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AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF

By ALL the People, and Not by Part of the People

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WHY RAILROAD MEN SHOULD BE SOCIALISTS.



Well, in the first place they should be Socialists because it is to their interest to be. Of course, this is no reason to those who do not understand the principles and operation of Socialism, so it needs some explanation, which I hope I may be able to give, for if Socialism will give the men engaged in transportation some benefits they do not now have, surely they will be interested in knowing it.

I know the tendency for men to look with suspicion upon every man offering something new to him, as likely to

contain a hidden barb that will hook him for the special profit of the fisher, and am willing that he should examine carefully what I shall say and weigh it with his best judgment. Every man should do this with everything that is presented to him. That he does not do this, that he permits his prejudice, formed by custom, to often control him, is one of the causes why the condition of the people is as it is.

And right here let me say that no man is satisfied with conditions as they are. You need not take the time or trouble to deny or affirm this proposition to me--answer to your own consciousness,



His papa draws thousands from railroad dividends—he don't stoop to work. Railroad employes earn the money this kind of thing spends.

You do not have the hours you like, the wages you like, the security of employment you would like and many other things---and this lack makes you dissatisfied with your condition. Every man who belongs to a labor union or brotherhood does so because he feels that somewhere, some one is likely to pinch him, and he desires the assistance of his fellow-workers. If this feeling were not always present with you, I should not take the time and trouble to write these lines.

Let us call your attention to the cause of one of your most prominent actions of association: Brotherhoods are organized for the purpose of giving their members a small voice in the management of the industry in which they are employed, in the matter of hours, wages, etc. This shows that the workers feel the need of such voice, else they would not organize. It also shows that they do not like others to make the rules and regulations that control them. If they did, they would not bother themselves about such matters nor have any grievance committees. **Socialism will give you complete control of the industry in which you work.**

It is not natural for men to be bound by rules, the making of which they have nothing to do. Each of you feel that, if you will but analyze your own feelings. To have it so, would be to prefer slavery to freedom of action.

The total amount of earnings of the railroads for 1900, according to Poor's Manual, was \$1,501,695,378. The total number of employes was 1,000,000, one-fourth of whom were section men. All of those employes were not employed all the time, but if they had been it would mean that the public paid \$1,500 a year for each person working directly or indirectly in the railway service. How does that compare with your wages?

Assuming that the time lost averaged one-third, which is about the proper ratio, the public paid \$2,000 a year for railroad men to serve them, and the railroad men received an average of only \$497.76, exclusive of officers. The balance of the money collected from the public for transportation went to pay princely salaries, dividends, lawyers, lobbyists, and bribery of judges and other public officials---not the smallest item I think might be entered as expenses in fighting the Brotherhoods. There are many railroad men who honestly believe that the interest of the employes is on the side of the railroad in getting high rates that they may be able and willing to pay higher salaries---but the railroads have always collected four times as much as the men got and have never been willing to give the men any more than they felt compelled to.

I assume in this writing that railroad men would prefer to have a voice in the management of the railroads, rather than no voice. I assume they would prefer to have the highest possible reward for their labor, rather than the lowest which necessity will drive them to work for. I assume they prefer to have steady, certain employment, rather than to have it depend on their servility to some general manager who works to see how much dividends and salaries for the big people he can squeeze out of them and the public.

Let me point out to you a few political things that you doubtless never had your attention called to:

Under the corporate ownership of railroads your vote is of no benefit to you. It does nothing for you. It affects nothing to your interest. For, suppose you say or write to your congressman or senator that your wages are too low, that you are overworked and your hours are such that you cannot be with your family any, that you are liable to be moved any time and cannot afford to buy a piece of property for a home, and therefore must remain a tenant ever---or any other grievance that may strike you. I ask, if you should write these things to those whom you have helped elect, what kind of a reply would you expect? They might not say so, but they would think you were a fool. They would likely write you a conciliatory and sympathetic letter---they cost nothing---and tell you they were sorry for you, but that congressmen or senators, as the case may be, had nothing to do with the employment or conditions of the railroad employes. In fact you know that yourself, and that is the reason you are not writing such letters. Do you follow me?

Now on the other hand, suppose Socialism were established, then you would have the making of wages and conditions of employment in your own hands. Do you think your



This man works for \$4.00 a day to enable— this thing to draw \$100,000 a year as president of a railroad.



Eighty cents a day---the balance they earn goes to make railroad millionaires. They vote the old ticket.



