

The more trusts advance prices the less goods the people can buy; the less goods the people can buy the less goods can be sold; the less goods sold the less people are employed to produce them; the less employed the less wages paid out; the less wages paid out the less demand for goods; and so on ad infinitum. Depressions are caused under capitalism by the lack of wages to buy goods, not the inability to make goods. High-priced goods and low wages or no wages aggravates the depression. And there you are. If you are too stupid to see it, you will not be too dull to feel it. This depression will last until you learn the lesson, never fear about that.

Prejudice cannot crawl a mile in a million years.

"That's one on me," remarked the worker of capitalism.

Labor is a Hercules who does wonderful things—for others.

Labor, like a blind Sampson, grinds in the mills and is made sport of by the idlers.

Some people are so afraid of doing wrong that they do nothing, which is very wrong.

Capitalism may permit you to exist, but you can never truly live until Socialism comes.

What splendid homes women can make when Socialism shall have made them industrially free!

Wanted by the republican press agent, at once—10,000 cheerful liars. Good wages to grad liars.

The wages of sin is death. The same means to be true of the wages system in every department.

Republican argument means that if you won't let the robbers rob, they won't let you work.

The dinner pail will some day be an emblem of execration, just as the section block is now.

The captains of industry take things easy, but wouldn't take so many things if the workers were not asleep.

Before you were a laborer you were a man. Declare your manhood and your right to the earth and all you may produce.

Socialism, being merely industrial democracy, means only that you shall be permitted to manage industry as you may think best.

The workers are overburdened to maintain armies and navies in order that workers may be killed if they rebel. That is civilization for you.

Capitalism has the worker produce for sale, and profit is its fee for bossing the job. Socialism will have the worker produce for use, and he will be his own boss.

When you are in good health you may be able to "make a living"—think what the term means—but when you get sick or old you may go to the poor house or to hell. That's capitalistic civilization for you.

England is taking lessons of the United States and preparing to organize a "citizen soldiery" after the order of that provided for by the Dick military bill. It is taking a lot of men to keep the dissatisfied workers in subjection and conquer new markets for the masters.

Efforts at reforming the system always fail. President Roosevelt's pet scheme for reducing the Jonesness of the farm and the overcrowding of the cities has met a rebuke in New York, where the plan to drive the ill-fated tenant poor to farm lands proved a failure and has been abandoned.

The small remaining frontier of the world is being rapidly occupied. Some five thousand young men recently left eastern Canada for the far northwest in a body. Thousands of Americans are now settling in Mexico. The press reports that even cold Siberia is being rapidly filled with people who are anxious to avoid close contact with capitalism.

The Catholic Standard, of Hartford, Conn., understands the situation. It says: "The hopes and ambitions of the people are for industrial freedom and opportunity." The trouble is, the Stand-

ard will join the monopolistic hierarchy in working for the rule of the industrial boss and against industrial democracy.

United States authorities are holding Jan Janoff Pouden, a Russian revolutionist, under threat of extradition, because the Russian government is anxious to capture him that it may brutally slay him. Efforts are being made to prevent the consummation of this outrage. If you wish to have a voice in the matter, write a brief protest and send to Pouden Defense Conference, 320 Broadway, Room 612, New York, or ask them for blank petitions so you may secure signatures.

Fred W. Upham, assistant secretary of the republican national committee, understands how to get money from the trusts. Here is an extract from a letter which he is sending to trust magnates over the country: "Congress recently enacted a statute making it unlawful to solicit money for political purposes from corporations. All the funds, therefore, for the campaign must be supplied by individuals. You are requested to bring this matter to the attention of your business associates and ask each to send a check."

It would seem that the republican press agent is an old theatrical man. On the same day he announced a threat to assassinate Taft and a demonstration against Roosevelt. Of course it was all a fake, but it brought a little advertising to a dead campaign. The Appeal suggests a better scheme for advertising that Taft execute a Salome dance. That would sure be a thriller.

