SOCIALISM
And Its Message to the Church
An Address Delivered Before the Stark County Ministerial Federation at Canton, Ohio.

"Is Socialism Unreasonable, Un-Christian and Un-American?"
A Reply to J. Wesley Hill
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It affords me great pleasure to respond to the invitation of your committee on program to address the Stark County, Ohio, Ministerial Federation on "Socialism and Its Message to the Church." As a lawyer and a Socialist, I esteem it a great privilege, for which I am truly grateful, to be permitted to address such an earnest and honorable body of men. The lawyer and the minister, to a large extent, are collaborators in the same field of action. They each, to a large extent, make their living by reason of the vice and sin, dissension and wrong-doing of the human race. They each are trying, or at least should try, to establish justice, righteousness and a better social order among the people. If they succeed in their mission to abolish vice and sin, dissension and wrong-doing, the lawyer and the minister will be compelled to seek new fields of action, or join the army of the unemployed. But, in order that you may not be alarmed at the outlook, let me assure you at the beginning of this discussion, that there is no danger of having to seek new fields of action so long as the present system of capitalism remains to curse peoples of the earth. You may logically expect vice and sin and unrighteousness to flourish long as the producing cause remains to flourish the crop.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

Modern society, from an economic point of view, is composed of two distinct classes—those who are socially useful and those who are socially useless; those who produce wealth they do not get and who get wealth they do not produce.

The useful class who are producing wealth they do not produce constitute the working class who render social service by providing clothing, shelter, fuel, machinery, transportation, education, etc., which are essential to the existence and welfare of society. This class must use the machinery of production which others possess not use.

The useless class who get wealth they do not produce, the capitalist class, who render no useful service, but are members of society. They spend their time in idleness, and scheming acquisition of the wealth which the working class create. This class have possession of the machinery of production which the working class have built and must possess. They also have possession of the machinery which they use in making laws, construing laws in their own favor and against the working class. Army and Navy, Militia and Police Force to make them submit to their oppression.

Hence the useful or working class, necessarily upon the useless or capitalist class for the means of the never-ending struggle between the working class as to the wages to be paid for a given production. The interests of the working class...
are diametrically and eternally opposed to each other, and all the smooth and oily blarney of the fake leaders of labor, and all the eloquence and fine-spun logic of the hired lawyer and congressmen of the predatory interests, and all the sermonizing by that class of Protestant Clergymen and Catholic Priests who guard in the name of Christ the ill-gotten gains of the rich criminals of our land—can not make those interests harmonize, or become identical.

Labor wants the highest wage it can obtain, and Capitalism wants labor for the lowest wage at which it can be purchased. The conflict is never-ending and grows fiercer with each new invention and deadlier with every change in modern industry. The chasm between the working class and the capitalist class grows ever broader and deeper, while the life of the toiler becomes more doubtful, difficult and burdensome as the days roll on. Thus two distinct and irreconcilable classes are produced by the system of capitalism under which we are now living. One class commands and the other obeys. One class employs or discharges, and the other works or idles as the orders are given. The capitalist class say “work” and the toiler is permitted to eke out an existence; or say “discharged,” and the toiler faces starvation and death. The capitalist class hold in their possession the means of life of the working class, and hence are masters of their lives. If you own the means of life of any man, you are his master and he is your slave. The classes described exist today, and no amount of fine rhetoric can equalize or obliterate them.

Such a condition, and such class distinctions are inseparable from and a part of the capitalistic organization of industry. As capitalism grows, so does it create a proletariat to correspond. As militarism is based on force and subservient obedience, so capitalism is based on economic dependence. These are facts that can not be disputed. They are only proven by modern history, but the facts themselves stand before your very eyes today. What are you going to do about the ministry and the priesthood and the church must take a fair share stand for the right on this great question. If you do not, the rich and oppressed will justly conclude that the organized church deserted their cause and gone into the camp of their oppressor. Silence and inactivity have already been interpreted by the criminal oppressors of men and the upholders of injustice and practices of iniquity as God’s sanction to wrong. You must take a stand on this great question or your sincerity will be as well as the oppressed. The possessors of power have begun to bribe the church and organized so-called libraries, presenting pipe and the co-operative commonwealth established the “brotherhood of man” made possible on earth? There Capitalism is destroying religion like a deadly one side by extreme poverty and from the other wealth. Socialism would restore the economic the ethical life of the christian possible. Don’t statements. Socialism makes no religious claims. economic movement. But it proposes to do the faith. It does the work that makes faith pos-


The Socialist believes that the religious salvation of the world is impossible while a state of economic damnation exists. The Socialist believes that the thing the world needs most, and the thing the church needs most, is a genuine good-old-fashioned revival of economic righteousness. What is religion? James 1:27 says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Socialism is economic righteousness, and economic righteousness would make the ethical life of the Christian possible.

CONGRESS OF RELIGION.

When the Congress of Religions of the world met in Chicago in 1893 at the time of the exposition, there were Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Pagan, Brahman and Buddhist—all kinds of religious faiths, having all forms of worship and all kinds of Gods. They had to meet upon some common basis in order that the representatives of the various religions could dwell in harmony while they considered a universal program for the peace and salvation of the world. After much wrangling and dissension, denunciation and condemnation on the part of representatives of the various religions, it fell to the lot of a Socialist to propose the basis to which all could subscribe and the representatives could perform their labors in peace and harmony.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," (Matt. 7:12.) The Golden Rule of human conduct proclaimed by Christ in his sermon on the Mount was found to be the fundamental principle of practically all the religions of the world. The Golden Rule of human conduct is the fundamental principle of the world-wide movement of Socialism whose mission is to redeem the world from animalism and consecrate it to humanity.

"Socialism is the only movement on earth that embraces in arms all conditions, tongues, and colors of the human family cements them together in a common brotherhood, inspired by a common purpose and working for one common blessed end."

The Socialist has faith in the movement. He has faith it will eventually succeed. His soul is filled with a passionate love for the cause he represents. No labor is too hard and no sacrifice great for him to make on behalf of this great movement which believes would put all temptations of life on the side of service, freedom and goodness and abolish all the temptations of avarice and meanness and oppression. Is not the Golden Rule big enough, grand enough and righteous enough for the church and Socialism to stand upon at one and the same time?

