

**SOCIALISM AND ITS REMEDY.**

What is the cause of the great increase of Socialism reflected in the recent elections is a question which is being asked by far-seeing politicians, statesmen and economists throughout the country. Their answers are as various as their political or class opinions and prejudices, but with few exceptions they agree on several points—that Socialism is gaining strength because the poor find the struggle of life harder, while they see vast increase of wealth at the other end of the social scale; because the poor have a general belief, hazy among most, fixed and fierce to the degree of fanaticism among some, that their growing poverty is the consequence of other men's growing wealth; because the poor believe that this condition is the fruit of unjust laws, which it is hopeless to expect the old parties to amend; in short, because they believe that others get a large share of what they produce and that the Socialist party offers the only hope of redress.

A symposium of political opinion on the growth of the Socialist party, which has been published by the New York World, shows general agreement that the increased Socialist vote is due less to an increase in conversions to the Socialist theory than to a general protest against existing conditions. It is attributed to the growth of trusts, to the injustices of the tariff, to the control of the old parties by bosses and wages to keep pace with the increased cost of living, and to abandoned hope of securing just laws from the old parties.

This Republic was founded on the principle of equal opportunity for all and special privileges for none. It is based on individualism, but it has been turned away from its principles. Every step which has been taken away from individualism has been a step towards Socialism. Laws which impose a tariff tax for the benefit of a few; which grant subsidies to men engaged in particular industries; which allow corporations to capitalize these privileges and then to form a federation of corporations, commonly called a trust, intended to exterminate all rivals seeking a share of those privileges; which give away, or sell for a song large sections of the public domain to men who then sell the products back to the givers at extortionate prices—all these are steps toward Socialism.

Such laws have produced drones, like George Gould, who, having produced nothing, is able to give his wife a \$500,000 pearl necklace. He is unconsciously making Socialist votes. Such laws have produced E. H. Gary, the captain of industry who has capitalized about half the steel business of the country at more than double its value and is able out of the proceeds to give his wife jewels equal in value to Gould's gift. He is making Socialist votes and, when he proposes that the Government regulate the price of trust products he is talking outright Socialism. The Socialist propaganda is thus being preached on the one hand by the soapbox agitator and on the other by the acts of the exploiter.

It is rank Bourbonism to say, as does ex-Senator Scott, of West Virginia, that the spread of Socialism is due to the "howl of the press making the laboring man of the country believe he is not properly cared for," or, as says Representative Stearnson, of Minnesota, that it is "due to muckraking." The press does not howl unless there is something to howl about. The muckraker can find no work unless material is at hand for him. Such fatuous explanations are worthy of the old regime in France, which persisted in the reign of terror.

The Socialist tide can be stayed only by seeking its cause and finding and applying its cure. A large majority, probably, of those who vote the Socialist ticket are not Socialists by conviction, do not even know what Socialism means. They are simply voicing a protest against unjust laws which favor the few at the expense of the many and deprive them of that equal opportunity which the Constitution guarantees. The remedy lies in a return to that individualism which is the very antithesis of Socialism. It lies in rooting out of our laws all provisions which favor some at the expense of all. It lies in the enforcement of all laws already existing for the purpose of securing equal opportu-

ity for all, whether the offenders be dynamiters like the McNamaras or monopolists like the beef-packers. It lies in recognizing lawlessness as anarchy, whether practiced by the head of a great corporation or by a street agitator, or a labor union leader.

To restore equality does not mean a return to outdated industrial conditions, wherein competition was carried to the point of mutual destruction. It means free play in applying modern economic methods, that the benefit of those methods may be turned to the public good, instead of private greed. It does not mean a dead level of equality in men's earnings. It means that the man who has the industry, ability, genius, without the artificial aid of legal favor, to accumulate a million, shall have freedom to acquire that million. It means also that he who has only industry, ability and genius to acquire a thousand shall have that thousand, all of it, and that the law shall not take half of it to add to the other man's million.

Socialism can be successfully combated only by justice, which gives equal opportunity to all, which is individualism. Let us make the laws conform to this principle, and let us enforce them without favor, and the Socialist vote will melt away as fast as it has grown.—The Oregonian.

