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HIERARCHY TO GRAB AMERICA?

On March 4, amidst the booming of a thousand cannon, the flying of a million flags and the playing of a hundred massed bands through the strains of which may be heard the huzzas of the multitude, Wood-row Wilson of New Jersey, will be inducted into the office of president of the United States, the richest country in the world. As chief executive of this nation, he will hold more power than all the kings of the earth. The schoolmaster from Princeton wields more actual and potential power than the Czar of all the Russias, while the head of the house of Hohenzollern, on whose order a million swords leap from their scabbards, appears like a petty princeling by the side of this slim, smooth-shaven faced man, clad in the raiment of the civilian.

It is the part of a patriot on the eve of this inauguration to inquire carefully into the personelle of those who will immediately surround him, those who in executive positions who may make or mar his administration, aye who may even wreck the Republic, destroy human liberty and strengthen the hand of reaction until civilization itself may be imperiled.

The enemies of The Rebel, political, personal and ecclesiastic have said divers strong things about me, but none of them have ever charged me with possessing a streak of hysteria in my intellectual make up and so when I say, in the paragraph immediately preceding this, that the Republic itself may be wrecked I do so because I am in possession of certain facts that would indicate a strong likelihood of such an untoward happening. Let us look into this matter carefully.

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In St. Louis, Mo., lives one of the great princes of the Catholic church, Archbishop John Joseph Glennon. He presides over the great see of St. Louis with all the priestly power and pomp of a prelate on the banks of the Tiber. Within the shadow of his palace there is published his official organ, "The Western Watchman". Not a line appears in this paper but mirrors his thought, and his seal and *imprimatur* is on this sheet.

His trusted editor is the Rev. Father Phelan. Speaking officially in the issue of the Western Watchman of June 19, 1912, this gentleman proceeds to state the official attitude of the Roman Catholic church toward the American government. We read:

"Tell us we are Catholics first and Americans or Englishmen afterward; of course we are. Tell us, in the conflict between the church and the civil government we take the side of the church; of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the church we would say tomorrow, to hell with the government of the United States; and if the church and all the governments of the world were at war we would say, to hell with all the governments of the world. They say we are Catholics first and Americans decidedly afterward. There is no doubt about it. We are Catholics first and we love the church more than we love any and all the governments of the world. Let the governments of the world steeh clear of the Catholic church; let the emperors, let the kings and the presidents not come into conflict with the head of the Catholic church. Because the Catholic church is everything to all the Catholics of the world; they renounce all nationalities where there is a question of loyalty to her."

Did The Rebel own all the seashores of the world, we would not care as much as the cost of a pound of sand who the individual may be that reads the above official utterance of the Catholic church. What we are concerned about is, after reading it, what shall your attitude as an American citizen be?

Shall the rulers of a great religious denomination, that numbers fifteen millions in our land, declare officially that they are for their religion first and the American government afterwards? Does this religious denomination possess a centralized form of organization that places in the hands of its rulers absolute power? Do those who kneel at the altars of this church believe, in the innermost recesses of their hearts and minds, that their soverign pontiff cannot err not only in things spiritual but also in his orders on affairs temporal?

These are the questions that must be answered, because if they believe this way and elect men of their denomination as the governors of the great state and finally approach the executive positions in the citadel of the national government, then the prophecy of the princely prelates may come to pass and the scepter of religious tyranny may be transferred from the Tiber to the Potomac.

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Watch the trend of events:

From Palestine, Texas, a courteous letter was sent last summer by an ardent Roman Catholic workingman named, Thomas Jefferson Carey, a mechanic employed in the I. & G. N. railway shops to the papal delegate at Washington, D. C.! In this letter Mr. Carey asked:

"Must I as a Catholic, surrender my POLITICAL FREEDOM to the church?"

In reply to Mr. Carey's letter he received the following communication from the pope's ambassador to the United States:

Washington, D. C. June 16, 1912.

No. 11. 630—D.
T. J. Carey, Palestine, Texas.

Dear Sir:— In your letter to me dated June 10, you say that the religious future of yourself, your wife, and children, are the most serious and important things of all. Now you must remember that if the Catholic church, condemns doctrines that are pernicious to the good of the faithful, she does it only in order to defend and protect the religion of her children. HENCE YOU SHOULD SUBMIT TO THE DECISIONS OF THE CHURCH EVEN AT THE COST OF SACRIFICING POLITICAL PRINCIPIES. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE I MAY MENTION TO YOU THE FACT THAT SOCIALISM, BESIDES BEING A POLITICAL PARTY, IS ALSO AN ANTI-CHRISTIAN SECT. In order to convince yourself of this you only have to read what Socialism teaches regarding religion.

Yours sincerely in X
X John Bonzano, Archbishop of Meliteno, Apostolic Delegate.

The foregoing official document created a national sensation when first published in The Rebel. Admiral Dewey, Gen. Miles and other prominent Americans, through their official organization, the Guardians of Liberty, entered into correspondence with us and we supplied them with photographic copies of the letters. These gentlemen knew that if the millions of Catholic workingmen could be politically controlled by an ecclesiastical machine that had its source and absolute head in a foreign country, then the American Republic was in great danger.

Because an English [illegible] a correspondent in California advising him to vote the Democratic ticket in 1888, Grover Cleveland, then president of the United States, called for his passports and ordered him out of the country. This letter of Bonzano was of a greater breach of etiquette than that of Lord Sackville, in fact it borders on the criminal, because he seeks to use a religious weapon to strike down a political party in a land where religious freedom is a part of the nation's fundamental law. This freedom is our birthright, it is inviolate and he who would seek to strike it down is an enemy to the United States and should be deported forthwith. The fact that this bishop from the Italian City of Melitene, lied about our attitude towards religion makes his vicious conduct stand out in a stronger light.

The Rebel does not care, at this moment, to enter into a discussion as to the various oaths that Thomas W. Watson of Georgia and other gentlemen assert are being taken by the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations which, they allege, are saturated with the anti-American spirit of the editorial from the Watchman quoted above.

In this article we simply seek to rivet the attention of the people on the immediate affairs that lead to the capitol at Washington, D. C. and in doing so to show that the policy of the Roman Hierarchy to rule, not only spiritually but *temporally* the nations of the earth, is being put through in the United States today and as will be shown later on in this article the first big step will be officially taken on March 4, 1913, when Woodrow Wilson takes his oath of office.

So that our readers may be able to know what the papal policy is, I herewith present some universally accepted historical data upon the subject, showing that from first to last it has been the aim of the Roman hierarchy to rule the world not only spiritually but in earthly matters:

First: The temporal power of the Pope was first secured to Pope Stephen III in 756. Through a grant of some provinces in Italy including Rome, this power was given to the Pope by King Pepin the Short of France. Pope Gregory the VII, who ruled in Rome 1073-1085 enunciated the policy of the temporal power of the Pope as follows:

"The whole world is a fief of the papal chair; all Princes and Lords are but fiefs of the pope."

Pope Innocent III (1200), who instituted the confessional and the inquisition, was ever at war with any democratic movement directed against absolutism. Realizing that self-government by the masses would destroy the plans of the hierarchy his anger knew no bounds when he heard of the *Magna Charta* that the English Barons had wrested from King John at Runnymede. The Pope Innocent declared this great instrument null and void and anathemaized and excommunicated the Barons, fortunately with no ill effect so far as the Magna Charta was concerned. Two passages from this great document denounced by the pope were:

Art. 39. "No free man shall be taken or imprisoned or dispossessed, or outlawed, or banished, or in any way destroyed, nor will we go upon him, nor send upon him, except by the legal judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."

Art. 40. "To no one will we sell, to no one will we deny, or delay right or justice."

The next enemy of human liberty in the papal chair was Boniface VIII. (1294—1303) issued a Bull (*Bulle Ansculta Fili*, Dec. 1301) in which he said:

"God has set us (The Pope) over rulers and nations to destroy or upbuild; be not persuaded that you are not subject to the sovereign pontiff."

