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THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE—"WALL STREET, WASHINGTON AND ROME."

One night, some three or four years ago, the writer of these lines was spending a few days at a small, retired summer resort in the south. Among the visitors there was a Roman catholic priest, an aged man, of many years experience, thoroughly educated and traveled, a type of the class of men who have carried the flag of the catholic church to the ends of the earth. I became well acquainted with him as it was possible for one holding my opinion perhaps to do, and as his age had brought to him the tolerance that it brings to nearly all, he proved a very agreeable and instructive acquaintance. I dismissed then the idea that the Roman church, though it may be heavily burdened with ignorance, prejudice and fanaticism among its officials, has none at all of these things and may bring us any day like him I do not know, but even if all were of his caliber the present fight would have to proceed, for it is not the individual but the system that we represent. And this man, able, intelligent, energetic, is far more dangerous as an ally than the average catholic priest who are narrow, bigoted and inclined to resort to violence in gaining their ends. This young priest, whom he suavely gave me an introduction, adding naively that I was an "agitator," I must have presented the same as a defender of the faith—but the younger priest gave a glare of visible hate and forthwith turned his back on me. The younger priest, to the casual mind, may appear to be the more formidable antagonist, but he is not. Late one evening I was sitting on the veranda of the hotel, in the dark, listening to the soft breezes playing through the leaves of the surrounding forest trees. There was no light save that of the stars, and the place was intended for that class of people who seek their beds early. Many of them had done so. While I was sitting there, a priest came, dressed in black, not three feet away, and evidently presumed that no one was in hearing. I supposed that their conversation would amount to nothing more than that usually held at summer resorts, and indeed it did not impress me for some time afterwards. I did not move. The conversation continued along lines apparently previously followed, and the Standard Oil man, who had been who he sold it to, and the price. In addition he told how much business each Standard Oil man would do, how much other goods he had bought, and how he was getting along generally. The tense, eager questions of the priest, and the answers made a great impression upon me, and I wondered in an idle sort of way what the Standard Oil man would do, how much other goods he had bought, and how he was getting along generally. The tense, eager questions of the priest, and the answers made a great impression upon me, and I wondered in an idle sort of way what the Standard Oil man would do, how much other goods he had bought, and how he was getting along generally.

It did not require any great amount of insight for me to see that through the confessional, the only true church was able to hold the pulse of business, politics and society at its fingers' end, and to know from hour to hour, day to day, year in and year out, just what was being done throughout the world of endeavor—the only essential being that one of the Faithful should be in a position to gain the information.

Confessions and information, if they be of sufficient importance, no matter where they may be made, nor in what language, nor what they may be about, reach, in substance at least, one common destination. That point is the pope of Rome, who sits in a palace having nearly 5,000 rooms. The pope is the head of what is known as the Roman catholic hierarchy. Most people think that the members of the Roman catholic church have something to say about that institution. They have absolutely nothing whatever to say about it, their main function being to pay in their money and do as they are told. They have no liberty of mind whatever—their actions are ruled from Rome and they must do as told or suffer the consequences. No Roman catholic may express opinions at variance with those of the pope. You think not?

Well, read the following newspaper special, hardly cold, and see what you think about that. Recollect, these writers were catholics, and were laboring under the delusion that they were thinking in accordance with the ideas of the hierarchy. But they were not and you see what happened:

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Catholic Review of New York, which for years has been the official organ of St. Joseph's seminary at Dunwoodie and was edited by Rev. Father James F. Driscoll, John E. Brady and Francis Duffy, has suspended publication, and it is said will not resume. It has failed under the heaviest of blows. It is stated, because of several articles written by the Rev. Edward A. Hanna on "The Eastern Side of Christ." All copies of the Review, containing the objectionable articles must be cast out of catholic libraries throughout the world. The congregation of the church which publishes the Review, has also condemned several articles in the catholic encyclopedia on the subject of abortion written by the same author. If the Review is removed from the encyclopedia, its publishers and several prominent clerics and laymen in the catholic church in America, who have become financially interested in it will lose many thousands of dollars, for great expense has been incurred in publishing it.

Broadly speaking the hierarchy of the Roman catholic church may be said to consist of all of its officials, since the members of the church have no voice in their selection and no control over their actions, thoughts or teachings. But in reality, the hierarchy consists of the pope and a handful of cardinals. The pope must

be selected by the cardinals, and since no one but the pope can appoint a cardinal, it will be seen that there is a small endless chain of authority existing in the church, or rather above it. The pope appoints the cardinals, the bishops and other high officials of the church, while the bishops appoint the priests. The "people" have nothing to say about the matter in any manner, shape or form. Their main function is to pay in the money.

And when they pay in the money where does it go? It goes to the pope. Money literally by the tens of billions has been paid into the hands of the papacy during the past nineteen hundred years, and the billions of visible property that it has paid for is all under the jurisdiction of the Roman hierarchy. It is, to all intents and purposes, the personal property of these few men. It is not in the name of the church as a church, but in the names of various officials of the institution.

We have, therefore, the strange spectacle, which does not strike the general public as strange because either they are familiar with it, or else ignorant of it, of one man, practically dominating an institution having a membership throughout the world of about 200,000,000 people, who pour into its ears a continual stream of information concerning themselves and others, and anything that the institution may desire to know which they can tell; we see this vast aggregation of people ruled with a rod of iron as to what their ideas shall be on law, government, politics, society and morals; we see them pouring into its coffers usually to the limit of their earning capacity and we see this vast social, political and financial power, all brought together in the hands of one man—a man who expressly denies that he is responsible to any government, any other human being, or even to the Roman catholic church itself, for the administration of this enormous estate. Indeed, there is no need why he should—for some years ago, the officials of the church, at the dictation of the pope, voted that the pope is infallible, and since no other person on earth can say that they cannot possibly err, there is no logic in trying to hold the holy father at Rome responsible for anything, since everything he does must always be right.

The lootings that the priests in the foreign lands have been able to gouge the people of (as shown by the Taft commission) have been something enormous. There is no cost attached to making the goods which the Roman church has for sale, except the pay of the priests. And, when one examines the schedule of prices, it is easy to be seen that the net profit is something that would cause the Standard Oil to turn green with chagrin. It is practically all "velvet," and by judiciously making its services such that no effect may be known until after death, the church is able to "shake down" its adherents during their entire life, because the faithful can't tell whether they are going to get into heaven or not until after they are dead, and then it is too late to complain. But the church does not let go at death. By a skillfully devised purgatory, it suspends souls in a place of torment, from which they either go to heaven or hell, and then, for a price, it prays to get them headed in the right direction. People who give unusually large amounts to the church receive guaranteed passes into heaven, while those who handed in big bunches of the long green got titles, like Thomas F. Ryan, who succeeded in robbing more people in less time of a greater amount, than any other noble in the Roman catholic church. Thus, through the low manufacturing cost of the goods it has to sell, the Roman catholic hierarchy has enormous property—property separated from the people who paid it in, and who, in worshipping in a fine building or cathedral, fondly imagine that they are within the confines of their own property. Vain delusion! Let them act as proprietors, and not as customers on the premises of a merchant, and see what happens to them! Quite a large number of catholic congregations in the Philippines tried to secede and use the church property which their own money had paid for, but the American governor-general, Mr. Taft, promptly put the boots to them—the property belonged to the pope of

Rome and not to the members of the catholic church.

