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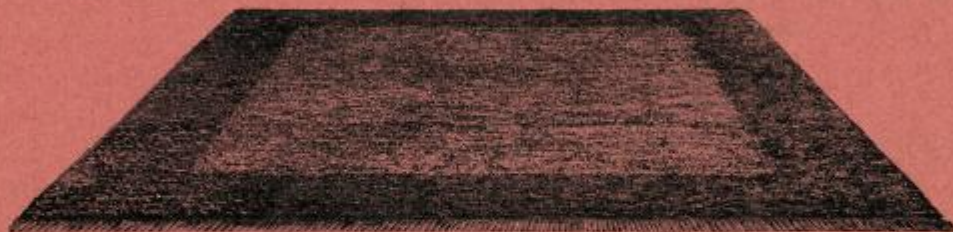
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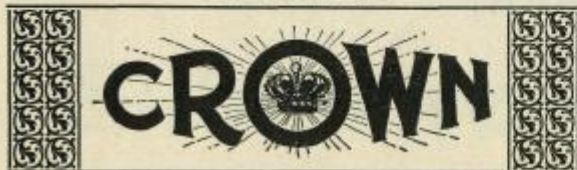
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THE MILWAUKEE TRADES UNION LABEL LEAGUE, with the approbation and co-operation of the Federated Trades Council, herewith presents the End of the Century Labor Day Souvenir to its friends and the public in general. The generosity of the business men and merchants of the city and vicinity, whose advertisements are herein displayed, has been largely instrumental in enabling the Label League to issue a publication in every way worthy of the occasion it is intended to commemorate—a Souvenir which in point of artistically displayed advertisements and general excellence of make-up is superior to any similar publication ever issued in this city.

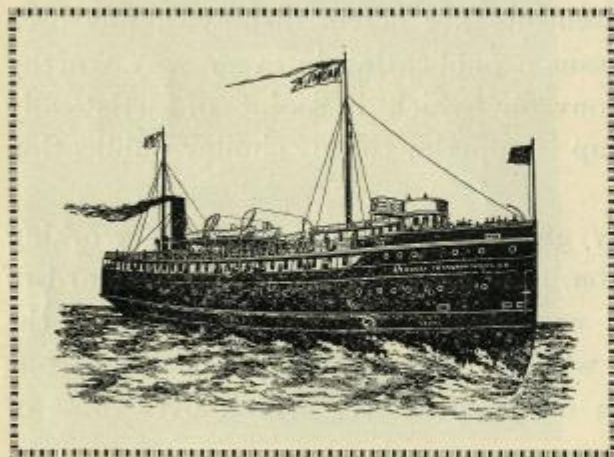
On the eve of the Twentieth Century, it is highly gratifying to note that the working people everywhere are learning the value of organization, and are flocking to the standard of unionism in ever increasing numbers. Aside from good results that are sure to accrue to the sons of toil by the growth of the union movement, it will also redound to the benefit of our advertisers, as it necessitates a vastly increased edition of the present Souvenir over those of former years.

The friendly relations existing between employers and the employed is also a matter for congratulation, and augurs well for the future.

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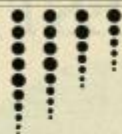
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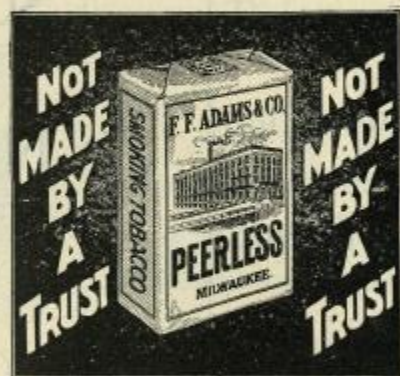
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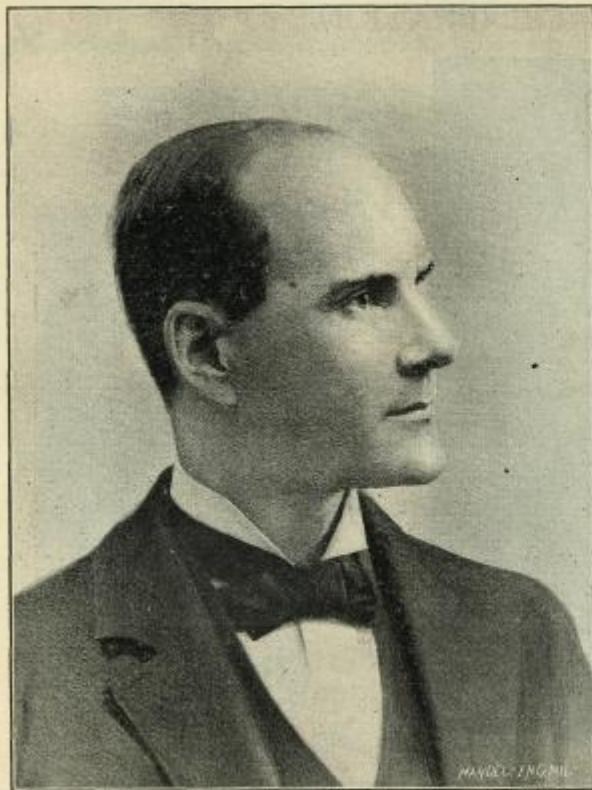
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EUGENE VICTOR DEBS.

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Candidate for President of the United States on the Social Democratic Ticket.



R. EUGENE V. DEBS was born in Terre Haute, Ind., in the autumn of 1855, and at the age of 15 years began his work as a railway employe in the Vandalia car shops. Soon after, he obtained a position as fireman on a freight engine, and soon attracted attention in the councils of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, of which he had become a member. He was 22 years old when that organization made him editor of its magazine, and from that day forward he has been unable to escape for a moment the exacting cares of leadership.

In 1892 Mr. Debs founded the American Railway Union, which was the first organization in the railway world to admit to membership every employe, from section man and engine-wiper to the conductor and engineer. Its central idea was complete and universal organization. The Great Northern and the Pullman strikes in which this organization was involved are still fresh in the memory of all.

In 1892, when Mr. Debs resigned his positions in the Firemen's Brotherhood, he was receiving \$4,000 per year. The convention of over 400 delegates by unanimous vote refused to accept his resignation, and offered any salary he might name. When it was found he could not be induced to change his mind, the convention by acclamation voted him a gift of \$2,000, with which to go to Europe and recuperate his somewhat broken health. This he declined,

On January 1, 1897, Mr. Debs issued a circular to the members of the A. R. U., entitled "Present Conditions and Future Duties," in which he reviewed the political, industrial and economic conditions, and came out boldly for Socialism. Among other things he said: "The issue is Socialism vs. Capitalism. I am for Socialism because I am for humanity. The time has come to regenerate society—we are on the eve of a universal change." When the A. R. U. met in national convention in Chicago, in June, 1897, that body was merged into the Social Democracy of America, which organization was perfected on June 21, 1897, with Mr. Debs as chairman of the National Executive Board, to which he devoted his means, energy and splendid talents. Mr. Debs' last appearance in Milwaukee was on the evening of July 7, 1897, at the West Side Turner hall, before an audience which taxed the capacity of the building.

At the National Convention of the Social Democracy at Indianapolis, last spring, Mr. Debs was nominated for President of the United States, and if he is not elected to that high office by the voters of this country, he will not be getting his just deserts.



"BE in the race," either the Potato race, Three-legged race, Fat men's race or the Egg race, on September 3, at Schlitz Park.



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THE fellows who are now appropriating the products of other men's labor are very anxious to know if socialists intend to confiscate all of the property in the world.—*Brauer-Zeitung.*



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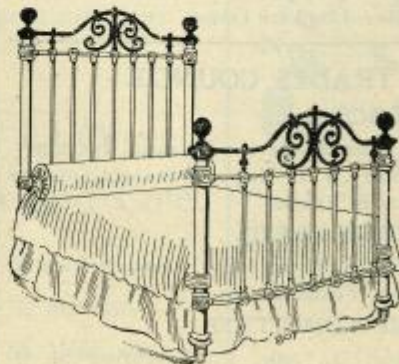
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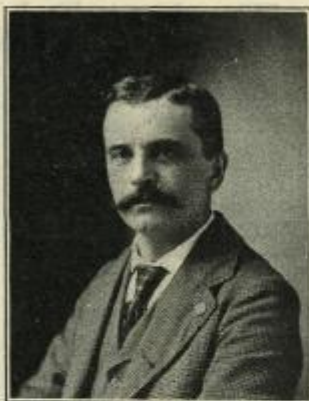
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THE people should unite in a way to build the masses up. This cannot be done by tearing the millionaire down, as that would only result in other millionaires being created. Co-operation is the watchword. If the masses haven't got sense enough to co-operate and fight trusts, they will have to "pay the freight" until they get their eyes open. As the case now stands, the trusts have no opposition. They levy their contributions on the people and the latter pay. The people compete with each other, while the trusts have no competition. Let the people demand government ownership of public utilities; municipal ownership of utilities; direct

legislation; a progressive income tax for state and municipalities, instead of the direct tax which puts the burden on the man with small means.—*Ex.*



CAPITAL is the fruit of labor, and could not exist if labor had not first existed. Labor, therefore, deserves much the higher consideration.—*Bakers' Journal.*



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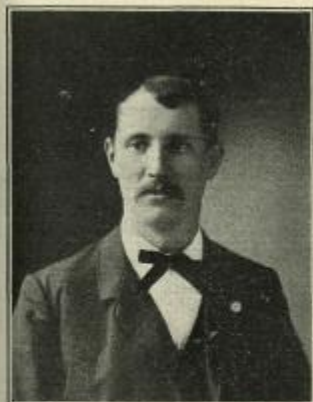
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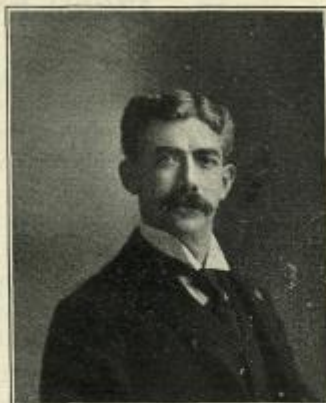
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AFTER THE HOGS ARE SERVED.

