

The Only Free Press in America.

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But the Times is no exception. The same rule is used to bind up nearly all the large daily newspapers published in the nation. The owners of the Times and other newspapers have the right to control their papers as they see fit. Editors are hired as well, and newspapers are controlled by corporations, who use them to further their own selfish interests.

A servant was found dead. (She was working for a fat employer with furs and champagne and foolish social aids, who had no time to think of her.) The squalid, hellish life of the household working woman had been so criticised freely. The girl became discouraged and killed herself. That is a small news item, and seven lines is the news column told it.

But a show of overfed society dogs, or a barbaric wedding of two useless society degenerates is considered real news, and is worth five columns on the first page.

Now what is the object of publishing all this sort of "stuff"? There is no other reason but to make the people forget their own misery.

Just as the church awes and entrances its humble worshippers by bringing them together in a stately and costly building where with dignified ceremony it strives to make them forget their earthly hell by promising them a future paradise; so the newspapers try to make the workers forget the wrongs they are suffering at the hands of the ruler class by printing fairly tales about an immense social system, whose mission it is to temper the exploited with the idea that the only thing in this world worth while is the drowsy performance of our own society's dogmas.

The nation meets at this particular time editors of the Garrison type. Men who will feel the injustice of our wage slave system just as fervently feel the injustice of chattel slavery, and men who will be moved to fierce condemnation of the system and its products by the same feelings that will lead them to defend the African and the alien—Fierce! uncompromising, violent, to fight for white women and white children, and bring freedom and justice to the working class.

Garrison's name stands out among names honored today in this country because he dared to call the nation's officials and leaders to account. He was a man because bankrupt or adulterers threatened to ruin his business.

He told the truth. He called the men who sold human beings into bondage to man. He called the men who sold human beings into bondage to man. He called the men who sold human beings into bondage to man.

When they started to drag him through the streets of Boston he defied his captives, saying: "I will be as harsh as truth, and as uncompromising as justice. Do not hold him then as a vile felon, but as a man who might do well financially if he would exercise common sense, as moderate in his aims as I am myself." On the subject of slavery I do not wish to speak with moderation; I wish to speak with truth. I wish to say that the constitution of the United States shows that liberty or slavery has its own enemies. When the respectable element protested that the Constitution admitted slavery, he said, "Then burn the Constitution." This is a very good reply, and I think it is the only one that will do.

What I think I should like the approval of the powers that be, they say along day after day, knowing in their own souls and consciences that they are a thing for sale—to be bought by the day or

There, they would be able to see the difference between the Socialist press and the Capitalist press. For that reason every Socialist owes it to himself and the cause he holds sacred to support our press with every available dollar he can spare.

Our press is supported by railroads, private city, county, or insurance companies. For that reason our papers are not impartial. Every department must hand down expenses to the lowest possible point, which results in a slanted newspaper.

It is not possible to have an impartial position, you are conscious of the fact that it is directed to the interest of men, women and children of the working class.

Little girls and boys are haunted out of their homes at daylight to work in the mills. Little bodies are worn out in the grand factories. Little children. They are its concern.

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"But if you are interested in the working class, if you want to help attack our financial guarantee, if you favor taking possession of the wealth for the benefit of every human being, then you should not support the Socialist press—O.N. in Milwaukee Daily Leader."

any one corporation pass of such a levy's profit tax on the laborer, regardless of his position, but they do think that while their organization would like to do it, they can't, for instance, tell the truth as the "Boston" Union of America, "They can't tell their readers but the tenant farmers of France are robbed and oppressed by landlords; tenant farmers have no protection property rights and sacrifice human rights. If they did, they would waste the anger of the capitalist class, who are the landlords, manufacturers and others under this form of rule, who are hoarding up money borrowed from the banks." They conclude their tract with a prayer, "O God, have mercy on the poor, the oppressed, the suffering, the dying, the dying."

Every man that would not let every dollar of his wealth that he honestly earns with his hands and brain, go into a hole in the wall that any other man honestly earns with his labor is a Socialist whether he knows it or not, and should support the Socialist movement, the only ones that do not support the reverse side.

