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FOR THE OWNERSHIP OF THE EARTH
And the Fullness Thereof
By All the People and Not by Part of the People

Labor Day Will Be Great
When It Comes In November

The greatest holiday in the world in memory of any act of man will some day be Labor day. It will be a holiday that will stand for more than any other day in the year, because it will COMMEMORATE more.

It will breathe more of the spirit of the day on which the French celebrate the fall of the Bastille, perhaps, than anything else, because it will commemorate the fall of the bastille of capitalism.

But it will not come on the first Monday in September. It will be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in some November—ELECTION DAY.

Therein lies the cue for labor and whether it now thinks it advisable or not, it MUST take it up, because events over which it has no control will COMPEL it to do so.

It must find redress for its wrongs at the ballot box. Labor is now being plundered by a system that is entrenched in the law of the land.

The plundering cannot be stopped except by substituting laws that will be good for all in the place of laws that have been passed for a privileged few.

The working class cannot secure the passage of laws that they need and be sure that they will be honestly interpreted by the courts until they pool their forces at the ballot box and elect honest men whose sympathies are THEIR sympathies, to make the laws and appoint the judges to interpret them.

And in that respect, the working class has until now been insufferably dull. Year after year it has been duped into voting tickets that had been carefully prepared for it by others who were bent upon maintaining the very conditions that enable the plundering to be done.

The prohibitionists, as earnest a body of men as ever lived, showed far more political sagacity when they said: "No. We will vote neither of the old party tickets. Saloonkeepers vote both of those tickets and if they are intended to give the saloonkeepers what THEY want, they certainly would not give us what WE want."

John D. Rockefeller, who, whatever else he may be, is not a fool, votes the ticket of a certain party and contributes largely to the support of that party, because he feels that it is to his advantage, as an exploiter of other men, to sustain a party that will protect him in his exploitation.

William C. Whitney, another New York millionaire, who has become immensely rich in the last few years by exploiting others, votes the ticket of the opposite capitalist party because he knows that that party will not interfere with HIS particular kind of exploitation, which differs a shade, perhaps from Mr. Rockefeller's brand.

And J. Pierpont Morgan shows that the two parties are based on the same principle, differing only in the extent to which they apply it, when he threatens to support a democrat for president in 1904, merely because the probable republican candidate does not suit him in all particulars.

The interests of all the men that have been mentioned are opposed to the interests of the working class, because their game is not to produce, but to wheedle out of others the things THEY have produced; yet the toilers of the country are asked to vote one ticket or the other with the expectation that their interests will be cared for.

The Erie railroad issued a notice Saturday discharging all the clerks more than 36 years of age that it has engaged since May, 1902, and giving notice that it will engage no more clerks more than 36 years old.

That's the best news that labor can ask for on this day of the year when its legions are marching in every city in the land.

It means that working men will soon be compelled to THINK more than they are thinking now.

It means that the trusts are creating an unemployed problem that gives capital an opportunity to take only the best labor in the market, throwing aside the culls.

As the unemployed class grows, capital will have a still greater opportunity for selection and possibly the time may come soon when nobody more than 40 years old can get a job in any great industrial institution.

But men cannot be compelled to stop thinking when they are 36 years old, even if they can be prevented from working in certain places. And the unemployed problem, in its various manifestations will soon compel men who are not yet 36, to think. What a wonderful brain-jarner would be this legend if it could be borne aloft by every labor organization that is marching today: "THE ERIE RAILROAD HAS DENIED THE RIGHT OF ANY CLERK MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF AGE TO EARN A LIVING."



"THE WORKERS AND THE SHIRKERS."

HOT TIMES IN MICHIGAN.

There were hot times in Arenac county Aug. 22, the day of the Pioneer's picnic at Turner. It was to be a day of debate—all parties in the ring. The Republicans opened up with Lawyers Hayes and McCarthy, the latter a member of the present Michigan legislature. F. M. Fogg was selected to champion democracy and Dr. S. A. Knopfnagel was put forward to defend Socialism. The Republicans gave the usual thing—prosperity, grand and noble work of the assembled pioneers, who made the nation great and rich; gave us good soldiers and noble girls and patriotic citizens; our great educational institutions; our just laws; our perfect manhood and womanhood; our equality before the law. We should not listen to the pessimists who will tell us our great country is in danger.

THE JUBILEE.