"Hello, Mr. Farmer! What are you doing?"

"Digging potatoes."

"Have you any to sell?"

"No."

"What are you doing with them?"

"I sort them in four piles."

"What do you do with them?"

"The big piles of fine potatoes you see over there I give to the landlord as land rent for the privilege of living on the earth; next to the biggest pile I give to the money lord as interest for the privilege of using the tools that some other workingman made; the third pile I give to the politicians as tax, and the little ones I give to the hogs, and what the hogs don't eat I eat myself. So you see between the landlord, the money lord, the politicians and the other hogs I get my living."

"But what do you do with the hogs?"

"I give them to the railroad company for hauling the big potatoes to the land and money lords."—*Toronto Citizen and Country.*

FEDERAL LABOR UNION, No. 8002.

[TO THE EDITOR]

I would respectfully beg to offer a brief sketch in relation to Federal Labor Union, No. 8002. This union was organized by Messrs. Frank J. Weber, Paul Huebner, Jacob Kaufman and others. All of these gentlemen having been prominent in the affairs of labor for years.

Federal Labor Union, No. 8002, was chartered by the American Federation of Labor on November 4, 1899, and is intended to reach all classes of labor not otherwise provided for, and give to all the benefits of union organization. Men belonging to this organization may work at ordinary labor with any union chartered by the A. F. of L.

We believe that the best thing that can be done to strengthen the cause of labor is to induce every workingman to become a union man. This, I believe, is the only organization that is open to all. Space is too limited here to enter into a discussion of the many questions and principles involved, but some of them must be very apparent to all who may be interested in labor unions. Regular meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 298 Fourth Street, where all are invited to attend.

VOX POPULI.



THE trouble with the Democratic lye factory is not in the quality of the goods turned out, but the grade.—*Appeal to Reason.*

UNION BAKED BREAD.

It is the sacred duty of all union men to purchase only union-made articles, such as bear the union label. In this connection it is of the utmost importance that the attention of the public be called to union baked bread. The food that we eat should be clean and wholesome, and when you eat bread, be sure to get only that which bears the union label. Such bread is the product of clean and sanitary bake-shops, and is baked by skilled artisans amid healthy and wholesome surroundings. We append a list of strictly union bakeries, who carry the Bakers' Union Label:

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COMPETITION now-a-days is practically limited to the workingman with a job, and the man with an empty stomach who is trying to get it.



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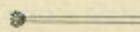
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By *John McKee.*

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Are men whose hands are brown with toil;
Who, backed by no ancestral graves,
Hew down the woods and till the soil;
And win thereby a prouder name
Than follows king or warrior's fame.

The workingmen, whate'er their task,
Who carve the stone or bear the hod—
They wear upon their honest brows
The royal stamp and seal of God;
And worthier are their drops of sweat
Than diamonds in a coronet.

God bless the noble workingmen,
Who rear the cities of the plain,
Who dig the mines, who build the ships
And drive the commerce of the main.
God bless them, for their toiling hands
Have wrought the glory of all lands.

There's glory in the shuttle's song,
There's triumph in the anvil's stroke,
There's merit in the brave and strong
Who dig the mine or fell the oak.

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And peopled it with men and mysteries,
With height and vale diversified its face,
Left beast to prey on beast and fish on fish,
Geared life to death, conditioned each on
each,

Sore price of growth, but indispensable,
To poverty he gave its warning sting.
And poisoned luxury with seeds of sloth.
Gave power to strength that effort might
attain; *

Gave power to wit that knowledge might
direct;

And so with penalties, incentives, gains,
Limits and compensations intricate,
He dowered this earth, that man should
never rest,

Save as his Maker's will be carried out.

On toward his destiny the creature drives,
Tumultuous, incessant, mutinous,
Usurping now his weaker fellow's share,
Yielding again his own to stronger might,
Aye seeking such a place or such a hoard
That he and his the common lot may cheat,
And live unvexed by fate.

Vain wish! fond dream
That ever fades on eve of coming true!

There is no easy, unearned joy on earth
Save what God gives—the lustiness of
youth

And love's dear pangs All other joys we
gain

By striving, and so qualified we are
That effort's zest our needs as much con-
soles

As effort's gain. Both issues are our due.
Sore lot it is to sweat and not be filled,
But sore as well aye to be filled, nor sweat.
Ever to plow and see another reap—

Oh, that is hard; but ease that stretches
far

Beyond the space that labor's waste re-
pairs

Speeds to decay. Death lies hid in that,
And seeds of every sin that rots the strength
And stains the soul. Better when work is
past

Back into dust dissolve and help a seed
Climb upwards, than with strength still
full

Deny to God his claim and thwart his wish.

Fond fools with gold in store whose end
they miss,

Glutted with unused opportunity,
Behold, drift idle on inglorious tides,

Nor ever trim a sail nor make a port;
Playing that life is play, until at last
They sink at anchor.

Sorrier still the wights
Whom poverty's distresses vainly goad,
Whose wants, too grasping for their shift-
less powers,

Drive not to work, but from it. This too
hard

They deem, and that too slow, and ever
seeking ease

And shunning toil, nor gold nor strength
they win,

But weak, inapt, unskilled, incapable,
Their bitter cry assails the tranquil stars
While labor's trampling hosts surge over
them.

To our dim sense God's plan seems often
harsh.

Big fish eats small; earthquakes and
storms destroy;

Greed strips the poor; guile plunders
righteousness.

But watch! See empires fall; see greed
o'erreach

Its lust! See power in fear of rival power.

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BE not content—contentment means inaction;
The growing soul aches on its upward quest;
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All great achievements spring from life's unrest.

The tiny roots, deep in the dark mold hiding,
Would never bless the earth with leaf and flower
Were not an inborn restlessness abiding
In seed and germ, to stir them with its power.

Were man contented with his lot forever,
He had not sought strange seas with sails unfurled;
And the vast wonders of our shores had never
Dawned on the gaze of an admiring world.

Prize what is yours, but be not quite contented;
There is a healthy restlessness of soul
By which a mighty purpose is augmented
In urging men to reach a higher goal.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



MANY say there is nothing to be gained by organization,
but if every wage-earner was in the union of his craft, there
would be less idleness and poverty in the nation.

WHERE CONTENTMENT WAS A VIRTUE.

A STORY is told of a citizen of Glasgow, which shows
that contentment is a virtue really existent in some
cases. One of the inhabitants was making his way home-
ward on a certain evening, and taking a good deal more
than his share of the pavement, when he encountered a
Glasgow town councilman walking along in a respectable
fashion. The councilman, noticing his unbalanced condition,
stopped and shouted with wrathful dignity, "What d'ye
want?" To this his fellow townsman blithely replied: "I
want—naething! I'm as fu' 's I can haud!"



LONDON, England, is preparing to install municipal tele-
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holder will be able to enjoy this luxury, usually confined to
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from the Old World cities on municipal ownership.



DID you ever notice that the idle rich are usually looked
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A SOCIALIST'S OPINION.

D. M. SACHTER, of Dubois, Pa., says in Pennsylvania Grit: "I would like to give a socialist's view. To call off all strikes? No, sir! We must strike, but not the old-fashioned way, in rioting and boycotting, etc. We must strike intelligently and strike only one day in the year, and that is on election day. Strike for your own interests, and not those of your masters. To accept the best terms of our employers? Has the proletariat ever had its own way? Have not the majority of strikes been settled at the employes' own terms? To put every man to work you can find a place for? Yes, sir; that is very well, but there are not enough places; the labor market is packed with idlers; the labor-saving machine has taken their places. Some will say: 'Can't a man who is displaced by machinery turn to something else?' Well, shall he turn to shoemaking? But the machine is there. Shall he turn to furniture making? The machine stares at him there also. Shall he turn to farming? He has neither land nor capital, and capital is required to get machinery to compete with the bonanza farms. Wherever he turns his hands he finds thousands striving for the same thing. Some say that socialists are opposed to machinery, and that they trace the misery to the machine itself. No! Machines are a blessing to society, if owned by the people as a whole, but a curse if owned by individuals, and as long as those machines are owned by

individuals there can be no unity. All workingmen must unite and vote to own the machinery and work it co-operatively. It is the only way to get rid of striking, riots, boycotts, corrupt politics and poverty. To cast your vote as a body? We certainly must do so, if we ever intend to emancipate ourselves. But to vote for any capable man, no matter what party he belongs to, will never do. Vote to own the machines, and we will have means enough to help the oppressed that are coming here to seek their livelihood. We can not do anything now, for we have a hard job keeping ourselves."



AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

THE American Federation of Labor, which now numbers about 1,000,000 trades unionists, held its first session at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1881. Ninety-six labor organizations were represented. At the next session, in 1882, Samuel Gompers was elected president. He has been successively elected, with the exception of one term, to that office since 1882. It is not without reason that the members of this vast federation have been inspired with confidence in the ability and devotion of their officers. All of these latter are working chiefs of the most successful national unions, and as such have proven their capacity before being promoted to their present positions.

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HARD TIMES.

OH, woman, weary of toil and pain,
No wonder your heart is gall;
God gave His people a wide domain,
He gave us the seasons, the sun and the rain,
And room and food for us all.
It is man, the author of selfish crimes,
Who brings hard times.

Oh, Lady Fair, in your Castle of Ease,
You are happy and well content;
But what would you do were you one of these
Who toil and suffer and starve and freeze,
To fatten the monster, Rent?
Yet God rules ever, and Right some day
Must have its sway.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.



