

AN "OBJECTION" TO SOCIALISM

THE BUGABOO OF "DIRTY WORK," SO OFTEN RAISED, EXAMINED.

The number of absurd objections brought forward against Socialism is legion, and they are perennial.

Recently it was to my amusement and no little satisfaction to hear half a dozen of these stories rehearsed.

John Bates Clark, of Columbia University, was the lecturer in question. His topic: "The Vain Hope of Socialism."

It is upon the matter of "doing the disagreeable work" that the professor merits taking up.

To object to Socialism on the ground that it would MAKE some do the dirty work, scavenging, for example, implies that capitalism does NOT MAKE anyone do it, and that people do it as a matter of choice.

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WORKINGMEN'S LIBERTIES

Adapted from the French of Paul Lafargue for the Sydney "People."

"Fellow worker, they tell us since the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence all men have been free.

"Who fixes the day upon which you shall work?" "The employer."

"So, then, to have no right to the produce of your labor, to submit to the will of your employer from morning to night, to be unable to work, that is to say to be unable to eat, yourself, your wife and children, without the permission of your employer, is what you call being free."

"Who has the liberty to impose upon the worker that kind of work that will bring him the largest profits?" "The employer."

"Who has the liberty to show the worker the door when he no longer needs him?" "The employer."

"Who has the liberty to send the old workers to die of hunger in the gutters, who, in their prime, built up his fortune?" "The employer."

"Who has the liberty to starve the workers by locking them out when they ask for an increase in their wages?" "The employer."

"Who has the liberty to use the police, the soldiers, and the judges, to subdue the strikers he has driven from his workshops?" "The employer."

"Friend, the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence have given all the liberties to the employer and slavery to the workman."

... a cut into his profits; human life is cheaper; and so human beings are sacrificed on the altar of capitalism.

Considering these facts, it will be seen that the claims of the professor are ill founded.

... 1,000 Ironworkers Locked Out. Canton, O., April 16. — A thousand employees of the Stark Roofing Mills yesterday were locked out and the mill is idle, the result, the management declares, of organization by the men of a branch of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

MAISON DU PEUPLE

Description of Belgian Workers' Grand Labor Temple.

An interesting account of the Maison du Peuple, the large meeting house of the Belgian workers in Brussels, is given by Frederick C. Howe in the March monthly issue of "The Outlook."

In 1899 the Maison du Peuple moved into its present home, on Joseph Stevens street. The club-house cost \$240,000.

The following extract relates to the house proper and the excellent entertainments provided:

By day as well as in the evening, playing cards, checkers, backgammon, and enjoying themselves in the way that Continental people do in their cafes.

Here are to be found the daily papers, to the right as one enters is a general store where clothing and household utensils are sold.

Upon the top floor is the Salle des Fetes, where Socialist and labor congresses meet.

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... The Age of Charlemagne, is the watershed of the history of the present era. The intellect comes to the front and the barbarian spirit is toned down.

The belief that the end of the world would happen in the year 1,000 led to vast and disastrous mundane effects.

... The Iron Pincers; or, Mylio and Karvel, price 50 cents.

In this hall, supported by a very small charge for admission, the cause of the workers is promoted by the presentation of serious plays, by lectures and concerts, while the cinematograph is used, not only to entertain, but to instruct by homely and trenchant mottoes which appeal to the children.

Art, music, and the drama—all these things form a part of the co-operative movement in Belgium.

... This is a "Settlement." Trenton, April 16.—Everything is being brought to bear to effect a "settlement" of the strike at the works of the John A. Roebing Sons Company, where the laborers want an increase in pay from \$1.35 to \$1.50 a day.

DESCRIPTIVE

Of the Sue Stories as Published to Date.

"The Mysteries of the People," by Eugene Sue, consists of nineteen stories, and the chronological order of those published is the following:

The Gold Sickle; or, Hena, the Virgin of the Isle of Sen, price 50 cents.

This is the initial story; it portrays Gaul under the Druids. In this tale we learn of the simple customs of the Gallic people, their industries, their bravery, lofty yet childlike—as they were at the time of the Roman invasion by Caesar, 58 B.C.

The Iron Collar; or, Faustina and Syomara, price 50 cents.

Depicts the institution of slavery among the Romans. Sue's genius reproduces that remarkable epoch in the annals of man with wonderful vividness.

The Silver Cross; or, the Carpenter of Nazareth, price 50 cents.

This is a marvelous presentation of one of the world's leading events in a garb without which that event is stripped of its beauty and significance.

The Casque's Lark; or, Victoria, the Mother of the Camps, price 75 cents.

Here for the first time the descendants of the Conqueror and conquered the two types running through the stories, meet, and cross swords. The period is about the third century A. D., the star of the Roman empire being in the decline.

The Branding Needle; or, the Monastery of Charolles, price 50 cents.

The tragic and the peaceful are commingled in this tale, Queen Brunhild being the tragic figure.

The Abbatial Crosier; or, Bonaik and Septimia, price 50 cents.

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VOTERS OF ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA!

A MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY—DON'T THROW YOUR VOTES AWAY—DON'T LET YOURSELVES BE DECEIVED BY THE CAPITALIST POLITICAL PARTIES ANY LONGER.

Fellow Workers: The Socialist Labor Party calls upon you to read and study the principles of the various parties so that you may be able to cast an intelligent vote.

If you are a wage worker you are as much subject to the command of the capitalist as if you were his property under the law.

The Socialist movement is the world wide working class movement, organizing the working class industrially as well as politically to conquer for the working class at the earliest possible moment the control of industry.

Every few years there is a panic industrial paralysis, and hundreds of thousands of workers are forced into the streets; no work, no wages; and so they through the highways in search of employment, which can not be found.

We of the Socialist Labor Party put VOTE FOR WILLIAM E. McCUE FOR MAYOR.

The below is the national platform of our Party.

PLATFORM Adopted at the National Convention of the Socialist Labor Party, July, 1904, and Re-adopted at the National Convention, July, 1908. The Socialist Labor Party of America, in convention assembled, reasserts the inalienable right of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Two Pages From Roman History I Plebs Leaders and Labor Leaders. II The Warning of the Gracchi. Two Lectures by Daniel De Leon, Editor of The Daily People. If you want to know why the Socialist Labor Party denounces the labor fakirs and their dues-paying dupes: spurns sops and palliatives; scorns fusions with hostile classes, read The Two Pages. A 96-page pamphlet selling at Fifteen Cents.

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