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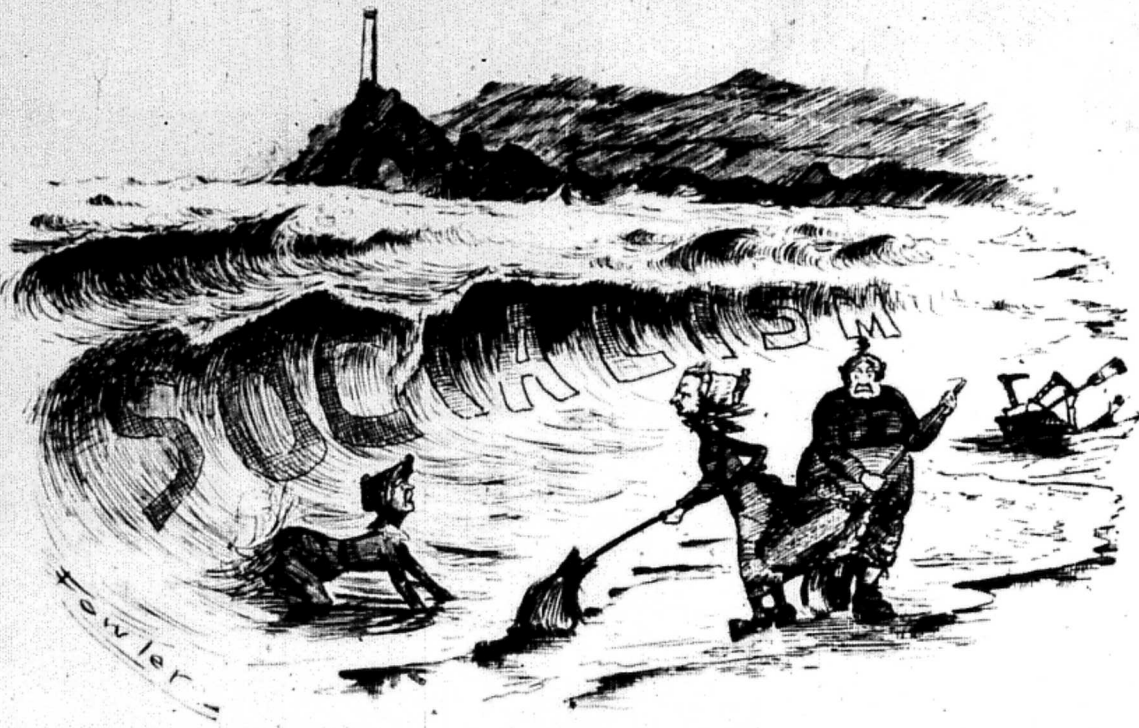
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names may happen to be Dutcher or Morgan does not prevent me from recognizing their genius in that capacity. The whole theory of the Socialist is in consonance with yours—that it is the natural evolution of affairs to unify industrial conditions in large and larger masses; and before I could oppose such a tendency I would have to be taught that it is worth while trying to oppose the law of gravitation because I do not like things to be so heavy.

THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE TO MR. WILSHIRE

13 Astor Place, New York, Nov. 20, 1902.

Dear Sir—We beg to inform you that the National Economic League will render its services in an impartial educational movement to oppose Socialism and class hatred; to instruct the people that if we are to continue to lead in the world's industries and keep American Labor and Capital remuneratively employed, it must be through the organization of Industry into large units directed by the best talent. Also to investigate, study and discuss the fundamental issues which divide Capital and Labor, so as to be helpful in establishing rightful relations between employers and workmen. In addition thereto, to promote Inter-State Comity in Taxation, likewise a full discussion of "How Far" under present political conditions it is safe for cities in this country to municipalize? These are not only practical, burning questions, but interesting from a sociological and scientific point of view.

We are now organizing a Press Committee to be composed of a few editors and writers who are prominent in the newspaper field and well-known throughout the country. No actual duties are required of the members of this Committee. Your name is desired as an endorsement of the Educational work which the League proposes to carry out. A Board of Associates or Contributing Editors, representing Labor, Manufacturing, Commerce, Church, College, Agriculture, Law, Transportation and Insurance Organizations, Newspapers, Magazines, Periodicals, Authors, etc., etc., will prepare articles on these and kindred topics to be published and issued by the League.

It will afford our Executive Committee great pleasure if you will allow your name to be used as a member of this Press Committee.