The Socialist proposes a program by which the Golden Rule would become a living reality and not remain, as it is today, a dream. He would remove the cause that produces the vice and crime and sin and wrong-doing of the world and put the temptations of life on the side of service, freedom and goodness and righteousness and brotherly love. To others, given the subject some careful study, this may seem a dream. But it is your duty to investigate and not to decide.

THE PROFIT SYSTEM.

The Socialist holds that the profit system of our present moral, unjust and fundamentally wrong in principle. To nature's gifts is the source of all wealth. No one who does not produce it unless some one produces it for him.
not get it. Therefore all profits, rent and interest are nothing more nor less than a legalized form of robbery.

Prof. Walter Thomas Mills, the great philosopher and economist, and author of "The Struggle for Existence" says:

"The man who demands more than he gives is a thief; the man who takes less than he gives is a fool; and the man who gives as much as he receives and demands as much as he gives is a Socialist." No man can make a profit unless he gives less than he receives.

"The merchant calls it profit, and he winks the other eye; The banker calls it interest, and he heaves a happy sigh; The land-lord calls it rent, and he tucks it in his bag; But the unpretentious burglar simply calls it swag."

"All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." I do not want to insult your intelligence as a body of educated men who profess to believe in the economic teachings of Christ, by asking you whether you believe that the practical working of the Golden Rule is possible while the "profit system" remains in existence. There is but one honest answer to the question. It can not. The class who take the wealth which others produce are enabled to do so because they use political power to obtain control of the government to the end that they may obtain such laws and judicial construction of laws as they may deem most likely to further their aims and their power.

The Socialist believes that all things socially used should be socially owned, and all things privately used should be privately owned. There is a mistaken idea entertained by even some educated people that the Socialists advocate the common ownership of all property. There is not a sentence proclaiming such doctrine by any acknowledged author on modern Socialism. When you search for principles and doctrine of Socialism, you should go to its acknowledged authors and advocates and not to its enemies. Socialism would give to the worker in any field of labor the full product of his toil. The product of his labor, or its equivalent, would be the private property of him who produced it. Hence every man could own as his private property all that his honest thrift and industry could produce. Socialism does not advocate the "dividing up" of property, but does the abolition of the "dividing-up" process. The capitalist working class to produce wealth, and then takes 83 parts and allows the toilers to retain 17 parts for the privilege on earth. The Socialist wants this "dividing-up" process to be abolished. He would give to the toiler not 17 parts, but 100 parts, the full fruits of his toil.

Seemingly intelligent people in the United States attempt Socialism and anarchy, including under this term violence, are one and the same thing. No two ideas could be more distinct. Socialism appeals to the peaceful solution of the political order by the exercise of an intelligent ballot, while anarchy would abolish all laws, while the Socialist be

The United States Labor Commissioner in his 18th annual report states that the average laborer in the United States reta
tinsible for those conditions. It may be true, but the logic by which the conclusion is reached is poor and not worthy of a scholarly gentleman.

You also state in your letter to me that “you are a lawyer and ought to know something about the foundation principles of economics and civics, and therefore, should be the last man in the world to speak disparagingly of capital and to characterize capitalists as useless.” I have not spoken disparagingly of capital, but I do not believe that “capitalists” are any more needed today than “slave holders” are needed. The postoffice system is Socialist in its principle. It is owned by all the people and would be practically a perfect system if it were not hampered by capitalistic surroundings. It is operated for use and not for profit. No good American would sell his share in the postoffice for any price. No sensible man would buy, at any price, a share in the postoffice system, for he already has all he needs. The same with our common school system. It is Socialist. Every man, woman and child in America has an interest in our common school system. The same with our fire departments that are operated for use and not for profit, and which respond to every call whether for high or low, rich or poor, mansion or shack. There is “wealth” back of the postoffice, the public schools, the fire departments, the water works, the lighting systems that are operated for the benefit of all the people, but there are no “capitalists” to draw rents, dividends or profits from them except what they get through theft and the dishonesty of those who operate them under the capitalist system. If the profit system of capitalism were destroyed, the cause of wars, poverty, crime, prostitution, intemperance and insanity would practically be wiped out of existence. In fact, the temptations of life would all be placed on the side of service and goodness and freedom and the temptations of avarice and meanness and crime would practically be destroyed.

You further state that the Socialist theory is “that a man is useful so long as he is penniless.” You are either ignorant of the Socialist doctrine or you are dishonest in your statement. The Socialists object to being penniless. They want all men to have a commonwealth which is making idlers and millionaires of those who do and slaves and paupers of those who do toil and produce the wealth of the nation. They believe that the machinery of production and distribution upon which life depends should belong to all the people and that every man should have the product of his toil. They want the railroads, street railways, telephones, the mines, factories and workshops to be owned and operated for use and not for profit, the same as our postoffice system, water works, fire departments and public schools are owned and operated today. In fact, they believe that all the means of production and distribution should be owned by all the people. What arguments have you against the doctrine except that it would kill the incentive of the exploiter and robber? Hence they believe that with a proper system such as the Socialists are advocating that not only the necessities and comforts of life, but the luxuries as well, would be within the reach of every person who is able and willing to work. You further state that “I have no language to express my contempt for such an unreasonable, un-Christian and un-American doctrine” as Socialism is. “You are today, as a minister of the gospel, in your Socialist-smashing league, associated with men who would, if within their power, destroy the common school system of America, and who in their public addresses have repeatedly so declared. Is such doctrine
"American?" You are associated with men, in your anti-Socialist crusade, who are annually producing hundreds of thousands of criminals and driving men and women to insanity and suicide and who are guilty of almost every crime in the catalogue of human wickedness, and yet you think you are engaged in a Christian business. If that is Christianity and religion, then God save us from it.

