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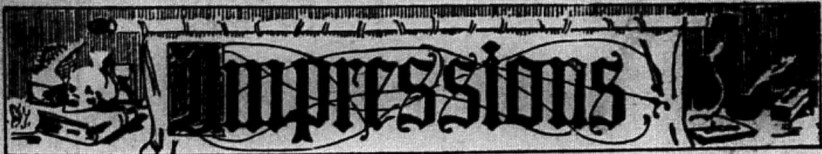
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Labor sows, but others reap.  
 Labor creates capital, but has none.  
 Labor builds palaces, but lives in hovels.  
 Labor garners the grain, but eats the chaff.  
 Labor weaves fine vestments, but is clothed in rags.  
 Labor builds palace trains and automobiles, but walks.  
 Labor builds labor-saving machines, but labors harder than ever.  
 Labor makes books and libraries, but reads penny newspapers.  
 Labor manufactures guns and is shot down with them.  
 Labor manufactures pianos and plays the Jew's harp.  
 Labor builds schools and universities, but remains in ignorance.  
 Labor elects representatives, but has no representation.  
 Labor has the ballot, but doesn't know how to use it.  
 Labor digs coal from the bowels of the earth, but shivers with the cold.  
 Labor makes furniture, but eats a cold meal out of the "full dinner pail."  
 Labor builds streets and public highways, but is not allowed free assemblage upon them.  
 Labor digs diamonds and precious metals from the earth, but wears glass beads and brass jewelry.

Some liars lie for fun, but most of them are paid for it.  
 Anent the question of race suicide, the president's attention is respectfully called to the sad plight of the Kansas school ma'ams who, to secure a position, are obliged to sign a contract which prohibits them from marrying or receiving the attentions of men during the existence of the contract.

We admit that Socialism may deprive society's pet monkeys of an occasional swell dinner or reception.

It is all right to rail against low wages, long hours, unfair conditions, scabs and non-unionists, blacklists, injunctions, lockouts, and the general cussedness of the boss, but it is poor policy to do this and then vote for it all.

Socialism is alternately charged with being too materialistic and too idealistic, but no one ever saw a halo of idealism hovering over the full dinner pail. And there are many working men who can testify that in their case it didn't materialize either.

Don't forget our labor day edition.

Men are no better than their environments.

The United States court has upheld the merger of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railroads. Morgan can now go ahead and merge all the railroads into one great trust.

Each and every person has a right to live his own life in his own way so long as he does not interfere with the equal right of everyone else to do likewise. It is because this cannot be done under a competitive system that the Socialist would abolish competition and substitute co-operation.

### Socialist State Ticket

- For Governor, JOHN M. WORK, Des Moines.
- For Lieutenant Governor, A. K. GIFFORD, Davenport.
- For Judge of Supreme Court, I. S. McCRILLIS, Des Moines.
- For Superintendent of Public Instruction, MRS. FLORENCE A. BROWN, Delta.
- For Railroad Commissioner, OAKLEY WOOD, Lake City.

Orders for the Labor Day edition must be in by Sept. 1. •

The Kaiser wants a bigger army, but hastens to add that his request is not prompted by the present status of foreign questions. Which, by the way, was a superfluous addition.

About forty German Catholic priests are attending a convention in this city presided over by a Jesuit who is delivering a course of seven lectures on Socialism. A newspaper report states "the priests in attendance will be thoroughly instructed regarding Socialism and they can draw their own conclusions afterwards." Investigation has frequently led to conversion. We may get a German McGrady alretty yet out of the bunch.

The president will not permit discrimination against non-union employes in any of the government departments and may even insist on a provision of this kind in contracts for government work. The press dispatches state, however, that "this does not mean that President Roosevelt is an enemy of organized labor, for he is its steadfast friend." For which we are duly thankful, for if some one hadn't told us we certainly wouldn't have known it.

