

MORALITY OF CAPITALISM.

As Set Forth in an Article on Progressive Inheritance Taxation, Published in the Forum for May and Written by Comptroller Roberts of New York...

From a perusal of Mr. Roberts' plan, three conclusions are apparent: First—That the writer of the article is class-conscious; second—That the plutocracy, the governing class in this country...

Nothing further is necessary to show that Mr. Roberts is class-conscious, and right here let me say that the members of every class, except the proletarian alone...

The members of this class see at a glance the probable effect, upon their interests, as a class, of every legislative bill or court decision...

After quoting from the gospel of capitalism, i. e., from the old political economists, to prove that all he is after is simply a proportional tax...

It may strike unsophisticated readers that it is quite dishonorable in this property to "elude" stringent laws and active officials; others may inquire whether the owners of this property have anything to do with its peculiar nature...

What, chiefly, we wish to learn with regard to Mr. Roberts' plan is whether, in view of the ailment described by him, his remedy shows any ability or even desire on his part to treat for a cure...

Table with columns: Assessed the year preceding owner's death. \$15,000; Appraised after death of owners. \$15,000 to \$3,544,343.

These figures tell a story of gigantic swindling by the "law and order" contingent. They are authentic and they are irrefutable; they cannot be contradicted by capitalistic statisticians...

Is not this a piece with the kleptomaniac defence of wealthy shoplifters. The man who will knowingly allow a false return to be made of the value of his taxable property to the end that he may shift on to somebody else...

But does any one suppose, Mr. Roberts least of all, that men with brains enough to evade the law to-day, will be so simple as to let their property go into the courts to be partially absorbed by a progressive inheritance tax law?

LEAVE BOTH MEN AND MEASURES SEVERELY ALONE, WHICH NEITHER CONSIDER OR SEEK TO BENEFIT YOU AS A CLASS. C. E. SPELMAN. Westfield, Mass.

THE SECRETARY. The receipt of a sample copy of this paper is an invitation to subscribe.

THE GARMAUX EXPERIMENT.

Statement of the Facts Connected with an Interesting Incident—An Exceptionally Honest Capitalist Paper.

The Syracuse, N. Y. "Evening Herald" has done itself honor, for which we hasten to compliment it, by the publication of the following editorial article:

In Carmaux, as in many other cities of France, the workmen are exercising political power as well as economic power. It was the exercise of their political power that brought on the trouble leading to the starting of co-operative works.

After his election he was discharged by M. Resseguiet, the managers of the glass factory (also deprived of political rights, having been convicted of stealing a patent now in use in his factory).

The glass workers looked on this as an outrage to the cause of universal suffrage, and all the men in the factory went on strike until Baudot and Pelletier should be taken back.

The experiment at Carmaux was simply a private co-operative venture, and not Socialism at all. The promoters of it were Socialists individually, but their experiment was not socialistic.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 19.—The following named persons met at 410 1/2 Market street this day at 8 p. m. and organized a local alliance of the S. T. & L. A. J. T. Nichols, Henry Knobel, Ed. Brecheil, Thomas Krause, Lewis C. Fry, Frank Knobel, Sol. Kaucher, John Murnagton, Julius Heldman and Julius Knobel.

THE SECRETARY. The receipt of a sample copy of this paper is an invitation to subscribe.

THE COMING REVOLUTION.

Excerpts from Speeches of the German Emperor that Don't Sound Wholly Foreign.

The following excerpts from speeches made by the Emperor of Germany in the last few years, read in connection with the results of the voting at the various Parliamentary elections...

On May 1, 1889, he wrote as follows: "The teaching of the Social Democrats not only contradicts the Divine Commandments and Christian morality, but is in reality impracticable."

On May 14, 1889, he told some miners of the Ruhr district that: "For me, every Social Democrat is an enemy of the empire and of the nation."

On the same day he told some other miners in the same district: "Should I notice that Social Democratic tendencies enter into your movement and provoke you to illegal resistance, I shall interfere with an unrelenting severity and make use of the full power—and it is a very great one—which stands at my command."

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Sedan, September 2, 1895, at a banquet held in the Royal Palace: "But in the midst of this jubilation a note which is out of place has been audible."

At the beginning of December, 1895, at the dinner of the mess of the Life Guards, in Breslau: "And the more I see behind watchwords and party considerations, the more firmly and certainly do I count upon my army, and the more decisively do I trust that my army will follow my wishes, and nod, whether against the foe at home or abroad."

