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LABOR POWER

Is Merely a Commodity on the World's Market

That the average working man with his small wages, and oftentimes forced to accept still further reduction, is inclined to attribute his discomfort to the greediness of his employer is strongly in evidence in more ways than one. It is loudly and persistently voiced by those publications that speak for him and he confirms it by his action.

Looking about him he discovers that his employer is living comfortably and well and he hears from time to time of the large profits he is reaping from his business. The thought at once comes to the worker that under such circumstances he can afford to pay better wages. If the employer refuses the worker quite naturally attributes it to his innate cussedness and greed. Surely with a large volume of business, and high prices, thus bringing in immense profits he can well afford to pay a higher wage, reasons the worker. This would seem on the face of it to be sound logic, but upon investigation it proves to be the contrary.

To discover the unsoundness of such reasoning the workingman must first understand the nature of the transaction which takes place when he works for wages. He must learn that his labor power is a commodity that is bought and sold in the market just like any other commodity, subject to the same fluctuations as to price, and which are determined by the same circumstances or conditions of the market. If a person has any given commodity, say copper for instance, to sell he will look into the condition of the copper market. There may be a large or small amount of copper in the market and this condition of the market will determine whether he is to command a high or low price for his commodity. How stupid it would be for such person to look into the condition of the wheat, textile, provision, or labor market, and finding the prices for one or more of such articles ruling high, arbitrarily determine upon a high price for his copper when the condition of the copper market was in capitalist parlance, overstocked. With the copper market in such condition the price would tend downward in spite of everything he could do to the contrary.

When the workers are in a frame of mind to prompt them to demand better wages that is a higher price for their commodity, labor power, they should carefully enquire into the condition of the labor market, and find out if there be ample supply or scarcity of labor available. The condition of the particular market in which the employer may be selling his commodity need not concern them. It is the condition of the labor market that will decide as to their success or failure in the matter. The labor market is continuously overstocked and to attempt to force the price up (wages) under such condition must always fail. A knowledge of this simple fact would save the workers many of the bitter experiences they are undergoing at the present time. The inexorable, though unwritten, laws of the market can not be conjured away by interfering with the legal rights of others. A hole in the

labor market caused by a strike will be filled by a flowing in from the surplus labor in the market. Such labor has a legal right to flow in and can not be stopped by shouting scab, hurling bricks, or like displays of assuinity. As well try to stop the surrounding water from flowing into a hole in the ocean, a feat which has never been accomplished since Moses hocus-poused the Red Sea.

The motive of the capitalist system lies in the purchasing of labor power at the lowest, and selling its products at the highest, possible price, thus realizing the greatest margin of profit. It is by no means a matter of whim, caprice or sentiment, but purely a cold-blooded matter of business. The capitalist who allows any consideration of humanity to influence him in his actions, soon finds himself out-stripped by those who play the game in strict accordance with the rules.

Capitalist property necessitates the holding of labor power in the market as a commodity. So long as the present system continues the workers must accept such miseries as the market may force upon them.

When the pressure becomes unbearable the workers will take the necessary action to remove themselves from the category of commodities, by politically organizing along the line of their own interest as wealth producers and wresting from the hands of the capitalists their present control of the powers of government.

With power in its own hands the working class will free itself from present slavish conditions by converting capitalist property in the means of wealth production into the collective property of the working class. By such transformation the long drawn out period of human slavery comes to an end. For the first time since civilization was born the working man will then be free.

Property divided as into two classes, the rich and the poor. The former love their property and have no inclination to protect their country; the latter can not love their country, to which they owe nothing but misery. —Morely.

To be up to date the above should read Capitalist property, the description would then be complete.

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CANNOT MIX

Socialism in the A. F. of L. is Impossible.

The Clarion of last week took occasion to make a few remarks regarding the late convention of the A. F. of L. The following from E. V. Debs in S. D. "Herald" of December 5th, is apropos:

"The Socialist delegates cut a small figure in the meeting and were sat down upon hard, and now the pure and simple labor leaders and the pure and simple capital leaders join lustily in singing the doxology.

