





# S. L. P. NARROWNESS

The "Bread" Theory of Catching Any and All Votes and its Disastrous Results—The Union of Capital and Labor and the Snake and the Rabbit.

When Socialism is proposed to a certain class of people they throw up their hands in horror, thinking you are proposing a scheme whereby all the world must stop its industries, like Joshua's sun, for a time or a day, until you adjust the new order of things and then start anew.

I will digress a trifle here to make an explanation, for you who are a Democrat or Republican, also Social Democrat and Labor Unionist of pure and simple brand, will say "that is our way of thinking and acting. You S. L. P. men do not act in accord with your own theory for you say we must have Socialism, not a step at a time, but all at once; saying it is as dangerous to pluck a hair from the tiger as to take his life."

Yes, we even say more, and that is, "This tiger, capitalism, will fight as ferociously to prevent the plucking of this small hair from itself as it will for its life, well knowing you mean, when taking this small trophy, to come back again for more."

You can not mingle water and fire with any result but steam. The only way to control this steam is in a boiler. But Social Democrat reasoning is like throwing handfuls of water into the fire. You produce steam, but where is it?

# Kautsky's "Class Struggle"

A Criticism of it Criticized—Metzler Answered.

I have read A. Metzler's "criticism" of Kautsky's "Class Struggle" in the Weekly and Monthly People in which to distinguish it from the "class struggle for shorter hours or higher wages" is no part of the class struggle; but an entirely "separate" struggle which he would call "the struggle for existence."

Metzler alleges that this conception of the "class struggle" would "safeguard" "our movement" "against attacks." He appears to forget that a man shooting at a target may have the bulls eye for his "conscious aim," yet, he may hit a barn door some distance from the bulls eye.

The class struggle proceeds from the economic fact that the economic interests of the two classes, capitalist and wage slave, are opposed. Of the total wealth produced in a given time, the more of it that the capitalist class keeps for itself, the less it does it pay out in "wages" to the working class.

you they represent the majority. But, if you are unable to see whom they represent you indeed are blind. Whose rights are conserved in all courts and legislatures? Is not the man of wealth the winner? You might think of some isolated case where the poor man got satisfaction, but one case in a million is not a very good showing that you are the preferred class.

Then you, "Socialist" or "Social Democrat," do you realize with what plan you are agitating even though you are honest in its espousal? It is that you can, without order or form centrally directed, bring about union of purpose.

You will not allow "dictation" because that would be too much like the S. L. P., who believe in intelligent generalship and headship. I should think the disastrous results of the commune alone would suffice to show a dillard that leadership must be to attain success.

Now, think here if you will, how can anything build without a base or its equivalent? Why, you think Socialism is like a tree. You plant and any one can water it, and it will grow. Yes, but it takes one to do the watering, who can discern between a solution of sulphuric acid and pure water; so any one can water the tree of Socialism.

You can not put men into office to accomplish a thing, unless they themselves have a true knowledge of why and how it can be done. They should realize, with no concentrating point, no regulating centre that is final, that this official will be a czar; and each official being in the same condition, how can they expect anything but demoralization?

# TRUE PROSPERITY

Will the Working Class of Duluth, Minn., Vote for It in February?

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 21.—On February 3, 1903, the voters of Duluth will again cast their ballots. It remains for the working class to act like a dignified body, and vote into power the Socialist Labor Party to the end that class rule and social injustice shall receive a blow that shall inspire the proletariat to extend other blows at the next national election.

Perhaps, however, the working class, is satisfied to believe the discordant howl about "prosperity" to mean that they actually prosper. If to be prosperous means a mere daily existence, or to be plain, two "meals" (perhaps three, giving the benefit of the doubt) a day, a place to sleep, and a nail to hang one's hat, is prosperity; if the daily struggle for a job, and the harder struggle to hold it, for fear of starving after the job has ceased, is prosperity; if the "reward" of labor is high prices on the common necessities of life, and the "dignity" is a long list of accidents, wrecks, explosions; if all this is prosperity then, indeed, are we prosperous.

But prosperity means more than a mere dog's existence. It means that which the working class has never yet enjoyed, viz., absolute social well-being—pure social and useful labor, and all the opportunities and possibilities of education, music, art, literature, science and aspirations that cannot be realized so long as we are held in subjection by the capitalist class, which thrives like a parasite on our productivity.

told him birds did it? No; for altho' walking was nowhere as pleasant a way, yet I'm afraid he would attempt walking. Yet this must be a narrow man, could he not try. He would not need to fly all at once, but a little at a time. But after he had knowledge of its impossibility, he would be a fool to try; as things are to-day it would be energy wasted.

