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THE INDUSTRIAL PEACE

Peace is a great word which is frequently used in bad causes. In every age the word peace has been used by rulers or by those who are in the enjoyment of the good things of this life for the purpose of quieting the activities and lulling to sleep the ambitions of those who do not possess the good things of this life. At the present time we hear the word of peace everywhere as an ideal to be realized by those who are the possessors of great fortunes. They express high indignation against the agitators for new conditions. Slums, sweatshops, child labor and women in factories are the necessary product of our civilization and cannot be helped. The people who suffer from overcrowding and long hours at uncongenial tasks should be content in the position in which God has placed them and should not murmur. Many ministers preach the gospel of peace by endeavoring to crystallize the present inequalities and by endeavoring to persuade those who suffer to continue to suffer meekness and poverty.

Life is in a constant state of agitation. When institutions, laws or customs become fixed and unchangeable, the race stagnates. It is simply because those who suffer are constantly endeavoring to escape from their conditions of bondage that humanity moves forward to new conditions of equity and right dealing.

SOCIALIST IN THE STATES

Tom Reed, former speaker of the American Congress, in his lifetime declared that in 1912 the Democratic party would be extinct and the fight for political control would be between the Republican party and the Socialist. President Roosevelt has declared that he will never again be called upon to direct the policies of the nation. He was the exponent of the square deal and the integrity of private party. These questions are being thrust into the background and the discussion of the fundamental organization of industrial power is coming to the front. Ex-President Cleveland before his death, declared that the American Socialists in the coming elections would poll over a million votes. J. A. Wayland of Girard, Kansas who recently honored Cowansville with a visit declared that the great fight in 1912 would be between the Socialists and the Republican party. Wayland is at the head of the Socialists of the States and knows of what he speaks.

To show the advance of Socialism the record of their voting power may be given. In 1896 their candidate for President received forty-six thousand votes, in 1900 he received one hundred and twenty-seven thousand votes and in 1904 he received four hundred and forty-seven thousand votes. This year the Socialist voting power will probably be over the million mark. The political life and activities of the United States during the coming four years will be interesting reading.

WHAT THE AMERICAN SOCIALISTS STAND FOR

The American Socialists believe in public ownership of the means of the production and distribution of industrial commodities. Their motto is, "All the wealth for all the people." They consider that we are living in an age of industrial despotism, comparable to the political despotism of the Middle Ages. They believe with the old Jews

and with the Medieval Venetians that interest should be made unlawful. They believe that the present system of free labor is not free, but that the workers in the large cities are driven to work for starvation wages by hunger. They believe that every worker should have added to his wages the sums which now go as dividends to persons who contribute no labor to the production of stable articles. They differ from the communists in that they believe they every man who works should be given his wages to do what he likes with and they differ from the trade unionists in that they believe all workers should strive not for the individual benefit of the particular group to which they belong, but for the workers in general.

As the trusts in the States are monopolizing more and more the industrial profits and the workers who work for a wage are becoming more numerous in proportion to the population, the movement is a direct appeal to the cupidity of the workers and it is merely a question of time when the majority of the workers will outvote the dividend owners. Socialism is a factor to be reckoned with in American politics.

AND WHY NOT?

Socialism as we have stated in the preceding editorial, is a direct appeal to the cupidity of the working classes. This, to many, is an argument against socialism but our experience has been that the appeal to the cupidity of individuals is what makes commerce move. The mining company promoter tells the prospective purchaser of mining stock what a rich property he is buying an interest in. An hotel-proprietor desires to purchase a hotel if there are numerous and frequent drinkers to yield him a profit. The capitalist wants to find or create an opportunity where his money may earn big dividends. Everywhere in commerce the appeal is direct to the desire for gain implanted in the heart of all of us. The worker also desires to find or create an opportunity where his brawn and muscle may earn big rewards. He finds a combination of employers against him who have determined that he shall receive but a minimum wage. The workers are beginning to think out the problem and are coming to the conclusion that they are just as able to run many commercial and industrial propositions as are the capitalists. They are beginning to have that thirst for gain which all persons possess save a few ministers and Salvation Army individuals. They are going after increased returns for their work. As all persons are out for money in commerce the workers are after it too. But somehow the desire for a large income on the brain workers is considered to be a laudable thing by the brain workers while a desire for large wages on the part of muscle workers is considered to be a most revolutionary and seditious desire. The working classes are thinking and are beginning to put their thoughts into political action. Such political action on the part of the workers is a necessary sequence of the one cent daily paper.

