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WORKING MEN WAKE UP!

The National Manufacturers' Association boasts that they have killed all labor legislation in Congress—Democrats and Republicans unite to serve the interests of the foes of labor.

The National Manufacturers' Association has lately sent the following confidential letter to all of its members. The letter came into the hands of the editor of The Socialist through—well, never mind how we got it—just read it and then take this paper to the next meeting of your union and have this letter read to all the members of the union, and see if it will not have a tendency to open their eyes.

While you are reading this letter, don't forget that it was workingmen's votes that elected all the Congressmen mentioned therein.

CONFIDENTIAL

General Offices, 170 Broadway, New York, June 8, 1906. Dear Sir—The various anti-injunction bills (seven of them in all) have just been passed by the House Judiciary Committee in Washington. FOR CONSIDERATION NEXT DECEMBER. This unprecedented victory for the association and its allied industrial interests, though the greatest and most important yet achieved, was also the hardest to win. Public opinion generally is more or less fearful lest the threats of organized labor should be effective, to beat them or their party; and of course there are still demagogues who, throwing principle to the winds, try to make partisan capital by trucking to organized labor, and think they can do it.

Dear Sir—The various anti-injunction bills (seven of them in all) have just been passed by the House Judiciary Committee in Washington. FOR CONSIDERATION NEXT DECEMBER.

We call your attention to the following news item from Milwaukee, where the workmen have sent a dozen class-conscious workmen to the City Council to represent them and their interests.

Don't fail to also have this news item read at your union. It will go far to show up the cheap political labor shames who act as decoys to lead you to the Democrat and Republican shambles.

The Socialist Aldermen in the Milwaukee City Council gave the old party politicians the shock last Monday. As the Republican and Democratic Aldermen entered the council chamber, they were started to see the galleries crowded with workmen. The Mayor and City Attorney came over to the Socialist Aldermen and anxiously inquired what they had up their sleeves. They received no enlightenment until the order of new business was reached. Then a Socialist Alderman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Common Council of the city of Milwaukee hereby extends its sympathy to said striking molders and respectfully recommends that the Foundrymen's Association grant their demands without unnecessary delay. Further Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to mail forthwith a copy of this resolution to each Milwaukee member of said Foundrymen's Association.

The action of the House Judiciary Committee flouted its contempt in the face of union labor through the letter quoted above, and demonstrates just how much the old party leaders fear Mr. Gompers' threat so long as organized labor only threatens to transfer its support from one capitalist party to the other.

Speaking of the treatment accorded to organized labor by the old party politicians on the House Judiciary Committee before the bookbinders' convention Mr. Gompers proclaimed: "Unless our petitions are answered in a better tone in the future than they have been in the past we shall change our request to a demand."

Now, union men, we submit to you in all candor and sincerity the question: How will Mr. Gompers and the unions proceed to change their methods of "pleading, petitioning and begging" to that of effective demanding?

Do you think the trick can be done by continuing to vote for the candidates of the old capitalist parties? Don't you think the method adopted by the workmen of Milwaukee in electing Socialists from their own ranks is much more effective?

When union labor abandons its servile policy of begging, pleading and petitioning and makes its demands through a class-conscious working class political party in the various City Councils, State Legislatures and the Congress at Washington, then their demands will mean something. Until then organized labor will continue to be held in and treated with utter contempt by the representatives of the capitalist class.

As soon as union labor seriously recognizes the fact that it is as necessary to use political power on election day as it is to use their united economic power during strikes and industrial war, then union labor will recognize the necessity of uniting with the universal labor party—the party of by and for the working class—the Socialist party.

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SOCIALISM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee points out a few incongruities in the policy followed by the Catholic church in its fight against Socialism. In an article entitled "Saving Society" the editor of the Citizen writes in part as follows:

"SAVING SOCIETY." The Church in France has opposed Socialism and made a dead set against it as a menace to the established order and existing society. The church has thus endeavored to "save society" in France.

But what has the "established order" or "existing society" done in return for the church? "Existing society" has combined in a "Riot" with the Socialists, and expelled the church from its sanctuaries. The very edifices of the church have been confiscated.

