

"To Organize the Slaves of Capital to Vote Their Own Emancipation."

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THE SOCIALIST

For the Socialist Party

What I have to say about the latest and boldest stroke of the plutocracy will require but little space. It is not talk that is wanted, but action.

The issue is clear. There can be no mistake about it.

The labor leaders that cannot be bribed or bullied must be ambushed and murdered. That is the situation in a nutshell. How shall we meet it? In just one way. We have got to fight.

Another Haymarket attempt will precipitate a revolution.

If murder must be committed it is not the working class alone that will furnish the victims this time.

Moyer, Haywood and their colleagues are absolutely innocent. The writer knows them to the heart's core and will stake his all on them.

The only crime they are guilty of is that they have been unswervingly true to the working class, and the working class can do no less than stand by them to a finish.

A million of men at the least will meet the issue with guns.

All workmen and all other men who are red blood in their veins will rise up against this murderous plot of the plutocracy.

They have stolen our country, debauched our politics, defiled our judiciary and ridden over us in roughshod and now they propose to murder those who will not abjectly surrender to their brutal domination.

Totally regardless of all other differences organized labor from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf can unite in one solid phalanx against plutocratic tyranny and crime.

We have no courts to appeal to. They belong to the plutocracy. We have tried them for years, and for one I am opposed to squandering our means going up against a brace game judiciary.

We are men and we have got to prove it. This fight is not of our seeking. It has been forced upon us and we can only evade it by showing the white feather of cowardice.

It stands by supinely and see our loyal leaders murdered in cold blood, we deserve a similar fate and shall not escape it.

Let mass meetings be held all over the country and the workers aroused. If they put our leaders in the penitentiary without trial we will pull them down as they did the battle in France a hundred years ago.

The governors of Colorado and

Idaho are but executing the mandates of their masters, the plutocracy. The issue is the Workers versus the Plutocracy.

If they strike the first violent blow we will strike the last.

Ed. O'Leary

Feb. 26, 1906.

MARSHALL FIELD'S "EARN-INGS."

One of the monthly magazines has been propounding the question: "Can a man honestly earn \$100,000?" Marshall Field, of Chicago, is said to have answered more than that amount and no one has ever assailed his reputation for honesty and fair dealing.—Exchange.

Forty years ago last autumn, Alzira Parsons-Stevens, then deputy factory inspector by Governor Alzira's appointment, found it in her line of duty to order the burning of the Marshall Field label from a number of the bunches and, accompanied by Lester Hubbard (author of "The Coming Climate," which, by the way, is coming fast enough), went directly and confronted the merchant prince with proof of the thing he had denied. He did not attempt to explain nor excuse. Pale with wrath and choking with rage, he called Mrs. Stevens "you lady," "unsexed woman," and others not so excellent for print, advising her to go home and hold her tongue or he would have her arrested for disturbing the (his) peace.

Mr. Hubbard reported to the printer that never before in the history of the whole labor struggle did a guilty man take such a magnificent accounting of sarcasm and denunciation (and those who knew Mrs. Stevens' gift of language can well believe it) with no rebuttal but threats, if she dared to make public the proof of his duplicity and criminality.

When Mrs. Parsons-Stevens died some four years ago, she had to her credit the establishment of the juvenile court in Chicago, the organization of the first working woman's union, and no great a record of work along "Hall House" lines. The new transient school building was named in her honor. And Marshall Field did "worth a hundred million dollars" as a shareholder and director in the United States Steel trust. He "earned" money in various other corporations. —San Francisco Star.

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Titus to Report Miners' Trial

Special Despatch to THE SOCIALIST.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 26, 1906.

I will report the Haywood-Moyer trial in full for THE Socialist from Caldwell, Idaho. We may expect that every conceivable delay will be resorted to in order to embarrass the unions.

The press reports are colored with unfounded insinuations and unproved charges. All the proceedings are suspicious. The secret extradition from Colorado; the special night train, stopping only between stations; the prisoners manacled and placed in separate cells and not allowed to see counsel alone. It is plainly intended to prejudice public opinion in advance of evidence. The alleged evidence is all from paid Pinkertons and confessed assassins.

The summoning of the Grand Jury is an almost unheard of thing in Idaho. The reason for summoning the grand jury is secret and one sided and counsel for the defense is not allowed to be present.

