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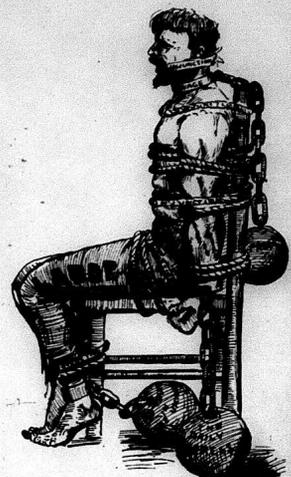
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No. 5, By John Spargo

Socialism, the Hope of the Workers.

KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PAIL AND LOOK PLEASANT.

(Dedicated to the Working Class of America, Especially the 150,000 Striking Miners in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.)



JOHN SPARGO
(Editor "The Comrade," New York.)

From Sir William Petty, who lived in the seventeenth century, and whom Karl Marx calls "the Father of Political Economy," to John Stuart Mill, every one of the great economists of England held it to be a cardinal fact in economic science that all wealth is produced by labor applied to natural forces. And Benjamin Franklin, who alone of American writers added anything to economic science, had a great deal of stress upon that same primary fact.

For a railway is essentially a social thing. It springs from social necessity and its use or abuse influences not only the lives of the 10,000 men of the whole community. In a very real way we are "all members one of another," to use the scriptural language. To give the railway to a minority whether it consist of ten men or ten thousand, is to place the rest of the people in a position of servitude. Moreover, a railway cannot be said to be the product of the labor of so many men. In order to have a railway, before a single man could be set to work, there must have been the tool maker, and before the tool maker the iron miner and the coal miner, and the farmer to provide these with food and so on. Before a single steel rail could be laid innumerable workers had borne a share in the sum total of the labor required to make it. Never was intellect keen enough to fully appreciate the tangled threads of wealth production. A railway, a ship, a factory, a plow—in a word any one of the varied mechanical contrivances which surround us, is a social product, the result of common labor and common experience. But they are not owned in common. On the contrary, they are owned by a comparatively small number of people, who are thus enabled to dominate over their fellows. And to this fact most of the evils which infest our society may be traced, whether they be economic, political or moral.

Who Makes a Railway?
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"The World for the Workers."
Socialism (a word derived from the Latin *Socius*—a comrade) demands that all this great social product shall belong to society as a whole, to be enjoyed by them in common. In other words, that all the means of wealth production, distribution and exchange, shall be owned by the people as a whole democratically organized, and used always for the social well-being.

Municipalism a Step Down.
"By the people democratically organized for the social well-being," that is the distinction between Socialism and the so-called "public ownership," which often masquerades as Socialism. It is highly important that there be no confusion between the two. Much of the confusion arises from the fact that municipalities, for example, in truth a step further into the quagmire of capitalist exploitation. It is easy to see how in this country, if nationalization of the railways should be decided upon, bonds might—and with a capitalist government would—be issued, the interest upon which would equal the present profits. Just as with the "slumlord" in London and other English cities there is scarcely a department of industry where this kind of "public ownership" might not be made even more profitable to the holders than the present system. And the position of the workers under such a system would be worse than at present. In Italy where they have government owned railways, when the workers went on strike the capitalist government placed the railways, municipally and effectively broke the strike. Does any body doubt that a capitalist government in America, whether Democratic or Republican, would do less? Government ownership of anything will not help the workers unless it is in the hands of the workers.

The Great "Class" Issue.
Thus we come in any practical survey of the question upon the great "class" issue. We have seen that the present problem consists in the exploitation of the workers by the holders and the problem can only be solved by eliminating the latter. Hard as it may appear to some well meaning Socialists, and would be Socialists, therefore, it is essentially a "class" question. And the Socialist party in all lands is a system which party, pledged irrevocably to the interests of labor and influenced by no other consideration. The conscious aim of all its efforts is to place the entire ownership of the whole fabric of society upon the right of the workers collectively to the whole product of their labor. In the pursuit of that revolu-

tionary principle we find the whole of the present policy of plundering capitalism arrayed against us, and, whether we will or no, we are forced to recognize the fact that there is a bitter and relentless class struggle in which we are conscientiously or unconsciously participants. For there are no neutrals. In this war it is terribly and profoundly true that "he who is not for us is against us," which translated into the language of politics means: "he who does not vote for labor votes against it." Let the timid take heart; we wage this "class war" not because we desire it, but because there is no escape from it. If there were no class antagonism, we should not need Socialism, and there would be no social problem.