The orders for the Jubilee edition continue unabated, in fact they have increased on the later mails. The boys seem to have caught their second wind, and are starting in on a new lead. Boys, the next thing to do is to go out and make the issue of practical value, and gather in the subs. We give you a color issue this week just to show you what we can do when we get over the rush. "Figgers" are dull as a rule, but the following look good to a Socialist:

Table listing subscription numbers for various states: Alabama 1500, Arkansas 1475, Arizona 1500, California 1500, Colorado 1500, Connecticut 1500, D. of C. 1500, Florida 1500, Georgia 1500, Idaho 1500, Illinois 1500, Indiana 1500, Iowa 1500, Kansas 1500, Kentucky 1500, Louisiana 1500, Maine 1500, Maryland 1500, Massachusetts 1500, Michigan 1500, Minnesota 1500, Mississippi 1500, Missouri 1500, Montana 1500, Nebraska 1500, Nevada 1500, New Hampshire 1500, New Jersey 1500, New Mexico 1500, New York 1500, North Carolina 1500, North Dakota 1500, Ohio 1500, Oklahoma 1500, Oregon 1500, Pennsylvania 1500, Rhode Island 1500, South Carolina 1500, South Dakota 1500, Tennessee 1500, Texas 1500, Utah 1500, Vermont 1500, Virginia 1500, Washington 1500, West Virginia 1500, Wisconsin 1500, Wyoming 1500, Canada 1500, Regular Issue 1500, Total 1,964,483.

A BIG EDITION.

There are many interesting items about the Jubilee Edition that did not appear on the surface when you opened the paper. It used up FIVE car loads of paper. It used up a ton of printing ink. It required \$1,500.00 to pay the postage on the issue at one cent a pound.

The number of mail sacks used to hold the edition was about 4,000. As each sack weighs three pounds, it took 12,000 pounds of mail sacks. It used up seven barrels of paste and four barrels of twine to wrap the bundles.

It required sixty people two weeks to get the edition out. It required three helpers to keep the papers away from the press, as they came from the folder. It required two mail wagons going steadily all day between the office and the depots to carry off the sacks.

THE LAWYERS SEE IT SOON.

The American Bar Association, which met at Hot Springs, Ark., August 27, could not escape from the possibility of the times that of considering the question of Socialism. It dropped out in the speeches and in the committee reports. We take the following from the report of the Committee on Commercial Law: "If there must be an industrial despot it seems clear that it is better that it should be the state itself than the state's creature."

THE NEED OF REVOLUTION.

The throwing of a sop to Cerberus is a trick as old as mythology. At the wide-gated entrance to Plato's domain the three-headed, serpent-tailed monster is friendly to all who seek admission, but shows a triple row of fangs to those who would fain depart. The great social Hell of exploitation is guarded by the Cerberus of pretit and the number of those who escape the sternity of its hot jurisdiction by throwing sops of legislation to the monster at the gates is so small that the remaining denizens can have little or no hope in their example. It is only through united attack by the entire class of Pluto's prisoners that the monster can ever be overcome.

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The nominations were made in the main from persons not in attendance, and it is probable that some of them will withdraw. The attempt at reorganization is destined to meet with a similar reception everywhere. The people's party no longer has a mission. It has gone the way of all reform parties, and has been swallowed by the Democrats. The latter have coughed it up, it is true, but its undigested remains has such a stinky appearance that he can care to touch it, due to its having regressed so long in the democratic stomach.

What would Socialism do for telegraph operators in the matter of work and wages, etc. A Reader. In the first place, Socialism will give the telegraph operators control of the telegraph system of the country. Then the telegraph operators will elect, by direct legislation, their own superintendents. Determine the methods to be applied to maintain a minimum and establish a maximum and minimum labor time. The standard of value will be the average hour of labor, and its money value will be fixed by the central government, with the consent of the people, after a thorough and scientific investigation of the work of the various public departments by experts. The capitalist statistics have revealed that from three to four hours labor at the most will provide this nation with an abundance of all that is necessary to maintain and beautify life. (And the remuneration for this short labor time will not be less than \$2.00 per year.)

Indeed, instances might be almost indefinitely multiplied to show that all legislation which touches the sacredness of capitalism is wiped off the statute books by the courts. And, yet, the judges themselves are not to be blamed. They must go according to the law as it stands. So long as the voters uphold by their ballots the present state of affairs, the judges have no choice but to decide in favor of capital against labor.

It is, therefore, the shrewdest folly for the workers expect relief from state or national legislation under the present system of society. Reforms of any kind are a mere waste of energy. Revolution, peaceful, sane and constructive, is the only hope of the race. The workers must govern themselves, the powers of government through an orderly, class-conscious exercise of the franchise and build a new constitution upon the broad foundations of economic justice. Deep down in the fibre of all law must be inwrought the eternal principle that to labor belongs all wealth; to the worker the full product of his toil.