The infamous system of capitalism is today grinding both the human and spiritual life out of the laboring class of people. It exercises less consideration for the happiness, the comfort and the life of the laborers it employs than it does for the dumb brutes and machinery it possesses. It is crushing out of existence all the finer and better sentiments and aspirations, not only of the laboring class of people, but of the capitalists themselves. Not only is this true of the men in its employment, but it is making profit out of the health and strength of 7,000,000 women wage slaves, and manufacturing profits out of the hope and happiness of 3,000,000 little children under the age of twelve years. The average income of the 7,000,000 women wage slaves of the United States is but $272 per year, and of the child slaves but $152 per year. What can we hope and what can we expect of future generations if the children are to become uneducated wage slaves, and the women reduced to industrial servitude? Can a woman support and maintain herself in decency and live a virtuous life on $272 per year? Is it, any wonder that hundreds of thousands of this class choose a life in the red light district, rather than the life of a wage slave? Yet the system of capitalism has been reduced to such a fine art that when one of these wage slaves attempts to throw off her chains in the hope of bettering her economic condition by living the life of a prostitute, she finds herself caught in the net of the great slave traffic, where she receives but a small percentage of the fruits of her own shame. For further particulars on this subject I refer you and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Senate Document No. 196 of the 50th Congress.

What of the three million children employed as wage slaves? Their intellects are dwarfed, their education is neglected, their morale is debased, their physique is deformed and each generation grows and weaker. Yet these are the future men and women on whose strength, the future of our nation and the fate of our society hangs. The system of capitalism, which you are upholding, cares not for the health, the happiness, the virtue and the growth of the men, women or children it employs, but constantly throws their lives and their souls into the great hopper of industry to be ground into gold to satisfy the lust and greed of the capitalistic lords. The same system throws on the scrap heap to starve and die workingmen who have faithfully served and enriched their masters, so soon as they cease to be a profitable asset in their industrial system. These are wrongs that must be corrected sooner or later if we are to survive as a nation. Yet with all these great social and industrial wrongs standing out boldly before the eyes of the world, the great majority of the priests and ministers of our land pray God's blessing on the system that produces it all and threatens the life of our nation. Shame on them! They pray for the system that is destroying childhood, that is driving womanhood to prostitution, both through extreme poverty and excessive wealth, and dehumanizing a large portion of our race. And yet when the Socialists cry out against these great evils, these great iniquities, you, and other ministers and priests like you, shout "un-Christian" at them. Forgetting the teachings of Christ, forget-
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Ruic, forgetting that the world was not made for the capitalists alone, but for all mankind, you work and pray for a system that is destroying the hope of the human race and is making moral perverts and degenerates faster than all the churches and corrective institutions of the world can save them.

Socialists would remedy these conditions by wiping out the cause of it all and not dealing with the effects of the cause. They regard the profit system as the cause. But you ministers and priests and rabbis, instead of using your pulpits and your powers to wipe from off the face of the earth these great social and industrial iniquities, skulk behind the breastworks of capitalism and fire your little guns at the Socialists who are working for a system that would redeem the human race and make the life of the toiler worth the living. These soul-destroying, death-dealing wrongs of the capitalists and their system, these false, ungodly and anti-Christian teachings of the ministry and priesthood must be exposed and fought to death. Such teachings are morally wrong and sacrilegious, and tend to destroy the brotherhood of man, and their inspiration is received not from a divine source, but from ignorance and superstition, and from the corrupt liberality and operations of the system they are upholding. A few months ago more than one million dollars was raised for the purpose of inaugurating an anti-Socialist crusade. Shortly thereafter “The Individual and Social Justice League of America” was formed for the purpose of destroying Socialist sentiment in this country. You lead the list as president, Archbishop John Ireland, D. D., L.L. D., of St. Paul, Minn., as first vice president; Rabbi Dr. Samuel Shulman, of New York, together with a host of other Catholic, Protestant and Jewish “notables” and a number of labor fakers and exploiters, form the officers, board of directors and general council, making up a list of about one hundred clergy, labor fakers and exploiters who have banded themselves together for the purpose of crushing the only hope of the working class of America. Whether there is any connection between the raising of this vast sum of money and the organization of your league, I will leave to yourself. But would it not be better and more Christ-like for you and the other clergymen associated with you to use your powers and your pulpits in exposing the wrongs of the capitalist system and pointing the way to a better life, not in the “sweet by and by,” but in the “sweet and here?” I do not believe that the working people should be forced to drink skimmed milk all the days of their life on earth with the faint hope of getting a little cream in heaven. I do not believe that a little cream on earth would destroy their chances for heaven as much as the skimmed milk they have been forced to drink has done and will continued to do.

It seems strange that the priesthood of the Jews, the Catholics, and the Protestants, fight each other on religious matters year in and year out, condemn each other’s system of salvation, and yet they can cross legs under the banquet table of capitalism and unite as one man in defending the infamous system that feeds them.

But you have said that Socialism is un-Christian and irreligious. Socialism makes no religious claims. It is a political and economic movement. But it proposes to do the things that Jesus Christ taught, and all the prophets dreamed about. Socialism attacks no man’s faith. It does the work that makes faith possible. The Socialists believe that the religious salvation of the world is impossible while a state of economic damnation exists.
You and your entire league pray for a state of economic damnation to exist, and then ask God to regenerate the individual in order that the social state may become purified. Socialism is not opposed to religion. You cannot claim that it is immoral or irreligious for the people to own their own bridges and operate them without tolls. You cannot claim that it is irreligious for a city to own its own lighting plants, its water systems, its public schools, its libraries, its heating systems, and other public utilities, and operate them without rents, dividends or profits. If it is immoral or irreligious, please inform the public in what way. But it is immoral and irreligious for people to starve and freeze themselves and their brothers, and to feed themselves and their brothers rotten and embalmed meats, in order that they may pile up vast fortunes for a coal trust, oil trust, clothing trust, flour trust and meat trust. If it is un-Christian to ask for justice and for better conditions in this country for the working class, then the sooner such Christianity is exposed, the better for the human race.

The un-Christian, the un-American, the unreasonable idea lies in the fact that the great system of capitalism can call to its service many great scholars, great ministers, great priests, great rabbis, together with many labor leaders and lawyers and congressmen who will, from some mysterious motive, defend the system of capitalism and denounce Socialism, notwithstanding they are first compelled to repudiate all principles of justice, of honor, of common decency, as well as to repudiate the teachings of Jesus Christ and the ethics of the religion they proclaim, and in which they profess to have faith. As I see it, it is not only irreligious, but sacrilegious, for a priest or a minister to defend the system of capitalism that is making so many wrecks of the human race. Capitalism is immoral, dishonest, and is saturated with iniquity and fights its battles under the black flag of piracy and anarchy. The ministers and priests who wish to defend capitalism and condemn those who are opposing it are at liberty to do so, but they should not fight their battles under the banner of Christ, but should rally under the black flag of capitalistic piracy and anarchy where they belong. Christ in his fight for the working class bore aloft a crimson banner the same as the Socialists do today. To be consistent, you and your brother clergy of the league should denounce Him as “un-Christian and a dangerous anarchist.” The crimson banner of Socialism stands for international brotherhood and love of the human race. The black flag of capitalism stands for hate, destruction and death. No soldier can fight under both banners. Neither can a preacher, priest or rabbi. The people will soon be compelled to choose sides, and so will the ministry and priesthood. You should cease quoting Christ and the Bible as your authority for the iniquitous work in which you are engaged. You should also remember that the fingers of scorn and contempt never point toward heaven. They belong to the hands of his satanic majesty.

