

Socialist Propaganda on the High Seas

BY UPTON SINCLAIR
LAST month I crossed the ocean on the "Minnicapolis" of the Atlantic Transport Line, and on the way I had an entertaining experience, which I will pass along for the diversion of comrades who dwell far in land, and may be interested to hear how Socialist propaganda goes on the high seas.

There were about two hundred of us, and we were a well dressed and well behaved cross-section of bourgeois society. One of us had got so near to work as to trade horses; but for the most part we were bankers, merchants and manufacturers, lawyers and clergymen. I distinguished one college professor, one editor, one naval officer, one bishop and one Salvation Army lieutenant. We had our wives and daughters with us, and all summer long we had been absorbing culture all over Europe. Now through the day we lounged about on deck and sleepily gazed at popular novels and fiction magazines. Four times a day we repaired to the dining saloon; one time out of the four we made out with tea and cake, but on the three other occasions elaborate meals of the choicest viands were served up to us; and two times more during the day the deck-stewards came around with trays from which we helped ourselves. A few of us got up the energy to play shuffleboard or ring-toss; but for the most part we just lounged and dozed and chatted.

Needless to say, after a week of that I explained to them that when I talked I tried to find a method of approach to my vast subject which would especially appeal to my particular audience. So I would talk about steamships. I would use a steamship as my symbol of capitalist society. "Ladies and gentlemen," I said, "counting it up today, I find that I have been at sea a total of some twenty times; and this morning, for the first time in my life, I had the curious experience of beholding with my own eyes a strange type of creature which I had always read inhabits the bowels of steamships—today for the first time I saw a stoker!"

Where Is the Difference?
"Where is the difference between a passenger and a stoker? Simply this: Both want to cross the ocean; but whereas the passenger has the price, the stoker has not. That is the difference, and that alone. When I said that I wanted to be a passenger, the one question they asked me was if I had the price.

High Cost of Food.
A press dispatch from Washington says: Retail food prices August 15th reached their highest mark for twenty-three years, according to bureau of labor statistics just issued. Retail prices of the principal articles of food in forty important industrial cities show that during the year twelve of the fifteen articles advanced in price, while only three declined.

Impeachment of Capitalism.
Preachers of the gospel frequently urge individual salvation as an answer to the social problem. Let me state with utmost emphasis that no individualistic spiritual experience can lift you out of the social and economic relations of the social system in which you live.

Companions.
The development of the proletariat is dependent on the development of capitalism. With the growth of capitalist society, it can first acquire the national character which will make its revolution a national one.

Grand Pap's Way.
It was in Arkansas that the old man carried his corn all in one end of the sack and a rock in the other end to balance it, because Grand Pap did. There is a large percentage of people everywhere doing the same way about more important matters.—Pea Ridge (Ark.) Post.

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Very soon I was made aware how deeply I had cut. When I came from my cabin early next morning I found that the notice of the meeting, which was still upon the bulletin board, now read as follows:

Displaced a Traveler.
And then I was told that "Banker" Jones was on the warpath; he had been raging half the night in the smoking room, and threatening to complain to the company! (Jones is not his name, but it will do—I do not want to be mean.)

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Lincoln on Labor
We have long known that the great abolitionist, Frederick Douglass, for his part, realized that their fight for justice must not stop with the emancipation proclamation; and it is now interesting, at least to find how clearly Lincoln's vision enabled him to see the approach of another power—the power of capital—which would be far more dangerous than the warring power of the slave aristocracy.

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Twenty-five Books Free.
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A Railroad Joke Book
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OF THESE SHALL MY SONGS BE Others may sing of the wine and the wealth and the mirth. The portly presence of potentates goodly in girth. Mine be the dirt and the dross, the dust and the scum of the earth!

Things as They Are Not The Whistle on the Capitol. THE representative of Standard Oil arose in the house and presented a bill for placing a whistle on the capitol building.

A Children's Edition THE APPEAL dated December 21st, No. 943, will be a special children's edition. It will be prepared especially for the use of locals and others at their Children's Day celebration on Sunday, December 26th.

Significant News A general strike is threatened in England, and the capitalists as a result are raising a fund of \$2,000,000 with which to fight the strike.

Appeal Answers to Questions Ending of Prostitution. Would there be an end to white slavery under Socialism?

The Appeal Army The Army of Action and Achievement. A list of those sending the largest clubs of 40 week subs for the week:

Beginnings of Things The Ancient Guild. THE ancient guild had a great influence on history. Originally it was an organization of merchants or tradesmen for the purpose of promoting business.

Blunders J. A. Washburn in APPEAL, 1896. IT used to be said by the republicans that they could count on success, by democratic blunders if on nothing else.

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The Poor Millionaire. What will become of the coal barons and their money under Socialism? The money of the millionaires was obtained under a fraudulent system and when justice is done they will not have the money which was never theirs by right.

The "Big Four." A list of those sending the largest clubs of 40 week subs for the week: K. L. Tamm, New York, N. Y., \$10.00; George Washington, Avon, Minn., \$10.00; John H. Meyer, Detroit, Mich., \$10.00; A. W. Wabstrom, San Francisco, Cal., \$10.00.

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To Non-Socialists. Hear, ye deaf, and look, ye blind, that ye may see.—Isaiah 42:18. As Things May Be Rank Under Socialism.

Willie and His Pa Willie—Say, Dad, didn't you tell me that every American boy had a chance to be president?

On Selling Oneself George Bernard Shaw in a recent speech. It is important that you should understand that the market value for which you have to sell yourself is a thing which has no relation whatever to the intrinsic value, or the social utility of your work.

Further Victories. Portsmouth, O.—Socialist mayor elected. South Williamsport, Pa.—E. H. Harvey, Socialist, was elected to the council. Roulette, Pa.—Socialists elected two supervisors, two auditors and a justice of the peace.

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