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Kicks for the Under Dog

Editor Independent: In your issue of December 17 you feign to reply to my previous article, as you term it "collectively." It seems plain enough you do not intend to give socialism a fair show. Every time you write of it you create a man of straw, name it socialism, then tear it to pieces. I see little difference between originating a false and scurrilous article and the quoting and indorsement of one.

You say "the control of subsistence being in the state, parental control of children would be gone." You talk silly; who is the state but the people? You talk like an autocracy was to be formed with which the people had no connection. I cannot think you are so ignorant of true socialism as you appear to be.

Under socialism the state will have no more to do with schooling the children than it has now. Would you rather the railroads and trusts would control the means of subsistence than the state (people)? If so, you are not even a good populist. You would not contend that the trusts, although controlling the means of subsistence, controlled education except in an indirect way, neither would the state save as now. You have got French communism sadly mixed with modern American socialism (nationalism).

You still insist that socialism says all property must be common; I denied this in my last article which you refuse to publish, and continue to patch up your "man of straw." Only

profit-paying property is to be publicly owned.

There are thousands like yourself writing on socialism who know little of its teachings, and the more shame to them for so doing. Populists evidently see that socialism will inevitably supplant populism; hence, the spite, narrowness and determined misrepresentation of so many populist papers and writers. Socialism has simply taken a principle which the populists applied to a few industries and applied it to all of the industries; and if socialism breaks up homes by nationalizing all the industries, then in the same degree would populism break up homes by nationalizing part of those industries.

I notice that you have become a member of the Volunteer American Press Writers' association of which I am a member. I think as a matter of courtesy and as affording proof of your fidelity to the reform and liberal principles of our association that you should give me and socialism a fair hearing.

B. F. FRENCH.

San Francisco, Cal. A. P. W. 359.

(The editor in chief and the associate editor do not hold exactly the same views regarding socialism—although both are in harmony of questions of populism. Mr. French's criticism is directed toward an editorial written by the editor in chief, who is now away on a trip through the east. If the article Mr. Tibbles quoted from is "false and scurrilous," then the blame rests upon the Agitator—a socialist publication. But I do not believe the article is false and scurrilous, because there are "free lover" social-

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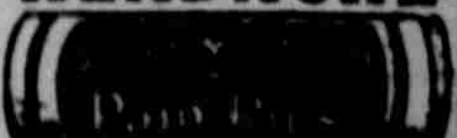
ists who try to fasten their views upon the socialist movement, just as there are atheists who try to make it atheistic.

Marxian socialism antedates populism by many years. Mr. French is sadly mistaken in believing that "socialism has simply taken a principle which the populists applied to a few industries and applied it to all industries." Socialism had taken its stand long before there was any people's party. Populists recognize a practical difference between those industries which are generally known as "natural monopolies" and those in which there is no visible tendency toward monopoly. Socialists measure everything in one half-bushel measure. Because it seems well to have public ownership of railroads, popul-

ists argue, is no reason why there should be public ownership of blacksmith shops; socialists make no distinction. There must be "collective ownership of the means of production and distribution," or socialists will not be satisfied.—Associate Editor.)

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