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When a man tells you the abolition of competition would kill incentive, ask him why the farmer cuts the weeds out of his crops.

Socialism means the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution, the democratic control of industry.

When trades unionists are on strike and try to prevent scabs from taking their places the plutocratic press raises a big howl about the unlawful working men who will not allow the poor scab to work for a living, horrible simply horrible.

Grover Cleveland is coming rapidly to the front as a possible Democratic candidate for president in 1904. It may seem strange to the so-called radical democrats, but THE FACT IS he is the only democrat who has a ghost of a show of election for the capitalist class would not offer any serious resistance to him.

The first copy of Labor and Capital the paper that has been founded by the National Economic League for the purpose of "educating the working men" of America, has reached this office.

On the first of May the Chicago Record-Herald, had an elaborate account of the progress that labor had made. Giving in detail gains made by the various organizations in the spring strikes.

Have you secured a new subscriber today? If not, do it now.

THE ECONOMIC LEAGUE

Vol. 1, No. 1 of "Labor and Capital," a publication for the employed and the employer by the National Economic League, has been issued.

Everybody knows Untermyer. He lines up all right and tells them the truth. Kellogg sets up a straw man and raves over the loss of individuality under Socialism.

The cause of Socialism has nothing to fear from its opponents if nothing more telling is published against it than the contents of the April number of Labor and Capital reveal.

THE MEANING OF MAY DAY.

All over the civilized world workmen and workingwomen are meeting and marching on the First of May, bearing aloft the Red Flag of Socialism, singing the songs of revolution, voicing their defiance of class rule, their aspirations toward freedom and brotherhood, their resolution to transform this world of war and hunger into a world of plenty and peace.

What is it that May Day stands for? Is it peace? Yes. And it is also war. Is it self-sacrifice? Yes. And it is also self-assertion.

In two phrases we sum up the meaning of the First of May—the Class Struggle and the International Solidarity of Labor.

Everywhere we see the interests of the owners and the interests of the workers in irreconcilable opposition. The capitalists are raised aloft only by standing on the shoulders of the

wage-workers; the wage-workers cannot stand erect unless by throwing the capitalists from their backs.

Everywhere we see the consciousness of this opposition growing clearer day by day. Workingmen are learning to think and act together to resist the aggressions of their masters.

In this conflict, whether over minor questions or over the great all-embracing question, we see each side compelled to use every means that can serve its end—education and miseducation, the strike and boycott and the lockout and blacklist, persuasion, force and political power.

This is one-half of the truth that we proclaim on the first of May—the irrepressible class struggle that must be fought out, sooner or later, to complete victory on one side or on the other.

For the rest, we see that, however, the capitalists of different countries may try to outwit or overreach each other, however keenly they may compete to control the world market, however ready they may be to plunge their respective nations in wars where the blood of the toilers shall be coiled into gold for the idlers of the winning side.

The capitalists, who are unable to consume the vast wealth which they wring from the workers, but keep the workers from consuming it just the same, have been fittingly likened to the dog in the manger who could not eat the hay himself but kept the ox from doing so.

On this day we point out that, as the interests of capital are identical, so also are the interests of Labor. That one workman is born an American and another a German, one a Christian and another a Jew, is no reason for their being enemies.

That is what May Day stands for—comradeship among the workers of the world against the exploiters of the world until exploitation is ended, until victory brings peace, and then comradeship among the free workers of the world in the splendid days that are to be.

The Supreme Court of Indiana declared the Weekly Pay Law unconstitutional. In the syllabus of the case it is in effect said that if a man is paid once a week he becomes a slave.

I am not much of an admirer of Daniel Webster. In his middle and later years he was a trimmer and compromiser. But in his younger years he said some things worthy to be repeated.

X Rays

By JOHN M. WOOD.

And now it is Mark Hanna's turn to struggle up close to the working man. Shrewd shrewd Mr. Hanna.

Remember that when the frog fell into the cream he kept agitating until he churned it into butter and then walked out. Never cease agitating.

The man of advanced views is always charged with being a pessimist and a calamity howler. Phillips Brooks said that such a man is a true optimist. That this is indeed true is evidenced by the fact that in order to work for something advanced one must have faith in humanity and in the future.

