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Government Ownership.

In view of the fact that electric systems are making great inroads on the steam lines, and that the latter will have to change and largely rebuild and equip the entire lines, you begin to hear talk about the government taking over the roads. The roads are capitalized and bonded for three times their real value; and now to 'throw this largely away and rebuild, which would add a capitalization that could not possibly be made to pay dividends, is appalling to the schemers who have been skinning the nation. To get an income or interest on this vast sum, amounting to twenty billions, the capitalists are willing to have their members of congress buy the roads and saddle the debt on the people. Already the word has gone forth that the government will likely own the roads. You would want the government to own a piece of property you had bonded for twice its normal rents, would n't you? Now listen to the prophecy. You will hear much about the government buying the railroads from the old parties from now on. There is little more capitalization and stock jobbing possible, and billions will be required to electrify the system; and the public can buy the old junk at three times its value and then spend billions to modernize it, after which, if the capitalists can own congress, the roads will be sold back to the speculators at a loss—just as the New York custom house was given to Rockefeller's bank, without practically a dollar for it, though it was worth several millions. The people are easy suckers, and are being robbed of all the valuable public lands, coal and other minerals, just as the English nobility—by cunning oppression, deception, parliament acts and judges' decisions—took the great English common lands, belonging to all the people, away from them, and permitted the few to fence and own and take the title to them, so that the common people had to pay rent for what had always been their own. Well, perhaps enough public graft and theft will wake up the people to the real character of their government. It is to be hoped that all the pain and oppression will not go for naught. Yes, the old parties will give public ownership of the railways. And the public will pay for them good and plenty.—Appeal to Reason.

Good Men and Capitalism.

Because Socialists, in an effort to depict the evils of capitalism, expose the corruption of individuals, it must not be supposed that we regard capitalists, as a class, bad at heart. They are victims of the system, and within

themselves may be well meaning people. Many of them are moral according to capitalist ethics, are reliable so far as being true to their word, and are clear headed so far as being able to manage industry under the present system is concerned. Socialism makes no fight on the individual, but holds that when the system which narrows the individual and compels him to do things that are essentially immoral is ended in complete industrial organization, these individuals will be lifted to a higher state of moral and spiritual development which will be of untold benefit to the capitalists themselves. They cannot see it so, of course. They are so blinded by present conditions that they suppose these conditions must always prevail, and that their conception of right must be the correct one. They are good men according to present standards. For this reason it is impossible for them to change conditions, and if a higher civilization is to come, it must be in spite of them instead of through them. It has always been so. The masters have never brought liberty to the world, but only the mastered.

The time is coming when the morality of these good men, whose goodness according to present standards is fully admitted, will be considered disgraceful, as were the morals that admitted of chattel slavery in days past, or that chartered ships for piracy on the high seas. Morals do not necessarily mean things that are absolutely right. They only mean rules of action such as are laid down by a majority of the people, and may be right or wrong, according as the people are developed or undeveloped. The fact is, there have been very few right morals, although there have been many right precepts. Socialism is working for a change which will set aside a low standard of morals with a much higher standard, and under it good men will develop into better men, while those who are forced into criminality will be liberated from the necessity of such life, and be lifted to a higher plane of existence.—Ibid.

More Melon Cutting

The Singer Manufacturing company recently declared a \$30,000,000 stock dividend, making the capital stock of that concern now \$60,000,000. The workers who made all this money for the owners also get a share. Their share is a three weeks' lay-off without pay! This should do wonders in the way of imparting docility to the Singer slaves. Ten years ago the capital stock of the Singer company was \$10,000,000. Now it is six times greater. Ten years ago the workers in the plant were poor and ignorant. Now they are—ten years older.—Ex.

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