End the Class War.
Finally, we do not seek to overthrow the present rulers of society in order that we may rule them. That would only be reversing the form of the class oppression and tyranny of today. Equally with those who shudder at mention of the terrible phrase, we abhor the class war. Therefore, we seek to end it by using the powers we possess as citizens to wrest from the oppressors their power, and having done that, we shall be able to say: "Now is the glorious strife forever ended and brotherhood made possible." Socialism means human brotherhood—the fulfillment of the ages' dream of "peace and good will among men," but it will only be made possible by the unflinching, unrelenting struggle of the working class itself to secure its own emancipation.

John Spargo

The truth and the majority of the people in the past and present have been and are strangers. They will get acquainted in the near future.
JOSEPH.

THE TWO WORLDS.
The Capitalist World.
The social atmosphere is not favorable to the production of poets, artists, scientists and philosophers. It is a land of engineers, inventors, financiers and manufacturers. Here in America the environment tends ever to draw us away from the highest aims.—President Sherman, of Cornell.

The Socialist World.
"The Socialist demands the greatest possible organization of the material basis of life that he may have the greatest possible freedom to the life of the spirit, and maintains that the absence of freedom and variation in the one direction follows from the absence of organization in the other."—Sidney Hill, Socialist (St. John's College, Oxford), in International Journal of Ethics, vol. 5, 228.

"The immediate aim of the Socialists is the conquest of political power by the Proletariat."—Marx & Engels.

Almost the entire paper this week is taken up with accounts of Socialist conventions and platforms. This is a most significant thing, that shows how fast Socialists are getting to work.

You will find these Socialist platforms coming from all parts of the country most interesting reading. They are not like the old party platforms, made up to catch votes, and consisting of "glittering generalities." Nor are they all made just alike. They display active thinking, each for itself.

If you want to know what Socialists think they mean, read over these declarations which issue hot from the hearts and minds of the most earnest men in America.

From all parts of the State of Washington we hear of the Democrats praying for the Socialists to fuse with them. But they are finding the Socialists made of different stuff from the Populists. This time the mountain must come to Mahomet.

In one county the Democrats offer to adopt the Socialist platform and the entire ticket—excepting only three offices. Give us three little crumbs, please. The Democrats ask this of the despised Socialists. This in 1902! What in 1904?

On one of the big steamers coming down from Alaska the chief topic of conversation was Socialism. The steerman was seething with it and the cabin could not escape. Socialist papers were plastered all over the vessel. Democrats could not be found, and Republicans were on the run to escape those awful Socialist arguments. An old time Democratic physician in Seattle said last week: "Those A B C articles put it about right. I've been reading them carefully and I don't see how to meet such reasoning." Of course, Socialists are never afraid of discussion. If they can't prove they are right, they don't want you to agree with them.

The strikers are putting up a good fight in Seattle. The butchers are no cowards, and Mr. Frye, who "has nothing to arbitrate," is finding that a boycott is no laughing matter. The best part of every strike rightly conducted is this, that the strikers are forced to think of the class struggle, and they rapidly learn that Socialists are the only ones who can explain to

them what that class struggle means and how to end it forever by the complete victory of the working class, at the polls. Every strike for better wages, rightly understood, leads to a strike together at the ballot box. One of the signs of the times in Seattle is the growing favor with which Socialism is regarded among workingmen. It is daily coming to be understood that the Socialist Party is the Workingman's Party. Once let that idea get popular, and then, good-bye, you old parties, and welcome the new Emancipation!

Our artist's Coming Automobile, named "Dollars," is a fit type of Capitalism. It rushes on, it crushes on, regardless of the suffering and dying in its pathway. Just as those men sit indifferently on the "auto" while women and children are swept down, so our rich people heed not the poverty and misery and degradation which exists underneath all the finery and display of modern fashionable life.

A TRUE STORY.
NEW YORK, Monday, Aug. 25.—A pathetic story is told by Wolfe Pinkelman, the acknowledged dean of the striking Garment Workers. Wolfe came from Poland over thirty years ago, a good tailor, seeking his fortune in what he alludes to as the New Eordado.

He came thinking that his nimble hand and good workmanship would carry him to the desired goal. He has worked for thirty years for the leading clothing manufacturers of New York and he has received an average of six dollars a week for his work.

He has been in strike strikes and has never gained an advance until recently, when his modest wages were advanced to \$8 per week. This advance necessitates longer hours of labor and only means the increased cost of living caused by the rise in prices of provisions and coal.

His wife and himself are dependent upon these wages. His work is just as acceptable as it ever was and Mrs. Pinkelman uses her nimble fingers to be p him out. Mr. Pinkelman voices these terrible sentiments: "Poland is the land of serfs. America is the land of slaves who die." He says further, "My wife was content to exist as our ancestors had, but America was the golden place of my dreams. We came. We have not found name or gold—

"THE FIRST STEP IN THE REVOLUTION BY THE WORKING CLASS IS TO RAISE THE PROLETARIAT TO THE POSITION OF THE RULING CLASS; TO WIN THE BATTLE OF DEMOCRACY; TO GAIN POLITICAL SUPREMACY."—Marx and Engels.

