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## THE WAR.

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True Patriotism is Love of Country. Love of Country is as natural to a good man as love of family.

Primarily, Patriotism does not depend on the character of the man or the nature of the country.

Be a man philosopher or fool; though he be a righteous man or a knave; early cynic or bold iconoclast, if there be aught of good left in him, he still will love His Country and His Home.

Though his country be the wilderness or the fruitful plain, a frozen berg or burning desert, let her soil be niggard or fruitful, still His Country claims his love and his heart is true.

Patriotism is proper, beneficial, necessary. Every man should love his country, and love His Country best.

But from that it does not follow that he should hate the country of any other man. In fact, his country is protected by its amicable relations with other nations.

Just as the home and family of one man is best protected in a community where the homes and families of others have efficient protection.

True Patriotism has aroused in man the noblest impulses, called forth the energy to do his greatest works, and waked his holiest aspirations.

It has raised the commonplace to greatness, in dull mediocrity found genius, and out of genius forged universal progress and glory without alloy.

But False Patriotism—the name without the character—how often has it masked rascality, paved the road to unwholy war, shielded thievery at the public crib, issued license to rapine, hallowed murder by platoons, and legalized starvation by regiments.

To be patriotic, to truly love his country, it does not follow that a man should love her institutions or her Government. Imagine, if you can, the patriotism of an Irishman who loved rack-renting absentee landlordism, or the British Government; or a patriotic Pole who loved the Government of Russia; or a Cuban patriot who loved the Spanish Government.

And in 1776 the patriots were not those who loved the then government of the Colonies which later became the United States; it was the Tories and traitors who were true to the British Government, and the lovers of their country overthrew that Government, as was their duty.

True love of country often involves a hatred of and a determination to change or destroy the existing government of that country.

Be it never so well, to merely love your country is not enough to make a true patriot—he must not only love his country well, but wisely.

“REMEMBER THE MAINE”  
At the breaking out of the recent war between the United States and Spain there might have been seen, at the Manhattan end of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, suspended between the wires of the trolley corporations, a cotton banner bearing the words:

“Remember the Maine”  
What did those words mean in that place? That the people who owned and controlled the trolley lines were patriots? That the trolley corporations were patriotic? That they were filled with, were animated by, “Love of Country?”

Nothing of the sort. Yet it was indeed true that they sincerely desired their patrons, the public generally, and their workmen in particular, to “Remember the Maine.” Why? Simply to promote, not the interests of the public, but the interests of the trolley companies.

If the public and the company's employees would only “Remember the Maine” and the 266 men who lost their lives in its wreck, then the public and the employees might forget that these same trolley corporations had already killed nearly 200 peaceful citizens on the streets, and virtually killed many more employees by overwork and starvation wages, and were soon to start (as they have now done) on the work of killing their 300 and more victims (employees and public). “Remember the Maine!” In this case it was but another way of saying—

ports are limited; and still others have what pretend to be full reports, but bear on their face evidences of their own incorrectness. Considering but for a moment some of the dangers to which the working class is exposed, it is clearly to be seen that the mortality of their ranks is constantly, every working day and night in the year, something far greater than the losses in battle in time of war.

Some of the principal sources of fatality and injury to the working class are:

- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Lack of work.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Low wages for work.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Unprotected machinery.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Adulteration of food products.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Domicile in buildings lacking sanitary necessities.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- Work in sweatshops.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!
- “Jerry” buildings.
- Workmen Shot When on Strike!

**WORKERS SLAUGHTERED.**  
Consider for a moment the fatalities of a particular industry. Let us take the steam railroads.

In the year ending June 30, 1897, of all the employees of the steam railroads of the United States, 1,693 were killed, or one in 486. The number injured was 27,967, or one in 30. In particular branches of railroad service (engineers, firemen, conductors, switchmen, brakemen, and others whose service is upon trains) these railroads killed in some cases one in every 150 men employed and injured one in every 10. Nor was that an unusually unfortunate year.

