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THE SOCIALIST REMEDY.

The Socialist remedy for disemployment is to take the employment of the people from private hands, and place it in their own hands, to be managed by their government, made democratic and subject to their will in every particular.

This can be done only through the people owning the things with which they work. When they owned the simple tools that once were used, and could get a portion of land to work when land was cheap, they could employ themselves. They can no longer own the big machinery of production individually. If they are to control it, be able to employ themselves, they must do it by owning it collectively.

When a few people own the machinery which the many use, they can keep those people without em-

ployment at their will. They become autocrats of industry. This is why you must ask for a job. They will not employ you unless they see a prospect of making profit from your labor. If they make a profit from you, you do not receive the full value of your product. Ownership of the

tools becomes the means of exacting a tribute from you. That tribute insures that you will always remain poor and that the owners of the tools must grow richer and richer.

If the whole people owned the machinery with which things are produced and distributed, it follows that they would all be able to employ themselves. It would be of necessity the public policy to so adjust things as to give every owner an opportunity to work. If there should be such a thing as overproduction then, it would result in leisure or vacations for all. Moreover, all would have means whereby they could afford to take vacations. There could be no more toll as now. Even if it should not be paid to them, the overplus, now called profits, would come back to them as the owners. This would at once end poverty and the evils that go with it:

The Socialist proposition is that the people shall organize society and industry to do things for themselves, instead of trusting that to individuals who have no interest in it except to make money from it. Socialists ask the completion of the work of civilzation that was begun many years ago. At one time the roads were privately owned, and there were toll gates at intervals. Now they are publicly owned and toll gates are gone; but there are toll gates on the railroads and in of the mail was privately done, and you paid whatever owners could get. Now it is collectively owned, and you get

everything at cost. The express business has been a private monopoly until the parcel post came, and you know already how the public institution is saving the people money. At one time the schools were private, and only such as had money could pay tuition. When the public school came it meant that nearly everybody was enabled to learn how to read and write.

Socialism proposes merely an extension of the principle employed in these things in order to enable all to live without being held up by private interests.

There are those, of course, who will tell you that Socialism favors free love, is against religion, and other similar nonsense. They are merely trying to keep you from throwing off the yoke, because they in some way profit from your exploitation-either that, or they do not understand. Socialism intends only to free you, to enable you to do and think for yourself.

Others very innocently ask where we can get the money for doing all these things. We will get it precisely where the present masters of industry get itfrom the people who can work, from ourselves, by turning our "custom" to ourselves rather than to tribute takers. Only, in doing things for use rather than profit, we will save the entire tribute of rent, interest and profit, so that instead of making the few fabulously rich we will make all secure from want, from disemployment, and from war.-Appeal to-Reason.

WILD-CAT SPECULATION.

From the Canadian Courier.

Our provincial governments are sadly lacking in preventive statemanship, Only one province, Manitoba, has a law to prevent wild-cat speculation. Here is a canker which is eating into taking. The workers would receive the vitals of the nation, and yet only the full equivalent of what they pro- one provincial government in nine has duced instead of a small portion of it | had the courage to grapple with it. All sorts of laws are passed to promote or hamper legitimate business, but the illegimate runs wild without restriction. If a postman steals a letter with a dollar bill in it, he goes to the penitentiary and his life is ruined. If the promoter of a wild-cat oil company, or fox-raising company steals a hundred thousand dollars from igno: ant investors, he is accounted a great man, gets his pictures in the newspapers, and becomes a "leading citizen." If Canada is to be the great nation that most of us hope to see it, we must distinguish between the essential and the non-essential. We must tackle the big evils first, not the little evils. We must punish the big criminals and the markets, because they are private- let the petty ones off with a reprimand. ly owned. At one time the carrying At present our criminal law and commercial statutes fail to mention the worst crimes committed in the name of business.

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