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"Culture" these days consists of knowing how to make the other fellow make your living.

Education may breed discontent, but it also teaches how to bring conditions with which it will be contented.

There is a reason for poverty and misery, but there is no reason in the man who says they cannot be cured.

Bacon said, "Money is like muck, not good unless it is spread." Wealth is not wealth so long as any are poor.

It may be one can obtain happiness by dying, but a good many would like, first, to try real living as an aid to happiness.

The interest of the landlord and tenant do not appear to the tenant exactly identical about the time payment is to be made.

Half way measures may inspire the bumptious spirit, but never enthusiasm. Only the prospect of full liberty can do that.

If the interests of labor and capital were identical, why is it necessary to organize unions to protect the interests of the worker?

The world is handicapped by ignorance and prejudice as the kangaroo is by its useless front legs. It can advance only by hops.

It isn't a change of human nature that will be required to make people self-respecting and decent so much as it is a little change in the pocket.

The higher selfishness says that one can prosper only as all are prosperous. It accords freedom for all in order that the individual may be free.

It is a crime in this country to buy a man and make him work for his board and keep. But it is all right in this country to find a man in dire necessity for himself and family and hire him to work for more scanty food and clothing than the slave got. And the men who give their votes to uphold this system are in a majority!

Peace of mind comes only to those who are blind to humanity's needs; those who look and see not; those who listen and hear not; and those who touch and feel not.
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IT'S JUST THIS WAY.

Both the tramp and the capitalist are parasites. The only difference is, one lives with an income, the other without.

Where an employer collects money for insurance or any other purpose from his employes, he has simply established a dues-paying system of employment, through which only those who are willing to perpetually buy the job shall receive consideration.

The railroads are not run by railroad men, but by stock jobbers. Of course, the work is done by men versed in every department of railroad ing, but they don't run the roads. They merely do the drudgery and get a small per cent of the returns, while the stock jobbers get the rest.

It will be noticed that the "insurance" provided by the various railroads and business institutions today is for profit only. The worker is charged for his insurance, and if he strikes is fired and doesn't get it. That is enough to silence the hypocrites who are telling how altruistic the masters are.

If you want a reform to succeed you must show that it is a money maker. A great deal has been said about the progress shown in the shearing of the queues of the Chinese. As a matter of fact they prove profitable to American dealers who sell them as switches to be worn on the heads of American women.

The public roads are assuming a new aspect. For many years they were local in nature and managed by the township trustees. Of late they have been building long rock roads, under the direction of the federal government. There are now reported to be 15,000 miles of these roads completed in the United States. The total number of miles of public roads in the United States, including those built locally, is reported at 2,199,643. Of these roads only 190,476 are improved.

The parcel post is only another thing that "government" can do. It carries the mail, builds canals, buys and sells commodities at cost, runs hotels, conducts schools, surveys land, conducts life saving stations, drains swamps, irrigates land and now has begun to do transporting at cost. Indeed, "government" is already less of a mastering machine than a business organization of the whole people.

If it were not for the failures of the world where would the suc-
cesses be? The fine house of the masters was built by a workingman failure. The viands on his table were supplied by workers who failed to make a decent living. The fuel that warms him was prepared by toilers who were scarcely able to keep their families warm. The beautiful articles imported from other lands were brought him by workers, who were of the world's nobodies. The fact is, failure at present is merely another word for toilers robbed. Success is nothing more, under capitalism, than successful robbery.

HOW YOU RULE.

The rich man calls the worker brother—and then skins him. He makes him helpless in poverty and then preaches contentment.

We are all heirs to all the earth, but the board of directors won't let us vote our stock.

Now is the time to begin petitioning your "hired man" at Washington. You hired him to snub you.

Every reform they give you is a bone thrown you to keep you from taking back all that belongs to you.

Maybe you won't get what you want, but you will get what you voted for and get it good and plenty.

The dreams of the workers are growing sweeter, while the dreams of the masters are turning to nightmares.

"The silent voter" is supposed to be one who casts an old party ballot and then howls because he got what was coming to him.

The world that is was shaped by the ideas of our fathers. The new ideas of today are building and must build the world anew.

It is not much worse to sell little girls as wives, as they used to do in China, than to sell them to the mills, as we do in America.

THE FARMING MAN.

When the farmer has a bumper crop the railroad raises its rate—and there you are.

The farmer fills the bag—and holds it.

Several years ago when crops were good and no political campaign was looking on, the Texas legislature took a notion to build a new state house. The state had no money, but it had land to give away. The
legislature gave a Chicago corporation 3,000,000 acres of land to build the new state house. The land covered about six counties in the western part of the state, and is today worth $10 per acre. It is all under wire fence and not an acre is open to settlement, nor will it ever be, although there are thousands of honest, hard-working people in Texas who are homeless. That land, if held by the whole people today, and used by them, might break the chains of landlordism throughout the whole south.

When the tenant farmer makes improvements on the farm the landlord raises his rent.

The fact that the boys leave the farm proves that the farmer is reduced to slavery, even more galling than the city worker is.

In Alabama a farm laborer is compelled to sign an "agreement with laborer or servant for wages" in which he promises to "render respectful obedience." How is that for slavery in "free" America?

The increased price of land means that more and more children are going to be born into the earth without prospect of ever having a right to live on the earth unless they pay others for the privilege.

The farmer of the farmer is the man who makes money, whether he be railroad prince or landlord.

He who by the plow would thrive now has a fat landlord to drive.

The city worker is enslaved because the city masters own the machinery with which he must work. The rural worker is enslaved when another owns either the land or the distributive machinery which he must use.