The trial on the writ of habeas corpus is also to be held in a hostile farmer community, which was the home of Steunenberg. Socialist agitator D. Burgess, of Washington, was threatened with a mob in Caldwell last fall.

Governor Gooding of Idaho is personally prosecuting the trial, paying for Pinkertons.

Conviction of Haywood and Moyer is worth millions to the mine owners of the Rocky Mountain states by destroying miners organization. A hundred thousand dollars would buy Pinkertons and plenty of perjured evidence.

If the evidence is good and sufficient as alleged why all this high-handedness, secrecy, fear, insinuations, forestalling public opinion? A clear case needs no such methods.

Latest—Governor Gooding soberly issues statement announcing he is convinced prisoners are guilty.

The prosecuting attorney threatens newspaper correspondents if they try to find out evidence before Grand Jury.

Such methods alone ought to arouse every worker in America.

HERMON F. TITUS.

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The unjust persecution of the Western Federation of Miners officials demands the fullest publicity among all working men and progressive citizens generally. Comrade Titus' reports will lay bare the conspiracy to destroy the miners' organization through the victim of its leaders. The reports will be written with all the graphic power of which Comrade Titus is capable. They will begin next week. It is absolutely essential that they be placed in the hands of workmen everywhere. To accomplish this THE SOCIALIST is prepared to do its share.—Here is our offer:

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The above offer closes April, First.

Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism

Hermon F. Titus

CHAPTER V.—FOURTH PRINCIPLE OF REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALISM

We come now to the statement of our Third Great Revolutionary Fact. It is in some respects the most startling of all, because it deals with the question of government and strikes at the roots of ordinary patriotism.

Yet however startling or revolutionary this fact may be, no person can be foolish enough to resent it. If it is indeed a fact, every one must accept it as such, whatever the consequences.

The Principle Stated

GOVERNMENT, OR THE STATE, ALWAYS WAS AND IS NOW A POLICE FORCE MAINTAINED BY THE PROPRIETARY CLASS TO COMPEL THE WORKING CLASS (Slaves or Serfs or Proletarians) TO CREATE WEALTH FOR THE PROPRIETARY CLASS TO ENJOY.

This fact contradicts all prevalent ideas of government, especially of so-called "popular government."

Yes, it does. Just as the fact that the earth is round, when it was first discovered, contradicted all prevalent ideas of the earth as a flat surface, so the fact that the earth revolves around the sun contradicted all prevalent ideas, held only 300 years ago, that the sun revolved around the earth.

Just as the fact that the human race has existed on the earth for at least one hundred thousand years, established by science beyond a doubt during the last 50 years, contradicts the old fashioned but still prevalent idea that man was created about five thousand years ago.

Prevalent ideas, inherited and popular, are always giving way to newly discovered facts. That is the progress of Science.

Read the scientific works named at the beginning of Chapter III, especially Morgan's "Ancient Society" and Engels' "Origin of the State," and you will find ample proof of the Revolutionary Fact stated above as our Fourth Principle.

Government Only 5000 Years Old

Compared with the full term of man's existence on the earth, the State, or Government, is of modern origin. It started when Property started.

During all the earlier ages, when men were gradually creeping up through Savagery and Barbarism to Civilization, a period of some 95,000 years, there was no such thing as Property in the modern sense of privately owned wealth, hence no such thing as

a Propertied Class living off the products of a Propertyless Class and hence no such thing needed as a State or Government to protect the possessing class and their "rights" of property against the propertyless and propertyless class.

The reign of property introduced the reign of the State, or the government of the class possessing but not producing wealth over the class producing but not possessing wealth.

What we call ancient governments, of Greece and Rome for instance, but which are really very recent, only 2000 or 3000 years ago, were all slave governments, the rule of a Master Class over a Slave Class.

Prior to that, there were no governments at all, any more than there were among the American Indians when America was discovered. Property was common property. There were no classes. The People were all together, one people, no divisions along property lines and no "State."

Civilization and the State

Government is contemporaneous with civilization. Until people became civilized, they needed no government.

Perhaps you will jump to the conclusion that government must be a good thing, because civilization is a good thing. But we are not arguing the goodness or badness of anything. We are only pointing out the Facts.

And the Fact about government is that it is no older than civilization, and that, like civilization itself, it is conditioned on the existence of economic classes.

