

## SUICIDE

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Suicide, we understand, is self-destruction and many working men and women who are driven into the abyss of poverty, misery and despair, seek a way out of their misery by self-destruction. But the men who resort to those means as a way out of their extreme poverty, perhaps have never heard or paid any attention to the Gospel laid out by Karl Marx, the man who laid the foundation of Socialism, which no power can destroy. And although its partisans share the poverty, due to the capitalist class, who swirl in costly wines, liquors and the best of everything that the slave class create, the socialist's hope is too strong for him to resort to self-destruction. All we desire to destroy is the wage slavery which is responsible for the worker's empty stomach, aching limbs and beast-like existence. The fire of hope burns brighter in the breast of the socialist. As each day passes bringing our object, the co-operative commonwealth, nearer ever nearer, the mission of the working class is about to be fulfilled and we the slave class of the brutal master class, are preparing for the abolition of this present economic system in which the great mass of humanity are dependent for life on the few tyrants whose power is the ownership of all the means of life. These means, mines and mills of production in the very near future will be wrested from the capitalist class and owned by the working class collectively. The end of slavery is already in view, for the workers of all countries, realizing their common class interests, are uniting for the overthrow of capitalist society. It now is the capitalist class who are committing suicide. They are helping to destroy themselves, although they do not know it. Just as fast as the workers' sight is being restored, the capitalist class is becoming blind. And with their blindness comes their doom. The workers' clear brain and vision will speed them on to freedom. Forces created by the capitalist class are at work to-day, which are a decided advantage towards bringing the change.

Some of the factors I will bring before you. The army of the unemployed, which are necessary to capitalist production for profit, the army of hungry men, are being added to every day through the increased productivity of the machine and is becoming larger every day and this factor is a constant danger to those men who are employed in mine, mill and factory, which urges them on to produce more and more surplus value and which makes their working day longer, and these workers realizing where and how they stand are coming to the conclusion that their only hope lies in socialism, for they know not how long it will be before they will be forced into the ranks of the ever increasing army of the unemployed.

The closing market is another factor making for socialism. You know the working class only get a part of what they produce and consequently there remains a surplus which was at one time shipped to foreign markets, such as India, China and Japan. But these markets are fast closing down as they produce for themselves. They too have a surplus which they ship to other markets as they can produce commodities at about one-fifth the cost that we can. It is readily seen that we must either go down to their standard of living or accept socialism and get the full equivalent of our toil, leaving no surplus to find markets for and no markets to keep an army and navy to fight for. You see how the capitalist class are destroying themselves. They are at each other's throats all the time. They kill each other like savage beasts, always snarling and fighting for the spoils and the least fitted is flung into the ranks of the slave class. The capitalist class sound their own death knell when they exported the machine to Asiatic countries because they can now export the machine as well as some of the surplus to us and the workers of America have no particular desire to live on rice. Get wise some of you who are backward, socialism points the way to a world of plenty, we shall soon hold an inquest on King Capital. Our verdict will be: "The people of the co-operative commonwealth found that capitalism committed suicide while permanently insane." The slaves got wise.

U. S. A. Poor

Protection means prosperity and work for all, but in the United States, says Mr. Robert Hunter, in "Poverty": "There are probably in fairly prosperous years no less than 10,000,000 per-

sons in poverty—that is to say, underfed, underclothed, and poorly housed. Of these, about 4,000,000 persons are public paupers. Over 2,000,000 working men are unemployed from four to six months of the year. About 500,000 male immigrants arrive yearly, and seek work in the very districts where unemployment is greatest. Nearly half of the families in the country are forced to become wage earners when they should still be in school. About 5,000,000 women find it necessary to work, and about 2,000,000 are employed in factories, mills, etc. Probably no less than 1,000,000 workers are injured or killed each year while doing their work, and about 10,000,000 of the persons now living will, if the present ratio is kept up, die of the preventable disease, tuberculosis." The United States "enjoy" Protection.

With the enormous natural resources at their command, the people of the United States could, if they organized production, and distributed the fruits of work fairly, provide a rich living for every one of her eighty millions, under healthy and decent conditions.

Protection does not succeed in doing this. Socialism would.

### DESTROYING THE HOME

Scene in Hyde Park: Lady stops to admire child in bassinette attended by nurse.

Lady: What a beautiful child! Whose is it?

Nurse: Yours, my lady.

