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TAXPAYERS PAY FOR CHARITY

Church Papers in Attempt to Disprove Story of Abduction of Burkhardt Boy Show that Politicians Were Used as Tools to Move Money for Catholic Orphan Asylum — Whereabouts of Boy Still a Secret.

In an attempt to clear the skirts of the Catholic Church in the minds of its readers in regard to the story of abduction published by the Buffalo Socialist of February 25th, the Catholic Union and Times comes forth with two-column article clipped from the Christie's Weekly, a paper printed at the German Orphan Asylum.

The article in the Buffalo Socialist stated that the three children of Mr. and Mrs. John Burkhardt of 778 Eagle Street were taken away from them, and that in the case of the youngest, a boy, his whereabouts were kept a secret.

This Catholic paper, which is printed under non-union conditions at the German Orphan Asylum, tries to prove that the story is a lie and gives written statement from Herbert S. Simon, superintendent of the poor, and Dr. A. S. Schaefer, assistant health commissioner, who show conclusively that what we stated was absolutely true.

The statements of these two men in the employ of the city show how easily the Roman Catholics worked them so that the children would be a source of revenue to their institutions and at the city's expense.

The letter of Judge Justice committing the children to the care of the superintendent of the poor is shown which is followed by one of Dr. A. S. Schaefer, assistant health commissioner, wherein he tells of having "excluded" the three children from the German Orphan Asylum, a girl, Margaret Burkhardt, 778 Eagle street.

STRIKE BREAKER AND STREET CAR MANAGER ARRESTED

Terre Haute, Ind.—T. P. Grover, manager of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis Eastern Traction Company, was justly indicted this afternoon with David ("Bat") Masterson, confessed slugging and gunman, charged with breaking into the room of Joseph C. Colgan and carrying away books, papers and private correspondence. Colgan is international organizer for the Car Men's Union. The supposition is that he tried to change the union's charter and its roll book.

STRIKES

When workers strike for higher wages, shorter working hours, or improvements of working conditions, they are perfectly justified in doing so because they are not entitled to the wages they are now receiving, the hours they are now working, or the improvements of working conditions that are being made.

Now they are talking of having a "City Manager." He would be in the case of those big, broad-brained business men at a salary of about \$200,000.00. We don't want a cheap man.

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BUFFALO, N. Y., APRIL 11, 1914

LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF YOUR ADDRESS LABEL IF IT IS 98 YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRES NEXT WEEK

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TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THE BERGER MEETING

Reserved seats for the Berger meeting at Elmer's Hotel, Hall on sale at Socialist headquarters, 605 Mutual Life Building, and Jones', 165 Broadway.

The committee having the meeting in charge met last Saturday evening and decided that the parade which is to precede the meeting, will form in front of the City Hall, Eagle and Franklin streets.

LAW AND ORDER USED AGAINST MEN

It is really wonderful how well the capitalist class contrive to put over the law and order against the workers for the purpose of keeping them in subjection, and the decision in the case of the street car men is a fine illustration of this.

HOW IT WAS WORKED

How easy the political machinery was worked to the satisfaction and profit of the Catholic church.

There is absolutely no excuse for the action of either the officials or the church in taking that boy from his parents and keeping him in secret, which is admitted by both.

LYNCH LAW FOR LABOR

When the South African authorities recently killed ten labor leaders they did more than rid themselves temporarily of a few troublesome agitators.

GOLDSTEIN BACKS DOWN

After all the bluff and bluster of David Goldstein, the anti-Socialist speaker who spoke under the auspices of the Catholic church in this city a few months ago, the news comes that he has completely backed down when Fred Warren of the Appeal to Reason called his bluff.

MINIMUM WAGE OF \$10 PER WEEK FOR WOMEN

Seattle—By the unanimous vote of three employers, three employees and three representatives of the public \$10 has been recommended as the minimum wage for women employees of mercantile establishments at Washington's first minimum wage conference, sitting in Olympia.

BIG BUSINESS WANTS COMMISSION GOVERNMENT — THERE'S A REASON

The big point against the commission plan of municipal government proposed for this city is that the entire city government is placed in the hands of a few men with no check.

Practically all the present elective officials will be appointed and the citizens are even denied the right of selecting their own city treasurer who handles the millions of city funds, and this is called home rule.

