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nationalism versus state rights． capitalist class has been the development and consolidation of the Ages into the gigantic modern factories and mills，trusts and depart－ dominated and directed by the great banks．In other words，th capitalist class has transformed individual production into social pro－ evolution－the Socialist Commonwealth，in which production will be consciously regulated by the whole of society for the benefit of al
the members of society． talist class came into conflict with the numerous petty states into which Europe was split up during the Middle Ages．Enlarged pro
duction required a correspondingly enlarged market．But the small independent states presented insuperable barriers to the extension of the market．Hence，the petty states were overthrown and consol
dated into the great modern states．Capitalism has been a nation builder．
Not only in Europe，but also in America．The present Constitu－ of the commercial and industrial classes to do away with the diver gent and conflicting commercial policies of the various states，and the
absurdly impossible situation resulting from this．The Constitution established free trade throughout the territory of the United States and thus laid the basis for the marvelous industrial development of class was＂nationalistic＂in its character，th aggrandize the
governments．
But since the Civil War the＂nationalistic＂character of the
American capitalistic class has become less pronounced．On the one American capitalistic class has become less pronounced．On the one
hand，it is true，the unparalleled industrial development of the pas forty years has knitted the United States more firmly than
fore into one great nation，each part of which is dependent rest for its well－being and progress．The conflicting economic legis
lation of the separate states is felt by the capitalists to be a great obstacle to industrial progress．Hence，efforts are being made
through various agencies such as annual governors＇meetings，the Civic Federation and other societies，to obtain a greater uniformity of state laws．But on the other hand，the great capitalists dread the
establishment of a political power capable of coping effectively with them．They are well aware of the fact that if the people of this
country were to form the habit of looking to Washington for grea and comprehensive measures of economic legislation，the powerfu capitalistic interests would be the first to be attacked．Hence，they
have resisted at every step the establishment and extension of the control of the national government over interstate railroads and in dustrial corporations．
They themselves stand in need of uniform national economic legis lation，and yet they dread the extension of the powers of the national government over the economic affairs of the nation．Their interests
as owiers of the wealth of the nation impose upon them a＂national－ istic＂attitude，but their class interests，as opposed to the interests the producing classes，impose upon them a＂state rights＂attitude． sumes grotesque forms．Leading capitalists will，at one and the same time，advocate opposite views in regard to state legislation vertus federal legislation，or they will shift their position in apparently unaccountable ways from day to day．It is＂opportunism＂of the without any guiding principle，without any large views or policie Frank B．Kellogg，who has been acting for the government as specia： counsel in several suits against the trusts，recently summed up these absurd antics of the capitalists in the following words：We have trol commerce these capitalists immediately become advocates of the exercise of federal power；and，on the other hand，when the federal government has invoked its power they immediately become converts
to the doctrine of state rights．This is human，I admit，but it is not statesmanlike
expression of lived its usefune historic fact that the capitalist class has nearly out work is done．There is no longer any reason for its continued exist ence，which has become a hindrance to the further progress of society． On the other hand，the attitude of the Socialist party，the politi－
representative of the working class，toward this cal representative of the working class，toward this question
national or state power is plain and unmistakable．Whether we national or state power is plain and unmistakable．Whether we r
gard the Socialist party from the viewpoint of its ultimate aim－the gard the Socialist party from the viewpoint of its ultimate aim－the
conquest of political power by the working class and the transforma tion of capitalist property into the collective property of the nation or from the viewpoint of its immediate objects－the extension of working class influence over the affairs of the nation and the realiza－ tion of immediate demands or reforms is plain the the the working more thoroughly through the federal government than through the forty－eight separate state governments．In other words，the Socialist
party is of necessity＂nationalistic＂in all matters affecting the whole party is of necessity＂nationalistic＂in ail matters affecting the whole
uation，without in any way sacrificing the principle of＂home rule＂ mation，without in any way sacrificing the principle of home rule
for muncipalities and states in matters of a purely local character．

In fighting for the ext socinl Interests of the nation，the Socialist party will find itself opposed by
an the．reactionary classes and institutions．And above all by the cquits，which have become in this country the most formidable ob－ struction to progress and to democracy．But this only shows that a
Socialist policy cannot be constructed piecemeal，in opportunist fash－ Socialist poiticy cannot be constructed pieceneal，in opportunist fash－
ion．A Socialist policy must be conceived on a large scale．It must be cast in one mold．It must be bold and frankiy revolutionary，aim－ ing at the political reconstruction of the nation no less than at its



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