In many of the years that have gone before the roll of killed and wounded was larger still, and if the railroads are left under their present system of private ownership we may expect to see the roster of the dead grow greater in the years to come.

Consider these figures. Six times as many men killed in a peaceful industry each and every year as lost their lives in all the battles of the late war.

In the last eight years the number of employees killed on the steam railroads of the United States was 17,580 and the number injured 211,286, or a total of 228,866 killed and wounded—nearly as many as were in the entire American army during the late war.

Let us leave the railroads, with their 2,000 dead and 26,000 wounded per annum. Think of the mining industry, the wall paper industry, the chemical industries, gas production, running of elevators, working in sweatshops, and similar occupations, and we will see that for the working class their short life is one long and painful journey to the grave.

**A LEAF FROM THE ARCHIVES OF HELL.**  
Strikes! Lockouts!  
How many killed and wounded men? How many starved women and children?

These things are not in statistics. The record is so black it cannot be written.

The war of Buffalo, where the switchmen struck to maintain the law, and the Democratic Governor Flower sent the militia to help the railway magnates break it, and Senator Cantor applauded him for it.

The war of Brooklyn, where the trolley men struck to maintain the law.

The war of Homestead, where the hired Pinkertons were called on to shoot the iron workers.

The war of Pullman, where the Federal Army and the Federal Courts were called on in the name of the law to overthrow the law.

The war of Lattimer, where the deputy sheriffs, in the name of law and order, violated the law, maintained disorder, and murdered workmen by the score.

The wars of Couer d'Alene, Tennessee, New Bedford, Haverstraw, Leadville, Washington State, Sacramento, Michigan, Galveston, Pana.

North, South, East, West, from ocean to ocean, and over all the three thousand miles between; one battle after another; one murder after another; starvation, ruin, death. All in the name of law and order,—and Patriotism.

in for the purpose of shooting capitalists. The Federal Army and the State militia are not called upon to train their guns on capitalists.

When you workmen are wise enough to go to the polls and vote for your own interests you can have the political power now held by the capitalists, and use that power in your interest, instead of having it used, as now, against your interest.

When you do that—then the Army, militia, sheriffs, courts, will be with you, not after you. Then there will be true PATRIOTISM.

**ROTTEN-RIPE CAPITALIST CLASS**  
Who caused the Spanish-American war?  
Who governs, owns and controls Spain?  
Capitalists.  
Who governs, owns and controls the United States?  
Capitalists.

Whether the war was brought about by the Government of the United States or that of Spain, the cause remains the same—Capitalism.

Both countries are owned, both countries are governed, by the same class of people—Capitalists.

Both Governments are administered in the interest of the same class—the Capitalist class.

Place the responsibility for the war where you may—on Spain or on the United States—it still rests on the Capitalist class, and on them solely.

The working class of Spain had no war with, no interest in the robbery of the Cuban working class. The Spanish workingmen got no riches from the impoverishment and robbery of the Cuban. Nor had the working class of the United States any quarrel with the working class of Spain.

But because of the bungling, mismanagement or murderous rapacity of the capitalist class in those countries the Spanish and American workingmen must go to war and cut each other's throats.

The capitalist class demonstrated long since that they were unfit to manage the industries of the nation; they are now about to demonstrate that they are incapable of governing.

And how did the American capitalist conduct the war?  
Who has forgotten—who can forget—the horrors of the Seneca and Concha, the cattleship Allegheny, Camps Wickoff and Chicauga.

Less than 300 Americans killed in battle. How many dead from lack of hospital supplies? From lack of food? How many strangled by red tape and speculation and starved by rascality and robbery, neglect and incompetency?

Workingmen have had short memories. But they should not forget that, prior to the war, it was shown before a Senate Investigating Committee that armor plate companies in the United States were making plates for battle-ships of the Russian Government at cost, but insisted upon a profit of more than \$100 per ton to make the same kind of plate for the Government of the United States.

