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### Socialism Fake?

Rev. James H. Cotter, L. L. D., in a recent issue of the *Columbian*, gives a valuable contribution of the literature of the day directed toward an expose of the fallacies of Socialism and of its covert campaign to destroy the Christian Religion.

Father Cotter makes one of his strongest points when he shows how the Eifurt platform, now the creed of international Socialism, has for its foundation this dictum:—"Abolition of all expenditure of public money for ecclesiastical purposes." The ignorant reader may say:—"Why that's no different from present conditions." That's where you are mistaken. Under present conditions, it is true, public money cannot be appropriated or expended for sectarian purposes, but private funds can. Under the Socialist regime, however, all property is to be public property and private ownership is abolished. Hence, if there be no private funds and no public funds can be used for any religious purpose, how, then can Religion be supported? Moreover, the State will lay down what each citizen is to do. It may assign the priest or preacher to chicken raising and where, then, will we have any clergymen, Catholic or non-Catholic?

This is one of the most important points in the whole discussion. It affects all professed Christians, whether they be Catholics or non-Catholics. When a Socialist tells you that his cult has no wish or desire to interfere with established Religion, just call his attention to this argument and mark well what he says.

Bebel says:—"In politics we profess republicanism, in economic Socialism, in religion Atheism." Father Kress of Social Service fame, wrote to the National Socialist convention asking it to disavow the free love expressions of such leaders as Bebel, Deville and Morris, but the letter never was answered. There is one certain antidote to Socialism and its dangers. That is the Catholic faith as interpreted through the Holy Catholic Church. And that antidote will prevail in the end. God has never permitted the forces of Hell to prevail against His Church and He never will.

### R. M. Searle

While one of the most modest of men, R. M. Searle is one of Rochester's most active and valuable citizens. Since his advent in this community, public sentiment regarding the gas and electric companies has undergone a complete change. Whereas these public service corporations were execrated and excoriated by the public, to-day they are regarded almost in the light of public benefactors. Everybody is using electric light and everybody is making use of gas irons and electric irons. If the Railway and Light Company wishes a favor at the City Hall, "pro bono publico" is

not on his feet to protest or with pen in hand to kick.

How was this brought about? Merely by meeting the public half way, by a realization that the public has some rights as well as the public service corporations and then by harmonizing the two extremes. The corporations employees were told by Mr. Searle that complainants were to be treated civilly and even if they demanded to see Mr. Searle personally even that was to be permitted. The plan has worked to perfection.

On the other hand, the street car company's executive officers have pursued a different course with the inevitable result that the public seems to have imbibed a deep-seated dislike of the Rochester Railway company.

The financial interests which control both lighting and street railway corporations have decided to have Mr. Searle try his plan with the street railway company in hope that conditions would be reversed.

Well, if any human being can do that, Robert M. Searle is the one. He is a man who achieves results.

### Let Us Have Peace

We are expecting political peace now that the impeachment trial and the elections are over. Now that the new tariff law is passed we have a right to look forward to industrial peace and when the new currency law is on the statute books that we may expect financial peace.

Therefore, it is disquieting to hear rumors of more strikes and lockouts in Rochester's industrial world. With unseasonable weather that has unsettled business conditions and possibility of many firms not being able to dispose of their stocks, it is quite plain that only care and prudence can ward off failures even with the very best of business conditions. But with a strike or two added conditions may be brought about that will work serious damage to the community at large.

It is to be hoped that Rochester workers will be prudent and careful and not precipitate any unnecessary strike or industrial disturbances for a year or so. It is also to be hoped that Rochester employers also will refrain from imposing unnecessary restrictions upon their employees. This is a time when mutual forbearance is needed sorely.

Moreover, the general public should also mind its own business and do its part to promote mutual harmony and contentment.

If the Socialist were honest, he would admit that he and his cult mean to destroy all Religion, else how could they expect to win their campaign?

Why is it that the missionaries are so averse to granting independence to the Filipinos? The great Filipinos are as well educated, as refined as any Americans, some of them more so. The Moros and Igorottes, exploited in the expositions and fairs, are no fit sample of the Filipinos.

Between Hennessy, Whitman and Osborne, the grafters ought to be pretty well rooted out and sent to prison.

It is to be hoped that Governor Glynn will consent to grace the annual roastfest of the Rochester News Writers Club.

Judging from appearances, nearly every Catholic in Rochester made the jubilee.

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There is a deal of truth in what Dr. Johnson says:—"He who waits to do a great deal of good at once never will do any."



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