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WORKING AND THE LAW.

BY T. J. MORGAN

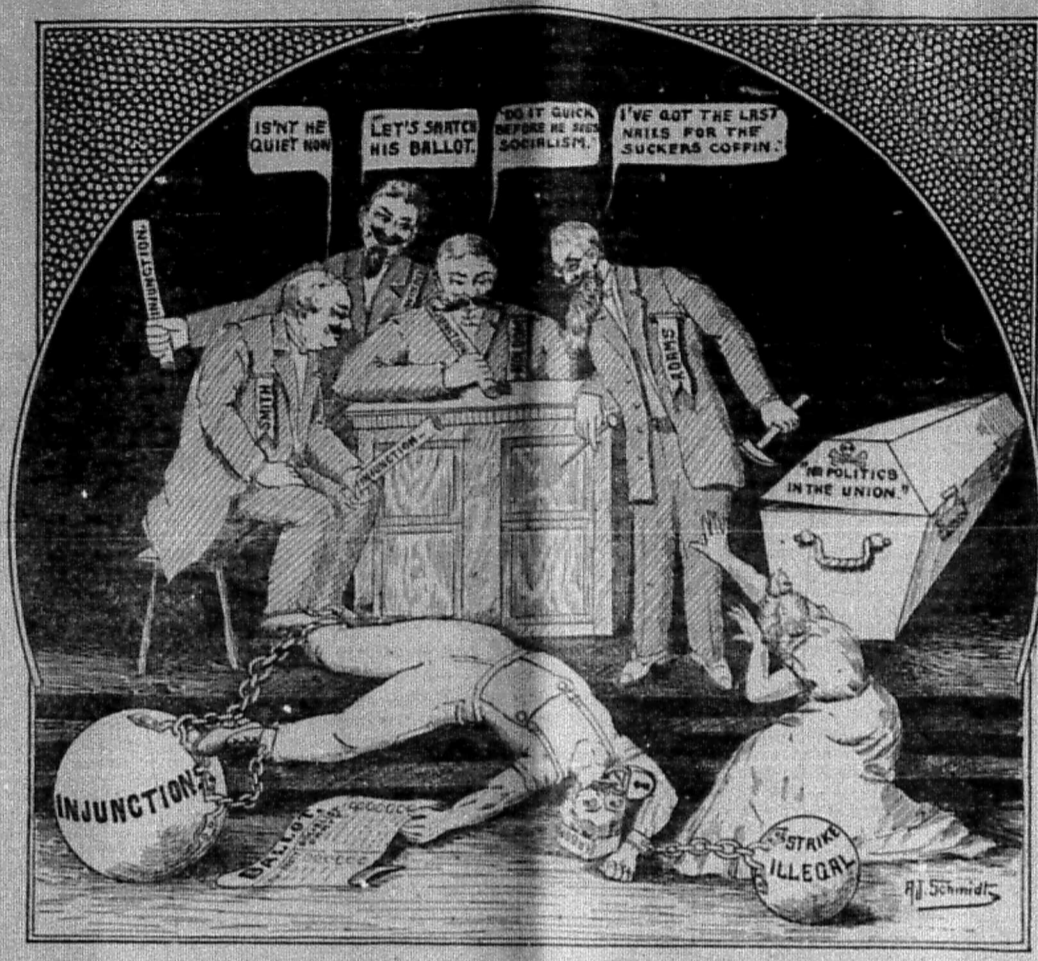
Most workers know of law and judges only by chance acquaintance with constables, policemen, sheriffs, magistrates, justices, lawyers and general reading...

As a small contribution to this all-important work, I present the following brief and therefore very imperfect statement in reference to this subject matter.

In this republic the principles on which this civilized society rests and which distinguishes its character from that existing in other nations, are set forth in what is known as the Declaration of Independence...

In this declaration of principles there is no classification of the members of this society; all are declared equal in rights and duties, particularly in respect to life, liberty and the opportunities to seek for happiness.

Secretary Taft says it is up to the Republicans of Ohio to head off Socialism. He proposes that the Republicans do it by regulating railroad rates.



THE BALLOT WHAT IT MEANS.

A Peep Into the Voting Booth

The closing days of the fall campaign of 1905 are now just before us, and soon we shall again know how many of the men who vote the Socialist party ticket are to be depended upon...

There can be no question but that capitalism is rapidly approaching a new phase of its existence and ere long some huge surprises may be swung in upon the uninitiated.

It was estimated at the beginning of the campaign that it would require at least a round one thousand dollars to finance this campaign and leave the party clear of all debt at its close.

WATCHERS AT POLLS. The headquarters now has ready a full supply of blank certificates and badges for watchers at the polls.

CAMPAIGN LEAFLETS. At this writing all wards have received their supply of leaflets excepting 2, 4, 7 and 30. These are entitled to one thousand for each district.

THE LITTLE BALLOT. Elsewhere in this issue appears an article setting forth the facts regarding the several propositions on the little ballot.

NEAR THE RETURNS. Brand's Hall has been secured for election night, Tuesday, Nov. 7, where the returns will be received and read.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED. The following is a list of the meetings to be held the coming two weeks, with name of hall, place and the speakers.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29. Kensington, Schiltz Hall, 113th and Michigan Av., 10 a. m.—E. V. Debs, Seymour School Hall, 48th and Chicago, 2 p. m.—E. V. Debs, A. M. Simons and Paul Eng...

MONDAY, OCT. 30. Scandia Hall, Milwaukee and Ohio, 7:30 p. m.—E. V. Debs, Seymour School Hall, 48th and Chicago, 8 p. m.—E. V. Debs, T. J. Morgan, Samuel Block, 43rd and Belmont, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Maywood Simons and M. H. Taff...

TUESDAY, NOV. 1. Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina, 7:30 p. m.—E. V. Debs, A. M. Simons and Samuel Block, 43rd and Belmont, 8 p. m.—E. V. Debs, Seymour School Hall, 48th and Chicago, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Maywood Simons and M. H. Taff...

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2. Frank Parker's Hall, W. Madison, near Circle Av., Harlem, Ill., 8 p. m.—Thos. J. Morgan and Samuel Block. Western, Blue Island, Ill., 8 p. m.—C. E. Kirkland, A. L. Lada and Charles L. Brecken...

THURSDAY, NOV. 3. Apollo Hall, Blue Island Av., near 12th St., 8 p. m.—Seymour School Hall, 48th and Belmont, 8 p. m.—Geo. Koop and Chas. L. Brecken. Lyons Hall, Davis St., Evanston, Ill., 8 p. m.—Thos. J. Morgan and Samuel Block, Opera Hall, Harvey, Ill., 8 p. m.—A. S. Edwards...

