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# SOCIALISM-AND THE STATE

Many people honestly think Social-m means More Government, and nece loss of individual freedom. They are forever misunderstanding, d seem incapable of learning Social-ni, they say, will be slavery. All such should read the book of Ga-tel Deville, lately translated from the tench. It costs only ten cents, and stains food for thought for those ople who read only the capitalist we of things.

ople who read only only suggester of things. The extracts below are only suggester, but they show that Socialism seans not More Government, not less readom, but more freedom.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE.
What do the Socialists think about the State? How do they regard it the etitally in the present and for the nume? What are the practical consecution which is proposed as the proposed of the proposed

Imodern Scientific Socialism, of our Socialism. What is the State?

What is the State?

Here I Fould easily make a show of earning by quoting a number of definitions drawn from philosophers and mitters more or less famous; but such memeration would occupy space and the summeration would occupy space and the without being of any real advantage to us; for, in most cases, the word late is identified, with other words and so clience confused definitions would obtain the society, nation or government, and so these confused definitions did not be the soft of the definitions did not be the social state of the social state of

charles Benoist, who is the last, so far as I know, who has treated these questions among us.

And so, partly because he is the most treent writer, and has thus been able to profit by the labors of all the others, mit more particularly because he has secceeded in avoiding confusions of a sature to obscure the question at issue, from among all the definitions that bourgeois writers have given of the States, I select for the purposes of my discussion that of M. Charles Benoist. "The State," he maintains, "is the moral personification of the nation endowed with perpetuity and incarnated in institutions, clothed with the power and right of constraint. It may be treegnizable by these two signs; it sakes laws and it levies taxes." The State, I will maintain in my turn, is the public power of coercion, created and maintained in human societies by their division into classes, and which, having force at its disposal, sakes laws and levies taxes.

The only real difference between these two definitions—but it is a difference of the first, importance—consts in the fact that in the latter—i.e.

these two definitions—but it is a dif-ference of the first importance—con-sists in the fact that in the latter—i. e. for Socialists—the existence of the State in a society is bound up with the testence of classes in that Society. Hence, this conclusion: Before classes ame into being there was no State; when classes shall cease to exist there will be no State. While in the former

—i. e. for bourgeois theorists—the State eists independently of every other social institution, and, in particular, of classes. According to M. Charles Benoist, "it is congenital in human societies, and they could not live without it." Contrary to our opinion, the same author thinks that "primitive communities, the embryos of society, contain an embryonic State." and that the State is a "moral personality endowed with perpetuity."

Parenthetically, we remark here again that passion for perpetuity so marked in the ruling, property-holding class and in the economists, their official defenders. According to them, indeed, the situation from which the capitalist plofits is simply the realization, the enbodiment of eternal verieties, and etrural capital must go on eternally brieding more capital. The capitalists, it their insatiable thirst for gain, cry to beir God with all zeal and sincerity; als it was in the beginning, is now, a were shall be, world without end. Amen, but this prayer, even though it be granted, is not enough. They require, besides this, the protection of the State. And so they and their theorists have capitly and emphatically pronounced themselves in favor of its perpetuity, blaming its intervention only when its powers are not exerted in their behalf.

Which of the two—the Socialist theory—corresponds the more closely to the reality? I believe that I can prove—at all events I am going to try, to prove—that it is ours. From the definition that I hav given of the State, and that the State appear and subsists only in societies divided into classes.

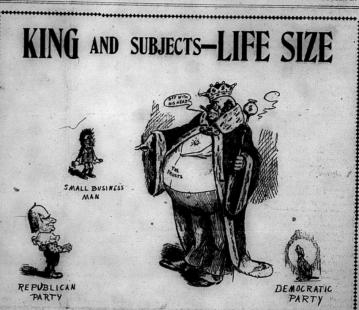
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The Role if "The State."
As soon as thee are in a society a possessing class and a dispossessed class, there exists in that society a constant source of colisions which the social organization would not long resist, if there was not a lower charged with maintaining, to ust the consecrated phrase, the "established order," charged, in other words, with the protection of the conomic sittation of the possessing party, and the dispossessed party. Now, from its very birth, this has been the role of the State.

