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ATTACK ON DEBS.

In the last number of Harper's Weekly (July 20) there appeared, editorially, a scurrilous attack on the character and integrity of Eugene V. Debs. The Fourth of July oration of our eloquent comrade evidently hit the capitalist class in the right place.

The capitalists of America fear one thing now, and that is the truth about our judiciary and their biased interpretations of the Constitution of the United States. It is for the reason that Debs in his great speech exposed the one-sidedness and the meanness of the American judiciary that the capitalist press has jumped on him with fury.

Harper's Weekly expresses a sorrow that Debs is spending "most of his days out of jail," so bitter is the feeling of the capitalist anarchists that are upholding a system of plunder and murder. But we can assure the "gentleman" who edits Harper's Weekly expresses a sorrow that Debs will continue to grow and to disturb the "peace" of capitalism till justice will be established on earth. And justice will be established on earth when every American will become imbued with the spirit that animates Debs and the other Socialists today. Then only will there be real freedom and independence for every man.

GARMENT WORKERS' STRIKE.

Here is another proof that the McKinley prosperity has not reached anybody outside of the trusts. In New York city about 60,000 garment workers went out on strike. The garment workers belong to different trades-unions, such as the Brotherhood of Tailors, Pant Makers' Union, Vest Makers' Union, Children's Jacket Makers' Union, Buttonhole Makers' Union and Knee-pants Makers' Union. All the organizations are well organized and are prepared for a long struggle.

Democrat—You Socialists are crazy.

Socialist—That's an old story, my boy.

Democrat—You'd perhaps be all right if you wouldn't be after public ownership of everything. Then I might be induced to go together with you.

Socialist—You would, eh? Thanks. But your modest desire reminds me of a poor man who once got seriously sick. The doctor prescribed him expensive drugs and ordered him to take long strolls in the fresh air every day. But the poor fellow, not having sufficient money for the drugs, decided that he would

first try his strolls in the open air. Of course, he didn't get well. Your case is the same. You might be induced to go with us as far as public ownership of railroads or telephones or telegraphs. But THAT wouldn't cure the modern disease, THAT wouldn't do away with the social problem of today. See?

We want Socialism, which means collective ownership of ALL the means of production and exchange.

THEY DO NOT FIGHT FOR GLORY.

The strike of the steel workers has furnished the Republican Gazette of Haverhill with a theme against labor in general and organized labor in particular. In its issue of July 19 the Gazette says, editorially: "The battle of the two great powers is not for wages, for better conditions, or for justice where injustice is now done." We want to ask the Gazette and its Republican admirers the following question:

Is it not a fact that where the trades-unions control a certain trade the wages of the men are higher, the working hours are shorter and the general intelligence among the workers is greater?

There is only ONE answer to this question—Yes!

Take Haverhill, for instance.

The trades-unions in Haverhill are at present well organized.

Would the shoemakers of this city earn as much wages if there were no trades-unions at all?

Certainly not. All shoe workers will tell you that.

Now, then, if this is true, aren't the steel workers just in demanding that all the mills should employ union labor? For the steel workers it simply means more wages, shorter hours, and, in general, a higher standard of intelligence. Therefore, and for many other reasons, the steel workers should be supported in their fight by all who believe that every man has a right to live and enjoy on this earth.

PATRIOTISM AND BUSINESS.

There are your heroes! General Funston is going to retire from the army soon because he can make more money in the commercial life, probably by helping some capitalist concern in the United States to fleece the Filipinos.

If not for his "aristocratic" wife Dewey also might have become an excellent drummer for a big mercantile house.

Capitalists believe in violence when their income from robbery is threatened. Capitalist governments use violence in defence of the interests of capitalism.

OUTRAGEOUS INJUNCTIONS.

IS IT RIGHT?

"Intercepting men while going to or from the factory—anywhere, even miles away—by one man or more than one, and an interference with ingress and egress of workmen," is how Judge Clark of Cincinnati defined picketing in a case against striking machinists. He also declared that "picketing is unlawful, that it is immoral and wrong."

Here a question suggests itself. We ask the honest and fair-minded non-Socialists to answer it—to themselves.

If it is unlawful on the part of strikers to persuade by argument—"even miles away from the seat of trouble—those who have taken their places, why is it lawful for employers to persuade other workers to take the strikers' places?"

If it is unlawful in one case, why is it lawful in the other case?

Is it right and American like to deprive men of the rights of free speech and free associations, which the Constitution guarantees? Answer!

