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It is the subordination of Politics to the Interests of Private Capital that Breeds Corruption

IS SOCIALISM A DREAM?

When a Socialist speaker stands on a street corner and preaches the idea of a social revolution to a small audience of ordinary working men...

His faith in the ultimate success of the cause he so ardently and enthusiastically presents astonishes the "practical" patient wage slave...

The writer of these words has often tried to see himself as he stands on a "soapbox," as his audience sees him...

To the person with the capitalist point of view, even though he be a wage worker, the Socialist agitator's task appears to be a hopeless one...

On the other hand, the Socialist sees things from an entirely different standpoint. He has studied the evolution of society through all its various changes...

SIDE LIGHTS.

I was going down Wells street early in the morning. The streets were crowded with men, women and children hurrying to their work...

They had little cold lunches wrapped in paper under their arms. As I looked at this sight my blood boiled with indignation...

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to wait, knowing with assurance before very long the pressure in the mill, farm, factory, railroad or department store, where his hearers are forced to sell their labor power...

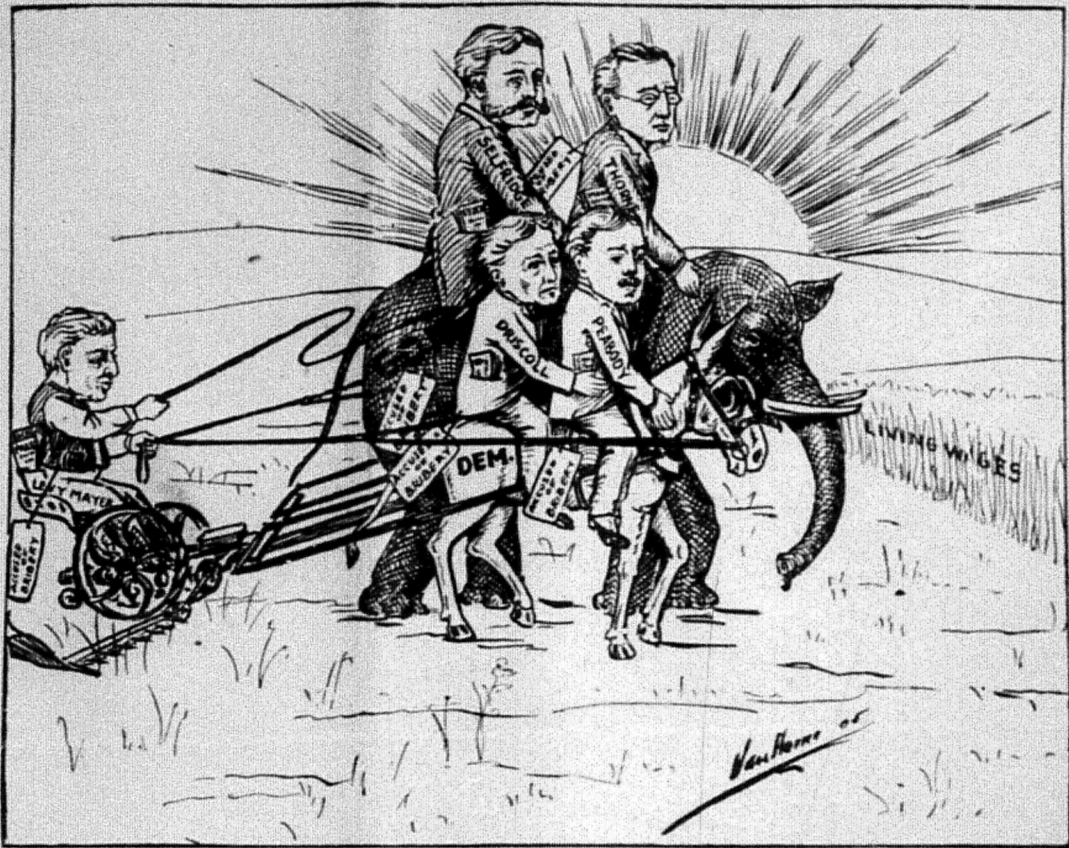
The Socialist worker knows and realizes (and this is the source of his inspiration, boldness, audacity and apparent fanaticism) that the same industrial pressure which caused him to see the truth pointed out by Socialist speakers will eventually have the same effect on the minds of other workers...

The modern scientific Socialist's dream of a future state of society (and not very far in the future, either) is not based on any scheme or plan evolved in the mind of some dreamer of dreams. His hopes are reasonable and entirely within the reach of this generation...

The Socialist claims that if the trusts (which reactionary minds claim must be "busted" or "regulated") must be collectively owned by the people for the purpose of easily providing for their material wants and abolishing poverty...

relieved myself by remarking to a typical looking workman with a dinner pail in his hand that it was a shame that little children like that were forced to go to the factories...

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Good Company for Organized Labor to Shun.

that the man with the dinner pail who had handed me the leaflet had pointed the way. Fill your pockets with good Socialist leaflets and get them into the hands of the workers.