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Railroad Employees Are About To Get What They Voted For

From the columns of the New York Worker we take the following interesting news. This should make good reading to railroad employees coupled with the announcement in the Appeal of a few weeks ago of the plan to make railway employees government agents in the mail service, thus making strikers subject to criminal prosecution. We are now finding out for what purpose the militia bill was passed.

Chicago press dispatches say that a combination of western railroads to handle labor problems is under consideration. Most of the large railway companies west of Chicago are said to be already committed to the plan, which is thus described:

"One of the features of the proposed union of railroads is to be a general employment bureau. This is to have branches in the various cities, and every railroad which is a party to the agreement is to receive its minor employees through this medium. This would apply to clerks, station agents, engineers, firemen, conductors, trainmen generally, machinists, carpenters, section foremen and section men, switchmen, flagmen, watchmen, operators, dispatchers and all laborers.

"When the plan is ripe, every railroad included in the organization will declare its shops 'open,' which means that the rights of non-union workmen will be recognized and maintained as equal to those of union workmen. There will be no antagonism to the unions, but the railroads will act simultaneously on labor issues and will give each other open support.

"This plan is in line with the employment bureau projected by the National Metal Trades Association. The latter will have a national office and local offices in all large cities, and their aims stated by the employers to be 'to assist in providing the employers with satisfactory workmen, and the workmen with satisfactory employment.'

Members of the National Metal Trades Association are required to make statements to the secretary of every workmen in their employ, covering name, address, and special occupation, and other points, the purpose being to enable the central body to keep track of the men and prevent those who are 'perniciously active' as organizers or agitators from getting employment.

If this goes on a little further we shall have in this country, so far as workmen are concerned, a state of affairs very similar to that of Russia, where no man is allowed to travel from town to town without reporting his movements to the police and getting a passport, which must be exhibited whenever the authorities demand it. We need a little more Russian tyranny in America, apparently, to awaken the "spirit of '76," of which we hear so much on the Fourth of July, but which so seldom shows itself in action.

Organize to Fight Unions.

It is reported from Chicago that an organization is being perfected known as the "Public Union," free H.O. offered and managed largely by lawyers, whose objects are said to be:

- 1. To crystallize public opinion into legitimate and orderly channels of resistance to labor unions and their lawless methods.
2. To disseminate information of the arbitrary, exasperating and criminal acts of these unions and their members.
3. To undermine the more dangerous and lawless of these unions, particularly the teamsters' organization first, by encouraging revolts in their own ranks, and to prosecute members in the courts.

The union men look upon the whole affair as simply another one of the many grafting games sprung upon the unsuspecting public. But the one fact remains that everywhere and at all times there is the strongest kind of evidence that unions and unionism are being made the center of organized resistance.

One of the best pamphlets on Socialism is by Rev. Woodbey, a colored preacher, who is doing excellent work in California. He goes back to his old home to visit his old mammy, who is shocked that he should drop his work as a minister and go to street speaking. In the running conversational way he explains to his mother the cause of his action so that she understands. And thus it makes it so simple and plain that any one can get the fundamental idea. Woodbey's picture, in half tone, adorns the cover of the work. I started two of these books here in Girard and the colored people and nearly the entire colored population have read them and in no instance was the object of the book not realized. One old colored man read his copy three times. He sees the capitalistic cat. The Appeal is now getting out an edition of 10,000 copies. If you have any colored people about you, you should have a copy at the first possible moment, and put it to work. We must have the colored people just the same as the white, for they have been skinned just the same as the white working people—even worse, and will as readily take to Socialism as any other class. 10 cents per copy, post-paid.

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Comrade J. Callahan OF THE Appeal Army
The above is a picture of Comrade J. Callahan as he appears on the streets of Los Angeles, Cal., in his uniform selling Appeals. He is one of the liveliest of the army, and disposes of from 250 to 500 copies of the paper weekly. He is a veteran of the civil war.



The first recorded movement for the organization of labor for the betterment of its industrial condition was but an unconscious acknowledgement of the class struggle...

Organized labor has accomplished much and has learned the power of concentrated effort and the possibilities that are within its grasp.

It is not enough that organized labor should vote in the interests of organized labor or strive to elect a fellow member to office on the tail of some capitalist ticket.

Recognizing this fact in no way mitigates against the organization of labor on the industrial field for the betterment of conditions on that field under capitalism, and while the workers are not yet in possession of the powers of government.

Organized labor is fast learning that the interests of the employer and the employe are not the same. The wage worker wants the shortest possible hours and the longest possible pay.

If labor shall ever be free it will only be when it shall strike the shackles from itself. It now has the power, full and complete, but the enslavement of the human mind stands between it and its great goal.

"Workmen of all countries unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to gain."

Thinkers For the Union Man.

