

Socialism Will Perish

Recently Bishop Spalding of Peoria accorded a Boston reporter an interview in which he gave his views on Socialism and existing conditions which are alleged to foster it.

"Why should Socialism grow? What radical wrong has it upon which to erect its ladder of vague promises that leads into the clouds? In the United States there is no gulf between the very rich and the very poor, but a graduation of widely distributed members.

"Socialism is frequently but the pouts of the petulant. Diatribes against wealthy men frequently spring from unworthy passions rather than from any sense of wrong inflicted by them.

"This tendency to exaggeration, this flaw in the metal of revolutionary proposals, makes the laboring man, whatever incidental evils he may suffer under the condition of competitive production, unwilling to run the risk of putting in jeopardy the two things the American respects the most—liberty and individuality.

"One has only to read the papers with discrimination and scan the statistics with enlightenment to know that our social arrangements are in some respects provisional only. There is no more reason for believing that the regime of industrialism will not be sloughed off in the upward march of the race than there was for Dante to believe that feudalism was the final—the petrified—form of society.

"Have you ever stopped to consider what the social order is? If you have you will find that it is an infinitely complex web, the outcome of many forces. So intimately does it affect our thinking and our whole circle of mental and emotional activities that we are practically its creature.

"Until this changes, you may be as sure as you are sure you are holding a fountain pen at this moment that men will continue to believe that they have a right to their own property and they will continue to regard the possession of a home the result of frugality, thrift and a legitimate pride, as one of the chief boons of life.

"Bishop, what in your opinion will be the effect of the disclosures of the ship inquiry on the future of Socialistic construction?" was asked.

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erica would necessarily be given in a Socialistic government, could not safely or wisely be entrusted with the management of all our nearest and dearest concerns.

"The deeper grows my experience of life the weaker grows my confidence in the patent appliances and patent remedies—sovereign cure-alls—of radical reformers and empirics who at tempt to tinker with society as if it were unhistoric.

"Do I think that, notwithstanding 'the temporary embarrassment' into which the ideal has fallen the future will see a gradual rise of a finer ethical sense? Most emphatically. My faith in the prevalence of ideal ends and aims, as well as in purified social processes, is unwavering.

"It will be rich in art, vocal in literature, strong in sympathy and in that practical altruism nourished by Christian faith and hope, which is to Socialism as a copy of Rubens would be when compared with the lithographs in a shop window."

The Mercenary Spirit.

Unquestionably we must bow before economic facts, and recognize the difficulties of living; from day to day it becomes more imperative to continue well one's forces in order to succeed in feeding, clothing, housing and bringing up a family.

And yet what would become of us if these cares absorbed us entirely? If, mere accountants, we should wish to measure our efforts by the money it brings, do nothing that does not end in a receipt, and consider as things worthless or pains lost whatever cannot be drawn up in figures on the pages of a ledger?

What does it cost you to speak the truth? Misunderstandings, sometimes, sufferings and persecutions. To defend your country? Weariness, wounds, and often death. To do good? Annoyance, ingratitude, even resentment.

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Sometimes it is right so to judge for it is always a mistake to cast pearls before swine; but how many

lives there are whose sole acts of real beauty are these very ones of which the doers repent because of man's ingratitude! Our wish for humanity is that the number of these foolish deeds go on increasing.

PROHIBITION.

In prohibition Kansas the annual consumption of liquors per capita is less than two gallons, as against nineteen in the country as a whole, according to the American Prohibition Year-book. Forty counties in the State of Kansas do not have a pauper. The jails in thirty-seven Kansas counties are without a single inmate.

NO INNOVATIONS.

In a paper read recently in London before the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals, the Hon. Charles S. Rolls remarked that at the present time those who were seeking to develop motors and motoring were experiencing exactly the same position from many rural communities as the promoters of railways met with earlier.

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NOTICE.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal, No. 1970.

Dame Marie Louise Gougeon, of the City of Montreal, wife of Alphonse Vallee, polisher, of the same place, has, this day, instituted an action in separation as to property against her said husband.

Montreal, 5th January, 1904. BEAUDIN, CARDINAL, LORANGER & GERMAIN, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that, "La Fonciere, a Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having its principal place of business in the town of Maisonneuve, in the District of Montreal, will make application to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session to have its deed of incorporation amended in virtue of Section 17 of the revised Statutes for the purpose of obtaining the following powers:—

1.—To obtain subscription to a capital stock of \$50,000.00 with the privilege to increase the same to the sum of \$500,000.00 divided in shares of \$50.00 each.

2.—To acquire, own and alienate immovables.

3.—To issue insurance policies on the Mutual and the cash premium systems of the Province of Quebec.

4.—To transfer its principal place of business to the City of Montreal in lieu of the town of Maisonneuve.

5.—To issue insurance policies on either the Mutual or cash premium systems in towns and cities, as the Board of Directors might decide.

LEONARD & LORANGER, Attorneys for the petitioner.

NOTICE.

Public notice is hereby given that les Cure et Marguilliers de l'Oeuvre et Fabrique de la paroisse de Tres Saint Nom de Jesus de Maisonneuve, in the County of Hochelaga District of Montreal, will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for a bill to give to the Trustees of the parish of Maisonneuve, certain special powers in addition to those granted to corporations of Trustees by the general law, and more especially to incorporate Trefle Bleu, William Richer, Hubert Desjardins and M. Gustave Eremont, trustees-elect, and the Cure of the parish, the last named being ex-officio, under the name of the "Trustees of the parish of Maisonneuve," with powers to erect a Church and Sacristy, and to borrow for those purposes a capital sum not exceeding \$125,000, and to arrange the conditions of the said loan which is to be paid within a period of time not exceeding fifty years; and to be authorized to levy annually on the immovable property of the Catholic Free-holders of the parish, a sum not exceeding twenty-five cents in the hundred dollars of the value of the immovables affected. Such annual assessments will be based on the Municipal valuation roll of the Town of Maisonneuve, and also to fix the time and place of payments; to provide for all vacancies of trustees; to ratify the obligation assumed by l'Oeuvre et Fabrique de la paroisse du Tres Saint Nom de Jesus de Maisonneuve, to pay annually to the said Trustees the sum of \$2,500.00 to assist in the payment of the above mentioned buildings.

Montreal, 19th January, 1904.

TAILLON, BONIN & MORIN, Attorneys for petitioners.

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