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The confession of the McNamaras to dynamiting, came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky.

The Socialists generally believed them innocent of the crime charged and based on the way that the men were kidnapped, an opinion was formed that the men were not going to receive justice.

However, the McNamaras have pleaded guilty to the charge against them, and took their sentence, apparently willingly.

The Socialists are being condemned for supporting the McNamaras. In this respect, the Socialists have nothing to apologize for. It is a right of the Anglo Saxons, that all persons are to be considered innocent of the crime charged against them until proven guilty. This right has been handed down from sire to son and to maintain it the Socialists went to the aid of the McNamaras, and protested against the professional kidnapping carried on by the representatives of the capitalist class, and the result is, that the capitalists pulled off a smooth piece of political work in Los Angeles, to their benefit as the election returns will show.

While the Socialists do not believe in terrorism, yet we must condemn the action of the detectives in violating the state laws by kidnapping.

If the detectives had such a sure thing case against the McNamaras, why did they kidnap them? Why not let the law take its course? Both Indiana and Michigan are capitalist ruled states.

If it is wrong to dynamite, it is wrong to kidnap.

If it is wrong to destroy property, it is equally wrong to deprive any man of his liberty without due process of law.

Therefore the detectives should be punished for violating the law just as the McNamaras have been punished. If the law is to be respected, no distinction should be made between criminals.

In using deeds of violence to solve the problems of labor the McNamaras are to be pitied. They have been voting the old party ticket all their life with out seeing any improvements in the condition of the working class. They have seen their union smashed by the capitalists, seen injunctions placed upon the men on strike and the strikers sentenced to jail without a jury trial for violating a one man made law. They have seen working men's homes sold under the sheriff's hammer to satisfy damages given by courts to employers, because the men went on strike. They have seen working men disabled in mine, mill, factory and on railroads, killed and mangled through the criminal carelessness of corporations, in order that dividends may be declared. They have seen the courts declare labor law after law unconstitutional. They have seen judges non-suit workingmen when suing for compensation for injuries received and limbs lost. They have seen machinery, wild beasts, wild fowls and wealth protected, while childhood, womanhood, motherhood and even manhood have been sacrificed on the altar of mammon. They have seen judges corrupted and seats bought in the United States Senate. They have seen union pickets sentenced to jail, while stealers of the public domain went free. They have seen the cost of living go skyward and the struggle for existence among the poor become harder in order that trust magnates might thrive. Driven to desperation, they decided to send the property of the trust magnates skyward, in hopes that this might solve the problems of labor.

Socialists do not believe in the methods used by the McNamaras to solve the problems of labor. Socialists do not believe in brute force, in terrorism, but on constructive measures and not destructive ones. Socialists have a scientific method of solving the age long labor problem. Socialists believe in the conservation of human life, and not in the destruction of life.

The irascible plan will never emancipate the working class from wage slavery. The sword may strike the shackles from off the limbs of the slave, but it is education and organization that will make of him a free man. Education and more education, intensive education is what the So-

cialists are struggling for. It is brains that will win this fight, and emancipate the race, and not blind brute force.

The Socialists advocates the use of the ballot to right the wrongs of labor, and have faith in democracy, have faith that the people once educated and intelligent will solve the problems of the race. The Socialists know that until the people are educated and intelligent that their hopes and aspirations, the ideals of Socialism will never be attained. Therefore the Socialists have patience and keep on with their propaganda regardless of what may transpire.

Bishop Carroll in a sermon given in Butte last Sunday, condemned woman suffrage, saying that to give woman the ballot would be to take her from her exalted position.

Bishop Carroll does not appear to take into consideration the fact that more women each year are driven from the home to the factory to earn a living and compete with men, these women want laws made to give them protection at their hazardous occupations, therefore demand the ballot.

The Reverend gentleman cannot point to a single working women's compensation law, or working boy or girl compensation law, an old age pension for worn out women of the factory and mill.

The Supreme Court of Montana recently declared the Coal Miners' Compensation law unconstitutional. What is to become of the widows of the Montana coal miners killed in the mines? How are they going to raise the kiddies that are left fatherless?

Three men who form the Montana Supreme Court evidently thought that it was of greater importance to increase the dividends of the coal companies, than to give the dependents of coal miners killed in mines compensation for the loss of husband and father, and so declared it unconstitutional to tax coal companies to compensate coal miners or their dependents. In other words three men in Montana practically told the women and children in Montana coal camps to go to hell for compensation.

Is it not time that the women were given the ballot?

The human specie of the same sex as Bishop Carroll have made such a damn poor job in handing the ballot that the women are starting to say, "Let the women do he work."

In a recent issue of the Butte Miner the editor in commenting the action of the action of the State Supreme Court in declaring the Coal Miners Compensation law unconstitutional says.

"It was one of these sure thing measures that comes before legislatures."

The editor of the Miner was a member of the last legislature and one of the "sure thing measures" he voted in favor of, was the Donohue Militia bill. However, the people by their votes will kid this militia law deadlier than any state supreme court decision could do.

