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Now for New Zealand

ONE example of what is possible is worth a dozen theoretical arguments. The eyes of the world are turning toward New Zealand.

THE Forum, Bucyrus, O., wants a constitutional convention society organized to work in the various states legislatures for amendments almost universally demanded.

AS SHOWING the drift of the times, the Siegel-Cooper Co., Chicago and New York, has been incorporated with \$24,000,000 capital.

THIS government, in the "diplomatic" way, has told the sultan of Turkey that if he does not pay a claim for damages to some alleged Americans that it will send over some warships blow and well, shoot the stuffing out of his subjects until he does pay.

MARION, IND., has some of the most energetic socialist workers in the country. For the last two years they have been putting in much socialist literature and in the last year have put in many thousands of copies of the APPEAL.

It takes all kind of people to make a world, we are often told. F. J. Wood of Bruceville, Texas, writes that he has always been a democrat but has determined to cut loose and join the socialists.

As good an arraignment of the present system as has come out for a long time is "Monopolies and Trusts," a discourse to the Unitarian church delivered at Austin, Tex., by Rev. E. M. Wheelock.

The Inland Printer is arguing very hard for the master class and against the wage working class. It quotes approvingly statements that the government printing office could be run on less expense by some corporation.

A RESOLUTION has been introduced in congress to free Cuba on July 4. Then Cuba is the opposite of free now—the opposite of free is bond or subject. See? But little freedom will Cubans get.

SULZER of New York said in congress the other day: "congress can not do anything and does not do anything without the consent of Downing street."

THIS government (not your government, mind you, for you do not own any of it) pays 21 cents a pound for iron to cover its ships to kill or civilize the heathen!

ACCORDING to even the capitalistic press Japs and Chinese by the thousands are pouring into the Pacific coast states, in violation of the laws, but then capitalists need them in their business and of course they will come in.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 26, 1900. Dear Comrade— 1. The statement has been made to me that you are not a scientific socialist and don't understand scientific socialism.

Of course I am not a scientific socialist—nobody is but the fellow who is, you know. Because, don't you know, he says so. If you want to know what the scientific article is, get him to explain.

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THE PESSIMIST. THE pessimist is always looking backward to the dead and despotic past for rules of action, for criterions to follow, for authority for usage and custom.

Well, is it? If you had all the trade of a community and two or three other fellows came in, would the little share left you make trade lively for you? Or would it not rather be deadly? Nor does competition increase the total of trade.

ONCE upon a time one hundred men went into business, in which each had one vote in the management. There was much hard work and a few places, the duties of which were light; the hours short and the places of work pleasant.

THE socialist vote has been attracting the attention of the New York Sun. Now mind you, not the socialists but the socialist VOTE. Socialists who do not vote the ticket do not count in influence or attract any attention to socialism.

THE earth is full of material out of which wealth is fashioned. In fact the earth is the material. With methods in vogue centuries ago men made of this material all the needs of the human family at that time, and then supported millions in arms and a nobility who did not produce anything.

EVERY election shows the silent growth of the socialist vote in Mark Hannaland. From country, town and city the increase is rising like the flood that is to sweep the country. Not great spurts followed by an ebb, indicative of spasmodic, uncertain fountains, but the steady, determined rising that makes you feel that dams and barriers are of no avail.

A NEIGHBOR handed me a copy of the APPEAL some time ago, to which I paid no attention at first but am now becoming interested. It is strange that I knew nothing of the existence of the Social Democratic party, whose object seems to be for the uplifting of the laboring classes.

A BIG SALARY, BUT— THE N. Y. World estimates that Rockefeller's dividends this year will be twenty millions of dollars and from other sources fifty-five millions—a total of seventy-five millions—a people will pay him to keep him supplied with the necessities of life so he can work for them!

THE ideas which have given birth to the generalities above set forth are wholly utopian. Placed in practice today they would bring forth confusion worse confounded, because man is neither competent or honest enough, either in mass or class, to carry them out.

AT New Castle, Pa., when the workmen went after their pay the other day they got it in full, which meant they were wanted no longer. The Shovel Trust had absorbed and shut down the mill.

This Ought to Interest You

I have made arrangements with a reliable firm, by which I can enlarge any picture to size of 14x17, finished in oil, put in an elegant, wide gilt frame, and furnish all with the APPEAL a year for \$1.98.

