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Dialogue Between Laborer and Capitalist.

Laborer—When the powers that be at Washington destroyed the producer's money and substituted the bank note, they virtually smote the rock of our national resources, and abundance of revenue burst forth.

Capitalist—Grand, statesmanship indeed!

Laborer—But wait until I analyze this sentence. The rock of our national resources is the producer; is it not? Well, when a highwayman waylays a producer, smites him and rips open his pockets, the same grand result follows, does it not?

Capitalist—Rather a forcible illustration.

Laborer—Yes, but it is not a forcible case.

Capitalist—Well, what are you going to do about it?

Laborer—In the first place the basis that was adopted for a medium of exchange in the days of sickle, hoe and hand-loom production, and mule and camel transportation, we are going to consign to the museum of ancient relics, and substitute for it one founded on the source of all wealth, land; and our seat of government will then be removed from Wall street, and be established at Washington.

Capitalist—You had better attend strictly to your business. Study and practice economy, and let politics alone.

Laborer—That is practically what we have been doing for the last twenty years, and if we continue it twenty years longer we will be obliged to emigrate to Ireland or Russia.

OBSERVER.

Looking Forward.

By Edward Bellamy in the Nationalist for Dec.

It is an indication of ripeness of the times for the National plan of industry that the predominating economic facts and tendences of the epoch so lend themselves to its arms as to leave no question as to the practical policy of the movement. In order to realize in due time the Nationalist idea it is only necessary to take judicious advantage of the contemporary tendency toward the consolidation of capital and the concentration of business control. The "Ship of State" is already being borne onward by a current which it is only needful to utilize in order to reach the desired haven. The progressive nationalization and municipalization of industries by substituting public control for the public advantage, in place of already highly centralized forms of corporate control for corporate advantage, is at once the logical and inevitable policy of Nationalism.

In looking forward, however, to the future of the movement, and forecasting the work it may be able to accomplish, it is impossible not to recognize that more after all depends upon its spirit than its method. Its method scarcely may be other than the one indicated, and this is so obviously the natural, and not an arbitrary method, as to give the best of ground for confidence that is the right one. But an excellent method may be defeated by a bad spirit, while on the other hand, if the spirit be good and true, mistakes of method may be remedied, and will not prevent ultimate triumph. In offering some suggestions as to the spirit which should animate the Nationalist movement I do but describe what seems to me the characteristics of its present spirit and of the men and women engaged in it.

The first of these characteristics is unselfishness.

The sentiment of human brotherhood which is the animating principle of Nationalism is a relegion in itself, and to understand it in its full significance implies a sense of consecration on the part of those who devote themselves to it. Nationalism, is indeed, also upon the soundest economic laws; the principle of fraternal co-operation is as certainly the only true science of wealth-production, as it is the only moral basis for society; but the latter is so much more the important consideration that even if a brotherly relation with our fellow men could only be attained by the sacrifice of wealth, not the less would the true Nationalist seek it. The ultimate triumph of Nationalism demands as its first condition that it be kept upon the high moral ground it now occupies, and retain as its chief motive that pure and uncompromising enthusiasm of humanity which now animates it.

The second of the characteristics essential to the spirit of Nationalism, if it is to succeed speedily, is a tolerant and charitable attitude toward the critical and the indifferent—toward our opponents.

There is the more need of dwelling on this point as there seems to be, curiously enough, something in the advocacy of reforms which tends to develop an intolerant and uncharitable spirit toward those who are not yet believers. And yet what could be more exquisitely absurd in itself than that spirit, on the part of a reformer, or more calculated to defeat his own supposed end. If it be true, as the tone of some reformers toward the rest of the world seems to indicate, that they are hopelessly better than the general mass of men, what expectation can they have of the success of their reform, since it can only succeed by converting these bad people? Until we call a man names, there is always a chance that we may convert him, but afterwards, none at all. And not only that, but we are not helping our case with the by-standers. It would seem plain that only reformers who have all the converts they need can afford to call their opponents names. There is especially one form of denunciation which Nationalists have thus far left to other sorts of social reformers, and it is hoped we may continue to. This is the denunciation of the wealthy in the supposed interests of the poor. Nothing could be more unjust and senseless. The rich could not, however disposed, abolish or greatly lessen the poverty so long as the present industrial system remains. It is the system that is to be attacked and not individuals whose condition, whether of riches or of poverty, merely illustrates its results. Of course, there are many rich men who have become so by vicious methods and these merit personal condemnation, but there are probably more to whose enterprise and leadership the community owes much of the little wealth and comfort it has. It is a very barbarous and wasteful sort of leadership, to be sure, and one for which we hope to substitute a mode of organizing industry infinitely more humane and efficient. But meanwhile let us not fall into the mistake of those who rant against capitalists in general, as if, pending the introduction of a better system, they were not,—no doubt selfishly, but yet in fact—performing a necessary function to keep the present system going.