A railroad wreck. Being a useful citizen he is not pensioned. Under Socialism he would draw full pay to the end of his life.

officials would write you or your organization, such a letter? Under SOCIALISM your vote would be worth something to you—would benefit you. A vote, then, would be no empty bauble, a thing to put some man

into a place where he could get a big bribe to serve the railroads or other corporations. There would be no railroad corporations to bribe, and the officials would owe their places to good service to the public and the public employes. Is this simple enough for you to understand? Does it need further analysis?

Under Socialism you would elect your superior officers—now they are appointed by the very men whom you are organized to fight. Are you therefore serving **your** interests when you vote against Socialists? Should you not use your votes for your own interests? The organization of **all** railroad employes could and would, for self interest, formulate the rules and regulations, the lines of promotion and wages, and their influence with congress would have such enacted into laws. Later, they would enact such regulations governing their own employment and conduct themselves **without** the intervention of congress—and that would be what Socialists call "democratic management" of

industry. I think it would be safe to say that no railroad employe would be paid less than the equivalent of \$5 for an eight-hour day under Socialism. The public now pays \$5 a day for each of them—including that down-trodden class known as section men. The money would simply go to the men instead of the millionaires. The men do the work, earn the money—and they, not the speculators, should have it. And they would have it, if they did not by their votes, keep the speculators in power.

The men who are continually seeking your vote for office—for public employment—will tell you the public cannot employ all the people. Such men want office for their benefit, but not for yours. Many men who seek office do no public service, but only public

More railroad men are killed or war with Spain. Why? Because for the than to save human life. Dividends must but it is a dead letter, because the congress have to obey the laws as you do. Under transportation and apply the best methods.

If you operated the roads, don't you not full pay, after a reasonable number of would. But you do not ask it. You op- your votes that you do not want Socialism. power of the world, under even worse con- not want to own and operate the mines—

Those who profit by your service and reasons for Socialism. Ask them the Why don't they? Do you think it is for to bother your head with such questions?

slaves was the very thing that slaves ought to know. You have not time to bother with such questions, perhaps. Very well, the general managers will take the time to look after it for you, and if you do not know what will be for **your** best interests, rest assured that they will look after **theirs**. That they have been willing to do this is the reason that they are on top—that you have been careless about it for yourself is the reason that you are not at the top.

Finally you ought to be Socialists because you have no assurance of continued employment under this system. Do you not know that all the roads are rapidly going into the ownership of one set of men? Do you not know that every "merger" lessens the number of employes, for when Morgan controls all the roads he will use but one depot in a city, one downtown office, one set of operators, and so on through the list? What is true of your industry is true of every other. The Morgan syndicate now owns all the steel, and is moving rapidly to the ownership of all the coal, and all the railroads. The working class must either rise in its voting might and vote the capitalist class out of existence or the capitalist class will make serfs of us all. There are more than 1,000,000 railroad employes, 400,000 coal miners and 100,000 steel workers. Here is a body of 1,500,000 working men absolutely dominated by practically one dozen capitalists. The great Morgan syndicate last year divided millions of dollars in dividends, created by your labor. While you eat a hurried lunch your masters feast on the delicacies of the land. While you tread the top of an icy box car your masters occupy a box at the latest opera. While you catch a few hours of needed sleep on a hard bunk, your masters slumber on beds that cost more than

your entire worldly possessions. Do you not know that it is your labor that makes Morgan rich and that capitalists enjoy because you suffer? Are you satisfied that this inequality should always exist? Do you want to have plenty, enjoy life and be the equal of all men? If so, then come with us and help establish the Co-operative Commonwealth, in which you will have the voice of a brother and owner; in which you will make all the rules and regulations governing the industry in which you work, and those in other vocations will control them; one in which there will be neither rich nor poor, master nor man; where poverty and crime will be unknown, because there will be plenty for all who work, and all will work to have plenty. To attain this condition requires no sacrifice, no money, no strife—simply your ballot intelligently cast far those who earnestly desire to establish this condition—**Socialism.**



This brakeman works for \$2 per day so that— this man can draw \$100,000 a year in dividends.



Trying to avoid the extortion of express charges. Don't know enough to vote the railroads into their own hands.



The Banquet of the Useful Worker.

When the drones eat they have a swarm of hired flunkies; take an hour or two and have the fat of the land. What this worker earns goes to the drones in dividends and profits. Under Socialism workers will be Men and Women, not hirelings for the drones.