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WARN UNEMPLOYED TO KEEP AWAY FROM ST. PAUL

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NO LAW TROOPS WHEN IT EFFECTS BUSINESS

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SOCIALIST NEWS OF WESTERN NEW YORK

In order to improve Western New York Socialist news service, we desire every Socialist to send us the names of all Socialists...

ROCHESTER NOTES

OUR SLOGAN—1,000 new members in 1914. One hundred new members have been admitted since February 1st, 1914.

WANTED—To have the Socialist State Convention open with 500 new members on the roll of Local Rochester.

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DEMOCRATS FIGHT PLATFORM PROMISES

The Democratic party has decided to violate another platform pledge in order to square itself with the interests of capital. This platform pledge states that labor organizations "should not be regarded as illegitimate combinations in restraint of trade."

BARNARD GIVES SUCCESSFUL LECTURE AT LA SALLE

William F. Barnard's lecture on the "Way to Socialism" given at La Salle College was extremely interesting. The many appeals showed the keen interest of the large audience.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tonawanda, March 31, 1914. Editor, Buffalo Socialist: As a reader of your paper I would like to say a few words about the strike at Dewey, and one of the men of the militia, Company K of Tonawanda.

GOLDSTEIN BACKS DOWN

Continued from page 1. Pompey, the arch capitalist against the Appeal for these many years. He has been editorializing every Buffalo daily paper has editorialized against them and asserted that they were men who would not work, pointing to the fact that the heavy fall of snow had given work to all men who wished a job.

REFUTES STORIES OF CAPITALIST PRESS

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GROWTH OF SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN BUFFALO

The Socialist movement is broad and comprehensive is well exemplified by the activities of Local Buffalo of the Socialist Party.

"BUSINESS" PROSPERS WHILE MEN FIGHT

Figures issued by the Pan-American Union show that Mexico is not tottering to a fall, but that instead her export and import trade is in better condition today than it has been for years.

In the fiscal year just closed, the exports of the United States to Mexico were \$48,002,900 as against \$45,982,000 for 1913.

The figures prepared by the Pan-American Union show that the exports from the United States to the northern provinces of Mexico have begun to fall off.

For this reason the American capitalists are shouting for intervention. The Pan-American Union also shows that Mexican gold and silver is being shipped to Europe instead of to the United States.

AGITATE AND SUBSCRIBE FOR THE ARBEITER-ZEITUNG

The only German newspaper in the state outside of New York City, republishing the interests of the Working Class. Office, 315-317 Genesee Street - Buffalo, N. Y.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME

Continued from page 1. er; but all labor conflicts prove abundantly that strike-breaking is distinctly the function of our "citizen soldiers."

The explanation is that the use of state force does not bring justice, most labor conflicts. If the masters did not, the moment a strike or lock-out takes place, import thugs politically called "detectives" or "deputies" to goad the strikers and their sympathizers into resentment, there would be no need of either soldiers or state police.

The strike of the employes of the General Electric Company in Schenectady a few months ago was settled within one week, with strikers serving as deputies. The right of free speech, or free assembly was not suspended and not a single act of violence was reported—even in the mendacious capitalist sheets.

It requires a violent straining of interpretation of terms to say that police are "maintaining law and order" when they act as delivery men for oppress companies and wealthy department store owners, from whom papers like The Express draw most of their support.

TELL US NOW WHERE TO MOVE YOUR BELL TELEPHONE

Thousands of families in Buffalo are moving between now and May 1st. Won't you be one of these thousands to tell us 15 days in advance where you want yours moved?

FORUM MEETING

Next Sunday evening at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Norman A. Baldwin will give a stereoscopic address on the subject of "The Workers of this State Must Furnish the Answer."

NEW YORK TELEPHONE CO.

It's everywhere. Telephone Building Church & Franklin Streets.

ME AND BOYS

READ THIS — THEN CUT THE COUPON BELOW

BUFFALO Dress Shoes for Spring of 1914. The ideal town and country shoe, combining the style and refinement required for the pavements of the city with honest work and substantial materials that will stand the wear and hard service of the country.

Bottom with NIAGARA guaranteed double-wear soles. Men's—\$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00. Boys'—\$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

Bottom with best oak tanned soles. Men's—\$2.50 and \$2.95. Boys'—\$1.50 and \$2.00.

