suicides from want, and murders to prevent starvation by those driven insane by trouble, who prefer to kill the loved ones than see them slowly starve to death. Yet the old party press tells us the country is prosperous, and that it is wicked to work for Socialism, that will abolish poverty. We are also gravely informed there are two jobs for every man, but the contest for twenty positions in the civil service of New York throws back the falsehood in their teeth; and the experience of every man who has hunted work in America proves it to be a black, unvarnished lie. For the twenty vacancies in the civil service two thousand one hundred applicants competed, or one hundred and five for each job.

**A Socialist View of The Colorado Trouble**

What's the use of all this talk about Colorado?

The Socialist press is making a fool of itself. If Murder Bell and Assassination Peabody were to run for office tomorrow on the democrat, republican, prohibition, yes, even on the Socialist ticket, every mother's son of those miners who have been pierced with bayonets, driven out of their homes, tied to trees, put into rotten bull pens and starved, dragged by the necks with ropes until half dead, their wives ravished by the damnable criminals belonging to the gatting gun brigade, and state and company's a bs and cs, (and Faribault has one of those cursed man, woman and child murder companies) would run at a 2:40 clip to vote for both Bell and Peabody, so advised by John Mitchell, Gompers—"because they can get all their demands through their unions," and Rockefeller tells them the same thing and they vote 'er again.

They did so at Denver less than two months ago. When men voluntarily vote for these dreadful crimes and murders to be perpetrated upon them and their families, and vote it over and over and over, what sympathy do they need?

These men must be voting for the things and men they want for some years to come, else they would vote for a change.

Have not our speakers and the Socialist party in general been insulted by the miners, and too, after we have helped them with thousands of dollars? Then what did they do? Turn right around and vote almost solid against the party that helped them and sympathized with them, and voted solidly for the very sheriffs, detectives and militia officers who shot down their wives and children and burned their homes, and the same mayors, governors, congressmen and president who issued the orders to "kill every mother's son of them," and who helped them—well, not financially. It doesn't seem to me, dear comrades, that the miners want our sympathy; and if not, why force it upon them? And, moreover, it is not sympathy that will help them, but the education of Socialism.

When the miners of Colorado get enough of Peabody, Bell, the gang of daylight and midnight assassins and nihilists, known as the Citizens' Alliance, composed of business men, preachers and minions of the law, Strenuous Teddy and his Dick military law, they will say so at the ballot box and not before.—The Referendum.

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