"Davenport, Aug. 17.—Half crazed over her troubles, her husband in the insane asylum at Mt. Pleasant, her only means of subsistence coming from a meagre pittance furnished by the city, which she had just learned was to be cut off, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock Mrs. Henry Knott, residing at 609 West Ninth street, threw herself into the waters of the Mississippi at a point just below Camp McClelland and ended her terrible struggle for existence beneath the turbulent waters of the rapids, which at that point boil and foam as they race over the rocks." Cases of this kind are common enough, and we reprint it only to show the cheapness at which human life is held. Helpless and alone, this woman was entitled to assistance, not doled out as maudlin charity, but as a right.

The Comrade for August is a fine issue. It is high praise to say of such a magazine that its latest issue is the best yet published, but this is certainly due to its enterprising editor and publishers. The main illustrations, portraits and cartoons are beautifully executed and alone would establish the reputation of any magazine.

To a large extent the issue is devoted to the child labor evil. The editor has an illustrated article on "Child Slaves in Philadelphia," based upon his observations during the great textile strike in that city. The photographs of the child strikers are very telling and impressive. Miss Pemberton has an article satirising the "Conferences" on child labor so fashionable nowadays in society, and there are two sketches by Henry Lawson, the Australian genius, which deal with the same terrible evil from another viewpoint. Yet another aspect of the question is shown in a sketch by A. P. Firth. Other contributors to this excellent number are W. R. Fox, Geo. D. Herron, Horace Traubel, S. M. Reynolds, Ernest Crosby, Edward Carpenter, M. Josephine Conger and Prof. T. E. Will. A striking article of value to the student of the history of our movement is Editor Spargo's sketch of the career of F. W. Fitzsche, one of the founders of the movement in Germany. History, Lamartine said, is only biography written large and truly. Such biographies do reveal the very soul of our party's history. The Comrade, 11 Cooper Square, N. Y. 10c a copy.



A Story Without Words

Labor has brains, ability and the power to change and remedy all this, but is afraid of its own power.

Another difference between the wage slave and the chattel slave is that the former has the power to free himself.

By the way, did you ever see a man carrying the full dinner pail to his children who had taken his place in the factory?

A judge of the United States Circuit Court at St. Louis has upheld the blacklist. The blacklist is constitutional, of course.

However, the congressmen who voted for the new military law were afraid to go on record as to how they voted. Wonder why?

Speaking of destroying homes under Socialism, it is said that three families, comprising fourteen people, living in one room in the third story of a New York tenement, were broken up the other day because one of them was compelled to take in a boarder to help pay expenses.

Comrade Ernest Untermann has a ringing article in the last Appeal to Reason on the man who is "in favor of Socialism, but it would hurt my business if I said so; it would cost me my job, but I vote the Socialist ticket all right." There are, no doubt, some men who are compelled by circumstances to "hide their light under a bushel," but there are plenty of others who ought to be in the front ranks who are skulking in the rear.

Twelve suits for damages have been begun against Chicago labor unions. Attorneys for plaintiffs claim the Taff Vale decision in England as a precedent. The patriotic trades unionist who sneers at Socialism as "un-American and a product of foreign slums" will please note that the patriotism of the capitalist does not prevent his crossing national boundary lines and digging up the moldy weapon of "precedent" in order to deal labor a solar plexus blow. Capitalism knows neither partisan, national or race prejudice. These are left for the working class to fight over, to the sport and profit of the capitalist class.

Capital is the product of labor and the latter has no quarrel with the former, but the laborer certainly has, or ought to have, a quarrel with the man who steps in and filches his product.

"Don't borrow trouble," says an Iowa editor, solemnly. "An editor down east recently began worrying about how he would get his shirt on over his wings on reaching paradise. His real difficulty will likely be in finding how to get his hat on over his horns." If the recording angel has kept an account of all the lies they have told in support of a rotten system we are sure the editors will not be obliged to solve the first problem.