Does it not appear that "existing society" has been a "trifle ungrateful" and, furthermore, that it really deserves to be let see itself hereafter? We think so. And may it not be true that the present duty of the church in France is to save religion and let Caesar shift for himself?

As an instance directly bearing on the subject so sanely treated in the Catholic Citizen, we print below part of what the Literary Digest has to say about a new Catholic magazine lately started in Philadelphia to "combat Socialism."

The name of the new magazine is "The Catholic Standard and Times." It tells in the first issue what it considers its mission to be in part as follows:

SOWING THE WIND AND REAPING THE WHIRLWIND.

The revolting conditions at the yards have disgusted the whole nation. There is now a clamor for reform for sanitary conditions, for protection to public health and, no doubt, for the present at least, conditions will be improved. But Chicago and the nation is simply reaping what has been sown.

For untold years it has been the policy of the packers to grind the faces of their employees beyond human endurance, and when the poor slaves have shown signs of revolt they have been met with the policeman's club, bayonets and injunctions. Starvation wages, unsanitary conditions and the fearful "speeding up" system used have gradually driven off or killed off the better class of workmen.

This was illustrated two years ago, when the packing house employees, under the leadership of Mr. Donnelly, attempted to better their conditions. For an answer they were locked out, and our city government used its power, not to help the workers, but to help the packers break up the union, and in order to do so the packers were permitted to import all the white and black riff-raff that could be found anywhere in the sums of our large cities.

This was business, and our great President and great Governor and great Mayor, when the State law against importation of laborers was violated, had nothing to say, but stood supinely by and saw thousands of noble men and women struggling to better their conditions, either driven back into worse conditions or driven away to give place for hungrier stomachs, poorer workers and filthier conditions.

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WAIL OF THE MIDDLE CLASS.

A Writer in the North American Review Sees Danger Ahead—Says Rich should Assist Middle Class to Check the Advancing Tide of Socialism.

An article in the North American Review, signed by X, who, the editor of the North American Review says, is the most profound and philosophical thinker in America to-day, sounds a note of warning to the very wealthy portion of the capitalist class, and tells them they must help the middle class secure a fair share of the wealth. He says: "Unless some moral basis is found for possession of property which the masses will approve, the next presidential election may present a dangerous situation."

Property Accumulated by Few. The exact condition mentioned by Mr. Webster is the condition which confronts the American people to-day. The evil effects of billions of money in a few hands upon the masses of the people, as foretold by Mr. Webster, are gravely aggravated by the general belief that "the rapid accumulation of property in a few hands" has been the result of immoral and illegal practices on the part of its possessors.

Says Situation is Dangerous. The time, indeed, is perhaps not distant when everybody possessing private property will be obliged to answer these two plain questions: "How much have you withdrawn from the common store?" and "What moral basis do you have for it?"

What Are Property's Bulwarks? Now, what are the bulwarks of private property in the imperial commonwealth of New York, where so much of it is situated?

All the news that comes from Russia indicates that the peasants as well as the population of the cities and towns are about ready to strike the final blow that will put an end to the long night of horror that has so long blighted the lives of the millions of the population of Russia.

NO WORKING GIRLS FOR THEM. Capitalist Parasites at Geneva Object to Working Girls Spending Their Vacation in That Vicinity—Even Methodist Church Institution at Evanston Frowns on Female Toilers.

The Kilo Club is an institution that interests itself in "working girls." Just who constitutes the "Kilo Club" we do not know. But who ever they may be, they are learning that, after all, there are "classes" in these United States.

Make President's Salary Maximum. For the purpose of suggestion only an illustration of this ethical proposition might be found in the amount of the salary of the President of the United States. He is supposed to be a person of the first order.

Our Prize Winners. Following comrades are the winners in our great prize contest: First prize, grand upright piano, Emil Otto.

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OUT OF THE SEETHING CALDRON, PROFIT AND NOT MONOPOLY THE SOURCE OF ADULTERATION AND FRAUD.

By Alexander Rosen in the New York World.

In the depths of the densest darkness have I lived, and in me and about me was the vast wilderness of the night. Immeasurably vast and limitless in my feeble mind seemed the Realm of Darkness over which the grim Monarch of the Abyss held sway...