The issue this year, as Mark Hanna predicted it would be, is between Socialism and capitalism. Even Mr. Bryan admits as much when he says the issue is: Shall the people rule? They cannot rule until they rule industry, and Bryan is one with Taft in opposing real democracy.

Production for profit makes the time and faculties of men things of sale, and as these are inseparable from the man, it really makes him a thing of sale. Production for use will free the man and his faculties and permit him to grow.

How would you like to have a piano, an automobile, a library, a bath room and other comforts of that nature? If you really want such things you are in want. If you have not got them, then capitalism has reduced you to want.

He who votes for Bryan this year will lose his vote, just as he who voted for Bryan in other campaigns lost his vote. If you really want to count against capitalism you must be counted with Socialism.

The "Dutch" editor of the Denver Express interviewed Debs while the Red Special was in the city, and came away saying, "We think class-conscious capitalism should be rendered unconscious." He grasped the idea all right.

Extra copies of last week's issue (no. 687) and of this issue (no. 688) at the rate of one-half cent per copy, when one hundred or more copies are taken. Papers sent in a bundle to one address for distribution or we will send them to separate addresses at the same rate.

Since the Red Special has painted a rainbow of promise across the western horizon, Taft and Bryan both have decided that they want to try it. But they will leave only smudge.

The average worker fears idleness and longs for leisure. When idleness comes it is enforced and means anxiety. Leisure never comes to the worker.

Before you cast your ballot this year, think how you are going to get through the winter, and vote for an ending of present capitalist conditions.

Why should the worker be compelled to eat a cold dinner from a dinner pail, while the idle rich feast at leisure in comfortable dining rooms?

If there must be soup houses and bread lines, it is the idle who ought to be put on that kind of fare, not the workers.

The only tool which the poor man still owns is the ballot, and he can do wonders with that if he tries.

The dinner pail breaks up the home. It compels you to eat from a tin can, all alone.

Says labor to capitalism: Come off the perch on our backs.

ON TO THE COAST.

Red Special Crosses the Backbone of the Continent on its Tour Toward the Slopes of the Pacific.

AN EMERGENCY
The "Red Special" eastern trip is in peril. If funds are not forthcoming immediately it will have to be abandoned. Send contributions to I. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, 1500 Washington street, Chicago.

From Debs.
DEAR APPEAL: The meeting at Denver last night can't be described. The great Coliseum was packed and jammed and the surrounding streets filled with cheering, shouting Socialists. The scene can never be forgotten. Thousands could not get near the speakers. Have just left Colorado Springs, where we had a splendid meeting, notwithstanding the crowd, through a misunderstanding, was at the wrong depot. Five minutes after arrival at any station the "Red Special" has a crowd. We are thoroughly organized and take full advantage of every minute. We are ready to drop off at a minute's notice and make a speech of half a minute to a hundred people, or two hours to twenty thousand people.

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The editor, with that deft manipulation of words by which his craft is able to make white black and black white, called his readers to witness that a man's brain is his best tool—a tool possessed by all and which rewards all according to the energy with which each uses it. It is to be hoped that someone had by this time supplied the editorial rooms of the Times with an English dictionary from which it's brilliant editor may learn that a tool is "an instrument used by a workman" while a brain, instead of being an instrument of use, is a physical organ and part of the man himself.

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Glenwood Springs.
The effectiveness of the Glenwood Springs meeting was reduced to some extent by the mistake of holding it in the grounds of a swell hotel not frequented by workers other than those employed on the premises. Several hundred workers would not cross the bridge that separated the abode of the wealthy from the town for much the same reason that workmen in plain clothes do not feel free to enter a swell church or walk on velvet carpets. They stood in what they seemed to regard as their part of the town and looked on though unable to hear anything.

Grand Junction.
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is the band of fifteen volunteer musicians who came together from seven states to sound Socialism by note. From the hour they met, they played in perfect time and with the harmony inspired by the fine comradeship that united all on the train, from the engineer in front to the porter in the rear, in one happy family.

