

WHAT'S SO AND WHAT ISN'T

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COMMUNISM

No, Socialism is not communism.

Capitalism forces a disagreeable and very harmful species of communism upon large numbers of the people.

Hundreds of thousands of families are huddled together in tenements in the cities. In New York hundreds of thousands of people live in tenements of from five to seven stories in height. In certain portions the population is seventeen or eighteen thousand people to the acre. Pure air is unknown. What air they do get is largely obtained through air shafts running from the roof downward. Few families have more than two rooms. Frequently a large family is crowded into one room. Indeed, there is frequently more than one family in one room.

Other cities, in proportion to population, are also well supplied with these disgusting, disease-breeding, crime-breeding bee hives of enforced communism.

As for the children, they are doomed. They have no playground but the street. Overcrowding, bad air and excessive heat create a frightful mortality among them. These conditions kill them off like sheep in a slaughter house. Thousands of those who escape death are foredoomed by their environment to become criminals, tramps, imbeciles or lunatics.

This is capitalist communism.

But millions of people who live in detached houses are but little better off. Their houses are built so close together that they also are forced into a distressing and harmful species of communism.

Capitalism congests the industries in large cities, to gain the advantage of railroad connections, shipping facilities, etc.

The wage slaves have to follow them in order to get an opportunity to earn a living.

Overcrowding is the natural result.

This deprives them of a large portion of their privacy.

The children, as usual, are the most pitiable victims.

It is next to impossible to prevent their being overwhelmed with undesirable companions, who ruin their morals, their dispositions and their manners.

Some of the children of the neighborhood are all right. But others are vulgar. Others are lascivious. Others are giddy. Others are envious. Others are glib. Others are profane. Others are tuberculous. Others are incompatible.

A child ought to have wholesome playmates.

A child ought likewise to have sufficient privacy to learn to amuse himself and instruct himself, to secure the immense moral and spiritual gains that are to be had from this.

But these rights are next to impossible of achievement, under capitalist communism.

For most families it is financially impossible even to have a board fence around the tiny lawn.

The parents who secure these rights for their children have to persistently fight for them.

A few parents make a desperate fight against having their children sacrificed.

But most of them give up in despair.

This is capitalist communism.

Socialism will put an end to it.

In the Socialist commonwealth there will be no incentive to congest the industries in one place. The health, comfort and welfare of the people will be of first importance. The industries can be scattered out. The people will no longer have to huddle together.

Moreover, when the people get all they earn, families, or groups of congenial families can afford to have a few acres of lawn and trees around the houses, if they want to, gaining for themselves a wholesome privacy and an opportunity to feel the throb of nature's heart.

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One reason why it has been confused with communism is because the history of language is again partly to blame. Half a century ago that which is now called Socialism was called communism. That is the reason Marx and Engels called their manifesto "The Communist Manifesto." If they had written it in recent years they would have called it "The Socialist Manifesto." That which was then called communism changed its name to Socialism, and the word communism took on an entirely different meaning. Such changes of meaning are frequent as well as confusing. For example, to borrow an illustration, Thomas Jefferson was a member of the republican party. But the republican party afterward changed its name to democratic party and it had no connection whatever with the republican party which was born just before the civil war. In a similar manner, that which was once called communism changed its name to Socialism, while the word communism came to mean something altogether different.

But the chief reason why Socialism has been confused with communism is because the capitalists and their satellites persistently lie about it. They persistently charge that Socialism is communism. They point to communistic enterprises and represent them to be samples of Socialism in actual operation.

But they are samples of communism, not of Socialism.

There are no real, bona fide samples of Socialism in operation at the present time, simply because no nation has yet been socialized, although a good many of them are about to be. The nearest approach we have to a sample of Socialism in actual operation at the present time is to be found in the post-office, the public schools and the publicly-owned water works, gas works, fire departments, etc. At the present time these publicly-owned institutions are administered largely in the interests of the capitalist class, which holds the political power. They are also largely stripped of safeguards from corruption. But, for all that, they are very successful from the standpoint of efficiency, and they are the nearest approach to samples of Socialism in actual operation that we have.