An organ of consertation, the off-spring of struggles or hreats of strug-gles between conflictine interests, con-flicting because of the antagonism of material conditions, born with the di-vision of society into classes, the State has evolved with the evelopment of that division, i.e., in sort, with the economic relations which form the ha-sis of that divising but, under the va-rious appearances it hasyown, it so-ject has remained the sme because, ever since the appearances cleases, it has always had a privileged economic situation to defend and onlifet to re-press. Continued on page 96.)

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SMALL "STORES" OF EVERY KIND, THE KING IS AFTER YOU—PREPARE TO JOIN THE PROLE-TARIAT

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, APRIL 12.—THE JOURNAL OF COMMERCE OF TODAY SAYS:

"IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE SCOPE OF THE ASSOCIATED MERCHANTS' COMPANY, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN ORGANIZED BY JOHN CLAFLIN, AND WHICH MESSRS, J. P. MORGAN & CO. ARE FINANCING, IS MUCH WIDER THAN AT FIRST REPORTED. THE BUSINESSES THAT & CO. ARE FINANCING, IS MUCH WIDER THAN AT FIRST REPORTED. THE BUSINESSES THAT MR. CLAFLIN PROPOSES TO BUY ARE, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, AMONG THE VERY HIGHEST CHARACTER IN THE CITY. NO DEFINITE CONTRACTS HAVE YET BEEN MADE AND NEGOTIATIONS HAVE NOT YET REACHED A DEFINITE STAGE, BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT IT IS MR. CLAFLIN'S IDEA TO SECURE, IF POSSIBLE, CONTROL OF SUCH HIGH CLASS HOUSES AS ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.; LORD & TAYLOR (INCLUDING BOTH THE BROADWAY AND GRAND STREET STORES). AND SIMPSON, CRAWFORD & SIMPSON. THESE ADDITIONS TO THE ALREADY IMPORTANT LIST MENTIONED IN THE PROSPECTUS, NAMELY, THE CLAFLIN COMPANY, THE ADAMS DRY GO DIS COMPANY, AND MCCREERY'S, CONSTITUTE A TRADE CONSOLIDATION MOVEMEN AT IS WITHOUT PRECEDENT IN DRY GOODS MERCHANDISING CIRCLES.

THERE , ALSO FOUNDATION FOR THE STATEMENT THAT MR. CLAFLIN HAS HAD IN MIND THE ENTRANCE OF JOHN WANAMAKER INTO THE COMBINE, BUT HE FOUND LITTLE ENCOURAGEMENT IN THAT DIRECTION. OTHER REPORTS MENTIONED THE POSSIBLE ENTRANCE INTO THE COMBINATION OF JOSEPH H. BAUL & CO., OF FULTON STREET, BROOKLYN, AND BATTERMAN & CO., OF BROADWAY, WILLIAMSBURG.

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PROPOSED TO DO THE SAME AS WITH THE OTHER STORES, NAMELY, PURCHASE A CON-

TROLLING INTEREST.

IT WAS REPORTED ON GOOD AUTHORITY LAST THURSDAY EVENING THAT THE STOCK
OF THE ASSOCIATED MERCHANTS' COMPANY OFFERED BY J. P. MORGAN & CO. TO THE PUB-

LIC HAD ALREADY BEEN FULLY SUBSCRIBED.

JOHN CLAFLIN, WHEN QUESTIONED, SAID THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY YET TO CONSIDER WHAT ADDITIONAL COMPANIES WOULD BE TAKEN OVER, AS NOTHING HAD BEEN DEFINITELY ARRANGED IN THAT DIRECTION. A REPRESENTATIVE OF SIMPSON, CRAWFORD & SIMPSON, WHEN QUESTIONED, SAID THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS.