THE IDEALS OF THE NEW CENTURY

THE Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton recently wrote the following prophecy for the Hearst newspapers: For the first time in human history we are coming in sight of a possible productivity that shall insure enough for all the children of men—if justly distributed.

234 Monopolies and Trusts By Rev. E. M. Wheelock, Austin, Tex. This in next week's APPEAL...

opened thereto. Now, the evolution of this desire is in the most significant evolution of our wonderful century. Beyond any other century in the history of man, save perhaps in such creative periods as the dawn of Christianity and the rise of Buddhism, our century manifests an awakening of conscience concerning social evils.

Every one knows the tale of modern charity, which is going wherever there are ignorance and suffering and want and misery, and consecrating wealth and culture and life to the uplift of mankind.

A new political passion has seized man's mind. The ideals of democracy enkindle his enthusiasm. Liberty, Equality, Fraternity—these are the ideals that are fascinating the soul of the new-born sovereign people.

monster of slavery that Herbert Spencer depicts. As it grows from within and becomes the outer form of the altruistic spirit—the unselfish, loving, just nature of the new man—it will prove a freedom to the world.

Without waiting for legislation to solve the problem of the trust, that problem can be solved if Christian men really care to utilize these organizations for the service of society. The task of the new century is to socialize the magnificent forces which the closing century has handed over to man, unchain the production of powers of civilization from the chariot of Croesus and harness them to the fortunes of the people.

It is the stamp of government that makes gold, copper, or paper money. Why need we waste so much labor to supply the nation with the money tool when it can be done with one-fiftieth of the cost?

There is not gold and silver enough in America to pay five cents on the dollar of our bonded indebtedness. The real difference between a bond and a greenback is that one burdens society with interest and the other does not.

I believe I have a plan which if carried out will send the APPEAL well on toward the million list. It offers work for the large number of socialists who are so situated that they cannot get out and do active work soliciting subscriptions or distributing literature.

POOR JOHN JAMES INGALLS

JOHN J. INGALLS, who was popularly supposed to be an extinct volcano, has been smoking again lately. In order to attract attention he has attacked socialism. He has used a good deal of language, but has not said much; his position is palpably that of an ant in a tornado, which is never an effective position.

The other meaning is that he thinks that two men working together cannot do better than one at a time. It does not seem probable that a man of his attainments would attempt this argument, yet it is an old trick of Ingalls to dress fallacious ideas in fine language for display as right thinking.

These are familiar fallacies. They about cover the whole ground of the anti-socialist. Mr. Ingalls dare offer no evidence, for he has none. Indeed, he might have quoted the Webster dictionary definition of "individualism," which is: "An excessive or exclusive regard to one's personal interest; self-interest; selfishness."

Then there is that "forcible redistribution," that dividing up argument. Evidence concerning it abounds at every corner. Mr. Ingalls will never quote this evidence because it damns his statement that individualism is progress and life.

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all deserving of it. And in the socialist commonwealth one would not get these by tramping over the bodies of fellow men for them, but because of service rendered to make the world better.

The program of socialism is not force. To an upholder of conquest, competitive business and other forms of war, like J. J. Ingalls, the idea of a method of living wherein all would do as they would be done by is beyond conception. It is true nevertheless that socialism disclaims to regulate by force.

Yet he ought to know better. He certainly knows that he is not telling the truth when he says that the present system leaves every man free to be master of himself. We need individuality, not individualism, but we can never get it as long as one man lives at the expense of another.

What Socialism Means. Monopoly's curse, the piling up of colossal fortunes by the few at the expense of the many, the weary, blighting slavery of the masses, the bitter, grinding poverty which seeks refuge in suicide or the sale of body and soul will be abolished until the principles of socialism are adopted.

How We Do It. The present situation may be compared to that of a man who has fallen under a heavy laden dray with merchandise. You can call the dray "civilization" and the bales of merchandise "commercialism."

The ministers are getting more Christian every day. Wheelock's "Monopolies and Trusts" (in next week's APPEAL) is a corker. We have an article for an early issue from Rev. Stewart Sheldon, father of the famous Charles M. Sheldon that shows where the author of "In His Steps" got some of his socialist ideas that have sold so many of his books.

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