

A Remarkable Man --- Bebel ---

German Socialist Leader

By EDITH SELLARS

AUGUST BEBEL.

Just at present there is more talk in Germany about August Bebel than of any other ten men.

of doubt in their voices, now they do so but half-heartedly.

the poor, extortioners whom it would be a righteous deed to exterminate.

—which stood him in good stead in his work.

The Social democrats in Germany are increasing in power at once steadily and rapidly.

Even Herr Bebel's enemies admit that as a parliamentary orator he is without a rival in Germany.

August Bebel has not always been a Socialist; on the contrary, in his younger days he was a strong individualist.

Among the articles of Herr Bebel's programme are: Universal suffrage, for men and women alike, and for all elections.

There is always a touch of excitement in the Reichstag when the president announces that Herr August Bebel "has the word."

No man was ever less of a demagogue than this Socialist leader; it is not by paying court to the mob that he has won his position.

When Prince Bismarck was chancellor there was nothing he enjoyed more than crossing swords with the Socialist leader.

Is Economy Correct?

By R. L. GREEN of Somerset, Ohio

Reply to Justice Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, who says workmen eat too much, dress too well, and spend too much money.

as the following proves: My home town, Somerset, has a population of about 500.

make sarcastic remarks about a learned judge.

sink our people step by step slowly but irresistibly to the Chinese standard.

The following quotation gives the essence of a long article which appeared not long since in the New York Herald:

First, the mechanic's sales would immediately drop one-half, extinguishing their chance to lay up the expected profits.

The people of China probably followed the advice of some learned judge in regard to economy.

You undoubtedly know that there can be no change for the better in the deplorable condition of our workmen as long as that system continues.

Such is the view of Justice Simeon E. Baldwin, of the supreme court of Connecticut, a lawyer and jurist of international reputation.

Locked Out Conditions in California

Written for The Journal By H. L. MATTHEWS

The contractors and union fighters of Santa Barbara, Calif., have formed an organization known as the "Citizens Alliance."

tions between employers and employees, and discouraging lockouts, strikes and boycotts and all kindred movements which savor of persecution and are disturbing influences in business.

ship. When the meeting was called to order again the chairman announced that they would now go into executive session.

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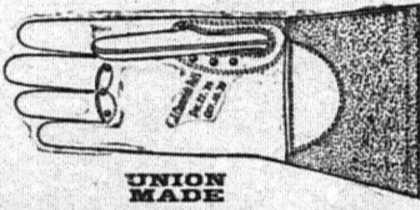
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Lessons in Social Economy or Local Classes

By WALTER THOMAS MILLS Principal of the International School of Social Economy

These lessons will be printed regularly in this paper throughout the year, and local classes may be organized for their study wherever the comrades may wish to do so.

LESSON NO. TWO Why the Earth Exists. The Story

The earth exists because something made it exist. It did not come to be as we see it without something making it do so.

most carefully, that all the earth was once a melted mass; and that before that, it was all in a gas like the air we breathe.

If it was once a gas, it could have been made into a melted mass and then into the shape we see it by causes which we can even now see at work.

hard, cold, great, round earth so large and strong that all can live upon it. You have watched the great hail stones as they have melted into water again; and you have seen the sun come out and, just like the fire under the kettle, send the water back into the sky again.

The Lesson. 1. If everything is changing, then we change too. 2. If everything is changing because something makes it change, maybe we can help to make things change.

small that one cannot see them, can go out into the great, open sky but cannot get away, but forces we cannot see follow them and bring them back again and change them over and over again, then it must surely be that wherever we are or whatever we do, we are always being made over and over, and are always helping to make over everything and everybody.

Questions. 1. Is everybody changing? Think of something which you know that can never change, if you can. 2. What can be found now where once the palms were growing?

Socialism and Democracy

Written for The Journal by DR. A. T. CUZNER of Gilmore, Florida

The author of "Socialism and Democracy" occupies a high place, both as a thinker and writer in the collectivist movement in Florida and throughout the nation as well.

Many legal minds contend that the assertions contained in this declaration are too broad to be applicable to our present institutions.

both at home and in its colonies. Many are imbued with the idea that the Constitution when accepted overrode or superseded the Declaration of Independence.