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MR. CLAFLIN DECLARED ABSOLUTELY TRUE THE STORY THAT THE LAND FRONTINGON SIXTH AVENUE, BETWEEN TWENTY-FIFTH AND TWENTY-SIXTH STREETS, BELONGING TO THE ASTOR ESTATE, HAD BEEN LEASED BY THE ASSOCIATED MERCHANTS: COMPANY, THE NEW DRY GOODS COMBINATION, AND IS TO BE USED FOR A NEW FIREPROOF BUILDING 12 STORIES HIGH. THIS BUILDING, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, IS TO COST \$3,000,000, AND IS TO BE USED AS THE EASTERN HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BUSINESS OF THE COMBINATION OF THE ASSOCIATED MERCHANTS: COMPANY. I. PIERPONT MORGAN IS SAID TO HAVE SIGNED THE DOCUMENTS IN THE TRANSACTION BEFORE SAILING FOR EUROPE LASTWEEK. IT IS SAID THAT THE TENANTS OF THE SMALL BUILDINGS WHICH STAND UPON IT HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEIR LEASES WILL NOT BE RENEWED. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEIR LEASES WILL NOT BE RENEWED. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE BEGUN BEFORE SEPTEMBER.

#### GRANITE FALLS, WASH. Feb. 25, 1901

Mr Editor-

Mr. Editor—
Dear Comrade: I have often read in The Socialist that you like to hear from Comrades to express their opinions, no matter how many mistakes they make. Now, I will make lots of mistakes, besides I can't express myself the way I would like to, for I am not capable enough in the English Insertice to express my real words. I uage to express my real words. I listened to lots of other comrades so will give my thoughts here-

I believe, and lots of others do also I believe, and lots of otners uo also, to make any progress in our cause, we have to quit fighting each other. My idea is to do away with our, or all, National Executive Boards, withhold our dues from all of them, establish a Socialist headquarters in our state and Socialist headquarters in our state and keep our headquarters by contribution and not by monthly dues. That will do away with disfranchising comrades that cannot pay their dues. It will not raise bad feelings amongst the comrades because one pays and the other not. Our ranks will fill more readily and all good comrades will contribute all that will be needed and will do it more heartily than paying fixed dues. I am speaking from my little experience in our Local. Some who have got the cause at heart will do all they can for it. Others pay the dues, but not free-hearted, and still others keep away altogether on account of

but not free-hearted, and still others keep away altogether on account of not feeling like paying their dues. To keep our state organization in running expenses I have got an idea. We publish an all-round good Socialist family paper with all interesting news, such as market news and daily happen-ings, so we can do without the Associ-ated Press news, and some comrades, especially new comrades, would not tire reading our paper.

especially new-comrades; would not tire reading our paper.

Some do rightly claim that there is nothing in our papers to read. Especially it is the case with our party papers. They are as much censored as he U. S. forces in the Philippines. I have no knowledge of running a paper. Will leave that to comrades that understand it, but think by charging from one dollar to one-fifty a year for subscription would have a little above running expenses and profits on book sales would almost keep our state organization afloat; that is, if press plant was paid for to begin with. To do that we would have to raise enough funds by contribution to pay for it. I am sure we could raise from \$52\$ to \$50 in our local here at Granite Falls.

Otherwise, how would it do to raise the money by shares without interest, to pay back if money is available, and if wanted back? I for my part would not want any back, although I am as poor as most of our comrades. The shares should not be too high, either, so all poor comrades that are willing-can reach up to purchase one or more. It would work about on the same principle as our comrades are now working in Germany, and they seem to make better progress than any of them.

I will not say anything against or for it, but it is very disgusting to think that we can settle everything by referendum vote, but it seems they are very slow with their referendum votes, a chance probably once in three or four years. Between times they have the chance to quarrel to their heart's content, enough to make a person sick to have it dished up to him almost daily. By having just our state organization we could settle difficulties very quickly by referendum vote, and the 'chances are by our next election harmony may be restored between all Socialist factions. I like to hear from other comrades to give a better plan to come to an end with all our troubles.

JOHN N. NUHSE

It's no trouble to look over the last Tell them you saw their adv

#### SOCIALISM AND THE STATE

Socialist Definitions

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I have pointed out to you the 'genesis of the State and shown you its necessary, inevitable character. I have striven, in a word, to justify the terms of the definition given in the first part of this lecture. Whether or not I have succeeded in my task you must all

en, in a word, to justify the terms of the definition given in the first part of this lecture. Whether or not I have succeeded in my task, you must at least have been convinced that the Socialist definitions are not arbitrary. Our Sponents' may very legitimately discuss them and attempt to prove that our terminology is wrong. That which they have no right to do is to attack socialism without taking pains to know clearly and definitely the meaning that, rightly or wrongly, it gives to the words that it employs. By disdaning this elementary precaution, they expose themselves to the most ridiculous confusion and waste their time in combatting something quite different from that which the Socialists defend. "The State" Necessitates Classes.