And the robbery by profit was so excessive that even the Capitalist Government refused to pay it—for a time. But the war was brought on, and the armor plate companies got their price—and the owners of those companies talk of “patriotism.”

Workingmen should also remember the “patriotism” of those owners of steamboats who asked—and got—excessive prices for their craft. But the man who enlisted as a private got no share of the waste and spoil. “Profit” was not for him. He had the glorious privilege of being shot at for \$16 a month, with the right to be starved and treated like a dog thrown in.

**ATTEMPT TO CHINAIZE AMERICA'S WORKERS.**  
The war is over—perhaps.  
We will now “reap the fruits of victory.”  
We are to annex Porto Rico, Guam, possibly Cuba, and, if the advice of the leading capitalist papers is taken, the Philippines.

Why?  
The capitalist organs and agents tell us we need territorial expansion. Opportunities for the extension of commerce. Larger markets. A share of China's trade. All this according to our prosperous capitalist, will give employment to labor, bring prosperity to the workingmen.

Our prosperous capitalists and their agents and mouthpieces—the capitalist press and the capitalist politicians—knowingly lie, and they are liars.

The capitalist is looking to his own prosperity exclusively. It was by so doing that he became capitalist.

**“Trade with China”**  
Trade for what?  
Shall we buy of her the opium-eating, opium-smoking habit, and learn to “hit the pipe?” Shall we purchase of her the right to live on vermin? Shall we buy her Joss houses and her idols? And what shall we sell her? Shall we build and operate her railroads, so that we may kill another 1,693 and maim another 26,000 yearly? Shall the working class of the United States put their women and children in the mill, their men in the mine, for the benefit of China?

The workmen of China get from 2 to 10 cents per day. To sell them commodities, the commodities must be produced cheaply. To produce commodities cheaply, those producing them must work for low wages.

There you have it.  
That is the secret of the capitalist's concern for the markets of the Far East, and the prosperity of the working class.

That is his “business.” That is his “function” in society. That is his “use” to society. That is the “work” he performs. Scheming to skin workmen; to increase profits by lowering wages.

He would have the American workman compete with the Chinese workman and thereby lower the wage, not only of the “sovereign citizen” of the United States, but of the Chinaman as well.

No matter how low wages may be, the interest of the capitalist is that they shall be lower still.

**THE CAPITALIST CLASS MUST BE OVERTHROWN.**  
Considered as a class, the capitalist class is wholly bad. Individuals in it may rise above it, as a mushroom (but more often a toadstool) may grow out of dung, but the class is rotten.

Its patriotism, like its religion, is a pretense.  
A class that can calmly see thousands of peaceful, industrious citizens slaughtered at home every year, without turning a hair or reaching forth a hand to help or remedy, is a murderous class. Let it exploit its sham patriotism while it may, its days are numbered.

There is a small but rapidly growing number of citizens who know the terrible conditions that exist, and know their cause, and know the remedy.

The Socialists of the United States propose that the shop, the mine, the railroad and the factory shall cease to be a human shambles to run for the purpose of producing profits for the parasitical, murderous capitalist class. They are superfluous, they are injurious, they are but lice on the lion's skin, and as easily rid of.

The Socialists propose that mine and mill, factory and railway—all means of transportation, communication and distribution—shall be owned by those who work and operate them (being also those who produced them); and, being owned by the workers, it must follow that they will be run in the interest of the workers.

“Expansion of territory”  
Here at home is a paradise, a Garden of Eden, waiting, asking, that the working class shall inhabit and inherit it. No angel nor devil with flaming sword standing at the gate to bar entrance. None but the capitalist class, the dog-in-the-manger class, who can not use the Garden themselves, but will not allow others to partake of its fruits though there be famine in the land. It will be open to all the peoples of the earth on the day when they shall discard the superstition that the capitalist is of “use” in the production of wealth.