An early reply will be appreciated by,

S. B. DUTCHER, President,
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MR. WILSHIRE TO THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE

Hon. Silas B. Dutcher,
New York, Nov. 28, 1902.
President Hamilton Trust Co.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Dutcher—

I have your interesting letter of Nov. 20th requesting editors to form part of your Executive Committee of the National Economic League, said League being organized specifically "to oppose Socialism" and to instruct the people that the organization of industry into large units, directed by the best talent, is a good thing for this nation. It appears to me that in one breath you ask me to oppose Socialism, and in the next, when you propose a programme, you ask me to advocate Socialism. I am at a loss to understand what you really do wish. The Socialists are certainly the foremost advocates of the organization of industry into large and larger units, in fact into the largest possible unit, viz., that of the whole nation; and none but crazy people would think of proposing any system by which the best talent did not direct such organizations. The Socialists thoroughly believe in having the best talent and the greatest organization, so that it is difficult to understand what you mean by opposing Socialism when you ask

me to advocate exactly what the Socialists themselves are proposing. If it were Mr. Bryan asking me to advocate the breaking up of the large industrial units into small ones and the handing over of the direction of our industries to inferior men I might possibly understand his position, for he is confessedly opposed to Socialism, and in favor of a return to the inadequate industrial organization of 50 years ago. I, as a Socialist, welcome all the tendencies toward organization which are seen upon every hand, and the tendency to put better and better directors in charge; and the fact that their

SEATTLE CHALLENGES THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE

Mr. Silas B. Dutcher,
13 Astor Place.

Dear Sir—
Your communication to Mr. H. Gaylord Wilshire, printed on the first page of Wilshire's Magazine for January, wherein you state the purpose of the National Economic League, is to refute and nullify the theory of Socialism, noted.

It gives me great pleasure to challenge you or your representative here in Seattle to a debate on Socialism, the same to be at our expense as to hall rent, etc.

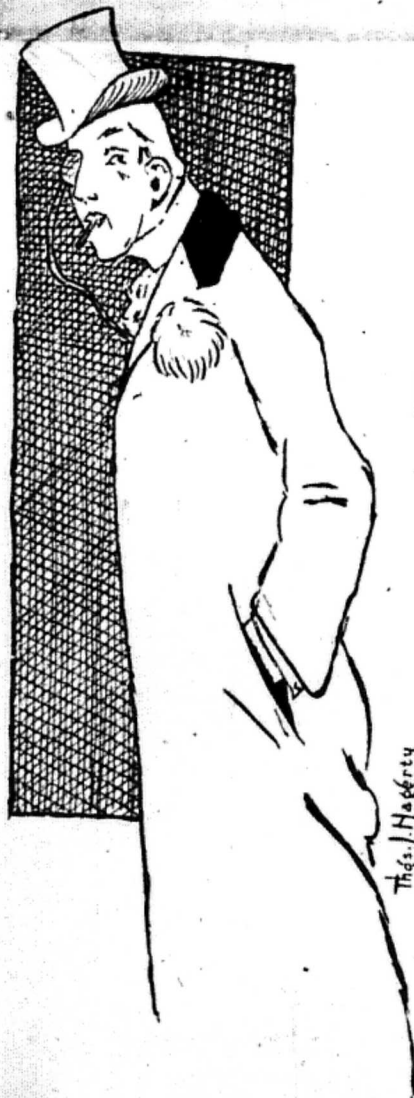
To say that the Socialists of this vicinity would be pleased to lock horns with your local "Press Committee," for instance Mr. Pyle of the Post-Intelligencer or Col. Blithen of the Times, is to put it mildly.

Yours for Socialism soon,
D. D. WHEDON,
Secretary Local Seattle, Socialist Party.
220 Bailey Block.

I also agree with you that class hatred ought to be abolished, although I am not exactly sure that your definition is the same as mine. The only way to abolish class hatred is to prevent one class being in a position where the other class will naturally hate it owing to the fact that it is being wronged by that class. You can hardly expect a dog to love its fleas or a man his tape-worm. At the same time, we recognize well enough that the simplest way to get rid of parasites is not by hating them but by applying scientific methods to that end. The condition we are in today is very similar to that of a professional prize-fighter. He knows very well that he never gains anything by getting mad with the other fellow. It is simply a contest of skill, and the less the emotions have to do with this the better. Therefore, when I as a Socialist say that the simplest way for the Socialists to get what they want is to keep their temper and not hate anybody, I am simply applying a well-known scientific truth to an ordinary question in political tactics.

I would suggest that your National Economic League arrange a series of debates between the members of your League and the Socialists, in order that an opportunity may be given the public to judge of the merits claimed by the Socialists for their theories; and in order to assist in this good work I will agree to pay half the expense of any meetings which may be inaugurated upon this basis, provided your League will meet the other half of the expense.

With kind regards, and assuring you that there is no class hatred covered up in this letter, I am,
Very faithfully yours,
H. GAYLORD WILSHIRE.



The WORKINGMAN hasn't Brains enough, doncher know, to run this country."

