

THE NATION'S REAL DEBAUCHERS.

Eugene V. Debs in Success Magazine.

As well established and quite as necessary as the industrial "boss" is the political "boss" in the existing social system. His business is to run the political machine, not in the interest of the people, or even of any particular party, but in the interest of the private owner of the public utility, or the private controller of the social need, whose economic interest conflicts with that of the people, and who must, therefore, control the political machinery so as to obtain control of government.

A DISCUSSION.

By Harry Rogoff.

I listened the other day to a discussion on child labor by students of economics in a college hall. The leading speaker confined himself to picturing the horrors of that iniquity. He mentioned innumerable facts to illustrate the barbarous treatment, the blood-curdling tortures, that children of ten suffer in their wild effort to earn thirty cents a day. He called the attention of his hearers to the revolting facts that the clothes we wear are literally mixed with the warm blood of infants whose delicate hands are deeply cut into by the thin threads in the process of weaving; that the comfortable, cheerful fire we enjoy on a cold winter night comes partly from the sweat of small children which falls upon and sinks into the lumps of coal that those poor little wretches sort out in the dark, choking mines. These and many more shocking pictures produced a deep impression on all of us; and there was a general demand for a discussion on the question, what is to be done to eradicate this crying evil?

A CHILD OF THE MASSES.

By Isidore Kayetz.

The factory is the pulse of modern society. The large unpropertied class, the class of the toilers, comprising the greater part of humanity, must live, and to get the means of life it must work. It not only must provide a subsistence for itself, but for the rest of the world. A necessary complement of the factory is poverty. Where there are factories, there also is dirt, disease, squalor and misery.

ANDREW CARNEGIE AND HIS MILLIONS.

J. Bruce Glasier, in London Labor Leader.

We shall select as our typical capitalist Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Mr. Carnegie is a Scotsman, like some several million of his fellowmen on the globe. His father and family emigrated to Pittsburg, in the United States, when he was a boy. From being a poor working lad he has risen to be one of the richest men that has ever been in the world.

SOCIALISM AND THE HOME.

It is often asserted by the enemies of Socialism, that Socialism will destroy the home, and numbers of unthinking people open their mouths and unquestioningly swallow the assertion.

THE COMING NEMESIS.

Th. Rothstein, in London Justice.

The massacres at Bieloostok must have come as a great shock to the good people. Liberals and others, who thought that Russia had at last entered the path of Parliamentary reform and constitutional development. It was thought that the Tsardom had learnt wisdom from the remarkable rally of the people round the Duma, and would never dare to revert to its policy of the past. Events have proved differently. The Tsardom is the same as it ever was, and the Duma has not altered its nature in the least.

DRIVING OUT CAPITAL.

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OUR COUNTRY DEFINED.

That which we call "Our Country" is not the earth mapped out beneath our feet, nor the skies above, nor even the mere aggregation of individual Smiths and Joneses which walk between; it is that method and form of union of all of these features into a single organism, by cementing institutions and laws of which we may be justly proud or must be justly ashamed, into a whole of which we are each of us a part, and by which, whether we will or not, whether we be patriot or pauper, millionaire or pauper, we live or we die.

Here, however, our mistake ends. Unlike the Constitutional Democrats (Liberals), who from the very first regarded the Duma as a real Parliament, or, at least, as an instrument for further constitutional development, we are as far as ever from any such delusion as that by means of constitutional action we may, at one time or another, be able to overthrow the autocracy. We have not forgotten that the Duma was extorted from the Tsardom by the revolution, and we know from the experience of both Russian and European history that, should the revolutionary upheaval subside or die out, the Duma and all that it implies will be at once suppressed. Even as it is,

BONEMIAN SOCIALISTS GREET IDAHO VICTIMS.

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TEARS STREAMED DOWN MISS CANNON'S CHEEKS.

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Only a year before he was a strong, sturdy, healthy lad, the spirit of the school. Now he lay weak, emaciated, dying. "Miss Cannon," he resumed, "I just had a dream before you came in. I dreamt of sunshine, and green fields, and beautiful flowers, and laughing brooks, and the songs of birds filled the warm air and—oh, it was great! Just like in the good old days, but I expect, I won't—here the boy was interrupted by a violent fit of coughing, the blood came from his mouth, and he lay silent and white as a sheet. He was dead.