**Summary of Events**

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hai and holds conference with Dr. Wu Fing Tang.

December 26.

**ROME.**—The Vatican declines to grant Count Boni de Castellane an annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould, now the Duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan. She was granted a divorce in 1906 from Castellane and given the custody of their three children.

**SEATTLE.**—The largest piece of mail ever handled from the local postoffice is sent to Melbourne, Australia. It comprised a wooden frame 5 feet long and 5 feet wide and several inches thick, and had an area of 25 square feet. It required \$40.82 in postage to carry the huge parcel.

**NEW YORK.**—Ex-President Roosevelt curtly declines to be a guest at the peace dinner, because its views are so totally at variance with his own.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—President Taft modifies his previous order and Christian Science practitioners are allowed to carry on their cult in the Panama Canal zone.

**OREGON CITY.**—Nathan B. Harvey, wealthy Ardenwald nurseryman charged with the murder of the Hill family, is discharged by Justice of the Peace Samson on the grounds that complainants did not introduce sufficient evidence to hold him.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—Admiral George Dewey, the hero of Manila Bay, celebrates his 74th birthday, and receives the congratulations of friends and colleagues.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—Archibald Titherington, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash., is arrested, charged with having embezzled \$3000 belonging to the Mitchell-Lewis-Staver Co. of Portland, Or., whose agent he was.

December 27.

**LOS ANGELES.**—The Security Savings Bank, Equitable Savings Bank and Southern Trust Company merge under the name of the Security Trust & Savings Bank, with a joint capital of \$2,000,000. Resources are placed at \$4,000,000, and the total deposits of 80,000 depositors reaches the sum of \$40,000,000.

**PROVIDENCE, R. I.**—January 2 the 18 cotton mills of the B. B. & R. Knight Company in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts will begin running on full schedule time.

**ST. LOUIS, Mo.**—The International Shoe Company incorporates, with a capital stock of \$25,000,000. The assets include factories in St. Louis, Springfield, Jerseyville and Belleville, Ill.

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.**—Two boys, guided by an ancient chart, found in the ruins of an old Spanish shellhouse in Fort George Island unearthing gold, silver and copper coins worth \$150,000. The coins are more than 100 years old.

**VICTORIA, B. C.**—Dr. Frederick Starr, professor of anthropology in the University of Chicago, has returned from a scientific mission to Corea, where he discovered in an abandoned old Buddhist subterranean temple

Budhist statues and carvings strangely like those unearthed in Yucatan and Southern Mexico.

**PEKIN, China.**—Mongolia, nearly equal to China proper in size, is proclaimed independent, simultaneously with the cutting off from China of Turkestan. Both provinces will pass into Russian influence and become Russian protectorates. The Trans-Mongolian Railway will be built thereby reducing the time in travel between Europe and Pekin by three or four days.

**WASHINGTON, D. C.**—The example set by Nebraska Republicans in placing the name of Theodore Roosevelt upon the state ballot as candidate for president, causes many other states to follow the example. Insurgents reported as abandoning LaFollette. Some think that Roosevelt will not be prevailed upon to accept and that his entire strength will be thrown to Taft.

**LOS ANGELES.**—The Southern California Political Equality League reports that during the recent election it cost California women 15.3 cents a vote to win their fight for equal suffrage.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.**—Beginning work as a clerk in Kansas City 50 years ago at \$6 a week, Max Einstein, deceased, has left securities valued at more than \$130,000.

**NANKING, China.**—Dr. Sun Yat Sen is unanimously elected president of the new Chinese republic.

**YOUR AURA.**

The metaphysician says mental condition is really a powerful thing—that Thought is potential and most influential in making us sorrow or sing. He calls it an "aura," a cognomen for a strange something our persons conceal that makes others present feel grouchy or pleasant, or just as we happen to feel.

Our aura is working—a something that's lurking in every man on the sphere; a something about him, inside or without him, that circulates sorrow or cheer. The thoughts that are sleeping inside him go leaping, unconscious, unharnessed, through space, and make the world happy or chilly or snappy as he is himself in each case.