Take the case of the *Indian*. It is not possible to find any evidence given in a recent report by Indianapolis, that Indianapolis is the center of the steel trust's National Restroom Association, pretty certainly supplied the *Indian* with plans and money to carry on their grandstanding campaign. How many capitalist newspapers in Texas carried that news? How many in California? I didn't know it. There's a lot of money in the *Indian* in so far as it is a newspaper. It is one of the nearest known agencies for supporting trust favorites to the workers, and exploiting facts, or alleged facts, unfavorable to the state, that the country ever saw. Not all of the newspapers that take its course are mean in the same way or degree. A good many of them would have printed their news from Indianapolis, and would have been paid for it. But they would not have been so much of a liability, but they didn't get a chance to print it because the great "non-partisan" news agency or another that place of news.

How many capitalists' papers in Texas printed the truth about the deal that prevented the Socialists from carrying Los Angeles—that rotten deal in which a federal judge turned the power of his office over to a bunch of Los Angeles capitalists, and helped them get through their scheme to steal over \$40,000,000 from the people of that city?

Only one, so far as we know. The Houston Chronicle had a special dispatch from Los Angeles, in which the main details of the scheme were laid out. But the Associated Press, from whom all the rest of this, by far the most important, news expression of the day, were taken, had no other Texas papers, that did not get it from McQuinn. So the rest of Los Angeles did not get it at all, and their readers are left ignorant that there was any such deal, written scoundrelly, disgraceful deal for private profit that made a farce of the trial of two men for their lives.

The capitalists pander and let its members believing that when labor supplied the funds for the McNamara's syndicate job, and has done its damndest to make them believe the Socialists defend the McNamara's knowing these men were guilty.

The big thieves of Big Business don't want the state altogether to go, but before the people. They don't want middle class folks to think wall of organized labor, or of the Socialist party, or of any other attempt that is made to break up, petrolio men to fight oppression. And to the extent that they can do it they always have the news twisted, colored, or suppressed, with that end in view.

It was not until Socialist papers had told the truth about the misdeeds of federal judges to millions of American workers, that

ment papers as Collier's Weekly dared take up the fight. Socialist papers broke down the conspiracy of silence. Then our papers as Collier's got up nerve enough to call a part of the card. Any other paper would probably give the nerve with the nerve. But we would name the remedy—abolish the Social Insurance Commission. Social insurance is a socialist government in which the people should be equal partners in industry and in which every public servant should be responsible all of the time to his employees, the plain people.

You'll notice that most of the old party organs are howling about the terrible burden which tariff laws impose upon the American people. They deplore a deplore. They wish they could do something to ease the burden. But they can't. They say, "The only way the government needs all the tariff revenue it can get to meet its expenses is to raise the tariff rates."

Some of the old party organs denounce and repudiate. Tell us in what all right when we get an income tax law. When we get that law, they say, the government can transfer some of the tariff tax money from the taxpayers to the rich men who draw high incomes. That way the government will get all the revenue it needs and the high rich will feel the bite!

Wouldn't that logic lead you? The old party organs seem to need

usually think their creditors are dumbpots. They seem to think we aren't down that the man who pays the income tax will just pass it along to the fellow below, whereas he employs or who buys products.

Take the case of Rockefeller and his pals who own the Standard Oil Company's stock, and control the price of refined kerosene and gasoline since in this country the government licenses an individual to sell or to sell or to sell or to sell on them. Will they pass it along? Sure thing! But what they don't want? Hardly. They will just add the income tax to the price of oil which they sell to the public and the wickers will foot the bill.

The old party organ stops just short of offering a rational solution. Some of them know it, but none of them want it. What

the solution? "Why, common ownership of the railroads and telegraphs for a beginning. Let the people through their government take over the railroads and telegraphs, which are several hundred millions of dollars of profit each year for their private owners, and turn that revenue into the federal treasury. That is one way the government can get rid of the war tax problem, and it is one way to get rid of the income tax problem. It is one way to get rid of the additional taxes on the people who do the work and create the country."