Another "sure thing" piece of legislation voted for by the editor of the Butte Miner was the substitute for House Bill 146, the purpose of which seems to be, to aid the infant industry of Montana, known as the Montana butter trust with headquarters in Butte, confiscate the farmers dairy herd without compensation to the farmers, raise the price of creamery butter, and aid the Butte butter trust control or freeze out the independent farmers co-operative creameries in the state.

House Bill 146 was a "sure thing", Larry!

The Supreme Court of Montana has declared picketing by union men illegal, by giving a decision against Louis Dilno of Great Falls.

Dilno is a Socialist and business agent of the Cooks and Waiters union. His union declared a restaurant unfair, and Dilno done some picket duty. The restaurant proprietor in question applied for an injunction against Dilno and the union, the district court refused to grant the injunction and the case was carried to the Supreme Court and that body reversed the decision of the lower court and instructed the lower court to grant the injunction.

The decision of the Supreme Court is rather peculiar as the court practically reverses a decision they made three years ago in the case of the Lindsay Produce company versus the Montana Federation of Labor, where by the Supreme Court in a sweeping decision declared boycotting legal.

The Socialist vote in Los Angeles in 1909 was less than 2,000. Last Tuesday Job Harriman, the Socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles polled over 52,000 votes, which shows an increase of over 50,000 Socialist votes in Los Angeles in two years. That is going some!

ON TO VICTORY.

The recent election returns have caused a wave of enthusiasm to sweep over the Socialist party from coast to coast, resulting in the Socialists putting renewed energy into the never ending campaign for Socialism.

The growth of Socialist sentiment in Montana is increasing with leaps and bounds and good results can be obtained at the next election, provided efficient organizing work is carried on. At present the Montana movement is suffering from lack of thorough organization, and if attention is not given to organization, the victories that should be ours next spring will not be attained.

The Socialists all over the state should support their local movement, prepare for county organization and give the state organization every assistance possible to carry on the work and prepare for the big struggle of 1912.

The Socialists of Montana can elect State Senators from three counties next year if they will put their shoulder to the wheel. The movement in Montana is not a local affair, Socialist sentiment has not a monopoly on any one section of the state, it is everywhere, and the counties least suspected of having strong Socialist sentiments are the ones that are at present ripe for organization and victory.

Let us be up and doing, the fight of 1912 has now commenced.

The thirst for profits have caused the management of railroads to operate with reduced force, and as a result of the railroad repair shops with a great stock of material in very bad condition.

Railroad men working around cars shops say that, there is no pretense at repairing cars any more. That bad order cars are just patched up sufficiently enough to carry them from one division to another, and that there is continual danger of the cars breaking down in transit.

On one short railroad in Montana that has a large freight and passenger traffic over it, the writer noticed a large number of defective wheels on the passenger coaches, so much are the coach wheels in need of repairs that nearly every wheel under the passenger coaches needed new tires and the wonder is, what are these some passenger train has not been ditched.

In all parts of the state locomotives can be seen in bad condition, some leaking so much that one would think they were used for water sprinkling wagons instead of pulling trains.

A bill was presented in the last legislature giving the Railroad Commissioners power to withdraw any locomotive from service in the state that was in bad order. This bill was defeated in the senate and Senator Jerry McCarthy was given the credit of doing the charitable act for the railroad companies. Had this bill become a law it would have resulted in the railroads having to employ at least 25 per cent more men in the repair shops than are now employed. Of course such a state of affairs would have reduced the profits of the railroads therefore the bill had to be killed.

COLLECTIVISM THE REMEDY.

By Geo. B. Kline.

The bread-and-butter question is the greatest question before any people, and until food, shelter and clothing are assured, but few the people can have the opportunity to develop in lines to suit their individual tastes; and as Socialism deals directly on economics, it pertains almost wholly to giving the people their physical needs.

At one time almost all work was individual effort, but with the invention of machinery and the use of systems, the production and distribution of commodities became social, that is, tens, hundreds and even thousands, working co-operatively in doing the world's work. In most things the larger unit the cheaper the commodities can be produced and exchanged.

This is why the large factories, mines, etc., can produce more cheaply than the smaller ones. It is a process of natural growth, known as evolution, and explains why the trusts are so hard to dissolve. In fact, their principles have come to stay despite the effort of the 2 x 4 politicians to turn the hands of progress backward.

The real and only objection to the trusts is their private ownership, whereby all their good flows to the few.

Socialism means the collective ownership of the means of producing and distributing wealth, in which each worker will have the opportunity to work, because he is part owner, and to receive the full product of his social effort. Socialism also means

the private ownership of these things used privately by the individual or the family.

The collective ownership of the railroads, street cars, mills, mines factories, and land when not used by the owner.

The private ownership of the home and its furnishings, lot and land when used by the owner.

It is said, "Collective ownership of the railroads would double the price of village and farm property because there would be no discrimination rates in favor of the cities."

