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TRIUMPHANT MARCH OF CAPITALISM



CAPITALISM'S RECORD.

The laboring man, the slave, is the sport of the beast of Capitalism.

In its triumphant march through the world, Capitalism pollutes and desecrates every good thing. Its battle plains are strewn with the dead bodies of the slaves; the wives, mothers, and daughters of the slaves are insulted and outraged.

And this it does in the name of religion, under the guise of "benevolent assimilation," "plain duty" and other vulgar and hypocritical professions. In the name of Christianity, Capitalism insults, outrages and robs every tribe and every race, and displays the bleeding heads of the slaves as trophies of its plundering expeditions.

A smiling world lies before Capitalism; in its wake are hunger, poverty, desolation and death.

SLAVE MARKET REPORTS

Conducted by D. Burgess.

In "The Independent," I find this bit of concentrated wisdom: "A very great portion of the taxes for the support of the government has been thrown upon the poor by tariffs which increase the cost of goods consumed. That's what's the matter." That writer needs to take a course of instruction in economics in some Kindergarten. He don't yet know that the world is robbed in the mills, mines and factories.

Our new city government seems anxious to establish a reputation for "business" and "morality," and to the public the advice are instructed to the vine of private ownership.

ship out of the city so soon as they are robbed of the last cent of their small earnings.

A man, or a city that will stand for such brutality as this ought hardly to say anything about morality.

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Jefferson and Lincoln dealt with the issues of their day in ways more or less wise, but they were not dealing with problems which are now up for solution, and their careers can be of no use to us except as a stimulant to do our duty.

Our world is full of raw material out of which every comfort and luxury are created; there are almost countless machines which are designed to convert the raw material into comforts and luxuries; thousands upon thousands of working people who are in obvious need of all the comforts and luxuries are standing dumb in the presence of nature's gifts and the machines which their skill and industry have created. Why is this?

Recently a new department store

was opened in New York city, and 8,000 applicants for positions strive to be first. All probably did their best, but as there were positions for only a few of these thousands, most of them were doomed to disappointment, but most of them still support private ownership of the means by which wealth is created and distributed. Well, after a few more disappointments they may be willing to investigate and to think and act in their own interests.

Mr. Bryan pleads with the workingman to distinguish between the attitude of the Democratic party in recent campaigns and the attitude of the same party under Mr. Cleveland. Well, there is no microscope of sufficient power to detect the difference. Both propose to skin the worker to a finish. We've nothing against Judge Parker. Olympia State Capital. Perhaps the sensations caused by

being robbed are pleasing to you. If so you ought to love the Judge who helps to rob you and all Judge do this. So long as your robbery affords you pleasure, support the robber class. It cannot make much difference to you whether the robbers are tagged "Republicans" or "Democrats."

Cleveland wants a short platform. He wants to get in quick.

There are members of the Socialist party who seem unable to grasp the fundamentals of Socialism. Recently one of these innocents came to me with soft, soothing tones of voice, saying he had found a writer that presented the vital truths of Socialism in such a way as to strike terror to the hearts of capitalists and in support of this proposition he produced a copy of "The Detroit Times," containing a rambling editorial upon the beauties and the charms of public ownership. This writer made some excellent

shots, but it is obvious to any Socialist that his good shots were aimless ones, and being so there is little reason to recommend his indiscriminate methods to those who are seeking to know the truth when there are writers whose aims are well directed and certain. If you want to understand Socialism, support the Socialist press.

Government ownership with all it implies is not Socialism. Those who advocate government ownership are not Socialists.

Socialism is collective ownership by the working class of all the means of wealth production and distribution. Such ownership can come only after the political triumph of the slaves.

Tell the story of the "bull pen," tell it to old and young, tell it morning, noon and night. This story ought to be committed to memory by every mother and she should tell it to the

slipping child and repeat the story until the facts become luminous. In this way we shall build up a sentiment which shall dethrone the capitalist class.

Crowds of men stand before the employment offices. Of course these men do not want work, but they have been working. No man really desires work under existing conditions, but millions do work and by so doing are brutalized.

"Laboring power is not a commodity, workmen are not slaves," so say a few workers who have nothing to show for years of endless toil. Such men do not know what a commodity is, nor do they know what a slave is.

THROUGH POST-INTELLIGENCE EYES.