Later he enunciated the policy of temporal power thusly:

There are two swords, the worldly and the spiritual; both are in the hands of the pope. True the wordly sword is wielded by the ruler, but only at the beck and permission of the Pope. The worldly power is subject to the power of the pope; the latter teaches and judges the former, but the pope has no judges over him.

Pope John XIII. (1314—34) declared:

"In the event of a vacancy in the rulership of the German kingdom the right of rulership belongs to the pope to whom in the person of St. Peter God has transferred the rights of the Godly and worldly kingdom."

From 1484 to 1521 the following popes proclaimed their temporal power and extended the temporal kingdom: Sixtus; Innocent VIII; Alexander VI; Pius III; Julius II; Leo X.

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How the papacy acted towards those who deny their temporal power may be understood when we shudderingly read of the St. Bartholomew Massacre, when the Catholic King of France acting under the orders of Pope Gregory XIII slaughtered in cold blood 70,000 Huguenots or Protestants. The slaughter in Mexico City last month was a street brawl compared to it. Kolb, the great German historian, writing of this atrocity says:

"Pope Gregory XIII ordered processions and prayers thanking God for the 'glorious event'. He ordered the firing of the cannon of the Angelus Fort; he had fireworks and illuminations; he declared a jubilee and had a gorgeous painting of the event and through his legate in Paris (similar to Bonzano in Washington, D. C., now) wished the king prosperity in his hellish work. The cardinal who brought the first tidings of the massacre was given a present of 2,000 ducats by the pope."

To complete the record I may say that the Popes crowned all Catholic Kings until the 18th century.

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With this historical review from the most authorative sources of the claim of temporal power of the Pope and the awful results following from theocracy, we can proceed to look the situation as it stands at the present moment.

The pope is a voluntary prisoner in the Vatican at Rome. He thunders forth, just as his predecessors did in the last centuries, that he is the temporal ruler of the Nations of the earth. His American legate, Bonzano, affirms, and every cardinal, archbishop and bishop; every priest and layman who accepts this creed in every land and clime and down to the uttermost end of the seven seas all accept his theocratic doctrine and stand prepared at the mouth of the gun and the point of the sword to strike down the flags of their respective nations upon the world of command from the man who claims to sit in the chair of Peter.

That down to the present moment he still maintains his demand for temporal power, I can abundantly prove. Read the Encyclopedia Americana under the head of "Pius IX":

"On 20th Sept. 1870, the Italian troops entered Rome, * * the Vatican was left to the Pope; and free diplomatic intercourse, the honors due to a sovereign, and a civil list of 129,000 pounds yearly, secured to him. But these he declined, and confined himself to the Vatican and its garden, declaring that he was *under restraint* and a prisoner in his own palace. Consult: Pougeois, (*Histoire de Pie IX* 1877—[illegible]); and *Lives* by Maguire (1878); Shea (1878); O'Reilly."

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As the Catholic Church teaches, and its fundamental doctrines never change through the centuries, Pope Pius IX is thoroughly logical in taking this position. He stood on the Vatican heights looking over the world waiting for the day when his followers would again possess the earth. Since his death, Leo XIII and now Pius X, the present Pope, have stood steadfastly for the temporal power. True indeed is the old saying: *"Rome never changes."*

With the death of Pius IX, progressive men dreamed of a Pope who would lift up his hands and bless the revolutionary spirit of modern progress, revise the syllabus, and content himself with being a nominal sovereign by the side of a constitutional king. Such foolish hopes vanished, when it was known that the new Pope had chosen the name of "Leo". He allows himself to be called "Our most holy Lord Leo XIII". He declared himself to be the supreme ruler of rulers in this world.

To a standing committee of the Catholic convention, meeting at Modena Sept. 18, 1879, he addressed a brief inciting the people to arise and vindicate the rights of the papacy and restore the temporal power.

On June 5, 1885 the Pope declared that: *"The temporal power is absolutely necessary for the free exercise of my authority as the Vicar of Christ."* On Sept. 27, 1888, in an address to the clergy, he said. *"Do not cease to cry aloud that the supreme power, which the Pope has by divine right, cannot be subject to any power on earth."*

In a letter of thanks to the president of the republic of Ecuador, dated Jan. 30, 1889, Leo XIII congratulated the president because, by a special treaty, the republic had been placed under the protection of the vicar of Christ. It is the constant aim of the Vatican to reduce all nations and peoples to the political, intellectual, and moral level of the republic of Ecuador.

In a letter of May 22, 1898, Leo XIII praised Cardinal Ferrari and the work done in his diocese, though he knew him to be leader in a rebellion against civil law and the chief instigator of the Milan revolt.

On August 1, 1898, in an address to the people and to the clergy of Italy, the Pope protested against the suppression of certain Roman Catholic papers, association, and committees, all of which he knew to be revolutionary. Has any Pope ever pretended more than Leo XIII? Is there one encyclical, brief, letter, or address which demonstrates that he is any more liberal than Innocent III or Gregory VII, his "illustrious" predecessors?

The present pontiff is equally reactionary. Every attempt of the modernist inside the church to make the great machine move in harmony with progressive thought has been beaten down by Pius X. The spirit of Gregory and Innocent is the spirit that rules the council of the Vatican in 1913.

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In the light of this tremendous array of testimony as to the reactionary character and aims of those who rule the Catholic church, let us now, before the ink is dry on this Rebel, turn to the scene that will take place at the national capital. Standing behind President Woodrow Wilson as with bared head he rises to take his oath of office from the Chief Justice, there will stand in position of extreme authority a militant graduate of Jesuit college, Joseph P. Tumulty of Jersey City, N. J. Tumulty never darkened the doors of any American public school. He was educated first in St. Bride's, then in St. Bridget's and afterwards in St. Peter's college, a Jesuit institution.

What a picture that will be: The Roman Catholic reactionary Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court, standing in front of the president administering the oath, while behind his tall form will stand the Jesuit graduate, Joseph P. Tumulty, whom the president has appointed his private secretary.

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To those who would seek to belittle the position of private secretary, the Rebel would warn them to become acquainted with the power of that executive office.. It is not generally known that the private secretary to the president can do more to make or mar his administration than even his powerful secretary of state. Doubt it? Then read the following on the subject, clipped from the Houston Daily Post of Sunday Feb. 16, 1913:

Importance of a Secretary.

The importance of all this can be understood if it is borne in mind that the President, however able he may be, stands or falls by the qualities of his secretary more than he does by those of any other appointee, Cabinet Ministers included. It is through his secretary that he is known personally to very many men. For the things his secretary does he is held responsible. His secretary can come nearer to making or marring his administration than his Secretary of State.

If this seems an exaggeration it is because some very recent history is little known to the public or is forgotten. The Taft administration, which received its rebuke last November, was condemned in the public mind during the unlucky year when Fred Carpenter was struggling desperately to size up to the post. For his blunders the President received all the blame, as he did later for those of Norton and Hilles.

Roosevelt on the other hand, received credit for the things that were accomplished by the shrewd efficiency of Cortelyou and Loeb.

For the secretary of the President is not merely a private secretary. His title is a misnomer, and it would be more accurate to call him the general manager of the personal side of the administration. He presides over a large department, and his work is very much like that of a Cabinet officer. He has not so many employes under his direction as have most members of the Cabinet but he has enough to constitute a respectable department.

Must Make no Mistakes.

On no Cabinet officer is there laid such a necessity of prompt judgment and of being infallibly right in the exercise of it. The Secretary of the Treasury or of the Navy may make mistakes, but the secretary of the President must not. On the correctness of his dealings with Senators and Representatives depends, to a large extend, the strength of the administration's support in Congress.