Communism means owning in common not only the means of production but frequently also private, personal, household effects. It usually means living in common.

Socialism is the collective ownership and control, not of private, personal household effects, but of those industries, those means of production and distribution, which are now used to exploit the masses of the people out of the bulk of the value of their honest toil.

Socialism does not mean that the people are to live in common any more than your mail carriers, or your school teachers, or your county officers—who work for the public—do now. They will be at liberty to live in common if they want to. They are at liberty to live in common now if they want to. But there is nothing in Socialism which makes it essential for them to live in common.

Socialism does not mean that you will have to surrender your privacy. On the contrary, it means that you will have an opportunity to regain the privacy which you have already surrendered, as I have pointed out above.

Socialism stands for the private ownership of everything that ought to be used in private. It stands for private property in everything except those things which can be used to exploit others. It proposes to let you board at the hotel or a restaurant, or have your meals delivered at the house, or cook for yourself, just as you please. It proposes to let you do whatever you please with your income, except to exploit others with it. You can spend your money as you please, or save it if you want to, and leave your baubles to whomsoever you please when you die.

Socialism proposes to promote fraternalism and good fellowship, not by a forced and

Local and Personal

Benjamin Poorbaugh, of Glencoe, spent Monday here.

Miss Nelle Stotler, of Elk Lick, was a shopper, Monday.

Mrs. Fred Fisher has returned from a visit in Ursina, Pa.

Miss Myrtle Smiley spent Thanksgiving day in Clairton, Pa.

Miss Helen and Nelle Boucher have returned from Pittsburgh.

Jesse Matthias, of Johnstown, is spending a few days here.

Mrs. W. A. Shumaker returned from Baltimore, Wednesday.

George May visited relatives and friends in Cumberland on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Habel visited friends in Cumberland, Thursday.

Miss Amelia Clotworthy returned Tuesday from a prolonged visit in Baltimore.

Miss Helen Baer, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. C. P. Baer.

Miss Irene Buttermore, of Uniontown, was the guest of Miss Pauline Groff, last week.

Miss Daisy Ohler visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Ohler, at Sand Patch, Thursday.

Miss Margaret Wilson, of Pittsburgh, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson.

Miss Bessie Smith, Elizabeth and Joseph Bradburn returned Sunday from a short visit in Lonaconing, Md.

Waldorf and James Wolford, of Cumberland, are visiting their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Mosholder.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beal, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Baer and son, Orion, returned from Bradock Sunday.

George J. Black, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black, who is Second Lieutenant in the regular army is home on furlough.

James Phillips has returned from the Western Maryland Hospital, Cumberland, where he underwent a slight operation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deals in Somerset County real estate have been consummated during the past week according to deeds recorded in the office of Recorder, John E. Custer:

John Weaver's Heirs to Jonas J. Weaver, Paint Boro, \$85.

Austin Long to Sam'l Koontz Shade township, \$285.

R. A. Walter to Heller Coal Company, Stoneycreek township, \$10.

Clinton C. Wagner to Duncan Coal Mining Company, Shade township, \$12,000.

William D. Lambert to Chas. Metzler, Somerset Boro, \$3900.

John Emmerring's Heirs to Henry A. Zimmerman, Benson, \$4,500.

Joseph Schoeb's Exr. to Frank E. Spear, Confluence, \$100.

William Hanna's Heirs to John W. Hanna, Milford township, \$10,500.

Catharine Civilla Hahn's Exr. to Grace D. Berkebile, Shade township, \$5,000.

Isiah P. Crise to Peter L. Shultz, Jefferson township, \$50.

Ed. D. Baldwin to Joseph Speicher, Berlin, \$1,250.

Lloyd C. Boyer's Heirs to J. Howard Meager, Salisbury, \$520.