The Hand-McNally printing firm, of Chicago are planning to remove their plant to Waukegan in order that they may escape the conflict between labor and capital.

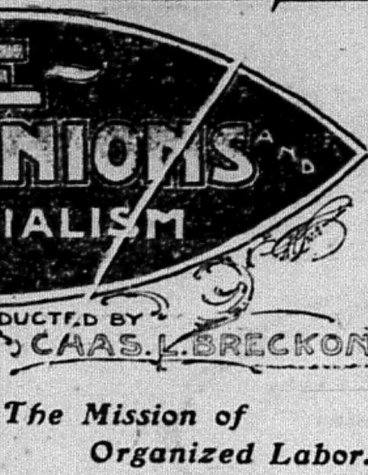
Members of the Chicago Typographical Union, of Chicago, are preparing to remove their large printing plant from that city to Holland, Mich.

A private letter from a fellow trades unionist in Chicago says: "Things are pretty lively here in labor circles—a new strike every few days—

It is reported that the sentiment in Chicago Typographical union has grown so strong for Socialism that the newly elected president—Wright—has asked an avowed and openly declared Socialist to become a delegate to the city Federation of Labor.

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"It is safe to say that there is not a leading radical or trades unionist in England today who does not know that he must change the laws of England before he can move another step in advance; more than this, that unless he can change these laws he will surely go back to the place from which he came.

"The labor men already have thirteen members of parliament, which is a pretty fair start, and strange contrast with the United States, which has never yet sent one. These thirteen men by no means agree on all lines of political policy.

"Often has John Burns been severely arraigned and bitterly maligned by the laborers and their representatives, but he takes it all like a philosopher and goes on with his work. He told me today that the workmen would wish if it were not for the workmen; but still this is not a very new idea.

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UNIONISTS INDORSE SOCIALISM.

On July 24, the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance, at Canton, Ill., adopted the following as their expression of the class struggle:

Whereas, Labor Unions are economic machines evolved from the wage system and are the logical outcome of organizations of capital for the purpose of protecting the wage class from the encroachments of the capitalist class;

Resolved, That we, members of Sheet Metal Workers International Alliance, at Canton, Ill., indorse the principles of International Socialism which represents the material interests of the working class, and that class alone.

The "Communist Manifesto" says: "Thereupon the workers begin to form combinations (trades unions) against the capitalist; they club together in order to compel the rate of wages; they found permanent associations in order to make provision beforehand for these occasional revivals.

"New and then the workers are victorious, but only for a time. The real fruit of their battles lies not in the immediate result, but in the ever improved means of communication that are created in modern industry and that place the workers of different localities in contact with one another.

A company has been organized in Toledo, O., to exploit an automatic bottling machine. This new device does the work of 43 men and boys, makes a superior grade of goods, and reduces the cost per gross of bottles from \$1.52 to 6 cents.

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FROM A FARMER SOCIALIST.

Dear Comrades of the Appeal:— You are very dear to some farmers in this locality because of the hope you hold out to us of "Justice to the Toller" and because of your untiring efforts for our class.

"Under Socialism will the money be simply a medium of exchange? Interest will be done away with, will it not? Will labor performed be the basis of issuance of the money? Why could not the schools and dependents be supplied by paying the bills with that medium of exchange?"

IOWA'S UNION ORGANIZATION.

Iowa State Labor Commissioner Brigham has just filed his annual report showing number members of unions in that state to be 48,400, an increase of 110% in a year.

The organization of the proletariat into a class, and consequently into a political party, is continually being upset again by competition between the workers themselves. But it ever rises up again; stronger, firmer, mightier.

TEAMSTERS GET A RAISE.

The Hay and Grain Teamsters' union of Chicago, has notified a new wage scale giving the 500 members of the union increases as follows:

Drivers on two-horse wagons, \$14.00 a week; former rate \$13.00. Drivers on three-horse wagons, \$15.50 former rate \$14.00.

Over time work, 20 cents an hour; former, 15 cents. The Hay and Grain Teamsters' union of Chicago, has notified a new wage scale giving the 500 members of the union increases as follows:

Pointers For Farmers.

The editor of this department wishes to invite the fullest co-operation of all the farmer Socialists on the continent, both in the matter of editorial work, and the distribution of the paper over the widest possible agricultural area.

"What will be the first steps toward Socializing agriculture?" Can we apply the single tax plan to advantage in dealing with the land, after the shops, mines, factories, and railroads have passed into the hands of the people, with democratic control by the workers employed in the various crafts?

"Every Socialist farmer, and every public speaker who expects to address a farmer audience should have a copy of Simons' American Farmer. A recent letter from Comrade Simons states that he is in the country rewriting the book, and adding their conclusions reached after the first edition was written.