I have thus dilated upon the character of the Roman catholic hierarchy, simply because I want to tell you something. It will be rather startling to you, I know. And the longer you think it over, the more astonishing it will appear to you. At first, it will look as though it is not true. The more you investigate, the more truthful it will become.

And that is this: That what is known as the Morgan and Hill properties are really controlled by the pope of Rome, and Morgan and Hill, as well as Roosevelt and Taft, are only the agents of that Italian gentleman. Roosevelt and Taft, two renegade Americans, are the political representatives of the Roman catholic church, and J. P. Morgan is its financial agent, while J. J. Hill may be said to be his chief industrial representative. Not one of these four men are catholics, at least members of the church. Mrs. J. J. Hill is one, and as the relations of these men to the vatican came about easily in the course of doing business in the days when the church was trying to secure rather than to exercise a power it did not yet fully have, it felt the necessity of using protestants in its work. It must not be understood that the pope or his agent simply made a bargain with them to act in pursuance to his plans. It was neither necessary nor desirable at that time, although it is likely that Roosevelt is now working with the pope upon a definite, well-understood agreement.

The pope needed a banker in America. J. Pierpont Morgan was a banker that filled all the requirements and one of these requirements was that owing to the religious prejudice of the hierarchy, he must not be a Jew. At any rate Morgan got the account—it was a large one and it grew from year to year. Naturally Mr. Morgan felt well disposed towards the church and the pope, and in the course of time he became a visitor to the vatican and enjoyed the intimate acquaintance of the holy father himself. Naturally, also, he suggested investments for surplus funds to the pope, and in this way, the catholic church has invested funds in American railroads until it dominates the Southern railway, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Louisville and Nashville, the N. C. & St. L., the American Tobacco company and has large holdings in other railroads, electric lines, industrial corporations, etc., to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars. Many years ago when Hill was a struggling railway builder, and Archbishop Ireland was promoting the interests of the hierarchy in the northwest, Mr. Hill and Mr. Ireland got together—perhaps through the influence of Mrs. Hill, who is a catholic. At any rate these two worthies conceived a high regard for each other, and with Jim pulling the string on transportation, and John holding them up on religion and town lots, they surely did rake in the shekels. An extract from the Chicago Tribune reads as follows:

Archbishop Ireland was of great assistance to Mr. Hill during the days of the old St. Paul and Pacific in buying the property and holding it together after its purchase. A great many settlements have been made along the great Northern right by reason of the archbishop's untiring energy in behalf of civilization and the popularity of his friend's line of railroad. Mr. Hill is not a catholic, but probably the fact that Mrs. Hill professes that faith is one good reason why this deep-rooted friendship between the two great minds flourished in the northwest. When anything bordering on a strike along the Great Northern system is impending, then there is activity in the archbishop's camp and something is done to quiet the men that nothing else ever seemed to compare with. It is said that the archbishop is the power behind the throne or peon in the northwest, and it looks like the truth. Mr. Ireland at different times has contracted for many parcels of land along the great Northern right of way, and at times when money was tight the Great Northern law department would send the lawyers call to the prelate's office with hints at foreclosure within forty-eight hours. After one of these notices it was not unusual to see the private secretary to the president of the archbishop's office tripping lightly up Third street with a package about the size of a St. Paul direction, known to contain at different times, \$5,000 to \$10,000 in currency, as the case happened to be, headed for the archbishop's office. Was this a bribe from the good friend Hill to assist the archbishop? The secretary said it was. And the law department of the Great Northern was almost immediately satisfied. A case of two and two.

Ireland knew where the Roman money was kept, and the time came when Hill didn't have to trot and trudge back and forth between St. Paul and Europe for funds. Morgan held an open purse and Hill just took what he needed. During the time that Ireland was rising in power in religion, Hill in transportation and Morgan in finance, Theodore Roosevelt was keeping pace in the political field. Roosevelt gained

the good will of the Vatican while he was police commissioner of New York, and it is the main thing that has boosted him to the front. Now keep in mind that the "only true church" is represented in the political field in the past and today by Theodore Roosevelt; in the financial field by Morgan; in the transportation field by Hill; and incidentally of course in the religious field by Archbishop Ireland, the latter being the only one that has nothing to conceal in the way of personal connections.

These men represented and now represent the Roman catholic hierarchy in the United States. Get that well in your mind for unless you do that which follows will lose much of its value for you.

Through Roosevelt the hierarchy secretly dictated the policies of the nation; through Hill it has control of the so-called Hill railroads, consisting of the Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific, while during the last year, through the efforts of Mr. Morgan, it has obtained a dominating influence in the United States Steel company, the steel trust, which owns all the ore lands and practically all the steel plants of this country—and at the present moment, the Roman catholic church is engaged, through J. P. Morgan, in buying the control of the Reading railway. I will pause here a moment to call your attention to the fact that during the panic the price of steel made no drop worthy of notice, but after the first shock began to advance, until it stands today at nearly double the price it was before the panic, although at that time its plants were working day and night, while now only about 50 per cent of the capacity is in operation. The reason for this, which the little fools that inhabit Wall street were unable to explain, is simply that the money of the pope moved forward in the panic and took all the steel shares that were thrown upon the market by the squeezed owners. That is the reason, asses of Wall street, why there is not and has not been any floating supply of steel. The most of the little jaspers that are trying to run a brokerage business in New

York ought to be running a quick lunch on a street corner somewhere.

As the alliance of the pope, Roosevelt and Morgan began to grow great in results, it came in sight of the rear guard of that remarkable financial and industrial aggregation known as the Standard Oil, which was pursuing its peaceful way, entrenching itself here and there in points of exploiting advantage, and it had proven itself immune to attacks of any kind and every kind whatever, during its entire career. Indeed, its progress seemed to be somewhat in the nature of a triumphal march. It had nothing to occupy itself with except business, and such politics as interfered with its "business." It ignored religion. Its employees might worship a wooden image for all the Standard Oil cared, provided the returns on his work were satisfactory. Its employees could and do, so far as I know, vote about as they please.

The holy father at Rome never divides any money with any one unless he has to. He did not look with favor upon a rival in the industrial field. Hence the orders went forth to "slaughter the Standard Oil!" The agent of the pope, Theodore Roosevelt, was president—the financial end was ably served by Morgan, irascibly and impatient of financial rivals, while Hill could be depended upon to handle the heavy artillery in the transportation field itself.