Loyalhanna Coal and Coke Company to Graef's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shade township, \$1.

Sarah Hoffman's Heirs to Mary Sheets, Elk Lick township, \$1.

Simon Thomas' Heirs to Elsie Pearl Thomas, Conemaugh township, \$4,000.

Charles R. Sanner's Exr. to George J. Hay, Milford township, \$250.

Emanuel Hershberger to J. D. Yoder, Elk Lick township, \$13,500.

Jacob Punter to Rock Janice, Conemaugh township, \$550.

vulgar familiarity, but by removing the system which makes men enemies of each other.

We fully appreciate the necessity of society to the development of the individual.

We also appreciate the necessity of solitude to his development.

We will give him abundant opportunity for both society and solitude.

LIST OF CASES FOR DECEMBER COURT

Monday, December 3rd., 1917

Com. vs. Earl Walker, F. & B., Florence Mock, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Norman L. Shaulis, F. & B., Grace Dunmeyer, Pro. Com. vs. Henry Reitler, Bigamy and Adultery, Anna Reitler, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Mary Burnheimer, Bigamy and Adultery, Anna Reitler, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Fred Eisworth, Larceny, Robert McLuckie, Pros.

Com. vs. Merle Gindlesberger, F. & B., Myrtle Foust, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Harry Showman, Larceny, Andy Lichvor, Pros.

Com. vs. John Evanick, A. & B., Andy Statascheck, Pros.

Com. vs. Steve Chivey, Adultery, John Horvath, Pros.

Com. vs. John Horvath, A. & B., Teresa Horvath, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Joe Kovatch, Aggravated A. & B., Steve Sobek, Pros.

Com. vs. Verna Himmer, A. & B. and Surety, Grace Eppley Prtrx.

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Com. vs. Elmore B. Meyers, F. & B., Sue Meyers, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Patrick Witt, A. & B. and Desertion and Non-support, Elizabeth Witt, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Patsey Antonacci, Selling Liquor without license, Thomas J. Fitzgerald, Pros.

Com. vs. Charles Baldwin, Larceny by bailee, John Nick, Pros.

Com. vs. Eugene Seabring, F. & B., Carrie Upercraft, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Samuel Bingham and Samuel Day, A. & B., George Honkus, Pros.

Com. vs. Valso Drsky and Janlo Pleslovski, Aggravated A. & B., Earl E. Woy, Pros.

Com. vs. Harry K. Paul, F. & B., Mary Myrtle Croyle, Prtrx.

Tuesday, December 4th, 1917

Com. vs. Vincent Carr, Carrying Concealed Weapons, Ed. S. Airmann, Pros.

Com. vs. William Pritts, A. & B., Fred C. Brant, Pros.

Com. vs. Anastasia Simoely, Aggravated A. & B., Thos. Simoely, Pros.

Com. vs. Mike Kashinsky, A. & B. to kill, Julius Gralkopki, Pros.

Com. vs. John Hydor, Chas. Poroda and John Tako, A. & B., John Seta, Pros.

Com. vs. Daniel Kough, A. & B., J. G. Foly, Pros.

Com. vs. Annie Bero, A. & B., Shandor Nestor, Pros.

Com. vs. M. C. Clark, Aggravated A. & B., John Allen, Pros.

Com. vs. Frank Urban, Obstructing process, Joseph Kuhlman, Pros.

Com. vs. Henry Ellis, Burglary, B. E. Shipley, Pros.

Com. vs. Everett Pyle, F. & B., Jennie Philippi, Prtrx.

Wednesday, December 5th

Com. vs. Samuel Edwards, Murder, Ed. Hancock, Pros.

Com. vs. Joseph Fenyea, Murder, Ed. Hancock, Pros.

Friday, December 7th

Com. vs. Freeman Nicola, Desertion and Non-support, Salome Nicola, Prtrx.

Com. vs. Forest Morrison, Desertion and Non-support, Florence Morrison, Prtrx.