“Trade with China”  
The Socialist says let us exchange with each other.  
Production for Use—not profit; not China.  
Exchange of value for equal value—not trade for profit, margins, per cent.

How?  
You men who work are in a large majority in this country.  
Vote for the Socialist Labor party.  
Capture the Political Power.  
Use it in the interest of the Working Class.

Have Your legislative bodies pass the laws in Your interest.  
Have Your judges declare those laws constitutional.  
Have Your executives enforce the laws in Your interest.

Then take from the capitalist class “their” land and capital—the former of which is Nature's gift, and the latter of which is Your own product—and You have drawn their teeth. Take from them “their” mills, factories, workshops, and they can no longer perpetrate their class. Take from them the political power, and they can no longer poison or sting.

And then, when the capitalist class can no longer breed, nor bite, nor sting, then there will be an opportunity for the workers of the world to enter into their own.

Then the industrial world will cease to be a battlefield and shambles. Then they who work will eat. They who spin and weave shall wear. They who build shall inhabit—and they who do none of these may starve.

Do what with the Capitalist?  
Workingman, do not worry about him. Look out for yourself and your class.  
O Workingmen!  
Cease fighting the battles of your enemies and winning victories that are defeats.  
Fight for yourselves, your class.  
Vote the Socialist Labor party ticket, and, thereby, for the programme of the class-conscious working class the world over, whose demand is:

**THE ABOLITION OF WAGE-SLAVERY!**  
**THE UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS.**  
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## OPEN LETTER

To the Voters of the 12th Mass. Congress District.

Jeremiah O'Fihelly, S. L. P. Candidate for Congress in the 12th Massachusetts District, Addresses an Earnest Appeal to the Voters to Rally Around the Colors of their Own Class on Election Day—The Economic Fight of the Wage-Slave Class, Unopposed by a Class-Conscious Political Movement of their Own Fulle.

To the working class voters of the Twelfth Massachusetts Congressional District.

Fellow Citizens:—As the Socialist Labor party candidate for Congress in this district, I wish to state clearly my position and the position of the party that has honored me with the nomination so that you, fellow wage-workers may intelligently either support or oppose with your votes.

The Socialist Labor party holds that the working class can be best represented by class-conscious members of its own class; by men who are conscious of the present degraded position of the producers, and who realize that the salvation of themselves and their fellow men lies in the working class getting control of the powers of Government, and in the collective ownership and operation by all of all the machinery of production and distribution.

The wage-workers are the majority of the voters in this Congress district and can, if aroused to a sense of their own power, rights and duties, choose as their representative a class-conscious member of their own class, instead of a capitalist or a hireling of the capitalist class—as they have done in years past.

A vote for the candidates of the Socialist Labor party is a step towards the Co-operative Commonwealth. A vote for either of the old parties only tightens the chains of your slavery, helps to decrease your already scanty wages, and lessens your opportunity of finding a master willing to employ you. To vote for either the Democratic or Republican party is to vote for the capitalist class and the capitalist system of Government; and by that vote you record your willingness to have your wife or children put into the factory while you yourself are turned adrift to take some other worker's job or become a tramp.

The working class is so situated the world over that the situation that lately confronted the people at New Bedford may confront you to-morrow. The blood which is hardly dry upon the ground at Hazelton, Chicago, and Homestead is the blood of wage-workers who only begged for a small portion of their rights; nor can we tell from one day to another that such scenes will not be re-enacted here in Massachusetts. All parts of our fair country are subject to the terrible acts of irresponsible competition.

A vote for the Socialist Labor party is a vote for your own class; a vote for freedom for all; a vote to educate your children and free them and your wives from the slavery of the factory; to change your own condition from the present one of incessant health-destroying toil to that of joint owner, of the machinery of production by which with little labor enough can be produced for all.