All attempts at the organization of farmers' unions, granges, alliances, etc., have failed so far, as in our humble judgment they are destined to ever fail so long as the present system lasts.

The removal of the capitalist class from the ownership of the factories, mines, shops, packing houses, flour mills, railroads, banking and kindred things, with the substitution of the co-operative ownership of the same by the people.

The abolition of the landlord. It requires the capture of the political power, before either of these can be accomplished, therefore the farmer's only practical organization is political.

STRONG TESTIMONY FROM A STRONG MAN.

Dr. S. A. Knopsnaegel, of Peoria, Ill., who has been speaking on Michigan circuits, July 23 to Sept. 1, writes to State Organizer Lamb: "I like the farmers I am glad you gave me a chance to be with and get acquainted with them, a chance I never had before.

"I would advise you to read the following books:—The Communist Manifesto, 10c; Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, 10c; Simons' American Farmer, 50c; Introduction to Socialism, and Methods of Acquiring Possession, by Richardson, 10c and 5c respectively.

The Revised Ward Healer Combination

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"KURIT" The Rupture Cure. The Aluminate Truss that holds every form of hernia. It gives instant relief, so easy that it can be worn in bed, weights but six ounces.



With this issue of the Appeal the paper begins a series of departments designed to particularize our work, and so systematize it that our readers can always know where to find that which is to them of chief importance.

pleasure, but without a full appreciation of the difficulties that will confront me for some time to come. I may say in passing that I am proud of my rustic ancestry; it is an honorable one, though humble, and I have been a farmer from choice rather than necessity.

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Be Wise

Have a scale of your own. Protect yourself on weight on grain and live with Heliant 5-Ton Scales. Guaranteed Five Years \$2975. Trial on 60 Days \$2975.

IT IS BETTER to buy right once than wrong many times. EMPIRE Steel Wind Mill. \$14.95. When you buy a windmill you get a lesson.

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PARTY NEWS

The "Plutes" Are Beginning to See Things

In behalf of the Socialist cause. The Socialist Party is well organized in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, all New England and in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois with campaign committees, plenty of funds and all the means of carrying on an aggressive campaign.

According to reports which come to the party managers the Socialists are now invading the agricultural regions.

Many politicians believe that in the presidential election of 1904 the old Populist vote and the radical Bryan element will support the Socialist candidates. They feel sure that such will be the case if the Democrats nominate a conservative man on a conservative platform. It is pointed out that a bolting Democratic party would not have strength to make a good fight alone, but that by combining with the Socialists on some sort of a fusion plan they might elect a number of representatives in Congress. There is some uncertainty as to which party is losing most by the increase of the Socialist strength.

So it has come to pass that the politicians have at last discovered that there is "something doing."

The politicians have been unusually slow. There has been something doing for some time. For one thing the Appeal has been getting out some mighty big editions. The old pops were bombarded with five hundred thousand copies in January. This jarrd something loose and the looseness still continues.

The assaults of the church on Socialism were answered in February by 400,000 of the Church and Socialism edition. This issue spiked some vicious fumes.

Last week we sent out a million copies of the Jubilee edition and the orders are still coming. A million copies means at least FIVE MILLIONS OF READERS, and that means that one person out of every fourteen in this great nation saw a copy of the Appeal.

Early in the year the Appeal invaded Dixie, and the mill slaves of the south, together with the southern agricultural peasantry have said with one voice, "We are ready for Socialism."

The national committee of the party met at St. Louis and elected a secretary who has the genius of an organizer, and a GREAT ERA OF ORGANIZATION HAS SET IN.

Socialist newspapers all over the land have sprung into prominence. More than five hundred trade and labor papers have opened their columns to the discussion of Socialism.

The American Labor Union, The Western Federation of Miners, and the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes have declared for Socialism, and the American Federation of Labor is traveling the same road. To offset this wonderful campaign, the capitalists have organized the Civic Federation, the National Manufacturers' Association and the Citizens' Alliance.

Congress has passed, and the president, to testify to his love for the working class, has signed the military bill, making us all liable to be called out to shoot rebellious workmen, when they become too insistent in their effort to own and control the product of their labor.

Yes, we have invaded the agricultural districts, and we have found the farmer as discontented with the capitalist class who are fattening from the farmer's toil, as the wage earner, who is bound in the chains of wage slavery.

The populists ARE coming to the Socialists by the thousands, and the "radical" democrats will head the same way.

The politician has cause for alarm.

But the politicians are "bug house" when they talk about fusion. The Socialist party will not fuse with anything, good or bad. It will not fuse with the S. L. P. labor union parties, populists, radical democrats, or factions of the republican party.