In a paper on "Advantages of Arbitration" read before the National Editorial Association convention at Omaha last month, Wm. M. Miller, of Zanesville, Ohio, stated that "just last week arbitration proceedings were completed in New York where \$3.00 per week additional was asked by the union. The arbitration board decided to grant no increase. As 1,400 printers were involved you can readily compute that the increase demanded amounted to about \$200,000 per annum. Is this not sufficient argument that arbitration is advantageous to the employer of union labor in the printing crafts?" Yep. A blind man can see that. But how about the disadvantages to the 1,400 printers?

During a recent strike in Russia when the troops were ordered by the governor to fire on the strikers a young captain stepped in front of his company and forbade the troops to fire upon "their poor starving brothers." The soldiers obeyed the counter order and the captain made a flaming revolutionary speech to his men. He was immediately arrested and taken to St. Petersburg, where he was tried by court martial and sentenced to death. "Greater love hath no man than this that he should lay down his life for his friends." The day will come when the name of this obscure hero will be revered and paeans in his honor will resound round the world, while the name of the miserable murderer who sits on the Russian throne will be forgotten or remembered only with loathing.

Order a bundle of our Labor Day edition.

The Dubuque Times says there are no surface indications that the Socialists of Dubuque county will increase their vote over that of last fall. The indications will appear on the surface of the ballots, brother.

The resolutions of protest by American women to the czar of Russia on the Kishineff massacres are meeting with difficulties in reaching their destination. Why don't these good women devote their attention to some of the massacres right here at home—the massacre of little children in mines and factories, for instance? Is it perhaps because some of them are living off the toil of these very children? People in glass houses should not throw stones.

We were in error in stating in our issue of June 27 that in counties where the Socialist candidates received over two per cent of the total vote cast in that county in the election last fall the Socialists would still have to go on the ballot by petition this fall because we had not received two per cent of the total vote of the entire state. We allowed ourselves to be misled by depending upon capitalistic sources of information. In any county in which the Socialists received two per cent of the total vote last fall the Socialists are now entitled to official recognition. Sec. 1098, Chapter 3, Title VI., Code of Iowa, covers the subject and is as follows:

Sec. 1098. Nomination by convention. Any convention of delegates, and any primary, caucus or meeting of qualified electors, representing a political party which, at the general election next preceding, polled at least two per cent of the entire vote cast in the state, may, for the state, or any division or municipality thereof for which the same is held, make one nomination of a candidate for each office therein to be filled at the election, and any such convention, primary, caucus or meeting, representing a political party which, at the general election next preceding, polled at least two per cent of the entire vote cast in any division or municipality of the state, may, for such division or municipality, or for any political subdivision thereof for which the same is held, make one such nomination for each office therein to be filled at the election.

According to statistics of Dun's and Bradstreet's agencies only about one man in ten thousand rises from poverty to wealth every ten years. When, think you, your chance to rise will come.

Our issue of Sept 5 will be of special interest to union men and should be widely distributed on labor day. Fifty cents per hundred copies to one address. Orders must be in on or before Sept 1.

The average labor leader who advises his union to "keep out of politics" does so for the same reason that the New York cripple objected to the cure of his congenital malformations by Dr. Lorenz, the famous surgeon, on the ground that it robbed him of his stock in trade—begging on the streets, trading on his deformities. In other words, it destroys his "graft."

A "Public Union," composed of employers and others opposed to unionism, in which it is hoped to include dissatisfied members of trades unions, is to be formed in Chicago. The object, of course, is to break up the unions and this is frankly admitted by the promoters, for which they should receive due credit. An open and avowed enemy is never to be feared so much as the Machiavelian machinations of the scoundrel masquerading in the guise of a friend, vide Mark Hanna's Civic Federation. But the plot thickens and gives promise of a brighter day. With the valuable assistance of Pary and such organizations as the one under consideration the Socialist will eventually be enabled to prove to the satisfaction of the trades unionist the existence of the "irrepressible conflict" between capital and labor despite all the sentimental gush about the "identity of interests" of the two. Aware of the existence of the class struggle, class conscious and united action on the part of the workers in the political as well as in the industrial field, is inevitable. By organizing "Citizens Alliances," "scab unions," etc., to intimidate and drive union men from their homes and disrupt the unions, the capitalist class is driving more men into the ranks of the Socialist party in a week than the Socialist agitator can coax to his side in a year.



