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RADICAL SOCIALISM.

It is very plain that Mr. Bryan believes that the only hope of the democratic party to supplant the republican party in national administration is to become the more radical party of the two. He is a political philosopher enough to know that the character of this government was changed by the war of the states into a national instead of a really federal one. He realizes as most men who are historically informed do, that nationalism gravitates inevitably into paternalism, and that paternalism takes one of two roads, and one of these roads leads to socialism. With conservative socialism, so far as many of the principles enunciated are concerned, a large number of the people are in sympathy, and were it not for the belief that many of the principles of socialism would eventually be adopted, and if adopted, by the conservative wing of that party, there would be many accessions to their ranks and they would be a formidable political party.

Radical socialism is a more radical course of civilization than even imperialism—that is, such imperialism as is alone possible under the general scheme of our laws and institutions. The populace have and always will retain with us the ultimate power to make and unmake Caesars. But when the *Hoi Polloi* is itself Caesar who will be left to ever make an appeal to Caesar? If Mr. Bryan's ideas prevail the democratic party will become the organism of the preletariat and the plebsite become the mouthpiece of the mob in county, state and nation. The ancient creed of individualism, the siboleth of Jeffersonian democracy, will become heresy and government will be transformed from the fixed time-terminated orderless of republican rotation into the eccentric exercise of sovereign functions according to the whims of fluctuating majorities.

Radical socialism is the poorest substitute ever offered for democracy in its simplest and sanest American terms. Conservative socialism appeals to the intelligence of the voters. Radical socialism means the leveling down of our civilization to the blatant greed of the Gentiles, crying "what shall we eat, and what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed." Radical socialism is spoliation for the benefit of the sans culottes. This is the class that Bryan will appeal to should he forsake the democratic party and go over to the socialist party, which he evidently is trying to do, being headed that way. He would adopt socialism, not that he believes in the fundamental principles of socialism, but because there might be a bare possibility of its landing him in the White House at Washington.

DEATH DUE TO APATHY.

Thirty-five per cent of the deaths in any community are due to apathy, says Dr. William Osler of the "fit for nothing but chloroform at 60" fame. Dr. Osler is rather too much given to making sweeping generalizations which seem to be founded upon a meager array of facts. If apathy is the cause of more deaths than consumption and pneumonia combined, Dr. Osler is the first man to discover it, for it is safe to say that the complaint was never yet given in a death certificate as the cause of the demise. There is more apathy in Astoria than all other diseases combined, but no one was ever known to die from it, and in this regard Astoria has been somewhat unfortunate.

Still, Dr. Osler is original, humorous and sensational in his remarks, and seems to have determined to go to Oxford famous for something besides a long record of persistent study and practice of medical science. Therefore we have to add to the Osler dicta that the best work in the world is done by men under 40, and that at 60 men ought to be chloroformed, another to the effect that the chief contributing cause of death in the world is apathy. Apathy must be a virulent germ disease. If apathy is the direct cause of the death of some needed enterprise, several instances could be recited in a certain city close to the Columbia river bar. For instance the hotel proposition died from apathy; the court house is simply waiting for the funeral; the

new telephone, gas and electric light franchise is sick unto death, and a large number of other enterprises are sleeping the sleep that knows no awakening.

We have heard of political apathy, which seems that men are not sufficiently interested in politics or concerned about the public weal to register and vote, go to the primaries and the like, a large bunch of this new disease existing in Portland, but it is not always laziness or ennui that is at the foot of political apathy. Many a poor citizen is hustling for all he is worth for his own business interests. Apathy is indifference but not necessarily laziness. There are some people who are too lazy to live, that is, to deserve to live, but they never die of their apathy—at least none of the Astoria physicians have any record of such a death. They seem to be rewarded with the long life that ought to go to those who make good and active use of it. Laziness seems to be a condition that conduces to health, for health generally accompanies freedom from worry or care and a *de-fil-may-care* indifference to what everybody else thinks or wants. These long-lived lazy bones are as indifferent to medical advice as they are to the bacillus "work." They care nothing for sanitary science, vaccination, germs, bacteria, antiseptic surgery or any other fad. Their very apathy about everything seems to yield to them the ability to keep on breathing long after their fellows who are anxious to consult a doctor every time they feel a draught or read a medical advertisement set laid away under the sod. There is a kind of apathy that exists in Astoria, Dr. Osler, that makes centurians instead of corpses long before their time.