THE more money a corporation makes, the more it wants. The greed of millionaires is like the bottomless pit.

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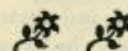
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AS TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

[From the Cigarmakers' Journal.]

IN No. 8, Vol. 25, Mr. Henry Cohn asks this question: "Should the members of the International Union advocate government control of the cigar industry?"

At the present time the government does control the cigar industry and all other industries as well. The courts control the government, and the trusts and other combines control the courts. What all union men and all working men should advocate is government ownership and control of all industries, all railroads, telegraphs, steamship navigation, mines and land. Then the raw material would cost nothing but the labor of producing. All the profits would go to the government, and we, the people, are the government, or, rather, should be.

Let me show you a point. When it is election day we are all Democrats or Republicans. When there is a strike we are all workingmen, and the capitalists are all capitalists, be they Democrats or Republicans. We have twenty-four states that are solidly Democratic, and seventeen solidly Republican. Point me to one state that has ever passed any laws favorable to the working man. And yet year after year we walk up to the polls and vote the old party ticket, and put our necks under the yoke of the capitalist just as the well-trained ox walks under his master's yoke, and then we wonder why we are no better off than the ox.

The great majority of the working men realize that they have hands to work with and a stomach to feed, but they appear to have entirely forgotten that they have brains to reason with. Come now and let us reason together. Let's swear off being oxen, and nominate and elect men from the ranks of labor, whose interests are our interests.

They have done it in New Zealand, and they have the best government on the face of the earth, with no millionaires, no paupers, no tramps, and no little children crying for bread. The laboring men of New Zealand got tired of being oxen, so they elected laboring men to office and run the government themselves.

Now I want to show one more point. Thirty years ago Rockefeller showed the commercial world that by combination of capital he could destroy all competition in his line of business. The commercial world saw it and followed suit until all of our commodities are controlled by combinations of capital. Now let us, the Cigar Makers' International Union of America, show the industrial world what can be done by a combination of our forces * * * and the other unions will fall in line just as surely as the commercial world fell in line with Rockefeller. Then we will have a government of workers, by the workers, and for the workers. We have been oxen long enough.

O. I. RICHARDSON.

Why not apply this to all industries?—[Ed.]

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1. Labor creates all wealth and gets only a living out of it, and not always that.
2. Capital creates nothing and gets practically everything.
3. Labor creates capital, and yet labor is dependent upon capital for work, and therefore a living.
4. Labor builds palaces and lives in hovels; builds railroads and rides in carts—or walks; builds machinery and others reap the benefits; makes gas and electricity and uses kerosene; makes fine linens and silks and wears cheap cotton; makes everything and gets practically nothing.
5. Labor is inspired to degenerate into ignorance, vice, drunkenness, dishonesty and depravity.
6. Trusts in private hands are monopolizing all production and distribution so that there is little chance for an honest man to make a living, and these trusts are making the human race dependent upon them for food, clothes and shelter.
7. Land is being monopolized by the few.
8. The world is filled with plenty of everything necessary to the happiness of everybody, yet millions are suffering for want of simple food, clothes and shelter.

9. Money is now a necessity yet it is all owned and controlled by the few.

10. With all the great labor-saving machinery, the burden of labor is growing heavier, for employment gets scarcer with every new invention, with every trust and with every department store.

This may not seem very bad to the superficial thinker, but if it is thought over very carefully it will not be difficult to see that a system that will permit such unequal conditions is intolerable.—E. V. Brewster.



MORE than 75,000 men are said to be walking the streets of New York seeking employment. Attracted by reports of the great amount of work to be done on the rapid transit tunnels laborers from all sections of the country are hastening there in shoals. Every ship from Europe and every train from the north, south and west brings its freight of would-be workmen.



SO LONG as there is a man out of employment, every one who is at present employed stands in fear of the same condition. If every workingman could be gathered into a class-conscious organization which would devote a little of its time at each meeting to discussions as to the proper use of the ballot, affairs could (and would) be so regulated that there would be work for all at good wages and short hours.

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WHAT EUGENE V. DEBS SAYS.

Character should count for more than cash.

If you are not well dressed, society is against you.

Excessive wealth is as demoralizing as extreme poverty.

Many a man who is poor in money is rich in principle.

John Brown is aptly called the percussion cap of the civil war.

The demagogues of the past are the demigods of the present.

The American congress is a moss-covered museum of antiquities.

Our children are becoming mere cogs in the wheels of industry.

The millionaire has as much too much as the tramp has too little.

Capitalism makes criminals of men. I would make men even of criminals.

I would rather be right with the minority than wrong with the majority.

Rockefeller's Standard Oil University is a pillared pile of public plunder.

The present day rule of business is might against right—cunning against conscience.

Government ownership of railroads is better than railroad ownership of government.

Under present conditions it doesn't pay to work. It pays better to work those who do.

It does not pay to be mean. Pullman died amidst riches, but his shroud had no pockets.

If the arm of corporate greed could reach Old Sol there would be a meter on every sunbeam.

With all my heart I protest against a system in which the lap dogs of the rich are the social superiors of the children of the poor.



WHEN manufacturers combine to raise prices, it is called business, and the manufacturers are sent to the senate. When workingmen combine to raise wages, it is called conspiracy, and the men are sent to jail. See the difference?



THE most serious drawback on unionism is the indifference of those who are union men only when in trouble and at other times do not take enough interest in their organization to even attend a regular meeting except to vote down some progressive measure.



When working people go out on a strike for higher wages the troops are sent to keep the peace. When the trusts go out for higher profits (wages for doing nothing) did you ever hear of troops being sent? The difference is because working people vote the government into the hands of the trusts.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	-	\$0,294,184.70
Overdrafts	-	57,177.29
U. S. Bonds	-	112,450.00
Other Stocks and Bonds	-	169,247.95
Real Estate	-	24,838.63
Furniture and Fixtures	-	12,255.23
Due from Banks	-	\$2,159,327.41
Cash on Hand	-	1,103,148.08
Due from U. S. Treasurer	-	2,500.00
		3,355,175.49
Total	-	\$10,922,332.08

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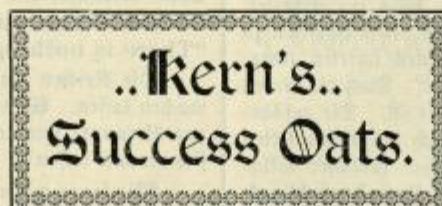
Capital Stock	-	\$1,000,000.00
Surplus	-	250,000.00
Undivided Profits	-	35,438.22
Dividends Unpaid	-	30,267.50
Circulation	-	50,000.00
Deposits, Individual	-	\$6,714,141.49
Banks and Bankers	-	1,894,739.23
U. S. Treasurer	-	47,825.64
		8,656,706.36
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Von P. D.

Als Herbert Spencer einst befragt wurde, wann die menschliche Gesellschaft vollkommen sein würde, antwortete er: „wenn sie aufrichtig geworden sein wird“. Eine Präbidentschaftskampagne liefert ein eklatantes Beispiel der „politischen Lüge“ im großen Maßstabe, um einen Max Nordau'schen Ausspruch zu gebrauchen. Die Programme beider großen Parteien sind im Grunde ein Mischmasch nichtsagender Phrasen. Die republikanische Partei steht mit Haut und Haaren so vollkommen unter der Fuchtel des Geldsacks, daß eine Kritik derselben Raumberschwendung wäre. Die demokratische Partei muß sich, als Gegenpartei, selbstverständlich einen liberalen Anstrich geben; sie muß es, um die mit der republikanischen Wirtschaft unzufriedenen Stimmen zu föhern.

Was besagt die demokratische Anti-Trust Plank? Nichts. Kein vernünftiger Mensch glaubt, daß die demokratische Partei je den Monopolen auf den Pelz rücken wird. Die republikanische Partei wird den Ausbeutern erst recht nichts zu Leide thun. Was ein Arbeiter, d. h. ein Nicht-Ausbeuter, von irgend einer der beiden alten Parteien zu hoffen hat, kann ich nicht begreifen. Die Demokraten schreien zwar: „Die Republik ist in Gefahr! Imperialismus droht!“ Doch die Guten wissen ganz wohl, daß es bloßer Kampagne-Donner ist. Die gefährdete Republik ist ihnen sehr gleichgültig, nicht jedoch die vielen fetten Ämter. Die Freiheitsfloskeln im Munde ehemaliger südlischer Sklavenbarone nehmen sich so hochkomisch aus, wie die Anti-Trust-Plank der Republikaner. Und doch werden Millionen armer, ausgebeuteter Arbeiter auf den faulen Zauber hineinfallen und für ihre Unwissenheit mit Enttäuschung bezahlen müssen. Man trägt ungestraft keinen Irrthum lange im Kopfe herum: später oder früher muß man für jeden

Irrthum büßen. Am 4. Juli schießen die „Patrioten“ sich aus irgend einem dunklen Drange Arme und Beine ab, weil sie in einem „freien“ Lande wohnen. Die Unschuldigen! Als ob Rodefeller und Genossen nicht schlimmere Tyrannen und Ausbeuter sind als die blutigsten Scheusale des dunklen Mittelalters! Wenn die Menschen nicht eine so horrende Scheu vor geistiger Anstrengung hätten, würden sie sich am 4. Juli in einen Winkel tauern und ihre Thorheit betrauern, daß sie sich zu Hörigen einiger großen Monopolisten herabgewürdigt haben, und energische Maßregeln ergreifen, um wieder zu ihren Menschenrechten zu gelangen.

Ein politischer Drahtzieher sagte uns vor vielen, vielen Jahren einmal: „Die Arbeiter als solche werden nie im Kongreß vertreten werden, denn sobald ein Arbeiter zum Kongreßmann erwählt worden ist, ist er kein Arbeiter mehr.“ Hoffentlich wird dem Manne noch Gelegenheit gegeben, seine Ansicht zu ändern.