Fellow wage-slave citizens, your strength is at the ballot box. Strike where your votes outnumber those of your oppressors ten to one, if not more.

In the factory the capitalist class has thousands of dollars against your pennies, and has besides all the powers of Government—Executive, Legislative, Judicial—at its call, and can by injunction or bayonets, or both, compel you to submit to the terms of the capitalist.

Vote yourselves into the possession of those powers of Government which the capitalist class now holds because of your votes in the past.

Vote for the peaceful revolution, and show the world that the wage-workers of the Twelfth Massachusetts Congressional District are intelligent enough to vote for their own interests.

The employer laughs at a strike in his factory because he knows that the reserve army of starving unemployed can easily be induced to take the place of strikers and that to-day the workers are not politically united; but every ballot cast for Socialism strikes terror into the hearts of the capitalists.

Against the robbery of the workers, the degradation of our women and the ruin, mental, physical and moral of our children, enter your protest; demand the full product of your labor; the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution by voting for Jer. O'Fihelly of Abington, for Representative to Congress in the Twelfth District; for G. P. Peare, of Lynn, for Governor, and for each and every other candidate of the S. L. P. on the ballot.

JER. O'FHELLEY.  
Abington, Mass., Sept. 1, 1898.

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State Convention of the Socialist Labor Party.

Manifesto to the Workers—Democratic and Republican False Issues—Local State Platform—Co-operative Colonies—No a Glasgow Municipalization—No Sumptuary Legislation—On the War and Conscription—Requests to Comrades in the State—The Ticket—A Call to the Iowa Proletariat to Rally Around Its Class Banner.

DAVENPORT, Ia., Aug. 31.—On the 6th and 7th of this month, the seventh State convention of the Socialist Labor party of Iowa met, under the presidency of M. J. Kremer, at Davenport. The convention nominated a full State ticket and issued the following

MANIFESTO:  
We, the delegates of the S. L. P. of Iowa, in a convention assembled in the city of Davenport, wish to call the attention of the workers of this State to their miserable conditions and to the fact that, in the midst of plenty, millions of willing workers are on the verge of starvation, compelled to tramp the roads and streets throughout this country, in search of work, to obtain means to support themselves and families, but are looking in vain. Why is this?

Simply because under our present capitalist system it is impossible for them to compete with improved machinery owned by private capitalists and as long as the manufacturer finds it cheaper to use the power of machinery, he will not trouble himself with workingmen.

We also wish to remind the workers of the promises of the Republican party two years ago. All it was necessary for them to do was to elect McKinley, and Prosperity would come to them as never seen before. But look around and ask yourselves if Prosperity is not farther off now than two years ago? Are not the wages all over the country cut down from 30 to 50 per cent? Is not a continued losing of jobs, an increase of misery, of murders, suicides and crimes of all kinds and a proportional decrease in manhood?

We also call your attention to the folly of the workers to expect any relief from the Silver Democrats, who try to convince you that by depreciating the money standard 50 per cent, which means that the mortgaged indebtedness of their class, amounting to about 6,000 million dollars, could have been paid by 3,000 million dollars, would better your condition. But they failed to succeed. While the majority of the workers, unable as yet to see their way out of bondage, the way marked out by the S. L. P., were nevertheless clear-sighted enough to perceive that no benefit whatever could accrue to the working class by substituting a silverbug farmocracy for a goldbug plutocracy. By so doing they dealt a deathblow to the retrogressive farmocracy whose mortgages are now pitilessly foreclosed to the amount of several hundred millions a year. They also sealed the doom of the mercantile middle class residing in cities, and advanced the supreme conflict between Socialism and Capitalism.

Tollers of Iowa, we again call upon you to break the chains of partyism which bind you to the chariot wheels of capitalism as slaves; think of the foolishness it is for a wealth-producer to elect a wealth-absorber to make laws for him. It is as foolish as if you would ask a man to commit suicide. The time has come when the worker will necessarily have to become class-conscious in politics as well as in economics to join that party which guarantees him the full value of his product.