This has happened in the case of capital. In order to understand what we cann by the suppression of capital.

This has happened in the case of capital. In order to understand what we mean by the suppression of capital, one must know that capital is for us a character which the means of production have taken on under given definite social conditions, and which they may lose without affecting their existence in the slightest. It is just the same in the case of the wage-system and wages. The latter term cannot, according to us, be applied to any system of remuneration whatsoever, but only to a mode of remuneration presupposing surplus-labor. It is just the same finally in the case of the word State, which means, in our opinion, a system of social organization which implies necessarily the division of society into classes.

classes.
It is not by caprice—it seems to me that I have furnished you the proof of this in the case of the State—that Socialists give such or such a meaning to such or such a word. Of course, they may be mistaken; but one can reasonably criticize their theories only by using words in the same sense that they do.

duction will be capital after they shall have lost the power of exploiting the labor of others, or than the future re-muneration will be what we call wages when it shall not longer presuppose surplus-labor. These two latter

when it shall not longer presuppose surplus-labor. These two latter changes will be the result of the sup-pression of the character of capital which is today stamped upon the prin-cipal means of production. It is needless for me to talk of the future organization, and I limit my-self to pointing out the general lines along which it will develop. In the transition period in which the trans-formation will be accomplished through conscious adaptation of meas-mers to facts, there will still be a State, through conscious adaptation of measures to facts, there will still be a State, but that State will be a Socialist State. In the following period, the political rule of the men who constituted the State in the transition period will have become a business administration of affairs. Instead of government there will then be simply a business administration.

NO "STATE" UNDER SOCIALISM Fundamental Error of the Rev. Mr. Simonds and Other Critics of So-

cialism.

Mr. Simonds brought fourth the old-Mr. Simonds brought fourth the old-time criticism of Socialism last Sunday to the effect that Socialism involves Tyranny by the State and Suppression of Individual Liberty.

Tyramy by the State and Suppression of Individual Liberty.

His fundamental error lay in a false conception of "The State." He really supposed that the State was a Government by the people. He innocently took the common capitalist view that the State was, as he said, "all of us," or at least, a "majority of us." He had never grasped at all the evolutionary view of history which shows that the State was always only an organ of the wealthy class to exploit the working class. He had never conceived what the most advanced scientific school now recognizes, that human history in all ages is explained by the varying conditions of production. The economic foundations of society

The economic foundations of society he knows nothing of.

so utterly en rapport with capitalistic thought, so prostrate before the popular fetich called "American Liberty," that'he probably still fails to understand what Socialism is driving at. He and Socialists speak a-different language. He talks capital. They talk Labor. He talks Utopianism. They talk Science. He talks theories. They talk facts. He talks outworth Mones. Labor. He talks Utopianism. They talk Science. He talks theories. They talk facts. He talks outworh hopes. They talk facts. He talks outworh hopes. They talk scientific anticipation. He is out-of-date. They are upsto-date. He is as much behind the times as the preachers of Louis the XVI. He knows no more than they that a revolution is in progress, and its culmination with head. hopes. He

at hand.
We advise the Rev. Mr. Simonds to read Deville's The State and Socialism, price to cents. Also Ferri's Socialism, and Modern Science, price \$1. Also Loria's Economic Foundations of So-

Loria's Economic Foundations of So-ciety, price, \$1.50.

Let him learn what Prof. Keasbey, Professor of Political Sciences at Bryn Mawr, means in this sentence: "The Economic would seem to be the only proper point of departure for the study of social phenomena, and it may well be that by applying the economic laws of production and consumption, dis-tribution and exchange, historically to social evolution, the sociological pro-cess will itself become intelligible and cess will itself become intelligible the true philosophy of history st revealed."