FRIDAY, NOV. 4. Friedman's Hall, corner Western and Grand Ave., 8 p. m.—Chas. L. Brecken. Schiltz's Hall, Kensington, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Maywood Simons and M. H. Taff...

SATURDAY, NOV. 5. La Salle Club, 215 W. 12th St., 8 p. m.—Seymour School Hall, 48th and Belmont, 8 p. m.—Chas. L. Brecken and Samuel Block, 43rd and Belmont, 8 p. m.—Geo. Koop (weather permitting), California and Rockwell, 8 p. m.—Phil Engel (weather permitting), 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Maywood Simons and M. H. Taff...

SUNDAY, NOV. 6. Springfield Hall, 40th and North Av., 3 p. m.—Chas. L. Brecken and Samuel Block, 43rd and Belmont, 8 p. m.—Geo. Koop (weather permitting), California and Rockwell, 8 p. m.—Phil Engel (weather permitting), 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and Maywood Simons and M. H. Taff...

MONDAY, NOV. 7. Albright Hall, Craig, Ill., 8 p. m.—Seymour School Hall, 48th and Belmont, 8 p. m.—Chas. L. Brecken. Everybody to the voting booth with a cross in the circle at the head of the column that says "Socialist."

JUDICIAL NOIMINES. SUPERIOR COURT. Thos. J. Morgan, Peter Sissman, Samuel Block, Marcus H. Taft. To fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of E. F. Dunne, Circuit Court: SEYMOUR STEEDMAN. To fill vacancy occasioned by death of H. M. Shepard, Superior Court: E. M. WINSTON.

SANITARY DISTRICT TRUSTEES. For five years: James W. Johnson, President. J. H. Gess, C. E. Kirkland. For three years: John Caulfield, J. A. Prout, Jacob Wisnen. For one year: J. P. Lynch, I. Sissman, Andrew Lafin.

WORKERS TO CAPITALISTS. You have nothing else to do but make others work for you; How the workers' cause grows! You need only shut your eyes! And be selfish, cold and wise. Socialism would abolish such stupid conditions.

There is no reason why the whole Socialist judicial ticket should not be elected this fall unless the working men, especially the union men, are willing to back the hand below the belt. Vote the Socialist ticket straight by placing a cross in the circle in the column headed Socialist party.

Get your list of watchers completed—man the polls. Hear the Socialist party returns at Brand's Hall on election night. Whose team up for watchers at the polls.

REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA.

Moscow in the Hands of Strikers— Strikes Spreading in All Parts of the Empire— Socialists in Control. A special cable dispatch to the Tribune Wednesday morning gives a graphic description of the revolution now going on in Russia.

REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT RIFE. Revolutionary frenzy seems to have seized the entire people, who rush here and there to bring rule on themselves or else on the rulers of the empire. Every newspaper brings lists of students, professors, Cossack administrators, and even workmen whose lives have been snuffed out since the start by men who are unknown.

UNIVERSITY AS STRIKE FORUM. Sunday night hundreds of students of the Women's University at Moscow held a meeting to discuss whether to strike or allow the establishment of a soviet government.

HOLDOM'S DECISION.

As a Socialist Candidate for Judge Views It Through the Working Class Lens. The recent decision of Judge Holdom overruling the motion to dissolve the injunction against the printers' union practically says that a printer is not free to sell his time to whoever he pleases, for one of the allegations brought up by the employers in their bill for injunction says that the printers' union is bribing men by paying them money not to work for the at-risk-bound employers.

Every Socialist in Cook county should put in all the time he can spare between now and election day getting our literature into the hands of the uncovered. The portion of all wealth producers under capitalism is want or the everlasting fear of want in the midst of superabundance and "overproduction." For about the 428th time during the past ten years Freiberg's saloon and dance hall has been "permanently closed." Roosevelt is a fake, a fraud and a humbug—Judge Tarvin, at Bryan banquet.

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ETERNAL JUSTICE AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

BY CHARLES H. KERR.

There are Socialist sympathizers who regret and deplore what they take to be the low moral tone of our platform in the judicial campaign.

In their view, the courts should be something far above the atmosphere of strife that now blackens an otherwise beautiful world.

To this there are two answers. The simpler and easier answer is that the exact due of the owner as owner is precisely nothing.

So I prefer to give the more fundamental answer to the question, which takes us back to first principles.

The true rational test of the justice or rightness of an act is whether it makes for or against the general happiness of every one concerned.

Our platform points out that the judges have made far more law than the legislators.

But the moral is not that if we could have the statute laws enforced "impartially" all would be well.

But to keep the capitalist in control, we should not whimper because their judges keep the laws revised up to date in their interest.

The capitalists of America have done a work of incalculable importance for the life of the future.

When the capitalists began their work they found a body of law on the statute books and in the dusty records of the judge-made law of previous generations.

It is a serious mistake to imagine that justice is represented by statute law and injustice by the encroachments of the capitalist courts.

One more thought. The history of England shows that a revolutionary class beginning to control the courts finds them of use not to put its opponents in jail.

Now, if the officers and other employees of private corporations and trusts can so successfully carry on their nefarious and villainous practices in spite of many checks and guards.

Other legislative bodies, which have millions of the people's money to appropriate, spend it very recklessly.

It is to be hoped that Gov. Deneen will now give the report the closest scrutiny and not be satisfied with the mere remark of Zina R. Carter.

Another member of the board stated that "No one can find any evidence of graft in it" (the report).

It has been known for some time by curious citizens that there has been a good deal of close friendship and political co-operation between certain contractors and certain members of the Sanitary Board.

There is a fine field in this report for the skill of such a practical investigator and prosecutor as Gov. Deneen.

A LETTER THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES.

The Necessity for Study in Economic in the Unions and Labor Press Pointed Out by a Strike Victim.

The following letter came to this office this week with permission to publish same by the writer.

It is not a burdened article on the merits of the different forms of unionism, but points out actual facts and conclusions that must be patent to any union man who is capable of observing and learning to use improved methods of conducting strikes and union affairs.

The facts as to and results of "pure and simple" methods set forth in this communication are especially timely in view of the fact that under the guise of prohibiting the discussion of politics and religion the officials of more than one union are attempting to prohibit the discussion of economic questions in their trade journals.

Dear Sir and Brother—There has been some correspondence between us before on this subject, but as I still feel the same as when you first inserted the notice in the February, 1904, Telegrapher.

In a former letter you say I must not overlook the fact that the Railroad Telegrapher is the official organ of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

I claim that you have absolutely no right to cut out such discussion. Socialism is neither politics nor religion.

Now I have retained the respect of those who were formerly my masters, but I have not retained my job.