Thanking you in advance for the literature to be received, I beg to remain, yours very sincerely, 

ALLEN COOK.
Is Socialism Unreasonable, Un-Christian and Un-American?

A Reply to Rev. J. Wesley Hill

The Individual and Social Justice League of America, Metropolitan Temple Building, Seventh Avenue and 14th street.

New York, June 30, 1910.

Mr. Allen Cook, Canton, Ohio.

My Dear Sir—I am not sure as to having answered yours of June 20, and so I will make sure by writing you now. Your letter is on file and when our literary bureau begins its activities in the fall we shall be glad to supply you with some of our literature.

I have read with interest and much amazement your “Socialism and Its Message to the Church,” delivered before the Stark County Ministerial Federation. I suppose the address was thoroughly discussed by those who were present. I am very sure I would have had something to say by way of protest had I been present.

The proposition that labor creates wealth is absolutely untenable. It depends entirely upon what labor is bestowed, as to the value of it effect. In other words, if it is not directed along lines of public demand, it will be so much misguided and lost energy, which in its final analysis means poverty rather than wealth. Indeed, I think it a position capable of demonstration that labor produces poverty as well as wealth.

Nor do I like your reference to the “class struggle.” My evidence is that people who are all the while talking about class struggle are for the most part those who are responsible for it. Your lawyer, and ought to know something about the foundation principles of economics and civics, and therefore should be the last in the world to speak disparagingly of capital and to characterize it as useless. Your theory is simply this, that a man is only an consumer, useless! I have no language to contempt for such an unreasonable, un-Christian and un-American doctrine.

Yours truly,

JOHN WESLEY HILL.

Canton, Ohio, July 14, 1910.

Rev. John Wesley Hill, D. D., L.L. D., President of the Individual and Social Justice League of America, Seventh avenue and 14th Street, New York, N. Y.:

My Dear Sir—I have been out of the city for several days, hence the delay in replying to your favor of June 30. I sincerely thank you for your assurance of anti-Socialist literature so soon as you begin activities in the fall.

I am very anxious to get some literature that can answer the Socialist argument. I have seen none to this date. Of course I have read considerable sophistry and falsehood and “vile stuff,” manufactured for the purpose of prejudicing the ignorant and unthinking
against the Socialist movement, but nothing that is honest, scholarly and logical.

You say that you have read my pamphlet on “Socialism and Its Message to the Church” with interest and amazement. I thank you for the compliment. Amazement in the anti-Socialist ministers and priests of this country is necessary to bring them to their senses. Too many of them have been talking between heaven and hell so long that they have forgotten there is an earth on which the people live, move and have their being.

You state that you would have had something to say by way of protest if you had been present during my address to the Ministerial Federation of Stark County, Ohio. The ministers did not discuss it. A few of them spoke of free love, dividing up, that the “man of brains” should be brought down to the level of the working man and such rot, but no “argument” against it. If you feel that it would afford you pleasure to have a discussion on Socialism, we have a beautiful auditorium in Canton with a seating capacity of 4,500. You can be accommodated with a discussion at any time on reasonable notice. Do you want it? As the head of the great league that proposes to smash Socialism, you ought to embrace an opportunity of this kind.

“You say “the proposition that labor creates wealth is absolutely untenable.” The man who would make such a statement is not posted on the elementary principle of economics and will find himself in deep water before he proceeds far with his anti-Socialist crusade.

Again you state that “if labor is not directed along lines of public demand, it will be so much misguided and lost energy which, in the final analysis, means poverty rather than wealth.” In that statement I admit that labor, if directed along proper lines, does create wealth. Hence the proposition could not be “absolutely untenable.” Do you to be understood that only the capitalist can direct labor in the channels? Those who do the directing today are laborers and capitalists. Capitalists hire their skill and brains to do their work. You also state: “I think the proposition capable of demonstration or produces poverty as well as wealth.” This last statement is contradiction of your statement that “the proposition that labor wealth is absolutely untenable.” Suppose we admit that labor poverty as well as wealth. What does it prove? The wealth of today retains but 17 cents out of each dollar’s worth of produces and gives to the non-producer, for the privilege means of life, 83 cents out of each dollar. So long as the laborer is not fool enough to permit himself to be robbed out of 83 cents of each dollar’s worth of wealth he creates he will produce poverty and want for himself while he is producing wealth and luxury for his capitalist master. But notwithstanding this fact, he is the one who produces the wealth. Socialism would give to the laborer not 17 per cent., but 100 per cent of the fruits of his toil.

You say that you do not like my reference to the “class struggle” and that “the people who are all the while talking about class struggle are for the most part those who are responsible for it.” Of course, you acknowledge the existence of the “class struggle.” That is one good point in your letter. With the same logic, I could argue that the ministers and priests who are all the while talking about hell and heaven are responsible for their existence; that are all the while talking about sin and iniquity are responsible for the sin and iniquity that curse our land; that are all the while talking about crime, poverty, divorce, prostitution, intemperance, want, misery and woe are respon-
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You further state that the Socialist theory is "that a man is useful so long as he is penniless." You are either ignorant of the Socialist doctrine or you are dishonest in your statement. The Socialists object to being penniless. They want all men to have a comfortable and not a miserable existence. They object to the injustice of the system that is making idlers and millionaires of those who do nothing and slaves and paupers of those who do toil and produce the wealth of the nation. They believe that the machinery of production and distribution upon which life depends should be owned by all the people and that every man should have the benefit of his toil. They want the railroads, street railways, telephones, telegraphs, the mines, factories and workshops to be owned and operated for use and not for profit, the same as our postoffice system, water works, fire departments and public schools are owned and operated today. In fact, they believe that all the means of production and distribution should be owned by all the people. What arguments have you against the doctrine except that it would kill the incentive of the exploiter and robber? Hence they believe that with a proper system such as the Socialists are advocating that not only the necessities and comforts of life, but the luxuries as well, would be within the reach of every person who is able and willing to work. You further state that "I have no language to express my contempt for such an unreasonable, un-Christian and un-American doctrine" as Socialism is." You are today, as a minister of the gospel, in your Socialist-smashing league, associated with men who would, if within their power, destroy the common school system of America, and who in their public addresses have repeatedly so declared. Is such doctrine
American?" You are associated with men, in your anti-Socialist crusade, who are annually producing hundreds of thousands of criminals and driving men and women to insanity and suicide and who are guilty of almost every crime in the catalogue of human wickedness, and yet, you think you are engaged in a Christian business. If that is Christianity and religion, then God save us from it.