The Socialist party is the political expression of the working class in all countries. It is the only political party in the world whose program is based on the bed rock of material and economic science. It cannot be swayed by economic storms. It has a purpose, and toward the accomplishment of that purpose it will march with the precision of the laws of nature.

It will not trifle with subtleties. It will not stop to listen to middle class appeals for help, based on half way measures. Its one goal is to possess the political power, and use this power to make of private capital in the means of production and distribution, public capital, to be operated democratically for the good of all.

It recognizes a class struggle, and it espouses the worker's side of the class struggle. Class struggles cannot be compromised. They must be ended by the defeat of one side, and the victory of the other.

As the working class cannot possess the means of its production and distribution until it has abolished the capitalist class, so it can do nothing short of press on to its final goal—the abolition of all classes.

It makes the recognition of the class struggle the test of membership in its ranks, and nothing is clearer than the fact that the fusionist or the compromiser cannot remain in the Socialist party.

Whenever he raises his voice he is dismissed from membership. The Socialist party has been accused of narrowness, but the charge is false.

It is only true to its mission and its scientific position. Its doors are open to the farmer and to all the exploited everywhere, and it only asks of its new members that they enlist for the full term of service and that they will march straight to the first goal—THE CONQUEST OF THE POLITICAL POWER, BY THE CLASS WHO DO THE WORLD'S WORK. A. W. R.

NEW HAMPSHIRE NEWS.

Comrade E. A. Hewey, chairman of the state executive committee, of Claremont, went to Berlin recently and organized a local. Ten of the charter members being leading trade unionists.

Comrade M. H. O'Neil of Nashua, went to West Derry, a shoe town of about 5000 people, recently, and organized a local with 11 charter members.

Comrade Secretary Arnslett reports the boys getting busy at various points in the state, but requests more promptness in forwarding the state and national per capita. Remember, comrades, this is our fight and we have no capitalists to pay our expenses for us. Those who desire industrial freedom must strike for it themselves and it takes money as well as hot air.

Comrade Mellen of Somersworth, is arranging for a meeting to be addressed by S. F. Cladin and others Saturday, Sept. 12.

S. F. CLADIN.

INDIANA.

Nicholas Klein has organized four locals during the past week. Madison five members, Aurora eight, Lawrenceburg ten, and Onsdon ten. He lets none get away, and captured four members at large during the same week.

Princeton is a new local in the southern coal fields, and they predict one thousand votes for Socialism in the next election.

Hartford City, though not organized, is active. They take all speakers that come along and the local papers give considerable space to the meetings.

A priest at Lawrenceburg is delivering sermons every Sunday morning against Socialism. The famous Father Sherman, famous because of his ability to dodge Socialist challenges, is also advertised to give one of his "lectures." The Socialists are trying to get the priest to debate but

SNYDER'S KANSAS DATES.

Comrade J. E. Snyder, after visiting a few days at the Wichita Socialist College, has started out on another organizing tour. His dates for the next forty days are as follows:

Mullinville 21, Bucklin 22, Mineola 23, Road 24, Dodge City 25, 26, Spearville 28, Kinsley 29, Macksville 30, St. John Oct. 1, 2, Stafford 3, 4, Partridge 5, Hutchinson 6, Nickerson 7, Sterling 8, Raymond 9, Ellinwood 10, 11, Great Bend 12, Easton 13, Ness City 14, Dighton 15, Griggsville 16, Scott City 17, 18, Leoti 19, 20, Ransom 22, Brownell 23, McCracken 24, 25, Lawrence 26, Holsington 27, Clifton 28, 29, Osawatomie 30, 31.

WEEKLY BULLETIN.

SPECIAL ORGANIZING FUND.

The following contributions have been made to the special organizing fund since last report: Otto Kaemmerer, St. Louis, Mo., 50c; Louis Rogovin, St. Louis, Mo., 50c; Local Utica, N. Y., \$3; Fred Tounsend, Owosso, Mich., \$1; total to noon, Sept. 5, \$5; previously reported, \$937.02; total, \$962.02.

National Organizer G. H. Goebel, in one of his reports from Virginia, says: "The demand for workers is certainly intense. If the comrades in the better organized sections could only see the doors of opportunity that are opening to us on every hand the special organizing fund would go up to \$5,000. Not a single locality have I been in but there was evidence of an abundant harvest to be gathered for the effort. To do this there would have to be more money, but if it was not out of my province, and bearing the appearance of being colored by my relation to the party, I would feel compelled to put strongly to the party membership the need of putting out more of the ablest men we have at once."