Wenn die Arbeiter wüßten, mit welch' souveräner Verachtung die Ausbeuter und Politiker auf sie herabblickten, — würden sie vor Wuth außer sich gerathen. Die schlauen Herren lassen sich jedoch selten etwas abmerken. Sie wissen ihre Gefühle zu beherrschen. Nur dann und wann verkündet ein recht großer Monopolfürst seinen aufrührerischen Aechten: „The public be damned“ oder höflicher ausgedrückt: „There is nothing to arbitrate.“

Die Reichen haben stets alle Gesetze zu ihrem eigenen Vortheil machen lassen. Wann werden die Armen, d. h. die ungeheure Mehrheit, zur Vernunft kommen und auch einmal ein bißchen Gesetzgebung für sich machen lassen?

Wie lange wollen die Arbeiter noch die so nothwendige Pflicht des ernstlichen Nachdenkens aufschieben? Sobald sie zur richtigen Erkenntniß kommen, haben sie schon gefegt. Sobald sie den Ausbeuter-Parteien den Rücken kehren, werden die Tyrannen zu zittern beginnen und Vorschläge zur Güte machen. So lange sie für McKinley und Bryan

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und deren kapitalistisches Anhängsel die Kastanien aus dem Feuer holen, werden die Arbeiter eben es sich gefallen lassen müssen, daß sie als Narren keine Berücksichtigung in den Hallen der Gesetzgebung finden.

Das Ausbeutertum bildet eine geschlossene Phalanx. Alle Arbeiter als solche sollten fest politisch zusammenhalten und unter keinen Umständen mit lügnerischen Politikern anderer Parteien Kompromisse eingehen.

Das Grunderforderniß, die Hauptbedingung aller und jeder Reform auf irgend einem Gebiet ist *Aufklärung*. Ohne diese bleibt Alles beim Alten, auch wenn jeden Tag der Rachegöttin Hekatomben von Blutsaugern zum Opfer fielen.

Ein Arbeiter, der weiß, daß die alten Parteien ihn nur als Mittel zum Zweck, als Stimmvieh, betrachten, und dennoch für eine von ihnen stimmt, beweist dadurch nur, daß er kein Ehrgefühl besitzt und sich ohne Rücksen als Mittel statt als Zweck behandeln läßt. Zeigt er aber am Stimmtasten, daß er für soziale Umwälzung eintritt, so werden ihm seine Unterdrücker sehr bald mit dem nöthigen Respekt begegnen. Wivat die Sozialdemokratie!



O'rauf, christliche Soldaten!

Englisch von Wm. Lloyd Garrison. Deutsch von Heinrich Binder.

Das Anglosachsen-Christenthum
Mit Schwert und Feuerbrand
Trägt fromm das Evangelium
In manches ferne Land.
Den Buren wird durch Hieb und Schuß
Stramm Gottes Wort gelehrt,
Und Philippiner werden auch
Durch's Bajonett bekehrt.

Was thut's, daß Buren Christen sind
Und Philippiner auch?
Den Menschenbruder schießt als Christ
Man trotzdem in den Bauch.
Die dynamitgefüllte Bomb'
Durch starke Mauern bringt
Ein lustig Vieblein, wenn sie fliegt,
Die Dum-dum-Kugel singt.

Verwundet liegen Viele, die
Ohn' Pflege, Speis' und Trank;
Viel Hunderte getödtet und
Viel Hundert sterbenskrank.
Die eine Seite fleht: „O Herr!
Mach' durch den Sieg uns froh!“
Und auf der andern Seite hört
Man beten ebenso.

Die Sirbars und die Mahdis lehrt
Der Todtkampf im Sudan,
Daß alle Menschen Brüder sind,
Ob Bibel, ob Koran.
Und über den Geschossen hehr
Der Geist, der heil'ge, schwebt,
Und Christenvölker jauchzen laut,
Wenn Tausend man begräbt.

Auch von der Kanzel künden sie
Des blut'gen Siegers Ruhm,
Und freu'n sich, wie der Türk' sich freut,
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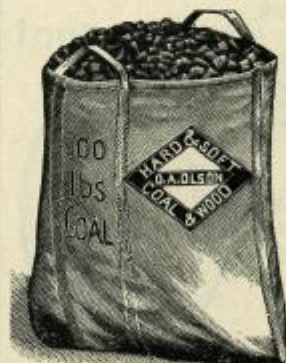
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„Die Feder ist mächtiger als das Schwert“, heißt es allgemein, aber nicht jedem ist es gegeben, die Feder zu handhaben. Hingegen giebt es eine andere Waffe, die noch viel mächtiger ist. Das Motto jedes Arbeiters sollte lauten: „Der Stimmzettel ist mächtiger als der Boycott oder Streik.“



Wenn das Geld, das heutzutage gelegentlich der Conventionen von Arbeiterverbänden u. s. w. zur Unterhaltung und Belustigung der Delegaten ausgegeben wird, für Agitation unter den Arbeitern und Belehrung derselben verwendet würde, so wäre die Lage des arbeitenden Volkes heute eine viel bessere. Die jährlichen Conventionen der meisten Arbeiterverbände gestalten sich immer mehr zu Bummelfesten, an denen viele Delegaten mehr an's Vergnügen als an ihre Pflicht denken und es auch meistens durchzusehen verstehen, daß das bekannte Motto: „Erst das Geschäft, dann das Vergnügen!“ umgekehrt wird. Je eher in dieser Hinsicht Wandlung geschaffen wird, desto besser für die Arbeiterschaft. Noch besser wäre es freilich, wenn man mit diesen kostspieligen jährlichen Zusammentünften ganz aufräumen oder dieselben statt jährlich alle zwei oder vier Jahre abhalten würde, aber daran ist vorläufig nicht zu denken, so schnell befinnt sich der amerikanische Arbeiter nicht auf seinen Vortheil.

Nicht alle Arbeitgeber sind habgierige Ausbeuter, aber auch die humansten und liberalsten derselben sind unter dem heutigen Halsabschneiderischen Konkurrenzsystem gezwungen, ihr Fabrikat so billig als möglich herzustellen, d. h. ebenso niedrige Löhne als ihre Mitbewerber zu zahlen, wenn sie von Letzteren nicht aus dem Markt verdrängt und ruiniert werden wollen. Darum ist es die Pflicht jedes einsichtsvollen, ehrlichen Arbeiters, dahin zu wirken, daß diese schmachvollen Zustände beseitigt und durch ein System ersetzt werden, unter welchem jedem Menschen der volle Ertrag seiner Arbeit sicher ist. Unter der heutigen Konkurrenzwirtschaft erhält er oft noch nicht den zehnten Theil seines wirklichen Verdienstes.



Wenn etwas vorsichtiger gestreift würde, d. h. wenn eine Union, ehe sie sich durch ein paar Hitzköpfe zu einem Streit verleiten läßt, oft sogar gegen die Gesetze ihres Nationalverbandes, sich davon überzeugen würde, ob es auch möglich ist, den Streit zu gewinnen, dann wäre gar manches nutzlose Opfer erspart geblieben und gar manche Organisation wäre nicht von der Bildfläche verschwunden. Ein Streit sollte erst dann angeordnet werden, wenn alle Vermittlungsversuche fehlschlagen und auch dann erst, wenn Aussicht vorhanden ist, den Streit zu gewinnen oder wenn es die Arbeitsgeber auf die Vernichtung der Organisation abgesehen haben.



Die Vorschläge zur Erbauung von „Arbeitertempeln“, Gründung von Consumvereinen, Colonien u. s. w., die erst kürzlich wieder in hiesigen Arbeitertreffen gemacht wurden, mögen ja von einigen wenigen der Auteur ehrlich und wohlgemeint sein, aber dessenungeachtet darf man getrost behaupten, daß hinter den meisten dieser Gründungen allerlei Industrieritter der schlimmsten Sorte stehen, denen es nur darum zu thun ist, den Arbeitern die sauer erworbenen Ersparnisse aus der Tasche zu loden. Letzten Winter wurde z. B. im Federated Trades Council

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der Bau eines Labor Tempels angeregt, aber glücklicherweise niedergestimmt. Die eifrigsten Befürworter jenes „Tempelbaues“ sind unterdessen als gemeinschädliche Subjekte erkannt und gebrandmarkt worden — Pratt, Harben, Teney u. A. Solche Gründungen sind bisher fast ohne Ausnahme sehr bald in die Hände der Gründer übergegangen oder gingen zu Grunde. Sie haben meistens keinen andern Zweck, als in den Reihen der organisierten Arbeiter Zwietracht zu säen und sind das größte Hinderniß des Fortschritts.



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Ein Krebschaden der organisierten Arbeiterschaft sind auch die vielen Councils oder Centralkörper—wir haben hier in Milwaukee etwa an halbes Duzend. Nicht nur, daß die Erhaltungskosten dieser Councils bedeutende Summen verschlingen, sondern dieselben oder vielmehr die Leiter derselben liegen sich oft in den Haaren und bekämpfen sich gegenseitig zum großen Gaudium der Arbeitgeber. Diese Reibereien haben endlich eine Bewegung hervorgerufen, einen Versuch zu machen, mit den überflüssigen Councils aufzuräumen und die Constitution des Federated Trades Councils, des einzigen Centralkörpers, der von der A. F. of L. anerkannt wird, so abzuwandern, daß Comites für die verschiedenen Gewerkschaftszweige eingesetzt werden, denen die Geschäfte der Lehtern zur Erledigung überwiesen werden. Auf solche Weise wird eine einflußreiche, achtungsgebietende Körperschaft geschaffen und die Machinationen habgieriger Spihuben, die sich in der Arbeiterschaft breit machen, sehr erschwert. Hoffen wir, daß das begonnene Werk allgemeinen Anklang findet und dann ist der Erfolg sicher.