"At the New Orleans convention last year the Socialists compromised on a milk and water resolution to get the vote of the miners. This year on a resolution that meant but little more the miners slammed them down good and plenty.

"Instead of a dozen resolutions the Socialist delegates should, in my opinion, have united upon a single one committing the convention (1) to a recognition of the class struggle and (2) in favor of working class political action, forcing the pure and simple delegates to go on record against that plain proposition.

"But as the Federation convention is controlled absolutely by three or four delegates who have votes enough to do as they please and as these will never change until they are forced to do so by their constituents, it is questionable if there is anything gained in going up against such a brace game. The same debates take place year after year and what the pure and simple fellows say is put on the wires, while the speeches of the Socialists die in the convention hall. As well might the Socialists orate to a lot of wooden Indians as seek to change the controlling clique of the convention, who are as impervious to Socialist logic as flint is to feathers.

"Just now the capitalist press is busy showing how much ground the Socialists have lost in the Federation since the New Orleans convention and commending the conservatism and sagacity of its leaders.

"Every labor skinner in the land is patting the Federation on the back and spewing his fulsome flattery upon its pure and simple saviors.

"And the reason the leaders give for opposing Socialism is that they 'don't want the labor movement to be the tail end of a political party.' God! Isn't that just what it is today? Is not the pure and simple trade union movement controlled largely by jack-leg politicians and city hall henchmen? And is not the organization itself, under its present leadership, the tail end of the capitalist hybrid Republican party? And do not these pure and simple leaders graduate into fat political jobs in this same capitalist party for keeping the working class at the tail end of it? Is it not the 'tail end' of the labor movement that wags around the head end of this same capitalist political party every time the legislature meets and begs like a dog for a bone and is kicked into the gutter and howls until it meets in its own convention under a leadership that polices its bruises with a pure and simple plaster, till the next legislature can apply another and more vigorous kick to the same tail end that has no business to emerge from its kennel until it is whistled for to elect fresh kickers to boot it back to the stern end where it properly belongs?"

"My conclusion is that Socialists would better stop wasting their time on a convention controlled by three

or four men who are dead set against Socialism and progress, and who will never move an inch until they are lifted by the rank and file. Let them make the next convention unanimous against Socialism and that day they see their finish. Socialism is about the only thing that vitalizes the pure and simple movement enough to attract any considerable attention.

Instead of wasting time and money on a fixed convention let us go among the rank and file and dare the pure and simple leaders to face us there. They can barricade themselves behind their majority at the convention, but out among the rank and file we can meet them upon equal ground and make them defend their pro-capitalist policy.

Between the pure and simple labor leaders and civic federalists and the Socialist agitators there is war and the place to fight it out is not in an Alamo where they outnumber us a dozen to one, but out in the hearing of the working class, who shall know the truth and smite their misleaders to the earth.

"A state in which classes exist is not one but two; one consists of the poor, the other of the rich, who, living in close proximity, are constantly on the watch against each other. The ruling class is at length unable to carry on war, because, to do so, it must take the multitude into its service, and it fears the people in arms more than the foe." —Plato.

The Congress of the United States recently passed a military bill making a soldier of every able bodied citizen between certain years of age, and subject to the call of the President. It would no doubt be quite interesting to watch the proceedings should "strenuous Teddy the Terror" call them all out one of these fine days.

Over 500 people listened to E. T. Kingsley's lecture on "What Socialism Portends" last Sunday evening. Standing room was at a premium.

"Poverty a Handicap," will be the subject of R. P. Pettipiece's address on Sunday evening next in the Crystal Theatre hall, under the auspices of Vancouver Local British Columbia Socialist Party. Everybody invited. Good music. Discussion, Questions, Collection.