I wish the day would run away; I wish 'twas night once more.

The graft revelations of the past few months have revealed quite an insight into bourgeois morality.

The man next station from me voted for the strike and wrote me to that effect, fearing, I presume, that I might be weak-kneed.

When the text came he stayed out about 24 hours. He is now a scab, both in a strike and at the ballot box.

You know he hasn't, but he has retained his job, and until the working class find out that their interest and the masters' interests are exactly opposite such strikes will occur.

What is it for if not to educate its readers? You advise me (in a former letter) to support my labor organization.

We were scabbed on during the N. P. strike by every other branch of organized or divided labor.

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A SOUTHERN MILL GIRL. I wish the day would run away; I wish 'twas night once more.

The big looms growl and roar like bears, and make me start and wake a-crying as I work.

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A MALICIOUS LIE EXPOSED.

Whereas, The Tribune Gazette of Terre Haute, Ind., in its issue of Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1905, published what was claimed to be a special from Knoxville, Tenn., as follows:

"The Labor Day celebration was without the usual parade, many unions refusing to participate because of the presence of Eugene V. Debs.

It was decided by the general committee of the Central Labor Union long before any speaker was engaged, that there would not be a parade of the labor unions in this city this year.

No man ever received a more hearty welcome than was accorded Mr. Debs while he was the guest of the Central Labor Union in this city.

FAYETTE GRIFFIN, President. LAWRENCE P. SCANTLEN, Secretary.

ELECTED SOCIALISTS IN ACTION.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 19, 1905. The nine Socialist Aldermen scored another victory over the railroad company this week.

The Social Democrats at once protested and Comrade Ed. Melms pointed out that unless the City Council ordered the erection of this viaduct the city could not begin mandamus proceedings to compel the railroad to do so.

The chances are the C. M. & St. P. Ry. will build a viaduct. And they will pay for it—not the people of Milwaukee.

The Socialist Aldermen of Milwaukee were instrumental in securing the passage of a resolution appropriating \$90,000 for the purchase of a site for a municipal electric lighting plant.

National Organizer Geo. E. Bigelow is to lecture at Pittsville, Pardeeville and Wroceva and possibly one or two other places on his trip to South Dakota.

CAPITALISM UP TO DATE. The following is a news item taken from the Chicago Tribune just as the Chicago Socialist goes to press this week.

Something like a walled town, where all the workmen will live within a big stockade, where the curfew will ring at 6 o'clock.

ISSUE RULES FOR EMPLOYEES. Simultaneously some novel rules governing the freedom of the coke workers were made known.

No employees will be allowed outside the gates without permission. The curfew will ring at 9 o'clock and every man, woman, and child must be within the inclosure by that time.

The company opened the dance hall last night, giving a big ball to the workmen and their wives.

The excellent paper which is compelled to print such items as the above editorially tells the working people that Socialism would destroy individual liberty and incentive.

No man can serve two masters, but the "business" world can contribute to both parties, which shows that the parties are not the masters, but the servants of the money power.

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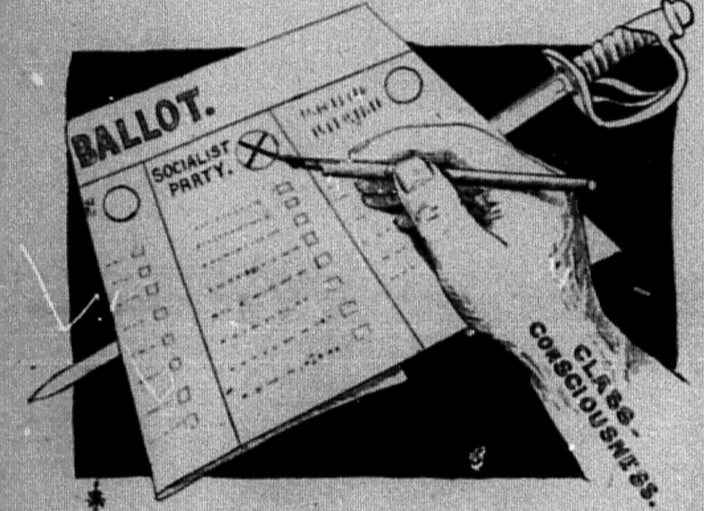
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THE DRAINAGE BOARD.

BY J. H. COPELAND.

At the instance of Gov. Deneen the Chicago Sanitary District Board of Trustees has had prepared a report of receipts and expenditures from the date of its organization, June 18, 1890, to July 1, 1905—a period of fourteen and a half years.

But to the man not in politics, the man who demands that public money be used to secure the best results for the public, the statement is not so satisfactory.

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the people got full value for the sum paid. Let the public know how many contracts were given out without competition and who received them; how much was paid for "extras."

It is generally understood that political debts must be paid sooner or later (usually sooner), and that those due to lawyers are settled by giving them permanent positions if possible, or retaining them as special counsel when expedient.

It is said Mr. Swift on one occasion emphatically declared that the most trouble he had while he was Mayor was caused by wealthy citizens who persistently demanded political jobs for their "poor relations" to relieve themselves of responsibility.

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THE LEGAL ASPECT OF INJUNCTIONS, PICKETING AND BULL PENS.

BY SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

The decisions of the courts and enactments of the Legislature called laws are one thing; the enforcement of them is another. THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY APPLICABLE TO TRADE UNIONS WAS ABSOLUTELY DESTROYED THEM. While the trade unionist and the working class have been electing representatives of the capitalist class to the bench and to fill other political offices, not a single decision has been rendered of which workmen have seen absolutely odious.

The picketing of the Typographical Union, No. 16, during its present strike has been threatened by injunction, notwithstanding the fact that not a single assault or disorderly act has been proven against any one of its members. This raises the question: To what extent can workmen combine, to what extent may they picket, to what extent may they try to boycott or by means of a strike injure the employer who will not accede to their demands?

To answer this question, we cite a few opinions from the courts of this country. It should be understood before citing them that every strike is instituted for the purpose of injuring the employer; that every trade union is a concerted effort and combination on the part of more than two or three to mutually injure the employer by a concerted act, namely, calling a strike on the part of all members of the union, and picketing; that is, notifying NON-UNION men that a strike is in progress.

In Arthur vs. Oakes, 43 Fed. Rep. 379, the court said, "It is quite a different thing in the eye of the law, for many persons to combine or conspire together with the intention not simply of asserting their rights or of accomplishing unlawful ends by peaceable methods but exerting their energies to injure others or the public."

An intent upon the part of a single person to injure the rights of others or of the public is not in itself a wrong of which the law will take cognizance, unless some injurious act be done in execution of the unlawful intent. But a combination of two or more persons with such intent and under circumstances that gives them, when so combined, power to do injury which they would be powerless as individuals. ACTING SINGLY has always been recognized as wrongful and illegal.