Fellow workers, such a party is the Socialist Labor party, which raises its voice in protest against the wrong perpetrated on the working class. It has never faltered, never did, and never will sell out to any other party. Its foundation is knowledge and science; its motto is “One for all, and all for one.” Therefore, we ask you to join the Socialist Labor party, to study its principles and vote for your emancipation from wage-slavery.

**STATE PLATFORM.**  
Recognizing the fact that our public roads and rivers are in bad condition, we demand that the legislature of Iowa take the necessary steps at the earliest moment to improve them, and thus give employment to the unemployed at fair wages.

Recognizing the evils that flow from child labor and its companion ignorance, we demand the enactment of a State law prohibiting the employment of children under 16 years of age in factories, stores, mills, etc., and also the enactment of a law requiring the attendance at school of all children under 16 years of age, books furnished free to all children and public assistance in meals, clothing, etc., when necessary.

Believing that a shortening of the workday will put more people to work, we demand a law reducing the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production.

Believing that life and health are more sacred than property, we demand their protection by an efficient employer's liability law.

Believing in the integrity and honesty of the people, we demand a direct vote and a secret ballot in all elections, universal and equal right of suffrage without regard to color, creed or sex, the people to have the right to propose laws and to vote upon all measures of importance, according to the referendum principle. The principle of proportional representation to be introduced. Election days to be legal holidays.

Repeal of all pauper, tramp, conspiracy and sumptuary laws. Unabridged right of combination.

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FORCED FROM COVER

A Word on the Shoemaker—His Condition and Craft Union, together with a few Unjuggled Figures.

Mr. Horace Eaton, of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, usually displays a marvelous economy of common sense, but in his report to the 1896 convention he dropped his astuteness and uttered a grand truth, formulating the plan of his organization. On page 24 he says, "A special providence seems to have watched over the affairs of the Union since its inception, and to have enabled it to keep clear of strikes and lockouts of large dimensions, which if indulged in could produce nothing but disaster." That is his estimation of the efficiency of the B. & S. W. U., and, as an economic weapon, we place it no lower.

When the Union was launched the Socialists were hopeful, but its career has been one of steady degeneration. A Socialist was elected its president. He had fought well and valiantly for a political declaration, but without avail. Since then he has become pure and simple minded, and his position stands in the way of his duty. We judge a thing by its effects; work actually performed, not promises made; and following out this line of argument, taking the officers' own words, the general plan of organization, the effect upon towns and cities where it conducted fights, and lastly appealing to a few of the underlying facts of organization, we shall see whether this Union has a right to any longer be called a defender of the shoe craft; whether, speaking the real truth, it has any longer a moral right to exist.

ably competent help is made in a few weeks. Nobody knows that better than the manufacturers. Conscious as they are of their strength, alive at all times to their class and individual interests, how long will they heed the Brockton Unionists' boast that "if you keep up the curtain, you keep up the price"? It is a bugaboo that dupes the workers only.

THE PEOPLE.—The caravans of bipeds of the U. M. W. Hippodrome circus of the Pittsburgh district have broken loose once more, and are roaming the country in quest of that which is necessary to their existence and which of late has not been flowing in sufficient quantities to satisfy their carnivorous appetites. Their arrival at this place was announced in the usual manner with great headlined placards and, of course, the bipeds of the South Haven mines assembled in mass on the 25th ult. to hear the caravans and feel the granching of these quadruped instructed carnivorous bipeds.

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life; one man in my room scalded; Frank Sterling, one leg went into a kettle of hot water; he will probably never have the use of his leg as it was before; one man caught his hand in a mangle and one in the soap machine in our room. Not many of these get into papers, now do they? The rules they make us sign are outrageous. FRANK D. TEBBETTS, North Erwick, Me., Sept. 3.

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