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THE NORTHERN SECURITIES

A brief in behalf of Messrs. J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Bacon and Daniel S. Lamont, appellants, with others, in the case of the United States vs. The Northern Securities Company, was filed in the United States Supreme Court at Washington by Attorneys Francis Lynde Stetson and David Wilcox. They claim that the so-called merger was entirely lawful, and say:

"These transactions have consisted merely in the organization of a lawful corporation of New Jersey and in the sale to and purchase by it of property, lawfully saleable. All acts done in relation to the organization of the Northern Securities Company, and to the purchase by it of the shares of stock of the railway companies, and to the sale thereof by the owners, were expressly authorized by law. The legal effect of the transaction has been that the owner of stock in one of the railway companies has sold the same to the Securities Company, and has received therefor the stock of the Securities Company, which Company owns the stock, not merely of one of the railway companies, but the stock of both, so that each individual who has transferred his property to the Securities Company has obtained therefor something entirely different, namely an interest in the one Company and holding of stock of the other railway Company as well. It is manifest that in the fullest possible sense this constituted a sale of the property."

The organization of these gigantic capitalist concerns strikes terror to the heart of the small fry capitalists.

They instinctively realize the utter futility of attempting, with their small capital, to withstand the onslaught of these immense combinations, and that their small holdings will eventually be absorbed by them and themselves forced into the ranks of the dependent wage-slave class. With such a terrible fate awaiting them small wonder that they resort to even the most reactionary and foolish measures to avert it.

They appeal to the courts for protection and failing there, they call upon the law-making powers to promulgate special legal enactments designed to prevent their falling into the

capacious maw of more powerful sharks with healthy appetites. Their appeals however are in vain. The principle underlying the operations of gigantic capitalist undertakings is the same as underlying the carrying on of the smallest business enterprise. The right to buy and sell property, and by thus buying and selling grow to even larger dimensions, and power by means of the profits accruing. The greater the combination of capital, the greater the economy in carrying on the industries under its control. The more hopeless therefore becomes the efforts of smaller capitalists or combinations to stand up against it in the competitive struggle. The tremendous power of large combinations of capital over smaller ones, is due to the economies made possible through the carrying on of industry and commerce upon a gigantic, and which can not be practiced on a small scale.

The greater the capital the more effectively can it be handled. The larger the scale upon which industry can be operated the greater the economy in its operation. The contention often made that large corporations are unduly protected by law is a fallacious one. The law can not protect the man or concern with one unit of economic power (small capital) against the onslaught of the man or concern with a thousand units (large capital).

The ridiculous contention of the state of Minn., under control of its "small fry farmer," and "cock roach" business men, against the Northern Securities Company will fall to the ground. The more perfect, and consequently more powerful and composite, organization of industry will proceed undisturbed. Economy in the production and distribution of wealth is the motive power lying behind it all. It is therefore distinctly in line with human progress. In fact it is human progress. To interfere with, check or prevent it would be reactionary and should be frowned down. The development of capitalist property is rapidly nearing completion. It is being made ready for the hand of the working class.

THE POOR CONSUMER.

Great sorrow is expressed and maudlin tears are shed over the sorrows of the poor consumer who, in the opinion of many who profess to be Socialists, is ruthlessly robbed by the wicked trusts. If a person can buy an article cheaper than he can make it how can he lay claim to being robbed in the transaction? The truth of the matter is that the things we purchase from time to time, be it oil, sugar, meat, cloth, railway transportation, shelter, etc., are worth the price. The robbery does not occur under this head. Labor produces all exchange values, and if such values are accumulated in the hands of those who do not labor along productive lines, the robbery from which such accumulation comes must be perpetrated upon those who labor. This robbery is effected by the taking of surplus value from the workers under what is known as the wage system. By the capitalist ownership of the means of wealth production the non-owners are held in the market as sellers of labor power, or more commonly termed wage-earners. In selling their labor power they get its market price as a commodity. The

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expenditure of this labor power brings forth a quantity of other commodities whose exchange value is greatly in excess of that of the labor power which brought them forth. The difference between the exchange value of the labor power and that of the other commodities brought forth by the expenditure of that labor power, is the "surplus value" laid bare by Marx as the very foundation stone upon which has been built our boasted modern civilization. The sum total of human exploitation is effected by extracting surplus value from the producers of wealth. Therefore it is plain that it is not the consumer who is robbed as a consumer; but the producer who is robbed and as a producer. That one robber may rob another after the original robbery has been perpetrated upon the producer of wealth is of minor importance.