And the outdoor beauty that is so easily obtained means more and is worth more to the poor man than to his wealthier neighbor. The latter is likely to have many objects of beauty in his house as well as gratifying surroundings of decorations and furniture, while the rooms of the poor man, unless he has very exceptional artistic taste and ingenuity, must usually be severely plain if not positively ugly. The exterior of his home, then, and the flowers that he can grow in his window boxes must supply the only beauty that can be purchased cheaply. The P.I. can't help telling the truth sometimes.

Yes, the creator of wealth must be contented with cheap beauty.

The exploiter can have around him many gratifying decorations.

Now listen to the siren song of the P.I. as it tries to lull the toiler to sleep:

In Dayton, O., there is one street bounded by the modest homes of the employees of a canister manufacturing which has been so beautified by vines, shrubbery, hedges and flowers that the eminent landscape architect, John Olmsted, has pronounced it "the most beautiful street in the world, size and cost of houses considered." And yet there are some hundreds of the former employees of that same canister company who see no beauty and no joy amid the abundance of flowers that distinguish that hated street, the "most beautiful in the world, size and cost of houses considered."

More than vines, flowers, mere splendor, mere beauty of decoration, is needed to produce a pleasing sensation.

The sense of dependence, of absolute subjection which dominates the people who inhabit that, the most beautiful street in the world, size and cost of houses considered, robs that street of its glory.

Tacoma's citizens distinguished themselves in their welcome and treatment of the officers and men of the U. S. cruiser Tacoma. An enterprising people of Tacoma are entirely successful.—Seattle Times.

Well, Col. it all depends upon the social standing of the party who seeks the entertainment. If a working man should go to Tacoma in search of a job this entertainment would hardly be heralded in "The Times."

That old labor leader, T. V. Powderly, has made up his mind that strikes are a bad thing and argues reciprocity between employer and employee, and advocates the incorporation of all labor organizations.—Seattle Times.

It is obvious that "The Times" knows its friends, even if some of the slaves fail to see an enemy in such friends of "The Times."

Germany is making "good niggers" out of its rebellious subjects in Africa.

Rockefeller has at last consented to be interviewed on the labor problem. He predicts that there will be ten million unemployed, hungry and desperate men in this country by 1907, who he thinks will go to burning and destroying if something be not done for them. John D. may be in a position where he can see the coming storm, but he is mistaken in his estimate of the intelligence of the working class if he thinks they are going to permit the capitalist class to own the tools which they do not use when they will no longer be able to give the workers employment. The mission of the capitalist class was to solve the problem of production. That has been accomplished. The great mission of the working class is to solve the problem of distribution. And the Socialist party is the instrument they will use to solve this great problem.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT

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LOCAL SAN FRANCISCO.

Propaganda meeting at Turk St. Tuesday, 117 Turk St., 8:30 p.m. Night. Night meeting of San Francisco Local 500 Monday night at Turk St. Tomorrow night, 117 Turk St., 8:30 p.m. Rooms 29-30, 1504 Market St. Thomas Borsford, Organizer; Miss Mary Fairbrother, Secretary.

NEWS ITEMS.

LENA MORROW LEWIS.

Owing to the participation of the German Ambassador in the Alameda Co. Local's May Day International celebration, the German Comrade will hold their picnic in honor of the International labor day on May 5th at the Germania Gardens, Haight View, San Francisco. Lena Morrow Lewis will deliver an address in German and the writer one in English. Games for young and old, prize bowling, raffle, prize shooting, dancing, singing etc., ad infinitum all this good time for only a quarter. The picnic is given for the benefit of the San Francisco Taborblatt and should be well attended.

Comrade McKee the organizer for Northern California paid a visit to the San Francisco local last Monday night. He was on his way to the national convention.

For weeks the representatives of the United Street Railway Company of this city and the representatives of the local Street Carriers' Union have been conferring together as to a plan for the coming year. The company has at last decided on its terms and has submitted them to the Union for acceptance or rejection. The matter of accepting or rejecting the terms is to be voted on by secret ballot at the next meeting of the Street Carriers' Union. The executive board has already recommended a rejection of the same. In case the men follow their advice a strike will probably take place. There were so many interesting features in the street car strike of two years ago that one bears many speculations as to whether it will be repeated, in case there is another strike. It is a significant fact that Mayor Schmitt elected on the Union ticket to represent the interest of labor, and that he received a vote from the street car men expressed himself in a recent interview as being unwilling to take sides in the controversy. This position of the mayor is only one more indication that the street car men demonstrate that that party and its elected officers do not stand for the interest of the workers. If the mayor should show any favors to the United Street Railway Company, it would be the eyes of some of them to see that the only men to vote for are those who stand upon a platform that is framed by the interests of the workers, the street car men, and the working class only.