Achtzehn Stahl- und Eisenbarone, welche zusammen ein angelegtes Kapital von nicht weniger als \$700,000,000 repräsentiren, hielten in Chicago eine Konferenz ab. Dieselbe dauerte nur fünfzehn Minuten, allein in diesen fünfzehn Minuten wurde über das Wohl und Wehe von 150,000 Arbeitern entschieden. Man beschloß nämlich, alle Establishments, welche vertreten waren, für einen Monat außer Betrieb zu setzen, um Produktion und Konsum wieder in Einklang mit einander zu bringen. Damit werden 150,000 Arbeiter auf die Straße fliegen und gezwungen, einen Monat lang entweder von ihren Ersparnissen zu leben oder aber, wenn sie solche nicht besitzen, Hungerpforten zu saugen. Nach diesem menschenfreundlichen Beschluß traten die Mitglieder der Konferenz, wie wir im Chicagoer „Inter-Ocean“ lesen, eine Vergnügungsreise durch den Westen an, von der sie erst Anfang September zurückzukehren gedenken.“ — So berichtete kürzlich eine kapitalistische Zeitung und wenige Tage später folgte die Meldung, daß auch die Eisenwerke in Bad Biew auf unbestimmte Zeit geschlossen wurden, trotz der vielgepriesenen Prosperität. Was kann in solchen Fällen eine Arbeiterorganisation, die am Althergebrachten festhält und jede fortschrittliche politische Agitation verbietet, wohl ausrichten? Sollte es nicht jedem halbwegs vernünftigen Menschen einleuchten, daß solche Zustände nur durch einen Systemwechsel beseitigt werden können?

Ein Tauschblatt schreibt: „Rein Anderer als Chauncy M. Depew, Präsident der New York Central-Eisenbahn und republikanischer Ver. Staaten-Senator, hat vor mehreren Jahren gesagt: „Fünfzig Männer in New York können in 24 Stunden das Rad auf jeder Eisenbahn im Lande zur Ruhe bringen; die Thüren jeder Fabrik schließen; alle Telegraphen-Instrumente brach legen und jede Kohlen- und Eisenmine im Lande schließen. Sie können dies, weil sie das Geld des Landes beherrschen.“ Das sagte Depew vor mehreren Jahren. Jetzt mögen zehn Männer in New York das können. Und doch nennen wir dies Land eine Volks-Regierung!“



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Die republikanische Partei ist jetzt nach Kräften bestrebt, der Mehrheit des Volkes den Wahnglauben zu wahren, daß die Weltmachtpolitik der Gesamtheit der Bevölkerung zum Segen gereichen werde. Und zu jener Mehrheit gehören in erster Linie auch die Arbeiter des Landes. Ihnen insbesondere wird man auf das Nachdrücklichste einzureden versuchen, daß sie an der Expansions-Tendenz wirtschaftlich lebhaft interessiert seien.

Innerhalb gewisser Grenzen und für einen beschränkten Zeitraum ist das auch richtig. Und das ist das Gefährliche an der Sache, weil viele Arbeiter über jene Grenzen nicht hinauszusehen vermögen.

Natürlich basiert diese Trugspiegelung auf der famosen Idee von der „Interessenharmonie“ zwischen Unternehmer und Arbeiter. Eine Theorie, welche sich nur deshalb so lange am Leben erhalten konnte, als es der Fall war, weil sie eine zeitweilige Gelegenheitsberechtigung hatte. So hat es z. B. thatsächlich in der Vergangenheit kurze, flüchtige Perioden gegeben, während welcher der einen oder der anderen ganz darniederliegenden Industriebranche durch Schutz Zoll geholfen werden konnte zum Vortheil für Unternehmer und Arbeiter, indem dadurch einem Theil der letzteren wieder Beschäftigung verschafft wurde und wenn der Arbeitsmarkt nicht überfüllt war, auch wohl eine Lohnerhöhung eintrat. Aber nur unter diesen Verhältnissen! War der Arbeitsmarkt mit Angeboten überfüllt, oder war zur Zeit eine verbesserte Herstellungstechnik erfunden, dann blieb der Vortheil für die Arbeiter illusorisch, dann erwies sich die schöne Interessen-Harmonie als ein elendes Truggebilde. Und das trat, selbst im ursprünglich günstigsten Fall, immer sehr bald ein.

Ganz ähnlich verhält sich die Sache mit dem wirtschaftlichen Interesse der Arbeiter an der Weltmachtpolitik.

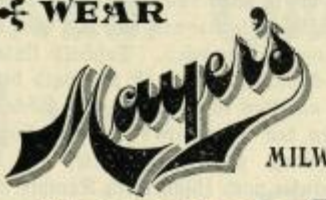
Was bezweckt diese Politik? Die Eroberung neuer Absatzmärkte. Der heimische Markt wird den Kapitalisten des Landes — nicht nur der Ver. Staaten, sondern aller modernen Industrieländer — zu eng. Die Masse der Consumenten, d. h. das sinkende Kleinbürgerthum und die unterwerthig abgelohnten Arbeiter, kann selbst in „guten Zeiten“ die Waarenmassen nicht konsumiren, welche die technisch vollendete kapitalistische Produktion herzustellen vermag und planlos auch wirklich herstellt. Erweitert sich also der Arbeitsmarkt nicht, dann sind furchtbare Krisen unvermeidlich. Dehnt sich aber das Absatzgebiet aus, dann ist eine lebhaftere Nachfrage nach Arbeitern zu erwarten und vielleicht ein Steigen der Löhne, unter ganz den nämlichen Voraussetzungen, wie oben mit Bezug auf gelegentliche Schutzzollfälle angeführt wurde.

Und eine solche Ausdehnung ihres Absatzmarktes suchen jetzt die Kapitalisten aller Industrieländer, aber nicht sowohl Einer auf dem heimathlichen Boden des Anderen, als vielmehr alle auf — anderen Erdtheilen! Ostasien ist zur Zeit ihr Tummelplatz und dort will jetzt auch die amerikanische Kapitalistenkasse ihren Antheil an der Beute holen mit „gepanzelter Faust“. Mit den Philippinen hat man den Anfang gemacht und jetzt will man auch in China „die amerikanischen Interessen wahren“.

Und damit ihnen von hier aus nicht etwa die Arbeiterklasse lähmend in die Parade fahre, wird man sie zu fördern versuchen mit der Lockspeise: „mehr lohnende Beschäftigung“.

Vielleicht. Aber auf wie lange? Auch der asiatische Markt, auf den jetzt alle Industrieländer ihren Ueberfluß abladen, ist nicht unerfättlich. Japan z. B. hat sich bereits emanzipirt und ist im Begriffe, statt eines Konsumenten ein Produzent für den Weltmarkt zu werden. Wie die Sachen in China stehen, weiß bereits Jedermann. Die Chinesen sind ein zahlreiches, aber blutarmes Volk, und genau genommen, sind es nicht nur die Missionäre, in welchen die Chinesen bloß die Vorposten der handeltreibenden kaufmännischen Ratio-

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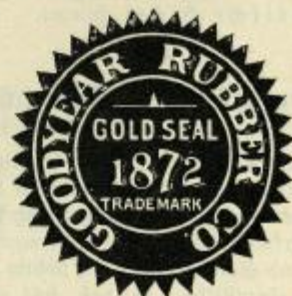
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nen sehen, sondern die wirtschaftlichen Interessen, welche die Poppträger zum blutigen Widerstand treiben. Und da in den zivilisierten Ländern gleichzeitig einerseits die arbeitssparende Produktionstechnik des Kapitals fortschreitet, andererseits aber die Arbeiterklasse sich vermehrt, unter anderem auch durch Zufluß aus den Reihen der Kleinbürger, so ist leicht einzusehen, daß selbst die Herrlichkeit der asiatischen Märkte für die Arbeiter sehr schnell zu Ende sein wird.

Als politisches Resultat bleibt dann aber für die Weltmachts-Politik eine ganz gewaltige sozialpolitische Machterweiterung für die Kapitalistenklasse, welche ihr hier im Lande einen starken Rückhalt geben und den Arbeitern ihre wirtschaftlichen und, wenn es dazu kommt, auch ihre politischen Kämpfe sehr erschweren wird.

Und diesen Dienst sollen die amerikanischen Arbeiter ihren Ausbeutern leisten für ein Butterbrod, das sie sehr schnell verzehrt haben dürften? Wir hoffen, daß die Arbeiterklasse die richtige Antwort auf diese Frage findet, und das kann sie nur damit, daß jeder Arbeiter das sozialdemokratische Ticket stimmt. Wis. Vorwärts.



Zur gefälligen Beachtung.

Alle Anstrengungen Seitens der Bäcker-Union, die Samstags-Nachts-Arbeit einzustellen, blieben bis jetzt ohne den gewünschten Erfolg, weil 28 von den Bäckermeistern der Stadt Milwaukee, darunter der berühmte, arbeiterfreundlich gesinnte Alderman der 15. Ward, Geo. Thuering, Ecke 15. und State-Straße, sich positiv weigerten, die Samstags-Nachts-Arbeit einzustellen, so daß jetzt mehrere Bäckermeister genötigt wurden, die Samstags-Nachts-Arbeit wieder einzuführen, um ihre Kunden zu behalten. Wird in Zukunft von sämtlichen Union-Leuten die moralische Unterstützung ausbleiben, d. h. wenn nicht jeder Union-Mann positiv das Union-Label-Brod verlangt, so daß wir die-

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(Aus dem „Cigarmakers' Journal.“)

In No. 8, Jahrgang 25, stellt Herr Henry Sohn folgende Frage: „Sollten die Mitglieder der internationalen Unions die Regierungskontrolle der Cigarren-Industrie befürworten?“

Zur Zeit kontrolliert oder beherrscht die Regierung die Cigarren-Industrie ebensowohl wie alle andern Industrien. Die Gerichte beherrschen die Regierung und die Trusts und andere Verbindungen beherrschen die Gerichte. Alle Unionleute und alle Arbeiter sollten deshalb die Uebernahme und den Betrieb sämtlicher Industrien, Eisenbahnen, Telegraphen, der Schifffahrt, Bergwerke und des Landes durch die Regierung befürworten. Dann würde das Rohmaterial nur die Arbeit zur Herstellung kosten, alle Profite kämen der Regierung zugut, und wir, das Volk, sind die Regierung oder sollten sie sein.