QUERY.

The Review of Reviews, page 27, January number gives official vote in United States for S. D. P. 93,865; for S. L. P., 33,226. Socialist vote, 127,-

Appeal to Reason claimed over 500,

How many registered Socialists are there in the United States? H. P. "About 15,000 to 20,000, probably. The Appeal is tow sanguine, basing claims on its own circulation. But most of its subscribers fail to rote the So-cialist ticket. The Appeal, too, reck-own sthousands of Socialists votes were ons the

SONG OF THE CAPITALISTS

SONG OF THE CAPITALISTS.

We're a band of husky brothers, and,
as you perhaps have guessed,
Wrestling with the Laboring People is
the game we love the best.

First we get the "Straggle-hold," and
then we get the foross Proceeds,
And the Laboring People get it where
the lady wore the beads.

## S. E. U

Applications for Membership.

The following additional applications for membership in the Socialist
Educational Union have been received:

Otto Shields, Seattle.

Mrs. M. A. Hartman, Seattle.

Mrs. Susan Pryor, Seattle.

T. E. Latimer, Seattle.

E. Lux, Whatcom. D. Burgess, Whatcom. Mrs. D. Burgess, Whatcom.

WANTED-Young married man either has to have work or blood; Western man and a rustler. G-The Times.

That man is dangerous, is he?
No, the system that allows that sort of a product is dangerous. Seattle has hundreds of men and women who are beginning to think what that man wrote—"Work or Blood!"

We Socialists accourage that senti-ment. We urge men to vote together to abolish this htteful system.

But we are jot surprised at such expressions. They are like bell-buoys that toll in the night, full of warning

Land and Michinery enough to pro-Land and Michinery enough to pro-duce untold millions worth of the ne-cessities of lik—and men with fam-ilies must cryout, "Work or Blood!" Do you wonder that Socialists are in-creasing fast?

Did you seer think why men are so eager for "offices?" Is it honor? There is no so much honor in being named Waslen of a Penitentiary or Commissioner to the Buffalo Fair, or Member of the State Board of Audit and Control, much less to be Doore keeper to the Legislature, or even Servent as Amaz. A Vet every one of geant at Arms? Yet every one these office is sought by scores,

Doesn'tit show that decent ways of They ay work is plenty—no need for any want to go unemployed.

Does è look like it, when so many petty "offices" are fought for?

PATRONIZE SOCIALISTS

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A great deal is being said now a
consciousness. The phras class consciousness. The phrase particularly used by the Socialists referring to a condition existing tween the employed and employer.

reterring to a common existing tween the employed and employer, is a rattling good topic, and its meaning, if carried out, would be tremendous teacher in educating a to its application in every-day aff. Those who claim to be class scious Socialists ought to put into tice some of the ideas they so perently advocate, that is, they a positively refuse to deal with a who are opposed to their ideas should show to the world that intentions to deal with each other moral duty and an obligation to cred to be carelessly considered. The old adage, "Actions speak er than words," would soon con those who are now watching Social and criticising every move they a

those who are now watching Socialist and criticising every move they that the gneuine Socialist is a and trustworthy, and it would as spire more confidence in others."

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who are not with us are against so true that it ought to convince Socialist that it is a hurt lond deep every time this fact is igno. The true Socialist adherent a patronize members of his party in erence to any other. They sho all means know where the So dentist has his place of busines cigar maker, baker and shoe of The doctor who helps along the is by every right entitled to you ronage, the editor and publisher cialist papersaby all means shou the undivided support and activation of every member in the ity where the paper is issued. At every one in business known to be disposed towards Socialism have a place of honor in the mo of every one contending for Soc (Here's where our advertisers im.—Ed.)

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an instant indulge in boyco coercion in any sense, but sim at such places and with such are broad and tolerant enough are broad and tolerant enough to graize the indisputable right of one to practice or teach such this their judgment may dictate, esp when such acts will redound to benefit of society.

While it will require some of the society such things and may

While it will require some or to practice such things and may ficult to start, a few persons or induce others to follow their and then the force of numbers alo manding recognition and prathat which they preach will a most salutary effect on others. O ency is so rare a jewel, that for a to practice it brings them into inende at once and nothing comore to establish respect for a than for others to see that the dio of that cause are carrying out convictions.