It is clear to any one that a strike never exists by one man quitting his job. It is always a combination.

In Doremus vs. Hennessy, 176 Ill. p. 308, the Supreme Court said: "It is clear that it is unlawful and actionable for one man to unlawfully propose to interfere with another's trade by preventing others from working for him or causing them to leave his employ by force or misrepresentation, or physical OR MORAL INTIMIDATION OR PERSUASION WITH INTENT TO INFLECT AN INJURY WHICH CAUSES LOSS."

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts in Moran vs. Dumphy, 177 Mass., 485, has decided that it was illegal to induce one person to end his employment with another, whether the inducement be threats, slanders or SUCCESSFUL PERSUASION.

In Barr vs. Essex Trades Council, 53 N. J. Eq., 101, the court said, referring to Mr. Barr, the proprietor of a newspaper, that "He had the right to employ whoever he pleased in the publication of his paper, nor does it matter whether the wrong done offends by persuasion or false representation. The courts look upon the instrumentality used by a malicious intent, and base the right of action upon that. The right of action depends then not so much upon the nature of the act as upon the intent with which it was done, always assuming that injury has attended the doing of it."

Every workman and other men of any sense knows that a strike is instituted for the purpose of injuring the employer's business and that means forcing him to accept the terms of the union.

The Supreme Court of the United States in U. S. vs. Haggerty, 116 Fed. Rep. 510, has adopted the language of Mr. Eddy in his chapter on "Legal Combination of Labor," in which the author says, "A combination to induce employees who are not dissatisfied with the terms of their employment to strike for the purpose of inflicting injury and damage upon the employer is illegal and such malicious and willful interference with the employer's business is actionable."

It may be well to mention the fact here (See Senate Document 190) that Mr. Darrow said before the congressional commission that "I often argue otherwise, but I think the law is now that a combination of men who interfere with their employers by concerted action or a strike is a criminal boycott." If the decisions of the court are not sufficient to induce union men and workmen that they have no right to organize legally, the opinion of a lawyer who has been largely in the service of the unions and whose bias would naturally be on their side, may well be considered seriously.

In the foregoing I have cited authorities to the effect that labor unions or organizations of workmen for the purpose of interfering with the employers' business are illegal. I am well aware that some authorities may be found contrary to those cited, but in most instances they are authorities based upon the theory that the union is lifeless—a corpse—which has no power to injure the employers when the rights of union men are interfered with. A union that is sopine and inactive can be of no value, and that is the only legal union that can exist.

As to Picketing.

In the U. P. R. Co. vs. Reuf, 120 Fed. Rep. 102, the court says: "This picketing has been condemned by every court having the matter under consideration. It is called persuasion, but is intended for intimidation. Gentlemen never seek to compel and force another to listen to the art of persuasion. To stop another on the street, get in his road, and to try and persuade him wherever he goes is not persuasion. Intimidation cannot be defined, neither can fraud be defined, but every person knows whether his acts are fraudulent, and he knows whether his acts are intimidating."

Judge Taft has decided a case where union men went on a strike against the firm they worked for, because it was filling orders for a scab firm. In this case, 67 Fed. 533, the court said: "All employees have the right to quit their employment, but they have no right to compel their employer to withdraw from a mutual profitable relation with a third person for the reason of injuring that third person when the relation thus sought to be broken has no effect whatever on the character or labor or the extent of their services. It is the motive for quitting and the end sought thereby that makes the injury unlawful conspiracy."

In Erdman vs. Mitchell, 56 A. Rep. 327, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided in a case where the allied trades desired through a strike to eliminate non-union men, demanding their discharge, the court said: "Trade unions may cease to work for reasons satisfactory to their members, but they combined for an unlawful purpose, and the purpose is as unlawful now as it ever was, though not punishable by indictment. The declared purpose of the strike was to cause loss of employment to others because they would not join the allied building trades. The employees discharged the men, because of the threat of the unions to strike, for the reason that they feared the result of a strike. The court said: 'How absurd it is to call this peaceful persuasion, and how absurd it is to regard the right of the workmen to organize for the common benefit of its members as frustrated.' Workmen and trade unionists especially will recognize here that outside of the power to strike, there is nothing left to trade unions except the feature of sick benefits and mutual admiration. The courts will never interfere with the trade unions giving aid to each other; that is, to members in case of sickness. They will not interfere with the mutual admiration which may take place, but they will not tolerate the sacrifice of law of the country declared unlawful, and this law, unless the working class is aroused, is very likely to be enforced. Unions will soon find themselves open to serious damage suits. For instance, Judge Taft, in the case of Thomas vs. C. N., supra, has decided that a malicious or unlawful interference with the business of another by inducing his employees to leave his service, is a wrong which places the defendant liable for the loss occasioned."

If such combination was unlawful, such instigation to strike would be an unlawful act, done by it to every railroad in the city, for which they can recover damages, and which, so far as regards the S. R. Co., he is in contempt of this court."

In Coeur de Leon C. & M. Co. vs. Miners' Union, 51 Fed. Rep. 67, the court said: "What constitutes such unlawful threats or intimidations must be determined in each case from all circumstances attending it. If the case shows that they will excite fear or a reasonable premonition of damage, and so influence those for whom designed to prevent them from doing what they may design and the law permits them, the mere letter of the act was wrought and accomplished the intent. In plain English, the courts will be sure to find that a mere request was a threat and that an injunction is the best thing in the world to teach organized labor respect for organized capital."

broken has no effect whatever on the character or labor or the extent of their services. It is the motive for quitting and the end sought thereby that makes the injury unlawful conspiracy."

An appeal was made to the court and finally a decision was rendered by the Supreme Court of Colorado which overthrew the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of Colorado, annulling the writ of habeas corpus, destroys trial by jury and judicially proclaims the Governor of the State absolute despot from whose whim, caprice and opinion there is no appeal. A part of the majority opinion of the court is as follows:

"The Governor has the sole power to decide when a state of insurrection exists. The courts have no power to interfere with the chief executive in the exercise of this prerogative. The Governor has the right to use the militia in suppressing insurrection. The Governor has the power to order the imprisonment and even the killing of insurrectionists. If such measures should become necessary in order to preserve the peace of the State. The Governor has the right to detain all military prisoners until in his opinion the insurrection is quelled. The courts have no right to interfere with the military authorities in their handling of prisoners. The arrest and detention of an insurrectionist, either actually engaged in acts of violence or in aiding and abetting others, violates none of his constitutional rights. When the insurrection is suppressed the military prisoners should be turned over to the civil authorities to be dealt with in the ordinary course of justice. Power must be lodged somewhere for the protection of the commonwealth and the fact that such power may be abused is no reason why it should be denied."