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Die große Mehrzahl der Arbeiter begreift, daß sie Hände zum Arbeiten und einen Magen zu nähren hat, aber sie scheint vergessen zu haben, daß sie ein Gehirn zum Denken hat. Kommt, laßt uns denken, überlegen, hört auf Ochsen zu sein und nominirt und wählt Leute aus den Reihen der Arbeiter, deren Wohl unser Wohl ist.

Sie haben es in Neuseeland gethan und haben dort die beste Regierung der Welt, ohne Millionäre, ohne Bettler, ohne Tramps und ohne Kinder, die um Brod schreien. Die Arbeiter in Neuseeland wollten keine Ochsen mehr sein, sie wählten Arbeiter in die Ämter und übernahmen die Regierung selber.

Und nun noch eine Illustration. Vor 30 Jahren bewies Rodefeller der Handelswelt, daß er durch Vereinigung des Kapitals im Stande sei, alle Concurrrenz in seinem Geschäftszweige zu vernichten. Die Handelswelt sah es und ahmte das Beispiel nach, und nun werden so ziemlich alle Lebensbedürfnisse durch Kapitalverbindungen beherrscht. Nun laßt uns, die internationale Cigarrenmacher-Union von Amerika, der industriellen Welt zeigen, was durch eine Vereinigung unsererseits nach dem im letzten „Journal“ dargelegten Plane gethan werden kann, und die andern Unions werden ebenso sicher nachfolgen, als die Handelswelt das Beispiel Rodelfeller's befolgt hat. Dann haben wir eine Regierung der Arbeiter, durch die Arbeiter und für die Arbeiter. Wir waren lange genug Ochsen.

D. J. Richardson.

Anmerkung der Redaktion.

Warum sollte dies nicht auf alle Industriezweige ausgedehnt

werden? Dies kann allerdings erst dann geschehen, wenn die Arbeiter für Sozialismus eintreten und für die Candidaten der sozialdemokratischen Partei stimmen.



Die Spahen.

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Am letzten Tage ihrer Reise kamen die Jünger mit dem Herrn an einen schattigen Hügel.

Und der Herr sprach: Hier laßt uns rasten.

Die Jünger aber lagerten sich herum im Kreise, und ihre Blicke hingen an seinem Munde.

Und er sprach zu ihnen: Ich will euch ein Gleichniß sagen.

Sehet die munteren und fröhlichen Spahen, wie sie herum fliegen von Baum zu Baum, von Ast zu Ast. Jeder findet mit leichter Mühe, was er braucht. Keiner sagt zu dem Andern: Weg von hier! Der Ast ist mein! Keiner fällt dem Andern zur Last. Könnt ihr mir das Gleichniß deuten?

Petrus aber antwortete: Ja, Herr, ich kann es deuten: Das Leben dieser Spahen ist das Leben im Reiche Gottes.

Und der Herr sprach: Du hast recht gedeutet. Vernehmt nun aber auch die andere Seite dieses Gleichnisses.

Auf einer fernen Insel lebte ein durchaus entartetes Spahenvolk. Die Nester, welche sie bauten, gehörten ihnen nicht; der weiche Pflaum, den sie sich aus der Brust rissen, gehörte ihnen nicht; die Früchte, welche sie sammelten, gehörten ihnen nicht.

Alles dies mußten sie Einigen unter ihnen bringen, welche sich mit fremden Federn geschmückt und ihnen durch List und Trug Frucht und Unterwürfigkeit eingeflüßt hatten.

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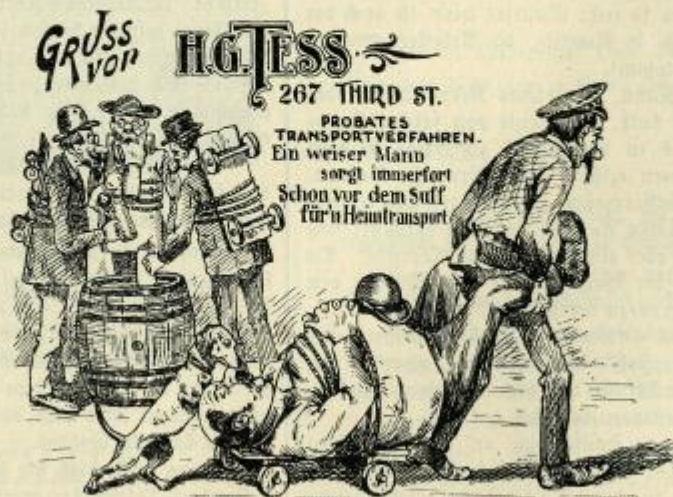
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In solcher Weise leben die betrogenen Kinder im Reiche dieser Welt, und werden so leben, bis ihnen die Stunde der Erkenntniß kommt.

Wer Ohren hat zu hören, der höre!



Das politische System dieses Landes, welches gerade bei Gelegenheit von Präsidentenwahlen so recht illustriert wird, ist auch der Schlüssel zur Erklärung, weshalb in Amerika die Arbeiterbewegung aus der Falschheit gar nicht herauskommt.

Jeder amerikanische junge Mann, der etwas Rednertalent oder Schreibfähigkeit besitzt, merkt gar bald, daß Leute von solcher Kapazität gesuchte Artikel sind und es in der Politik zu etwas bringen können. In monarchischen Ländern existiert eine förmliche Bureaukratie: *Raſte*, welche sich gewissermaßen fortpflanzt; andererseits gilt als Vorbedingung zum langsamen Aufstieg im Amte entweder eine sogenannte akademische Schulung oder eine militärische Karriere. Da ist für die meisten armen Teufel der Weg zu Amt und Würden von einigem Belang von vornherein geradezu verrammelt.

Hierzulande aber winkt jedem geriebenen Schwächer früher oder später ein einträglicher politischer „Job“, wenn er nur „smart“ genug ist, seine Talente rechtzeitig in die Dienste derjenigen Partei zu stellen, welche die meisten Ämter am raschesten zu vergeben hat.

Damit tritt die Versuchung von Hause aus an all' Diejenigen heran, welche hervorgegangen aus dem Proletariat, ihre Intelligenz unter anderen Umständen auch in den Dienst des Proletariats stellen würden, anderweit Gelegenheit suchen, der Sphäre ihrer Herkunft zu entinnen und „Glück“ zu machen.

Soweit manche Leute trotz alledem ihre Fähigkeit innerhalb der Arbeiterbewegung eine Zeit lang bethätigen, thun sie das in der Regel nur, um sich in erster Linie praktisch zu üben, resp. rednerisch und schreiberisch vollends auszubilden, sowie um in zweiter Linie die Arbeiter an die herrschenden Parteien zu verrathen. Damit sichern sie ganz von selbst ein Anrecht auf entsprechende Belohnung — erst in Cash, hernach per amtlicher Versorgung.

Nur sehr wenige wirkliche *Idealiſten*, welche bisher aus dem amerikanischen Volke hervorgegangen sind, vermochten diesen Versuchungen zu widerstehen. Und wenn nicht immer und immer wieder „fremde“ agitatorische Kräfte in diesem Lande aufgetaucht wären und das Feuer geschürt hätten, so wäre vielleicht die ganze amerikanische Arbeiterbewegung schon längst total versumpt und zu einem bloßen Tummelfeld gemeiner politischer Streber herabgesunken, als was sie ohnehin in einem sehr hohen Grade leider bisher angesehen werden mußte.

Diese Exposition braucht man nicht als Pessimisterei anzusehen. Sie soll lediglich das Warum und Wieso der vorhandenen Uebelstände innerhalb der amerikanischen Arbeiterbewegung beleuchten.

Eine Aenderung wird desto rascher eintreten, je rascher sich die herrschenden Parteien abwirthschaften und je entschiedener sie den Arbeitern gegenüber den Knüppel aus dem Sacke lassen.

Letzteres läßt wahrlich an Deutlichkeit jetzt schon ganz und gar nichts mehr zu wünschen übrig. Mithin muß auch der Zeitpunkt bald eintreten, an welchem dem Faß der proletarischen Gebuld der Boden ausgeschlagen wird und das Volk als solches logisch zu denken und zu handeln beginnt.

Dann wird auch die Arbeiterbewegung von Amerika in ein revolutionäres Fahrwasser gerathen, von welchem sie kein listiger Demagog und kein brutal-brothender Politikant mehr abbringen kann.

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Die Politik der Gewalt, welche die herrschende Klasse befolgt, um ihre Interessen rücksichtslos und brutal in den Vordergrund zu drängen, muß bei jeder Gelegenheit gebrandmarkt werden. Diese Politik wird genährt durch den kleinlichen, engen Patriotismus der Massen, die sich, von ihrem Nationalgefühl berauscht, leicht den Zwecken der Herrschenden dienstbar machen lassen. Von dem großen Gedanken der internationalen Völkerverbrüderung noch weit entfernt, lassen sie sich durch nationale Farben, Nationalgefänge und die öffentliche Verehrung ihrer Kriegshelden in einem künstlich erzeugten Taumel der Begeisterung bringen, in welchem es ihnen Menschenpflicht scheint, den Menschen zu morben, mit Krieg ein anderes Volk zu überziehen, als Räuber in ein fremdes Land einzubringen.

