

cialist movement. It offers no alternative schemes, no competing ideal cure-all, no radical reforms based on Utopian plans, no new theory for the regeneration of the race in this world or for insuring salvation in the next. It is a simple endeavor to demonstrate that "Socialism would wreck the world's efficiency for the sake of redistributing the world's discontent."

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It is with much diffidence that I venture to add a few final words addressed to the laboring class (one of whom I have been all my life), more particularly to those belonging to Trades and Labor Unions. The lesson to be drawn from the brief history given of Lane's late attempt to establish a Socialist state in South America and the still later failure of the coal mining venture under Socialist rule in France, should prove a warning not to be lightly regarded by intelligent workers. The facts that have been recorded showing that Socialist leaders are looking to unionism for their main source of supply, both politically and financially, while they are giving back nothing substantial in return, should be viewed from a reasoning standpoint and the merits of the whole Socialist scheme closely sifted and minutely examined.

History is full of examples of how workers have been made dupes through demagogic leaders of lallacious schemes for their benefit which were really only miserable selfish plans for playing on their credulity and robbing them of their substance. Are the workers of the present day so blind to their own real interests that they will consent to be imposed upon again by one of the most gigantic frauds that was ever attempted—a fraud based on nothing more solid than the hysterical dreams of social and political charlatans, and backed by a class no more substantial than social and political adventurers?

Surely the intelligent workers of today are not going to prove themselves so foolish as to be either deceived, cajoled or driven into giving up their independence and blindly placing themselves under the bondage of such a hypocritical oligarchy. Workers need not look far to find out what such leaders are aiming at, nor yet for the motives that govern their pretended anxiety for the worker's welfare, for they are most glaringly apparent to any one who will but open his eyes to the facts and look the truth courageously in the face.