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman.

A meteor was seen in Tacoma. It occurs to us that Rev. Dr. Chapman did say that Tacoma was the gate to hell. It must have been a photogenic substance amalgamated with blue vitrol and brimstone produced in the future home of the democratic party.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in Chicago means the right to kick in the other fellow's slats if he has no union card.

Some of Dowle's followers are showing that they are unregenerate. They

want no more revolutions, but a financial statement.

The Portland exposition management offers an unparalleled wonder in the assurance that it will be ready for visitors on opening day and for creditors on closing day.

Wannamaker has offered \$100,000 for foreign missions and adds that he was careful to scrub the money.

Chicago now has an opportunity to institute some of those measures she deemed so expedient for Colorado.

Seattle knows what up-to-date evening journalism is. It is the trick of running two-foot heads over two-inch stories, while the public waits for the morning paper to learn the truth.

The Butte Intermountain says: "There are to be 96 saloons at the entrance of the Portland fair. The man who carries at the gateway will probably be ready to swear that the Portland exposition is several times as large as the St. Louis show."

Besides a large navy to protect trade in foreign countries, it may be necessary to provide a large army to protect trade in Chicago.

Beatrice Fairfield has written an article on "Why Men Do Not Marry." One reason may be that they get scared on reading about marriage on the Woman's page.

A vegetarian magazine suggests that peanuts cure sleeplessness. Chestnuts have always held the record for inducing sleep.

Mr. Atkinson of Boston has given a dinner to six young women for a total expense of \$1.68, according to the Boston Herald. What's the matter with Mr. Atkinson for the position of president of the Equitable Life Association.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

Swedish-Norwegian Consul Receives Orders for Provisions.

San Francisco, May 13.—The Swedish-Norwegian consul here has received an order for provisions to be sent north to the whaling arctic explorer Gjoa, which sailed from Norway on June 17, 1903, in an endeavor to find the northwest passage. From the fact that supplies are to be sent north by the Pacific ocean, it is argued

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ed that this great quest of arctic explorers for more than 400 years has been successful, and that the explorer will soon appear on the Pacific coast.

Capt. Amundsen, who passed Greenland bound for King Williamland, is said to have located the north magnetic pole and to have found the monument erected by Sir John Franklin when that ill-fated expedition perished.

The Gjoa was fitted out at the expense of her captain, and carries a crew of seven men. Previously a whaler, she was overhauled and strengthened for a cruise of four years, and was equipped with an auxiliary petroleum engine. Capt. Amundsen was first officer of the Belgica in Gerlach's antarctic expedition in 1897-99.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The light house tender Manzanita left for Portland yesterday.

The brig Laurins, which has been loading at the Tongue Point Lumber Co. sailed yesterday for San Francisco. She carries 355,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Reliable of the Willapa Transportation Co. is at the Astoria Iron Works where she will be overhauled. The Reliable has been continuously in service since she left here, about two years ago. The steamer Queen takes the Reliable's run.

The steamer Oregon sailed yesterday for San Francisco with a full cargo of freight and list of passengers.

The schooners Endeana and the Transit are expected down the river today.

Anxiety for the safety of schooner Chehalis increases with each day she left Cebu, Philippine Islands, January 23, and should have arrived here long ago had all gone well. Possibly she may be drifting about in a crippled condition and slowly making port, but her tardiness is ample cause for fear that disaster may have befallen her. The Chehalis is under engagement to load lumber at this port.

By May 29 the big dredger Columbia will be in readiness to commence dredging, and there are many places where she can be put to work to advantage. At the meeting of the Port of Portland commission yesterday afternoon, Albert Meyer petitioned that the commission remove the bar, which he says has formed in front of Hunter's point, on the Columbia river. The commissioners thought the United States engineers the proper authorities to appeal to for a removal of the bar. An appropriation of \$60,000 has been set aside by the government for the improvement of the channel in the Columbia above the mouth of the Willamette, but it is a question when the department will be in a position to prosecute this work.

The Columbine yesterday succeeded in finding the break in the North Head cable, the first time it has been exactly located. As soon as it was picked up, it was indicated in the Western Union office. As soon as the weather moderates the cable will be repaired and an expert sent from Portland, probably the first of the week.

There's no beauty in all the land That can with her face compare. Her lips are red, her eyes are bright, She takes Rocky Mountain at night, Frank Hart's drug store.

Weinhard's Lager Beer.