Under capitalism a drouth may cause great suffering on some locality. It has produced famine. Under socialized conditions the misfortune would be distributed and would scarcely inconvenience any. The reason is that capitalism is a haphazard way of doing things, while Socialism is an orderly and co-operative method.

THE COURTS.

After all, the judges are not particularly to blame. An unjust system compels unjust decisions.

As nearly as the Appeal can understand, the judges' union wants the people to enjoin themselves from turning any of them off.

It isn't the court that is sacred, but justice. It is not the church
that is hallowed, but that outreaching of the soul which is the heart of religion.

As well have a king who is not elected and who holds his job for life as to have a judge who does the same thing. Making it easy to impeach a judge is merely saying that if you don't like a king, don't end kingcraft, but chop his head off and get another like him.

"The judge will do no wrong" is a superstition as false as the old axiom that "the king can do no wrong."

THE DAY OF LIBERTY.

The world has never seen the Day of Liberty. But in the darkness that prevailed every land has been lighted with constellations made of hearts that loved and lighted all. America has this galaxy of illuminating lives. In the revolutionary darkness there was a glorious constellation, made up of Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Paine, Henry, Adams and lesser lights. The shining of these lives reaches and cheers us to this time.

When the darkness seemed deepest a few years ago, there were Brown and Garrison, Lovejoy and Lincoln, Whitman and Whittier, whose light shone unremittingly. Men who desired the darkness of slavery and oppression have ever sought to quench these lights of liberty, but they have not been able; for, though they may have slain the man, the light of his life shone on, and will, like the stars, forever shine when all is dark. Through the centuries the hours of freedom have been told on time's dial by revolutions.

The hour is again about to strike. Capital and labor point in opposite directions. This means that it is nearly six o'clock; that the night is passing and the day is at hand.

The stars that made the darkness bearable may be quenched in the light that shall reach all the earth, and the men who were great may seem so no longer when all men are free and great; but the glory of that Day of Liberty, the first man ever knew, will sanctify and bless all things.

Do you not in your soul hear the singing of the morning birds?

"OUR" COUNTRY.

America is a rich country. Its body politic is infested with 2,000,000 fat parasites.

The profit individuals pay the railroads of America would build rock
roads for vehicles and in doing that provide employment for all the idle. The cost would be absolutely nothing—if the people only did things for themselves.

America is a great country. Two million children are working in her sweatshops.

America is infested by a lot of poor people who make the idlers rich and a few rich people who rob the workers poor.

The king raises his tributes by tariffs and internal revenue. We in America have not got over his crude method of exploitation.

The wiseacres have discovered what is the matter with America. The high cost of living is due to bugs. That is the report sent out from Washington. Possibly starvation and poverty are all caused by bugs, but it is the wheels in the head that are responsible for a great many nonsensical theories.

America has signally failed to abolish one lord—the landlord.

Governments derive a good many of their unjust powers from the consent of the governed.

It is as silly to talk of the nation being prosperous because a few have good times as it would be to talk of it being happy because a few kings in Europe were having a good time.

THE REASON.

The reason you huddle in one room to keep warm in the winter is because you are willing to dig the coal for eighty cents a ton and pay the owner of the mine $4 a ton for it.

The reason your prospect is dreary is because you busy yourself making the prospect bright for the other fellow.

The reason you want a home and can't get it is because you have voted that the rich shall own the houses that the poor build.

The reason you are poorly fed is because you have voted that a few shall control the food supply, which means that they will take the best of it.

The reason you want better clothing than you are able to buy is because you have voted that you must make the silks and satins for the owners of the tools of manufacture instead of for your own families.

One reason why Socialists find so much evil with things as they are is because they sink the plummet to the bottom instead of skimming the
surface of things. One reason why they are so sure of being able to end all the evil that shames the race is—the same as the other.

**RHYME AND REASON.**

The world's astir as it was ne'er before.
From chaos and from conflict order comes.
Where all was black behold the open door.
The organ's peal succeeds the roll of drums.
The slum fades out as though upon a screen.
And homes and playing children charm the scene.
Ye dubs and working stiffs, now is your time.
Run past the fools who lead you, to your goal.
They merely hold you back, and that's a crime.
They clasp your hand while reaching for your roll.
Give them the shake and tell them you are free.
That which you feel you are you soon shall be.

**THE WORKING STIFF.**

While the man who digs the coal has to shelter his family in tents on the bleak mountain side in winter, the man who does nothing but own the mine can sit before the fire and enjoy—not spiritual—but very material comfort.

The workers gather the nuts and get the shells as wages.
A pauper is a disgrace, not necessarily to himself, but certainly to the system that produced him.

The average man can't with his income "pursue happiness" very far—not far enough to see the world.

The workers have created all the wealth there is. Now they are required to pay interest and dividends on most all of it, simply because it is in the hands of the masters.

The worker makes others rich and dies poor.

When the worker grasps the meaning of Socialism the masters' grasp on the wealth of the world will relax.

It is stated that in Milan, Italy, there is a statue of a man minus his skin, with his skin hanging over his shoulder. It is entitled "The Cuticle
Bearer." That man is the worker. He skins himself and bears his skin to his master whom he denominates his employer.

The masters are perfectly willing the toilers should live in anticipation just as they get the realization now and here.

The workers create all the wealth, and the shirkers, by taking the wealth, create all the poverty there is. Each should have his own product.

**CAPITALISM AND CAPITALISTS.**

Capitalism says you should love your country—and pay rent for the privilege of living in it.

Capitalism stands on two legs—cupidity and stupidity.