It was on North Clark street one afternoon last week. An old man, bent almost double between the shafts of a huge handcart with a rope around his body, was pulling a load of wood he had gathered at some building that was being wrecked...

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Don't forget that bribery requires a bribe-giver as well as bribe-taker. The capitalist papers seem to forget this important fact.

So long as profit is the impelling motive for producing commodities, and competition is the whip that drives men to action, we shall have our newspapers filled with the disgusting de-

tails of the very natural effect of such a system. The natural fruits of the competitive system are bribery, treachery, inhumanity, child slavery, prostitution, drunkenness, red light districts, divorce scandals, and a host of other evils too numerous to mention...

No time should be lost in starting an agitation for a parcels post law. This will hit the express companies just where they live and have their existence...

The June Grand Jury indicted some twenty labor leaders on various charges, but the employers and their agents who were charged with bribing, or attempting to bribe the business agents of the unions, were exonerated...

A Socialist is a person who sees the necessity of the collective ownership and operation of the means of producing and distributing wealth for the use of all who are willing to do their share of the work.

Mayor Dunne announces that he will segregate the ten thousand "fallen" women in four distinct "red light" districts. Raymond Robbins says there are 60,000 homeless men in Chicago...

The capitalists have set their whole pack of retainers yelping in pursuit of the life of the Chicago School Teachers' Association. The very idea of an ordinary school teacher having and expressing an opinion on a question like the teamsters' strike...

If the "Teachers' Bulletin" had expressed the opinion that the 40,000 teamsters in Chicago were a lot of plug-uglies and rioters who didn't want to work, anyway, and that the members of the Employers' Association were a fine lot of "Christian gentlemen" who never dodged their taxes...

praised the conservatism and intelligence of the teachers. But it didn't; it told the truth about the strike, and if the working people in Chicago will stand for it the Employers' Association will see that they pay the penalty for their "impudence"...

Last week the Grand Jury indicted some twenty-five union labor "leaders," and the lightning struck three Christian churches, damaging them to the extent of \$45,000. But the Grand Jury and the lightning both passed over the heads of the Employers' Association and never touched them.

The capitalist apologists say that Socialism will break up the home. As a matter of fact, the modern Socialists the world over are the only organized body of people that are persistently endeavoring to bring about conditions that will make it possible for all working men and women to have a home worthy of the name.

Socialism will break up the condition which breeds slums and the capitalist institution of prostitution and red light districts.

The Tribune announces that the teachers' union is a foe to the employers' association. What does our esteemed contemporary expect? Did it think that the union smashing employers had any friends among working people who had sense enough to organize for their own protection?

Do any of you who have been reading the disgusting details about the "red light" district and the way these unfortunate victims of capitalism are being hounded by the police from one piece to another, take any stock in that capitalist lie that Socialism aims to break up the home? Socialism will make it unnecessary for women to sell their virtue for bread either with or without a ceremony. See?

The teamsters' strike is fast educating the workers to the necessity of working class political action. When Mayor Dunne ordered the police to ride on the wagons beside the strike-breakers he lost all the confidence that the workers had in him.

A PRETEXT FOUND.

Miss Margaret Haley was for many years a teacher in the Chicago public schools. Some few years ago the city found itself short of funds to carry on the work of the schools properly...

Among the thousands of school teachers in the public schools at that time there were at least two—Miss Haley and Miss Goggin—who thought out a novel and original plan, which very much displeased the "legal possessors" of the hundreds of millions of the surplus values created by the patient workers and exploited from them...

The agitation started by these teachers finally resulted in compelling the millionaires and corporations to pay more taxes. The teachers in self-protection organized the Teachers' Federation and elected Miss Haley as their business agent, which position she has held for the past four years.

The capitalist tax-dodgers have never been able to forgive the school teachers for the part they took in that fight. Through their servile press and pulpits they have continually kept up a relentless persecution, and for a long time they have been looking for a pretext to exterminate the Teachers' Federation. At last, they hope they have found one.

Miss Haley is sick. Some of the teachers, whom she has served so faithfully, started a subscription for her material relief. One of these lists has been found in one of the schools, so it is alleged. This act of mercy and common humanity has been attacked by the capitalist press as though it were a heinous crime...

Capitalism has resorted to many contemptible methods to crush any rising spirit of independence it sees in the working class. But to make this commendable act of humanity the pretext of an attack on the Teachers' Federation exhibits the true nature of the Employers' Association in all its naked brutality and beastliness.

The exploiters of labor may succeed in crushing the Teachers' Federation, but we are of the opinion that their success will react like a boomerang. The capitalists have long done as they pleased with all our institutions. They have prostituted our colleges, pulpits, public press and schools, and made them all servile to their sordid greed.

But the great, sleeping giant of labor is awakening. Already a gleam of intelligence sparkles in his eye. He is reaching for political power. When he grasps it, the reign of greed will terminate. The fight on the Teachers' Federation will hasten the day. Proceed, capitalism. You are rushing on to your own destruction.

