Solidarity (1892–1898)

Prospectus: The word is in itself a programme. It means that the social problem must be resolved, not in the interest of some class or fraction of a class, but of all—i.e., in view of the total abolition of class distinctions and denominations. The word indicates also the method by which that end can be reached. To bind men together to forsake and fight class spirit, rivalries, and interests is our task. The present organization being distinguished by class hierarchy and class struggles, what we strive for must be characterized by solidarity. Solidarity implies liberty, as it may only exist among free men, and will guarantee the permanency of liberty in society. It also implies equality of social opportunities, without assuming uniformity of any kind. Economically, solidarity means cooperation all through; politically, it means the absence of a coercing power; morally, it means mutual help, mutual love, and the greatest development of individual and social life. Solidarity, therefore, is the synthetical expression for socialism and anarchism, taking the broadest and deepest view of both, and of the nature, constitution, and requirements of human society.

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SELECTIONS

S. Merlino. "International Solidarity." 6 (Sept. 8, 1892). An address delivered September 3, 1892, in Buffalo, New York. Merlino states, "There are two policies which may be pursued by the workingmen in order to better their lot or prevent it from becoming worse: one is the policy of isolation. Each trade shutting itself, each union contriving to keep its ground and discouraging the influx of outstanding workmen by heavy entrance fees, closing of the membership's books, restriction of apprenticeship and legal restriction or prohibition of immigration. . . . The policy of isolation and egotism is a suicidal policy. There is but one salvation for the working classes, and this is solidarity. No class or section of the working community can alone fight the capitalists."

Juliet Severance. "Shall Such Things Continue?" 17 (Feb. 25, 1893). Severance reports on the imprisonment of George Wilson, proprietor of an agnostic publishing house in Chicago, for sending his catalog to a Comstock agent.

S.M. "Socialist-Anarchism. How to Restore Peace, Equality, Justice and Liberty to the Commonwealth." 19 (Apr. 22, 1893).

W. C. Owen. "The New American Revolution." 21 (June 24, 1893). A lecture delivered in England.

William Holmes. "Altgeld and the Anarchists." 22 (July 29, 1893). Holmes announces the pardon of Samuel Fielden, Michael Schwab, and Oscar Neebe.

John Edelmann. "To the Unemployed." 23 (Aug. 26, 1893).

Giovani Rossi. "Caecilia: Notes on an Experimental Anarchistic Colony in Brazil." 1:1 (Jan. 1, 1895)–1:6 (Mar. 15, 1895).

"[Charles W.] Mowbray's Arrest." 1:2 (Jan. 15, 1895). Following a lecture to the Ladies' Liberal League, Mowbray was arrested on December 28, 1894, and charged with inciting to riot and sedition against the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Charles Mowbray. "Strikes, Organized Labor and the Militia." 1:3 (Feb. 1, 1895). Mowbray insists that "We must denounce the brutal indifference of the employed to the sufferings of the unemployed—the criminals, the tramps, the casual laborers, the victims in short, of the brutal system of class monopoly we are all suffering under. The old style sectional union is played out. The only hope of the workers is in solidarity."

"A Judas." 1:3 (Feb. 1, 1895). This article refers to Eugene Cotin; reprinted from *Pere Peinard* (London).

E. Malatesta. "International Federation of Revolutionary Anarchist-Socialists." 1:4 (Feb. 15, 1895).

"The Acquittal of Savario Merlino." 1:6 (Mar. 15, 1895). Reprinted from *Cristoforo Colombo* (Florence, Italy). Merlino had been charged with publishing seditious literature and was defended by Enrico Ferri.

F. A. Frank. "Anarchy Pure and Simple." 1:7 (Apr. 1, 1895).

Voltairine de Cleyre. "The Miracles of Political Magic." 1:10 (Apr. 1, 1898).

A. J. Pope. "A Brief Account of the Suppression of 'The Firebrand' and the Arrest of A. J. Pope, H. Addis, and A. Isaak." 1:12 (May 1, 1898).

Louise Michel. "Solidarity." 1:13 (May 15, 1898). Michel reports on her efforts to create a "refuge-colony in England for the proscribed."

Saverio Merlino. "Against Abstention." 1:14 (June 1, 1898). Reprinted from *Der Socialist* (Berlin). Merlino states, "Without believing that the social question can be settled by laws or decrees, I am nevertheless in favor of voting and of the Parliamentary struggle. Since it is not contrary to Socialistic and Anarchistic principles, for the people to defend its interests and try to enforce its will in every possible manner."

J. A. Maryson. "The Different Schools of Anarchism." 1:14 (June 1, 1898)–1:15 (June 15, 1898).

Chas. B. Cooper. "The Sex Question—Another Prosecution." 1:15 (June 15, 1898). This article refers to the arrest of George Bedborough, editor of the *Adult* (London).

"Enrico Malatesta to Savario Merlino." 1:16 (July 1, 1898). Malatesta addresses Merlino's attempt to reconcile anarchism and parliamentarism.

Emma Goldman. "A Short Account of My Late Tour." 1:16 (July 1, 1898).

Louise Michel. "The Red Century." 1:16 (July 1, 1898).