The capitalist doesn't care who makes the goods so that he makes the money.

Capitalists take great interest in the workers, but still greater interest out of them.

Capitalism makes men cowards and because they fear poverty they are shy of the truth.

The troubles of capitalism seem to be endless. Immediately following the report of the doubling of the Socialist vote comes the announcement that the campaign of 1916 has already opened.

The only way in which capitalism can escape conviction of criminality is to plead insanity.

Capitalism is the thing that makes the builder live in a rented house and the maker of automobiles walk.

The capitalists are willing wage slavery should end, provided some other kind of slavery takes its place.

The capitalist and the fellow who imagines he is or will be a capitalist, does not want women to vote. "There is a reason."

Capitalism is a king's scepter. To the master is extended the end of gold, while the worker gets—cold lead.

Capitalism is so "spiritual" it makes life nothing but a struggle for
food and shelter where they who do the most have the least. It is such "spirituality" some churchmen uphold.

It is as hard for the capitalist to find ways to spend his money as it is for the worker to make it. Let's help the plutie spend it.

Capitalism is so solicitous for the home it refuses the mother a vote and sends the child to the sweat shop rather than to school.

Capitalists do not regard their "help" as human. They are known in the shop as "hands" and in political economy as "labor power".

Capitalism will not offer you women the ballot, but as a substitute it organizes a white slave traffic.

Capitalism not only robs the man who works of most of his products, but also says a man may not sometimes work at all. It can do this because it owns the tools with which he must work.

The capitalist invests your money made last year, and makes you pay dividends on it this. Next year you will have to pay dividends in what you are now making and the master getting.

Capitalism has made religion a beggar, seeking pennies everywhere and by all devices. Socialism will free it from want and make it so it may devote its time to spiritual development rather than begging.

**IT IS FOR FUN.**

What is it all about? I can tell you in a very few words. It is for fun! I do not mean that the Socialist movement is a joke, or anything of that kind, but I do mean that the great impulse behind it is the aspiration of a people to get something out of life in the way of enjoyment and entertainment. Heretofore the masses of the people have merely existed. They have had something to eat, something to wear, and sufficient shelter to keep them in life for a brief time, but they have had nothing of the finer part of life. They have had very little entertainment and no play. Behind the Socialist movement is the desire to live, to be entertained, to see the good of life, to "play," if you please, to "have fun."

One of the strongest impulses in all life is that of sport. It manifests in the colt as it gambols over the field; in the cat playing with the ball; in the dog running hither and thither, chasing a stick. The child has it and is ready from infancy to play with ball or doll. All nature is playful. It is in play that life forgets itself and really enjoys things. Under present conditions the boy and girl have to cease playing at an early age, but it doesn't follow by any means that the natural desire for enjoyment is gone. Most people would like to travel and see things; most people enjoy entertainment. The increased interest in sports which prompts newspapers to devote page after page to reporting what other
people do in games and contests is proof that the people enjoy play even after having grown up. The fact that newspapers devote many columns to the theater, that the picture show is growing so rapidly in influence, and that novels, written only for entertainment, are selling by the millions and being written by the thousands every year, is proof that there is a hunger for entertainment that has never yet been adequately supplied.

CLUBS AND BRICKBATS.

So many are shying bricks at dummies they set up and label Socialism that many of the great and good engaged in the movement make hits which they did not intend.

The pennies of the workers have built every big newspaper building and a majority of those newspapers seek to enslave the workers to capitalism.

Wise workers are willing to put money in Socialism because it will enable them to get more money out of their efforts. It is merely working class business.

They who urge Socialists to "practice Socialism" are respectfully invited to practice under capitalism that part of Christianity which says, "Take no thought of the morrow, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink or wherewithal ye shall be clothed."

If the workers were not robbed they would be rich.
If the toilers had not the slavish mind they would be free.
If the people were not mis-educated they would be educated.
If the people were not kept in ignorance they could not be kept in slavery.

If you are a working mule prove it by kicking the system.
If you had all your earnings you would have fewer yearnings.
If the workers were not slaves they would not have to ask another for a job.
If the ballot is not the best weapon, then the army and navy are logical and war is right.
If a man will only reason and think for himself, he will gain the right to work for himself.
If you have an inalienable right to work, as the capitalists say, why do they alienate work by controlling the job?
IF IT WERE.

If Socialism were in force congress would not consider as the biggest appropriation expenses for army and navy.

If Socialism were in force Christmas might be celebrated without there being either war or want in all the earth.

If Socialism prevailed you could afford to marry and would not be condemned to a cold cell in a boarding house.

If Socialism were in force there would be no problem of child and woman labor; for the men would be able to do all the needed work and that without overwork.

If Socialism were in force there would be no charity dinners and no giving of great sums to be dissipated in graft because charity would not be needed and graft would be unnecessary.

If Socialism were in force there would be no white slavery, for the reasons that there would be no money in it and that a woman would not take risks out of the need of making a living.

If Socialism were in force there would be no army of the unemployed; there would be no children with inadequate clothing; there would be no shacks for the workers that are mockery of homes.

If Socialism were in force winter would be a time when all could enjoy life, both around the fireside and visiting friends abroad. Now it is a brilliant season for the masters and hell for the producers.

A GREAT SYSTEM.

The "hive of industry" is infested by drones and robbed by parasites.

A prison often covers wrong. It seldom cures it.

They have quit saying, "Socialism won't work." It is working entirely too much to please the masters.

They who are determined to stand with the present system through thick and thin don't get very thick with it.

If advocates of the present system fought fairly they wouldn't fight at all, because they have nothing fair to fight for.