It should be stated to the credit of Judge Steele that he protested against it and wrote a dissenting opinion, which is as follows:

"I believe that the constitution has been unnecessarily assailed and rudely violated by the head of the executive department, and I further believe that this court has removed the landmarks which our fathers have set, and my duty requires me to withhold my approval. It is entirely proper that the act of the Governor in calling to his aid the military arm of the government cannot be questioned, and when it comes to superseding the civil power and exercising martial law, to disobeying the writ of habeas corpus or other process of the court, then the question of whether an insurrection exists is not to be determined by the Governor's proclamation. The court has not construed the constitution, it has ignored it; and the result is that it has made greater inroads on the constitution than it intended, and that not one of the guarantees of personal liberty can now be enforced."

"When the court says that because the Governor is the head of the executive department of the State, that when he takes command of the military forces he is still at the head of civil power, and that the section of the bill of rights which declares that the military shall always be in strict subordination to the civil power, has no other meaning than that the military shall always be under the command of the Governor, it is simply annulling that section of the bill of rights."

"If one may be guilty of the most heinous offense, it may be that he deserves to linger in prison the remainder of his natural life; but HE IS ENTITLED TO HIS LIBERTY UNLESS SOME ONE IN PROPER FORM AND BEFORE A PROPER TRIBUNAL CHARGES HIM WITH VIOLATION OF THE LAW."

"IF ONE MAY BE RESTRAINED OF HIS LIBERTY WITHOUT CHARGE BEING PREFERRED AGAINST HIM, EVERY OTHER GUARANTEE OF THE CONSTITUTION MAY BE DENIED HIM."

"When we deny to one, however wicked, a right plainly guaranteed by the constitution, we take that same right from everyone. We cannot deny liberty to-day and grant it tomorrow; we cannot grant it to those heretofore above suspicion, and not grant it to those suspected of crime; for the constitution is for all men—for the favorite at court, for the countryman at plow—at all times and under all circumstances. IF THE LAW IS AS THIS COURT HAS DECLARED, THEN OUR VAUNTED PRICELESS HERITAGE IS A SHAM AND OUR FATHERS STOOD BETWEEN THEIR LOVED HOMES AND THE WAR'S DESOLATION IN VAIN."

When judges like the dissenting jurist in this case has charged the chief executive with judicial usurpation (and he is a man of conservative temperament and was elected to the bench in the interests of the capitalist class), the working class will have a thousand times greater reason for consternation and fear, but the working class, above everything else, should remember that if the liberties of this country ever fall, IT WILL BE BY VIRTUE OF THEIR STUPIDITY, their ignorance and their misdirected ballots.

You are invited to attend the first smoker of season at our new headquarters, 295 W. Chicago avenue, near Center avenue, Saturday evening, Oct. 28, 1905. ILLUSTRATED LECTURE. Monday night, Oct. 30, at the Neighborhood House, 97th and May streets, Comrade George T. Greenwood will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Struggle for Existence." The Thirty-second Ward comrades have arranged to give lectures and societies at this place twice a month and Comrade Greenwood's lecture will be the initial one for the season. Good music will always be provided besides other features which are calculated to make these evenings enjoyable.

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THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Political parties stand for and represent different classes and their class interests.

The Republican party represents the interest of the great capitalists, corporations and trusts and is at present and for a long time has been in absolute control of all branches of the federal government and the government of the developed industrial state.

The Democratic party is dominated and controlled by the sentiments and interests of the small capitalists; the trusts are fast crushing out of existence. This reactionary element is looking with wistful eyes to the past and vainly searching for some one who will restore the supremacy of the small capitalist, designated by the Hearst papers as the "common people."

The great mass of the voters of this country belong to neither of the aforementioned subclasses of capitalists. An overwhelming majority of the voters of this country are wage workers and men who work small farms that they either pay rent for or interest on a mortgage, which amounts to about the same thing. The members of this class constitute the working class. It is the votes of the last mentioned class that places political parties in power.

During political campaigns it is the policy of the warring factions of the capitalist class to go before this large element of American citizens and attempt to persuade them that it will be to their mutual interest to entrust the political power to the representatives of one or the other of these classes. To accomplish this they spend fabulous sums of money contributed by the capitalists, trusts and corporations. They send out tons of printed matter; they fill halls and school houses with thousands of spellbinders to floundering the class that has power to bestow by casting their ballots for the candidate of one or the other of the old parties.

The Socialist party is composed almost entirely of members of the producing class who have become aware that political parties represent classes in society. The Socialist party has been organized for the purpose of organizing the working class into a class conscious political party to capture the powers of government by their overwhelming numerical voting strength, to be used when so captured in the interest of the class whose labor creates all wealth. It is only a few years that the Socialist party has become a menace to either of the capitalist class parties. But as effective as has been the stress of economic pressure from within and the Socialist agitation from without that today it is the one burning question in politics and industrial circles from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean. So tremendous has become the tide of Socialist sentiment in this country that that old mongrel hag known in history as the Democratic party is attempting to side track it by coming out for radical reforms and municipal, State and national ownership of public utilities.

It is well for the working class to

HEARSTISM VS SOCIALISM.

The Socialist party in New York City is having an experience in the New York city mayoralty campaign this fall which is very similar to that Chicago Socialists went through last spring.

William Randolph Hearst is a candidate for Mayor on a municipal ownership ticket. Press reports and private letters state that the Hearst element is gaining great strength and putting up a whirlwind campaign. Hearst has borrowed his barrel and powder to duplicate the amount of campaign funds collected from all other sources.

Hearst's candidacy on a municipal ownership ticket is likely to split the Socialist vote from those that are "Socialistically inclined" as it did ours last spring, when our vote fell from forty to twenty-five thousand.

Our New York comrades are putting up a strong campaign, and teaching straight Socialism and pointing out to the New York workers the only kind of municipal ownership that can be of any material benefit to the working class. Whatever the result of the voting proves to be when the ballots are counted, the Socialists will know that the men who voted for Hearst were the ones who threw their votes away and the workingmen who vote for him will know it a few months later.

Mayor Dunne, Hearst's political creature in Chicago, had hardly been announced Mayor before he had the Chicago police force riding on the wagons of the Employers' Association (something that had never been done before in the history of strikes in Chicago, acting as guides and parcel carriers for their strikebreakers. As for his "immediate municipal ownership" pledges, he is now attempting to give the street car lines to a company of his own selecting for 20 years.