The man with a grouch on, the man with a slouch on, makes somebody else just the same. A man, if he tries to, can light up the skies to a glorious sunrise aflame. A potent possession this mighty impression he leaves on the man whom he greets—O, see that the thought, then, be just what it ought, then, whenever another it meets.

So think, then, the bright things and think, then, the right things; put shadow and shade on the shelf. Believe in your brother, and, somehow or other, he soon will believe in himself. Talk happiness ever, unpleasantness never, as 'round with the planet you're whirled; and you will awaken, with faith still unshaken, and find all is well with the world.

Take care of your aura; it's given you for a good purpose, beyond any doubt. The great God who made you has built it to aid you in putting old sorrow to rout. With sunshine and pleasure heap higher the measure of thinking you do every day. Then people who meet you with gladness will greet you, and life will be fun all the way!—American Lumberman.

**AMERICA'S DREAD DISEASE.**

We talk about "prevention." It is now the word. Prevention of fire, accidents and diseases.

The people of other civilized countries (while we have been talking) have wiped one disease off the list. This ailment is known as "Phosphy jaw." This is a disease that befalls the workers in the match trade. All other countries have abolished this terrible national disgrace.

Congress can abolish this disease of the workers by passing the Esch Bill which is now before them. This bill prohibits the use of poisonous phosphorous in the manufacture of matches.

The "Match Trust," at the request of President Taft, has cancelled its patent in order that Congress might act without delay.

**PLACES OF AMUSEMENT**

**ARCADE**—Moving pictures.  
**BAKER**—"The Virginian."  
**EMPRESS**—Vaudeville.  
**HEILIG**—"The Gamblers."  
**LYRIC**—"Frolies of 1912."  
**MAJESTIC**—Moving pictures.  
**ORPHEUM**—Vaudeville.  
**PANTAGES**—Vaudeville.  
**PEOPLE'S**—Moving pictures.  
**STAR**—Moving pictures.

**ORPHEUM THEATER**—Main 6, A 1020. Matinee Every Day—Week Dec. 31—Chas. Grapewin in "Awakening of Mr. Pipp."

**HEILIG**—Seventh and Taylor. Phones: Main 1 and A 1122. Seats now selling—"The Gamblers," one of Chas. Klein's greatest plays.

**BAKER**—Main 2, A 5360. Geo. L. Baker, Mgr.—Next week, "The Virginian."

**EMPRESS**—(Formerly Grand).—Sullivan & Considine. Refined vaudeville. Park and Washington. Main 992, A 4992. Matinee ever day — Week Dec. 31, with headliner, "Hal Stevens," impersonator.

**PANTAGES**—7th and Alder.—Unequaled vaudeville. Week Dec. 31. "The Five Markells," bicycle experts. Pantagoscope. Pantages Orchestra. Matinee daily. Curtain 2:30, 7:15 p. m. Boxes and first row balcony reserved. A-2236.

**LYRIC**—4th and Stark—"Frolies of 1912." Week of Dec. 31.

**SUMMONS.**

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For Multnomah County.—The Foot-Titus Machinery House, a Corporation, plaintiff, vs. A. K. Carlson, defendant.

To A. K. Carlson, the above-named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, on or before the expiration of six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before February 10th, A. D. 1912, and, if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of Eleven Hundred and Forty-Six and 22-100 Dollars and for the further sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars attorney's fee, and for the plaintiff's costs and disbursements herein; and also for the sale of certain attached property belonging to you, to-wit: 34 shares of the capital stock of the Foot-Titus Machinery House, an Oregon Corporation, which property has been duly attached in this action.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Hon. W. N. Gates, Judge of the above entitled court, which order is dated December 27th, A. D. 1911. The date of the first publication hereof is December 30th, A. D. 1911, and the date of the last publication hereof is February 10th, A. D. 1912.

J. M. HADDUCK, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
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**EL CENTRO PUTS NINE I. W. W.'S UNDER ARREST**

EL CENTRO, CAL.—(Special.)—Nine Industrial Workers

of the World, who are in jail here, must answer charges of stock stealing and resisting officers of the law.

After a running battle, four of them were captured, one being shot, though not seriously wounded. The authorities declare the I. W. W. will be run out of the Imperial Valley.

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