

"Hibbert Journal, He would pronounce the 'sinfulness of society.' And in unmistakable terms, too, as when He was on earth. 'The vigor of that denunciation would, I expect, eclipse anything now heard from pulpits, though it would, I believe, take a different and unexpected direction and concern itself less with the weakness and follies and half-repentant sins of humanity, than with the greed, the selfishness, the sheer individualism and mammon-worship which excite but occasional reprobation; it would attack the heartless and contented acquiescence in conditions which debase the soul of a people and erect the extravagant luxury of a few on the grinding poverty of many.'"

There is only one solution—Socialism. The Socialist stands for the only real humanity, morality and brotherhood.

Here's another picture from a recent book by an English writer, G. W. E. Russell:

"We are Romans of the worst period given up to luxury and effeminacy, and caring for nothing but money. We care no more for beauty in art, but only a brutal realism. Sport has lost its manliness, and is a matter of pigeons from a trap, or a mountain of crushed pheasants, to sell to your own tradesmen. Religion is coming down to jugglers and table turning, and philandering with cults brought like the rites of Isis from the East; and as for patriotism, it is turned on like beer at election times, or worked like a mechanical doll by wire-pullers. We belong to one of the most corrupt generations of the human race."

Out of their own mouthpieces the capitalist class and their system stand convicted at the bar of Judgment. Though the writer of the extract doesn't see the working class, only the parasites. He is correct enough. His "patriotism" is well defined. Just consider the "pay-pay-triotism" of the Boer war and the wild beast show it worked up.

Now that the "Land Scandals" have been pushed in the background and the jury have again disagreed over the case—*the stained-glass saint*—has in his policy for the coming State

Sir Oliver Lodge, writing in the

System of Ownership with its accompanying Class Rule and Class Oppression, and establish in its place Socialism—

The following is the Australian Socialist Labor Party's full Ticket for the Senate:

labor was more rapid than with males, and that, of course, tended materially to reduce the average because female labor is much cheaper. But the present statistics carry us further, and show that amongst girls and boys the expansion of employment has been much faster than amongst women and men, the aim being to employ cheaper labor all through." And "Thus the men constituted nearly 5 per cent. less in the total hands employed in 1905 than in 1901."

These are facts from a capitalist witness. And the horror of it!—working class men and women will cheer "Oily Gammon" Carruthers and his henchmen when they propose to "reduce taxation." The working class don't pay taxes. Do they pay income tax? In Victoria they do—slightly—but Labor as a class does not. Labor produces all wealth and only receives back a portion in the shape of wages. Taxes are paid by the capitalist class out of the surplus produced by labor. The robbery of the workers takes place at the workshop and pay table. When the workers are organized in the I.W.W. as conscious Socialists and as men and women, then they will take and hold what they have produced and back up their ballots.

Money invested at compound interest is doubled every 14 years (approximately).

The seventh heaven of capitalist financiers is the gilt-edged security, i.e., money invested in the state or municipality. State socialism so called, and municipal ownership so much favoured by Labor leaders, is laying a golden highway which will enable the capitalists to reach this summum bonum of their aspirations.

Interest—like profit, dividends, and rent—is theft: it is stolen from the men, women, and children of the working class who produce all the world's wealth. This is the sole reason why there are but two nations in the world to day—the nation of the rich and the nation of the poor.

Where shall the human mind be stopped in the conquest of eternal realities? When will it be satisfied with the present, and no longer spread the wings of its desire towards horizons

What is interest?—the automatic increase of invested money.—The Economic Catechism.

"Capital—permanent value will endlessly multiplies itself" (said of course.—"New Principles of Political Economy."

You have only to watch the record of financial operations—the self-gratuations, felicitations, and self-rifications of the capitalists and their tools when prices, dividends, and rates of interest, etc., are high and accumulations mount up—to be convinced that the dictum of the block Mallock: to wit, that it is the few who produce the world's wealth and not many, is a correct translation of a true belief—a belief which will remain impervious for ever to reason, morality, or justice. No privileged class was ever yet convinced by considerations, and the present privileged class will be least of all. The Bourbons—and all other privileged persons—"they learn nothing (except new methods of plunder) and forget nothing" (that they have learnt). The only thing to which they are amenable is the superior force of their tim the Toiler. Workers of the World unite in the I.W.W. to take and

