

A Lecture Delivered by B. F. Keenan Before the 10th A. D., S. L. P. Brooklyn.

The speaker began by relating the different methods successively tried by the capitalist class to defeat the Socialist Labor Party. First they tried to ridicule it down with cartoons depicting the Socialist with a head of hair like society's pet, Paderewski, and equipped with an arsenal and in a state of convulsions scarcely inferior to the weapons and spasms of Teddy of the chattering teeth. That method, however, has been tried for years. Then they tried to side-track it with movements like those of Socialist-Killer Henry George and the Pops. That failed, too. They also tried to buy it up through the purchase of trade union leaders and the Social Democracy. This failed also. And now during a brief moment of insanity the capitalist Anarchists recently thought to assassinate it—to assassinate its character, a la "Standard Union," and break up its meetings by riotous police. But that method, too, has indignantly failed, and the S. L. P. is marching on to bring the country's traitors to judgment and emancipate the people, the wage-workers.

elbows with any one else in the great wilderness of Kentucky. Now, however, the old-fashioned tool of his day has become practically a single, colossal, national, interlocking, simultaneous-moving and breathing organism, and it must all work in harmony. The country today has one great stomach, the wheatfields, ranches and slaughter-houses of the West; the great arms and claws to handle things with are the mammoth machines; the circulatory system is the railroads, etc., upon which glide the goods, which are the blood corpuscles that are carried throughout the whole body, to nourish it. The telegraph, mail and newspaper systems are the great nervous system that carries to the brain or what should be the brain—i.e., the National and State capitals, the headquarters of corporations, etc.—the news of the conditions of the various members. These great junction points or ganglia are to-day in control of parasitic representatives; hence our misery!

It is self-evident that this great unit nation, or immense Uncle Sam family, must control collectively these various organs, or means of production, upon which we all depend. But the capitalist Anarchist says: "No. This is my business. We propose to run our business to suit ourselves. We have nothing to arbitrate. The public be damned." They continually decry government interference, they say like Seth Low: "That government is best which governs least." At one time these capitalists, led by the manufacturers of Manchester, wanted to abolish all government save the constabulary so as to be relieved of its restraint in the exploitation of labor, and of its expense.

The capitalist, whenever government stands in his way, as an exploiter, is violently anarchistic in his talk. He tore to federal government to pieces only to have the "liberty" to do as he pleased, exploit wage slaves, and he inveighs against the Socialist Republic also, because it would prevent his labor skinning. The farmers of Kansas, who corral workmen with pitch forks, and make them work against their will, were violently anarchistic in their talk during the Bryan campaign. Mrs. Lease, who declared she was an anarchist, was simply a straw at that time, showing the direction of the wind. Many little business men throughout the United States, whose labor-stealing was interfered with by the big anarchists, save said to me: "Oh, you don't go far enough; I'm an anarchist!"

The fact that the anarchist is not after real freedom is shown by the fact that he does not fight the capitalist, the real enemy, but instead, fights the government, a machine, a thing. As well might we smash the machine in the factory, and not the capitalist who makes it a curse as to smash the machinery of government and throw away the ballot because we have allowed a wicked use to be made of them by the capitalist. This anarchistic language, accordingly, is held by self-seeking demagogues, who wish to take advantage of ignorant workmen, who are enraged against capitalist brutalities, and use these dupes as fields to draw dues out of, lecture money, subscription fees for papers, funds, etc. Such worthies find their plans balked by a thoroughly disciplined, orderly and intelligent body as the S. L. P., and accordingly, fight it bitterly. Such conduct is pleasing to the capitalists, and they therefore subsidize them, the same as they employed dynamiters in the St. Louis street car strike last year to enable them to break the strike; they wine their pets, as they did Krapotkin recently.

A significant fact is that Krapotkin was the lecturer whose date at the "400's" select Berkeley Lyceum followed the celebrated English writer Frederick Harrison. This Harrison, whom I reported stenographically, said in concluding that even though the Socialists did have a majority at the polls, they (the capitalists) would refuse to abide by the decision!

Of course this language is thoroughly inharmony with their conduct in rapidly disfranchising the working class of this country, whereby they are trying to anticipate an adverse working-class majority at the polls.

The speaker then drew further illustrations of men's mutual interdependence from the reciprocal nature of most of our pleasures, which also in turn depend so much on communication by means of speech, and speech a strictly collective product. Thoughts and memory, faculties of immense benefit and pleasure, and which if cut out of human existence, would reduce us to brutes, were shown to be dependent on speech, that most wonderful instrument and unanarchistic collective product. He also showed the extraordinary inter-dependence of all men from the physical standpoint and from this how wise it is that no one should be allowed anarchistically to carry his small-pox or yellow fever about endangering the lives of multitudes simply "to have his own way," personal freedom.

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