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Table with circulation statistics: The Socialist Party has passed through its 13th general election.



Since the courts have definitely decided that Bernard Shaw's play, 'Mrs. Warren's Profession', is not indecent.

It will be observed that the capitalists have no misgivings about the efficiency of political action.

The capitalists are careful never to take a vacation from drawing dividends.

Lecturing on the dignity of labor before a crowd of idle plates in London certainly earns for Mr. Bryan the distinction he claims to covet.

To be antipathetic just to Congress, it did one thing for which labor should be grateful.

And yet worse things than being in jail might happen to Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone.

Mr. Speaker Cannon says 'Socialism has no chance in this country'.

In reading those glowing accounts of prosperity in New Zealand keep in mind that that country is too far away for us to personally investigate.

'A FREE MARKET FOR LABOR.'

Now and again a capitalist paper or magazine lapses into temporary truthfulness when discussing commercial topics.

'Half Socialists' in that they believe in co-operating among themselves in the distribution and division of labor's product.

petition among themselves that the workers organize into unions and demand the closed shop.

This is not an argument against unions. It is merely a statement of cold facts which only the dullest can fail to see.

The real closed shop for which the workers should strive is that which would shut out all but the actual producers of wealth from the ownership of the means by which it is produced.

Failure to legislate against campaign contributions from corporations shows that the Republican and Democratic congressmen still believe in dividing up.

Trusting the trust busters is a necessary part of the con. game of busting the trusts.

Perhaps Mr. Rockefeller is abroad for the purpose of picking out a soft place to light when Socialism gets control in his native land.

Mr. Hearst is evidently satisfied to have Mr. Bryan get ficked in his place in 1908.

The Fifty-ninth Congress enacted 3,989 laws, and as none of them were in the interest of labor.

BUCKING THE INEVITABLE.

Congressman Sullivan of Massachusetts is credited with saying: 'Every assumption by the Federal Government of the powers of the states and the burden of private enterprise will inevitably pave the way for readier transition from paternalist government to Socialism.'

This is what Congressman Sullivan and his Democratic colleagues foresee and it causes them to emit anguished oratory.

And while they may turn frantically to Bryan to save them they cannot prevent the day of reckoning for the present system.

The revolution to which the bourgeois is most sensitive is the one by their stomachs—caused by reading about Jungle beef.

Insanity is going to be Thaw's defense for killing Stanford White.

Employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad are forbidden to hold stock in concerns doing business with the road.

Perhaps the reason Winston Churchill, novelist, is wanted as the Republican candidate for governor of New Hampshire is because the progressing intelligence of the people demands more expert liars than formerly.

A Chicago committee of merchants and manufacturers has reported the stockyards in good condition, which would indicate that all the whitewash out there is not being used to fix-up the yards.

Socialists are being charged with causing the mutinies in the Russian army and navy and the Socialists are not denying the charge.

It is probable the meat packers would consent to have any old kind of a label on their goods but the union label.

The only regret possible about the departure of our aristocracy for the summer is that when the summer is over they'll come back again.

The actions of the Duma must make Tsar Nicholas sorry he didn't have the United States Congress to deal with instead.

For a man who likes to talk Mr. Bryan has been surprisingly quiet about that Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone affair.

So far no corporation has been discovered giving rebates to its underpaid employees.

By the time those rival committees of the life insurance companies get thru scrapping the small policy holder will be glad to get off with his life and let them have the policy.

THERE ARE MORE TO COME.

The special significance of the letter from Mr. Stokes to the Independence League, which we publish in this issue, apart from that arising from his own personality, must be patent to all observing persons.

We say 'drives' because the strength of the Socialist philosophy is so irresistible and appeals so powerfully to every one setting forth upon the search for economic truth.

We are quite certain, therefore, that Mr. Stokes will not be the first to leave the Independence League in New York.

ent position only after long and earnest investigation, actuated, as we believe he is, by a desire to do that which he believes to be the best for the social cause.