HOW DO YOU LIKE THIS?

Judge Edwin B. Gaver, notoriously known as the boss trolley lawyer of Connecticut, has issued a most sweeping injunction against the strikers of the Farrell Foundry & Machine Company. Under penalty of a heavy fine, the strikers are restrained from causing any workman to leave the foundry's employ from boycotting the company, or from anyway interfering with persons dealing with the company; from loitering near the foundry; from making loud and boisterous noises in its vicinity; from stationing pickets; from preventing free access and egress; from disturbing in any way the operation of the works; from any conceivable act tending to injure the company; and to secure compliance with these orders an attachment is placed upon the property of each of the striking employees named in the order.

Somebody said this was a free country. It was only in the last issue that Harper's Weekly attacked Eugene V. Debs for saying that our Constitution no longer protects the propertyless man. What do you say on this point?

Every judge in this country is a Czar. He interprets the Constitution as suits the pockets of the corporation that employs him. Should the decision of such a person be accepted as the highest law of the land?

The judge who issued the above injunction ought to be in a lunatic

asylum or in jail, instead of on the bench of justice in the state of Connecticut.

The capitalists do not know how much Socialist agitation they are carrying on by ordering their judges to issue such injunctions. Before very long it will be hard to find a man who will have any respect for judges and the marchistic "law and order" that they uphold with the aid of injunctions.

Remember, this is the kind of "law and order" that Republicans and Democrats support. Socialists are opposed to it, and will fight it to the end.

SOCIALIST THOUGHTS.

You don't agree with the Socialist of the daily newspapers. Good! Neither do we. It doesn't exist.

Your American is no friend of force.—Chauncey M. Depew. Crowd him a little further Chauncey, and you'll find out.

New York politicians of the old orthodox capitalist school have found a fitting name for the rising socialist politician. They say the socialists are "fanatically honest."

No doubt the New York politicians know what they are talking about and have faithfully pointed out the distinction between themselves and the socialists—the fanatically honest and the fanatically dishonest.

What will the voter do now? Vote for honesty? Not much. He himself is not much overburdened with honesty. He imagines that his redress is to be brought about by some smart political trick! Poor benighted, fool! Nature knows no trick! His distress will remain as long as its cause—the monopoly of the means of production. To destroy that monopoly, thought not tricks, must be resorted to. Will the working man please think, and quit putting his faith in dishonesty, men and means?

P. R. M.

There can be no denial of the fact that the great mass of workmen in the factories, mines and mills are blissfully ignorant. WORK is what they think of most of the time. Social, political, economic and religious questions do not disturb them a bit. Which is all the more reason why Socialists should go to work among them with greater energy and enthusiasm.

Did you get your share of McKinley prosperity? This is a straight, honest question. We do not want you to make a public reply. Satisfy your own conscience. Answer it to your own self. The Republican politicians promised you more than your share. And they claim that you got it, too. Did you get it?

OUTLOOK IN HAVERHILL.

BY CITY REPORTER.

There will be a lively time in Haverhill when the Social Democrats will open their fall campaign. At present everything is being quietly prepared for a campaign that is bound to be very effective in results. Different committees are at work, several plans are under consideration and, on the whole, the prospects are more promising than ever.

The Republican administration has made an ignominious failure in Haverhill. There are very few Republicans who have the courage to deny this. The blunders made by the city government are too numerous to be forgotten by the citizens. The splendid measures proposed by the Socialist administration last year is still fresh in the minds of most people. The contrast between last year and this year is too great not to effect the people's judgement at the polls.

The Socialists, however, do not expect to win this year because of the rottenness of the Republican Party. Far from that. Our movement here has learned the lesson that only positive work for Socialism is capable of bringing permanent success. And we shall be ready when the time comes. An educational campaign, an uncompromising campaign, of a kind that will bring good results whether we win or lose—is on our program.

It is as yet premature to say how many tickets will be put up in Haverhill this fall. Ex-Senator Sam George, an I-want-some-political-job gentleman, with some influence, recently made a statement to the effect that he is not a majority candidate in opposition to the regular machine candidate of the Republican party. Sammy has hopes.

It does not pay to go too far against the machine, is probably what the ex-Senator thinks. The Socialists wish him good luck.

In all probability the fight here this fall will be about the same as it was last fall—between the Social Democrats and the Republicans. The Democrats talk of putting up a strong ticket, but that is mere talk.