So, we see Roosevelt stepping to the front and unrolling to the unsuspecting American public, his Famous Line of Prosecutions against the Standard Oil. Some few little ones were tossed in the direction of the Hill crowd just to show that it was impartial, but the front attack was delivered upon the Standard Oil, directed by a catholic attorney general.

The government functions all prosecuted and all of its power used for the purpose of breaking down the Standard Oil, to the end that the Roman catholic church might establish an industrial monopoly upon American soil, to be swiftly followed by a church monopoly, and the full and complete absorption of the government functions by the Roman catholic hierarchy.

The effort very nearly succeeded. Time after time it seemed as though the Standard Oil was beat—indeed, one time it was so sorely pressed for money that it run the price up to over 100 per cent in New York attempting to get it, and failed. It finally succeeded in getting the funds from the Rothschilds, who loaned as a business proposition, until, in the summer of 1907, when it appeared that the Standard Oil had been floored by Morgan and Hill, the pope, in the exuberance of the moment said: "If Morgan and Hill will join the catholic church I will make them princes," which expression, reaching the ears of the great bankers of London, who are Jews, and consequently have excellent reasons for not wishing the Roman catholic hierarchy to accomplish a monopoly of government, finance and industry, as well as religion in the United States, changed their attitude to such an extent that the Standard Oil has not suffered for the lack of funds since.

During the week ending September 12th, the Appeal mailed out its first attack upon Taft and the catholic church. Kindly read the immediate action taken by Hill:

New York, Sept. 13.—James J. Hill, chief factor in the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems, and representative railroad man of the northwest, has come here from St. Paul to warn his financial associates in Wall street that the unswerving campaign against the Standard Oil, which must give way to speedy action owing to the remarkable strength of William J. Bryan is the west.

Mr. Hill refused to be interviewed on the subject, saying he could not commit himself to political views, but he spent the day in seeing his friends in the First National Bank, J. P. Morgan's office, the Chase National and other banking institutions, where he did not hesitate to express his belief in emphatic terms that it was highly necessary that more energy be displayed on behalf of Mr. Taft by the latter's friends abroad his election.

According to those with whom Mr. Hill discussed the subject, Mr. Bryan is stronger in the agricultural sections of the west than he has ever been before.

Each one of the banks referred to are Morgan banks—in other words they are under the influence of the pope. Hill, of course, does not refer directly to the Appeal's attack—it would not be good policy to do so. He believes, and he may be right, that the effect will be to increase Bryan's vote and thus defeat Taft. To do this would disarrange temporarily the plans of the hier-

archy—no one but Taft will do for them at this time.

It will require some little reflection upon your part to absorb the consequences of the full inauguration of the catholic policy in this country. It means a monopoly in finance, trade, transportation, in literature, church, and society. It means that every one will be kept truck of through the confessional, just as the secrets of the Standard Oil are the property of their business rivals by virtue of the religious beliefs of their catholic employees. It means tumult and uproar all the time—for, as the pope's influence has grown in the United States, as his power in the government has increased, we see more and more spotting, spies, and interference with individuals and with business and political affairs. And his further strength will only make matters worse, until they will reach that intolerable condition they always reach in every country, where the hierarchy is booted out of it.

The world is now in possession of the real reason for the antagonism of the catholic church towards Socialism. It is not afraid that Socialism will break up the home—indeed, it knows very well that its own policy has broken up more homes throughout the world than Socialism could ever do, even if that was its program, which it is not, and the catholic church knows it. THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HIERARCHY IS A GREAT CAPITALISTIC INSTITUTION owning billions of dollars worth of property all over the world, all subject to the direct control of the pope of Rome and no one else. Socialism advocating the abolition of privately owned property of an industrial nature, threatens the life of ease and wealth which is enjoyed by the officials of the catholic church. The church, or rather its officials, seeing in the program of Socialism its ultimate extinction AS PROPERTY OWNERS AND LABOR EXPLOITERS, made the attack on Socialism, but bases its attack upon moral grounds, because to give out the true reason would open the eyes of the world, as well as its own duped members as to the financial condition of the hierarchy, which is ABOVE ALL LAW, EITHER OF CHURCH, STATE OR HUMANITY.

Mark Hanna knew what he was talking about when he said: "If Socialism is to be wiped out in this country, it is the catholic church that must do it," and M. A. Hanna knew that ITS PROPERTY HOLDINGS WOULD INEVITABLY FORCE THE CATHOLIC HIERARCHY INTO THE RING TO FIGHT SOCIALISM!

By the side of the pope and his property, John D. Rockefeller is only a two-spot. The pope has 2,000,000 votes in this country, which, cast with either the six million democratic votes or the six million republican votes, will give the party that he desires control of the government of the United States.

These votes are to be cast in the coming election for Taft—a small detachment will be left, especially in New York, to butcher the democratic ticket, while pretending to support it, and thus show an extensively advertised impartiality. Roosevelt carried Missouri in the last campaign because St. Louis is largely catholic and this ballot was enough, under the direction of the officials of the "only true church" to give Roosevelt the state; while the democrats got what was left. It is significant that Hartly, the archbishop of the Philippines, came from St. Louis. It looks as though the "only true church" was rewarding its officials for good service in the political field!

Johnson, the democrat, carried Minnesota for the governorship in the face of the balance for Roosevelt. Johnson's wife is a catholic. The "only true church" will find its own, no matter how well disguised they may be politically.

At the present moment the pope of Rome is directing all the energy he can towards a conquest of the United States. He is turning the whole resources of the church towards this one field, and money and catholics from other countries are

pouring in in a stream. All of the hierarchy funds in France are being diverted here, and the pope recently issued instructions for the faithful to leave that country. They will come to the United States. In the steel trust there are thousands of foreigners employed, all catholics, brought here and placed by the catholic church. With the acquisition of the Reading railroad, the pope will have control of the employment of tens of thousands of coal miners and railway employes, and he will see to it, in due time, that none but catholics enjoy the labor—if, indeed, there can be said to be any pleasure in the kind of employment furnished by such corporations as the holy father already controls. The Great Northern, the Southern and the L. & N. railways are certainly terrors to work for.

The foregoing facts are known by many men, prominent in this country in business and politics. They are afraid to say a word about it, for fear they will be crushed out of public life. As a matter of fact, however, the pope is handicapped by the lack of real business ability which he absolutely needs to handle industry—and he cannot get this among the faithful, for the simple reason that a man with any great quantity of brains does not become a slave to the Roman hierarchy. It is very doubtful if Morgan is very faithful to the pope—he is held simply by the large profit that he makes through the deals he puts through for the pope. Morgan would probably rather have the good will of the English nobility for ten minutes than that of the pope for a hundred years, and as he seems to be in a fair way of attaining this former he is likely to break off with the papacy at any time. On the other hand, it is probable that the pope feels that Morgan is gouging him, and if he knew whom to get, he would be glad to let loose of that worthy gentleman.