Der Krieg ist ein deutlicher Beweis dafür, daß es mit unserer vielgerühmten Kultur noch nicht weit her ist. Nationen, die gegenseitig ihre stärksten und gesündesten Söhne herausuchen, dieselben in Schlachtlinien aufstellen und zum Morben aufeinander heken, machen der Bezeichnung „Kulturvölk“ Schande. Der steigende Einfluß der Kultur erschwert freilich in deutlich wahrnehmbarem Maße die Kriegsführung und wenn die Herrschenden und Mächtigen kriegslustig sind, so sind sie vorsichtig und suchen das Volk mit Freiheits- und Humanitätsphrasen zu gewinnen. Sie tadeln die Bestie, um sie zum Erwachen zu bringen. Ist sie einmal erwacht, ist das erste Blut geleckt, dann genügen die Flaggen und die Nationalhymne, um die Bestie rasend zu machen und dann bemühen sich die Herrschenden nicht länger, von Humanität, Recht und Freiheit zu reden. Daß sie es zuerst für nötig erachteten, ist eine Konzeßion an die kommende Reife der Völker, die überall da, wo der Sozialismus Boden gewinnt, am besten vorbereitet wird. Zeigt er sich auch fast gar nicht in öffentlicher Vertretung, wie in Amerika, ist er im Volke noch nicht zum klaren Bewußtsein gekommen, so ist er doch mächtig vorhanden, denn er lebt in der steigenden Bildung der breiten Massen, die mit der höheren Bildung zum Be-

wußtsein ihrer Menschenwürde kommen werden und dann sich nicht länger als Opfertiere im Mammonstempel abschlachten lassen.

Der Sozialismus bringt den Massen die Freiheit und das Brod, aber er hat beschwerliche, mühsame Wege zu gehen; er muß die Felsblöcke der Unwissenheit, der Unbildung, des Aberglaubens hinwegräumen, und das ist eine langsame, schwierige Arbeit, aber er muß sich derselben unterziehen, wenn er in das breite Thal, in welchem die Menge versammelt ist und sehnüchtig des Erlösers harret, gelangen will. Nur wenige kommen ihm bis jezt aus dieser Menge entgegen, die Meisten sehen ihn nicht, wissen nichts von ihm, haben keine Ahnung davon, daß er auf dem Wege ist.

Der Sozialismus bringt den Massen den Frieden; er haßt den Krieg, denn er weiß, daß derselbe die knospende Kultur bricht und zerstört, wo er mit seiner eisernen Faust dazwischenfährt. Aber der bauende, fleißige, Kultur fördernde, veredelnde Frieden wird den Menschen nur in der Freiheit zu Theil werden, in der Freiheit, „die das Volk im heiligen Kampfe mit der Knechtschaft muß erringen“, wie der Dichter singt.

Und in diesem Kampfe wollen die Sozialisten nicht ermüden, da müssen sie Pfadfinder sein, um immer neue Wege zu entdecken, dem Feinde das Terrain streitig zu machen, Aufklärung und Bildung in die Massen zu tragen, und wo das nationale Geschrei nach Krieg sich erhebt, da predigen sie die große internationale Friedensidee. Da erinnern sie die Völker daran, daß es die Machthaber sind, die den Krieg wünschen, daß sie, die Völker, jedesmal betrogen und verrathen werden, wenn man sie gegen einander heht, daß sie sich erheben und für den Frieden, für die Freiheit eintreten sollen. (Wis. Vorwärts.)



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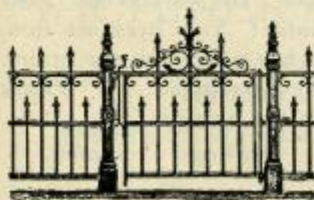
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It is to be feared that man does not know his full strength when thus armed; does not know that his ballot is more potent for good than the sword of Saladin himself. There is scarcely an evil under the sun that may not be put down or at any rate shorn of its strength by the proper use of the ballot, and that men are not more sure of this aged fact is an evil much to be deplored.

The money power, regarded by shallow thinkers as well

nigh invincible, is afraid of the man with the ballot if that man is above the seduction of money. "Dis ain't the fust time I'se been bought," remarked Sambo to himself as he counted his greenbacks on the day after the election, "but it is de fust time I evah got de money myself." Let us hope that in each succeeding battle by ballot, there are fewer patriots of this calibre. Those who are not for sale will eventually become the real rulers of this country. Every year corruption in politics is more openly and vehemently denounced by a daily press which, whatever else may be averred of it, certainly has the merit of showing which way the wind blows.

The race of professional politicians will probably be always with us, like various other noisome things, but these creatures will ultimately be bridled, while the man who goes to the polls with his eye single to the good of the whole state, the man to whom stump eloquence, that wars against his better judgment, is but sounding brass, is bound to grow in numbers with the growth of moral education. Man will learn that the financier who, in piling up his dollars, tears down and tramples upon the rights of those with whom he has to deal, is as much deserving of the wages of theft as the pickpocket. And when this is fully impressed upon the ballot-armed defenders of our national honor, then may we hope that our manhood will rise to its full stature.

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Raise your head and make tyrants stand in awe before the "Man with the Ballot."—*Ex.*



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WORKINGMAN'S RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS—I used to wear a hat that was not union made, I also smoked a bad cigar of rank non-union grade; I wore scab shoes, non-union clothes, I never tried the plan Of buying only union goods, and I a union man!

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To patronize goods that are made by labor organized,
Non-union goods made by foul scabs shall ever be despised.

—*Labor World.*

SOME people believe that poverty is necessary, that must needs always exist, that some people cannot care for what they receive or do not care to make anything. The same thing could have been claimed years ago about education—that most people were illiterate, always had been and would always be, because they did not want to learn or could not afford to buy books and employ teachers. But the establishing of the PUBLIC school system has upset that view of things. There would be almost as much illiteracy today as formerly if it were not for the public school system. Compulsory education, at least in the rudimentary branches, would be an improvement for children and benefit the next generation. Now make industry as easy as schools, make place for every one who wants to work and make it impossible for the idler to get anything, and you will have abolished poverty. Make the land, machinery and exchange PUBLIC property just as are the schools, and then such as are inclined to be shiftless can not mortgage, sell or alienate their rights to employment and the results of their work, and you have solved the poverty question. It will yet work out that way.



Down in Alabama the miners are agitating for a pay day every two weeks, and the abolition of the truck-store system. The coal barons are, of course, making a valiant fight for the "liberty" of the miner, and vow that he shall never be deprived of the privilege of waiting five or six weeks for his wages, and shall be "free" to spend them at the company's "pluck-me" store.



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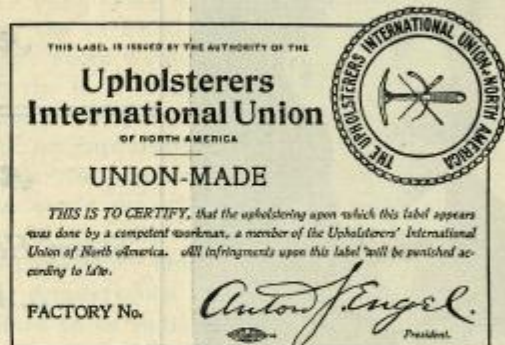
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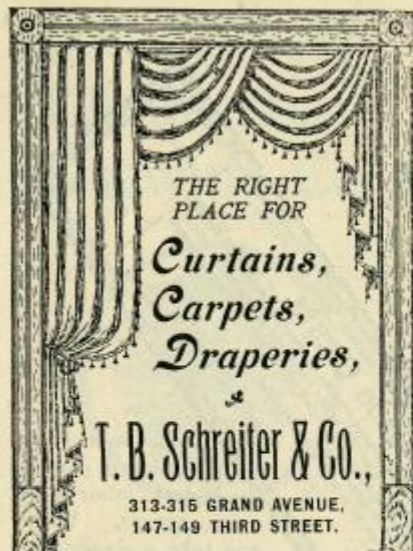
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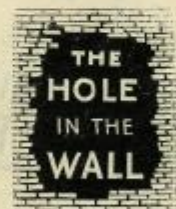
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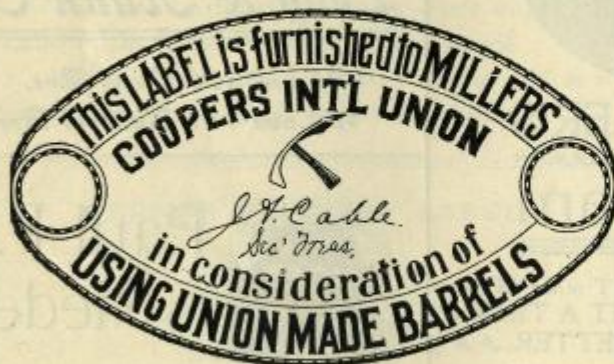
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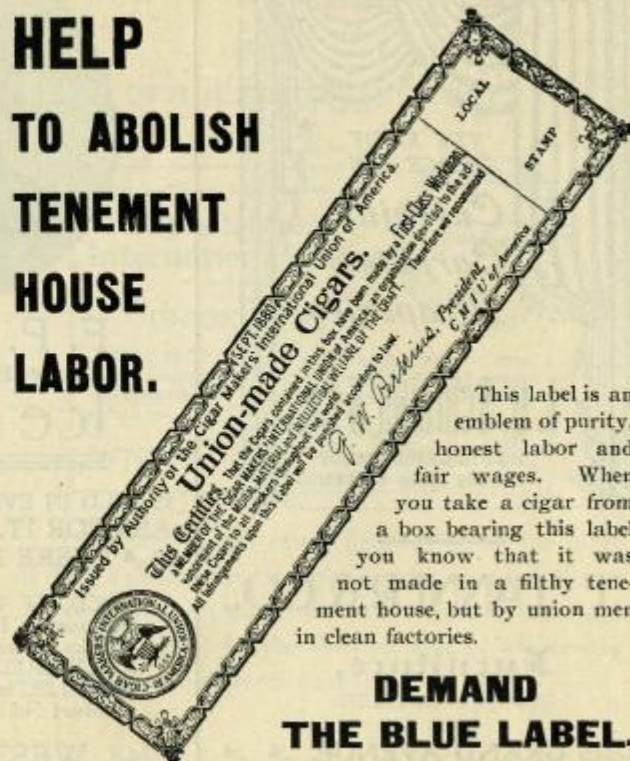


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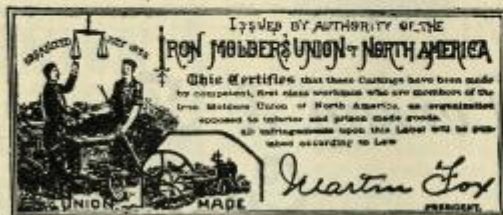


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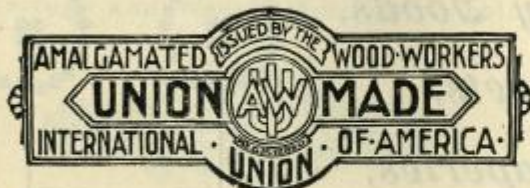
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WHAT THE EARS HEAR.