The Social Democrats will begin their campaign in about a month. On August 23 and 24 caucuses will be held, and after the state convention in Boston we shall be in good condition to boom our state candidates.

The Social Democratic Band of Haverhill played at the picnic of the Lawrence Social Democrats last Sunday. The affair was fairly successful; and not a small part of the success was due to the work of Comrade Tepper.

The waiters of Haverhill have organized themselves this week. Such an organization was long needed here.

There is a movement on foot to combine the shoe manufacturers of the country. The proposition comes from a New York company and is likely to materialize into something

of importance. The circular issued by the New York firm shows how the cost of production, selling, etc., could be reduced by a combination of manufacturing interests.

There are hopes that before long some of the conservative shoe-workers will change their views and party affiliations.

HERE IS.

PROOF THAT WAGE WORKERS ARE CHEAPER THAN CHATTTEL SLAVES.

Carroll D. Wright in "Evolution of Industry" illustrates the fact that wage-workers are cheaper (to day than chattel slaves, by the following figures:

	Free Labor	Slave Labor
100 acres of land at \$20 an acre	\$2,000	\$2,000
Value of cattle, horses and farming tools	2,000	2,000
Food and clothing of farmer, food of free labor and provender for horses, etc	1,000	
Food and clothing for farmer and his slaves, doctor's bill for latter and provender for horses, etc		1,000
Value of ten slaves		15,000
Wages to free laborers	1,000	
Total investment	\$6,000	\$20,000

It is thus shown that it requires \$20,000 for a 100 acre farm with slaves and only \$6,000 with free labor, leaving \$14,000 for other investment, in addition to the fact that the wage worker does more work than the chattel slave, in spite of whips, etc.

T. Berensford.

Why are you not a Socialist?

AGRICULTURAL WASTES.

Our agricultural wealth production at the present time, (1901) amounts to \$5,000,000,000 annually in round numbers, at the farm price. The consuming public pays \$10,000,000,000 for this wealth. The loss due to the unscientific and planless way of conducting the primary source of wealth is enormous, and amounts to more than the present entire farm products, of \$5,000,000,000 each year.

Go into a corn county in Kansas and you will see 20,000 acres of rolling prairie divided into 100 farms, and each farm divided again into at least six fields, or 600 tracts of land costing thousands of dollars to fence and keep divided. Under Socialism less than one-tenth of the present fencing would be required, and it costs the nation in material and time \$240,000,000 per year for fences alone.

It can be shown that one-half the present wealth producing farmers working on an average of four hours per day under the Socialist, or organized system, could produce much more than would suffice to feed the entire nation luxuriously.

F. G. R. Gordon.

Why are you not a Socialist?

Such a labor party as the Journal speaks of is already in existence. It is the SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The platform of the Social Democratic Party demands the overthrow of capitalism, which system makes a hell of this world, and the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, which system will make a paradise right here on earth. Have your choice, workmen, between Capitalism and Socialism.

What care you about the conventional censure of the world? Lead your own life. Think your own thoughts. Act in a way that is consistent with the best interests of the human race. In short, study Socialism and hasten to proclaim it by word and deed.

Why are you not a Socialist?

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ON BICYCLES TO THE CONVENTION.

About 50 Social Democrats left Chicago on bicycles last Tuesday to attend the national convention at Indianapolis. A good stock of literature was taken along for free distribution. A number of public meetings has been arranged in different cities, with Walter Thomas Mills, M. Backer, August Klenke, J. H. Bard, C. F. Lowrie and C. Backus as speakers.

Odd Trousers

For Everybody.

For the man who wants to piece out his summer suit we have a choice line from \$7.00 to \$6.00.

At \$2.48 our assortment is especially large consisting of assuimers and worsteds which have been selling during the season for \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00.

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For the Shirt Waist Man.

We have white ducks and crashes at \$1.00 and flannels at 2.48, 3.00, 3.50.

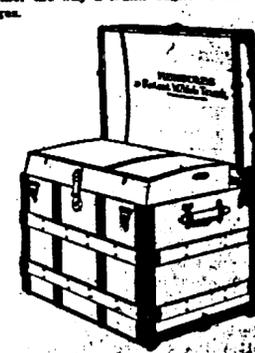
It is hardly necessary to add that our stock of children's trousers is complete at prices from 25c to \$1.00.

WARREN EMERSON,
CORNER FLEET STREET.

HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

They are the talk of the town and they ought to be considering the way they are made and the prices asked for them.

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