How much is left to his judgment by his chief the public never understands until it receives some startling piece of evidence in the way of a colossal blunder; it never gets a chance to know if things go smoothly. Such a blunder, for instance, was Norton's famous letter, announcing how the patronage would be distributed among Progressive Senators. Mr. Taft had nothing to do with it, but he received all the blame and was held up before the country as trying to use the patronage club over the insurgents in order to force them into supporting his legislation.

From this it can be seen not merely how much rests on Tumulty, but how important a factor his personality will be. One thing is sure — it will not be easy to rattle him or take him off his guard. He is a man ready of resource, quick to size other men up, instant of decision.

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After reading the above we may ask ourselves that underground lines of political intrigue has led to this amazing situation? For the first time in the history of the nation a trusted son of Roman reaction is sitting in the seat of the mighty at the elbow of the "progressive executive"! What deals were made for the Roman Catholic vote in the great cities of America in the recent presidential campaign? What did U. S. Senator O'Gorman of New York have to do with the deal? How close was the Pope's banker, J. P. Morgan, to this arrangement? Is it only a coincidence that the Pope's banker owns the great weekly magazine, Harper's Weekly, that first lifted Woodrow Wilson into the limelight and strenuously struggled for him until he became a presidential possibility?

It does not require the gift of omniscience to answer these queries and others of like nature that will suggest themselves to us. He is indeed a foolish man, who will for a moment believe that this article is written in a spirit of religious fanatacism or that The Rebel has a lance to break for any creed or dogma. On the contrary, we would go out of our way to preserve religious peace if it were possible. Our

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The Tariff Fake.

For lo these many years, William Jennings Bryan and other so-called "progressive" Democrats have loudly proclaimed to the people that the ills they suffer from were due to the iniquitious high protective tariff. Of course they lied, because the gaunt spectre of poverty was abroad in Albion where free trade operated as much as in Columbia where high proective tariff held full sway. In another column the Rebel publishes a pathetic story of the frightful poverty, that exists in free trade England, that clearly indicates the truth of this assertion.

If the tariff were the cause of high prices and poverty, how does it happen that a Singer machine that costs $5.50 to manufacture in Elizabeth, N. J. sells five miles away in Newark, N. J. for $65.00? How does it happen that a similar machine is taken to New York City placed on a steamer at West street and after being shipped over 3000 miles of ocean and railroad is sold in London, England for $27.50?

Please tell the Rebel, Mr. Bryan & Co., what has the tariff to do with those prices?

The same is true of steel rails, lumber, watches and a thousand other commodities. They sell far cheaper in Europe than in the country where they are manufactured. And inasmuch as they undersell their European competitors, the tariff in the nature of things can have but little to do with this robbery of the people. Let me tell of an incident on a large scale that will illustrate the truth of this statement:

During the debate on the Aldrich tariff bill in the U. S. senate in 1910, the schedule relating to cutlery was under discussion. The progressive Democrats romped on the tariff duty proposed. The notorious reactionary, Senator Smoot of Utah, a fragmentary husband of numercus wives, arose with a new hollow-ground razor in his hands and gave this history of it:

"This razor was made in Germany. I find that after the raw materials had been assembled in the factory, and after the capitalist had paid for the machinery and allowed for wear and tear, after he had paid wages and all other expenses including railroad and ocean freight to New York and the tariff was paid on it the entire cost of the razor was 50 cents. This morning I walked out on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington and paid $3.75 for this razor that had cost 50 cents to manufacture in Germany and laid down in New York, after freight, tariff and everything was paid. Now senators, tell me, why did this razor jump from 50 cents to $3.75 on that little trip from New York to Washington?"

Of course the senators did not answer him. The high protectionist Smoot with this razor illustration put the low tariff senators in a hole It was enormous profits demanded by big and little capitalists in the home market that caused the price of the razor to go skyward.

THE REBEL'S ADVICE.

Our distinguished Houston contemporary, The Barnacle, alias the Carbuncle, alias the Chronicle, quotes a little advice to Woodenhead Wilson, that the Rebel handed out to the poor man recently: We read:

Mr. Wilson has received advice of all kinds from all sorts of people. Republicans, progressives, democrats and all shades of political opinion and belief have spoken. It remains for Texas to tell him exactly what do do in case Morgan and the other money kings make a bad break. In a long article on the financial problem the Hallettsville Rebel, a socialist paper, says:

Mr. Wilson has received plenty of advice so far, but the Rebel will give the best piece of advice yet: If the Morgan bunch let loose a panic on you, try the socialist remedy of having the shutdown plants opened and conducted by authority of the government. If you do this—and we believe you will be given a chance to do this—you will go down in history as the greatest president the nation has had, not excepting the immortal Lincoln. If you don't do it—which I am afraid you won't—you will go down in history a nonentity and a coward.

That Mr. Wilson would be given the opportunity to act as suggested above, is extremely probable. That plutocracy will close their great plants if they do not have their way in all things goes without saying. That they have threatened to do so in many occasions, is known to all men. That Mr. Wilson will follow the Rebel's advice is hardly thinkable when we remember that Mr. Wilson used his power as president of Princeton to assail the initiative and referendum and attack organized labor. Professional leopards do not change their spots. The man who was first boosted for the presidency by Morgan's literary lackey, George Harvey, of Harper's Weekly, is not going to harm the interests of Mr. Morgan and his friends.

And that is the reason why Mr. Wilson will not measure up to Lincoln. The rail-splitter and the demogogic pedogogue are so far apart that the New Jersey man would have to climb a ladder as high as the Eiffel tower to tie the lachets on the shoes of Old Abe.

It was the waste of competition that helped along and these profits and this waste will continue in this nation or any other nation while the competitive system lasts.

With this picture in our mind, let us have another mental picture. That of the ivory skulled Democrat who yells and votes for William Brennings Jyan and Woodenhead Wilson who are going to save society by lowering the tariff. Yes, let's get the two pictures in memory's gallery side by side.

Poverty, unemployment and crime are triplets born into this world and the parent is Capitalism.

I met a working man last week who had been making automobiles in Detroit for ten years without missing one week. He was walking.

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legislative records prove this to be true. It were the Socialists in the GermanReichstag that fought Bismarck when he sought to banish Jesuits. Too well do we know that the form of reaction may be covered by the cloak of religious discord. Hence Liebknecht said:

"Wir hassen alle Priester; aber noch viel mehr hassen wir die anti-Priester, welch es zu ihrem Geschaeft machen, die Priester zu beschimpfen, so dass sie um so mehr das Proletariat aussaugen koennen."

And ever and always on the lofty principle of freedom of speech will the Socialist defend even his bitterest enemy when he is attacked for expressing his views, be they ever so obnoxious to him. Can the Catholic hierarchy and its devotees rise to as high a civilized plane?

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Now to the final questions based on the evidence of un-American conduct shown above:

Will President Wilson, after being informed of the facts set forth above, call on Jesuit-trained Jos. P. Tumulty for his resignation as private secretary?

Will he stamp his administration at the outset as the most reactionary ever formed since Washington retired from the presidency by retaining this Jesuit-trained gentleman in office?

Will Catholic Socialists, some of whom have been elected to office and some of whom hold high party positions, and yet struggle for centralized power in the Socialist party's form of organization on the same lines as the Catholic church, protest against Mr. Tumulty holding this White House position?

Will Mr. Tumulty go on record as being opposed to the utterance of Father Phelan in the Western Watchman?

If he does not then should he not stand branded by all true Americans as an enemy who has crept into the citadel with a sinister purpose in view.

Finally: Is it not the duty of all Americans to rend the veil and let us see if the doctrine of the pontiff's temporal power shall prevail in North America or shall church and state be forever separated and its advocates treated as enemies of public peace and order?

Trusting that the questions will be answered in a spirit of modern progress The Rebel will close in the words of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 24,24:

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

The Anti Trust Fake.