HOW STOCK WATERING IS DONE

Under our Canadian law no stock can be issued to the public from the treasury of a company below par. When a company is organized and it is capitalized at a certain amount that amount must be actually paid into the treasury of the company in actual money or its equivalent. This does not give any room, it would appear, for high financing or for stock watering. This, however, is not the case. Corporations are factitious persons and are easily created. Should a group of high financiers desire to obtain something for nothing, they will organize two or three companies and buy the stock themselves at a par value. The companies begin operations and then may come the amalgamation. "A new company is formed, capitalized at two million one hundred thousand dollars. The directors of the new company will probably be the directors of the three thousand dollar companies. The new company may purchase the plant, right, title, interest and goodwill of each of three old companies. The old companies may each consider that their property which cost a hundred thousand dollars has increased to seven hundred thousand dollars and the new company may agree to purchase each of the old hundred thousand dollar companies at increased valuation of seven hundred per cent. The new company buys the three plants at an

exaggerated figure and may give its stock in payment. In other words, by a little company promoting, plants which cost three hundred thousand dollars in cash are exchanged for twenty-one thousand dollars stock. The public buys this stock at par in the belief that they are getting value for their money. Our company law while better than the American company law is inferior to English company laws. The new modern finance, while it has been able to bring great sums of money together for the carrying out of large enterprises, has frequently resulted in great injustices to simple investors.

Newspaper Quips

I observe that the Hon. Syd. is out tramping through the Eastern Townships. At Richmond he is referred to the last Conservative administration, and stated that "there were giants in those days." So there were, and afterwards "the wickedness of man was great in the earth." A quotation always looks better when it is given in full, it is apt to prove deceptive otherwise. — *Compton County Chronicle.*

This is the season of year when a sentimental mother appears at the school house with her sissy boy and tells the teacher he is very high spirited and must not be whipped; that he can be ruled by kindness and kisses. And this is the time of year when the boys in school make a note of what the mother of the sissy boy says, and resolve to thump the sissy boy as soon as they catch him on the play ground. — *Alberta Star.*

During the heat of July '669 babies died in Chicago alone. Of course they were mostly working class babies, and if wage-slavery is to continue we can agree with the parents of some of them who said, they were better off dead. Chicago is no place for babies who have not had the foresight to be born rich, nor is any other place. — *Western Clarion.*

When Fealty to "Leaders" Becomes Treason to the Party

In the course of a striking article, the Quebec Chronicle says: Party loyalty does not necessarily imply fealty to the party leaders; it does so as long as these adhere to the principles and carry out the policy supported by that section of the public to which they belong; but when they no longer do this then fealty to the leaders becomes treason to the party. There can be no doubt about this for it is absolutely impossible to maintain honest principles by supporting the men who have put them aside in the pigeon-hole, or ostentatiously tramped them foot. It is this situation which honest and sincere Liberals aiming only at the common good of the country have to face to-day. The policy which they advocated some twelve years ago has not been carried out; it has not even been partially so; there is not a plank of it which has been retained, not a principle which has not been violated; not a promise which has been carried out. It is ridiculous to talk of the party which now rules at Ottawa as the Liberal party; it is something even more diametrically opposite to it than the Conservative party, and those professing to be Liberals who would support it are themselves traitors to Liberalism.

WHY THEY SO FRANTICALLY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT

There are over 600 papers in Canada subsidized by the grafter government at Ottawa. In 1896 the Conservative government paid \$232,833 for printing and advertising. That fact called for the "Poisoning of the Wells" speech of Sir Richard Cartwright. In 1906 the grafter government paid their newspaper supporters for printing, advertising, etc., nearly \$900,000, an increase of over 300 per cent. In one year Sifton's Winnipeg Free Press received over \$57,000. The "chunks" received by the principal newspaper "supporters" to date aggregate as follows: Pearson's Halifax Chronicle, \$200,000; Fisher's Montreal Herald, 250,000; Sifton's Winnipeg Free Press, 300,000. Hence their frantic support of the grafters' government! — *Halifax Herald.*

Are you aware that you can get The Observer and the Family Herald and Weekly Star from now to Jan. 1st next for 35 cents.

INCURABLE HEART TROUBLE

LOOKED FOR DEATH IN A SHORT TIME.

Entirely Cured by "Fruit-a-tives."

"Gentlemen.—The days of miracles are not all past and I feel that my complete recovery from what seemed inevitable death, is practically a miracle. I suffered from severe indigestion and dyspepsia for nearly two years. I could not take food without fearful distress and I became almost a skeleton as the result of the suffering. I could not do any work and became so run down and weak that I could hardly walk. I was attended by two experienced doctors. They both pronounced my case heart failure and nervous and I looked forward for death in a short time. I not only had the doctors but after they gave me up I tried many remedies and treatments but got no better.