As a remedy for strikes, lockouts, boycotts, scabbery, slugging, prostitution of women's persons and men's minds, boodling, grafting, sweating, child slavery, the unemployed problem and all the cankerous sores on the body politic, study Socialism.

Judas Iscariot, by one act of perfidy, made a great reputation for himself, and sent his name down to posterity as a synonym of all that was contemptible and repulsive, but we never heard much about the men who bribed him. They were merely up-to-date business men who wished to get rid of a dangerous character, and took the easiest way to accomplish their purpose.

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DEMOCRACY THE MASTER FORCE.

Perhaps the most notable result of the industrial revolution is that it has supplied the technical conditions for a durable and progressive democracy...

From these considerations, it will be obvious that the democracy is not an accident dependent merely on the acceptance of a novel set of opinions...

Socialism in Sentences

Capitalists are great sticklers for "law and order" when law serves their purposes.

Socialism will give every man an equal chance to get what he needs and keep what he gets.

The world isn't going to the devil, even though some of our capitalists do, there's Socialism ahead.

It is not politics that breeds graft, but the subordination of politics to the interests of private capital.

What is the trouble with the world? This... We let century-old systems govern twentieth century powers.

While our State street stores are crowded with goods, in most thousands of homes are bare and cheerless.

That man is to be pitied who asks what a fellow would do under Socialism with only three hours' work a day.

It is a fact that multitudes of men who once had a grip on a home, now have a grip on nothing—not even a job.

Why is it that a fellow like Rockefeller has so many Christian apologists? Because Christianity like oil has been capitalized.

Art is not used in making beautiful the homes of the toiling poor, but in gilding empty palaces and advertising new brands of gum.

No use getting your hair cut unless you get the cobwebs off your brain; give your brain a chance to grow by studying Socialism.

An advertisement in a daily newspaper read: "Wanted—a woman for her board," that's in a country where pups ride in carriages.

One of the overpaid men in this country is the fellow who does the anti-Socialist stunt for Jack Walsh on the Chicago Chronicle.

The Socialist party is the political weather-vane in every country, indicating the real progress the race is making toward freedom.

Sticide is increasing, it appears; and no wonder; no man would take his life under Socialism, or, if he did, society would at least be blameless.

Many an honest man in Chicago is flattening his nose against the bakery windows, while crooks and glotters are eating at the city's expense.

Music does not sound its glorious melodies in the ear of the mass, but is imprisoned in corporation concert room, heard only by those who can pay the price.

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A SOCIALIST SONG.

For human rights we take our stand, In freedom a voice we raise, Our watchword echoes thro' the land...

THE LIVING VOICES, THE GIFTED MEN...

STRIKE OBSERVATIONS.

BY FRANK A. HICKER.

The employers have done much for the cause of Socialism in the past six days—more than the Socialist party could accomplish in the same length of time.

The striking Stock Yards workers learned the lesson. It was severe, yet the manner in which it was learned was so indelibly impressed upon their minds...

You will remember some eleven years ago there was called a strike of the railroads in Chicago, which paralyzed business so completely that it was a long time before normal conditions were resumed.

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The big whaleback Columbus has been engaged for the grand boat excursion, Sunday, June 25.

Science and Industry

Spontaneous combustion caused almost as many fires as electricity in the last five years' experience of one insurance company.

The rapidity with which electric invention has progressed is shown forcibly by the fact that every indication points to the adoption of the electric locomotive before it is twenty years old.

In few places is the value of seconds more forcibly demonstrated than in the handling of the homeward-bound crowds in large cities.

As a result of ten years' experimenting on the durability of paints, an Eastern railroad has now introduced a system of protecting smooth steel surfaces in its stations with painted paper.

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the world. But even now he will only permit a few machines to be made and put to work in the great cotton fields of Ellis, Dallas, Collin and adjoining counties—perhaps two or three machines.

"From what I gathered from the machine, from Mr. Haring, its inventor, and from its work—I was let into the secret of it last year and have known of its experimentation for several years—this Texas machine will go down as one of the great commercial inventions, like that of the cotton gin by Whitney, the sewing machine by Elias Howe, the Bessemer steel process and the printing press of Hoe.

And Texas was the logical State for its invention and for its manufacture—though I am afraid, the manufacture of them will have to be largely outside—as Texas is the queen of the cotton king.

You want to keep your eye on that cotton picking machine of Haring's and his Dallas company, because he told me he was going to have one or two of them snatching cotton out of some blackland cotton patches this fall in a way to make the picking of Smith, the champion negro cotton picker of the world, seem like the unbuttoning antics of a South American eye-axe in comparison to that fleece-snatcher of his."

WORSE THINGS COULD HAPPEN.

John Mitchell's speech at Moose last Saturday contains several surprises, among others an intimation that he is soon to give up the position of president of the United Mine Workers of America.

"If it were a question of salary I would have quit long ago, as I can get at any time more than you pay me, in any venture that I may choose to undertake; but, as I said before, I am myself interested in the welfare of the miner."

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