On October 13, 1895, he telegraphed to the Vive-Genet of Alsace-Lorraine: "Have just learnt through the papers of the fearful murder of the manufacturer Schwartz in Mülhausen."

The Kaiser then published an allegorical picture of his own making. It represents the nations of Europe assembled in friendship to do battle against the danger which threatens them all, in the shape of Buddha.

More recently, at a banquet of Brandenburgians, he said: "The duty which is incumbent upon us, which we are all, in duty to him (William I.) bound to fulfil, is the battle against revolution, with all the means in our power."

In connection with the foregoing references to the Social Democrats, the following statistics afford food for ample reflection:

MOVEMENT ABROAD.

The men of the Mark voted as follows at the general parliamentary elections on June 15, 1893: Total votes registered..... 691,146 " favorable to the government..... 288,501 " Social Democratic..... 278,974 " Democratic (non-Socialists)..... 112,836

That is, a little more than two-fifths of the men could be said to be staunch adherents to the crown. In 1887, when the Emperor made his first speech against the Social Democrats, there were 763,128 votes given for them at the general parliamentary election.

Recently the Kaiser and his following celebrated with great feasts and squandering of money the hundredth anniversary of his grandfather's birthday. The threats he then made of still more stringent reactionary measures against Social Democrats than those now in force suggest that there is something in the wind.

For the first Parliamentary Division of Breslavia Radical Socialist improved his 2,910 votes to 4,167 at the second ballot, but his Opportunist adversary obtained 4,853.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Gladly Would We if We Could. To THE PEOPLE:—Your issue of June 6th, 1897, has an account of the egg throwing in San Francisco, Cal., during a S. L. P. speaking.

A Warm Convert. To the Editor of THE PEOPLE:—I must write and express my great admiration for the paper and its bold, uncompromising attitude in guiding and instructing the proletarian army.

Why are not all Socialist ballots marked straight? Let us remember this is the test of fidelity to our convictions—that we vote, therefore let us vote straight.

Three cheers for the living, breathing, aggressive Socialism of to-day! A LOCOMOTIVE FIREMAN. Providence, R. I., June 6.

LETTER BOX.

Offhand Answers to Inquirers. Wm. G., Newberyport, Mass.—You should give notice of the matter to Comrade Thomas C. Brophy, Boston.

P., Jersey City.—Keep copy of your contributions, then compare them carefully with the publication. F. Serrer, New Haven.—The report will be in THE PEOPLE of July 4.

M. Winchewsky, N. Y.—We have it in our power to send you to jail; it is a wise provision of the criminal code, and one born of a sense of decency, to make a penal offence the using of the mail for blackmailing, especially through the medium of postal cards.

J. W., Cliftondale, Mass.—The Ruskin colony is located in Tennessee. It is not yet dissolved, but it is rent by internal strife, and an action has been brought by one of the co-operators to put the concern in a receiver's hands.

J. H. Steerman, Philadelphia.—Be patient; give us a chance. M. Brown, Philadelphia.—Your article shall receive careful consideration.

MOVEMENT ABROAD.

FRANCE. Some very exciting elections have taken place in France recently. Conspicuous among them was the municipal contest at Roubaix.

For the first Parliamentary Division of Breslavia Radical Socialist improved his 2,910 votes to 4,167 at the second ballot, but his Opportunist adversary obtained 4,853.

GERMANY. The queer monarch of this fine nation is once more staking his empire in high political play. In his bourgeois-elected Prussian Chamber he has been striving to further restrict the rights of association of his people.

ROUMANIA. Between 1885 and 1897 the number of towns, etc., taking part in the Congress of the Rumanian Labor party has grown from 8 towns, 8 clubs and 10 societies to 75 towns, 15 clubs and 10 societies.

RUSSIA. Numerous raids on little bands of Socialists have been reported lately. Four Socialist journals have since last December been secretly printed and circulated in Russia.

Illinois. Bicyclists of Chicago, attention! Sunday, June 27th, a parade takes place at the town of Lake under the auspices of the S. L. P.

J. H. Steerman, Philadelphia.—Be patient; give us a chance. M. Brown, Philadelphia.—Your article shall receive careful consideration.

ILLINOIS. Bicyclists of Chicago, attention! Sunday, June 27th, a parade takes place at the town of Lake under the auspices of the S. L. P.

ILLINOIS. Bicyclists of Chicago, attention! Sunday, June 27th, a parade takes place at the town of Lake under the auspices of the S. L. P.

PETER DAMM. In the name of the Friedrich Engels Club (Branch of S. L. P.)