THE CAPTAIN. Our styles this spring are the finest we have ever shown, all new lasts and patterns, and quality above all.

Men's all solid leather work shoes, \$2.45 to \$4.00. NIAGARA SOLES. Boys' all solid School Shoes, \$1.25 to \$2.50. NIAGARA SOLES.

BUFFALO SHOE CO. Seneca & Elliott Sts. Makers of 7/11 Solid Leather Shoes. Open Saturday Nights Until 10:30.

Men and Boys — 25c Coupon. Cut out this coupon: "It can be used as 25c in money on any purchase of Buffalo Shoes or repair job of soles with Niagara double-wear soles. Not good after April 30, 1914. One coupon per pair."

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Advertisement for Buffalo Shoe Co. featuring "ME AND BOYS" shoes, coupons, and contact information for the company at Seneca & Elliott Sts.

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DANGEROUS BRAG

Both Gould and Hayden of the Gould Coupler Works where the strike is on are a couple of dangerous brags.

Instead of trying to meet the men half way, these two moral savages take advantage every concession and press on harder.

How much truth there is in his brag we do not know, but we do know that if the sheriff and the judges are allowed to call out the troops at their sweet will every time some exploiter feels like beating down the men in his employ, other men like Gould and Hayden will attempt to do likewise.

Hayden is sowing the seed of trouble and he will be the first to cry for "law and order" in the event of the harvest.

GREATER THAN EVER

Buffalo is getting to be a proud city as well as great city. We don't want any cheap folks in this town. Guess not.

The bigger we grow the more it costs to live here. Look at the fun we will have when two baseball clubs in this city this year—isn't that a sign of growth?

Wages still hold about the same mark, but step into a real estate office and tell them you want a place at that price and the clerk is liable to throw the button for the patrol wagon.

We are in an era of great prosperity. The banks have a mortgage on most every house, upon which the owner must pay interest, and the owner must receive a profit on the money that he has and has not invested, and the worker is the goat—not the bucking kind—just plain Nannie.

WHO SAID CLASSES?

A few years ago we had an awful howl about the concert halls in this city. Along Broadway and on several other streets the saloons and piano and other instruments, and probably a singer and a dancer thrown in.

It was conceded that these places were not conducive to the morals of the city. When the men went down town together they would frequent them, much to the dislike of their wives and sweethearts.

When we had the concert halls they were frequented by the ordinary working man, and an inventor trying to go down the line and bring in some bacon.

It's all different now. Some of our prominent business men attend these dancing parties after the theatre. Of course, if you can't get some cheap class that has no influence, why, all right, but keep away from the classy places. They won't stand for it.

THE SOLUTION

All the talk of the people of this country about changing the system of running things from a representative to a commission form is a sign of unrest.

Who's at the bottom of the present desire for a change? The big business men.

The little business men are going about making the noise, but the big fellows engineering the job.

These big business men, or financiers, watch the trend of affairs. They know that in order to keep the people interested there must be some fake reform always on the boards.

It is generally recognized that we cannot have an honest politician under the present system of society. It is not the fault of the individual, he is but a reflection of the conditions which surround him.

The politician is no different from any other man in what we call the business world.

He is out for all there is in it, so is the business man. It is do the other fellow or he will do you.

As a condition of their work we can make them, and the dealer we can sell them, the more we get out of it.

As society becomes more civilized more people will demand the right of a decent living. That privilege cannot be obtained when things are produced for profit, for the profit of one is the loss of another.

The reason for the unrest is that a few are reaping the profit of the work of the vast majority.

We produce for profit and the profit concentrates. It will be produced for use and everyone will have all that is needed.

THE THEORY OF UNIONISM

Industrial unionism is merely the natural evolution of the old trade union. The old craft union had its days of usefulness before the capitalists recognized the necessity of combination to fight the workers.

Since the capitalists have recognized the necessity and efficiency of combination, they have been able to hold the craft unionists in subjection. When the capitalist goes into the fight with labor he goes in with a solid organization that is ready to back him to the hilt and knowing this, he enters the fight confident that his interests are the interests of his class.

He also knows that the position of the workers threatened by the method of signing up agreements whereby the workers in other trades are forced to stay at work through their sympathies with their brother-workers.