It is said that Socialists want to destroy the home, and to herd children in barracks. They do want to destroy the homes in which a mother does not know her own children. Well-to-do people to-day send their children to boarding schools and no one accuses them of "destroying home life." Socialism would for the first time make home life possible for all.

The workers are learning to think for themselves and to organize in their own interests. This is a natural consequence of their association in large industrial establishments, their education in the schools and their enfranchisement. From the first flows their ability to act in concert, from the second their intellectual training, from the third their consciousness of political power.

Make out a list of your most intelligent acquaintances, purchase some good propaganda books, read them yourself, then keep them circulating among persons worth while bringing into the movement. In this way you ought to make half a dozen well informed Socialists each year.

The capitalists corrupt the legislatures and then declare that the legislatures are not fit to run government enterprises. When the workers, the men who foot all the bills become socialized the capitalist system will go.

The capitalist press of New York are yelping against the Chinese because a white girl was found murdered in a Chinese den. The press of New York is silent over the white slaves forced into the brothels by corrupt politicians and police.

Nova Scotia now has a board of public utilities. The old theories of competition and laissez faire now live only in the brains of antiquated philosophers.

Socialism does not aim at the destruction of riches. Socialism will increase wealth by a sane system of production and exchange.

It is the environment that moulds character. Man must be given a healthy environment to develop in a healthy manner.

Canada needs her forests. Capitalism destroys them. Under socialism the forests would be kept for the people instead of being destroyed to enrich a few.

The white plague and the white slave traffic will flourish until socialism will have put down capitalism in the interests of humanity.

Socialism means economic freedom from the landlord, the manufacturer, the capitalist. It does not mean political freedom from the Senate or Commons.

Pauperizing the poor is what the rich want to avoid in their charities. They need not worry. They have already pauperized the poor by their riches.

### CASTORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

## The Eternal Capitalist Press Frauds

(From English Justice.)

Was there ever in the whole history of journalism a more empty and ridiculous piece of humbug than this self-laudation of the capitalist advertisement press which has been tumbled out on the fifty-five millions of white men, who really constitute the British Empire, during the past week? We judge not. The whole thing is such a palpable fraud that we doubt if even the gullible English public is taken in by it. Who are these men who proclaim themselves to be somebodies, and are flattered from the highest places downwards as persons of weight? Notoriously the newspaper proprietors are merely money-getters of the lowest type, who will advocate or cause to be advocated any cause or any measure which they think will expand their circulation, bring in their profits. They kept penmen merely write in order to pad out the paying part of the paper. Principles they have none, either owners or writers.

Here in Great Britain the very same men own and run newspapers expressing every shade of opinion—Tory, Unionist, Whig, Liberal, Radical—and the staffs of each are conveniently interchangeable with every other. The sole and only object of them all is to get first money and then a peerage. In the Colonies it is exactly the same, so far as the money goes. Political influence supposed to belong to a newspaper is traded away habitually for place and pelf. No capitalist newspaper nowadays ever, under any circumstances, takes up a just but unpopular cause at the risk of loss of circulation and sacrifice of advertisement. The owner would not permit it for a moment. The whole thing is run to get money. A scurvier lot than the capitalist pressmen of to-day it would be hard to pick out anywhere in our decaying capitalist society. Happily their influence is decreasing daily.

So far from the profit-mongering press leading or controlling public opinion, it now indecently hurries after it. An editor who dared to have an opinion which cost his proprietor a loss of cash would speedily find himself on the retired list. This is now pretty generally understood.

The grand anonymity fetish is now worshipped by nobody. "We" may have been, and may be still, a set of men bound together by ties of principle, and working to a definite end regardless of the immediate result. But the "we" of the capitalist press is merely a set of intellectual proletaires paid to adulterate truth and poison the fountains of knowledge as far as they can for pay. A dirty business indeed. But if we look around we shall recognize speedily that these profit-mongering owner-men vastly overrate their own importance. Such facts as they may give are valuable: their views scarcely count. It is scarcely too much to say that the daily and weekly papers in London which have the largest circulation are precisely those which have the least serious political influence. This may seem strange, but it is absolutely true, as the instances of "Lloyd's Weekly News" and the "Daily Mail" clearly show. In Paris it is the same. Who on earth cares for the political opinions of the "Petit Journal" or the "Petit Parisien"? Things are no different in other English towns, or in New York and American provincial centres. So, too, in our Colonies. The cheap press, like cheap goods, is everywhere fraudulent and nasty. Yet it is for these people the nation has been made to pay in order to show them a vast fleet under show conditions. Probably the pressmen themselves laugh privately at the whole thing, as heartily as do the writers for "Justice." But they have to pretend to be serious in public. That is what they are paid for.