Being a number of loose-joined commonwealths, each jealous of the other and more particularly for that very freedom for which they had paid such a price, therefore in the words of the preamble: "We the people of the United States, (not the states or commonwealths) in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for common defence, promote the general welfare (not the welfare of the few at the expense of the many as it is today) and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

There is much confusion in the minds of many in regard to the nature of the principle or principles embodied in certain terms used in everyday life. Take the words "democracy" and "socialism."

We will consider both these conceptions. Now while socialists advocate, and aid, certain reforms as being as it were preparatory and initiative of the socialist principle, this principle is not primarily a reform.

Now I will assert (and that without fear of contradiction) that the power to make law is a sovereign power. Sovereignty is defined as the supreme, absolute and uncontrollable power by which a state or nation is governed.

While we socialists maintain that our movement is a revolution (an industrial one if you please) but a revolution—a peaceful one—to be conducted with ballots instead of bullets, that is, while the ballot remains with us. By this revolution we expect to effect what was contemplated in the Declaration of Independence, viz, the complete emancipation of mankind from the thralldom of his fellow man.

Socialism as is generally understood by those who claim to be its disciples and exponents, is defined as a natural and logical development of the democratic principle.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Now I will assert (and that without fear of contradiction) that the power to make law is a sovereign power. Sovereignty is defined as the supreme, absolute and uncontrollable power by which a state or nation is governed.

Then shall be sung on earth the songs of the Angel, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth and Good Will Towards Men."

Class Against Class

Written for The Journal by ADAM F. SKIRVING of Billings, Montana

So frequently has it been reiterated by the capitalistic press, and sad to say, by many workmen who allow the capitalists to mold their views for them, that it is wrong to array class against class, when the masses struggling for a bare existence constitute the one class and the capitalists struggling to perpetuate a system of exploiting labor constitute the other, that it would be well for one to put on his thinking cap once in a while and reason from cause to effect.

are asking more than they are worth. I don't consider I am worth more than you are willing to pay. I'll take the job.

subjects? This being the case, call it class against class or man against man, the fact that the struggle exists cannot possibly be denied.

but becomes a factor to be dealt with when backed by the gigantic strength and intelligence of union labor. It means that the cost is counted in dollars and cents, not by morality or justice.

Under our present system, who will deny that the majority of working men (scabs excepted) want to get all they can for their toll? Can you blame them? On the other hand, the employer of labor, actuated by exactly the same incentive, wants to get all he can out of his men for the least money.

Again, looking from the employer's standpoint, how often would it occur that the employer would call a man up and say: "Look here, Bill, you are undermining your constitution with hard work. I will shorten your time a couple of hours a day and increase your wages \$25 per month?"

It might be truthfully said, too, that man is arrayed against man under our present system of exploitation, for we are all, as individuals, employers and employees (scabs excepted), anxious to get the most for our work, and pay the least for the other fellow's.

This tendency to ignore the individual workman by the capitalist may be considered the primary reason of the banding together of the workmen, who now look upon themselves as a class distinct, and the recent organizations of capitalists and business men for the purpose of protecting their interests from what they look upon as the encroachment of labor on their rights, divine and otherwise (mostly very much otherwise) is proof conclusive that class is arrayed against class, not through the instigations of labor and socialist agitators, as many try hard to believe, but through conditions existing under a universal exploiting system which can be cured only by taking away the cause of the disease, COMPETITION, and substituting the CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH.

TOO RADICAL TO FUSE. The Estimate of the Catholic Citizen Regarding the Effect of Collectivist "Fanaticism."

that type. The utterance of the Citizen furnishes the most complete justification, if any were needed, for the socialist movement, as well as emphasizing the vital necessity of constant reiteration of its class character.

in politics. The tendency of labor movements in politics has been to yield very soon to the dissolving influence of quasi-public interests—corporate power and party manipulation.

a party leadership of its own. This fanaticism has been furnished by the cult of socialism. The earnestness of the socialist can not be tampered with.

A western correspondent sends the Journal the following article taken from the Catholic Citizen, a prominent religious paper. He urges that it is a fitting reply to men of the type of Bishops Matz, Bronsdal and others of

"The socialist movement among the laboring class, as a political force, has certain points of tactical superiority over the usual trade union movement

or with any hope of permanency under

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