The baronial governments of the "Middle Ages" in Europe and of the feudal era in any nation, are obviously class institutions. The lords and ladies, the knights of chivalry and the prelates of the church, were plainly a Workless Class exercising authority over the Working Class of serfs and retainers.

Nothing "Sacred" In History

The Scientific Socialist points out that history is growth. The race never stands still, is never in any one year what it was in the year before. The institutions of Society are clothes put on in one century to be discarded when worn out in the next.

Civilization itself is only a passing phase of human history. There have been various phases of civilization. The Slave age of civilization has passed. The Serf age of civilization is gone. The Wage Age of Civilization is passing. The Stream of Social life flows on, ever making new history.

Because there have been governments, is no reason to revere governments. Because civilization has traced itself as man's high-

est achievement, is no reason we should not analyze it.

The scientific man, the man of common sense, lays aside all superstitions reverence for institutions, even if they are 5000 years old, and faces the naked facts concerning them.

If Government is a class institution, if civilization itself is the class phase of history, we learn the facts with equanimity and remodel our ideas to correspond.

18th Century Ideas

The truth is, nearly all the present popular ideas of government are derived from the 18th Century, and the 18th Century of France at that. Rousseau, as unscientific as a savage, breathing out the most of the prevalent notions about the origin of the State.

Poetical philosophies in praise of man's "original state of nature" and imaginary pictures of ten thousand Robinson Crusoes associating themselves to establish a government "of, by and for the people," are now sent to be only children's conceits. History was not made that way.

History has been a war of economic classes and the ruling class of any age has upheld itself by an army, by laws, by magistrates, courts, officers, make, in a word by a Police Force to maintain "Law and Order," that is, to protect Property and the class that held it.

This is an entirely new view of Government or the State. But it is the scientific view and the only key to history.

Can It Be True of the U. S. Government?

We have been taught in America that our government was different from the old world monarchies. We think a Republic must be a government by the people, not the government of a class. America is the "Land of the Free," they tell us.

Again the Facts prick our bubbles of fond delusion. The Constitution of the United States is now shown by scientific historians to be a class document.

We find the framers of our revered instrument kept their debates secret, not allowing their publication till they were all dead.

We find the minutes of those debates of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, published in 1839, show the United States Constitution to have been framed in the words of Delegate, afterward President, Madison, in order "TO PROTECT THE MINORITY OF THE QUIET AGAINST THE MAJORITY."

The Constitution was a reaction from the "unbridled democracy" of the Declaration of Independence. The revolutionary fer-

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Maxim Gorky Answers Some of His Bourgeois Correspondents

You really ask to be treated like a
 human being when you have treated
 other human beings so cruelly all
 their life, and have shown them no
 consideration and have considered
 them as beings far beneath you?
 You write letters; you are evidently
 educated. You have surely read
 enough of which the Bible's teach-
 ings is described. What, then, should
 you expect from him now, when
 knowing how he lives, you have made
 no effort to improve his condition?
 Is he who embitters your life now,
 who forces you to write with trem-
 ing hand to a man who you should
 have known will not wish to lighten
 your heart, will have no desire to
 console you? No!
 You are brutal. We live in a
 land where people are, at this day,
 still bound and knouted and beaten

What does **SOCIALISM**—what it is called—mean, and why the Socialists want to do it? It means, first, the exploitation of labor through the ownership of the means of production and distribution by the capitalist class, about wage slavery, about the class struggle. These subjects are apparently out of date in the "progressive" and "constructive" Milwaukee movement. Only a lot of cheap clapnetting in "interests" and "good government" to which the capitalist or believer in capitalism could willingly subscribe, and which otherwise deceive no one but the ignorant and uninformed. Even Hearst is more radical, for he is careful to put labor interests first. And one would never take Comrade Arnold for a Socialist by his utterances, if he were not called so.

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series like a clarion, and carried the audience like a floodtide, Lewis impeached the San Francisco administration of the so-called Labor Mayor. He told how night after night Socialists in street speakers were hauled to Socialists. How the appeals of the Socialists, and even many of the miners were treated with contempt by Schmitz. How the battle was only won by spending thousands of the dimes and quarters of working men in carrying the battle above Schmitz and his labor hating chief of police. How the superior courts. And this is a city controlled by the Labor party.

Herrmann's answer to this indictment astounded the audience and shook the confidence of his most ardent admirers.

He said that inasmuch as the Socialists were the only party who

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