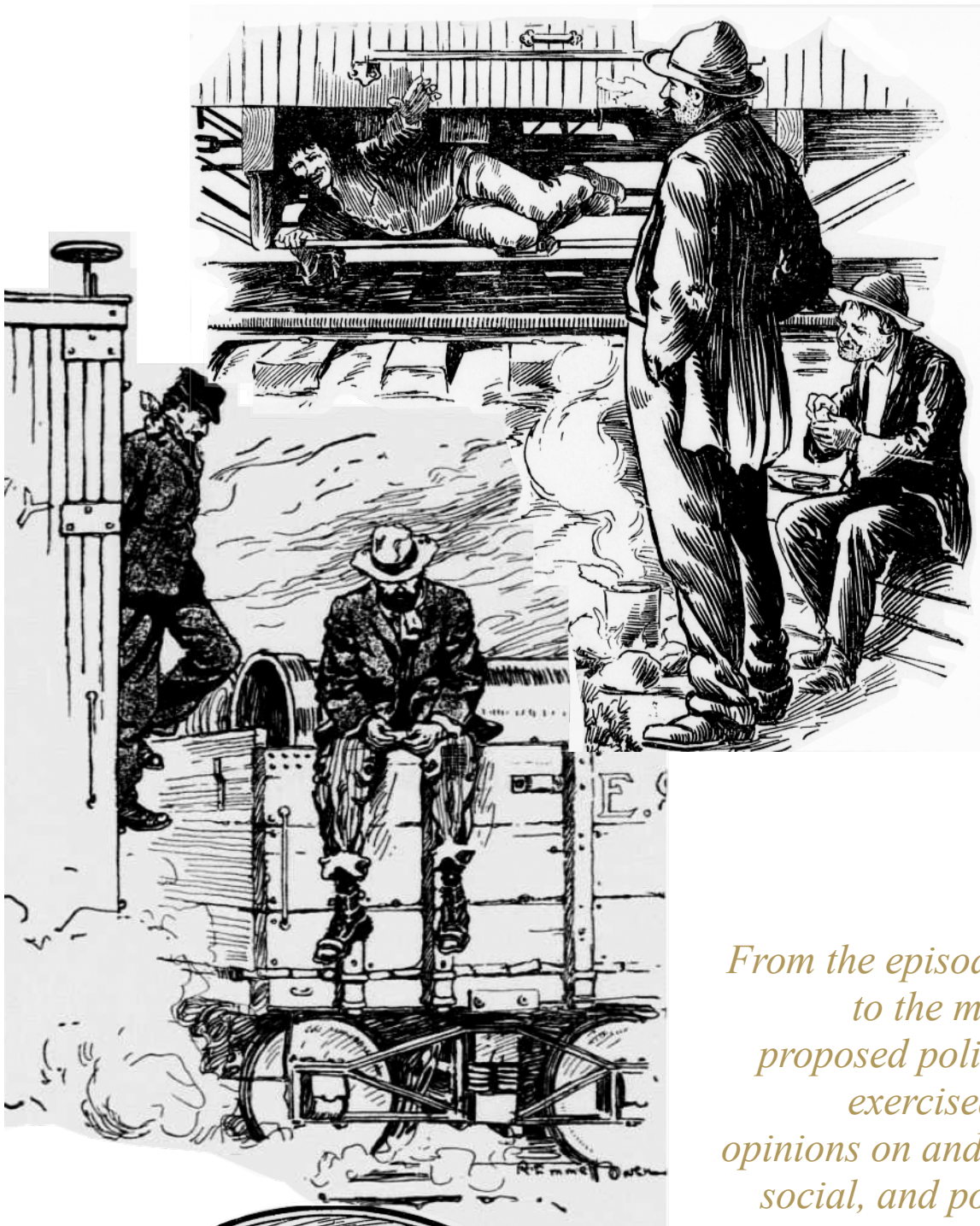


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ADVENTURE AND ANGUISH –

JACK LONDON, THE HOBO WHO LEARNED SOCIALISM
IN ERIE COUNTY, NY, PENITENTIARY



GUEST LECTURE

Institut für Anglistik
und Amerikanistik

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From the episodes of religious dissent in the 17th century to the most recent forms of resistance against the proposed policies of President Trump, Americans have exercised their fundamental right to express their opinions on and their opposition to problematic cultural, social, and political attitudes and policies. In this way, they have embodied the long tradition of democratic debate in American culture.

As part of the seminar “Dissent and Resistance – An American Tradition,” Professor Jeanne Reesman’s lecture examines the “hobo” selves that Jack London creates in his narratives about his teenage years and his experiences in 1894 with “Kelly’s Industrial Army” when thousands of men marched on Washington to protest against unemployment and to petition the government for a federally-funded public works program.



Illustrations of hobo life printed in late-19th century American newspapers