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The Claim of Socialism To Woman's Vote

By Tracy D. Mygatt

"Why, I used to believe all those things could be true, but everybody laughed at me, so I began to think they must be right and that I was wrong. And now you've given it all back to me!"

It was a young girl speaking, from the closely packed throng of girls about the agitator, and as the older woman looked at her kindling eyes, and then beyond, over the grimy smokestacks of the factory town where this girl was drudging away her youth, her eyes blurred in a sudden mist. **For this it meant to be a Socialist: to bring back, for despair, faith; for blindness, vision; for loneliness and misery, love.**

FAITH, VISION, LOVE; DO THE WORDS SOUND STRANGE TO YOU, FRIENDS, WHO WERE TAUGHT OUR CREED WAS HATE? Then think for a moment of that little factory girl, of the thousands upon thousands like her, who come into this world full of dreams, and whose dreams are broken, swiftly, inexorably, by the brutality of present-day conditions; broken by brutality, and, **even worse than that brutality itself, by the sneers and groans of the poor fools about them who tell them it must be so, that human nature can never change, and all the other dreary lies that would make of this world a wilderness and of God a devil.**

My friends, stop being deceived; the misery of long hours, low wages, child labor, unemployment, prostitution, war, which you either bear yourselves, or see other people bear, do not come through God's will; they come because in the "business" world the law of the wild beast, competition, has been substituted for the law of love, and just as soon as we put love or co-operation in the place of competition we shall have the world of which Socialists tell you, and not before. For as things now are, less than a tenth of the people own all the wealth, and remember that "wealth" does not mean, as you have perhaps been taught, just gold and diamonds, which you can get along perfectly well without, but bread and meat to feed your family, coal to keep your baby warm, wool to clothe yourself in, land to live upon—things, in a word, as vital and as necessary as the very air you breathe.

Thus we see the necessity of a great change in the government, which shall make for us at last a "commonwealth" indeed; a change so great and basic we call it "Revolution"; **the change, by the enlightened will of the people, of this private ownership of the means of life, into collective ownership of the people, by the people, for the people.**

And here you see the reason for our present campaign.

WOMEN SUFFERERS

Women, in almost every industry we have, both in their work and at home, are equal sufferers with men from the gross injustice of the present system; therefore, we want them to use that greatest weapon of defense, the ballot, that they may vote Socialism in.

But Socialism will not come easily, my friends; birth seldom does, you know, and the old step-father, capitalism, will not lightly see his place usurped. So you find us, at every turn, on the street corner, at your door, bringing you tickets to our lectures, copies of our press, always arguing, always pleading. "Socialism will come at last," somebody once said, "because the Socialist is a propagandist from Sunday morning to Saturday night!"

Don't you want to come and help us? Hasn't poverty, or the ceaseless struggle against poverty, the deadly, gripping terror of that gaunt wolf at your door, too, some day, who can devour all you hold dear on earth, filled your heart with pity and strength to help free your brother? You have no time? Oh, my friends, say rather the child in the mill, the girl on the street, the miner entombed in needless disaster, have no time, for your awakening already they have waited overlong. You have no strength? For your cowardice and sloth millions are dying every day. It will mean struggle and self-sacrifice? **Yes, but it will also mean light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; it will guide your feet and theirs into the path of peace.**

We Socialists ask for your votes for our candidates in this city election **only if you wish to begin now, in your own little corner of the earth, to help in the world-wide struggle for a better, saner, safer, more practicable social system. Intelligently used, your ballot is a power for good!**

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In This Our World

By Marvin Sanford

We are living in troublesome days, full of social unrest, full of storm and portent of evil; a period marked by the collapse of capitalist civilization.

Individuals are disconsolate and hopeless.

Nations are tearing at each others throats.

War spirit is rampant. Neither Orient nor Occident is free from its baneful effect.

The Great War is no exception. It is a war of the rulers, altho fought by subjects, without whom it could not continue.

War spirit, its glamour and glory, vanish as the intellectuality of the people increases. It is not likely that the working class of any nation hates its counterpart in another nation to such an extent that they will spill each others blood on the battlefield.