At this time my son asked me to try "Fruit-a-tives," and from the outset of taking these wonderful tablets I was better and gradually this medicine completely cured me. I took a large number of boxes, perhaps a dozen, and now I am entirely cured and I have gained over thirty pounds in weight. I am now so well that I have sold my farm and bought 200 acres more. I make this statement voluntarily for the sake of humanity, and I am convinced that "Fruit-a-tives" is a wonderful remedy that will cure stomach trouble where doctors and everything else fail."

(Sgd) Henry Speers, J.P. The doctors were all wrong. Mr. Speers had what we call "irritable heart." Indigestion and dyspepsia completely upset the stomach. Poisonous gases were formed which swelled the walls of the stomach and pressed against the heart.

"Fruit-a-tives" immediately strengthened the stomach, insured sound digestion and regulated the bowels. There were no poisons—no noxious gases remained in the system, and the heart was no longer irritated. Then the pain and fluttering stopped. "Fruit-a-tives" is put up in two sizes 25c and 50c. If your dealer has not both, write Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

One on The Jury

When Ella Van Dross, a young colored girl, was tried before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions on the charge that when Joseph Kayt, a white man from Yonkers, asked her in the hall of 249 Second Avenue whether the Joneses lived on the floor above, she stealthily removed a pocket-book containing \$10 from his pocket, the jury deliberated only a few minutes and then returned with their verdict.

The girl, much disturbed, was led to the bar. The foreman rose. We find the defendant not guilty," he said. As the late prisoner was turning to leave court Judge Rosalsky called out:

"One moment, Ella. Be careful not to let any suspicion fall on you, whether you are innocent this time or not."

"Oh, Judge," said the girl, "Ah nevaht done it befoh, an' fo' de Lord Ah nevaht will again."

The jury looked amazed.

"That's one on you, gentlemen," remarked the Judge, and all the courtroom laughed. — *New York Times.*

Each in His Own Tongue

"A fire-mist and a planet,
A crystal and a cell,
A jellyfish and a saurian,
And caves where the cavemen dwell;
Then a sense of law and beauty,
And a face turned from the clod—
Some call it Evolution,
And others call it God."

"A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite, tender sky,
The ripe, rich tint of the cornfields,
And the wild geese sailing high—
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the goldenrod—
Some of us call it Autumn
And others call it God."

"Like tides on a crescent sea beach,
When the moon is new and thin,
Into our hearts high yearnings
Come welling and surging in—
Come from the mystic ocean,
Whose rim no foot has trod—
Some of us call it longing,
And others call it God."

"A picket frozen on duty—
A mother starved for her brood—
Socrates drinking the hemlock,
And Jesus on the rood;
And millions who humble and nameless,
The straight, hard pathway trod—
Some call it Consecration,
And others call it God."

Are you reading the ladies page?
It is written specially for The Observer.

A Great Chew!
STAG
BRIGHT FLUO
CHEWING TOBACCO
has just been increased in size.

THE HUB

The Bargain Centre of Missisquoi and Bromley

FALL GOODS

Are Arriving Daily

We are now showing our New Fall and Winter Mantles, Cloth Jackets. Heavy Cravenette Coats, Women's, Misses and Children's Underwear, Children's Bear Skin Coats, Cashmere Hosiery, New Fall Dress Goods, including the striped effects. New Priestley Black Goods, New Cravenettes, New Flannelettes in plain and Fancy, New Flannelette Blankets, New Mens and Boys Suits, Overcoats, New Boots and Shoes for everybody. Full line Mens Underwear.

Millinery

Millinery Millinery

Our Millinery Department is now open, and we will be pleased to welcome all our old customers and any new ones. No pains have been spared to have on hand the very latest creations in Millinery. Call early.

Remnant Sale

At 25 p. c. Disc. for Another Week

It is a long time since we had a Remnant Sale and we have accumulated a large lot of Remnants of all kinds which we are measuring and marking at the regular price and for this sale you can take your choice at 25 per cent. Discount.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT

Twenty pounds Granulated Sugar this week at \$1.00.
40c value in Cream of Tartar this week, per full pound 25c.
Laird's Pure Lard, Anchor Brand, in 3, 5 and 10 pound pails, at 15c per pound.

Wanted Wanted

New Laid Eggs guaranteed not over six days old, for which we will allow 22c per dozen. Good Dry and Hard Maple Sugar in any sized cakes, 7c per pound. Block Wood \$2.00. Potatoes in exchange at 1c per pound.

Remember to get your Cash Checks. Big lot of New Crockery to choose your premium from has arrived.

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