Socialism is a method by which the people will rid themselves of the ills of present society, for they are an outgrowth of capitalism. We find in history that at one time slavery was the method by which useful things were produced for society.

Later it was feudalism, and still later capitalism as we have it now. The succeeding method always had its roots deep in its predecessor, just as now co-operative methods are supplanting the competition which caused capitalism to attain its growth.

We have come to a point in history that the people are pretty well disgusted with capitalism and its exploitation, and are demanding co-operation for the benefit of all the people, and not co-operation for the few private owners.

CIVILIZATION (?)

By Hugh McGee.

Why it is that today in the United States, when every intelligent person knows that it is possible for every man, woman and child to be supplied with all the things necessary for a decent life, together with all the so-called luxuries of this twentieth century civilization, why is it that one-tenth of the people have four-fifths of all the things which were made and produced entirely by the workingclass while this same working class, or nine-tenths of the people, have practically nothing but fresh air and water, some times not even that? Why is it?

Why is it that in the United States, in this great rich country, where one state alone, the State of Texas, can furnish enough grain, cattle, fruits and provisions to feed every man, woman and child in the United States, together with making and manufacturing every single article that is used or can be used, why is it that there are now ten million people living in shacks and tenements, facing utter poverty at all times, underfed, cheaply and poorly clothed, and nearly always diseased? Why is it?

Why is it that in the United States, the richest country in the world, with a population of only about one million people, why is it that here are four million public paupers, men, women and children who exist only through charity? Why is it?

Why is it that over a million little children are taken away from school and shut up in factories, mines and mills where they work like machines for less than fifty cents a day, when there are millions of grown men and women begging for work? Why is it? Why is it that every day in the year there are three thousand men, women and children killed and injured while doing useful and necessary work for the people of the United States? Why is it?

The answer is easily given and easily understood. This earth contains everything which human beings require for food, clothing and shelter.

Everything we use, everything we see, everything we eat or drink, comes in its first condition out of the land or water.

All we have to do in order to live is to work sometime and somewhere on the free matter which is scattered all over the surface of the planet, and by our work satisfy our wants.

But the earth and its contents, particularly the industries, are claimed as the private property of Morgans and other capitalists who say it belongs to them, and who require us to divide up with them in order to get an opportunity of work for a living.

These conditions can be changed by political action—by voting into the legislatures and courts Socialist lawmakers and judges, to make the industries collective property, and thus insure equal opportunity to every man, woman and child living today, as well as to those who will be born tomorrow.

Not the most gifted man that ever lived, in the practice of any art or science, and paid the highest rate that exceptional genius could demand from those who have worked for their money could ever earn a million dollars. It is the landlords and the merchant princes and the railroad kings and the coal barons (the oppressors to whom you instinctively give the titles of tyrants) it is these that make but no man earns them. What artist, what physician, what scientist, what poet was ever a millionaire?—William Dean Howells.

Socialists Given Double Cross.

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I was equally confident of the absolute innocence of the two defendants.

Harriman's statement has had an excellent effect. He issued another statement to the Socialists but the moral effect was not needed, as every worker had gone about his task with redoubled zeal.

The newspapers are filled with stories of probable arrests of others implicated in the action. "Bribery" is a word that stands out in awful blackness on every page. More arrests are threatened by the overwrought newspaper writers who see terrible spectres behind every door. These stories are met with reassuring statements "there will be no more arrests in connection with the bribery affair."

Burns telegraphs the story he was offered \$50,000 bribe and threatens more arrests of all sorts of bad men.

Orlie McManigal's fate is in doubt. Malcolm McLaren, Burns' chief operative, made a special plea to District Attorney Fredericks asking for clemency for the confessor. Fredericks promised to do the best he could.

"I expect it is to have my best friends understand why I took the case. But the chances are the world will not understand," said Clarence Darrow. "When I took the case last March I could look ahead to this very moment and see just what was before us. Ad I wanted to do was to save the lives of the McNamaras. Say what you please about them, they thought they were taking the only course left to win the fight in Los Angeles. They figured themselves as soldiers in the war between capital and the common people.

"Whether they were right or wrong they believed they were on the fighting line. They were not murderers at heart, but they were destroyers of property. Jim McNamara did not intend to kill anybody. His dynamite broke the gas main. And that is the plight I found him in. He told me the truth about it all. Because he wasn't a murderer at heart I decided to do my best to save his life.

"All my life I have tried to be on the side of those who lose in the unequal fight between the rich and the poor. Here was a man who, whether in the right or wrong, tried on the same side—the side of the poor. I couldn't see him go down in his own grim way to be a soldier without giving him what help I could. I know there are many Americans who will not understand what I have done, who will be able to analyze the spirit in which I did it. I know that I took the only possible chance there was of saving McNamara's life."

Darrow is brokenhearted, ill and discouraged. He declares this is his last case. He will close his office in Los Angeles and go for an indefinite rest.

He has taken a deep interest in the municipal campaign and done what he could in a quiet way to aid Harriman, in the belief that Harriman's election would greatly help the McNamara case.

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