And today they are the people who hold the fate of war in their hands. as Jean Jaures said, "There is no iron law of wages that working-class action cannot bend, there is no iron standard of working hours that labor cannot reduce, and there is NO IRON LAW OF WAR THAT PROLETARIAN ACTION CANNOT BREAK."

An inter-nation war is useless, senseless, excuseless. The workers of all nations labor for and with one another in the production of the world's goods. **War between them is attrocious murder; utter insanity.**

But the rulers will have it so. And it means the death of their system. Out of this storm, this cloud of evil, this confused mass, comes from the rulers a cry of horror, a look of dismay. They see the workers in increasing numbers refusing to be targets; refusing to fight the wars of their masters. They see the workers laughing in the face of the master and telling him: "Fight your own wars! **Our war is against war; it is with your system.** We wage war at the ballot box and in the shop. We wish you no bad luck, other than to see you forced off the back of humanity."

This menace increases as men believe more and more that wrongs shall not be redressed through war, but through the growth of democracy; that **the great fight is against social injustice and capitalist oppression, and that it is the mission of the proletariat to conquer the world through organization for security and emancipation.**

This new spirit is becoming a living power, crippling and astounding our foes, but it exists wherever a man is fighting for his emancipation, **and it will spur us on to the keenest of exertions and the strongest of activities, in the task of securing for the world our great aim—the right to labor and to live in freedom.**

THE ARMY IS GROWING—THE ARMY OF PEOPLE WHO HATE THIS SYSTEM AND ITS POVERTY, CRIME AND WAR, ITS BRUTAL OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY, AND IT WILL FIGHT ON AND ON UNTIL HUMANITY FINDS PEACE IN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRACY.

A LAUDABLE EFFORT

We notice that among those who have taken up the work of pushing the sale of "War, What For?" is Comrade Thomas W. Williams, State Secretary of California.

A special effort of this kind on the part of all of the other state secretaries, with the assistance of our press, would do more to meet the jingo situation than almost anything else.

Each secretary knows exactly the conditions existing in his particular state, and is therefore the best qualified to organize an effective campaign.

Comrades, let us co-operate with our state offices and our press, thereby getting into touch with all of the departments of the organization, to get this wonderful book into circulation. It is the work that is most needed right now, and will still be needed for years yet to come.

It should be mentioned that Comrade L. E. Katterfeld, State Secretary of Washington, since taking office a year and a half ago, has put into circulation 1400 copies, selling them at cost.

Anyone wishing to buy through the state office should remember that Comrade Katterfeld will mail five copies, postpaid, for one dollar. Or you may order through the Northwest Worker for the same price.

No Local should be without at least five copies of this splendid anti-war and propaganda book, so that its sale may be pushed on any and every occasion. **Buy one for your public library, or for the school library.** See that every editor, preacher, and school teacher in your locality is provided with a copy of "War, What For?"

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The Socialist Propaganda Is Vindicated

By Morris Zucker

Very frequently it is the experience of the Socialist propagandist to have the correctness of his facts in the indictment against the capitalist system challenged. We have often been accused of overstating and grossly exaggerating the extent of the cardinal evils of the capitalist system, and this not only by our adversaries, but equally as well by many of our Socialists.

But now it appears that even the most rabid among us scarcely put the charges strong enough. And where before we had nothing but the mere sentimental assertion of enthusiastic advocates, we now possess the facts gathered by a United State commission which investigated the matter in a logical, scientific and thoroughgoing fashion.

Who among our conscientious propagandists dared get up on a platform and declare, without any mental or spoken reservations, that one-third of the American workingmen were in a poverty-stricken condition? Surely none. And now comes the report of this commission, backed up by the facts garnered from every nook and cranny of this broad land, and not only asserts, but proves, such a condition to exist.

Who among our self-sacrificing and energetic suffragists could square their consciences with the declaration that 37 per cent of the wives and mothers of workingmen are forced by stress of economic circumstances to help "keep up the house"? In this fact there is not only a terrific indictment against the present system, but also a most stinging jolt to those antis who claim that the husband is the breadwinner and the sole support of the family. And our smug capitalists and hypocritical preachers have the lie thrown in their faces when they speak so sanctimoniously about the family relations and family ties.