In spite of all of its power and property, therefore, the future of the church is not so secure, in the United States, as the hierarchy could wish. Heretofore it has been able to work in secret, without opposition.

In the future it will be dragged to light and constantly opposed.

It has its full power in sight and on dress parade.

Indeed, it claims more than it really has.

It has a great deal, that is true, but even if it succeeds in electing Beef-witted Taft to the presidency, every move that it makes is going to be watched and fought. Since its main reliance is upon a few able men, whose sole support comes from the ignorant, its future is rendered extremely precarious. With the Standard Oil opposing it in the financial field, aided by the Jews, and the Socialist movement fighting it on the political field, while the protestant churches engage it on the religious battle ground, and the Masonic organization attacks it on all of these points, the future of the hierarchy is hardly in doubt, although it may appear at times to be the winner.

In the beginning silence was the method of answering the Appeal's charges. Scorn was then added as a weapon. Ostentatious contempt will next be paraded before the faithful. But read what you see in the Appeal, and recollect that we have broken "the conspiracy of silence" in this country once before, and we will do it again. The Socialist always works just the same, regardless of the conditions—public outcry and studied indifference are both the same to him. He knows that one follows the other as the seasons, and in each he sees the effect of his labors.

The Real Plagues are disturbed, and scurrying here and there, trying to get things ready for the coming storm. Messrs. Hill and Ireland, our old friends Morgan and Roosevelt, are working with might and main upon excuses and "reasons." Taft has been duly cursed for his Nashville speech and the gag clapped on his mouth—hereafter, Taft will speak, but it will be from typewritten manuscript, prepared by others, and which he has committed to memory. Poor Taft! He is like a mosquito in a tropical tornado!

You Must Believe.

The ruling class control a nation by control of its politics, its industries and its religion. You can name on your fingers the men who dominate industry by which you live and government under which you live.

You have gradually acquired this knowledge through vigorous agitation and exposures made by the Socialist press. This paper has lifted the lid from the political and industrial system and exposed the inside to your view.

The Appeal now enters upon another branch of its educational work. The captain of industry now hopes to control you through your religion. To do this he has called to his aid the pope, who is the head of the greatest religious trust in the world. In so doing he has formed a triple alliance. Wall Street, Washington and Rome is the combination we are now to meet in the struggle for freedom.

When the Appeal fired its first shot in this fight the triple-headed monster tried to smother it with contemptuous silence. But we have broken the "conspiracy of silence" once before and we are now doing it again. The Socialist is not baffled by public outcry, hostile criticism or studied indifference. They are alike unavailing as a means of suppressing a live issue. The Socialist knows that he will sooner or later bring the mass to his point of view. You MUST believe—not because the Appeal tells you, BUT BECAUSE IT IS THE TRUTH.

QUESTION BOX

"Best Men" on Capitalist Tickets.

Should Socialists in a county where there is no Socialist ticket, in the field, vote for old party candidates in order to elect the best men nominated?

How can any man be good for you when he is opposed to what you want? Why should you give your vote to a man who you know will do the things which are to your detriment and leave undone the things which would benefit you and your class?

Do not think, however, that what is here said is more than a personal opinion. This question is not settled yet and cannot be until such time as the workers take charge of the industries and run them to suit themselves.

Do you intend to equalize with the negro? Some people around here like your doctrine with the exception that they do not want to come down to the level of the negro, and neither do I—C. O. P., Homer, Ia.

What is the position of Socialism in relation to prohibition? Would we not be better off with a dry United States—J. S. Duluth, Minn.

There are several things which Socialism would prohibit and which would prohibit when placed in power. It would prohibit the enrichment of one man at the expense of another whether such result were brought about by means of selling poisonous drinks or adulterated foods.

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There are numerous things that Socialism would prohibit because it would put better things in their place. We do not see any particular virtue in making the United States dry. There are tenement districts in the large cities that would be benefited with less dryness and more good, pure sweet milk for tiny babies that are now starving on profit-making chalk and water or for lack of so much as an imitation of their natural food.

There are manufacturing suburbs where it is now so dry that families are daily poisoned with eastern water containing typhoid germs. We do not think that plenty of pure moisture would work any hardship upon such people or that it would have any bad effect on the United States as a nation.

There is no doubt that the scarcity of things that people should drink often results in their drinking things not good for them. The same is true of what they eat and of what they wear and of the places where they go for shelter.

Why should a day's work in one occupation be worth more than a day's work in another?—F. R. G. Haverhill, W. Va.

Because of the difference in the result of one occupation from another. One man might occupy himself in a cornfield cutting out the weeds and cultivating the corn, while another might occupy himself in the same field cutting out the corn and cultivating the weeds.

But suppose that each works at some useful occupation. Suppose that one, by persistent application, hoes and cultivates ten rows of corn while the other, for some reason indisposed to labor as diligently, hoes and cultivates six rows in the same field.

Let us suppose that hoing eight such rows of corn is an average day's work and that building a rod of stone fence is an average day's work in that occupation. Then, if one were to hoe his eight rows and another were to build his rod of fence the day's work of one would be equivalent in value to that of the other.

of difference in results. The product of the producer is the natural pay for his effort. The bird gets as many worms as it collects, the monkey as many coconuts as it gathers.

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There are manufacturing suburbs where it is now so dry that families are daily poisoned with eastern water containing typhoid germs. We do not think that plenty of pure moisture would work any hardship upon such people or that it would have any bad effect on the United States as a nation.

There is no doubt that the scarcity of things that people should drink often results in their drinking things not good for them. The same is true of what they eat and of what they wear and of the places where they go for shelter.

Why should a day's work in one occupation be worth more than a day's work in another?—F. R. G. Haverhill, W. Va.

Because of the difference in the result of one occupation from another. One man might occupy himself in a cornfield cutting out the weeds and cultivating the corn, while another might occupy himself in the same field cutting out the corn and cultivating the weeds.

But suppose that each works at some useful occupation. Suppose that one, by persistent application, hoes and cultivates ten rows of corn while the other, for some reason indisposed to labor as diligently, hoes and cultivates six rows in the same field.

Let us suppose that hoing eight such rows of corn is an average day's work and that building a rod of stone fence is an average day's work in that occupation. Then, if one were to hoe his eight rows and another were to build his rod of fence the day's work of one would be equivalent in value to that of the other.

It is not so much a question of difference in occupations as it is a question

BACK BY THE NORTH

Red Special Re-crosses the Rockies and Sweeps Across the States Toward Michigan on Return Trip.

With the finish of the Red Special's western trip at Chicago, Sept. 28, it will leave immediately through Indiana and Ohio for a tour of the east.

Spokane. "Class conscious Socialism had its lining in Spokane last night when 3,000 people turned out at the Great Northern depot to greet Eugene V. Debs, Socialist candidate for president, upon the arrival here of his "Red Special," and later when 4,000 people paid 15 and 25 cents each admission and contributed \$203 additional in a voluntary collection to hear him deliver an address at the armory."