"More than a million men are employed by the companies Morgan controls. This means that Five Million men, women and children are dependent on him for a living—or rather that Five Million persons contribute to his comfort."—N. Y. Banker.

If you have not registered since January 1 of this year, you should do so at once. Many a man has lost his vote by neglect of registering. Today is the best day to do it.

"The ruling ideas of each age have ever been the ideas of its ruling class."—Marx and Engels.



only work and starvation. Masters in our own Poland cherish the serfs that they may profit. Employers here grind us so that we may not possibly profit.

"What matters it if we die. There are many more of us to come in our stead, a steady stream, for the story of America—the land of fortune and freedom is as alluring and as false as ever.

"I have been in all the strikes. We had to starve for weeks, and thought that we were fighting for principle, but the balance care for my spirit and starved rather than to have nourished my body at the cost of my soul!"
"A strange and difficult human document."

Nebraska Speaks

NEBRASKA PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS—GREATEST ENTHUSIASM AND CLEAR-CUT RESOLUTIONS.

Without exception the Socialist State Convention which convened at 313 North Sixteenth Street, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 2 was the most remarkable convention ever held in Nebraska. Great enthusiasm prevailed. Three hundred or more Socialists were present and representatives from nearly every village union of the city of Omaha. A full state ticket was nominated, with Geo. E. Biglow, the well known Socialist orator of national repute, at the head of the ticket. Platform and resolutions were adopted as follows:

PLATFORM.
Motto: Economic Equality.
 The Socialist Party of the State of Nebraska, in convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of National and International Socialism and adopts as its platform the platform of the National Socialist Party and the name "Socialist Party" as the legal name of the Socialist Party of Nebraska.

RESOLUTION TO THE FARMER.
 Whereas, The unequal struggle of the farmer against the encroachment and exploitation of the idle, non-producing capitalist class, going on year after year, with ever increasing desperation on the one hand and increasing assurance and hostility on the other, but too clearly demonstrate the fact that not only are the economic interests of the farmer and the average worker alike, factory, shop and mine identical, but that the farmer, once considered independent, is yearly being exploited with the rest of the vast army of proletariat wage workers, out of the major portion of the product of his toil, year after year after economic development, with its nature and outgrowth of trusts, culminating in powerful joint stock concerns, which but literally

Resolved, That we, the Socialist Party of Nebraska, in mass convention assembled, do hereby appeal to the farmers for their cooperation with the Socialists of the State and Nation for the overthrow of the present criminal competitive system and the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth, based on the collective ownership and management of the means of production and distribution of wealth, to the end that economic freedom and justice be insured to all in the creating and sharing of the Social product.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY TO THE TRADES UNIONS.

Whereas, The criminal exploitation by the idle capitalist class of the men, women and children who make up the vast army of proletariat wage slaves in mines, stores, shops and factories has driven many of the trades unions throughout the country into strikes or forced them out of employment by criminal lockouts; and

Whereas, The capitalist class, by the aid of hired assassins and federal judges—representatives of both Democratic and Republican parties—have resorted to the most brutal and barbaric methods of ancient and modern warfare to stave the suffering strikers into submission and make more despot and effectual the iron rod of oppression therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Socialist Party of Nebraska, in convention assembled, do extend to our brothers in the Union Pacific and other strikers everywhere in this and every land, our sympathy; and, be it further

Resolved, That we shall continue to give not only our sympathy but material aid to all trades unions on strike against oppression until the wage workers shall have secured to themselves the full product of their toil;

And, whereas, Said full product can only be obtained by the collective ownership and management of the instruments of production and distribution;

And, whereas, The collective ownership of the instruments of production and distribution can only be acquired by the con-

head of the organization, thereby suspending the directing force, without which organization is impossible.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to all the Socialist papers and magazines throughout the country.

CENTURY CLUB.

The Century Club will soon have another member. That some Socialists realize the importance of getting people to read a Socialist paper is shown by the steady increase in the list. Sunday is a good day for canvassing. If you prefer, get another Socialist to go with you and let no one escape. You will be assisted, at what you can accomplish, and it will make Socialists faster than anything else. Just try it next Sunday, and the next, and the next, and the next, until you have sent in 100 subscriptions. Then send your photograph and biographical

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SILVER BOW COUNTY (MONT.) PLATFORM.