If the robbery of the producers of wealth be stopped the "poor consumer" will no longer excite our sympathies.

To afford a soothing balm to the feelings of those who work themselves into a moral sweat over the iniquitous scheme of the Socialists to confiscate every body's property we recommend the following from "Woman in the Present and Future" by August Bebel.

"When the nobles and princes of the Middle Ages stole common property, their right was founded on the public welfare. When the French Revolution expropriated the aristocracy and clergy, it did so in the name of the public welfare, and seven million of peasant proprietors, the support of modern bourgeois France, are the result. In the name of public welfare Spain has frequently taken possession of Church property; and Italy has confiscated it altogether amid the platitudes of the warmest advocates of "inviolable property." The English nobility has been robbing the English and Irish people for centuries of its property, and took legal possession of not less than 3,511,000 acres of public land, between 1304 and 1831. And when in the great North American War of Emancipation, millions of slaves, representing property that had been bought and paid for, were declared free without any compensation to their owners, this was done in the name of the public welfare.

The whole of our great middle class development is an uninterrupted process of expropriation and confiscation, in which the manufacturer ejects the artisan, the large landowner, the peasant, the merchant, the shopkeeper, and at last one capitalist the other, in short in which the smaller inevitably falls a prey to the larger. And our bourgeoisie tells us that this is all for the "public welfare," for the good of society."

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CLOSED VS. OPEN SHOP

If the fight for the "closed shop" is allowed to continue there will be scenes of bloodshed in this country which will surpass the days of the French Revolution. The foregoing sentiment expressed by W. B. Brinton, president of the Peru Plow Co., has been cheered by six hundred members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association at their annual banquet.

"Our rights," declared Mr. Brinton, "are dependent upon the settlement of the question as to whether an employer can hire whom he pleases without being subject to the dictation of any organized body. The Chicago City Railway won a great victory in establishing their rights to engage their own employees, which is becoming recognized by the great mass of people, without which the commercial supremacy of the United States will be at an end."

W. B. Conkey spoke along the same lines. Still another speaker declared that after the abolition of the "closed shop" the removal of the union label was the most important thing that came under consideration of the manufacturers' association.

The "closed shop" means the abrogation of freedom of contract, one of the fundamental requirements of capitalism. It is absolutely necessary that employers should be at all times free to purchase labor power from those with whom they can make best terms. While this has to some extent been interfered with in the past, it is a matter easily rectified whenever capitalists are ready to take a decided stand. That time has evidently arrived and our trade union friends may as well conclude that the death knell of unionism has been sounded. With the "open shop" the union goes out of business. It has made its last unsuccessful effort to stem the tide of the inevitable. Its erstwhile followers will then perhaps be wise enough to join the labor movement, a movement purposing to abolish the present capitalist wage system, and erect in its stead a Workers Republic wherein labor shall be free. Can it be that Br. Brinton proposes to lead those six hundred members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association out to do deeds of bloodshed? Another charge of the light brigade as it were. Would not that be a grand sight indeed? Six hundred profit mongering labor skinners, with Brinton at their head riding into the valley of death into the mouth of hell. How Satan would kick though.

To they who see the "class struggle" nobly waged in every miserable squabble that occurs in the industrial field over wages, or the price of any other commodity, and to whom the crack of a brick on a so-called scab's head has a revolutionary ring, the Clarion commends the following from the pen of Frederick Engels:

"The first of the important discoveries with which the name of Marx is associated in the history of science, is his conception of the world's history. All conception of history previous to him is founded on the idea that the ultimate causes of all historic changes are found in the changing ideas of men, and again that of all historic changes the political are the most important, controlling the whole of history. But whence these ideas are derived by men, and what are the moving causes of political changes, nobody had ever inquired. Only in the recent school of French and partly also of English historians, the conviction had forced itself that at least since the Middle Ages the driving force in European history was the struggle of the developing bourgeoisie with the feudal nobility for the social and political supremacy. Marx, however, demonstrated that all history has been hitherto a history of class-struggle, that all the numerous and intricate political struggles were carried on only for the sake of the social and political supremacy of different classes in society; for the

maintenance of the supremacy by older, for the establishment of supremacy by newly rising classes."