Socialism and Single Tax

By Wenonah Stevens Abbott.

In criticising Socialism few pay due regard to the distinction between capital and wealth.

Socialists and single taxers have certain hypotheses in common. Those who believe in a special creation say: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,"

Both claim that man's right to the earth being co-equal and co-existent with his right to life—whatever may be said of deeds, gifts and contracts of those now living—the deeds of the dead are invalid and no title dependent upon the will of the dead ought to be recognized,

P. Cullinan, Jr., says the Socialist would do well to "explain how capital got its advantage." Every Socialist speaker I know is so engaged, and many of their opponents have aided them.

Mill says (page 260, "Political Economy"): "In considering the institution of property as a question in social philosophy we must leave out of consideration its actual origin in any of the existing nations of Europe."

They consider capitalism a form of highway robbery and wish to insure to even the weakest not only the right to retain the "private ownership in watches," but the certainty of being able to own one if he so desire.

The innate inequalities of fortune, skill and strength gave birth to capitalism, which is a war between the weak and strong. Socialists demand that the "willful waste" of the few no longer "make woeful want" for the many.

In other words, its value is the sum total of the raw material and the labor stored up in the processes by which the original value has increased.

At last the sempstress takes cloth which cost \$1.50—to give it the fictitious valuation—and makes from this a pair of trousers which will retail for \$8.

Hers is the extreme case, because women are less conscious than men of human solidarity and so bear the brunt of the battle of individualism.

Workers produce all values, for value is only stored labor—a commodity directly traceable to nature's resources,

With the abolition of serfdom, wage-workers, who had existed in competition with serfdom and slavery, were forced to bid against each other for a chance to work.

No Socialist demands that any man give up what "his hands and brain produced." We object to the giving up which has been going on and ask for the return to the producer of all that he has produced.

The single taxer objects to anyone having the power to corral the stored-up labor power of nature in land. The Socialist also objects to the private ownership of any stored-up labor power.

If a man writes a book or invents a machine the government will insure his right to the product of his brain for a limited term of years, provided he protects himself by copyright or patent and can afford to fight any infringements.

Those who maintain the public right thus to take from authors and inventors their private rights say that society provides the raw material and the market.

This is where single taxers and Socialists part company. Single taxers limit the application of public ownership of socially created values.

tools, for these are also the results of socially produced values. It is "most natural and just that the man who by his labor makes a machine should be the owner of it."

So we must pluralize Mr. Cullinan's statement, when every Socialist will heartily agree that the men who produce—society as a whole—should enjoy the results of the mutual production.

Figure It Out

Uf all der air vas hot air, Und all the trees vas vords, Uf all der leaves vas Senators Und Senators vas birds,

Read This After Supper

From the slimy, spittle-drenched sidewalk, they were picking up bits of orange peel, apple skin, and grape stems, and they were eating them.

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Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides it into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system. The working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial domination abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

1. The public ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities, as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines; no part of the revenue of such industries to be applied to the taxes of the capitalist class, but to be applied wholly to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, and to the improvement of the service, and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

But in advocating these measures in steps in the overthrow of capitalism and the establishment of the Cooperative Commonwealth, we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership movements as an attempt of the capitalist class to secure governmental control of public utilities for the purpose of obtaining greater security in the exploitation of other industries and not for the amelioration of the conditions of the working class.

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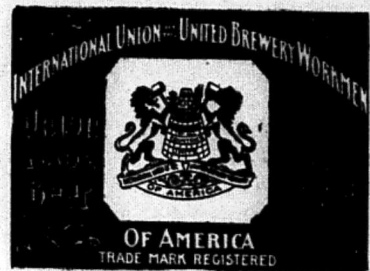
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