MUST FIND AN EXCUSE

The general causes of poverty are known to all men intelligent enough to recognize things when they see them, yet there are those, who still try to make the ignorant poor believe that they themselves are responsible for their poverty.

They must practice this shameless fraud in order to find an excuse for their accumulation of wealth which they have not themselves produced.

They must find moral justification in the eyes of the masses, whose moral instincts are far more developed and active than their reasoning power, and by defining poverty as an effect of moral inferiority they are confident of accomplishing their purpose.

But they do not accomplish it, for even the ignorant are not ignorant enough to believe that the cause of their miserable condition under which they are compelled to work and live.

The workers are beginning to understand the relation between wage slavery and capitalist wealth production and poverty; they are beginning to realize the fact that unemployment is no means by which men become well-to-do.

Therefore let us do our utmost to increase the circulation of our own papers in order to expose the factors of striking power and importance in our public life.

When capitalist interests are expounded daily through thousands of newspapers and magazines, it is highly necessary to let the worker know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

The voice of thinking people among the workers shall be heard and will be heard through the Socialist press. Assist it in its noble work, it is your voice that speaks through it.

CRIMINALS AND CRIMINALS

Our lawmakers have taxed all the forces of the law to the limit by their laws upon the statute books as would deter the criminal from following his vocation. The pickpocket, the sand-bagger, the burglar, the porch-climber, the fence-seller and the thief are all warned by statute laws to refrain from acts of degeneracy or to be prepared to accept the penalty meted out by the transgressor.

Thousands of people have been murdered by the BURGERS, CRIMINALS and starveling anything has been done to halt them in killing for profit.

The combinations that adulterate milk, that embalm beef, that sell a mysterious compound that bears the label of butter, can walk the streets as respectable citizens and the hand of the law is scarcely ever stretched in their direction, simply because they are NESS, like CHARLEY, covers a multitude of sins.

Almost every day we read in the daily journals of men, women and children losing their lives through greed, poisoning, but we scarcely ever hear of an arrest being made of the parties responsible for such deaths, and obsequies men are rapidly reaching the conclusion that the CRIMINAL IN BUSINESS can murder for PROFIT without being haunted by the fear that he will be dragged into court and condemned to a capital offense.

These criminals who adulterate and poison human life know that such crimes would meet with punishment sure and swift, they would lose that ENVIABLE FOR PROFIT which eliminates in murder.

The profit system has no soul or heart, but it is so cold-blooded that life must be sacrificed to feed the appetite of greed.—Mines Magazine.

SURPLUS VALUE

The merchant calls it profit. And he walks the other way. The banker calls it interest. And he heaves a cheerful sigh. As he tucks in his leg; But the honest old burglar. He simply calls it swag.

An honest man is always a child, said Marx and Pope remarks that the honest man is the noblest work of God. But see what becomes of the honest man in this world of ours. It exploits the childlike nature, and degrades the noblest work of God by compelling it to be a tool for purposes, sordid, mean and base.

PUBLIC OPINION AND PRESS

It does not make a bit of difference what public opinion really is, as long as it is into consideration, for it is a power for good or for evil. It is the most important factor in our public life. For even if it does not tell us what people really think, it shows us what they regard as the proper thing to think at the present moment, and they are trained to act accordingly.

Public opinion in most cases is a public lie, but it is a lie resting on material power and interest. It is our business to know this, and by pointing out the fact that the powers and interests that create it are not those of the people, but of their ruling class, we may be able to draw the attention of the people to the fact that they are deceiving themselves and injuring their own interests by adopting the opinions of their rulers as their own.

We can never win against public opinion, therefore it must be our ceaseless effort to conquer it, that is, to make public opinion what they really are, not as they are presented to the uneducated and misled, by the press of their masters.

This is the object of our agitation, to make people see with their own eyes, to make them realize the facts of our social life, to form judgments of their own, and take courage to trust in their ability to judge rightly. And the most appropriate and effective means of agitation is our own press.

Where the words of the speaker cannot be grasped see with their own eyes. The speaker's word may be misunderstood or soon forgotten, the written word, repeated and repeated again, and illustrated and explained, is less liable to misunderstanding.