The foregoing is the first paragraph of the Spokane Spokesman-Review's three-column report of the meeting at that place. Although the train arrived three hours late the immense throng, composed almost wholly of workmen, remained at the Great Northern depot and made the welkin ring with their cheers when the delayed special rolled in.

With the volunteer band at their head the thousands formed a procession and marched up town to the armory which had been secured for the meeting. George S. Bremer, editor of the Prosser Record and Washington's first speaker, to be followed by Harry M. Jones, who accompanied the party from San Diego. These preliminary addresses occupied the time until 9 o'clock when Debs, who had been snatching a few hours much-needed rest, entered the hall and was greeted with a rousing cheer and introduced as the Martin Luther of the new protestant movement against capitalism and the Abraham Lincoln of the twentieth century.

In concluding his report of the meeting a local paper says: "Throughout his address Mr. Debs was frequently interrupted by applause and remarks of approval, and when he concluded, after talking an hour and fifteen minutes there was a rush of his auditors to the platform which for a moment completely engulfed him, but from which he was soon rescued and hastened away to his private car."

His address was reproduced in a condensed form in the local papers which is the best possible indication that the people of Spokane want to know about this movement and to read the message delivered through its presidential candidate. The hypocritical pretensions of both Roosevelt and Bryan as friends and champions of the workers were held up to the ridicule and contempt they deserve, and at the same time the principles of Socialism were presented with a clearness that was evidently convincing from the resulting close attention and outburst of approval at the close.

At Spokane Ernest Untermann, Socialist candidate for governor of Idaho, came aboard to join in the trip across that state. The train left Spokane at 3 a. m. on the 17th but moved at a snail's pace that resulted in arrival at Butte twelve hours late. Instead of making Butte at 7:40 in the evening according to schedule, that place was not reached until seven the next morning.

Missoula. All day the train crept over new track through the mountains falling behind the scheduled time at every moment. The condition of the new road-bed was given as an excuse for the inefficiency of the service, but that condition was certainly not materially different at the time that the contract was made and the time of each proposed stop specified.

It is the opinion of railway men who know the road and understand the situation that the train was deliberately delayed by the management of Jim Hill's system to prevent the meeting at Butte where the miners have recently been up against the class struggle in a strike. Although the delay was partly successful in queering the Butte meeting, it was in some respects an advantage.

At Missoula, where a comparatively small crowd assembled at the regular time, 1 p. m., grew to thousands in the evening when the belated train arrived, the enthusiastic listeners thundered their approval at every reference to working-class supremacy.

When it is recalled that the American Railway Union once whipped Jim Hill in a great contest between the magnate and his workers, it is not so hard to understand why Debs has never been able to arrive on time at any of his meetings at points on the Hill line.

The Town of Taft. Earlier in the day the Red Special was privileged to pass through the town of Taft, so named from the Ohio gentleman who earned the republican presidential nomination with his services as minister plenipotentiary from the ruling class of America to the Vatican. The town of Taft enjoys the distinction of being the toughest municipality on the map. Thirty-five saloons were counted from the car window, and fallen women paraded the streets in the light of day in abbreviated attire that would not be permitted in Chicago theaters of the red light district.

It is said that representative citizens of this city are making a special effort to secure a date from their town's name-sake when he makes his tour of the west. And how appropriate it would be for the great exponent and champion of capitalism to grace with his presence this community where that system has reached so nearly to its logical climax.

Wallace. In spite of the early hour and severe cold an audience estimated by a local paper at 800 heard addresses by Debs and Untermann at Wallace. The train was then behind time and the meeting cut short on that account. In a brief address at the ball park Debs referred to the time twelve years ago when he had visited Wallace in company with Ed Boyce, and then passed from reminiscence to a discussion of labor history in the west, the outcome of the struggles there and the repression of the Idaho miner by political power as the same power had been used to the enslavement of the working class alike in republican Pennsylvania and in democratic Alabama. In his closing appeal, he said: "We are making our appeal to your heads, to your hearts and to your re-

son. We are asking you to get out from the republican and the democratic parties, and to quit political scabbing. Why should you vote for the capitalist? He doesn't vote for you. If you will be as true to Mr. Untermann in the next election as you have been to your masters in past elections, he will be the next governor of Idaho."

At Wardner the unorganized condition of the miners was apparent. They were unresponsive and the business men and hangers on were evidently under the influence of the mine owners whose hostility to anything calculated to abridge their power always exerts a restraining influence on Socialist meetings held in those isolated regions under their reign.

Butte. It took all the night to get from Missoula to Butte and afforded an opportunity for the weary and worn to get sleep that was much needed. But otherwise the effect was anything but desirable. From seven in the evening until seven in the morning the crowd at Butte waited but was necessarily diminished as the long hours of the night wore away. But two hundred stayed with a determination that could not be broken by sleepiness, time or uncomfortable cold.

Just as the sun peeped over the hills and sent its first rays down into the city Debs mounted an express truck to address a fraction of the audience that had assembled in the auditorium the evening before. The evening meeting had not been abandoned but was addressed by local speakers, and the small morning crowd made up with enthusiasm what it lacked in numbers. Only a half-hour stop was made and the mail for the train was missed in the effort to get under way and make up the lost time.

Billings. Progress was slow until the Red Special took the Burlington tracks at Billings, Montana. Day meetings were held at Livingston, Big Timber, Whitfall, Park City and other places. Late in the afternoon 2,000 farmers were addressed from the steps of the Billings library. From the noisy enthusiasm with which the exposition of Socialism was received it was evident that Socialists were by no means scarce in the vicinity.

Many of the audience at the 45-minute address, and followed Debs to the train where they awaited for more and enlarged interest by asking questions that bore the evidence of sincere interest on the part of the questioners. Not less than 500 participated in the little meeting at the train and appeared to like the new ideas introduced into national politics by Socialist speakers.

Debs had recovered from the physical and mental strain that wore on him before Hill's orders for slow time gave all an opportunity to take it easy. He had recovered from the fatigue that threatened for over a week to overcome him, and for a short time he and his questioners had a heart to heart discussion that put Socialism many notches ahead in that locality.

St. Paul. An immense crowd, estimated by the Pioneer Press of that city at 6,000, heard Debs at the Auditorium in St. Paul on the evening of the 20th. This paper was rather sarcastic in its reference to the Red Special and its star speaker, saying that he dealt in glittering generalities though the column and a half of matter abounded in points which the astute reporter made no attempt to contradict and which were not touched editorially.

Beecher Moore, Socialist candidate for governor of Minnesota, also addressed the meeting, laying stress on the value of a workingman's vote which is worth too much to him to be sold for a few cigars or a glass of beer.