The English stockholders might all die and not a train would stop. But if this man quits his work, commerce stops. We pay the useless man a princely salary, but the useful man a mere pittance. Under Socialism the fireman would be as well paid as anyone else and work as short hours.



The Engineer.

Requires more skill, more nerve, more ability than the president, board of directors or owners of a railroad—but note the beggarly pay compared to those useless parasites.

Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure

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Any honest person who suffers from Rheumatism is welcome to this offer. I am a specialist in Rheumatism, and have treated more cases than any other physician, I think. For 16 years I made 2,000 experiments with different drugs, testing all known remedies while searching the world for something better. Nine years ago I found a costly chemical in Germany which, with my previous discoveries, gives me a certain cure.

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I know this so well that I will furnish my remedy on trial. Simply write me a postal for my book on Rheumatism, and I will mail you an order on your druggist for six bottles Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic cure. Take it for a month at my risk. If it succeeds, the cost is only \$3.50. If it fails, I will pay the druggist myself—and your mere word shall decide it.

I mean that exactly. If you say the results are not what I claim, I don't expect a penny from you.

I have no samples. Any mere sample that can affect chronic Rheumatism must be drugged to the verge of danger. I use no such drugs, and it is folly to take them. You must get the disease out of the blood.

My remedy does that even in the most difficult, obstinate cases. It has cured the oldest cases that I ever met. And in all my experience—in all my 2,000 tests—I never found another remedy that would cure one chronic case in ten.

Write me and I will send you the order. Try my remedy for a month, as it can't harm you anyway. If it fails it is free.

Address Dr. Shoop, Box 943, Racine, Wis.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

Oh! you people who do useful work; you who do the hard work of the world; you who have no social standing with the lords of creation; you who get up early and work late; you who build the houses of the rich; you who not only produce the food, but even prepare it and serve the rich; you who not only make the material but cut and fit and even dress the rich in the finest apparel; you who give your lives to entertaining the rich, yet who would be spurned from the doors of the rich; you who fill every routine place of government and operate it for the benefit of the rich; you who are mere machines for the pleasure and profit of the rich—what are your brains for? Are you so dumb that you cannot think? Are you so stupid that you know nothing but service for others? Are you nothing but oxen or horses that live only for the service to the owners? You have a brain—why not use it for yourselves? Are you not menials as were your ancestors centuries ago, serving the masters? They could not see their degradation and are you not the same? Has one part of the race been created to be servants for another part? You can have liberty whenever you demand it. You are many, the master class is few. They rule you by cunning and deception. Wake up!

Some people are such fossilized fogies they would rather go to hell in the old orthodox way than to go to heaven by any new route.

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Hints to the Appeal's Wise Women

By Josephine Conger. Our Real Worth. Do you know what the mills are doing? They are grinding us into gold...

The Ideal. How well for us that the forces of our lives are turned to appreciation for the beauty which in Nature lies...

How the Rich Earn Their Wealth. Comrade John D. Rockefeller is with us in Los Angeles. It took him two weeks to reach here from New York...

Things to Think About. Last week we dealt with the Positive Philosophy. We talked about the advisability of setting our minds at work on a definite course of action...

What makes the above figures still more astounding is that the entire wealth of the United States is only \$160,000,000,000, which increases at the rate of less than \$3,000,000,000 each year.

Is there any chance, think you, of our seeing Socialism in our time? Comrades, get to work, give the Appeal 1,000,000 circulation, and so help the good tidings of "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

The following addresses of state secretaries have been changed to the following: California, Edgar Helgenstine, 239 S. Flower street, Los Angeles; Minnesota, S. M. Holman, 11 Oak street S. E., Minneapolis; Missouri, Caleb Lipscomb, Liberal.

Another thing that we want is plenty. We want plenty of everything that is helpful. We don't want to be stunted in any of the necessities of life. How can people be good, when they have to starve their hearts, and sell their souls that they may wear

cheap clothes upon their backs, and fill their stomachs with indigestible food? This is against the highest laws of nature. We will sell our bodies to save our souls. If it is necessary, but we do not want to sell our souls to drag out a miserable material existence for a little while...

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How the Rich Earn Their Wealth

Comrade John D. Rockefeller is with us in Los Angeles. It took him two weeks to reach here from New York. In that time his income was \$2,000,000. It took him fifteen minutes to walk from his private car to a room at the Hotel Green...