It is a mistake to say that capitalism doesn't produce anything. It does. It makes paupers, prostitutes and criminals.

Kansas has sold 2,333,000 acres of school land given the state by the general government when it was organized, and has received for it
$7,500,000,000. This is an average of $3.25 an acre. The land now averages from $10 to $40 an acre. How much better it would have been to retain this land as public property! This being done it could have been the means of employing every idle man in Kansas and then some.

So many workers wear blinders called the Associated Press.

When the capitalist system is ended we may well place on the grave this inscription: "Here lies capitalism. It isn't the first time."

The friction there is, is due to jerks that are inevitable in starting an inert mass. After the world begins to really move toward the light it will run smoothly.

Any one capable of seeing, hearing and feeling the unrighteousness of the industrial system, yet content because he happens to be the more fortunate, must be devoid of all heart, soul and conscience.

A MAN'S BELIEF.

* A man's belief is his, and it is sacred,
* Being a part of him, born out of what
* He loved, experienced and feared. We have no right
* To interfere with it, more than we have
* To take his life. But, since he still is living,
* New hopes, and new experiences and new
* Attachments may so modify his faith
* As to make it a new faith for him just as
* We may make new faith with him. That's the process
* By which the institutions of the world
* Must and will change—not through mechanical means,
* Denunciation, or through following
* The maze of our philosophy about it.
* Things fuse in heat of love. In the attack
* They break and batter, but remain apart.

THE ART OF KILLING MEN.

The money wasted on war would employ all the idle of the world if put to productive endeavor. The money spent in building battleships in America would build homes for 30,000 workers a year.

When the time comes to fight the workers are asked to fight for their country. When the war is over they go back to renting shacks.

The real war is the class war—the war between the capitalist and
the man who works. Six hundred thousand killed and wounded make up the casualty list every year on the industrial battlefield of the United States alone.

War is murder by wholesale. Business is wholesale robbery.

The fate of the worker is to be shot if he objects to being skinned.

So many are wanting the dove of peace to lay its eggs on battleships.

It would be cheaper to lose in every war than to go to war and make both sides lose.

The cause of humanity is advanced by lead in the form of type, but not by lead in the shape of bullets.

War means profits for gun-makers and tears for mothers and children and heartaches for wives and sweethearts.

There was never a peace conference until representatives of the Socialists parties of the world met and declared against war.

When there are no surplus values to fight over war will end. To abolish surplus values—profits—is the mission of Socialism.

When the combatants in modern warfare have exhausted their financial resources and they have reached the limit of their ability to pay interest on bonds, then there is talk of peace among the politicians and capitalists soothsayers.

How does this sound for a Socialist declaration: "Is it just that the fruits of a man's sweat and labor should be enjoyed by another? As effects follow their cause, so it is just and right that the results of labor should belong to him who has labored.” That is not from a Socialist paper, but is an extract from the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, which is so often quoted as against Socialism.

YOU THINK YOU THINK.

You vote for liberty, you think, but are against owning your own job.

You vote for liberty, you think, but don’t want it possible to recall the judges.

You vote for liberty, you think, but want a few men to control the machinery and wealth of the nation.

You vote for liberty, you think, yet favor an army and navy whose sole function it is to kill and subdue.

You vote for liberty, you think, but wish judges appointed for life to say that when the legislature makes a law it shall not be enforced.

You vote for liberty, you think, but do not favor suffrage for women and believe in the grandfather clause and property and educational qualifications for the ballot.
Editors who sell their brains for money are white slaves along with women who sell their bodies.

There are many "sources of information" in this world that are dispensing great gobs of misinformation.

Perhaps capitalism howls free love at Socialism because it wants no interference with its organized profitable traffic in women.

The press, whose normal function is to disseminate light, has become a great maker of shadows, and hides more than it reveals.

There are tremendous agencies at work gravely dispensing misinformation and believing it to be a virtue because of their own misinformation.

SOCIALISTS BELIEVE:

Socialists believe in a society so just and right that poor houses and alms-giving will be rendered unnecessary.

Socialists believe that tenements and hovels for the workers condemn every institution on the face of the earth.

Socialists believe that we have been talking and dreaming long enough about the good time coming—that now we should realize it.

Socialists believe that government has too long been merely a means of defending property—that now it should defend humanity and the natural rights.

Socialists believe that the people would rule industry in their own interests, if they owned it, just as the private owners now run it in their private interest.

Socialists believe in a cause for everything, and that capitalism is the direct cause of all the graft, all the corruption and all the oppression that is so evident today.

Socialists believe that the brothel is the result of the industrial slavery which the masters have imposed on womanhood, and that women do not enter it from choice.

Socialists believe that every person has a right to life and to the means of enjoying life and doing the thing he may wish, providing it interferes with no one else's right.

Socialism believes in the people ruling industry, just as it believes
the American forefathers were right in demanding that the people of the colonies should rule themselves politically.

Socialists believe that when men learn to live just plain, honest lives, without exploiting any, there will be plenty for all, and the race will assume a grandeur which now seems to be impossible for it.

Socialists believe that everybody should work at labor that is productive, so earning his way, and that every person is also entitled to sufficient leisure to enable him to develop, to enjoy and to truly live.

**THESE HOLY DAYS.**

Santa Claus always visits the home of the rich, bearing in his pack the contributions of labor. The poor may go beg.

The American voter has played the turkey and placed his head in the block of the capitalist thanksgiving.

The turkey you have earned was eaten by the capitalist’s family instead of your own.

Santa Claus is a myth—when it comes to the children of the poor.