Duluth. The next night meeting was at Duluth where the Lyceum, the largest theater in the city, was crowded. When the special arrived in the afternoon the great train shed was black with men. Beecher Moore talked to the crowd at the station which became larger as he proceeded, but Debs' voice was in such a condition that he had to save it for the evening meeting.

Parker and Lapworth went to the bank at Duluth. They staggered out of the station carrying two hundred pounds of coin, making \$2,100 that had been donated to keep coal under the Red Special engine. The bank refused. Laboring in the territory near the two revolutionists trudged on another. It was the same story. They had to bring the coin back to the car and here it is. There are about 19,000 different coins in the collection, which shows that at least 15,000 different persons have dropped in a mite to help the cause of humanity. This load of small coins is one of the best answers to the absurd charge that the Socialist campaign is being financed by enemies of organized labor. Probably half of the 19,000 coins came directly from the hand of some member of organized labor.

The railroad men and other workers of Two Harbors chartered a special train and came forty miles to attend the Duluth meeting. After the session the Two Harbors crowd got Debs out of bed and he held an impromptu reception at the door of his hall bed room. It is difficult to say it was a "perfect crush." Holliday, a personal friend, was master of ceremonies at the reception. The Two Harbors crowd was a fine body of men and they make the garrison of the outposts already captured by the Socialist party.

Hancock. The arrival of the Red Special in Hancock and Houghton found the community in the midst of a hot fight over the "red flag." The courts had just decided that Socialists cannot carry red banners, but auctioneers and other traders can when their material interests seem to indicate that a red banner is the thing.

Of course the national campaign party was of great value in strengthening the position of the courageous men and women who have struggled for the common rights granted under the laws. The theater could not be secured so the meeting took place in a hall that was crowded with 600 persons present. A. M. Stirton, candidate for governor of Michigan, presided and Severi Alanne, editor of Tyomies, the Finnish Socialist newspaper, delivered an address in Finnish. Beecher Moore made the call for donations and \$50.00 was received. Although one of the smallest crowds that has been present to hear the So-

cialist candidate for president, Debs felt the inspiration of the presence of so many earnest workers in a field where they are misunderstood and condemned for loving their kind.

There was a parade preliminary to the meeting that stretched for several blocks. One of our literature salesmen was taken into custody for selling in the streets without a license. He was followed to the station by several thousand persons. He was permitted to read the ordinance governing sales in the streets and was very courteously released after promising not to violate the ordinance again.

After the meeting the entire Red Special crowd was given a banquet in the lower room of the hall where the meeting took place. Handsome women from the Finnish local served the food which was ample and refreshing after being so long on the train.

Stirton, like all other Americans who become acquainted with the Finlanders, loves them. "One of the best things about the Finlanders," he said today, "is that they take their wives, daughters and sweethearts into the Socialist local with them. Many of the young women are employed in domestic service in Hancock and neighboring towns. These house workers belong to the Socialist local and take part in the social and political activities. It is not uncommon to hear 'servant' girls discussing the works of Herbert Spencer and other difficult scientific and philosophical volumes. Among other foreign peoples in and around Hancock the men become Socialists, but seldom do they take their women into the movement with them. It is my opinion that the example of the Finlanders could be adopted with profit by every Socialist local. The Finlanders seldom meet for political purposes that the women do not serve coffee and cake, thus making the local session a social affair that adds to its value."

SPREAD OF THE RED.

From the Chronotype, Necha, N. D. The Socialist candidates for president and vice-president received over 600,000 votes in the election of 1904. It is estimated by non-Socialist authorities that a round million Socialist ballots will be polled at the election of 1908.

This means that one out of every thirteen or fourteen votes will be cast for Eugene V. Debs and Ben Hanford, the Socialist nominees for president and vice-president. The million Socialist votes that will be cast this fall will represent the active or working branch of the party—men who will vote for the Socialist candidates, cheerfully knowing that there is no hope of electing them.

There is something powerfully respect-compelling in this. These million men will vote for the principles they believe in. The economic changes that they wish to bring about may never be brought about, at least within the lives of those who will vote the Socialist ticket this fall. But these million men believe that they are not voting for themselves alone, but for posterity, for humanity at large.

For every active—that is, voting—advocate of Socialism there probably is at least one passive advocate of Socialism—that is, one who believes in the principles of Socialism, perhaps preaches these principles, and yet votes either the republican or democratic ticket because he does not care to "lose his vote."

Perhaps there are, counting both active and passive branches of the party, at least two million Socialists in the United States. This is more than the proverbial little leaven that is supposed to leaven the whole lump. It is a big working nucleus—for nearly every Socialist is a worker for Socialism. The average Socialist never misses an opportunity to preach the gospel of Socialism. It gives his heart a great joy to make a convert to the cause he loves.

It will readily be seen that Socialism has passed the swaddling-clothes stage of its existence. It is not merely a huffy infant, yelling because it fee's the pangs of hunger or the pin-pricks of hard times. Socialism is a strong, clear-limbed, clear-eyed youth, alert and eager to enter the arena and do battle with the older and stronger parties.

The socialistic idea is spreading so rapidly in the United States that the shouts of ridicule with which it was first greeted by the adherents of the two great parties are even now turning to cries of alarm.

It is significant that the leading Socialist paper, the Appeal to Reason, published in the little town of Girard, Kansas, has a weekly circulation of over 300,000.

Nothing can be plainer than that Socialism is a force to be reckoned with in the future, real or woe of these United States, and not only of the United States, but of the world. In England the Socialist vote is about twenty-seven per cent of the total; in France, twenty-seven per cent; in Germany, thirty-one per cent.

Granting what seems to be an absolute surety, that Socialism is bound to become a big factor in the politics of the country, it behooves every American citizen to post himself as to the what, why, and how of Socialism. Every voter should know the reason for his voting in a certain way. An intelligent ballot is the safeguard of our republican institutions. Before a man votes for or against Socialism—assuming that the time is likely to come when such an issue will confront the voter—he should be able to tell why he intends to vote either way.

"If Mr. Taft's confession, as reported in the statement made by him before the Bar Association at Nashville, Tenn., on May 20th, is correct, William Howard Taft should be tried for high treason, convicted and punished as a traitor."

From Haywood's Speech, at Scammon, Kans.

SWEAT SHOPS DISEASE BREEDERS.

The following is the summary of a report made by Mary L. Coffey, special investigator for the Ohio bureau of labor statistics in 1903. The entire report was suppressed because it failed to reflect credit upon the republican administration of the state.

The sweating system is a constant menace to the health of the people, and is, without doubt, responsible for the spread of many diseases, chief among which is tuberculosis. Particularly is this true of work done under tenement conditions. Why?