The following from an editorial in the Detroit Free Press, commenting on statements made on the subject of monopoly and competition, shows how little Mr. Bryan grasps the real cause of adulteration and corruption that is now agitating the minds of the American people...

Competition and Monopoly.

A reporter said something to Mr. Bryan about the beef trust, second in the United States, whereat he remarked: "The beef trust is not different in character and methods from other trusts. The inevitable tendency of a private monopoly is to increase the price of a product and to lower its quality."

Does Mr. Bryan not know that there is not an article that we eat, drink, wear or otherwise use, in which some manufacturer does not cheat us by adulterating or cheapening their products in some way?

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And take notice and remember, comrades, this book is straight proletarian. And straight proletarian it must be throughout. It is written for a proletarian publishing house. It is to be read by the proletariat.

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POLICE AND PACKERS.

The Four Pats. Dear Sir—There are a few things which Upton Sinclair, the President and others failed to give to the public about the packers, and that is, the use of the city's police at the taxpayers' expense.

For years I have made a study of the workings of Packingtown. Inspector Lavin in their net official. He was the great I am when I was there and it is still Mr. Spoor's "handy man."

How long are the citizens of Chicago going to stand this thing? God only knows. But it is plain that none but slaves or idiots would stand it as long as they have.

San Francisco, May 24, 1906. Louis Dalgaard, Business Manager Chicago Socialist. Dear Comrade—Your letter of May 18, granting our request to cancel all obligations up to June 1, at hand.

THE SAN FRANCISCO RELIEF FUND. What has become of Chicago's million-dollar fund for the relief of San Francisco?

It is known that Marshall Field & Co. donated \$5,000 and then sold about \$30,000 worth of merchandise to the committee of which John G. Shedd is chairman.

When one considers the failure of Gen. Miles and numerous others to focus public attention on the methods of the meat trust the success of Comrade Sinclair is

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A GOOD STORY.

Smith was a poor man, who worked for Myers, a rich man, and he also rented and occupied one of Myers' houses. One day Myers asked Smith why he did not buy himself a house.

Mr. Tom Brown, City My Poor Sir—When you came to Chicago and as soon as I beheld your drawings in the Tribune I was strangely attracted by your talent.

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When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to work for Myers Than when we first began.

JACK LONDON AS A PROPHET. When Jack London read the manuscript of "The Jungle" he wrote the following letter to the Socialists of America.

Circulate "The Jungle." Dear Comrades—Here it is at last! The book we have been waiting for these many years!

Dear Comrades—Here it is at last! The book we have been waiting for these many years! The "Uncle Tom's Cabin" of wage slavery!

A CURE FOR CONSUMPTION.

From the Medical and Socialist Point of View.

As a layman with regard to the practice of medicine, I have been deeply interested in an article by S. A. Knopf, M. D., which appeared in The Journal of the American Medical Association, June 16, 1906, on the subject entitled "Tuberculosis a Social Disease."

The article is indeed a masterly discussion in so far as it touches upon the causes of this dread disease, upon the inability of individuals to resist the invasion of the tubercle bacilli under such conditions of living as are enforced upon the great masses of our populations to-day.

The production of wealth, including all the necessities of life, is today a collective or cooperative process; but the machinery of production is the private property of a class of individuals known as "capitalists."

To abolish "private property in the machinery of production and distribution" would be to abolish the class of "capitalists" and to make the "exploitation of labor" an impossibility.

The abolition of "poverty" and the "profit system" would mean the abolition of the dread social disease, "tuberculosis." The machinery of production and distribution, now being operated by the "working class" collectively, and the laborer should own the full social value of his product.

Socialists are all infidels, cry our dear defenders of capitalism. That depends. If it be infidelity to plead for better economic conditions on this earth, leaving the speculations concerning "manipulations in the sky" to theologians; if it be infidelity to say that the workers are entitled to the full product of their labor; if it be infidelity to insist that our present system is unjust, irrational and suicidal, to proclaim that capitalism is not a divinely appointed institution, but merely a transitory stage of human development, and to insist that it must inevitably give way to a saner, juster and a more perfect system, the co-operative commonwealth—if this be infidelity, then we plead guilty.