The infamous system of capitalism is today grinding both the human and spiritual life out of the laboring class of people. It exercises less consideration for the happiness, the comfort and the life of the laborers it employs than it does for the dumb brutes and machinery it possesses. It is crushing out of existence all the finer and better sentiments and aspirations, not only of the laboring class of people, but of the capitalists themselves. Not only is this true of the men in its employment, but it is making profit out of the health and strength of 7,000,000 women wage slaves, and manufacturing profits out of the hope and happiness of 3,000,000 little children under the age of twelve years. The average income of the 7,000,000 women wage slaves of the United States is but $272 per year, and of the child slaves but $152 per year. What can we hope and what can we expect of future generations if the children are to become uneducated wage slaves, and the women reduced to industrial servitude? Can a woman support and maintain herself in decency and live a virtuous life on $272 per year? Is it any wonder that hundreds of thousands of this class, choose a life in the red light district, rather than the life of a wage slave? Yet the system of capitalism has been reduced to such a fine art that when one of these wage slaves attempts to throw off her chains in the hope of bettering her economic condition by living the life of a prostitute, she finds herself caught in the net of the great slave traffic, where she receives but a small percentage of the earnings of her own shame. For further particulars on this subject I you and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to Senate Document No. 196 (19th session of Congress.)

What of the three million children employed as wage slaves? Intellecels are dwarfed, their education is neglected, their moralties are debased, their physique is deformed and each generation grows weaker. Yet these are the future men and women on whose security of our nation and the fate of our society hangs. The same system of capitalism, which you are upholding, cares not for their health, the happiness, the virtue and the growth of the men, women and children it employs, but constantly throws their lives and their souls into the great hopper of industry to be ground into gold to satisfy the lust and greed of the capitalistic lords. The same system throws on the scrap heap to starve and die workingmen who have faithfully served and enriched their masters, so soon as they cease to be a profitable asset in their industrial system. These are wrongs that must be corrected sooner or later if we are to survive as a nation. Yet with all these great social and industrial wrongs standing out boldly before the eyes of the world, the great majority of the priests and ministers of our land pray God's blessing on the system that produces it all and threatens the life of our nation. Shame on them! They pray for the system that is destroying childhood, that is driving womanhood to prostitution, both through extreme poverty and excessive wealth, and dehumanizing a large portion of our race. And yet when the Socialists cry out against these great evils, these great iniquities, you, and other ministers and priests like you, shout "un-Christian" at them. Forgetting the teachings of Christ, forget-
The Socialist believes that the religious salvation of the world is impossible while a state of economic damnation exists. The Socialist believes that the thing the world needs most, and the thing the church needs most is a genuine good-old-fashioned revival of economic righteousness. What is religion? James 1:27 says: "Pure religion and undefiled before God the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Socialism is economic righteousness, and economic righteousness would make the ethical life of the Christian possible.

CONGRESS OF RELIGION.

When the Congress of Religions of the world met in Chicago in 1893 at the time of the exposition, there were Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Pagan, Brahman and Buddhist—all kinds of religious faiths, having all forms of worship and all kinds of Gods. They had to meet upon some common basis in order that the representatives of the various religions could dwell in harmony while they considered a universal program for the peace and salvation of the world. After much wrangling and dissension, denunciation and condemnation on the part of representatives of the various religions, it fell to the lot of a Socialist to propose the basis to which all could subscribe and the representatives could perform their labors in peace and harmony.

"All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," (Matt. 7:12.) The Golden Rule of human conduct proclaimed by Christ in his sermon on the Mount was found to be the fundamental principle of practically all the religions of the world. The Golden Rule of human conduct is the fundamental principle of the world-wide movement of Socialism whose mission is to reeducate the world from animalism and consecrate it to humanity.

"Socialism is the only movement on earth that embraces in arms all conditions, tongues, and colors of the human family cements them together in a common brotherhood, inspired by a common purpose and working for one common blessed end."

The Socialist has faith in the movement. He has faith he will eventually succeed. His soul is filled with a passionate love for the cause he represents. No labor is too hard and no sacrifice great for him to make on behalf of this great movement which he believes would put all temptations of life on the side of service and goodness and abolish all the temptations of vice and crime and sin and wrong-doing of the world. He would remove the cause that produces the vice and crime and sin and wrong-doing of the world and put all temptations of life on the side of service and good- dom and righteousness and brotherly love. To or- ganize the subject some careful study, this may so dream. But it is your duty to investigate and not con- 

THE PROFIT SYSTEM.

The Socialist holds that the profit system of life and property is immoral, unjust and fundamentally wrong in principle. To nature's gift is the source of all wealth. Nature has no right to take a share of the profit of those who do not produce it unless some one produc-
not get it. Therefore all profits, rent and interest are nothing more
nor less than a legalized form of robbery.

Prof. Walter Thomas Mills, the great philosopher and economist,
and author of “The Struggle for Existence” says:

“The man who demands more than he gives is a thief; the man
who takes less than he gives is a fool; and the man who gives as much
as he receives and demands as much as he gives is a Socialist.” No
man can make a profit unless he gives less than he receives.

“The merchant calls it profit, and he winks the other eye;
The banker calls it interest, and he heaves a happy sigh;
The land-lord calls it rent, and he tucks it in his bag;
But the unpretentious burglar simply calls it swag.”