But the above gives only a small idea of the rapidity with which our comrade is growing "rich." It is only four years since his last visit to the Pacific coast. At that time the San Francisco Call made the following estimate of his possessions, and of his income. This I give below:

ROCKEFELLER FORTUNE, 1902. Fortune \$200,000,000.00 Annual Income 12,000,000.00 Monthly Income 1,000,000.00 Daily Income 41,666.67 Hourly Income 1,722.23 Income Every Minute 28.54 Income Every Second 4.76

ROCKEFELLER FUTURE FORTUNE. In 1907 \$2,300,000,000.00 In 1911 12,300,000,000.00 In 1915 52,300,000,000.00 In 1919 224,300,000,000.00 In 1923 1,024,300,000,000.00 In 1927 4,524,300,000,000.00

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In this country last year half a dozen groups of capitalists controlled \$20,000,000,000, or one-fifth of the total national wealth. If the amount under their control increases in the same proportion as Comrade Rockefeller's fortune, by 1926 they will own or control \$80,000,000,000, by 1930 \$160,000,000,000. As the total possessions of all the states by that time will only be valued at \$130,000,000,000, these men will own the American people.

A WATCH EACH DAY

Many of the Pledges Now Arriving are Accompanied by Payment for the Full Amount of Cards—260 in All. How the Pledges are Coming In.

The mail has brought us an average of one letter each day for several days, containing remittances for \$65, and a request that the cards be sent in one shipment. These comrades are all new volunteers—showing that there are many yet who will sign the pledge...

Volunteer No. (Do not use above space.) J. A. Wagland, Editor Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas: Comrade—You may enter my name on the roll of Five Thousand for the "Twelve Month Campaign" for a Million Circulation.

The Slave, the Master and the Socialist.

Mr. John D. Pierpont, New York, N. Y. Dear Sir—Inclosed, please find \$1,500 in currency, which you will please set down on your books as my annual contribution to your requirements. I sincerely hope you will derive much happiness from its use for yourself and those you love...

When we Socialists appeal to the working class to vote for their own interests, the capitalists howl about arraying class against class. But that is just what we are trying to do. Note from the dispatch below how the capitalist class work for their class interests...

The New Rheumatism Cure. So many inquiries have arisen as to whether rheumatism can really be cured through the feet, as the Magic Foot Draft Co., of Jackson, Mich., is advertising so extensively to do, that the writer made a personal investigation...

Do you wish to convert your religious neighbor to Socialism? Give him religion and politics, by Ernest Untermyer, and he will learn the truth about a much disabused subject. Published in English and German; price 3c, \$1.00 per 100. Appeal to Reason, Girard, U. S. A.

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Catarrh, Foul Breath.

If You Continually K'hawk and Spit and There Is a Constant Dripping From the Nose Into the Throat, if You Have Foul, Sicking Breath, That is Catarrh.

Large Trial Package Free—Quickly Cures Every Person Having Catarrh Always has a Bad Breath. The sense of smell and taste are nearly always totally destroyed in time so that the person whose catarrh does not realize how long he has had his disease...

Under the shadow of this capitol a child eleven years old was frozen to death while luxurious vehicles were rolling across its beautiful streets and people were preparing for the festivities of Christmas...

Learn a profession in five days and be independent for life. J. D. Macmillan, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Rheumatism CURED

This is an honest offer by a reliable physician who is ready to forfeit \$1000 for not fulfilling his offer. 1700 persons cured last year from old and chronic rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, migraines, sciatica, gout, by Dr. Fullman's own specific for Rheumatism and Chronic Aches.

SEND NO MONEY—We will send you your name and history of your case, and we will send you your first trial card free of charge. If you are not cured, we will refund your money.

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Nine suicides and four child abandonments on one Sunday in Chicago, is a better evidence of the prosperous condition of the nation than all the lying of all the hirelings of the capitalist supporters to the contrary.

PERSONAL MAGNETISM

How Prominent Men Develop This Power and Use It to Influence Others—Women, Too, Adepts in This Mysterious Art.

A Reporter Makes Astounding Discoveries—Secret Methods Which Charm and Fascinate the Human Mind.

High Priests of the Occult Reveal Jealously Guarded Secrets of Years—A Wonderful New Book by Prominent New York Men.

A wonderful new book, entitled, "The Secret of Power," has just been issued, at an expense of over \$5,000, by one of the leading colleges of the City of New York. This book is from the pens of the ablest specialists of modern times.

Not long ago, John D. Rockefeller, the richest man in America, said, in talking to a Sunday school class, that he attributed his success in life largely to his ability to influence other people.

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