At North Platte a platform had been prepared in front of the Union Pacific hotel from which Debs spoke for nearly half an hour on the principles and purpose of the Socialist movement, showing the class character of government today and the impossibility of any change permanently helpful to the working class to be had from either the republican or democratic party. "In the maintenance of class government," said he, "both the republican and democratic parties have been equally guilty." At 11 o'clock the train left for Denver.

The legal limits of Coliseum hall in Denver were crowded with five thousand people while overflow meetings were in progress outside. The success of the Denver meeting is apparent in the belligerent attitude and seriousness of the Denver papers in their news reports and editorial comment of the following day.

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HISTORY OF CAPITALISM

L—In Olden Days

CAPITALISM is a word of colloquial formation, referring, not so much to an aim as to a method. It is a means for the conduct of social affairs by the use of capital, or, more properly, of money or its representative. It is a survival of the barbaric tendencies, whose purpose and consummation is the exploitation of the various ways of exploitation that have been in vogue. It is obvious that the taking of things by conquest of arms is not capitalistic, though, under present development, it may require capital to accomplish it; neither is the taking and holding of chattel slaves capitalistic, though, under the present development of capitalism, the slave may be sold for money; neither is serfdom, as practiced under feudalism, capitalistic, even though now, under the reign of capitalism, the serf may be used for purposes of piling up profits. Indeed, there may be exchange, under trading or barter, without the element of capital entering into it.

A study of history seems to establish that conquest came first; then slavery—both things of force; then an intellect developed cunning and made force more or less objectionable, feudalism came, then capitalism. But all have existed together during the ages, and all still exist together. Only, at one time, one form was dominant and others were subordinated by it, while at another period another method grew dominant and ruled and shaped the rest.

At first conquest was dominant. Goods were stolen from conquered people by force, and distributed among the general and his soldiers. Afterward human beings began to be regarded as goods and chattels, and they were taken by conquest, used as beef or for the satisfying of lust, and at length as servants. Barter did not begin until conquest had been softened, and until unfolding intellect substituted cunning as a foil for force. Capital did not come until the nation was organized and had begun the coinage of money—it could not come before. Even in Abraham's time gold and silver were weighed, being elements of barter rather than fixed capital.

So long as the idea of force predominated among men, so long was capitalism, though in existence, held in disrepute. Most of the olden nations had but small commercial relationships with their neighbors. Babylon, indeed, did

error on the part of the railroad management there was no locomotive provided at Grand Junction to take the train on to Ogden and Salt Lake City. For that reason the coaches were attached to a regular train and time lost that interfered with the program.

Salt Lake City.
Three thousand people were present at Kennedy's hall when the party finally reached the city by the salt lake, and the local papers say that the great audience not only stayed but that they cheered and gave other evidence of approval while Debs landed hard on republican and democrat and harder on Gompers whose charge that the Red Special had been financed with republican funds had been printed in the Salt Lake papers in connection with the announcement of the train's coming. In the afternoon, while Debs was speaking at Ogden, A. M. Simons addressed a meeting at Liberty Park, near Salt Lake City.

Press dispatches from Portland, Ore., state that the use of the armory, owned by the state, had been denied for the proposed Debs meeting to be held on the arrival of the Red Special September 14. Although the armory has been repeatedly used by the speakers of other parties, and although it is publicly owned, it seems that "undesirable citizens" are to be excluded, which is no surprise, and only lends its emphasis to the Socialist contention that the present government is a class government that permits its buildings as well as its other property to be used in the interest of capital only. Socialists don't feel bad over that sort of thing because they have become used to it.

Annals of the Poor.
The president has a summer cottage at Pine Knot, Va., which has not been occupied since the death of his caretaker visited the cottage and found evidence that the beds had been slept in by the poor. He was so shocked that he ordered the cottage to be burned down. He was so shocked that he ordered the cottage to be burned down. He was so shocked that he ordered the cottage to be burned down.

No Difference.
According to press reports, Edward H. Hartman, the biggest of the capitalists of industry of today, recently said: "The coming residential class is of no importance, for it makes no difference whether Bryan or Taft is elected."

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