The Walters' Union of this city has recently fitted up new headquarters of which it has great reason to be proud. The building is located at 405 8th St. and is a fine example of what environment has much to do in determining a person's behavior, accordingly the union has spared no pains to provide the headquarters with all the conveniences and accommodations that go to make up a modern headquarters. Two large reading rooms were carpeted and furnished with handsome leather chairs and oak tables. The headquarters is also equipped with the latest magazines and papers among them a good supply of Socialist papers, a large assembly room for meetings, offices, reception rooms, billiard and pool room with all the latest equipment. The various conveniences of the headquarters are so arranged that the members of the union that the behavior of the members is a very marked improvement over that in the old headquarters. Thus demonstrates that the surroundings determine largely their manner and conduct. All the members of the Walters Union should avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting the headquarters as often as possible, and other union should follow their example and provide themselves with as pleasant a home, our better still San Francisco ought to have a big labor temple.

At the request of the Alameda county comrades we publish the following resolutions and an open letter to the comrades in the California department of the Socialist Party. We will be pleased at any time to receive news items from the comrades of this state for our department.

A. M. and L. M. LEWIS.

Whereas, An election of delegates to the national convention of the Socialist Party, to be held at Chicago on May 1st, 1904, has taken place in the third congressional district in accordance with the instructions of the State Secretary, and in harmony with the state referendum fixing the basis of apportionment, and

Whereas, Said apportionment was by the State Secretary, two delegates and two alternates for the third congressional district, and in accordance therewith, two delegates and two alternates were duly elected (every local in the district participate and

Whereas, the vote was canvassed and officially announced, the State Secretary in his report printed in the Los Angeles Socialist of April 9th, and

Whereas, the delegates so elected are now on route to Chicago to attend the convention, and

Whereas, the State Secretary has now, in contravention of the referendum fixing the basis of apportionment, and in contravention of his own instructions, determined to call issued by his ordering the election, and without authority or justification, has arbitrarily deprived the third congressional district of its rightful representation by declaring after the election has taken place that the delegates are en route) the district will be allowed but one delegate; (see State Secretary's report in Los Angeles Socialist of April 14th), and this in spite of the fact that the total number of delegates elected in the state is less than the state is entitled to, therefore be it

Resolved, That Local Alameda county demands that the State Secretary do furnish credentials to the two delegates and two alternates duly elected from the third congressional district, viz: J. Stitt Wilson and M. W. Wilkins as delegates, and J. B. Osborne and Conrad Rupp as alternates, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the state central committees in this state with the request that they instruct the State Secretary to issue said credentials.

The above resolution was adopted by Local Alameda county at a special meeting held at Oakland, Alameda county, April 17, 1904.

M. LESSER, Chairman.
THOMAS BOOTH, Secretary.

State Headquarters,
405 8th St., Oakland, Cal.
April 18, 1904.

E. B. Hoffenstein,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Comrade:
In accordance with the instructions contained in the resolution adopted by Local Alameda county, which we send herewith, we, the members of the State Central Committee for Alameda county, have the honor to inform you, as State Secretary, to issue credentials to the duly elected delegates and alternates to the National Convention of the Socialist Party from the third congressional district.

M. W. Wilkins and J. Stitt Wilson as delegates, and J. B. Osborne and Conrad Rupp as alternates, and forward the same to them without delay. Your letter of April 14th, explaining the basis of the election, and the representation in the third district, is before us.

We have carefully considered all the points in the case and find the facts as stated by you to be correct.

1st. The time and manner of nominating and electing delegates to the national convention was fixed by a referendum initiated by Local San Bernardino and adopted by a vote of the state membership.

This referendum provides that the nominations should be made between March 1st and 15th and the elections held between March 15th and April 1st, the votes to close on the latter date.

The third district, in strict accordance with the referendum nominated two delegates and two alternates as instructed by the State Secretary, and the vote was canvassed by you and the result announced in your official report.