People look with hope to the new year, but there can be no ground for hope until exploitation ends.

Instead of making all the children glad, Santa Claus is compelled by capitalism to disappoint the many in order that the few may have more than they need.

**THE NEW REVOLUTION.**

Socialism is not only a revolution, but it is a new kind of revolution. There have been revolutions in the past, but they were all merely the turning of a wheel, the putting down of one tyrant or class and the elevation of another tyrant or class. In all cases the exploitation of the worker continued, the only change being in the change in masters or in the form of mastery. But this is a revolution that reaches to the foundation of society. It is a revolt of the workers themselves, and means an end of all exploitation. After the revolutionary war the middle class gained something, but the workers were not a whit better off than before. When the blacks were freed the capitalists won a stupendous victory, and the slave-owning class which had so long combatted it was destroyed, but the workers themselves had won nothing. But when the working class wins in this impending revolution they will win all things. Freed from the dominance of all exploiters they will be free for the first time in
history, and being free from robbery of the masters, they will find themselves rich in all material things and in a position to develop every dominant faculty.

LIKE THE WAVES.

This everlasting pounding of the feet,
This looking to each other, urge to get,
And agitation lest we do not get!
It seems to me that men are like the waves
Borne on the sea that bears from all the world
A million vessels laden with all wares,
Sustained and moved by forces on which they
Ride proudly yet are helpless where they seem
To conquer, doing they know not what,
Planning for self and acting through their plans
On others, working out plans of others
Whose patterns they have only seen in part,
And helpless children of their own designs.

WHAT?

The Socialist press is about all that is left to the worker, and they are trying to take that away.

What would Socialism do to stop white slavery? It would in ending the profit system make actual white slavery impossible. By making it possible for every man and woman to marry and have a home, it would remove the conditions that foster prostitution.

What would Socialism do to foster religion? It would make conditions so just that the worker would no longer feel that he had no place either in society or the church. It would make the income of all workers such that if they chose they could all afford to support religious institutions.

What would Socialism do to prevent laziness and dishonesty in case it came into power? Make it so that no one could live at the expense of another. This would end both the big exploiter and the little exploiter who bums a very poor living. It could be accomplished by ending the profit system through collective ownership and democratic control of the means of production and distribution.

What would Socialism do with the liquor problem? It would end the profit system, and thus end the incentive to sell liquor. Private saloons and distilleries would be closed by such a move. Then local option would prevail. Communities that wanted liquor sold would have it
dispensed by the government at cost, and communities that did not wish it sold would have the right to say that it should not be sold.

What would Socialism do to relieve the high cost of living? It would end the profit system. This would at once give the worker all he produced, greatly increasing his income, and put goods at the actual cost of production and distribution, greatly decreasing their cost. Those who now are beneficiaries of the profit system would find a place at productive labor, which would tremendously increase the general wealth.

**HUMAN INTEREST.**

There is not a worse crime in the world than enforced idleness. The system of capitalism is guilty of that crime.

Business cares absolutely nothing for law, unless it is to make the law.

Patriotism is love of one's country. It is not love of the capitalists' country.

The freedom about which the masters talk is only freedom for them to rob the toilers.

Capitalism robs labor of its Sunday rest, but it is not accused of being opposed to religion.

The workers are great makers of millionaires, but they make thousands of their own class poor every time they make one millionaire.

The lawyer dips his fingers in the blood of the workers in order to write statutes that the capitalist dictates.

The ballot in the hands of a worker who votes a capitalist ticket becomes a chain which binds his own hands and feet.

The palaces of the rich are built from mother earth by the toil of the working class and would not exist but for the working class, and the working class labor furnish and care for them; but the working class get no glad hand at the front door.

Of course Socialism would destroy incentive. No man would work as cheerfully for his full product, which would average about ten dollars a day, as he would for a wage of about two dollars. This is very evident.

The Socialist understands the cause of war, which is the unholy desire on the part of one set of men for the property of other men. The
Socialist would remove the cause of war by making the wealth producing machinery the property of the nation. This would end the conflicts that depopulate the earth and make a wilderness and a desert of nature's garden.

**DIGGING DOWN.**

The miner keeps the world warm and lives in a cold shack. While the miner is digging the coal the master is digging him. The "mining camp" for the man who brings the world comfort is a shame to the system, a proof that it destroys the home.

**ISN'T IT SO?**

You are never wrong in seeking to overthrow ancient wrong.

Nature made every man partner with every other man. Capitalism made him an enemy to all others in a fight for food.

It doesn't matter so much what laws congress and the legislature may pass, the courts have the final say, and law means what they say.

It looks like those who fear Socialism would destroy religion have grave doubts about their religion being the product of omnipotent Deity.

The materialist conception of history means that you will get all you produce, in tangible, material good. Would that make you hate religion or the home?

Every normal man fears idleness, because that means want. But he longs for leisure, which comes only with plenty. Socialism will end idleness and promote leisure.

If ending war, poverty, prostitution, child labor and exploitation would destroy religion, probably Socialism is an enemy to it, because that is what Socialism would accomplish.

It is confiscation to take for public use the property of the rich. It is very laudable to take public property for the use of the trusts. That is law as made by the American courts.

You do not have to surrender your hope of heaven in order to have a little hope on earth. You don't have to give up your faith in God in order to compel men to keep faith with you.

There is such a disinclination on the part of republicans and demo-
crats to give up public (socialized) office one may suspect them of a desire to break up the home and destroy religion.

**CHASING THE RAINBOW.**

Capitalism has failed in its implied contract to employ the people. Even in times of so-called prosperity there are millions out of work.