SOME STARTLING FACTS

When one stops fully to consider and weigh the awful importance of the statement that $500 a year, or $10 per week, is the average income of one-half our wage-earning fathers; that less than $15 per week is the wage of two-thirds of the adult male workers, one no longer marvels at London's "people of the abyss," or shudders when he reads the amazing revelations of Marx in his chapter on the "Working Day." **Bad as they are, they do not compare with what must be the present state of our workers, with the cost of living sky-high on the one hand and the increased demands which a higher "civilization" exacts on the other.**

Think of that most awful, most unspeakable tragedy in the statement that **nearly half of our working women get less than $6 per week!** That is almost unbelievable. Is it the wanton brutality, or the wanton stupidity of the people which makes them incapable of grasping the terrible significance of this fact? Surely a revolution would result if they but only understood!

IT IS THE SOCIALISTS' DUTY TO MAKE THEM UNDERSTAND.

When a Roosevelt comes out to advise a workingwoman who has seven children, and whose husband is out of work, to disregard this "temporary inconvenience" and "keep right on raising children," I'd like to raise Roosevelt by the scalp until he'd recognize what this fact means—that babies of the poor die three times as fast as babies of the rich. When reading of the terrible Inquisition one can hardly find words to express his loathing for the unspeakable brutes who would pour molten lead down a man's throat to make him recant. Well, in my opinion, such a punishment is far too easy for those soulless men who would advise women to raise more children after they had fully grasped the above stated fact.

One out of every twelve corpses in New York receives burial in Potter's Field—— But enough of this sickening story, this worse than horrible nightmare. I believe that all that is necessary is to put these facts before the people in the most striking and best possible manner. If this does not move them, then nothing ever will.

Should the report of the Industrial Relations Commission be published and distributed, it will undoubtedly give a powerful stimulus to social reforms and plans for amelioration. BUT SOCIALISTS SHOULD BE ON THE JOB TO WARN THE PEOPLE OF THE TEMPORARY NATURE OF SUCH REFORMS; THAT WHILE FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF THEY ARE NECESSARY AND PRACTICABLE, THESE REFORMS ARE IMPRACTICABLE IF IT IS SOUGHT TO WIPE THESE EVILS OUT OF EXISTENCE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, A COMPLETE REVOLUTION IS NECESSARY, WHERE THE PRINCIPLE OF PRIVATE PRODUCTION WILL BE REPLACED BY SOCIAL PRODUCTION, AND PRIVATE OWNERSHIP BY SOCIAL OWNERSHIP.

IN SHORT, NOTHING BUT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALISM WILL CURE SOCIETY OF THESE EVILS WHICH, UNLESS IMMEDIATELY ABOLISHED, WILL WORK UNCOUNTABLE RUIN TO THE PRESENT GENERATION AND THOSE TO COME.

As to the doughty chairman of the commission, he has well earned an undying place in history. Readers of Marx will remember how tenderly he speaks of Leonard Horner, the chief of English factory inspectors, to whose efforts are due most of the reforms and the principles of English factory legislation. Frank P. Walsh is today functioning in the same fashion for America, and his good work will give him the same undying immortality which Leonard Horner achieved.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Everett, Wn., Sept. 21, 1915.
Northwest Worker.

Dear Comrades.—Permit me to pat you on the back a little for the splendid work you are now doing in pushing "War, What For?"

One ounce of energy devoted to circulating this book NOW is worth many tons of resolutions when the dogs of war are loosed and it is everlastingly TOO LATE.

My first book order upon assuming the duties of State Secretary last year was for 500 copies of "War, What For?" Since then the State Office has sold many hundreds of additional copies. And yet there are thousands of people in the state, yes, hundreds of thousands, that have not yet read this book, and that do not yet understand. They are a menace. A menace that will overwhelm us when the crisis comes. Our supreme duty now is to enlighten them. In this task there is NOTHING equal to "War, What For?"

Hence I say "Bully for you." Keep it up, and more power to you.

Yours in revolt,
L. E. KATTERFELD,
State Secretary.

FORD STRIKES HARD

"If I were to live with the future generations of Europe I would urge the people to repudiate the debts that are being piled up by their governments in this war."—Henry Ford.

The Czar wants it understood that if there is any more running to do he is going to do it himself.—Kansas City Times.

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