Nothing would please the Socialists of Chicago so much as to enter another municipal campaign with Dunne as the candidate on the same "immediate municipal ownership" platform he ran on last year. It is a pity that a few of the Chicago trustees and other union men who voted for Hearst's candidate last spring can't take the stump in New York City and tell their story to the union men of that city.

If they could the union men of New York City would know about what to expect from Hearst if he is elected

understand that government ownership of public utilities is not Socialism in itself. There is no country in the world where there is so much government ownership as in Russia, but the government is in the hands of the Czar and the land owning dukes. Government ownership as advocated by the Democratic and government "regulation" of trusts and railroads and freight rates as proposed by the Republican party leaders will do the great working class in America just about as much benefit as government ownership in Russia does the toilers of that unhappy land. Nothing short of the working class intelligently organized into a class conscious political party, realizing that they are the only useful class in society, as it is now developed, and in control of the government, will make the collective ownership of "public utilities" of any particular benefit to the wealth producers as a class. Working people who are best interested in Socialism should read Socialist party papers and Socialist books to find out what Socialism stands for and aims to do. It is the constant aim and studied policy of the capitalist press to misrepresent Socialism and represent it as capitalist class government ownership of public utilities.

The Socialist party of America is a part of the world-wide international Socialist party that has been growing in numbers and strength in every industrial country in the world for fifty years until today it is the largest and most far-reaching political movement in the world. We invite every one who reads a copy of this issue of the Chicago Socialist, which is devoted largely to the relation of the working class, to the importance of the forthcoming judicial election, to investigate the whole philosophy of Socialism and the workings of the organized Socialist party in this country. One of the best methods of doing this is to become a regular subscriber to the Chicago Socialist. The Chicago Socialist is owned and published by the Socialist party of Cook county and will be sent to any address for 50¢ per year, six months 25¢. Remember that the Socialist party stands first, last and forever for the interest of the working class. It aims to bring about conditions that will enable every child born into the world to have an opportunity to develop to the fullest capacity of his nature, physically, mentally and socially. It aims to bring about conditions that will permit every adult to live a sane and normal life, free from the haunting fear of want, lack of employment or unreasonable and body blighting toil that places strain on the "nerp heap" at the age limit of 40.

Socialism stands for sanity in producing and distributing the necessities of life; it stands for a full, complete life for every member of the human family. Study it carefully and if you find it represents your interest, join the Socialist party and assist in emancipating your class from the anarchy of capitalism which compel men, women and children to suffer the pangs of famine in the midst of plenty and over production.

Mayor. There is no well-informed Socialist in Chicago but who now realizes that nothing could be done so much as to open the eyes of the workers of this city as the election of Mayor Dunne last spring did. We will hazard our reputation as a prophet that a year from now the New York Socialists will see the same effects as a result of Hearst's candidacy in New York.

From all present appearances it looks as though what Chicago Socialists went through last spring and the New York Socialists are now facing will be about what our party will have to face on a larger scale in the national campaign of 1908. This is one of the many reasons why the Chicago Socialist urges the holding of a national Socialist convention in 1906, which will give ample time to educate all thinking working men as to the difference between Socialism and capitalist government ownership.

PATHETIC IGNORANCE.

Among the many communications that the postman left at our office this week was a neatly printed circular entitled "The Anti-Age Limit League." The "Anti-Age Limit League" claims to be an association of veterans of the Civil and Spanish wars and other citizens who have reached the proscribed age limit, organized to "maintain their right for self-protection by honorable labor."

The circular says: "Its primal object is to remove the ban put upon wage earners by the cruel and unnatural age limit. Its secondary object is to assist men past this proscribed age limit of forty-five years to secure employment, and to emphasize man's inherent right to be FIRST CONSIDERED AS THE WAGE-EARNER OF THE FAMILY."

"Of all the obstructions to a man's right to earn a living the ban upon labor by the 45-year age limit is the cruellest, most obnoxious and most absurd, and the main purpose of this league will be the removal and permanent banishment of that ban by such means as will be found most effective and permanent."

The pitiful well set up in this circular is pathetic in the extreme. It is on a par with the stifled cry we hear from the children whose bodies and souls and innocent life blood the capitalist system is mercilessly grinding into profits and dividends in the factories, mills and de-

partment stores for the parasites.

It seems a pity that the victims of the age limit have lived so long and have not learned the reason they are unable to sell their remaining labor power. If they could once realize that business under the capitalist system is run for profit and not to give people employment, or life to the workers, they would realize that the only reason they have been replaced by children and younger men is because it is more profitable.

The Anti-Age Limit League in its circular appeals to the public's sense of right and justice. They will learn that it is not a question of "right" or "justice," but a simple economic question. It don't pay to employ most men after they are 45, therefore the age limit. It does pay to hire strong, active young men for the hardest work and women and children for that which it is possible for them to do, therefore they are employed.

The economic law of "buying in the cheapest market and selling in the dearest" has decreed that old men (and they are old at 45 now) cannot work while the capitalist system is perpetuated. Let the men who have been turned out to hopelessly walk the streets because they have a few gray hairs and can no longer go the pace that the competition among the workers for a job enables the capitalists to demand justify Socialism and turn in and assist to abolish production of wealth for profit and inaugurate the Socialist system of production for use. Then work will be a pleasure and there will be no ban on age or "age limit."

Dear old comrades and fellow workers, cease pleading for pity and justice. The fact you will get plenty of, but it is so cheap it is useless. In your ignorance and patriotism you have been voting to perpetuate the system that has left you at middle age at the mercy of the soulless competition that capitalist engenders. After all, are you not revolting tragic and poetic justice? Socialism is the only remedy for "the age limit" and child slavery.

Dear misfortunate old vets, turn in and enlist in the world army of the working class and fight in one more war for the emancipation of yourselves and children from wage slavery.

THE LITTLE BALLOT.

The people of Chicago on Nov. 7, in addition to voting for judges and Drainage Board Trustees, will be privileged to vote yes or no on four distinct propositions on the "little ballot."

To any one who has not given the question that will be submitted to the people on the little ballot at the judicial election careful consideration, the wording of the first proposition conveys little or no information about the matter to be voted on. It reads: "For the adoption of the act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the incorporation of cities and villages.'"

In order that readers of the Chicago Socialist may vote intelligently on this proposition we will state that among a large number of other things that an affirmative vote would endorse would be to extend the term of office of the Mayor of Chicago from two years to four years.

The first class, of part two of Article XII, which an affirmative vote on the first proposition submitted on the little ballot would endorse, reads as follows: "Mayor to hold office four years. The Mayor of the city of Chicago shall hold his office for four years and until his successor is elected and qualified." All persons who think it would be unwise to extend the term of the office of Mayor from two years to four should vote No on the first question on the little ballot.