Ignorance is bad, but ignorance of being ignorant is worse.

"Dissolution" when applied to a trust does not mean the same as death.

Capitalism has created classes, but does not like to be reminded of the fact.

It is better to kick like a donkey than to exhibit the voice of one through the ballot.

There would be no lack of patriotism if all could feel that this truly was "their" country.

Joseph Jackson, a Philadelphia historian, adduces evidence to prove that the liberty bell did not ring the news of the signing of the declaration of independence, but was cracked in tolling for the death of Chief Justice Marshall in 1832. The myth of the bell seems to be great as the myth of liberty in America.

The money spent on battleships in America since 1900 would have built a good home for every family in America. But capitalism prefers to build destroyers and let the home go hang.

**SOCIALISTS ARE BELIEVERS.**

Socialists are not unbelievers. They believe that every child has a right to education and opportunity; that every man and woman has a right to a place on the earth without paying another for the privilege of staying here; that man has a right to work when he wants, without having to give part of his product to another for the privilege; that the worker who produces all the good things has a right to enjoy all the good things in life. The Socialist is a great believer. He believes that all exploitation and all poverty can be banished from the earth, and pledges his life that it shall be so. He believes that man has only begun
to live—that when given opportunity life shall be sweet and rich beyond something for the world, here and now; in homes for all, each a refuge and good beyond all that it has ever been; in a marriage that shall mean all that poet ever dreamed. He believes in a religion that will mean love and devotion and happiness. The Socialists are believers. They have faith. Shame on the infidels who believe less than all of this.

**POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.**

When you vote for capitalism your vote is worth at least a thousand dollars a year to the masters who profit from a continuation of the system and represents just that much dead loss to you.

The political machine skids badly and jolts like there had been a puncture.

How interested followers of the old parties are in getting offices for other people!

They are going to let you vote directly in electing senators. It is a great privilege to be able to choose your own master, isn't it?

Greater than the greatest politician is the man who has the moral courage, whatever his station in life may be, to hold up his head, look the world in the face, and claim the recognition and rights due a man.

You work for your boss three hundred and sixty-four days in the year; work for yourself on election day.

The politician is a man who persuades you it is well to give your hide to another and go without one.

Suppose you count up on your fingers the number of times the government, whether under charge of republicans or democrats, came to the aid of the workers against the capitalist class when a clash occurred between them.

**WHO IS INNOCENT?**

If you should pay a man for committing murder, or even for preparing to commit murder, you would be legally and morally an accessory to murder. What else are you—you, who boast of your morality and respectability, you who profess to be a follower of the Prince of Peace? This year the appropriations for the army of the United States amounted to $102,000,000, and for the navy of $136,000,000. In other words, you will be required by the government, as a servant of capitalism, to pay $3 this year to equip men for the purpose of murder. On an average, this
is fifteen dollars per family. Perhaps you had not looked at the corrupting influence of capitalism as reaching yourself, but the case is clear. It is compelling you, through the government it controls, to become accessory to murder. A fair interpretation of its own laws pronounces you guilty as an accessory before the act. The question is, how long are you going to stand for a system which so compromises you in a land where the people are supposed to have power to change things?

ADVERTISEMENTS.

We have no literature save of advertisement. History is biography, a means Whereby some are advanced to rule the world After they are dead. Sociology And poetry alike would advertise Conditions and experience. The story Is a pictorial setting forth of life; And agitation and all preaching do But advertise some doctrine or idea. Newspapers live by advertisement only, Not merely of the things for sale, but also Of current happenings and timely topics. One might go further and declare all effort Is but a means of showing forth oneself Before the people, hence an advertisement. I tire of it. Literature and art, And man himself, shall yet arise above Exploiting and being exploited—all one thing.

DOING AND DOERS.

Capitalists do one thing only—levy tribute off the people who do all other things.

The longer a man lives under capitalism the shorter he gets.

Every time a worker sticks an old party ballot in the box you can hear his chains jingle. Considering how often the toiler is struck and even knocked out by conditions, it is no wonder he strikes occasionally.

The world is built anew every generation. You may lay the foundation of structure for the workers which your children may complete.

As long as the workers are satisfied with crumbs from the master's table they'll get crumbs. And the capitalist is doling out fewer crumbs all the time.

A movement is a great thing. The more you poke it with opposition
and repression the more it moves. Stir it enough and it will shake the world. The only danger is that it shall cease to move.

In 1776 it was irreligious and calculated to destroy the home and government to oppose King George. But religion, home and government survived the curbing of the kings, just as they will remain after the financial masters are dispossessed of power.

**NOT UNDER SOCIALISM.**

The saloon is run for profit. There will be no profit taking under Socialism.

There will be no mortgages under Socialism. Bonds mean bondage. There will be no bond issues under Socialism. Dividend comes from the word divide. There will be no dividing up under Socialism.

The stock exchange exists because of stock issues. There will be no stocks under Socialism.

Prostitution, arson and even burglary have become recognized business under capitalism, and they pay. Under Socialism it will not be so.

**JUST ABOUT SOCIALISM.**

Where would the liquor traffic be if there were no profit to be made from selling liquor?

The source of the Socialist movement is the worker’s brain and heart. There will be no feeling that life is not worth while, when Socialism comes.

Many tell you Socialism is wrong, but no one can tell you why or wherein it is wrong.

The unions would give you a greater share of what you produce. Socialism would assure you all.

To “cuss” Socialism helps to a discussion of it, and discussion boosts it always and everywhere.

The very fact that Socialism is met by abuse is the best proof that there is no real argument against it.