It is the distinguishing quality of Nationalism and one on which its near success largely depends that it places the whole subject of industrial and social reform upon a broad National basis, viewing it not from the position or with the prejudices of any one group of men, but from the ground of a common citizenship, humanity and morality. Nationalism is not a class movement; it is a citizens' movement. It represents peculiarly neither men nor women, North nor South, black nor white, poor nor rich, educated nor ignorant, employers nor employed, but all equally; holding that all of us alike, whatever our label may be, are victims in body, mind or soul, in one way or another, of the present barbarious industrial and social arrangements, and that we are equally interested, if not for our physical, yet for our moral advantage, if not for ourselves, then for our children, in breaking the meshes which entangle us and struggling upward to a higher, nobler, happier plane of existence.

The third of the characteristics essential to the spirit of Nationalism is patriotism.

There are social reformers who believe, the less one's devotion to his own country and countrymen, the better he will love other countries and humanity at large, as if a man were usually found to be a better neighbor in proportion as he neglects his own family. This is a belief which Nationalists utterly repudiate. The very word Nationalism is an appeal to love of country. Patriotism, though so often misdirected, is the grandest and most potent form under which the enthusiasm of humanity has yet shown itself capable of moving great masses, and in its spirit contained the promise and potency of the world-embracing love in which it will some day merge. Social reforms must follow National lines and will succed as they are able to adapt themselves to National conditions and sentiments and identify themselves with National traditions and aspriations. We, as Americans do not, I am sure, love mankind any the less for the aspiration we cherish that, in the presence of the world-wide movement for a better social order, America may maintain and justify that leadership of the nations which she assumed a century ago.

The fourth characteristic of the Nationalist which it must retain as a condition of success is its present spirit of conservatism as to methods, combined with uncompromising fidelity to ends.

Evolution, not revolution, orderly and progressive development, not precipitate and hazardous experiment, is our true policy. The intoxication of a mighty hope should not tempt us to forget that the success of the great reform to which we have set our hands depends not so much upon winning the applause of our fellow-enthusiasts, welcome as this may be, as upon gaining and keeping the confidence of the law-abiding masses of the American people. To this end we have need to be careful that no party or policy of disorder or riot finds any countenance from us. It is my own belief that on account of its peculiar adaptation to the present economic and social states and tendencies Nationalism is destined to move rapidly, but is for this very reason that prudence and conservatism are called for on the part of those idintified with it. Our mistakes alone can hinder our cause.

EDWARD BELLAMY.

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The Farmers' Alliance and Knights of Labor have joined hands and will push on the reform movement together. If they mean what they say somebody had better stand from under. The great trouble with the working classes is that they won't vote as they talk. If they ever get enough sand in their craws to vote for their interests, the days of such men as Allison and Coal Oil Payne are numbered. However, let the good work go on. Push forward the the organizations. Educate and agitate.

Corn for Fuel.

Atchison Globe.

The Rawlins county farmer refuses to sell his corn because he can get only eight cents a bushel for it. He burns it in preference because coal is worth thirty cents a bushel. He also lives in a sod house because lumber is worth $35 a thousand. A little over a year ago the Rawlins county farmer whooped up a big majority for high protective tariff, which puts a tax on coal and lumber, and lets corn take care of itself. Result: Coal 30 cents, lumber $35, corn 8 cents.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

EIGHT DROWNED.

BERLIN, Jan. 8—Eight persons were drowned at Lubeck today by breaking through the ice while skating.

A FALLING OFF.

ROME, Jan. 8—The contribution of Peter's pence to the pope for the year 1889 were 150,000 lire less than during the preceding year. The legacies to the church during 1889 amounted to 4,000,000 lire.

A RIOT FEARED.

BERLIN, Jan. 8—The authorities are fearful that the striking compositors here will endeavor to incite a riot. Two companies of military are parading the streets for the purpose of suppressing any disorderly demonstrations.

OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 8.—An official decree just promulgated proclaims the separation of the church and state, guarantees religious liberty equally and condones the life stipends granted under the monarchy.

Laborers Organize.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.—An organization has been formed in this city embracing in its membership all the labor and several of the German bodies. Its purpose is to watch public officials and exercise its influence by means of petitions to legislative bodies. It is claimed by its leaders that 30,000 Cincinnati voters can be reached within ten days, so perfect is its organization. The following organizations send delegates to the body, which is known as "The Municipal Congress:" Central labor council, amalgamated council of building trades, district 48 K. of L., national club, single tax club, and the league for liberty and right. The organization is thoroughly democratic.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Edited by Mrs. S. C. O. UPTON, of Lincoln, Neb., of the Nebraska Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The editor of THE ALLIANCE places the responsibility of this column in the care of the above editor.