Ben Hanford's dates from Sept. 18th onward are: Evansville 19, Terre Haute 20, Indianapolis 21, Richmond 22, Marion 23. He will begin in Illinois on October 1st for two weeks in that state.

Locals are again reminded that Hanford's tour is entirely under the direction of the national secretary, Socialist party, Omaha, Neb., and all communications respecting same should be addressed accordingly.

In a review of the political situation in Massachusetts, preliminary to the coming state election, the Boston Herald, the leading democratic paper of New England, practically concedes the election of a Socialist representative from the district which our late Comrade MacCartney represented for four terms. The Herald also admits the possibility of the Socialists carrying other districts, and in Plymouth county it says the democratic party seems to be a smaller factor in politics this year than ever, the Socialists "seemingly" have taken the position formerly occupied by the democrats."

The state convention to organize the Socialist party of Louisiana will be held in Temperance Hall, corner Campbell and Lafayette streets, opposite Lafayette Square New Orleans, on Friday, Sept. 18, 2 p. m. The local comrades are arranging for the convention and will do everything possible to make it successful.

The national office is now ready to supply the new gold rim party button at 15 cents each, or in lots of 100 to party officials at 10 cents each.

Next week an extended report of the work of the national organizers, all of whom report most encouragingly and enthusiastically of their receptions in the respective fields.

OHIO SOCIALIST NOTES.

The circuit speakers have been increased by one and still another will be placed on the list during this month.

The Kramers of Cleveland have formed a new branch which will be known as No. 11. It starts with 24 members.

The Lucas county convention (Toledo) was held last Sunday and a full county ticket placed in the field for the fall election.

The call for nominations for national committee to represent Ohio on the national committee for the next year has been issued and all nominations will be received at state office until midnight of Oct. 31.

East Liverpool has been reorganized by Howard H. Caldwell and the comrades of Wapakoneta have gotten together and applied for a charter.

Father Hagerty will lecture at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 21, and Lansford, Pa., Sept. 22. He will also speak at the Fall Festival given by the Chicago comrades on Sept. 27.

Isaac Cowen will tour Ohio from Oct. 19 until the election and dates can be secured by writing to the state secretary.

One hundred and seventy seven new members were admitted into the party during August, which is a considerable gain over the previous month.

Ashland is a new addition to the circuits for two days per month. The circuits are steadily growing even at this late date.

Yonstown comrades report a good meeting for Comrade Ben Hanford who spoke there on Sept. 1.

The entire eastern side of the state is becoming decidedly active since Comrade Caldwell's trip up that way, and the reports of his work are very encouraging indeed.

Findlay comrades have established headquarters and will hereafter be able to "receive" in the proper style.

Local Piqua is preparing to rent a hall and establish permanent meeting place. They report progress and will soon be a strong local.

Columbus Socialists held their county convention last Friday a week and nominated their full ticket. The daily papers of the city gave considerable space to the proceedings of the convention.

Hamilton local is arranging for the debate between Socialist John Gilckert and some old party politician and there promises to be a lively time when it comes off.

W. G. CRITCHLOW, State Secretary.

THOMPSON IN NEBRASKA.

Comrade Carl D. Thompson will speak on Socialism in Antelope, Holt and Brown counties. He will go west into Chadron and other points as requests are received for lectures. A meeting is being arranged by the comrades at Beatrice and at Humboldt in the southeastern part of the state.

Other meetings will be arranged in the west part of the state when Mr. Thompson goes westward to Wyoming and Montana. In this way Mr. Thompson will cover nearly every part of the state at some time during his trips this fall and any local or Socialists in any place who are trying to get organized and would care for Comrade Thompson's assistance should address him at 1313 Nelson street, Lincoln, and arrangements for a meeting can be made.

RESOLUTIONS BY LOCAL PHILADELPHIA.

Local Philadelphia instructed me as its recording secretary to notify you of the resolutions passed at its last regular meeting held in Labor Lyceum on Sept. 2.

Resolved: "That hereafter local Philadelphia will engage no speaker who demands a fee greater than \$15 per day and expenses." Local Philadelphia is realizing that as his fees paid some of our speakers are quite alluring to non-Socialists, and that this may be the means of inducing some to join the party from other than motives of principle, takes this means of safeguarding the movement from grafters. We also recognize the fact that the Socialist party is a working man's proletarian party, and it therefore cannot afford to pay big fees to a few without making a corresponding reduction in the pay of the majority. It is the proletarian speakers who do the hardest work; who do the preliminary work of agitation, thereby making it possible for the speaker of fame to secure an audience. The paying of big fees always raises a doubt in the minds of the workers as to the sincerity of the speaker, and because of all

LABOR DAY IN THE TERRITORY.