In the dear dead days beyond recall, long before the guns boomed at Fort Sumter, a great political economist who understood the innermost workings of the capitalist system, sat in the library of the British Museum and wrote an analysis of modern capitalist production. With a master hand he sketched the processes of capitalism and predicted the oncoming trust, although at that time there was no trust in the world.

The highest development of economic organization was the corporation and there were not many of them; business presented itself largely in the form of a multitude of partnerships. And so the trust was unknown, the international trust was undreamed of and he who would speak of a syndicate of trusts would provoke racuous laughter, even in the seats of learning in Oxford's cloistered halls.

The prophet who predicted the oncoming trust was the immortal Karl Marx, father of Scientific Socialism.

This old world kept rolling around the sun and it came to pass that the prophecy of the Socialist philosopher and prophet came true. The trust was born and possessed within itself untold possibilities of good for the race, if properly guided by a people thoroughly enlightened as to its potential powers.

This economi phenomena startled he muddle-headed stateaman of our times. The appearance of Halley's Comet never frightened an illiterate negro in the South anymore than this new economic apparition when it flashed on the economic skies. Trained in the old school of competition, our alleged statesmen believed that it was an abnormal growth that could be speedily cut out of the body politic. But alas, the more they tinkered with this phase of economic development the larger it grew.

In no state in the nation was the trust fought so hard as in Texas. Hairbrained politicians by the thousands traveled from El Paso to Texarkana and from Amarillo to Galveston loudly proclaiming that the octopus must be destroyed. If to cry Anathema often enough would destroy an institution then our Texan Solons would surely have caused the trust to crumble and disappear, if not from the face of the earth, at least from the Lone Star State. Governors and attorney generals were selected on the issue of "busting the trusts" and finally a branch of the Standard Oil, the Waters Pierce Oil, was brought to the bar of judgment. Its president H. Clay Pierce was fined the collossal sum of $1,800,000.00 and all was well in Texas for the trust has been traced to its lair and destroyed by these awful Democratic trust busters.

Three years have passed since Pierce paid the fine. Strange to say the business manager of the Rebel was enshrouded with gloom because of the awful prices he had to pay for naptha to run the plant. A finely groomed gentleman entered the Rebel office and conversed with the business manager. He introduced himself as Mr. Brownrigg, representing the Pierce-Fordyce Oil Co. The Rebel editor could not refrain from butting in to the conversation. Courteously I said:

"Will you please tell me, sir, how much the various oils have increased in price the past three years."

"Certainly sir, all oils unrefined and otherwise have increased on an average of from 8 to 12 cents, just about 33 1|3 per cent."

"Thank you sir." And then I walked back to my desk thinking deeply.

And thus do they burst the trusts in Texas.

Who is that back there in the corner who is talking about Woodenread Wilson? Surely it must be the printers "Devil."

Clarence Ousley, speaking before the Fort Worth Physicians' Club recently advocated the compensation [illegible] doctors. He said that the doctor would be able to consecrate himself to his profession and would not have to depend upon the public for support. The impossible has happened: The individualist cries out for collectivism. Did we have sense enough to accept this sensible Socialist suggestion years ago, then the Angel of Death would not have spread his wings over the three million dollar capitol of our state. Great is the Socialist philosophy.

"NULLIS VERBIS."

(Words mean nothing.)

"Oh, celibate priest, how do you know
There's a Heaven above or a Hell below.
Why do you preach submission to me,
Command me to pray on bended knee,
And ask of the so-called Father in Heaven,
That a crust and water to me be given
To quench my thirst and my hunger still,
And never lose faith in that Father's will?
You say, 'If my cross be heavy here,'
My crown will be brighter 'over there'
Your lying lips say, 'God wills it so';
Enslavers of mankind, 'How do ye know?'

"You suffer no hunger, you feel no cold;
You gather and garner sweat-covered gold
To further enslave, enmesh, ensnare—
And say to the ignorant dupes, 'Beware'—
We are the Vicars of God on earth,
We must rule you from the hour of birth;
In our hands is the power given
To doom you to Hell or dole out Heaven.
'God wills you to suffer, starve and slave,
And after this—a shallow grave'—
But—'trust in your priest, have faith God,
After you're planted under the sod.'

"Perhaps, there's Heaven and wings to fly,
But don't expect it until you die;
But we, your priests, as we kneel and bow,
Have all the good things here and now;
We do not bank on this 'land of bliss,'
So we get and keep what we can in this;
[illegible] labor and give
That we, the Vicars of God, may live
And clothe our bodies in silk and lace,
When we gaze on the 'Crucified Savior's face;
And while we profess to fast and pray—
We sing this litany, 'Pay fools—Pay.'

"Dimes and dollars, dollars and dimes,
Their rattle is sweeter than vesper chimes;
Your toll you take when life begins,
And while life lasts for remission of sins;
And then, when life is over and past,
The souls of the dupes in limbo are cast,
Until the last dollar is paid for 'Mass'—
No one can escape your greedy class.
'Purgatory'—by priestcraft made—
The most valued asset in your trade—
'Tell me—"Vicar of God"—what do you know,
Of Heaven above—or Hell below?'

"Hell is real and Hell is here,
Whenever one of your ilk is near—
Ye suck the marrow from Labor's bone,
Your hearts are as soft as paving stones.
As selfish and narrow as is your creed,
So great and grasping is your greed.
The ignorant know, for the poor dupes feel
The mighty weight of your iron heel.
When you stand at God's judgment bar,
And your dupes are gathered anear and far,
What will you do then—what will you say—
If there is a God and a judgment day?

William E. Hansen.

RACE EQUALITY.

He was standing on the tiled floor of the Beaumont postoffice and vigorously declaimed that the Socialists would bring around race equality.

A man took him by the arm and walked him down he big stone steps around the corner into an alley. Through latticed wired windows he asked his friend to look at the women who were toiling amidst the modern machinery of an up-to-date laundry. "Count them", said the man, "thirty-one, notice: sixteen white women and fifteen negresses."

And the women, white and black were on the inside looking out.

What is the biggest joke of the century? A steel magnate on a yacht in Florida talking about tyranny of his wage slaves.

In the eyes of a plutocrat, truth is a burglar. It opens all the doors that lead to freedom.

Great riches and great poverty are opposite ends of a pole. Robbery maintains the balance.

Capitalists are spoken of as the upper class. Why? Because there is somebody sitting on your neck.

THE LAND AMENDMENT

Meningitis has struck the capitol and scared the legislators windless. The [illegible] flow of petitions pouring in to the Senators requesting action. Write the Rebel office for petitions.

THE REBEL CONTEST.

There is plenty of time to get in on the contest yet. Write us saying what congressional district you live in and we will inform you of the standing of contestants in your district. It is honorable work and the prizes are worth fighting for.

STILL ANOTHER BOILER EXPLOSION.

When the 32nd legislature convened a bill was introduced that provided for state boiler inspectors whose duty it was to examine stationary boilers throughout the state. At the hearing that ensued Mr. Garwood of the firm of Baker, Potts, Parker & Garwood of Houston, attorneys for the Harriman lines, appeared before the committee in charge of the bill and protested strenuously and successfully against its passage. This was two years ago.

In the Houston Chronicle of Feb. 17th, 1913, a story of a boiler explosion is carried. The story is summed up in the following headlines:

MILL EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN.

Boiler of Cummings Export Company Plant Near Willisville Blows Up.

Inasmuch as Mr. Garwood was successful in preventing this boiler from being examined, can the Rebel hope that Mr. Garwood will send some flowers to the widows of the men whose lives went out in the boiler explosion. As the ladies lay the memento of Mr. Garwood's grief upon the graves of their husbands, they may think kindly of the gentlemen who killed the boiler inspection bill.

WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE FOR THE TRUT ?

"The man who knows and knows that he knows, he is wise, follow him."

—Oriental Proverb.