If you would cease spending money for Socialism and labor litera-
ture the masters figure you would have more which they could take from you.

A change of nature is not required to effect exchange of goods in the interest of the producers of them.

One thing—Socialism has never tried to use religion or the churches in upholding war and graft, as capitalism has done.

Many people are against what they think Socialism is merely because they do not think enough to know what it is.

If Socialism could be ended discontent would remain. Only the way out of the hell that causes discontent would be closed.

Would it make you irreligious to know that every human being lived in a good house, had good clothes and plenty of wholesome food to eat?

YOU AND THEY.

You build mansions in which the masters live and rent hovels in which you exist.

Every mansion the rich occupy was built by the workers and properly belongs to them.

Every automobile the idlers race in was constructed by workers and for the most part belongs to them.

Every machine that is made a means of exploitation was built by the toilers and is properly theirs, now.

LINE UPON LINE.

It is very gallant in the men, manifesting a splendid desire to protect womanhood, to class the wife and mother before the law with the Indian, the idiot and the pauper.

The “beautiful workings” of the capitalist system are best illustrated by the beautiful homes the workers occupy and the beautiful clothes they wear.

Man is the only creature that will suffer for food in the midst of plenty. The reason is, he has been taught respect for the law of the masters.

When you ask higher wages or seek a bargain you are participating
in the class struggle and your actions speak louder than the words that say you shall keep quiet about it.

Suppose the workers should hoard half they receive, wouldn't business boom? And wouldn't the employers hasten to cut wages when they found the workers could live on less?

When labor and capital have disputes and it has to be tried before a capitalistic court, labor gets it in the neck. But if labor permits capital to own the courts, labor ought to get it in the neck.

The phenomenon of the capitalist system, showing its utter incompetency, is shown in the fact that often a capitalist profits from the wreckage of his business, and a merchant from the destruction of part of his wares.

There cannot be such a thing as a fair wage. Wages are paid out of the earnings of labor and something must be held back else the employer could not live. "A fair wage," therefore, means only "reasonable" robbery, if such a thing is possible.

RELIGION AND MORALS.

Many look for a better world straight at the ground. When they stand erect before the masters they will see better.

So many who think they preach the golden rule defend in reality merely the olden rule.

You pray with your vote. If you vote with upholders of the present hellish system it is folly to merely say, "Thy will be done on earth."

The religion that would be destroyed by giving every child good food, good clothes and a good home is really not worth preserving.

Will Socialism destroy religion? If it could, then it must be stronger than God, and when you admit this you reveal your unbelief.

Strange that preachers should oppose Socialism because "you can't change human nature," and yet beg people to become "partakers of divine nature."

It is a great system that allows the compassionate and big-hearted to become especial prey of the over zealous and greedy who are so situated as to extort them.

When Jesus opposed putting new wine in old skins he expressed
the same revolutionary thought that Socialists have when they declare for a complete ending of the capitalist system.

It is just as silly to say Socialism is opposed to religion as to say that all religionists are opposed to Socialism. They who make either statement are preparing themselves to get the laugh.

THE SLAP STICK.

One fat man has said adieu, but a still fatter man is in the saddle on your back. His name is Capitalism.

Unemployment exists because you have misemployed your ballot.

While you are planting garden seed do not forget to drop a few seeds of Socialism.

If virtue paid as well as vice there would be a virtue trust, just as there is a vice trust.

The United States will soon stand alongside of China. All China has woman's suffrage and ten states in America have it.

Socialism is for one thing at a time—and that one thing is the complete substitution of the profit system by the Co-operative Commonwealth.

The worker is chained to his job—or sorry if he isn't.

Very few workers get vacations except when deprived of jobs, which takes all the pleasure out of them.

Today the class struggle is a fact that cannot be hidden. Under Socialism it will be abolished by the ending of the exploited and exploiting classes.

THE SIZE OF IT.

Some men are ruined by self-conceit, others by self-deceit.

Dynamite is not half so dangerous to privilege as an idea is. Under "individualism" the average individual counts for nothing. Ideas move the world when the people with ideas get a hump on themselves.

It is a great thing to live, if making a living did not absorb all life's energies.

The fellow who doesn't want to "divide up" usually gives the master class his all.
Old ideas die slowly, but the fact that they are old is proof that they must die.

The only real argument the masters have presented against Socialism may be embodied in the words: “We don’t want to get off your backs.”

Capitalism believes in dividing up so long as it can dictate the terms.

Many stand in the way of progress because they want to appear to lead and are too lazy to move on.

The railroads would not hold up the postoffice department if they belonged to the people as the postal department does.

The drowse of opium is nothing in its effects to be compared with the sleep that does not wish old evil to be disturbed.

While it is true that poverty is the cause of prostitution, behind that is still another cause. Poverty is caused by robbery.

The red light and silk stocking localities have no use for Socialism. They believe it would end incentive and destroy the home.

MODERN SLAVERY.

While the chattel slave was driven to his work, the wage slave sets the alarm clock himself.

On what map is the property owned entirely by the toilers?

The property of the rich is the lost lives of the poor.

Labor is the source of wealth, but capitalism is the chief source of ill health.

The master wants you to vote with him, but won’t invite you to eat with him.

The masters have cornered the coal the workers dug, and now the toilers’ children shiver of cold.

Did you ever know a man to get any credit for wearing old clothes while trying to get out of debt?

When capitalism robs you of profit it also robs you of life, because profit is not made apart from life.

About the only things the workers build which they are permitted to occupy exclusively are jails and penitentiaries.