“All things whatsoever you would that men should do to you,
do ye even so to them.” I do not want to insult your intelligence
as a body of educated men who profess to believe in the economic
teachings of Christ, by asking you whether you believe that the prac-
tical working of the Golden Rule is possible while the “profit system”
remains in existence. There is but one honest answer to the question.
It can not. The class who take the wealth which others produce are
enabled to do so because they use political power to obtain control
of the government to the end that they may obtain such laws and
judicial construction of laws as they may deem most likely to further
their aims and their power.

The Socialist believes that all things socially used should be
socially owned, and all things privately used should be privately
owned. There is a mistaken idea entertained by even some educated
people that the Socialists advocate the common ownership of all prop-
erty. There is not a sentence proclaiming such doctrine by any
acknowledged author on modern Socialism. When you search for
principles and doctrine of Socialism, you should go to its acknow-
edged authors and advocates and not to its enemies. Socialism would
give to the worker in any field of labor the full product of his toil. The
product of his labor, or its equivalent, would be the private prop-
erty of him who produced it. Hence every man could own as his pri-

Socialism does not advocate the “dividing up” of property, but does
the abolition of the “dividing-up” process. The capitalist
working class to produce wealth, and then takes 83 parts
of the product of his labor, or its equivalent, for himself and allows the toilers to retain 17 parts for the privilege
of working on earth. The Socialist wants this “dividing-up” process
to cease. He would give to the toiler not 17 parts, but 100 parts,
full fruits of his toil.

Seemingly intelligent people in the United States attempt
Socialism and anarchy, including under this term vio-

Socialism appeals to the peaceful solution of the
question of state by the exercise of an intelligent ballot, while
anarchism relies on the use of the ballot or a resort to any political
powers of the state by the exercise of an intelligent ballot, while
forms of anarchy that would abolish all laws, while the Socialist
acceptance of laws and their extension over the field of
violence and anarchy are entirely different systems, but
anarchy are so inextricably interwoven that you can-
without the destruction of both. The statistics
United States Labor Commissioner in his 18th an-
the average laborer in the United States re-

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lives but 17 per cent. of the product of his toil while 83 per cent. is taken by non-producers under the present system of capitalism. The working class people represent about 85 per cent. of the total population, while the capitalist class (including the middle class) represent about 15 per cent. of the population. Hence the 15 per cent. representing the capitalist class receive about 83 per cent. of all the wealth produced by the working class. Therefore the society of the United States is fast dividing into an excessively rich people and an extremely poor people. How and where will this condition end? There is a limit to human endurance. Even the worm turneth when trampled upon. The Socialist believes that the laborer should receive not only seventeen per cent. of the product of his toil but that he should receive the full one hundred per cent. of the wealth he produces. The Socialist further believes that he who produces nothing should receive nothing. Therefore every honest toiler would receive as compensation for his labor almost six times as much as he does today. All the comforts and luxuries of human life would thus be placed within the reach of every man able and willing to work. Would that destroy incentive? Would that destroy ambition? I say to you that that would destroy no worthy ambition that springs in the breast or brain of any man, woman or child, but would give hope and encouragement and happiness such as the world has never seen. But it surely would destroy the incentive for men to eke out his existence in the mere accumulation of wealth. It would destroy the ambition for man to build colossal fortunes upon the ruins of his country and the miseries of his fellow-man. It would destroy that vicious ambition to crush the mirth and joy of childhood, to destroy the virtue and honor of womanhood, to blight the life and hope of manhood in order to gratify the insatiable appetite for great fortune and power. But the incentives and the ambitions which Socialism would destroy are only those which man should never have entertained and which are injurious to the society in which he lives. Those incentives and ambitions should be destroyed and the ministry and the church should help the Socialist to complete the work. The Socialist believes in co-operative ownership of all the means of production and distribution, and that neither production, nor machinery nor land should be owned for purposes of exploitation. In other words the Socialist believes that we should produce for use and not for profit, and equal opportunity should be open to all. As the working class but seventeen per cent. of all the wealth they create, they are anxious to have a large production, for the greater the profits they reap the greater the profits they accumulate. But the time comes when all the people to consume the full production and a large surplus accumulates. Telephone, telegraph is generally, though erroneously, called "over-production benefit of all. greatest misery and suffering of the human race for use and not for necessities of life always occur during this period of "or a gas corporation production." The capitalist class cease to run their mills and mines because they already have more production. The working class will cease to purchase because they have not work. Then follows a panic, starvation and there should be plenty, joy and feasting. The public parks have never been guilty of such economic ignorance. Illinois would practically
warehouses stocked with surplus product, they look for new markets in which to sell their goods. Some weaker nation, unable to defend itself, is often compelled to purchase such surplus products against its will and frequently wars between nations are the direct results of such methods of modern business. No war between nations has occurred within the last three centuries the cause of which can not be traced to the profit system of capitalism. Hence if you abolish the profit system, the cause of all wars would be removed. What folly to pray to Almighty God that wars shall nevermore curse the earth while we work and vote to maintain within our very midst the profit system that is the cause of all wars. Of course all the wars between nations are fought by the working people of those nations and they receive the wounds and injuries, the miseries and sufferings, while the capitalist class reap all the glory and profit. When the working people of the world unite in one Grany Army of International Socialism, the wars of the world will be at an end. Practically all the productive nations on the earth have been discovered and it will be but a short time until, by the use of the great machinery of production and distribution that is being installed in every land on the globe, that all nations will be enabled to produce more than they can consume. Then all nations on the globe will be looking for a foreign market in which to sell their surplus product. If such be the case and a panic once strikes our land and labor no longer has employment, and is unable to buy, can the toilers of the world wait and starve till the capitalist class consume the surplus product then in existence? This question seems ridiculous in the extreme. But it is a logical inquiry under our present industrial system. The working class of necessity must all combine in one great general revolt against their oppressors. Economic justice has been dethroned and conditions have become intolerable. The so-called captains of industry see the handwriting on the wall. Labor, as a matter of self-preservation, is getting ready to rally in one great industrial organization. Capital is fast concentrating into gigantic combinations that surpass, in the aggregate, anything the world has heretofore known. Capital appeals to the courts for protection against the aggressions of labor organizations and its appeals are answered. Labor organizations in turn appeal to the courts for protection against the aggressions and oppression of capitalist generally speaking, their prayers fall upon deaf ears. Oftentimes labor has been judicially deprived of the right of free speech and the liberty of the press. It has been robbed of the right of union and of its right to strike against oppressive conditions. In civilized labor has been deprived of all its weapons of offense and defense. It has been judicially shorn of all its powers to fight against organized wealth, and this condition will continue if capitalism remains. There is a crisis approaching that demands the serious attention, not only of the ministry and labor, but of all good citizens as well. American capitalism comprehends the impending crisis. It has sent its captains of industry and has purchased hundreds of thousands of acres of arable and mineral lands and is opening up industries where they have purchased for less than twenty cents per day. Its manufacturers have gone into China and have purchased enough coal and iron ore to supply its wants, working at its greatest capacity, for years to come. It can secure Coolie labor there for fifty cents per day. It has gone into India and purchased coal and lands there with the intention of opening up
great industries where Sepoy and Indian labor can be purchased for almost nothing. Under these conditions the working class of America will be compelled to sell their labor in competition with the Peon of Mexico, the Sepoys of India and the Coolies of China. I say they will be compelled to sell their labor, for the great captains of industry hold in their hands their means of life. There is no other alternative under the present system but open warfare. The wages of the American working man will sink to the level of the Chinese Coolie and the Mexican Peon, for wages always sink to the lowest point of competition. What remedy have you to offer for these conditions? The church, generally speaking, is upholding and defending the system which produces this awful result. The Socialists say: Place these great engines of modern industry with their limitless powers of production in the hands of a co-operative commonwealth where they shall be used and operated, not for the profit of any private owner, but for the use of the whole people. The useless capitalist class would thereby be shorn of all their powers of oppression. But you may say: “Why not pass laws to control the operations of the gigantic trusts and combinations that are oppressing the people?” If hot water be thrown on a child, no law can keep it from scalding. No human law can stop the planets from moving in their orbits nor the sun from rising in the east and setting in the west. All the laws of congress could not prevent the waters of Niagara from dashing over the precipice. Yet laws on these subjects would be just as effective as they are on the matter of trusts and combinations. The trusts are natural economic growths and any student of economics will recognize the fact. To check the growth and operations of the trust would be to turn back the progress of the nation several decades.