You were talking politics the other day. All you needed to establish your arguments were facts.

Did you have them?

You need something to supplant the muzzled press. Out of the great mass of rumor and colored news—real news and news that isn't so—you must have some way of gleaning simple truth if you are going to think clearly on matters of current history and discuss great questions intelligently. In your weekly journal you want, not merely a reprint of newspaper reports and opinions, but a clear readable statement of facts, secured from original sources.

These facts you get each week in The Rebel. It does its level best to make sure that its statements are absolutely accurate and presented simply and convincingly. It does its best to show what these facts mean.

The Rebel isn't always right, but it tries to be—and it is always fair.

It tells you the things you need to know about—the things vital to you, and your business, and your country, and your home.

As important as facts are the opinions of those who—by achievements—have earned the right to speak with authority. To be intimate with such opinions is to keep your own ideas fresh and vigorous.

In The Rebel you will find free and full discussion of great questions by those who know them.

T. A. Hickey, Editor-in-Chief of the Rebel is recognized as a leader of thought in questions of Socialist philosophy and one who knows how to fight for the working class supremacy, constructively and effectively.

E. R. Meitzen, Associate Editor of The Rebel, is a profound student of Socialist economics and organization.

E. O. Meitzen, Contributing Editor, is generally known as an authority on Land and Union organizations. He is one of the oldest fighters for social justice in the South.

Among Southern papers, The Rebel's editorial methods are probably unique. Each week the editorial staff meets to consider the topics that are new and important. Each editor takes the topics in which he is particularly interested and assumes the responsibility for them. Whatever he writes is his own personal conviction. He gives to the reader not only the result of his own knowledge and training, but the benefit of The Rebel's ability to secure accurate information from original sources.

When The Rebel goes to press on Wednesday the whole staff works in unison to handle the latest news quickly and certainly, to make sure that the newest aspects of current questions are thrown into sharp focus.

The distinction of The Rebel's editorials and news paragraphs extends to its contributed articles. Nothing is admitted to The Rebel that is not backed by specific reason and purpose.

The Rebel has been called "The forum for public discussion in the South for workers." This is because it presents at first hand the opinions and convictions of leaders in working class organizations: The leaders of the Timber Workers; the officers of industrial unions; the officials of the Renters Union in Texas and Oklahoma; the officials, writers and organizers of the Socialist party throughout the South all contribute to its pages.

This recognition of The Rebel's influence makes it a power in National life.

Read The Rebel for a few weeks. You will get more what you need than ever [illegible] a better understanding of familiar things. Then you will want The Rebel through the year. [illegible]

Last week the editor of this great religious weekly had a hurry-up call to San Antonio. In his absence the make-up man slipped in an advertisement for a private detective tutor. On our return there was such a row that portion of the office is wrecked and if this paper lasts for 100 years such a mistake will never occur again. We tried to console ourselves by saying: "Accidents will happen." Some of them hurt like sheol just the same.

Free Trade.

These half-baked dilletante reformers who pester us with their nostrums, such as free trade, prohibition, civil service, etc. are respectfully invited by the Rebel to find out what is going on in the classic country of free trade—England.

They might at the same time take note of the fact, that all the labor-saving machinery that has been invented during the past one hundred years has not lifted one pound of toil from the backs of the suffering working class.

Should our roaring reformers question that rather strong statement, we would call their attention to the fact that Howe, over 100 years ago invented the sewing machine and now after the lapse of five generations the women and girls who toil in East End sweatshops are suffering as much as their sisters of ahundred or more years ago who knew nothing about the machine and earned the pittance, that kept them alive, by the primitive hand needle that was, as Ingersoll put it: "The asp in the breast of the poor."

Today in London, England, these women find themselves in the same abject condition of poverty as were their sisters about whom Tom Hood wrote his famous "Song of the Shirt." You remember:

THE SONG OF THE SHIRT.

With fingers weary and worn,
With eyelids heavy and red,
A woman sat in unwomanly rags,
Plying her needle and thread—
Stitch! stitch! stitch.
In poverty, hunger and dirt,
And still with a voice of dolorous pitch
She sang the "Song of the Shirt."

Last month the Hon. Lloyd George, England's famous chancellor of the exchequer, gave a hearing to several of these East Side seamstresses. The Literary Digest describes what occurred at this meeting:

"Mrs. Mary Wood, a prematurely aged, toil-bent woman from one of the sweatshops of the East Side, told Mr. Lloyd George that she worked more than sixty hours weekly and received for her labor 75 cents or the six days. On that, she said, she attempted to support herself and a sick husband, helpless—not from drink—but from tuberculosis, to which he fell a victim while slaving by kerosene lamplight in the same sweatshop.

"Her needle-scarred and mishapen hands trembling with terrible earnestness, Mrs. Wood told the Cabinet officer how hundreds of thousands of women and helpless girls were forced to work in the East End shops as she did for less than a living pittance."

And thus the poor suffer under free trade in England's metropolis just as they suffer under protection in New York, the metropolis of the United States.

When will our reformers learn that free trade, protection, anti-expansion, prohibition and all such schemes of social betterment cannot improve the conditions of the workers as long as the body politic is infected with the cancer of Capitalism?

Will Mr. Bryan, Mr. Wilson & Co. please read the story of Mrs. Mary Wood, and then throw their hats in the air and in joyous chorus shout:

"Hurrah for free trade!"

THE REAL CAUSE.

Down in Boston there is a great doctor, the Hon. Charles W. Galvin, M. D. Writing in the Boston Post recently, he said:

"The real cause of crime that is being committed today is that 95 per cent of the people don't care what harm comes to the other fellow so long as it doesn't happen to them.

"If a change does not take place in the existing conditions which will stop the rapid increase in the number of unemployed, I predict, with all sincerity, that by 1915 there will be such a revolution as will make the millionaire afraid to step outside his home for fear of having his brains blown out by the starving man who awaits him."

If monopoly in land is destroyed, and the social tools are socially owned, there will not be any working men blowing out millionaires brains in 1915, or any other time. Reason: There will not be "any sich animile."

Fifty years after the guns boomed at Fort Sumter, Texas stood away down in the table of states that had fought against illiteracy. In the scale of education, we are 37. Why not? Four-fifths of the state is locked up and the children hear the droning of the bee in the cotton patch instead of the music of the old school bell. When we have killed landlordism and bursted the criminal Commercial Secretary's Association, then the Texas child, both white and black, will have a chance.

TOWARD THE SUNRISE

By Eugene V. Debs.

The earth is in travail; the race is suffering the pangs of parturition.

A world-wide, humanity-embracing revolution is on the calendar—in red letters—of the Twentieth Century.

The impending social crisis is the most portentous that ever issued from the womb of Time.

Historical epochs mark the growth of man, the progress of events, the rise and sweep of civilization.

Prophets and philosophers, catching the spirit of coming events, forsee and proclaim them; and as they approach, poets and pamphleteers, orators and agitators, dramatists and musicians, animated by the new spirit, acclaim the joyous tidings of the sunrise on the morrow.

These are the heralds of the dawn; the torchbearers of progress; the evangels of advancing civilization.

Living, they are hated and reviled; crucified and damned.

Dead, they live again and forever.

Freedom is the universal shibboleth of the present age.

And as the cry for freedom surges from the soul and leaps from the lips of Labor, a thousand million proletarians, in all the zones that girdle the globe, lift their bowed bodies from the dust and join in the swelling anthem of the Social Revolution.

In all nations—civilized semi-civilized, barbarian and savage—the leaven is at work; and beyond all boundary lines a silent, invisible, irresistible power is reaching out and marshaling them all in orderly array within the luminous orbit of universal alliance.

The Nineteenth Century evolved the physical forces for the overthrow of wage-slavery and laid the material foundation, wide as the world, for a new social order. The Twentieth Century, completing the work, will rear the social superstructure—the royal temple of humanity disenthralled.