Take Carey, of Haverhill, or McCarthy, of Brockton; does the party control them? You can bet not, it is the opposite. Then this being a revolution and not a burlesque, they should understand that the only votes that they can get are those who don't thoroughly realize that a revolution must be a concerted act in place of a discordant one.

If capital must have a share, its share should go to the creator of the universe, that is its logical owner, outside the producer. Perhaps the capitalist of to-day thinks the creator left it as a legacy to him; but I think even the unionist would not advance this absurd reasoning.

We recognize the necessity of replacing the worn-out implement, but this giving a share to capital resembles the pagan worship of giving tribute to mythical or stone gods, a giving of something for nothing.

Well, to get back to my subject, this change from the present to Socialism, as I said, must be gradual, but intelligent, as no one, if Socialism went into the saddle to-morrow, would know the difference; only instead of going backward you would notice a gradual advance. Your industries would be slowly merged into collective institutions, taking, if necessary, any amount of time from years to centuries, and when in perfect running order, Socialism will be succeeded by a more perfect system, evolution moving us along, regardless of our wishes.

If those who fought the inauguration of capitalism were before you to-day, their ideas would be completely illustrated by your present day antagonism to Socialism on the same objection that capitalism, coming in, would stop everything, until it, capitalism itself, became workable.

So you see there is no immediate need to fear that Socialism will stop everything and wait a few days to take an inventory, then with a new line of goods and employers start anew. Capitalism is not a peanut stand that can be closed up for a while to be swept, papered and painted. It is more like a tremendous system of sewerage that has become clogged with refuse, and don't distribute its matter properly, part of the system receiving no distribution, all going one way.

# COMPARED TO "ONE STEP AT A TIME" AND "PURE AND SIMPLE UNIONISM."

Now, to remedy the imperfection, you would not say: drop the old at once. No; but drop it as soon as possible, build up anew and gradually displace the old with the new, but by intelligent action. The S. L. P. works by economic law, knowing to instantly stop a thing without first having its successor boot and spurred for action, means deterioration and disorder.

Yet the various reformers use this very thing against us in argument, saying we are too narrow, wanting too much at a time, when, in reality, all we want is to start a new and better system, retaining what is good of this our present system, just discarding and refusing the bad, which hinges on wage labor, while they are striving to plug and patch up the old system, which is bursting on all sides from its overload.

And because the S. L. P. refuses to assist them, learning by experience that this system of distribution can never do its work to humanity's advantage, then we are "narrow," right being misconstrued into "narrowness." But any one who thinks can see the S. L. P. is the only party which advocates broadness, for it embraces all mankind; but it embraces them as human and intelligent factors who can emancipate themselves, using the proletariat as a base, a fulcrum, to lift society. A realization of the class struggle will be the radiant point for all and must be alone acknowledged.

This is the step at a time policy which must win. The narrow way is that which overlooks wrong to gain friends or votes. Look to the S. L. P. tactics, also its declaration of principles, with the searching eye of skepticism, then into historical and known facts, using intelligent comparisons, and see if there is any need to fear it will be too narrow for you to follow. Trace, if you can, through history a period where any changes of system to system held the world still, while it transfigured itself.

They are, as the changes from darkness to dawn, imperceptible, but they must be in order of succession, no halfway change, but complete and thorough transformation. Is this worth striving for? And when understood, you might as well ask if it is desirable to be happy; is it a pleasure to see mankind taken from the valleys of oppression and lifted to the pinnacle of contentment? Yes, even tho' a Joshua could command the industries of the world to stand still and be obeyed, it would be worth it all. So drop your vote-getting theory and work for intelligent action.

Not unity of action, but unified thought, and the action will be simultaneous. This only is S. L. P. "narrowness." It is narrow only when in comparison to right and wrong combined as one; but as right and strength it will be broad enough to encircle the globe and find a solace to its narrowness and lack of step at a time policy by its emancipation of the human family.

I think it was Emerson who coined the sentence, "They are building better than they know," and it is emblazoned to incandescence when placed over the emblem of the S. L. P.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Gomper's Posturing the Employers. To The Daily and Weekly People.—On the 30th inst. the great and only Sammy Gomper is to speak here, under the auspices of the Central Federated Union of this city.

growth. The work that we do here is spread throughout the land by the nomadic wanderings of the workmen, and comrades of Los Angeles are spurring each other to more real enthusiasm and more work for the cause than the section has seen for a long while.

toward Socialism (but where are the votes?) while the Building Trades Council inclines towards Democracy. The metal trades members declare for neither, and our vote is scattered to all parties.

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