2nd. The fourth congressional district elected two nominees and one alternate to hold an election for delegates and the time fixed by the referendum having expired for making nominations and holding elections the matter was closed so far as your office is concerned. Without authority and in contravention of the referendum fixing your power and duties in this matter, you now proceeded to overturn the legally held election of the third district on the pretext that the fourth district is entitled to the odd delegate.

In the matter of apportionment. And we, the undersigned, demand that our delegates and alternates, duly and legally elected, shall be credited.

And furthermore to our positive knowledge the vote cast by Local Alameda county was illegal and fraudulent and should not be counted for the following reasons:

The vote was not taken in a business meeting as required by the state constitution.

And that the votes were recorded by the secretary of the local and counted on the mere claim of the secretary that members had met him on the street or in his place of business and told him to record their vote for J. Stitt Wilson without the fact being known to them that other candidates were in the field.

We have positive evidence that these statements are true and can be proven by affidavit.

Local Alameda received 23 votes for J. Stitt Wilson, he being the only candidate voted for by that local.

And that the result of the election in the third district and if our representation is cut down the candidate legally elected will be deprived of his seat as delegate.

If our two delegates are not both given returns the vote in the district will go before the general committee of the convention and be fought out there.

W. J. FURSTNER,
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M. LESSER,
H. C. TUCK,
State Central Committee.

LOS ANGELES, Calif.
With regard to enclosed resolution I wish to say "the reflection on the integrity" etc., is due to the carelessness of the committee in conducting the election. Several locals received no notice of such election officially, and on the basis of local action the names were omitted and corrected.

Robbins' name and several others were omitted from the first report, giving returns the vote in the district was missing. This was explained by the State Secretary as a printer's error.

His name was omitted from the list because of the fault of their secretaries or the postoffice interference or delay. Local Alameda county was given the instructions were given them, and their vote, signed by their secretary, was sent to the State Secretary by Robbins. The week previous, after a heated discussion, a motion made by myself was passed instructing Com. Hoffenstein to notify the locals of the district of his errors in report. Next week the vote of Redondo was "overlooked in auditing." There were 15 votes for Robbins in the district. The other votes were: Parker, 34; Corey, 17; Robbins, 18; Barker, 14; Stevens, 13, with a few scattering votes for others. This is given to you personally as the State Secretary, as a delegate preference for some other reason.

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brick, among others which he has mentioned, is so ill-planned and of such poor design, that an "architectonic mind" would undoubtedly be able to find fault with it. But would it be so completely out of place? I am not criticizing the comrade for showing such unscientific statements. All of us have, unquestionably, made some wretched errors, in wrestling with the Marxian philosophy. But this is "holier than thou phariseism," which is so objectionable.

It cannot be denied that in the early part of the movement, especially in America, a dogmatic and orthodox spirit prevailed. But if we look beneath and discover the cause, a more charitable and less censorious attitude than that assumed by Comrade Ladoff will be held towards those comrades who had towards the rank and file at that time.

All Socialists know that until recently there was a deplorable dearth of scientific Socialist literature in America. The "stock in trade" consisted mostly of essays and formalisms treating on many isolated phases of the Marxian philosophy, but in such a manner that the contrary of the doctrine was utterly destroyed. In short, you "could not see the wood for the trees."

Each word of this literature was the "Manifesto" and "Capital." The superficial appearance of the Socialist propaganda "Capital" was accessible to the bulk of students, and to those who could purchase it, it indeed was a valuable asset. It was the "Manifesto," therefore, because the text book of Socialist literature in general. It is unnecessary to call attention to the great condemnation with which Marx and Engels have the genesis, form and development of bourgeois society. In this little volume. This is applicable to the present time after a perusal of Ladoff's "Historical Materialism," the first of which is a review of the "Manifesto." The condensing power of this form of literature was the "Manifesto" and "Capital."

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"The issue is, however, made more pointed in Colorado than any other state, where the coal strike there, we are of the opinion, is to be found the exact issue that is to be fought out ultimately between capital and labor all over the United States. The Rockefeller interests in the coal mines there take the stand, practically, that they have the right to say that the open shop shall rule in the mines. On the other hand, the United Mine Workers take the stand that only union men should be employed in the mines. Thus, between the strongest representatives of capital, and the strongest organization of labor in the United States, a great contest has been begun, in which the issue at stake is

"UNION SHOP."
"OPEN SHOP."
"To the great class of citizens who belong neither to the class of controlling employing capitalists nor to the class of unorganized labor, the issue of stupendous importance. To him it appears like a civil war, a war that indeed may be bloodless, but which nevertheless involves great losses of cost to the community and to the country. Moreover, it appears to him that both sides to the dispute are wrong. Capital is wrong in waging a war of practical extermination against free labor, and labor is wrong in waging a war of extermination against free labor. In the end both sides must recede from their extreme position. Capital will have to organize the unorganized labor, and labor will have to concede the rights of the non-union workman. But in the meantime the interests of the country suffer because both capital and labor are engaged in a suicidal power, are making claims that cannot be justified either by right or reason. Is there any way to settle this dispute except by war?"