The usual crop of wage reductions, shut downs, strikes and riots are chronicled in the daily press, the general monotony of which is only broken by an occasional killing of a few strikers or non-unionists as happened in Colorado the other day, or an account of the preparations being made by the strikers at Segundo in that state, to attack the militia.

These little dissensions are of such frequent occurrence as to require little more than passing notice. The killing of a few working men, either of the union or non-union branch, is of small consequence. Plenty more to take their places. Market overstocked, all of the time. Cheapest things on earth these working men.

"Capital," says the "Quarterly Review," avoids turmoils and disputes and is of a timid disposition: That is true, but not the whole truth. Capital abhors the absence of profit, or a very small profit, as much as Nature abhors a vacuum. With sufficient profit, capital becomes daring. Ten per cent. certain and it can be had everywhere; 20 per cent. and it becomes lively; 50 per cent. positively rash, for 100 per cent. it tramples all human laws under foot; 300 per cent. and there is no crime it will not venture to commit, even at the risk of the gallows. If tumult and disputes are profitable, it will encourage them" both. —Marx.

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The office of the provincial executive committee of the Socialist Party was thrown into a ferment on last Monday evening when it was discovered that the Sec'y. Miss B. E. Morrill and the Treas. Ernest Burns were missing. After much difficulty the safe was opened, and an examination showed no funds inside. Upon enquiry it was learned the guilty ones had purchased tickets for Seattle, and were no doubt safe on the other side of the line. As steps were about to be taken to apprehend them and by extradition papers bring them back to the tender mercies of British justice—it was discovered that a third party was implicated in this lamentable affair. Dan Cupid, a notorious mischief maker and irresponsible person, who had been for some time tinkering about, had evidently, in his own peculiar way, prompted their flight.

For hitherto loyal Canadians to thus go outside the British Empire and enlist the services of a foreign, and hostile power, to grant the permit, and tie the matrimonial knot, is an offence that should not be too lightly dealt with.

Should the giddy, and likewise guilty couple, return, acknowledge their fault, promise to remain in Vancouver, and by patronizing home industry try to live it down, the Provincial ex-Committee will no doubt condone the offense.

(Later.) The culprits have returned, and judging from their actions are heartily ashamed of themselves.

The Clarion grants its blessing. Messages of condolence may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Burns in care of this office.

WHERE THE CLARION STANDS

This paper was never in a position to be issued so cheaply as at the present time. Its mechanical work is done in an office equipped with linotypes and power presses. Its office expense is reduced to salary of its editor, and that individual expects to go upon short rations, and is quite willing to do so, for the sake of putting the paper safely on its feet. The paper needs a small fund of say \$150.00 to work upon until revenue can be established. Subs. of course dropped off during the month of October, and bills are not collectable until end of the month. A short statement of the paper's needs was sent out from this office two weeks since, and the question was asked of locals if they would make up a guarantee fund of a small amount to guard against any deficit that might occur until the paper's revenue could be re-established, and brought up to actual requirements.

Two replies have been received up to date, one favorable, the other not. With the paper as the only effective means of keeping in touch with the scattered socialists and locals of the Province, and with a Dominion election to come on in the near future, it is a matter of surprise that this little interest is manifest in this matter.

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This amount of revenue can be easily regained within a short time if paper can be put on its feet so as to resume its former sizes. There is \$75.00 of advertisements per month in its columns now, an amount that can be increased as soon as this office sees its way clear to issue former sizes.

This office is disposed to take matters philosophically. It will make no appeal. It is up to those interested, if any such there be, to take necessary action, or let the paper drop as they may choose.

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