**OUR DUTY.**

What the people ought to do and what the people will be compelled to do, whether they want to or not, will be to take possession of the trusts and own and operate them for the benefit of the people, placing the machinery of production and distribution in the hands of the government, not for the benefit of the few, but for the benefit of the people. Wherever the principles of Socialism have been in operation they are endorsed by the people. Our present postoffice run on the principles of Socialism so far as it is possible to maintain an iniquitous system of capitalism. The great public schools of the United States is socialistic in principle but is hampered in its operation by capitalistic surroundings and influences. Fire departments of our cities exemplify the principles for they as readily and as freely give protection to the poor as they do to the rich. So with the water works system, the public parks and public streets of our cities and the highways of our country districts. These exemplify the principles of Socialism but cannot be kept in a state of perfection while the present system of capitalism is in operation. The Socialist would go farther. The telephone, telegraph and street railway would be socially operated for the benefit of all. Lighting and heating plants would be installed for use and not for profit. The oppressive measures of a Rockefeller or a gas corporation or the Standard Oil Company would not endanger the life and comfort of citizens. The great lines of transportation would be socially operated with no view to profit but with a view only to the benefit and convenience and comfort and safety of our people. Likewise coal mines would be socially operated for use and not for profit, and great disasters like the one at the Cherry mine in Illinois would practically
be at an end. Bear in mind, that the thousands of lives lost in railroad, coal mine and other disasters are most all the direct result of the profit system. If proper precautionary safe-guards were taken by the great captains of industry, ninety per cent of the unnatural deaths and injuries of the working class would be prevented. If you were asked whether you endorse the oppression of labor that has been described, whether you endorse the injuries and deaths sustained on railroad, in factory and mine through criminal negligence of corporate wealth, whether you believe that bribery and graft in municipality and state are a benefit to society and whether the vice and crime that curse our land is an aid to civilization and the social tragedies on every hand is a benefit to christianity, you would resent the questions as an insult to your common intelligence and sense of justice. But when you uphold the system of capitalism, and oppose Socialism, that, in effect, is exactly what you are doing. You are opposing the scriptural doctrine “that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.” When you uphold the present system of capitalism, you are repudiating all the fundamental teachings of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament and are making the church an instrument of greed and avarice and oppression in the eyes of the millions of toilers who produce the wealth of the world. When you uphold the system of capitalism that subverts all the teachings of Christ, you should not be surprised that the toilers of the world look upon the ministry and priesthood with suspicion and regard them as a kind of spiritual police force who guard, in the name of Christ, the ill-gotten treasures of the trusts and monopolies—treasures that have been wrung from the toilers of innocent children, the hope and virtue of despairing women, the sweat and flesh and blood of the toilers of the world.

You cannot make individualistic interpretation of the ethics of Christianity without giving moral sanction to the social tragedies of to-day. You cannot preach “Thou shalt not steal” to the child of the slums who takes a loaf of bread for his starving sister, or a hod of coal to warm his mother dying in a filthy shack or disease-breeding tenement while you “stand pat” with John D. Rockefeller, “Divine Ager” and Andrew Carnegie in their merciless and inhuman treatment of the great common people. When you do so, they will ask you of straining at gnats of individual error, and swallowing the social injustices. You condemn the sin of the individual but you ask God’s protection for the system that produces the offices in her sin. You have a religious spasm over the beer, the smoking of cigars or the social game of cards, for God’s blessing upon the system of capitalism that makes moral perverts and degenerates faster than all the churches of the world can save them. You pray for the cause that produces the very effect which you condemn.

The Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch in his “Christianity and the Social Crisis” says: “Single cases of unhappiness are inevitable in our frail human life; but when there are millions of them, all running along well-defined grooves, reducible to certain laws then this misery is not an individual, but a social matter, due to causes in the structure of our society and curable only by social reconstruction. We point with pride to the multitude of our charitable organizations. Our great cities have annual directories of their charitable organizations, which state the barest abstract of facts and yet make portly volumes. These institutions are the pride and the shame of christian civilization; the pride because we so respond to the cry of suffering; the
me, because so much need exists. They are a heavy financial drag. The more humane our feeling is, the better we shall have to house our dependents and delinquents. But those who have had personal contact with the work, feel that they are beating back a swelling tide with feeble hands. With their best intentions they may be harming men more than helping them. And the misery grows. The incapable increase faster than the population. Moreover, beyond the charity cases lies the mass of wretchedness that spawns them."