It is the art of printing that has made the printed word so powerful. And the masses of the people possible, and no product of the printing press has exercised such powerful influence in the shape of public opinion as the newspaper.

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THE WORLD IS ADVANCING

Some moralists are complaining our times as being the worst in morals and the poorest in general contentment and happiness. But as soon as Socialists begin to criticize certain features of our times, and demand their alteration, they are met with the cheerful assertion that this is the best of all the worlds and that the society in general is an immense improvement over every other society of which we have any knowledge.

It has made possible the organization of the working people, and thereby facilitated their efforts for economic and intellectual self-improvement. In those and many other achievements of the present society is far ahead of any other that has hitherto occupied the stage of our world.

Society is progressing, but it has by no means reached the stage of its development where progress ceases to be a struggle of man against man, and class against class for bread and position.

The economic means of life are still held as private property by a class who use them as means of individual enrichment and maintenance of the masses of the working class.

Socialism means a further advance in the development of society, it means the establishment of justice founded on the principle that the means of life are to be a tool for purposes, sordid, mean and base.

WHAT'LL THE HARVEST BE?

These are strenuous times for such pliant lovers of labor as Father Dietz and the editor of the Buffalo Citizen, The Milwaukee. The strike in the copper region is not to their liking. Too much Socialism in it—it would have been won, referred to the presence of Karl Hardie, H. M. Hyndman and himself on the same platform.

However, the Socialists have bitted in and what's more will persist in bitting in until "the taps" are sounded over the battlefield. It's their duty.

Maybe they do it out of sheer enviousness, or are naturally "ghoulish," or want to make political capital. Who knows? But we have seen "em bitting in for many years, and in places where there were no votes to be gotten, and where the crows had picked the carcass so clean as to leave nothing for Mr. Ghoul.

When you think of Little Falls, Paterson and Lawrence. In those places the majority of the workers had no votes, and the poor, the Socialist Dietz and his compatriots have their main hold.

Their union was no treasury. If there was a penny left after their poor devils had bought their daily bread it wandered into the maws of the class who sell the Socialist's didn't get any of the coin. My ah, my! what a splendid opportunity Father D. missed when he didn't organize the beloved folk of Lawrence into a branch of the Militia of Christ.

But somehow, he and his kind missed connection and the job fell to the lot of such "ungodly" folks as the I. W. W.

When money was needed to feed the striking hordes of voteless foreigners, the good father missed connection again. In that case, he forgot the blinged and Socialists are not to be trusted with "ghoulish glee," and almost bankrupted every Socialist local east of the Allegheny mountains, to feed the class who sell the Socialist's didn't get any of the coin.

And when the Socialists of Schenectady offered to take the children of the strikers of Little Falls into their homes, and the colleagues of Father Dietz went to the miserable huts of their parents and warned them under threat of the bellfire not to do so. For formerly said the pious men "they will make Jews, Protestants and infidels out of them."

When the Lawrence strike had reached a phase where it struck to heaven and the Socialist militia stepped in with some more "ghoulish glee" and forced congress to investigate the conditions prevailing in Lawrence, thereby bringing about settlement of the strike. In doing this, the local Socialist politician accomplished more for labor than The Milwaukee Journal and Father Dietz and all the congressmen and Socialists who have ever done for Washington have accomplished.

However, it is quite possible that our journalistic and ecclesiastical friends are not so intelligent as they are, and are really anxious to help the Michigan miners. If so, let The Journal open its columns to raise money for the poor people. Think of it, they are about driven from their homes out into the snow of northern Michigan, without a piece of frozen ground of their own to lay their heads upon. My God, was there ever a more heart-breaking sight!

And you, Father Dietz, if you can divert the blinged beetle from its present course, and get the Socialist, not few dollars, not for the Socialist, but for the men and women to be cast out to the mercy of the icy storm winds over Lake Superior, do it. Do it. Do it. Do it. Do it.

Come on, gentlemen, sell out the shekel—come across with the manna. It is the only way to prove to the working people that you are not hypocritical friends, but honest men. Oscar Ameringer in Milwaukee writes:

MAKE NATURE THE SERVANT OF MAN

Nature is our best guide in some respects, and our worst guide in others. She guides us well in showing us the invariable sequence of cause and effect, the development of the complex from the simple, and the interdependence of all things existing, and by her very effective methods of getting rid of what has become useless. But she is no guide in the matter of how we may make her wastefulness for an example for the sheetrock countless germs of life for the benefit of a comparative few.