Twenty-five or thirty men is community establishing this pro-can convert many others who is will give their aid, and this plan will give their aid, and this platthen become irresistable. Be no class conscious politically. Soo but in all your dealings adopt tactics as will rivet on you the tion of the public and show those power folicule your beliefs that the principles in every act, and be conscious of a duty well designed. BARRINGER, in Public Ow

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Mr. Simonds has not read the secret history lately published of the forma-tion of the U. S. Constitution. In fact, he is so anachronistic in conceptions,

diday evening upon the following propositions:

The State is the product of industrial conditions, the instrument he propertied class to exploit the producing class. Under Socialism, of the propertied class to exploit the producing classes, and hence the State, will cease to exist.

AN INVITATION TO DEBATE

On Sunday Evening last the Rev. Mr. Simonds Expressed a de-sire to the Editor of The Socialist to debate further the question raise-

at that time as to the influence of economic conditions upon social in-

cause such a discussion would be eminently instructive to all, the Editor hereby invites Mr. Simonds to a public debate on some

Wilful Ignorance

stitutions.

Wilful Ignorance.

At bottom I am not far from thinking that this ignorance of our definitions is wilful ignorance. It must be more easy to refute that which we do not say and which they put in our mouths, than that which we do say and which they ignore. There are some ideas incompatible with the tranquil security of the possessing class, the class controlling production and powers. Among these ideas, the ideas of surplus-labor and of the existence of distinct classes are particularly repugnant to those who profit by just those conditions. They feel that the mere divulgation of the secret of their power is an impairment of that power, and the very truth contained in our definitions appears to them a danger. And so, not content with avoiding this truth in their own definitions, they are the particularly repugnations of the same they avoid it—so far as they are able to—in ours. In order to confound us the more triumphantly, they first change the meaning of our words, then, after the words, they travesty our ideas, and then they have no trouble to demonstrate the absurdity of the fabrications' they attribute to us. then they have no trouble to demon-strate the absurdity of the fabrications they attribute to us.

"The State" Will Disappear

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When the socialization of capitalist property shall have been effected, and legally effected, there will no longer be any economic subordination of some to others, there will be no more classes, and the State, made a necessity by the existence of classes, can at last be suppressed, dr, rather, it will disappear of itself when-the shall have accomplished its task of transformation.

This is not equivalent to saying that.

its task of transformation. This is not equivalent to saying that the Socialist Society will have no organization. But the future social organization, when antogonistic classes no longer exist, when constraint no longer has to be exercised over some for the benefit of others, will not be a State any more than the means of pro-

............... He still believes that the changes in the development of mankind are dependent upon the ideals of mankind. He instanced the Crusades and the emigration of the "Pilgrim Fathers," and the American Civil War, as events brought about by devotion to principle, never dreaming that each of these movements was preceded and caused by economic necessities. He does not know that Karl Marx first, and Loria, and Ferri and Deville and Hobson since, have demonstrated the controling influence of the economic environment on the deyelopment of social institutions, civic, juridic and ecclesiastic.

He needs to learn the first prin He needs to learn the first principles of Scientific Socialism, and he will not then expose himself to ridicule by naming together the Scientific Marx and the Utopian St. Simon as "leaders" of Socialists.

He will, by farther reading, learn that Socialism proposes to abolish the old-time class "State" and substitute an entirely different thing, namely, an Industrial organization in which there can be no classes, and hence no State in the old sense.

The above "State"

The class "State" exists to defend the interests of private property—to uphold the ruling class in their exploit-

uphold the ruling class in their exploitation of the producing class. This class and their "State" have made the laws, interpreted the laws and enacted the laws all for their own benefit. The "majority" has never yet ruled. It has been cheated and cajoled into thinking it ruled here in America. But even our boasted free Constitution "ware much as alone for contribution." thinking it rules are to include a ceven our boasted free Constitution "was made by a class of property hold ers to prevent the majority ruling." That is the real reason for its "system of checks and balances."

### Thoughts by Your Uncle

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