They say Socialists intrude their views upon other people. Well, maybe we do sometimes, but we can't help it. We know we are right and we know the other fellow is asleep, we feel it to be our duty to wake him up.

The dog in the manger who could not eat the hay himself but kept the ox from doing so. It may be well to remind the pure and simple trades unionist and others who do not believe there is any way for the ox to get rid of the dog, that the fable of the dog in the manger has been revised. I have not the revised edition before me, but it runs something like this.

To do good is the only real success there is in the world. All else is sham, pretense and unreality. It does not matter what money or position a man gains in the world, unless his living has made the world better and humanity higher, he has been a fat failure.

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and the land, and at some time or other, in some place or other, the volcano will break out and flame up to heaven. Those sentences cover a multitude of sins.

Prof. Graham Taylor, with his social settlement, has been accused of being like the drunken man who could not help his partner up out of the gutter and therefore sat down beside him saying, "I'm sorry I can't help you up, Jim, but I can sit down in the mud with you anyway."

The demands which the Socialist movement makes upon the energy and leisure of its active adherents involve one serious danger. There is so much to be done for the party and so much to be read in the party press that the really militant Socialist is likely to neglect to read anything else and so to become narrow in his views.

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Senator Hanna declared in a speech in Erie, last week, that the trade unions should be "Americanized." Will the Senator please be specific, since his generalizations are likely to be misunderstood by laymen.

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SCATTERING PARAGRAPHS

The Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts told the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association recently that New England still leads in the manufacture of cotton goods, but faces a serious handicap.

Several so-called "Labor-Leaders" have already placed themselves on record as to their intentions of working for the reelection of Judge Haney. It is no wonder that honest union men cry "No Politics in the Union" when attempts are made to have them endorse men who hold records similar to Judge Haney's regarding injunctions, etc.

The supreme court of the United States has opened the way for the disfranchisement of the negro by turning down the case of A. J. Giles, appealed from Montgomery county, Ala., where he was not allowed to vote.

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The Republican big-guns have heard their ears to the ground. They heard a rumble. That big Socialist vote has startled the wisest of them.

The battleship Arkansas has reached St. Louis. Perhaps the navy department wishes to impress the Westerners what a great nation we are; that all we need is a great navy to conquer the entire commercial world, and then when billion dollar appropriations are asked for to build the fighting machines, there will be no opposition from the sturdy farmers who have had that exquisite pleasure of gazing upon one of your Uncle Sam's floating works of death and destruction.

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along without dog dinners, monkey dinners, Seelye dinners, horseback dinners, the water cure and post office robberies? Socialism will stop this. Which looks the more practical?

You must have read General Miles' report on the Philippines. It would be useless to repeat his words here. To every liberty-loving person it must be nauseating to have to swallow what our present political servants are feeding us with.

President Roosevelt delivered a rather remarkable address at Omaha the other day. He appealed vigorously to his hearers not to listen to the agitators trying to pull up or pull down one class at the expense of the other and creating class hatred.

The president has ignored all attempts to investigate the official records of Gen. Wood in Cuba although some charges of the grayest character have been made against him.

We have the pleasing announcement that the packers trust intend to raise the prices on beef and poultry pretty soon. Fellow workmen, those of you who voted for municipal ownership, do you see where you get off at?

The National Economic League is out with issue No. 1, Volume 1 of its periodical which is calculated to educate all classes that capital and labor must work harmoniously together. If the editor will print in each succeeding number an article as well as the first one from the able pen of Comrade Untermyer, the Socialists have nothing to fear from this "unprejudiced" set of men who propose to stamp out the rapid growth of a pernicious doctrine—Socialism.

SOCIALISM IS COMING, LINE UP FOR IT.

Report from Comrade Collins.

I have not got much of a report this week as I have been under the weather for a few days. Caught a bad cold by speaking out side in cold, damp weather.

I spoke at Maunx Chunk Thursday, April 23, had a good crowd. Spoke at Lansford, Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. At Hauto, Sunday, April 26, to a full house—at Hazelton Monday, April 27 and have got these boys all right now—at Silver Brook Tuesday, April 28, the hall was full and I got them to order stamps and organized them.

Will speak around here for 4 days more, then I am going back through Schulkill county again to finish organizing them, and will report further next week.

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