Freedom, in its true, ideal sense, is yet unknown to man. It can not abide where slavery exists. Its spirit is essentially universal. It is radiant as the sunshine and refreshing as the shower — the very life-breath of civilization.

In the soil of ignorance, superstition thrives, but freedom fails. It is not for the few. The "Four Hundred" cannot, with all their millions of stolen dollars, buy a breath of it. They are, indeed, the veriest slaves. The canker is at their souls and the dry rot at their bodies.

Nicholas of Russia will never know the joy of freedom. The czar and his subjects are chained together, and not God himself can free the czar without freeing the subjects.

That is the law — the moral law — and no political machine, nor other device of the master class, can ever repeal it.

Freedom is no more for the master than for the slave—no more for the capitalist than for the wage-worker.

O Freedom, we thank thee from the fullness of grateful hearts. Thou art truly pure and incorruptible. Thou lookest down with pity, and compassion on the children of toil, bent with their burdens and weary with oppression. Thou biddest them to join hands and hearts, shake off their cruel fetters, and rise to thy realms of peace and joy. We thank thee, above all, for thy supreme sense of justice in withholding thy favors from their masters and rulers, and rejecting with righteous scorn all special pleas for thy great boon, rebuking thus the soulless few who would, to free themselves, see all their brethren perish in slavery. We hear thy cheering voice and understand thy revolutionary mission. Thou art to us the noblest of ideals; and when trials vexations multiply and clouds hang low, we find in thee unceasing solace and unfailing strength and inspiration. We know that when the hour strikes for thy reception; know that when class robs class no more; when humanity, slaveless and masterless, rises to its true dignity, then wilt thou come to earth to abide with the children of men in the Reign of Freedom forevermore!

The greatest cause in all this world today — the cause whose lofty ideals fire the souls of eight millions of workingmen and women with revolutionary passion, is International Socialism. This grand historic movement has no parallel in history. It is the first conscious attempt of the workers of the world to unite for the overthrow of their oppressors; the first deliberate resolution to achieve their own emancipation.

The emancipation of labor is essential to the freedom of humanity.

The struggle for freedom is the history of the race; the fruit of the struggle, the developmnt of man.

The jungle and the wilderness have in large extent been cleared away, but the animal struggle for existence rages fiercely as of old, and savage nature still runs riot in the breast of man.

The earth is not yet fit for human habitation; but the long, dark night is passing, and humanity is moving grandly toward the sunrise.

The civilizations of Egypt, Persia, Babylon, Rome, Greece, Assyria and other ancient nations, and the royal robbers and privileged parasites that ruled over them, had their day and passed away with the wretched slaves who build the pyramids and obelisks along the track of the early centuries of the race. The feudal nations of mediaeval Europe, whose lords and nobles inherited all the vicious and heartless characteristics of the ancient ruling class, especially their parasitic disdain and brutal contempt for their outraged slaves, have followed in the wake of their predecessors, and nothing remains but the memory of their bloody reign — the midnight horrors of history.

All, all these nations and dynasties, and all the broods of titled vampires that had thir gory beaks in the heart of honest toil, have turned back to dust and now fertilize the highway of the ages, but the working class survives; slowly yet surely developing the power to fulfill its mission of emancipation.

The working class may be robbed, tramped upon, crushed, broken, sabered, imprisoned, shot full of jagged wounds, "poor dumb mouths" to bear mute witness to the crimes it has suffered, but its majestic march continues toward the sunrise.

All the kings and courts, all the armies and navies and all the retainers and mercenaries of the ruling class can not turn backward the revolutionary movement of the working class of the world.

The very defeats it encounters eliminate weakness, promote solidarity and insure ultimate triumph.

The working class is still on all fours, worked, ridden, whipped and stabled, to serve the convenience of its master.

But this working behemoth is coming gradually into consciousness of his latent power. He has but to shake himself to make the earth tremble. He is the poten-tial ruler of the universe.

Through all the countless years that are gone, this giant groped in darkness while swarms of insects ravaged his flesh and rioted in his misery.

The Twentieth Century will see him emerge from the black night of ignorance and stand erect in the glory of his power and the joy of his triumph.

Wage-servitude in the capitalist system is the last phase of Labor's slavery. This system, like those that preceded it, must go the way of all things. Society changes ceaselessly, reproducing itself in forms [illegible] and the logic of events.

The master and slave, the lord and serf of past ages, are gone, and the capitalist and wage-workers of our day must soon follow them.

The evolution of industry is at once destroying and re-creating the social world; and no injunctions issued by any capitalist court can lie against the operation of its resistless forces.

The development of machinery necessitates the concentration of capital, and this in turn crushes out the middle class and compels the revolutionary organization of the working class.

The class struggle against class-ruled society is as wide as the domain of capitalism, and as deep-rooted as the exploitation of the working class.

Labor and capital are locked in an international conflict that rocks the earth.

The capitalists are few and cunning; the workers many and ignorant.

But the eyes of the workers are opening; they are beginning to think, and to act.

They have been beaten a 1000 times, but have rallied again; they will be beaten a thousand times more, but they can endure it all and grow stronger in defeat.

Capitalist cupidity and craftiness, the corrupt subserviency of political, and military hirelings, editorial venality and sanctimonious servility; all the hordes of weaklings, cowards, apologists, traitors and assassins; all the moral degenerates described by Shakespeare:

> "You shall mark
> Many a duteous and knee-crooking knave,
> That, doting on his own obsequious bondage,
> Wears out his time, much like his master's ass,
> For naugh' but provender."

All, all these are arrayed against the labor movement, itself infested with spies and informers and ofttimes led by the henchmen of the enemy — but the labor movement, purging itself again and again, and steadily developing its inherent mental and moral power, will vanquish ultimately all the forces of oppression and injustice; and the day of its victory will mark the freedom of humanity, the greatest epoch in the annals of the race.

The whole competitive regime is out of tune and out of date.

Capitalists themselves devour one another with no more remorse than if they were wolves and hyenas. The great mass of small producers constituting the middle class are being ruined, pushed over the precipice, and are tumbling headlong into the surging sea of wage-slavery; and in the next few years the middle class of today, stripped and propertyless, will have to make common cause with the working class in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism.

class in the struggle for the overthrow of capitalism.

"The earth for the people" is the uncompromising demand of the labor movement.

Today virtually all wealth is produced with social tools in the hands of social labor.

Social tools must be made social property.

The Rockefellers, Morgans, Harrimans, Carnegies and Astors, capitalists and parasites, and all their brood, will soon have to pack their grips and follow their antecedents, the slave-owners and feudal lords, to the limbo of the obsolete.

The working class movement will in due time check their baggage to its final destnation.

It is the historic mission of labor to free the human race. To free itself is to free mankind.

Labor is life. Society would perish without the working class.

The degree of labor's servitude is the degree of society's tribulation, defeat and shame.

The disclosures of profligacy and piracy among the elect in New York insurance circles registers at once the height of capitalist class and the depth of working class slavery.

There can be no morals in any society based upon the exploitation and consequent misery of the class whose labor supports that society.

There can be no freedom while workers are in fetters.

Wage-servitude is fatal even to the true freedom of its most favored capitalist beneficiaries. They may be surfeited with gold and power, but they are not free. They can not sever the ties that bind them to their slaves and soar alone into the realms of freedom.

It is written in the moral law with "iron pen in the lead and rock forever" that whosoever enslaves his fellow-man forges fetters for himself.

When labor is emancipated, humanity will draw its first full and vitalizing breath of freedom.

The eight millions of Social Revolutionists are multiplying their numbers into conquering majorities; and in good time, when the knell of departing capitalism is sounded, they will have the economic and political power to take possession of the sources and means of wealth production in the name of all the people, to whom they rightfully belong, and all the people will then be free.

We are now in the transition period between individualism and collectivism; between brutality and brotherhood.