But the objection says—if the government took over the railroads it would have to pay for several billions of retired stock, and it would have to pay interest on gigantic national debt here, and to pay for the railroads when it took through paying interest on the bonds. It might be lucky enough to be able to make a steady payment

on the principal of its debt, but it wouldn't have any surplus to pay in its treasury.

There is just one possible chance that this thing may happen: that is, the chance that the private owners of the railroad may have smart enough to sell their properties to the government before the Socialists get control at Washington. They may sell to a republican or a democratic administration, or to the United States, they may sell to Russia, they may sell to England, or they may sell to Germany, and they may sell to any other country, but they will not sell to the United States.

And if they don't sell to any other country, the government will have to pay out an amount of Government bonds which is three or four or five times the

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Some of the old party organs—homesteads and syndicates—tell us it will be all right when they get to increase the law. When we get that law, I can say, the government can transfer most of the tariff revenue to the farmers to the fish men who draw big tariff bonuses. That way the government will get all the revenue it needs and the big fish will feed the little.

Worship that leads to revolt. The old party organ goes so far as to really think their readers are dumb. They seem to think we don't know that the man who pays the income tax will just give it along to the fellow below, whether he employs or who buys his products.

Take the case of Rockefeller and his pals who own the standard Oil Company's stock, and control the price of refined kerosene and gasoline oils in this country. Suppose the government levies an income tax of 5 per cent or 10 per cent on these men.

Now, I say: What will they do? They will cheat. They will add the income tax to the price of the oil which they sell to the public and the customer will lose the benefit.

The old party organ states that it is not offering a refund.

The first party upon whom the burden of the tax would fall is the man who has the right to use the land. "What the taxpayer pays," says one of the opponents of the plan, "is the cost of the privilege of passing over the land and of the privilege of a beginning. Let the people through these provisions take over the railroads and telegraphs, which are several hundred millions of dollars in value, and let them pay for the use of them millions of dollars of profit each year for their private owners, instead that revenue into the federal treasury. That is one way the government can get rid of the tariff taxes without having any additional taxes on the people who do the work and create the country's wealth."

But—the objectors say—if the government took over the railroads it would have to pay for several billions of dollars each year to cover the losses for its interest in the railroads. The government would have to pay for the depreciation of the railroads and for the interest on the bonds it would have to issue to pay for the railroads. The government would have to pay for the interest on the bonds it would have to issue to pay for the railroads.

There is just one possible snag that this thing may hit: That is, the chance that the private owners of the railroad may, smart enough to sell their property to the government before the Socialists get control at Washington. They may sell in a regular or a democratic administration, and if they do, they may be able to unload their fourteen or fifteen billion dollars of assets and walk off with half a million. Well, the government, in return, would pay out an amount of government funds hardly as large as that, but not much less.

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Can You Beat It

In old times, when hunters and trappers and people living in the Western country first dominated by moving bands of savage Indians it sometimes happened that a white man was captured by the reds. The Indians had various ways of torturing white prisoners. One way was to bind the white man hand and foot, and to bind on to each arm a long pole, and then to lead him to a deep hole in the earth, driven deep into the sand, where night and almost white rain of a bubbling spring of cold, clear water. Then they would sink away and leave him there, to die of thirst within eight and almost white rain.

American workmen have been about the same things themselves. They have with their well maintained skill to gain an industrial system under which they and their wives are reduced to slavery. They have made the world's wealth of food, clothing and shelter, for which they and their wives are denied the right to live; and all this within reach of the sweat and blood of abundant supplies of all the things we think they deserve. Things, and men, that were created by the workers, and that by every soul have belong to the workers. But they have bound their own hands and feet, and have had themselves fasten upon them shackles and chains, so that they cannot make a strike so that they must die within sight and reach of the slave who would keep them alive.

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that the great living Father, the divine Creator of all, meant all children to be free. Then there will be no more wars, no more wars between nations, no more wars between men and who are trying to get by in the world.