Robert Hunter in his great work “Poverty” estimates “that about four million persons are dependent on public relief in the United States. That an equal number are destitute, but bear their misery in silence and that ten million have an income insufficient to maintain them even in a state of physical efficiency to do their work.”

The Salvation Army and the various charitable organizations do a good work in aiding the unfortunate and in soothing the asperities of life. They tenderly care for the bruises, the wounds and the injuries after the unfortunates have been dashed over the precipice; but the Socialist would build a fence across the path that leads to the dangerous precipice and thus wipe out the cause that produces the disaster. The same can be said of the Socialist doctrine as applied to vice and crime, prostitution and intemperance and other social evils that destroy the peace and progress and happiness of the human race. Socialism would abolish the cause and the effect would disappear. The Socialist believes that the minister, the priest and the church have a sacred mission to perform in the great social crisis that is upon us today. The Socialist speaks plainly on this subject and generally in unmistakable terms; not in a spirit of antagonism, but with a passionate zeal for the success of his cause. He believes that the ministry, the priesthood and the church are not alive to the work there is to be done in order to avert social disaster. He believes that religious morals and ethics change with the change of industrial systems. He believes that human society at any given point is no higher and no lower, no better and no worse, than the method humanity employs in getting a living. The Socialist believes that a new method of gaining a livelihood has always created a new civilization or form of social system. He says with Loria that “as the reigning morality is always the product of existing economic conditions, the disintegration of any established economic society necessarily involves the dissolution of the corresponding system of ethics.” The Socialist further believes that the collapse of capitalism is at hand. Whether its demise shall be ended by the ballot or by warfare, he is unable to predict. He has night and day, year in and year out, for several decades for a ful death of the system by the means of the ballot, but to this date success has not crowned his efforts. The collapse and utter destruction of capitalism is a natural and evolutionary process and result. The capitalist himself is the main factor in the destruction of his own system. If a peaceful solution of this question proves impossible, then the blood will not be upon the skirts of the Socialists, but of their opponents who have stood in the way of the natural forces that rule the destinies of the world. The Socialist cries to the ministry and the priesthood and the church to awake to the need of the hour. A great moral and spiritual awakening has taken possession of the heart and brain and conscience of the great common people, and the system that has been productive of so much crime and social disorder and human misery must disappear from the face of the earth forever; and a system of economic justice and social order be established. Where do
you stand? You can not worship God and Mammon. The Socialists have Christ, His code of ethics and all His economic teachings and the Golden Rule, together with science and evolution, on their side of this great world-wide movement for the redemption of the human race from the economic and spiritual bondage in which it is held today. Are not the christian churches of America largely responsible for the rampant Mammon-worship, the greed, the selfishness, the oppression and the lack of brotherly love that exist today? They have remained entirely too indifferent, and oblivious to everything but their own petty affairs of dogma, ritual and ecclesiastical organization. While they profess to hate iniquity, what have they done to smite it and destroy it from off the face of the earth? While professing to love righteousness, what have they done to establish such righteousness as the essence of religious character, and without which, as Christ taught, there can be no spiritual salvation. To be humble, to do justice, to love mercy, to visit and protect the fatherless and widows in their affliction, to feed the hungry, and “to love thy neighbor as thyself” is religion pure and undefiled as taught by Christ and the prophets. These are the same rules of human conduct as taught by the Socialists of the world today, but they can never be brought to their full fruition while the present system of capitalism remains to silence the conscience and pervert the soul of man. Dogmas, rituals, creeds, liturgies, hierarchies—all these are not religion. They are only the labels of religion, and are not good labels at that. Socialism is the greatest organized movement for the uplift and betterment of the human race the world has ever known. It is the only organized movement that recognizes that the laborer is entitled to the full fruits of his toil. The scriptures tell us that to the first man the Lord God said: “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread.” But a large percentage of the ministry and the priesthood and the church of the present time pray to their just and loving and all-wise Lord to preserve and keep from all harm the system of capitalism and industrial slavery that wrings bread from the sweat of other men’s toil. The men that hold the throttles of the great economic engines of modern industry, hold in their hands the destiny of the world. And the most inhuman set of tyrants and oppressors of mankind ever cursed the world from the dawn of history to the present The working class of the world must learn their dangers and the occasion or all the rights and liberty they have wrung from their oppressors all the way down the pathway of the ages to the present hour will be lost forever. These great economic engines of modern industry must be rescued from their control, and socially owned and operated for the use and happiness of all the people. The struggle for existence has become intolerable. The great common people of the world are fast learning that Socialism means their economic and industrial, as well as spiritual, salvation. The spirit of Socialism is enveloping the world. It is rising like a great tidal wave that will sweep the world, carrying with it all that will travel its way, and crushing whatever obstacles stand in its pathway resisting its onward movement. You can no more turn back the great movement of Socialism than you can turn back the sturdy man to a boy again. Our cause is just and must prevail. The Socialists ask you to join in rescuing the world from animalism and consecrating it to humanity, and making this good old earth of our a veritable Kingdom of God in which to live and have our being.
What You Should Read

A List of Papers, any of which will give you TRUTHFUL UNAFRAID accounts of Current Events:

**DAILY**

“CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST” ................. CHICAGO
“NEW YORK CALL” .......................... NEW YORK
“FORWARD” (Jewish) ......................... NEW YORK
“ARBITER ZIETUNG” (German) .............. CHICAGO

**WEEKLY**

“COMING NATION” .......................... GIRARD, KAS.
“APPEAL TO REASON” ...................... GIRARD, KAS.
“SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC HERALD” .......... MILWAUKEE, WIS.
“CLEVELAND CITIZEN” ...................... CLEVELAND, O.
“SOCIAL REVOLUTIONIST” .................. CANTON, O.
“FREE PRESS” .............................. EAST LIVERPOOL, O.
“CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST” .................... CHICAGO

**MONTHLY**

“INTERNATION SOCIALIST REVIEW” .. CHICAGO
“RIP SAW” ................................. ST. LOUIS, MO.
“PROGRESSIVE WOMEN” (Bi-Monthly) ... GIRARD, KAS.