The change will come on schedule time unless the laws of evolution are suspended and the earth stops still; and it will come in peace and order unless the ruling class decree otherwise; but it will come.

The Nineteenth Century developed the machinery and methods to increase the production of wealth a thousend-fold. The Twentieth Century will still further augment this vast productive foree, and it will do more: it will distribute this wealth in equity among the people who produce it.

Wealth will be for all; so easily obtained honestly that there will be no incentive to steal; and so abundantly that poverty will disappear; and ignorance, disease and crime will follow in their order.

The highest civilization attainable in capitalism has been reached, and its degree may be recognized in the moral grandeur and spiritual exaltation of the chief executive of the nation in publicy advocating the whipping-post and the flesh-tearing lash as ministers of mercy and instruments of Christian salvation.

The whipping-post, bespattered with the lacerated flesh of the moral deformities produced in capitalist society, as the symbol of Christian civilization!

O Jesus, what virtues are inculcated and practiced by thy followers in thy name!

O merciful Lincoln, and this is thy successor!

Capitalism, as a matter of fact, is the negation of conscience — the murderer of morals and the destroyer of civilization.

The tenderer sensibilities, the diviner attributes, are as dead in the millionaire as in the tramp; in the "cultured" society dame as in the siren of the slums.

Joaquin Miller wrote of "The Dead Millionaire" — I know of none living — in profound poetic pity:

> "The gold that in the sunshine lies
> In bursting heaps at dawn;
> The silver pouring from the skies
> At night to walk upon;
> The diamonds gleaming in the dew,
> He never saw, he never knew."

"What is Henry VIII?" asks Victor Hugo, and then answers, "A paunch." That, in a word, describes capitalist civilization.

Proud was the author of "Les Miserables" to avow himself a Socialist. "The first hunger", he exclaimed, "is ignorance! Socialism wishes, then above all, to instruct. That does not hinder Socialism from being calumniated, and Socialists from being denounced . . . To level the tyrant and the slave,— what a magnificent endeavor! Now, the whole of one side of actual society is tyrant, and all the other side is slave. A grim settlement is impending, and it will be accomplished. [illegible] with that end in view. They will gain greatness in that work."

The patriots of the American Revolution conquered their political freedom; the War of the Rebellion destroyed chattel slavery, and now the struggle is on for the extermination of wage-slavery.

There can be but one outcome.

Profits and wages produce palaces for parasites and workhouses for workers.

Thank God! an awakening proletariat is pulsing with solidarity and turning its eyes toward the sunrise.

Scarred and seamed are its rough and hardened features, grim its determination, but no just man on earth need fear it. It has suffered a million crimes, but is animated by no spirit of revenge. Its mission of emancipation is [illegible] by no shadow of contemplated injury or injustice to its conquered enemy. It conquers that enemy but to free that enemy; and a victorious proletariat will celebrate the peace of the world.

Economic freedom will elevate humanity to a higher plane than it has ever known.

Wealth and leisure for all! That is now possible for the first time in the history of the race. And that will be but the material foundation of the new social order — the beginning of the Coming Man.

Who shall tell of the intellectual unfolding, the spiritual development and the moral exaltation of the generations to follow?

Come, let us onward — TOWARD THE SUNRISE.

TEXAS NOTES.

(Ed. A. Green, State Sec., Rockdale.)

It only takes five to organize and conduct the affairs of a live local. Surely there are that many Socialists in your community. Get them together and get to work.

The vote on Referendum D, in Texas was very light, only sixty-seven locals and ten members-at-large voting; resulting in 162 votes for and 551 against.

After reading about four hundred and seventy-nine hard luck stories from various local secretaries over the state, we felt much better after getting the following from the secretary of Hillsboro local: "Our local is on a boom. We have more than twenty-five members now, with prospects good for one hundred in the near future. We have established a local paper 'The Hill Co. Worker'. One of the Iola, Kans. tribe. The comrade have placed me in charge editorially. Send us Andrews."

Comrade W. S. Ritchey, representing the Co-operative Publishing Co., of Iola, Kas., visited the state office recently. He reports having made arrangements with the boys in several north Texas counties for launching of local or county papers. His plan looks good, and these papers properly edited and supported should live and do much good in the field for which they are intended. He will work in Texas indefinitely.

J. L. Bright will wake 'em up in Hamilton county as soon as the weather will permit. He's a live wire and we believe he will do it.

Will your county have an encampment this summer? If so it's time to begin woking on it right now.

Milam county Socialists will hold a mass meeting at the city hall Rockdale Saturday March 1, to elect a county secretary as Comrade Hollowell has resigned. Other very impo ant business will be discussed. Be there.

Comrade Mary Shelton has recently been elected Sec. of Erath Co. The movement should flouris under the management of this very able and revolutionary comrade.

O. L. Hammonds of Magnet, writes for blanks and instructions and will reorganize that local, stronger than ever. Go thou and do likewis.

Comrade M. A. Smith reports having addressed the students of the East Texas Normal College recently, organizing a chapter of the Inter-Collegiate Socialist Society.

How about that cotton patch?

Now that spring has come and the weather is nice you should get busy. Reorganize that old local, go after new members, get the ladies interested, build up and strengthen your organization in every way possible. This is "our year". While the enemy is sleeping let us prepare to deal him a death blow when the opportunity again presents itself. Why wear chains and leave your children shackled, when a little work on the part of each one will arouse the slaves and break the chains forever.

The ignorance of the worker is the foundation on which rests Capitalism. Get your neighbor into the local and educate him

M. A. Smith will start on a tour of the eastern part of the state about March 1st.

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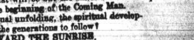
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A Great Problem.

THE EARLY AMERICAN MOVEMENT AND THE LAND QUESTION.

One of the great problems which absorbed the attention of the early American labor movement was the land question. That this question should have attracted so much attention and caused such widespread agitation was only natural in a country like the United States, where "there was no limit to free land for everybody", as some people would put it. In the days of Horace Greeley the idea that this country was rich enough to give every family a farm was still prevalent, and it was Greeley who coined the phrase: "Go West, young men, go West!"

The fact that hundreds of thousands of industrial workers could take up farm life, escape the condition of industrial slavery and the sufferings which are the natural result of unemployment made the labor problem less acute than in many of the Western European countries. This was the case for many decades and under such extraordinary economic conditions the young American labor movement had an exceptionally hard road to travel before the foundation for a permanent movement and organization was built.

Legislation and the Land Question.

Much of the time of the United States Congress was consumed with the land question. This problem came before congress in every conceivable form. The pivotal point of the land agitation was the securing of the settler in the possession of his homestead. As early as March 3, 1801, a so-called "Pre-Emption Law" was passed, giving the right of pre-emption to certain persons for lands lying between the Miami rivers in what then known as the territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio river. After that, act after act was passed by Congress extending the benefits of pre-emption, until the law of June 30, 1880, was passed, whereby the rights of settlement were extended to unsurveyed as well as surveyed lands with a credit from twelve to thirty-three months, which was given the pre-emptor by residence.

The pre-emption was a premium given the settler on condition that he made permanent settlement and a home on the land which he had laid claim to.

For Forty Long Years Congress and the People.

were much agitated by this vexed land question. In 1841 Congress passed another pre-emption act, which was thought to have settled the problem for good. But there appeared new aspects of the question. Already in 1852 the problem of granting free homes became a national issue with all the political parties then in the field. In the same year on the 11th day of Auguts, there convened in Pittsburg, Pa., a political conference under the auspices of the "Free Soil Democracy." This gathering decided to nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States, and adopted a platform which contained the following

Radical Demands of the Free Soil Democracy.

"The public lands of the United States belong to the people and should not be sold to individuals nor granted to corporations, but should be held as a sacred trust for the benefit of the people, and should be granted in limited quantities, free of cost, to landless settlers."