In the Youth's Companion for February 8, 1900, Lyman Gage, ex-secretary of the United States Treasury, makes the statement that the wealth produced in the United States in the previous year equalled sixty billions of dollars. On a basis of 75 million population this gives \$800 for every man, woman and child in the United States, but the census of 1900 shows that only one-third of the population are engaged in production and distribution, or in other words, doing the useful or social work of society, this would give as the yearly production of each producer \$2,400. Now as the average wage of the 20 million wage earners in the United States is about \$300 per year, or one-eighth of the total product as given by Gage, the question naturally arises who gets the balance of that which the working class produces, but does not get?—H. S. Aley.

Why are there "public ownership" planks in old party platforms? Why does Hearst write Socialistic editorials? Why are so-called "labor parties" formed? Answer: All to defeat the purpose of the only independent, class-conscious workingmen's political party—the Socialist Party.—A. L. U. Journal.

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THE CAPITALIST CRUSOE: "That foot-print scares me. I thought I was the boss of this planet."

Do you want such a cartoon paper as "The Socialist"? We give you specimens this week of our various artists' work—Walker, Fowler, Lockwood, Hagerty and Renfro. And there are others coming. We propose to improve constantly, to make "The Socialist" a necessity to every Socialist. See top of this page, left hand corner.

You remember Robinson Crusoe was very much astonished and alarmed when he discovered another man's footprints in the sands one day. Cartoonist Walker has made use of this story to depict the Republican and Democratic consternation at the appearance of the Socialist vote last Fall.

Father Hagerty's cartoon needs no elucidation. Didn't know Father Hagerty could draw pictures? Well, wait. We have others of his. He's a daisy.

Did you ever think there is a deal of unwritten history in the "servant girl problem"? There are unmentioned reasons for the dearth of servant girls. "The Socialist" will not hesitate to tell the truth. Women are the worst "slaves of capital" to whose emancipation this paper is devoted. Renfro's cartoon, "Bearing the Rich Man's Burden," should arouse every workingman who has a daughter or a sister to fight a system which makes such outrages possible.

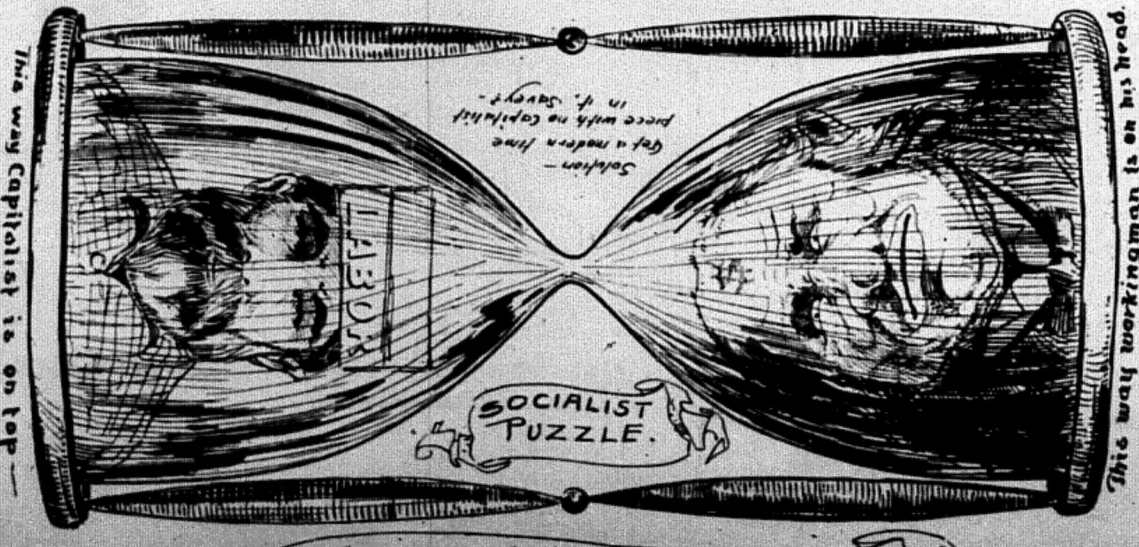
Evolution will do its share if you do yours.—"Chicago Socialist."

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Yours fraternally,
E. V. DEBS.
Jan. 7, 1903.

Fowler again shows in his cartoon this week the place of the present class government. Its only function is to hold the workingman helpless while the manufacturer strips him. Surely that workingman is not fool enough to imagine that government will ever be on his side.



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HEREIN we present to our readers a picture of Mr. Walker, whose black cats are known of by nine-tenths of the people, old and young...



Mr. Walker is now only 30 years old, having been born on a farm near Springfield, Kentucky...

the present time. The National Secretary has gone so far in his opposition to State Autonomy as to openly violate the Constitution...

YOU MUST CHANGE HUMAN NATURE. This is an old and much dilapidated objection, which, put briefly, amounts to the claim that Socialism is impossible while human nature remains unchanged...

STATE AUTONOMY. (Continued from Page Two.) lot under that name. Nothing that the National organization could do would prevent this...

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