SECOND LITTLE BALLOT PROPOSITION. An affirmative vote on the second proposition on the little ballot will authorize the substitution of our present district justice court system by establishing a court of larger jurisdiction, which will be known as the "municipal court of Chicago." The act providing for the municipal court of Chicago is very long and complicated. It provides for a court to be held in five districts in Chicago.

The "Municipal Court of Chicago," if authorized, will consist of 28 judges, one of whom shall be chief justice, and the remaining 27 shall be associate judges. The term of office for said judges will be six years. The salary of the chief justice of the municipal court of Chicago is fixed at \$7,500 and of the associate judges at \$6,000 per year. The act provides that only attorneys over 30 years of age who have been engaged in the practice of law in Cook county five years next preceding his election are eligible for judges of said court. An affirmative vote on the second little ballot proposition will replace our present justice court system by a system very similar to the Circuit Court.

THIRD LITTLE BALLOT PROPOSITION. The third proposition submitted to the voters on the little ballot can hardly be misunderstood and explanation and comment appears unnecessary.

FOURTH LITTLE BALLOT PROPOSITION. An affirmative vote on the fourth proposition submitted to the voters will authorize the purchase by the county of large tracts of land to be reserved as natural forests for the use of the people as parks. The fourth proposition on the little ballot has much in it to recommend it to the workers of Cook county. It is being fought by the Chicago Real Estate Board, the Citizens' Association, the Chicago Jewelers' Association, the Iroquois Club and other social sets and classes who have no trouble getting a glimpse of nature by taking long trips out of the city.

Careful consideration of every working man in Chicago. It is our opinion that the first proposition, which seeks to extend the term of the Mayor's office from two to four years, should be voted down by an overwhelming majority. We see no good reason why an affirmative vote may not be given to the second, third and fourth propositions. However, it is up to every Socialist voter to intelligently cast his ballot on these questions, if he votes on them at all, in the light of his own best judgment, remembering that at best they are mere reforms.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts—Due stamps, \$38.25; campaign fund, \$126.15; literature, \$4.05; balance on hand last week, \$169.50; total, \$337.95.

Expenses—Due stamps, \$60.00; printing, \$10.00; postage, \$2.00; secretary's salary, \$20.00; buttons, \$20.00; office expenses, \$10.40; balance on hand, \$235.55; total, \$357.95.

Stamp Account.—On hand last week, 109; purchased, 600; total, 709. Sold, 595; balance on hand, 314.

Chicago union men should remember that they may have six Socialist judges on the bench in Cook County after Nov. 7 if they are not in love with paying fines and going to jail for contempt of court without a jury trial.

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Comrade House, Chicago, sends in a club of five yearlies and gets "Evolution of Man."

Last week was a record breaker for subs. Let us have another one just like it this week.

Comrade Reter, Lyons, Iowa, is doing great work for the Chicago Socialist in his city. A bunch of subs each week is the way he is doing business.

Remember our prize contest will close Dec. 15.

A club of four from Comrade Albert J. Fox of Denver, Colo.

Comrade Emil Otto, Chicago, made a hours run last week, five yearlies a day, or thirty subs for the week. Who will try to beat this record?

Comrade Johan Dauge captured five of the uncovered last week and they are now getting their first lessons in Socialism.

Thirty-fifth Ward Branch takes 2,000 copies of the Campaign Edition.

Comrade Axel Young, Chicago, is back on the firing line this week with \$3.50 for subs and says that he has made up his mind to get one of those fine prizes.

PLACING THE BLAME RIGHT.

When you are on strike and the police break up your meetings and club you for trying to ask other men not to take your jobs, don't blame the policemen. They are simply obeying orders. Who gave them their orders? The Mayor. Shall you blame the Mayor, then? No, he likewise is obeying orders. Who gave him his orders? The capitalists. And who authorized him to take orders from the capitalists? You did, if you voted a capitalist ticket, if you voted for the candidates of any part that is pledged to maintain the "sacred rights" of capitalist profit-making property. If you voted for Socialism, you may blame the capitalists and your unthinking fellow workmen who outvoted you. But if you voted the Republican or the Democratic ticket, you cannot logically blame any one but yourself when you get the club and the boss gets the profits.

Judge Barnes, it is reported, excused with censure a jury which brought in a verdict of not guilty. This offense has been committed by several Cook county judges. They never censure a jury for convicting.

There is neither legal, moral nor political justification for any judge to jump into the jury box. The jury has its function, the judge has his, and a judge has no more right to criticize a jury than a jury has a judge, nor as much.

for the judgment of twelve men is worth more than the opinion of one, though he wears the ermine. If the people cannot be trusted, abolish trial by jury and eliminate usurpation and browbeating.

In ancient days the men of property hired their retainers, armed and equipped them for brutal conquest. In these days of peace, law, order and civilization, they hire and retain their intellectual Hessians and sophists. The newspapers are not sufficient; they appeal to the barracks of the bar for aid. They call the roll and the intellectual charlatan comes forth. When the working class awakes to its interest, the lawyers will devote their talents to useful social pursuits. A system which demands a class with conscience and talent for sale to the highest bidder is doomed. Why delay the day of change? Why not hasten it? Think of the wealth you workmen must create to support these parasites. Apropos to the above, we quote from a Chicago Jaily:

The Council transportation committee held a meeting one day this week.

Foreman and Bennett and others of the way of thinking controlled the meeting.

These men were looking after the interests of the people!

Assisting them was this array of legal talent:

Col. E. R. Bliss, expert for the transportation companies, drawer of the twenty-year ordinance and engineer in chief of the traction campaign. Close to him was Laz Minzesheimer, his confidential aid and shield bearer.

Flanking Laz was W. W. Gurley, Union Traction attorney, whose corporation practice is worth \$100,000 a year.

Next to Gurley was John P. Wilson, corporation attorney and real estate expert. Mr. Wilson is good for \$100,000 a year as counsel.

John S. Miller was also there. Miller is the lawyer whom the beef trust members expect to keep them out of jail. Mr. Miller makes more money as a lawyer than any other man in Chicago.

W. J. Calhoun, attorney for railroads, rushed back from Venezuela to lend a hand to Col. Bliss.

These lawyers represent the interests that want the franchise. They are ready to give the transportation committee the benefit of their advice without price—their pay comes from the other end, and workmen pay it all.

HANGED HIMSELF.

A man who went to hang himself one day
Finding a purse then threw his rope away.
The owner grieving that he had lost his self,
Found the rope and with it hanged himself.

Fortune is God. All you endure and do
Depends on circumstances as much as you.
—Shelley.

Be sure to vote. Vote the Socialist ticket straight.

SOCIALIST PARTY ORGANIZATION.