MARCUS
"There is no more engaging question than that of the relation between labor and capital, which seems the paramount issue today. The instinct of workmen to band together to protect themselves is no more to be wondered at than the same instinct on the part of capital. Now, my plan is to have organized union labor Americanized in the best sense and to have the unorganized labor educated in its responsibilities, and in this way to make it the ally of the capitalist, rather than a foe with which to grapple."

"It is often asked what is to become of the unorganized consumer if an amicable alliance is made between labor and capital. But every man belongs to the one or the other group, for that man he is only belong to both. I took some time to consider the work of the civic federation, and I am firmly convinced that it is the object to which I desire to devote the better portion of my life. I fully appreciate that it is a long struggle, but the progress already made under the motto of the civic federation—the golden rule—has surpassed even my most sanguine expectations, and I am sure that American people will sustain a policy based upon the highest moral and social impulse, which will eliminate the domestic capitalist, and now exist between capital and labor."

Marcus is proud of the work of his civic federation, and we may be pardoned for asking what the federation has done, although Marcus may consider it very un-American to ask for a leading question. What has the federation done? Why it sent the poor, starved, hapless slaves back to their tasks where they will be robbed of their wages by the capitalist in interpretation of the golden rule, and incidentally they run fearful risks of being murdered by scores, and by hundreds. Of this Mark is proud.

A doubling Thomas writes, asking why it is, if labor is a commodity, that it is not quoted in the market reports. My answer is this: A few years ago in Iowa, I raised Irish potatoes for the market. I took a wagon load to the city and sold them for 7 cents a bushel, but potatoes were not then quoted in the market reports.

The price was too low, it would induce the country to let such prices be paid for just so it is with labor power. When men earn \$10.50 worth of wealth in a day, our masters dislike to publish to the world that they only pay from \$15.00 a day to \$50.00 and in some rare cases \$60.00.

John Pull, who laughed till he cried when the little Yellow Jackets were stinging the great Russian Bear, now says, "Good mornin', how are you?" when he meets the bear. The impulse of the little Japs will not do it. Sam, he has been on the fence ever since the Japs failed to make good their boast that they would spend their money to get the Russian bear. The capitalist class always cheer the upper dog in the fight.

THE WASHINGTON PLATFORM

"WORKMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"

We, the Socialist Party of Washington, in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of America, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations and our PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Labor produces all wealth.
2. Under the present economic and political conditions labor's share in the wealth which it creates is merely a mean and uncertain subsistence.
3. So long as the present organization of industry remains the capitalist class will monopolize the machines of production and will appropriate, through the wage system, the wealth created by the working class.
4. This appropriation of labor's wealth by the capitalists is so complete that it enables them to live in luxury and idleness.
5. As a necessary consequence of this exploitation of the laborers by the capitalists—the appropriation of all property out of the hands of the tillers into the private ownership of the holders of capital, there is an inevitable war between the interests of the working class on the one hand and the interests of the capitalist class on the other.
6. This class struggle between the wealth-makers and the wealth-takers will endure so long as our present system of production for profit continues.
7. In this conflict between the workers and the capitalists, labor is disarmed on the economic side, all the instruments of production and distributing wealth being owned and controlled by the holders of capital.
8. There is only one weapon with which the working class can successfully oppose the capitalist class—and that is the BALLOT.
9. This fact demands as an inevitable conclusion the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be, everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist Party is organized to meet this demand, and it is therefore the party of the working class. We recognize that in a municipality our power for permanent relief of the working class is limited, but
10. The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage-slavery is utterly abolished, use the power to this question as the guiding rule of conduct. With legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does, the Socialist Party is for it; If it does not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.
11. In accordance with this principle, the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs of this state in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.
12. In conclusion, we appeal to all working men to study the principles of Socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle and inaugurate the Cooperative Commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice: TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR!

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