There will never be any more progress until we learn to apply reason to his doing, and instead of making himself the slave of nature make her his servant. And she is willing to serve him if he will only be as intelligent and will-power enough to master her.

There is only one virtue of vital importance for a truly civilized and upright man to be true to himself. It is the basis of all liberty worthy of the name. The man who is true to himself has the courage to tell the truth, not merely to others, but to himself, and act accordingly. You cannot be a good servant unless you are first on good terms with yourself, for a house divided against itself cannot stand.

Socialist News

BERNARD SHAW ASKETS LONDON—George Bernard Shaw, speaking at a demonstration held for the purpose of advocating Socialism, referred to the presence of Karl Hardie, H. M. Hyndman and himself on the same platform.

He said, had met on the same platform in the reign of Queen Victoria, who was King of the Belgians in the reign of King Edward, who was a Liberal, and they had met in the reign of King George, who, apparently, was a syndicalist. They showed they were motivated.

THE STATE CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA A DECIDED SUCCESS PHILADELPHIA—The following is a part of a letter sent out to the Socialist papers in Pennsylvania by State Secretary B. W. Rippler:

The state convention held at Williamsport on Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, was a decided success in every way. Plans were laid for constructive and progressive work and we have every reason to believe that throughout the coming year the cause of Socialism will show unprecedented progress.

The convention evidenced a spirit of co-operation and fraternity that cannot be too highly commended and opens wide for future progress. We trust that all personal differences will now be forgotten and that all comrades will set their eyes on the ultimate progress of the cause and do all in their power to push Pennsylvania to the forefront of the Socialist organization of this country.

Comrades we have the local conditions and opportunities opened wide for future progress. Let us take advantage of them and utilize them for the greatest benefit of Socialism. The air is practically reeking with Socialist thought and the people are fairly excited over the movement. Let us make the year 1914 a memorable one and one that we can look back upon with pride, in future years. It is up to you, comrades, to make the year pass and we are depending on you to make the most of it.

THE DISCONTENTED WORKERS

Do you blame a man with an income of \$50,000 or \$500,000 if he is satisfied with things as they are? Would you not be satisfied with your present income? On the other hand, can you blame a man with an income of \$500 or \$800, and a family to support, for being discontented with his present condition?

It is natural to rest content with all the good things of life at your disposal, and it is just as natural to rest content with nothing at your disposal, but to really work to get the means to enable you and yours to live. Yet there are moralists who tell us that contentment and discontentment something more than the expression of the relation between man and his surroundings as interpreted by the individual. But this supposition is at variance with the ascertained facts of life.

Man's frame of mind is conditioned by the state of his bodily, economic and social existence; it is the expression of the conditions in which he lives and it is not the expression of the sense of the term. Hence, contentment and discontentment can no more be produced at will than artistic skill or the capacity for feats of physical strength can be produced when the required conditions are lacking.

Men, as a rule, are not discontented because they enjoy such a state of mind. It is their material and social conditions that produce the expression. And the economic conditions in which the masses of the working people find themselves today are certainly such as to induce intelligent self-respecting men and women to rest content. They would forfeit the right to be considered civilized people if they were satisfied with modes of existence that debase the means of the means to real civilized life.

The standard of civilization is not an underdog, intellectually supererogated and morally degraded working class, but a great body of men and women, with all the advantages of the highest order of human culture possible for the time being, and desirous of taking an active part in the solution of the important social and economic problems of the age.

The discontentment of the workers of our day, even if they are not starving, is a hopeful sign that speaks well for our civilization, insofar as it shows that this civilization is not doomed, and that the workers of the world are not content with the conditions of their working class.

The old maxim, that the end justifies the means, is a thoroughly immoral doctrine, as it encourages us to do anything to reach our ends. It is a moral code according to which we justify everything. Success is whatever we may undertake, and society will give us any pick and pay homage to its magnitude, perseverance and speed.

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At all hazards we must oppose these movements," he said. "They are servile to the best interests of man and they will destroy all that God has ever made in the past year and will. I call upon you to rise in your might, to grapple with this, the great."

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