The problem that we have to solve presupposes INTELLIGENCE, DISCIPLINE and TALENT FOR ORGANIZATION. These are the psychological foundations of a Socialist society. These are just the ones that the capitalist society has created. It is the historical task of capital to discipline the laborer, and to widen their intellectual horizon beyond the boundaries of the workshop and the church door.

Great generals are also great organizers. Capitalism transplants the task of organization of great masses of the community to industry. The capitalists naturally become prominent factors in organization. Organizing talent is highly rewarded by capital. The competitive struggle enforces the betterment of the industrial school. Newspapers contribute to extend the intellectual horizon of the laborer.

Organization is the most important weapon of the proletariat, and nearly all its great leaders are great organizers.—Karl Kautsky, The Social Revolution.

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THOUGHTS OF A FOOL.

A Volume of Twenty-five Revolutionary Essays.

BY EVELYN GLADYS.

All books fall naturally into three classes. There are the books which we do not want, the books which we borrow, and the books which we prefer to own. Of the first class belong to this last category. There are a series of reflections on life's problems, discursive, as thought is discursive, effervescent with wit, often pregnant with profound philosophy. The author is a woman, that she is not a Socialist. There is a passage in which she sets up a straw man, called Socialism, and then proceeds to demolish it with a strychnine. Eliminate this passage, however, and you have the most brilliant defense of the ideals of the co-operative commonwealth which any literature contains. After reading the earlier chapters of the book one is tempted to exclaim—"The Socialist's dream of the new society has found its critic." After reading the concluding chapters one questions—"Is this, indeed, the work of one person?"

For the mood of the writer suddenly changes. Socialism is repeated by stealth, and one misses the originality which distinguishes the introductory essays. Still you get down the volume with the conviction that our republic may give birth to many more such fools.

The collection of miniature essays recently published under the title, "Thoughts of a Fool" belongs to this last category. It is a series of reflections on life's problems, discursive, as thought is discursive, effervescent with wit, often pregnant with profound philosophy. The author is a woman, that she is not a Socialist. There is a passage in which she sets up a straw man, called Socialism, and then proceeds to demolish it with a strychnine. Eliminate this passage, however, and you have the most brilliant defense of the ideals of the co-operative commonwealth which any literature contains. After reading the earlier chapters of the book one is tempted to exclaim—"The Socialist's dream of the new society has found its critic." After reading the concluding chapters one questions—"Is this, indeed, the work of one person?"

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LILIAN HILLER UDELL.

A QUESTION ANSWERED.

The question has been asked several times and probably will be asked several more times, why our Socialist co-operative publishing house should circulate a book which contains a few shallow criticisms of Socialism. I think the above review by Mrs. UdeLL, a Socialist party member in good standing, indicates the answer. It is a good deal of confidence, will be a satisfactory answer, but it may be worth while to publish here the correspondence which I had with the author on this very point, before I entered into a contract for the publication of the book. Here it is!

Chicago, Aug. 25, 1905.

Dear Comrade—I like your "Thoughts of a Fool" and want others to like them. But I am sorry for our passage, where I am sure you have made a mistake, and I want you to help me prevent others from making the same mistake.

If I refer to the passage on page 223, where you say, "The triumph of Socialism will centralize it" (wealth) and where you go on to imply that the International Socialist party is a "trust" and a "monopoly," I think you are wrong. Socialism is a decentralized authority over people. Now for this misconception and mistake I do not in the least blame you; I blame the crudeness of our American press, and the past. But I want to tell you that the essential program of the Social Democracy is a decentralized authority over people. It is to do away with the coercion of persons, to confine the activities of the State to providing for the necessities of its members co-operatively, and to decentralize the control of industry to the greatest possible extent, which would be to a greater than is possible under capitalism.

In other words, the organized Socialists of the world want what you want; we are in society, we are seeking to establish a decentralized authority over people, and we welcome your aid. Are you with us?

Yours fraternally,
CHARLES H. KERR.

Chicago, Aug. 29, 1905.

Comrade Kerr—How lovely it would be if I were the definition-maker. Then I should have selected all the beautiful words in the dictionary. But as it is not so, the words which have not been monopolized by the wise people, Socialism as defined by William Morris, George D. Herron, Stuart Chase, and other revolutionaries, is ideal. But I know from experience that ninety-nine per cent of the Socialists that are in the world are not revolutionaries. A Socialist movement is only a breed movement. Now I believe that the struggle for existence is only the stepping stone to a greater and more advanced concentration of art. Therefore I can not according to their conception call myself a Socialist. Admitting their definition of the word, I should have to call myself a Socialist plus.

To define my idea in just a few words as possible, I should like to see a condition in which we are seeking to establish a decentralized authority over people, and we have the opportunity to develop himself in all his faculties without any interference of the State. I should like to call Socialism, but I do not care to fight for a tag. However, I shall devote all my energies to obtaining the thing I want, tag or no tag.

As Evelyn Gladys is not a party member herself, I think we must put a grain of salt with her remark about the views of ninety-nine per cent of our party members. I think thirty-nine per cent would be nearer the truth. But even so, what of it? Simply this, that as a whole people are deprived of securing possession of the food, clothing and shelter that they need for themselves and their children, so long their minds will be mainly taken up with these material things, and therefore they would die on the demoralization of art is a thing for people that have plenty to eat, and such people will get it too, but it is distinctly irrational to look for an appreciation of art from those who are uncertain about tomorrow's dinner.

Meanwhile I want to say that in my opinion Evelyn Gladys, in spite of the fact that her misconception of Socialism, has stated in her book more attractively than any other writer thus far, some of the most fundamental ideas held by the Socialists of the world. She has written in a way that makes reading easy, and she has shown how deliciously absurd our capitalist society with its capitalist ethics really is, and one who has read her book will be eager to know more about Socialism.

So I have no apology to offer for including "Thoughts of a Fool" in our list of publications. And in closing I want to add a few words regarding the mechanical features of the book, and the favorable arrangement I have succeeded in making for our stockholders. The book was exquisitely printed and bound at an establishment which we have found to be the best in the country. It was designed for putting on the market at \$1.50, and mechanically it compares well with any of the books sold at the stores at that figure. The original publishers, however, that the book could not be sold through capitalist channels. They have therefore given us an option on the entire edition at 4,000 copies at a figure which enables us to retail it at \$1.00 with our usual terms to stockholders.

Call at the office of our co-operative publishing house, 25 North Avenue, Chicago, look at the book, and say to yourself that you will not be satisfied without getting it away. If you see the tag for sale, send a dollar and we will mail you the book, or if you want to know more about it, send a "check" stamp for one of the essays in it, "Shoes, Figs and Problems."

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