Because in most cases where woman take work into their own homes it is because either they themselves are too far spent with disease to stand the heavy tasking that would be put upon them in the shops, or some member of their family is too sick to be left alone. The contractor who gives out the work asks no questions as to the health or sanitation of the place into which it is to go, and the workers could hardly be expected to volunteer information of their health possibly rob them of their only chance to ward off starvation. Hence, it is an unusual occurrence for unfinished garments to lay for days and nights on the foot of a bed occupied by tubercular patients. Children pass through scarlet fever, whooping cough, diphtheria and even smallpox in the same room and the same bed with garments that are to go out and enter, unfumigated, into the arteries of trade.

Nor is this all. Away back of this, disease may be traced. The cloth used in the grade of clothing usually made up under the sweating system is made in large part from what is known as "shoddy." The material for this is gathered promiscuously by the rag-pickers in the street and consists largely of odds and ends of old clothing, bedding, mattresses, bandages from old sores, etc.; nothing so rotten, so dirty, so disease laden but can be utilized. This conglomerate mass is hauled to the factory and dumped into a flaying machine and the dry dirt beaten out of it, or into it, as the case may be. Then it is passed into another machine that picks it into pieces so small that not a fiber is left attached to another. Then it is carded, spun, dyed, woven into cloth and sent out to the dealer, thence to the manufacturer who cuts it into garments and passes it on to the sub-contractor who, as already shown, sends it back to the disease ridden tenement house for its final inoculation. And nowhere, from start to finish, is there a process of purification.

And disease spreads, and the sleeping health authorities wonder why. THE NABOBS MUST GO. I stood some years ago near an avalanche in the Alps which could not be stopped by an injunction. I fled from a blizzard in North Dakota which could not be thwarted by any court. I felt the rubble of an earthquake in Sicily which could not be quelled by an edict in all the Chicago papers. I saw the floods of the Niagara which mock the sweep of the comet what could Cleveland do, though he were a Pope and sent a bull after it! Let us disapprove of all these forces of nature, but what is your lack? It makes no difference whether or not you favor an earthquake. Let the court enjoy it. Let the squibblers of the soldier-satraps hold up their guns against it. It is coming! Crack! goes the earthquake while the Hebrew slaves march out of Egypt and Pharaoh sinks in the Red sea. Crack! it goes again and the agrarians of Rome seize their short swords. Crack! and the serfs of Germany and Hungary carry everything before them. Crack! once more and the force of the French revolution gives death to monarchs. A Louis falls into the basket. Crack again! George III. Crashes against! And old Aride the earthquake till chattel slavery falls, though buttressed by supreme court and church and editors and congress and poor old Buchanan. Crack again! And Garibaldi is in his red shirt! Crack! goes the earthquake now and then again and again, the wide world over. We have heard it twice in our own country within little more than a century and God help us to hear it again. The sovereignty of nabobs must be overthrown.—John Swinton.

"Debs and his friends, all Americans, have the opportunity to aid in obtaining the president's (Roosevelt's) ideal," says the Everett, Washington, Daily Herald. Now if some one will tell Debs and his friends what Roosevelt's ideal is we shall have a better idea of what the Herald would have us do. When Teddy wrote his estimate of the wild west, and expressed his preference for the cowboy in comparison with the citizen who is too tame to carry a gun he gave us one ideal. When he lovingly called "My Dear Harriman" to the white house to confer with him on matters of public moment then he seemed in his mind. When he used his official position as a means of naming William Howard Taft as his successor then he seems to have been yet another ideal haunting the region under his hat. When he denounced three untried workmen as undesirable citizens on the strength of Harry Orchard's story there is a faint suspicion that this notorious character had got into the realm of Rooseveltian idealities. The great editorial writer should be more specific and let us know what the president's ideal is.

"Debs is busily sowing the wind," writes a western editor, evidently excited over the invasion of his territory by the Red Special. On the same page he elegantly refers to Socialist speeches and literature as "rot air." The inference is that the Socialist propaganda is warming the atmosphere to a point where it is rather uncomfortable for certain of the frosty.

Adversity is the other end of capitalist prosperity.

For a man who dislikes muckraking Roosevelt is throwing a sight of mud. Haskell haskilled Bryan.

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PROSPERITY IN ENGLAND.

The following press dispatch appeared in several American newspapers of recent date, and indicates that the same wave of prosperity that struck the western continent a year ago has crossed the Atlantic and is being felt in high places as well as low.

London, Sept. 12.—Alarmed by the outbreaks of the vast army of unemployed in all of the large cities of the United Kingdom, particularly Glasgow, the ministry is holding a series of informal conferences on plans to minimize the suffering during the coming winter.

No grave is the situation that the government refused to admit publicly that it notices it. Fearing that his words attract attention to conditions for which it is hard to find a remedy. Throughout England, Scotland and Wales it is estimated that 1,000,000 workmen are idle, and their families a total of 5,000,000 persons are at the point of starvation. Of this number a considerable proportion is starving and nearly naked. All over the island entire families are tramping aimlessly from town to town, sleeping in the streets and on the farm houses.

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HOW IT GROWS!

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Say, comrades, are you watching the Appeal's thermometer? Have you observed the rise in its temperature? Just as I anticipated, the little old Appeal is forging to the front as the battle of the ballots waxed hotter.

The special train in which Taft took the country has been christened The Injunction Special by an eastern editor.

What difference is there between Taft and Wall street and Bryan and Tammany? Take your choice and get the same green goods.

If all democrats, republicans and independents say of each other is true, and it probably is, they should be in jail instead of in office.

There will always be poverty on the earth, so long as labor is robbed of its products, but not a minute longer than that robbery cease.

They say that prosperity is returning. Can it mean that the millionaires are coming back from Europe where they spent their vacation?

On Corpus Christi bay there is said to be a town named Taft. It adjoins a ranch of 100,000 acres owned by Big Bill, who is said to be a strenuous opposer of land monopoly.

The anti-injunction plank of the democratic party is being vigorously championed by every ward-heeling labor politician in the land. It will catch only a crop of third class suckers.

Bryan and Taft are fiddling around in the political ring like a pair of out-of-date pigs. They ought to go into vaudeville like old John L. Sullivan and Jake Kilrain.

On account of publication of the Hearst expose of Foraker and Haskell, republican and democrat, who were shown to be handling Standard Oil money in a way that grieved them sadly.

The Sun, "an illustrated weekly paper with a will of its own," made exposures of graft in democratic Florida, and was boycotted at the order of the political bosses.

Following in the wake of the "Red Special" the Appeal workers should now do their level best. The "Red Special" has stirred up the people a hundred miles wide in its track and there are thousands who will gladly take the Appeal for the asking.

The circulation of the Appeal can easily be sent up a hundred thousand in the next sixty days if the comrades will get right down to their level best.

Comrades, every issue of the Appeal is striking telling blows for the Socialist party and the Socialist commonwealth.

TWO MILLION VOTES.

Three states have already voted. As nearly as can be ascertained at this time the vote stood, as compared with two years ago:

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Includes Arkansas (2,169,100), Maine (1,553,400), Vermont (512,200).