Mrs. Upton has failed to furnish us copy for this department this week.

Wants to Encourage Them.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—At the reopening of the session on Monday next Senator Frye will introduce a bill authorizing and directing the postmaster-general as soon as practicable to forward all ocean mails by American steamships and to make contracts with them for not less than five nor more than ten years. It is required that the ships with which contracts are made for trans-Atlantic service shall have a capacity of 5,000 tons and a speed of not less than eighteen knots an hour, and that those for the trans-Pacific and South American trade a tonnage of not less than twenty-five hundred tons and a speed of not less than fourteen knots, that they shall be paid not more than $10 and not less than $5 per mile for the distance traveled on their voyage outward. Another condition is that the vessels, like those of the naval reserve of England and France, shall be constructed upon models approved by the secretary of the navy and be suitable for the use of the government as cruisers or transports in time of war. The secretary of the navy is also authorized to detail officers from the naval list of the United States for the command of these vessels whenever it shall be desired by the owners thereof and to grant such officers leave of absence for a term of years on half or one-third pay without affecting their standing in the service or impairing their prospects for promotion. For the purpose of educating seamen each of these shall carry three or four petty officers or cadets, young men like those in the royal mail service of England, who shall be apprenticed for a certain term of years and be given such duties to perform as shall give them the opportunity to learn from practical experience the science of seamanship. The latter condition is thought to be very important. The race of seamen in the United States is almost extinct. Our young men can make so much better wages on land and live so much more comfortably that they will no longer consent to go to sea as the skippers of New England did twenty-five and thirty years ago. The forecastles of our ships are now filled with foreigners who are willing to work for such low wages and put up with such bad food that American boys will not serve with them. There are plenty of young fellows who would be glad to go to sea as petty officers and learn how to navigate vessels if they could have the chance, and to afford them an opportunity and to educate a new generation of practical seamen, this provision will be inserted in the bill. The provision permitting the detail of naval officers to command the ships is also an important one. Competent officers are very scarce and have to be imported from Europe. At the same time, the navy is full of idle officers who would be glad to take berths on merchant ships, provided they could do so without losing their chances of promotion. The limit of the money to be expended annually under this bill is $3,000,000.

An Immigration Evil

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—A great deal of interest is being taken in the subject of immigration by legislators from every section of the country. The committee appointed by the last congress to make an investigation of the subject reports that the present laws were loosely constructed and loosely enforced; that proper legislation is comparatively necessary for the good of the government and the people at large. At present a head tax of 50 cents for each immigrant who arrives in the United States is levied. This collection is made for the purpose of caring for the improper persons arriving in the United States who must return to their homes. The payment of this pittance seems to act as a license for steamship owners and immigrant agents, whereby they may send every possible character to be found into this country. It is proposed to abolish this head tax and to place the responsibility of classifying emigrants upon steamship companies. The steamship corporations will be required to exercise a stipulated scrutiny in accepting emigrants to this country, and when their greed for revenue grows in such a way that their judgment and conscience are warped they will from their own coffers have to stand the expense of returning the emigrants to their homes and the making of such reparation as may be deemed necessary. The head tax now levied is simply a license for every conceivable wrong in passing upon emigrants to the United States.

From the Doomed City.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 6.—The mail train west bound on the Pennsylvania road tonight killed two men at Tyrone, one of them being the train dispatcher. The other has not been identified. They were walking on the track when struck. At Ben's creek, about twelve miles east of here, the train also struck and instantly killed two men supposed to be Hungarians in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad. They stepped in front of the engine and were terribly mangled. The train was stopped, the bodies taken aboard and brought to this place, where they now lay awaiting identification. Two miles further down the road from here the train struck an omnibus which runs between Johnstown and Morrelliville and almost killed a woman.

Almost Starved His Wife.

PETERBORO, Ont., Jan. 5.—A terrible tale of brutality was brought to light at the inquest yesterday on the body of Mrs. Eliza Holbrook, wife of James E. Holbrook, justice of the peace and a wealthy farmer of this county. Mrs. Holbrook, who is seventy years old and feeble, left her home, about two miles from Haverlock, December 24, to go to a neighbor's house, and on Thursday was found in the swamp about three miles from home. The evidence given at the inquest showed that Holbrook kept his wife badly clothed and ill fed, locking up the provisions from her, and that he beat her shamefully. The verdict censured Holbrook and when the body of his wife was turned over to him he refused to bury it, but finally consented to do so when he learned that otherwise it would be turned over to a medical college. The feeling against Holbrook is intense and the people are clamoring for his prosecution.

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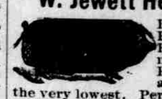

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