CHURCHMEMBER—"Now, I have worked hard and at last have succeeded in getting hold of a little property; by saving up every cent, and going without many things that I needed, I have at last succeeded in getting hold of 20 acres of land. Now, do you think it would be right for another man who has not been so industrious and saving as I have, to step right into a good easy thing of it?"

Socialist—"My friend, have I not explained to you, that under Socialism, all have equal opportunities, that all receive the full reward of their industry; and did you not, just a moment ago, admit that you would be better off under Socialism?"

Churchmember—"Certainly, I would be better off than I am at present, but do you think it would be just, for my neighbor, Bill Bartman, for instance, who never did try to save up anything, to step right into a good thing like that, and to, all of a sudden, be as well off as I am?"

Socialist—"That is to say, you put yourself up as God's agent here on earth, to look after His business, and see that Bill Bartman, and some others perhaps, don't get the full reward of their future industry, because in the past they have failed to hold on to more of the unstolen part; and you even feel it a duty falling upon your own shoulders, to continue under this system of robbery, permitting yourself to be robbed in future as in the past, that your neighbor Bill Bartman, and others like him, may be robbed in future,

because they were less hoggish than yourself, in permitting others to rob them of all they had made. You fail to see, that all we ask, is, that every one in future shall receive the full reward of their industry. We are not asking a division; we do not ask you to give Bill Bartman, nor any one else, a cent of what belongs to you. All we ask, is, that you and Bill Bartman shall both receive what belongs to you in future. You claim to be a Christian, I believe, and yet you want it so arranged that Bill Bartman and all the rest of us, shall continue in future, as in the past, to give up a part of what by right belongs only to ourselves, to those who never work, and therefore have no right to it. These must stand to God in the light of thieves, receiving that which does not belong to them.

Christian—"I see that I am not able to argue this question with you. But I still have my ideas about the matter."

"Farmer—"I own a thousand acres of land, and this year put up 35 tons of hay, which I cannot haul out and sell, for there is no road. I have just bought 16 head of young calves, at \$6 a head. These I will keep two or three years, and sell at \$25 or \$30 a head. This will be like finding money. Times are good now. Yes, Socialism may come, but it won't be in my day or yours.

Socialist—"What do you think the Bible means by the millenium?" Do you think that would be a good thing?

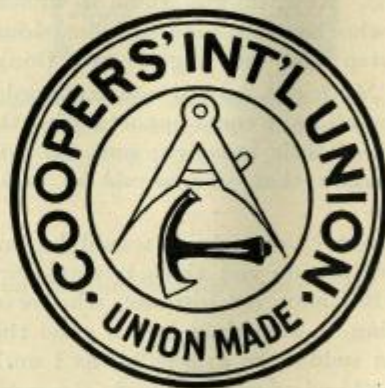
Farmer—"The millenium would be a good thing; so would a great many other things. But the millenium is a

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long ways off yet. The world must get a great deal better than it is now, before we can have a millenium."

Socialist—"That is to say, the time for the millenium will be when no man owns a thousand acres of land, and after all men have gone out of the business of speculating. If any have bought calves, and expect to get more for them than they paid, it will not suit such speculators to have the millenium come so long as there are good prospects of a profitable deal. But the less fortunate ones should be willing to see it come almost any day. It seems to me, you do not understand what is meant by the word millenium. It could not mean that there is to be some heavenly substance dropped down from heaven, that is to make men better; but that it means a better condition that is to be brought about between man and man. It does not mean that the robber will get tired of robbing and retire from the business, or that he will give up the plunder, but that the robbed will get tired of being robbed. This is liable to be the case almost any day. One fact can be learned in the twinkling of an eye, and when the people discover that they are being robbed, and then forced to starve or stop it, they may conclude to put an abrupt stop to the robbery. See?"

—Frank Reed.

THERE is no reason on earth why socialism should be a bugaboo word. Bismarck seemed to regard it with terror during the days of his supremacy in Germany, and his repressive measures had the effect of finally giving the

socialists a larger number of seats than any other party in the Reichstag. Instead of proceeding to tear up the German empire, they have pegged along very much like other political parties when entrusted with a measure of responsibility. In England, the socialistic movement is very much like that of America, except that English municipalities are making more rapid strides in acquiring control of all public utilities than are those of America. Socialism is entirely a question of political economy. There is nothing in it to suggest dynamite bombs or inspire terror in any form.—*Ind. Press.*



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INASMUCH as the means of sustaining life can only be produced by labor, it follows that labor, and not money, constitutes the true measure of value and medium of final payment. To make this measure of value and medium of final payment applicable in practical business affairs requires that the people should be organized in their capacity as consumers, with a view to the equal distribution of all the benefits that can be secured by such organization. It is the consumer who is the real employer of the producer, and whereas the producers constitute the great masses of the consumers, it does seem, from a business point of view, that they ought to be able to pay themselves at all times and under all circumstances an equitable compensation for all the services which they render to society, that is to themselves. Examine this statement closely and see how easy it may be to secure equal opportunities to all who produce wealth.—*Equity*.



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THERE is nothing better proved by a course of historic study than the strange fact that the people on the very verge of change revolution have no idea that anything is about to take place. A nation is always taken by surprise when its institutions are overthrown, like a child when its house of cards is toppled over by its own weight.—*Rev. James White*.



THERE is only one place in which labor is disorganized—at the polls.—*Union Record*.



LET the gulled fool the toils of war pursue where bleed the many to enrich the few.—*Ex*.



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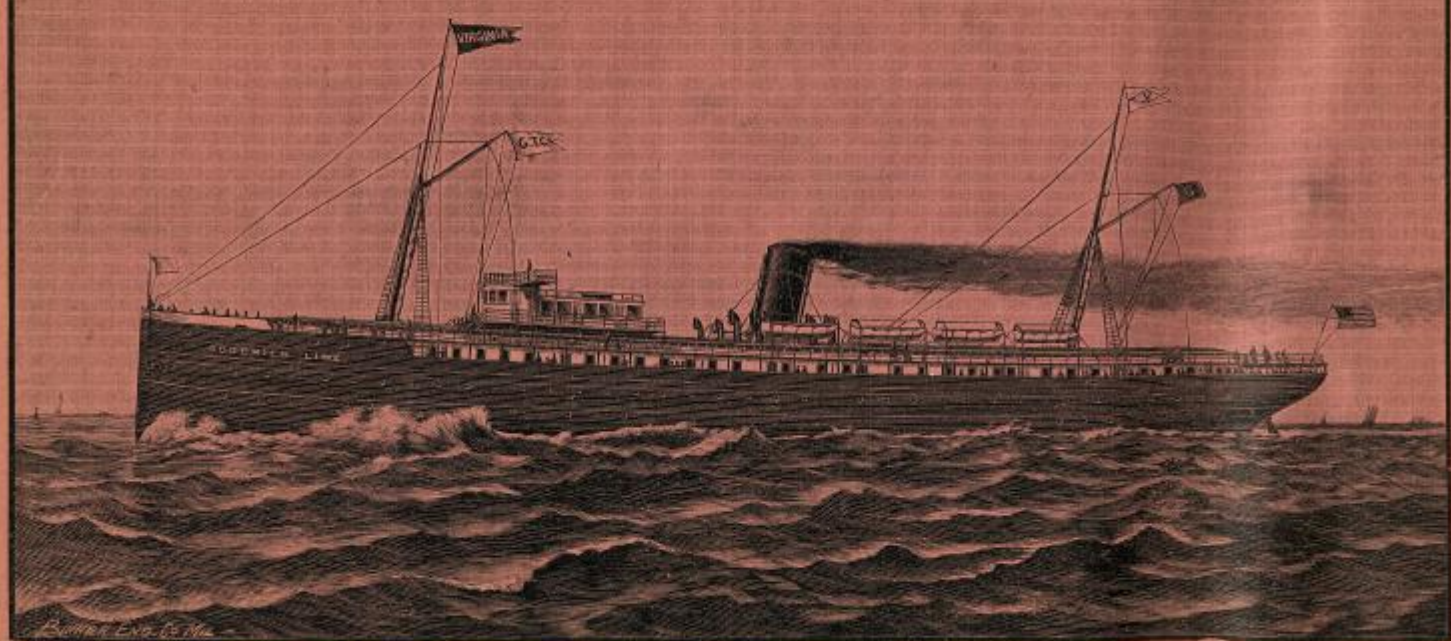

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