It is not true that the capitalist class performs no useful function in society.

When the British government begins to predict a 'holy war' in its Mahomedan dependencies, we can be sure that a new scheme for greater exploitation of these races is being hatched.

Objections by capitalists to the Socialists as home-breakers are probably based upon their desire to have a monopoly of that business also.

The more we see of the immoralities of the capitalist class the more we appreciate the morality of the working class.

Here are some cold figures about trust busting, furnished by trust buster Attorney-General Moody in a statement to the Senate the other day of all suits instituted by his department under the anti-trust laws since these were enacted twenty-one years ago.

NOTE, COMMENT, AND ANSWER.

We would advise that in every city or town in the land where a public library exists several comrades make a point of asking for John Spargo's 'Socialism'.

In reading proof last week on Comrade Hull's letter of acceptance as Socialist candidate for Governor of Connecticut, we overlooked an error.

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ists and other reformers of the sort. The Socialist idea is not to prohibit people from doing things that are bad for them—as, for instance, drinking excessively—but to give them a chance to know and do what is good for them.

INQUIRER.—Iars need good powers of observation, as well as good memories. This is a sad lack in the 'White Terror'.

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DeLEON'S 'MARXISM.'

Sanial's Further Dissection of the S. L. P.'s Logomachist.

Having exposed the misquotation trick resorted to by DeLeon, and having moreover not only restored the text but presented it in the strong light of the context, thereby re-establishing the true meaning of Marx's utterances.

Not satisfied with his mutilation of text and corruption of sense in 'Value, Price and Profit', DeLeon takes up 'Capital' at the chapter entitled, 'The Concept of Relative Surplus-Value'.

Right here, with a view to greater clearness in what is to follow, let us first observe that the small work, 'Value, Price and Profit', intended as a primary reader in economics, and the vastly larger one, 'Capital', intended for scientific study.

As in 'Value, Price and Profit' before coming to the chapter in which the paragraph misquoted by DeLeon, so in 'Capital' before coming to the chapter in which appears the misinterpreted sentence above referred to.

Such a derivative proposition, then, is 'The Concept of Relative Surplus Value', which, as its title sufficiently indicates, implies the relative shares of the capitalist class and the laboring class in the product of labor.

Therefore, while observing that 'in actual practise' the capitalist improves every opportunity of paying for labor power (as he does for any other commodity) a less price than its existing value.

'Despite the important part which this method plays in actual practise, we are excluded from considering it in this place, by our assumption, that all commodities, including labor power, are bought and sold at their full value.'

But DeLeon does not 'grant this'. He declares it to be not only a mere assumption—that is, the taking for granted of an unproved statement which may or may not be true and upon the correctness of which depends the truth of his proposition—but a proved untruth; yet, in the same breath he, unsequenced logician, declares that this absolutely untrue assumption 'is needed to establish the principle of surplus value in its "theoretic purity".'

And there is, after all, some logic in that—a logic of a thoroughly DeLeonistic kind. If it may be shown that Marx accomplished the feat of making an untruth the fundament of a truth, why

should not DeLeon succeed in making a truth the fundament of many untruths?

—Having thus entered upon a course of systematic misrepresentation of the most eminent and respected Socialist with the hatching—or re-hatching—of false and conflicting theories in the 'mare's' nest of his own making.

But his audacity reaches a climax in his reference to the celebrated passage of 'Capital' (page 789) ending with the words, 'The expropriators are expropriated'.

To be brief, it almost goes without saying that there cannot be a more explicit and emphatic repudiation of all the DeLeonistic trash than is found in the historic part of Marx' magistral work.

Yes, there is one growth that capitalism may at times be able to retard but can never arrest; and that is the growth of knowledge among proletarians.

No, no; scientific Socialism is not DeLeonistic demagogism. It can face the facts of history in their cold or burning truth, as the case may be, and is in no need of lying about them.

LABOR FORGOTTEN, AS USUAL.

The Worker makes the timely observation that in all this meat trust agitation the main object sought to be brought out by 'The Jungle' has been conveniently overlooked by President Roosevelt.