FEED FOR POULTRY

The high prices of grains this past year have caused many people to try different feeds and feeding from what might be called standard poultry feeding.

In this connection boiled oats has become very popular among large poultry keepers, and may be found desirable by others. Boiled oats are greedily eaten by chickens of all ages; make a good growing and a good laying feed and in results obtained are found to be the cheapest food that has been available the last six months.

To prepare, soak good heavy oats twelve hours or more (in hot weather or a warm room a fresh lot should be soaked daily), dissolve one tablespoonful of salt in each bucket of water for this; boil two or three hours and so gauge the amount of water used for soaking that at the finish the water is boiled away. Feed warm but not hot. White Leghorn pullets can have these boiled

oats twice daily, say at 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., and all they will eat up clean. For old hens or heavy weight pullets, one feed a day is enough and not too much at that, lest they become too fat on this much liked feed.

BE sure your plumbing has real worth. Just think, if your home were remodeled with "Standard" plumbing fixtures, how much nicer it would be, more comfortable, more convenient and in value increased above the cost of the remodeling.

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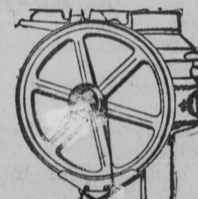
THE NEW DE LAVAL

NINE separator users out of ten turn the handles of their machines too slowly, and when this is done, not only will the machine not skim as clean as it should, but the thickness of the cream will vary.

While it is possible to adapt the capacity of the machine to the speed, it is not desirable to do this, because even if fairly clean skimming is accomplished at varying speeds, the cream will not be uniform in thickness.

There is only one satisfactory solution, and that is to make it practically impossible for the operator to run his machine at any but the proper speed.

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The "warning signal" that insures operation at the proper speed.

This simple device is patented by the De Laval Company and is found only on De Laval machines. It is only one of the many important improvements in the NEW De Laval. If you are considering the purchase of a separator, come in and let us show you a machine that has more good features than any separator you have ever seen.

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When your liver is out of order, your head, stomach, bile and bowels suffer with it. That is why a bilious attack is often serious. Ward it off with a few doses of

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which gently arouse a sluggish liver, and renew the activities so necessary to good health. They never produce any disagreeable after-effects. Their prompt use is beneficial to the system, and will

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PREPARING FOR THE "INTERNATIONAL"

At Chicago the first week of December will be staged not only the greatest display of live stock the world has ever witnessed, but that display will attain a degree of magnitude and merit now possible in no other country in the world.

The management of the International Live Stock Exposition has spared neither energy nor expense to make this display commensurate with the task the war has thrown upon this country in the matter of meat production.

Each season has added to the facilities for exhibitors and visitors. This year a large sum of money has been expended in perfecting these facilities. The buildings and grounds have been improved in many respects. Entries warrant the assertion that it will be the greatest aggregation of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep the world has ever seen.

The Public is invited to cooperate. A visit to the Exposition will pay either the initiated, the novice, or the mere spectator, thousands of whom have been interested in live stock during the past decade and a half by these annual educational efforts.

The 1917 International Live Stock Exposition will be adequately staged, every possible convenience for visitors will be provided and the entertainment features will be more brilliant and diverting than in the past.

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Even Food Administration

Men Can't Get Their Sugar

Members of the Food Administration at Washington, D. C., now have an added personal reason for urging conservation of sugar.

A recent canvass of retail stores of the city showed that of 22 stores 15 had no sugar. Three had only a small supply of cube sugar in packages. Every store had less than 100 pounds and none had prospect of an immediate supply. Of three wholesalers and one jobber, two had no sugar. One had a three day supply.

No relief is promised for at least six weeks, and Washington will be on a short sugar ration until after Christmas at least.

In the Middle West and on the Pacific Coast, where reserve stocks are heavier, dealers generally are responding to the cry for help by placing the same limit on sales in use in the hard-hit Eastern districts—2 pounds to a customer, providing other purchases are made.