This is a four-fold increase. At the same ratio of increase the Socialist vote in the United States this year will be two million.

Finish of Foraker.

Another political hypocrite, stands unmasked! Another capitalist "statesman" is revealed in his true colors!

For thirty years Joseph Benson Foraker has been a commanding figure in republican councils and a "leading statesman" of the nation.

Whatever may be said of this gentry, they are smooth enough to keep their names in the public eye.

When the lightning struck Foraker in the form of documentary proof that the Standard Oil company had bought and paid for him to cold cash, he was yoked up with William Howard Taft.

Men are known by the company they keep. Taft and Foraker have known each other all their lives.

Let Taft speak. Had he been caught with such a vice-mate every capitalist paper would have howled him down as being quite as guilty as his pal in crime.

Then again, what has Roosevelt to say? Will he denounce Foraker, the republican politician, as an undesirable citizen?

The divorce proceedings in the case of the millionaire Maloney's daughter who secretly married under a false name outside of the formalities of the catholic church, and later eloped to Canada with another man, were rich.

The Kansas City postmaster says that there is over \$300,000 deposited in that office through the money-order payable-to-self system, for which the people have paid \$900 in fees to insure the safe keeping of their savings.

Ex-Judge Van Fleet, of the Colorado supreme court, committed suicide in a Los Angeles, California, hotel, September 18.

The splendid edition of "Debs, His Life, Writings and Speeches" is at last on the press and is being manufactured at the rate of 500 copies per day.

ON BOARD THE RED SPECIAL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25.—The western trip has closed with the cheering of thousands of comrades and in a perfect haze of enthusiasm.

Looking back over the trip, much of it seems like a dream. It is too huge to be real. The immense crowds and the tumultuous cheering seem to stretch over the entire route.

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What is of consequence in this connection is the case of another federal employe, William Howard Taft of the war department who was duly notified some time ago with much fuss and durry that he had been nominated as candidate for the highest elective office in the nation.

Said by Debs.

When the big capitalists get together with you, you will be ready for Socialism.

The man no longer counts. It is the principle for which he stands that counts.

If the logic of Socialism fails to reach your brain, the logic of capitalism will reach your purse.

Socialism will restore to the worker the tools of production, which will enable him to be the master of his own job.

Through all the ages the badge of labor has been the badge of servitude, when it ought to be the badge of honor.

Society has always been organized and is now organized for the exploitation of the many in the interest of a class.

The ownership of the machine by a capitalist class which controls the government, has separated the worker from the product of his labor.

Old party orators insult your intelligence by flattering your ignorance, while Socialist orators arouse you to intelligence by telling you of your ignorance.

The workers are beginning to think, and when they think they will act in their class conscious capacity, and when they do that they will abolish wage slavery.

You have heard of the monkey dinners the swell set gives. You help furnish the money for those dinners.

SOCIALISTS WIN IN DENMARK.

Elections in Denmark have stirred the country with the greatly increased Socialist vote. The vote shows:

New Members in Parliament, gains, 5. Total Members in Parliament, 22.

The general elections, which occur later, it is thought, will greatly increase this membership.

It is announced that a fleet of torpedo boats, entirely new, is to be sent to Manila. What for? Has the hierarchy some more land over there it wants to sell and yet possess?

Is This Seditious?

There is an organization in the north part of Craighead county that intends to regulate the scale of cotton, the price of rent, and to buy provisions, and in fact make others do as they want them to.

Such a statement by a Socialist paper would be a crime in the eyes of the law.

Farmers do not have anything to advertise and hence are not factors in influencing the country or city press.

Do you think the Standard Oil will ever pay a cent of that \$29,000,000 fine? The rich are above the laws.

In a two-column denunciation of Debs being permitted to speak on the grounds of the California University at Berkeley, the Oakland Tribune said:

There is warrant for saying that Debs and his red banner hosts found a congenial atmosphere at Berkeley.

Now, will you just use your brains a little and notice that word "student"?

There are some men who know the value of a vote; they are the fellows who make politics a business and hold office or get graft contracts from the office-holders.

Go over to that neighbor of yours and read him some interesting paragraphs from a Socialist book.

DISCIPLINE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

The postal department on September 14 gave out a statement concerning the disciplining of certain government employes who have offended the Little Father at Washington by taking an active part in politics.

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Hill was disciplined; Taft was not. But this is only one of many strange things peculiar to government under capitalism.

LABOR DECISIONS.

Quitting Work is Criminal. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, JUDGE.

It now transpires that Senator Foraker was in the pay of the Standard Oil company. But why should any surprise be expressed at that?

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SOCIALIST FAIRY STORY.

The Kindness of the Pixies. The Pixies are German fairies who come to good people and in the night do their tasks for them while they sleep.

But once upon a time there were some people working in a factory who were good. They never struck or joined labor unions, and they never complained of conditions or hours of service.

"Someone has done up all the work," he said. "There won't be anything for you to do for several weeks; and we will close down."

"How are we to live?" asked one. "That's not my business," returned the boss. "You should have saved your money."

"But we had to spend it for things to eat and wear. I don't see how we can live if we can't get work."

The Pixies were astonished. They had provided the workers with leisure and now the workers were grumbling about it.

"We simply won't help such people any more," declared the boss of the Pixies. "They don't deserve encouragement, anyhow."

And the Pixies have never ceased the burden of the laborers since, if they should the workers would starve.

Thousands of letters are reaching the Appeal office commending the paper's position. Space prevents us from giving you but a half dozen which are typical of the others:

I was a republican in politics until I received the issue of the Appeal for the 12th. That day I read about the catholic church seemed to be the last straw on the camel's back in my case.

I wish to congratulate you upon the last issue of the Appeal in exposing the relations of the catholic hierarchy and other republican leaders. I had long suspected that very thing.

By chance a copy of the Appeal, No. 667, has found its way into my hands. I have read it with interest.

I am glad to see at least one paper in this country strike back at Rome instead of continually warding off blows.

Upton Sinclair is the author of a new novel, "The Money Changers." It is along the line of the "Metropolis" and makes clear the methods used by the skimmers to amass millions of the asses who do the voting and working.

SOCIALIST MARKET PLACE.

Our new general catalogue is now ready for distribution. Let us send you one.

Special new-wear catalogue and samples of our union-made suits, etc., is being mailed out this week to all who have requested same.

When you catalogue sent on request, enclosed fifteen cents for a card of one dozen Union Patrons, the only dress book that is absolutely free and can never slip open.

Don't forget about the Appeal to Reason. Class-conscious Socialists send no other brand. Box of fifty, \$2.00.

Why doesn't Gompers go down into the Birmingham district of Alabama and expound the beauties of the democratic party?

If you want more of this kind of prosperity vote the old tickets. If only the people who are prosperous vote the capitalist tickets there will be very few of their people elected in this country.

What is Higden, of the independent party, independent of? Surely not of Hearst and his barrel.

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