They who fear the “slavery of Socialism” mean rather the service that Socialism will make them perform in exchange for a living.
A capitalist paper features the fact that “Socialism and Crime Are Both Increasing in Germany.” Yes, and both come from the same cause—capitalism.

The toiler works and fights for the capitalist because the master controls the machines of war as well as the machines of production. And in either case he loses his life—either suddenly or by piecemeal.

**FELLOWS.**

The real Mr. Goodfellow is not the man who tries to give the children of the poor one good meal a year, but the Socialist who would provide means for giving every child a wholesome meal a thousand times a year.

Take no man’s say-so, but learn to say it yourself.

Mighty good brains are drowned in too much sweat.

Set the wheels to turning in your head. They will grind out ideas after awhile, and ideas will make you more of a man.

Charity is conscience money the rich give out of the much more they have taken from the sweat and blood of the toiler; it is salve for the wounds of the worker, made out of his own tallow.

You have to keep hammering at them to pound chaotic conditions into proper shape.

**SOME DEFINITIONS.**

The supreme court is a lot of corporation lawyers someone else hires and you pay to decide the case against you and for the plutes.

Congress is a body you employ to hand out your property to the plunderers.

The standing army is a lot of workers hired by workers to shoot workers exclusively in order that the plunderers may have their way.

The senate is a millionaire’s club for which you pay but which are selected by the size of the piles, in order to see that nothing escapes the plunderers.
Monopoly comes from *mono*, meaning one; Socialism comes from *social*, meaning all. It is the few or the many, the only political and industrial issue.

The president is a man the plutes select and permit you to vote on, that he may vote bills that would favor you against the plutes and command the army and navy in the game of grab in the interest of the masters.

**IT'S JUST THIS WAY**

This is a country of *fine* opportunity—for the grafters; which means that the grafted have no chance at all.

The angel of peace is all shot to pieces.

The most noticeable thing about Christian charity is its *scarcity*.

The farmer pays profit in buying and selling. Socialism would *abolish* profit.

Poverty should not be an object of charity but of justice. But if there were justice there would be no poverty.

The capitalist is the old pirate, reformed. The reform consists in changing the method of robbery, and a *dress suit* of clothes.

There is no protest against the workers making many rich through rents, interest and profits, but only when they spend money to free themselves.

There is not enough for all because many have no chance to produce. They can't produce because the tools and the land are in the hands of the few.

Someone asks what we would do in case the capitalists should leave the country. We would rather they would steal away than to remain and steal the country.

The worker gives his all to the master. The master returns part of it and is praised for his charity.

The toilers used to worship the strong man and make him a chief. Now they divide up with the idle man and lo! he's a thief.

Actions do not speak louder than words. The masters speak words and the thousands of toilers then proceed to act as if the house were on fire. It is the wordster that rules, always and everywhere.
WHAT YOU GET—AND DON'T.

Raising the price of coal makes comfort for the owners of the mines, but misery for the miners of the coal. But "It's business."

The worker's wife and child suffer most because of his foolish support of a system of robbery.

Possibly the capitalist system "leaves God out of it."

The only "free" worker is the one who is out of a job. And he is free to do nothing except starve.

The trouble is, the masters want you to take your ideas out of the pay envelope; and you know it is mighty small.

Hunting the job breaks up many a home; but what churchman is against the system that make job hunting necessary?

The workers had not the faith to enter into the promised land and so must wander in the wilderness a few years longer.

You will never have private property so long as the machinery of production and distribution is the private property of the other fellow.

They told you that Socialism meant dividing up. But they have quit telling that lie, because the worker wonders what he has to divide.

The same faith that sees the flowers under the snow can see through the bitterness of the class struggle the ending of classes and the dawn of plenty for all.

The reason you want work is because you have voted yourself out of a job.

Your employer is immensely pleased with the present you made him, at the expense of your wife and child.

Socialism will not take your farm away. It will make it so all who wish may have farms, and not have to pay the landlord for the privilege of using the earth.

When a few more of the American farmers are converted to Socialism the old lie that Socialism is opposed to the home and religion will lose its point. The farmer is solid for both.

If the people are to unite it must be on simple propositions. The idea of socializing the means of production and distribution that are socially used is all that legitimately belongs to Socialism.
Socialism will not make all men equal, but it will prevent the little soul with the big wad from lording it over Greatheart the toiler.

Socialism does not appeal to the idle. The plutocrats are all against it. Socialism demands that the worker shall cease dividing up with the shirker.

Socialism is like the sun—it gives light, and it will yet give life and comfort to all.

Socialism is not popular with anarchists. All supporters of the capitalist system hate it.

Socialism is not against private property. It will make it so all may have private property.

Socialism is not a protest of ignorance. If it were, how the old partyites would flock to it!

Socialism is not against religion. It will make it so real religion and brotherhood may be practiced.

Socialism wants to know what right the masters have to the property of the workers which they have taken.

Socialism is not against the home. It will make it so every family may own a home rather than renting it as at present.

Socialism is a water spring welling from human hearts. Every new fountain opened means more fertility, more good for the world.

Socialism is a light burning in the human brain. Every new light kindled by it dissipates some of the darkness and terror of this old world.

Socialists are not unbelievers. They have the great faith that poverty and war may be banished from the earth and are working to make it real.

Socialism is not in favor of dividing up. It is against dividing up with the man who employs you or the railroad which carries your goods to market.

Socialism has a place in America, from the fact that capitalism has a place here. It is a bacillus that destroys the germs of robbery, poverty and misery.

Socialism has no place for "leaders." But every man is supposed to be a helper. The greater the helper the greater is the man; yet he is not a "leader."

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