

SOCIALISM AND INDUSTRIAL DESPOTISM

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Robert Larmour of Ontario, Canada, known throughout the Dominion as "The Railway Veteran," has recently published a book entitled "The Impossible Vagaries of Socialism." It is a work which ought to have an international circulation. It deals with the social and industrial problems of the day in a candid, careful and comprehensive manner, from the standpoint of one who has been all his life a worker, and a lifelong friend of labor.

Socialism is alternately the parent and the offspring of trades and labor-union organizations. Not the labor-union organizations which seek by a cohesion of workers to legitimately improve the condition of their members, but the closed-shop, dynamiting, boycotting, assault-perpetrating brawlers, who are led by men such as Tviemoe, Gallagher and McCarthy, whose motto is "thou shalt eat thy bread by the sweat of another man's face."

Mr. Robert Larmour clearly shows in his book—which is strong and outspoken to a degree—the futility of desultory individual efforts against such combinations as socialism and labor-unionism represent, and he presents clearly the necessity for combined and concerted action against industrial despotism.

If the workers of America were all of such material as compose the anarchic agitators who are misinforming and misdirecting their blinded, ignorant and unreasoning followers, there would be danger of an industrial and financial cataclysm such as would give the accumulations of industry over to such predatory ruffians as the "I Won't Work" organization, and would bring desolation to the homes of the land. The peace and the trust of the country is in the workers who are willing to sacrifice themselves, and willing that other men shall work without molestation. Truth or will be overthrown where Truth is left free to combat it. It is the privilege, it is the duty of the friends of truth, of peace, of a just government and fair play, to combine in a campaign of education against socialism and closed-shop unionism, and they can use no more effective weapon than that presented by "The Railway Veteran" in his book.