### One Cause of Booze

In his "Confessions of a Physician" V. Versavaef, a Russian doctor, says, speaking of his struggle for existence in St. Petersburg in his post-graduate days: "I gave up all hope of obtaining a salaried position and entered myself as a supernumerary at one of the hospitals. I often fond myself in greatest want in the evening I used to trim the 'fringes' off my trousers and mend the rents in my boots with black thread. I used to envy my patients when ordering the extras, because I myself subsisted mainly on bread and cheap sausage. During those hard times I experienced and came to understand a phenomenon which was formerly quite beyond my comprehension—how one could take to drink through hunger.

At that period, whenever I passed a public house, the latter had an irresistible attraction for me; at such moments I used to think it the height of bliss to step up to the brilliantly illuminated bar, covered with tempting "zakouskas," and to toss off a glass of vodka. Strange to say, half-starved as I was, the spirits attracted me more than the eatables, although I was never a dipsomaniac. When I had a rouble in my pocket, I could not resist the temptation, and got drunk. Never before or after, when I was properly nourished, did vodka have any fascinations for me."

### WORK AND PRAY

Translated from the German of George Hedwegh

Pray and work! proclaims the world; Briefly pray, for Time is gold, On the door there knocketh dread— Briefly pray, for Time is bread.

And ye plow and plant to grow, And ye rivet and ye sow, And ye hammer and ye spin— Say, my people, what ye win?

Weave at loom both day and night, Mine the coal to mountain high; Fill right full the harvest horn— Full to brim with wine and corn.

Yet where is thy meal prepared? Yet where is thy rest hour shared? Yet where is thy warm hearth-fire? Where is thy sharp sword of ire?

Everything's thy work—oh, see! All thy work—but not for thee Out of all thy hand hath wrought? Only shackles thou hast got.

Chains that tight the life to wring, Chains that break the spirits wing— Clatter upon the children's feet— Workers!—this the wage ye meet?

What ye bring to light of day Treasure is it for the gay; What ye weave—it is a curse— For yourselves; for others worse.

What ye build, beneath its roof Is no chamber for your proof: Whom ye clothe and whom ye shoe Tread with light contempt on you.

Human bees! in Nature's strife With only honey are ye rife? See the drones around you wing! Have ye, then, no more a sting?

Men of labor! wake from night! Wake, and recognize thy might! All the wheels are standing still Till thy sturdy arm shall will.

Thy oppressors will turn pale When thou, weary of thy bale, In the corner set'st the plow. Saying: "'Tis enough just now."

Break the double yoke in twain! Break the slavery of pain! Break the fetters of the dead; Bread of freedom—freedom bread!

Bishop McPaul of Trenton, says that at Harvard, Yale, Princeton and other universities "they teach rascality, immorality and disrespect for womankind." He wants all Catholics to send their children to church institutions. His charges sound a little—in fact, more than a little—reckless, to say the least. Does Harvard maintain a professor in immorality, or Yale a professor in rascality, or Princeton or Cornell a professor in disrespect to womankind? No power but his church can stem the evils he mentions, he said, and if this is true, then we wonder why it has not done so long ago, for the records of our jails and penitentiaries do not make a very good showing for his claim.—Soc. Dem. Herald.

Here's worse luck and more of it. Scientists have at last determined that whiskey not only does not cure snakebites, but that it actually makes the venom more fatal.

And the main interest Christendom shows in the development of aerial navigation its usefulness in the game between nations, called war!

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A REASON FOR UNREST

One reason for the present unrest and dissatisfaction in industrial circles was revealed by a conversation overheard in a public restaurant in a manufacturing city.

"That was a pretty deep cut in wages announced by the company last week."

"Yes, it will be impossible for us to make a living at the new rate, but I suppose the new automobiles must be paid for somehow."

It is a poor time for employers to flaunt their new automobiles in the faces of their employees who are struggling to make ends meet on the reduced wages.—Christian Endeavor World.

Crime is detected error.

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