"We, the Socialist Party of Silver Bow County, in convention assembled, affirm our allegiance to the Socialist Party of Montana and America, and their platform, principles and reaffirm our adherence to the principles of International Socialism. In presenting our candidates to the working classes and those in sympathy with them, we have our appeal upon the following as our political principles:

- "1. Labor produces wealth.
- "2. Under the present conditions where all the means of producing wealth—the mines, the mills, the factories, the fertile lands, the forests and all the means of distribution, the railroads and the steamboats—are owned and conducted by the numerically small capitalist class, the working class receives but a miserable and scant portion of their production in the form of wages.
- "3. To give to the worker all that he produces requires a change in the ownership of these industries, a change from ownership by individuals and corporations to ownership by the people acting collectively.
- "4. The present conditions having brought on a class struggle between the organized workers on the one hand and the organized powers of capitalists on the other, the workers are obliged to recognize this class struggle and organize into political party entirely distinct from and opposed to all capitalist parties.
- "5. The Socialist Party is an answer to this demand, and its program is to capture the machinery of government and to use it to assist the workers in their class struggle with the capitalists.
- "6. Control of the government once attained, the Socialist Party will bring about the total abolition of capitalism and the wage system, will abolish classes in society and end the class struggle by substituting as soon as possible collective ownership of all industry for the present system."

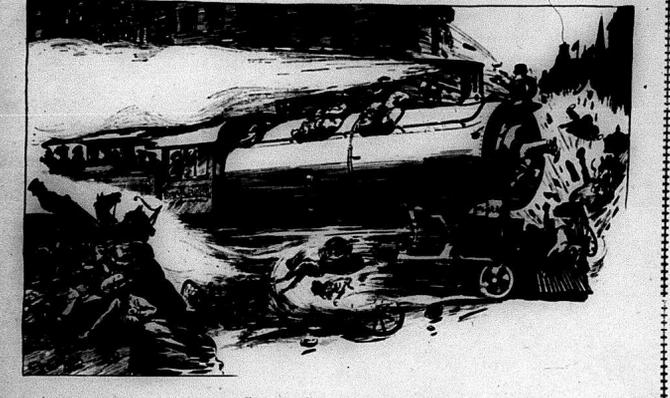
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the rapacity and powers of capitalist exploitation, makes the problem of the farmer and the wage worker the one problem of a producing class.

And, whereas, By a bewildering system of exploitation, through railway system, elevator tolls, farm and machine mortgages, manipulation of markets by the board of trade, grain dealers' associations and a hundred other means, the produce of the farm is yearly siphoned from the farmer by the same parasitical class, who, through a simpler, more direct process of exploitation, riches from the thousands of proprietors, less wage workers in factories, shops and mines the six-eighths of the wealth their hands create by forcing them, hounded by hunger, to sell themselves piecemeal at a desperate bargain, until the farm problem and the labor problem, becoming year after year more identical, have at last merged into the one great question—How can we secure to the producer, whether farmer or wage worker, the produce of his toil?

And, whereas, The rise of the large department store has made harder and harder the small merchant's battle for existence, gradually forcing him into the ranks of the propertyless wage workers, likewise the small farmer by the encroachment and exploitation of the large capitalist, reduced year after year to smaller and smaller capital, unable to purchase the more costly and modern improved machinery necessary for successful farming on a large scale, finding it impossible to compete with the big bonanza farmer with large capital behind him, must inevitably be forced from the farm to the mine, field or factory, going the way of the small merchant and shopkeeper joining the vast army of expropriated proletarians having only "hands to sell";

And, whereas, The basis of this criminal exploitation of both farmer and wage worker lies in the private ownership of the instruments of production and distribution, maintained by laws enacted and enforced in the interest of the ruling class, who own and rule the means of life for their own private profit; therefore be it

quest of the powers of government by the working class;

And, whereas, The Socialist Party is the political expression, as the trades union movement is the economic expression, of the interests of the working class, and the only party that demands for the worker the class full product of their toil; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Socialist Party of Nebraska, in convention assembled, do extend to all trades unions an invitation to join our organization and join forces with us in the workmen's sympathetic strike at the ballot box, that speedy victory may crown our united efforts to arrest the powers of government and the yoke of oppression from the Master Class. (Signed)

J. E. MORGAN, State Secy.
 MRS. J. H. PIPPS ROE,
 BERNARD McCAFFREY,
 Committee on Platform and Resolutions.

RESOLUTION ON STATE AUTONOMY.

Whereas, The most dangerous enemies of the Socialist Party are the hirelings of capital, who lurk behind the garb of comradeship and not those who meet us upon an open field without favors; this truth has never been so forcibly demonstrated in Nebraska, whose organizations, National as well as State, held at bay by a few traitors who, while fortified behind the bulwark of State Autonomy hurl defiance in the teeth of the Socialist Party of the Nation, challenging it to dislodge them from their stronghold;

sketch, which will be published. When the club membership has reached 100 we will publish a neatly bound book containing pictures and sketches of all members, a copy of which will be furnished free to each member of the club. Here is a list of those who are now working for membership. Who will be the next to enter the list?

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