Homestead Strike

W. C. Owen. "The Lesson of the Hour." 3 (July 9, 1892). Owen comments on Andrew Carnegie and the Homestead strike.

"'Homestead' Again" and "Holy Simplicity." 4 (July 30, 1892).

Alexander Berkman's Attempted Assassination of Henry Clay Frick

"A Few Words for Comrade Berkman." 4 (July 30, 1892). The editor declares, "To all new and great ideas, governments have but one argument to oppose: force. Eventually, however, the violence of the repression turns out to be the greatest motor of Progress."

"Berkman Interviewed." 4 (July 30, 1892). Reprinted from the first edition of the July 24, 1892, issue of the *Philadelphia Record*.

"Sentenced." 8 (Oct. 8, 1892). The author notes that Berkman "refused to employ lawyers for his defense. He could be sentenced, not convicted. He was a victim brought to the altar, not a criminal before his judges. His judges were his enemies, the enemies and exploiters of Labor, the sworn enemies of the cause he represented."

"Opinion of the 'Revolte' on Berkman and His Deeds." 8 (Oct. 8, 1892). *Revolte* comments, "Berkman has done more for the propaganda of our principles among the masses which do not read our papers, than all the writings we may publish. He has shown that there are, among the Anarchists, men capable of being revolted by the crimes of Capitalism . . . and he has proved that our Chicago martyrs were not the last Mohicans of the anarchistic movement in the United States."

Alexander Berkman Letter. 16 (Feb. 9, 1893). A January 5, 1893, letter written from the Western Penitentiary in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Jules Moineau Affair

Note: Moineau was sentenced to twenty-five years' hard labor for exploding a "minute quantity" of stolen dynamite on the step of the house of Judge Renson.

Marie Louise. "Jules Moineau." 6 (Sept. 8, 1892). Louise highlights Moineau's statement before the Court of Liege, Belgium.

Marie Louise. "The Affair of Jules Moineau." 7 (Sept. 24, 1892); 9 (Oct. 22, 1892); 11 (Nov. 19, 1892). Louise highlights the plea to the court and jury by Moineau's attorney, Emile Royer.

Methods of Propaganda

John H. Edelmann. "Caution." 9 (Oct. 22, 1892). Edelmann calls for written and spoken propaganda governed by "boldness of expression, clearness in statement of principles, and no recommendation or appeals to specific deeds. . . . The individual propaganda of action must be left to individual initiative, and as to general revolt, that must be a spontaneous action and can neither be created [n]or controlled by conspiracy or agreement."

William Holmes. "Methods of Propaganda." 13 (Dec. 17, 1892). Criticizing past methods, Holmes notes, "We have employed means which, while they have not perceptibly crippled the enemy, have injured ourselves. We

have used bravado where we should have used cunning; we have strained our legal rights where we might have fortified ourselves behind them. We have been butting our heads against the strong wall of authority; we should have undermined it."

S. Merlino. "Kid-Gloved Anarchists." 13 (Dec. 17, 1892). Merlino believes that Holmes seeks to take "The anarchist movement from the workshop to the drawing room, from the street to the church, from the saloon to the social gatherings of well-to-do people." Merlino concludes, "We must agitate and fight in the ranks of the toilers. We must be ready to give our life for the cause at any time, if we wish to accomplish anything at all."

Lattimer, Pennsylvania Massacre

Voltairine de Cleyre. "Hazelton and After." 1:9 (Mar. 15, 1898). De Cleyre described the trial as comparable to "trying the devil in hell."

J. Edelmann. "Lattimer." 1:9 (Mar. 15, 1898). Edelmann reports the acquittal of Sheriff James Martin and his deputies, who were charged with murdering nineteen striking Hazelton miners as they marched from Hazelton to Lattimer to persuade their fellow workers to join their strike.

Spanish-American War

S.J. "The Crisis." 1:10 (Apr. 1, 1898).

J. "Free Cuba." 1:11 (Apr. 15, 1898).

Chas. B. Cooper. "Cuba." 1:12 (May 1, 1898).

S. E. Kiser. "Setting Cuba Free." 1:13 (May 15, 1898). A poem.

NOTE

Solidarity discontinued publication between August 26, 1893, and January 1895 and between April 1895 and March 1898.

ENDNOTES

1. Paul Avrich, *An American Anarchist: The Life of Voltairine de Cleyre* (Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press, 1978), 152, n.21; Candace Falk, Barry Pateman, and Jessica M. Moran, eds., *Making Speech Free,*

1902–1909, vol. 2 of *Emma Goldman: A Documentary History of the American Years* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005), 534.

2. John H. Edelmann assumed responsibility for issuing *Solidarity* when Saverio Merlino left for Europe. J. H. Edelmann. "To the Readers of Solidarity," *Solidarity*, 22 (July 29, 1893): 1. I have chosen to credit Merlino as editor for the first fifteen issues, given the evidence that he was already in Europe by the time no. 16 (Feb. 9, 1893) was issued. See S. Merlino. "Letter from England. The Scotch Anarchists' Conference," *Solidarity*, 16 (Feb. 9, 1893): 2–3.



Spanish Revolution (1936–1938)

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SELECTIONS

"Don't Discuss Fascism, Destroy It Says Durruti in Broadcast." 1:4 (Oct. 19, 1936).

"Workers Councils to Clear Spain of Fascism." 1:4 (Oct. 19, 1936).