For fully ten years the promulgation of this Free Soil Democracy platform became an issue with all the political parties. In every labor union meeting the question was discussed. There were excited public discussions and the rank and file of the people were stirred up, as never before.

Congress was again compelled to take action, which it did in 1859. Thousands and ten of thousands of settlers were moving westward looking for new homes on Uncle Sam's free land. With his settlers' movement also grew the capitalist land speculation. The railroads got very busy to get their work in and the pressure for the enactment of a law which would confine locaters to limited holdings, with actual occupancy, improvement and cultivation as requisites for possession, compelled Congress to enact the "Homestead Law" of 1862.

Corrupt Influence of Corporations

These movements for radical land reform and land legislation were backed mostly by the working people. It was only natural that in their desire to have legislation in their behalf and for their protection enacted they collided with the class interests of the big corporations, especially the railroads and other concerns who robbed Uncle Sam of some of his best and most fertile land.

Good bills could be passed by one house of Congress and killed or pigeonholed in the other. As a rule the Senate attended to the killing, funeral and burial work. The was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on May 20, 1862.

When the Railroads Organized for

The first act of real significance conferring a grant of land upon a railroad company was passed on September 20, 1850, although smaller grants had been voted by Congress two or three decades before.

This was the beginning of the wholesale, legalized land robbery by the railroad corporations. On July 1, 1862 Congress passed an act giving the Union Pacific Railroad the right to build a line from the Missouri river to the Pacific. With the granting of lands to railroads began the raid of the speculator and the crowding of the settler from his homestead. Railroad speculators began to push their serpentine routes through prairies, over mountains and across the plains, and as they travelled westward the acres became scarcer for the settler, who was compelled to go farther away from civilization to find land on which to erect his home.

Millions of Acres were Granted t

and they selected the best and most fertile portions of the public domain. Speculators who could not gain possession of territory under the Homestead Laws organized titious railroad companies in order to lay claim to lands, in the hope that the government would never declare them forfeited if they were not tapped the whole lenght by the railroad to which the grant was made.

There were land-grab scandals and governmental investigations of land robberies perpetrated on Uncle Sam and the corrupt work

"Land is the Inheritance of God."

The reserving of the public lands became one of the leading demands of almost every labor union then in existence, and the labor and reform parties which sprang up in those days made the land problems their leading issue. The Order of the Knights of Labor gave much of its time and collective energy to the consideration of the land problem.

In September, 1882, the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor met in New York, and in an address delivered there by the grand master workman we find the following sentences pertaining to the land question:

In my opinion, the main, all-absorbing question of the hour is the land question. • • • Look over our western field today and note the rapid strides with which monopoly is seizing upon the fairest acres our country contains. • • • Let the robbery of the people's heritage go on in the United States in the future as it has in the past, and the hope of the immigrant will die out in his bosom, and soon a sentence to the mines of Siberia will be preferable to a residence in the land of his birth. • • • The land is the heritage of God. He gave it to all His people. No man or set of men have a right to monopolize it. • • • If I am told that our national legislature had a right to grant the lands to corporations, I ask the question from whom did they derive that right? The answer must be: the people. Yet I deny that right for a people now living cannot give away what was ordained for the use of the people yet unborn. • • • Give heed to this land question, be not afraid of the taunts of jeers of our enemies; do not quail at the name of communist, when it is applied to you, for it were better to be called a communist than be a party to the plundering of a people of the inheritance ordained for them by God.

The Law condemns the man or woman
Who steals the goose from off the common;
But lets the greater felon loose
Who steals the common from the goose.

"God hasten the day when the 'greater felon' will be brought to justice."

GENERAL STRIKE IN BELGIUM.

The Socialists and members of organized labor have been planning for months for a mighty general strike that will paralyze industry in Belgium. This move is the result of a 20 years battle for universal suffrage. The Ultramontane or Catholic Church party is the largest party in Belgium. For a generation these black guards as the clericals are known have steadily resisted the tide of modern Democracy. As a result these Catholic politicians are intensely hated by the masses of the people who in rising from unspeakable depth of poverty have found themselves time and again beaten back by the clerical reactionaries who stand for the King and privilege against the rights of man.

The capitalist press in America is suppressing information about this oncoming political upheaval that will be the biggest thing that has happened since the Civil War in the United States. The workers have laid their plans well and so complete is their organization that when the hour comes for the general strike the industries of the entire nation will suspend and [illegible] workers are prepared to keep industry paralyzed for six weeks [illegible] that time not a wheel will [illegible] on the railroad, street [illegible] factory, the electric lights will not burn in the great cities and [illegible] the worker show what tremendous power lies in the solidarity of labor. The workers do not propose violence in their fight against the King and the Catholic church, they will peacefully fold their arms and thus by a great mass demonstration of solidarity such as Haywood and others advocate the workers expect to gain the ballot and thus bring confusion and defeat to their reactionary enemies in church and state. The Rebel will keep its readers posted upon the developments that will occur in this magnificent fight for Democracy.

CHILD LABOR.

Says the Houston Chronicle:

"Many thousands of small children are employed in the cotton factories of South Carolina, North Carilona and Virginia, and the argument in favor of such employment of children is that there is no other sphere in which such children can be employed so as to earn a livelihood.

"The soil of these states has become so exhausted by continual cultivation that profitable farming is impossible except by intensive methods, and those too poor to own farms, and having large families, can not as tenants make a living on the farm, hence they and their children go together into the cotton mills.

"The hours in these mills are very long and hygienic conditions very bad, and their owners have been bitterly attacked on account of them, and it is doubtless true that much of the legislation on the subject of child labor has been inspired by conditions in the states named."

Read the above and then think of the 100,000,000 acres of arable land held out of cultivation in Texas, and remember that every inch is virgin soil. You can save the children, the greatest asset of the nation, by passing the Socialist Land Amendment. Let us kill child labor.

DON'T LOSE HEART.

We know of Socialists who have become discouraged because of the high-handed manner in which party affairs have been conducted nationally and as a protest have ceased paying dues and dropped out of the orgainzation. Comrades, by dropping out you simply play into the hands of the centralizers. The only manly and effective way to protest is to *stay with the organization at all hazards and fight it out if it takes all summer.* If everyone would desert now that is opposed to Bureaucracy the party would be in a "mell of a hess" indeed.

Remember Texas and Oklahoma, the banner Socialist states of the Union, already lined up for the Program—with New Mexico and other states ready to fall in line, and we'll carry the fight from tate to state until Our Party House is est in order for all time.

O ye Texas and Oklahoma rebels, remember that now is the time to stand firm, as in days of yore, you, the advance guard of the cohorts of revolution.

You can [illegible] find a remedy for what is troubling you until you know what is troubling you. Think this over.

Falsehood has no such foe as truth; darkness no enemy so potent as light; liberty no such friend as Socialism.

WANT AD COLUMN.

WANTED—Socialist workers in every city, town, village and rural district to wake up the sleepy ones, send in their names, get them to contribute to Socialist work, and to pay much attention to communications from the Rebel and the State office. Applicants must write to this office at once. It is up to you to make your locality a lively Socialist center.

WANTED—A live Socialis local in every place where one or more Socialist is to be found. If no organization exists where you live, get busy and form one. If there is an organization, join it if not already a member, and try to make it more active. You neglect your duty if you fail to do this.

WANTED — Secretaries of Socialist locals to communicate with the Rebel and find out if something can not be done to increase the usefulness of their locals.

WANTED—Workers to secure subscribers for The Rebel and Decentralizer. Socialists who are not taking these papers can not possibly realize how the movement is progressing.

Everybod's doing it now. What? Why talking about war. Gene Debs gets in on the discussion. He says: "I believe in war, that is to say I'm so fond of peace I want to make war on war." Gene is like the Irishman who said: "We are going to have peace even if we have to wade up to our knees in blood to get it."



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