What idea does your imagination give you of the most enormous sum of money which has ever been calculated? This sum—a rather surprising one—that which would be produced by compound interest on five centims (halfpenny) invested at the birth of Christ. A mathematician will not assure you that this sum would be enormous that all the waggons of the railways of the world could carry it. It would be in vain for to tell you that if the Alps and Pyrenees were mines of diamonds they would not represent its value; but if a calculator proves that it could only be written by the following row of thirty figures, 342,653,248,699,000— we are absolutely stunned by the size of such a number. This number enlightens, illuminates, transforms itself, when we reflect that the globe of the earth weighs but 5875 billions of kilogrammes, and that were formed of solid gold it would weigh three and a half times heavier, would weigh 20,562 sextillions and would lickspittle supporters, is the

Report to International Congress

Economically the workers' position in Australia approximates to the condition of their fellows elsewhere simply one of degree. State ownership of railways and other activities is general throughout the States, having been forced upon the State as essentials toward the development of the country and profitable exploitation; the inducements to the latter end not being sufficient to warrant private capitalists taking initiative action in the building and extension of railways, etc., in the earlier stages of the country's history. Both Australia and New Zealand have travelled a good distance in the direction of State capitalism; but this beyond affording permanent employment to a section of the working class, has accomplished nothing for the class as a whole. Those employed by the capitalist State are deprived of full citizen rights, that is, apart from recording a vote, they are prohibited from active participation in public affairs.

Since 1891—when the first definite entrance was made by Australian labor into politics—a labor party has been in existence in the four States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Queensland, later followed West Australia and the island State of Tasmania—the most backward industrially of the federated group.

Australia was proclaimed a Federation under the name of the "Commonwealth of Australia" in 1900, when the election for the first Federal Parliament took place. The Constitution provides for two Houses, the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives is elected on a population basis: while the Senate is elected by each State voting as one constituency, each State having equal representation in the Senate irrespective of population, six Senators being appointed to each State. Adult suffrage prevails for the Federal Parliaments, and with the exception of Victoria and Queensland, the same franchise rules in the States. Payment of

It will, therefore, be perceived that the movement rejects the International character of the Labor movement and deliberately places an obstacle in the way of progress and the real Socialist and Labor movement in Australia.

Since 1887 the Australian Socialist League has been the chief educative and propagandist Socialist organisation in this country. Through every vicissitude it has unswervingly kept the principles of Socialism to the front, and with the advent of Federation decided to enter the political field as a distinct and separate party and movement from every other section under the name of the S.L.P. Until recently its sphere of operations was mainly confined to the State of New South Wales, but now it extends to the sister States and New Zealand.

On account of numerical weakness and cost, political action on the part of the Socialist Labor Party has been confined to contesting the Senate, the State being one constituency affording an opportunity of recording its growth and a wider field for propaganda.

The highest vote polled by the Socialist Labor Party in 1900 was 6,000; in 1903, 26,000. Last election, December 1906, the highest vote was 15,000 and the lowest 10,000. For the Senate the full number for the Senate (six in 1900, and three at successive elections). A sum of £25 has also to be deposited for each candidate, which is forfeited if a fifth of the votes polled by the lowest successful candidate is not obtained. It is simply impossible to cover more than a fractional portion of the State, and as the party ticket is also copied by each party, the capitalist bunch, with the backing of a powerful and unanimous capitalist press, is ensured in success. On the occasion of the last two elections the Socialist Labor Party forfeited the whole of its deposits, a cost anticipated at the very outset, as the Party fought uncompromisingly all other political sections,

The growth of the S.L.P. has been slow, and the active membership small, but it is growing both in strength and influence, having in line with it an active section in the next important State of Victoria. The official organ, "The People," owned and controlled by the Party is issued weekly, and is growing in circulation and thus extending the Party's sphere of influence.

As an organisation and Party of working-class men and women, the futility of expecting the realisation of Socialism by political action alone has been generally recognised by its membership, therefore, the movement has adopted as part of its methods the organisation of the workers into the Industrial Workers of the World, on the revolutionary basis as contained in the Preamble of that revolutionary organisation in the United States.

In the conviction that emancipation from capitalist exploitation and wage-slavery must spring from class-conscious action on the part of the working class itself, the S.L.P. of Australia is in full accord and agreement with the S.L.P. of the United States, Canada, and Great Britain, and while here there are other bodies claiming to be "socialistic" in their aims, none can be regarded as definite class-conscious revolutionary parties, as the majority of their membership accept, advocate, and support the reactionary policy and platform of the Labor party in politics.

The Socialist Labor Party is the pioneer Socialist organisation in Australia, and to its persistent propaganda and general efforts of the past ten years lies the credit of whatever Revolutionary expression of Socialism has manifested itself in the struggle of the classes on the political battleground so far as the State of New South Wales is concerned.

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