Through two miles of dust covered highway, about a thousand union men marched to the picnic grounds at Wilburton, Ind. There, where all the ordinary accompaniments of a picnic, including four barbecued hams, describes the Labor day exercises in which the writer participated. Other than these things there was nothing to distinguish the event from thousands of similar celebrations in the nation. Wilburton is a big mining camp situated in the heart of a coal region that rivals that of Pennsylvania in richness. There are veins of coal in this section ranging in thickness from four to twelve feet, easily worked, and of a quality not excelled in the west.

LABOR DAY IN THE TERRITORY.

Wilburton looks just like any other mining camp—the same miserable shacks to shelter the miners' families, the same company store system, the same kind of water to drink, the same kind of exploitation. There are no "snaps" for the miner anywhere. As a result of the Pittsburgh, Kan., conference of miners and operators, an advance of twelve and one-half per cent in wages

was given the miners. Since that time the operators have advanced the price of coal 50 cents per ton, and house rent 60 cents per month. The Wilburton comrades are authority for the statement that on every 200 tons of coal taken from a certain shaft each day the operators made an advance of \$80 over former rates, and this all clear profit. The advance in wages has benefitted the miners not at all, for the entire increase is covered back in increased house rent, and store prices. The capitalist gives out in wages with one hand, but he takes back in rent, company store, water rates, blacksmith hire, insurance, company doctors, etc., with the other, and the poor miner is entangled in the capitalist web, despite John Mitchell, conferences, agreements, and the union. What wonder is it that the miner turns to Socialism as the only possible means of escape from his slavery? What wonder that he readily sees the force of the Socialist contention that he must go into politics, capture the political power, displace with the operator entirely, making the mines the common property of all. Are there any Socialists at Wilburton? Well, just a few. Just about enough to carry the town next spring by an overwhelming majority. The boys say they will elect everything in sight, and when they do, they will make a cleaning of the town, and it needs it. What is true of Wilburton is true of the entire coal region, an area larger than that of Pennsylvania. There are more than 20,000 miners in this section, and the number is increasing daily. Here is a vote that will go to Socialism on mass. The pleasure was mine of making the first Socialist speech in Wilburton. The whole Socialist springing is the product of the Appeal and the pamphlets that have been circulated by the comrades. Speakers and organizers are needed at once, and if supplied the territory will take its place along with the best organized states in the union. I repeat my prediction of a few weeks ago, after returning from Ada where I addressed a farmer's picnic and found the whole farming community sold for Socialism—the Indian Territory can be carried for Socialism at the first territorial election if the work of organization is properly pushed.

Then it must be remembered that the rule should not be applied against other than party speeches. A Socialist speaker is justified for instance, in charging a good round fee for lecturing under other than Socialist auspices, such as Labor Day for instance, where the money comes from stand privileges, capitalist contributions, etc. In our crusade against the heavy fee, let us always remember to be reasonable and avoid extremes. A. W. R.

MOTHER JONES AT CLINTON.

The reports from the Labor day celebrations are beginning to come in and they are bubbling over with enthusiasm. As a matter of course we cannot publish them all, and must content ourselves with only the more important events. At Clinton, Ia., there were two monster meetings held in the auditorium of the National Spirituallist Association, the morning meeting addressed by Thos. I. Kidd, and the afternoon by Mother Jones. We take the following from a report by Capt. H. P. Bowser of Girard, who is attending the Spirituallist gathering: "Kidd is simply a union man working for a salary, and very conservative. He knows he has a snap compared with the rest of his class, and hence he advises trade unionists to keep out of politics. That was about the gist of his speech. I think he came a long way to say nothing. Mother Jones is a 'corker.' They were not expecting a Socialist speech but they got it and a red hot one, too. She dressed Kidd out in fine shape, and told the workers to get into politics just as soon as possible, that they were governed by politics, and they should have a voice in their government. She uses very plain language, and don't mince her words. She talked an hour and a half, and at times was very dramatic. She paid her respects to every one from Roosevelt down to the humblest henchman, including prelates, preachers and all, but when she rounded her talk by announcing in a dramatic manner that there was a grand day coming when there would be an occasion for trade unionists to keep the workers should own the earth, and the fullness thereof through Socialism, I thought they'd tear the auditorium down. They just simply howled and yelled for several minutes. If this enthusiasm is expressive of sentiment here, the Socialists will carry the city."

HOW CHICAGO'S LABOR DAY PARADE IMPRESSED A SOCIALIST.

Chicago witnessed today one of the greatest labor pageants in its history. Nearly 100,000 "slaves of the wheel of labor" filed in procession down Michigan avenue to the city front. A person looking upon this mass of human energy through the spectacles of Socialist doctrine could draw from it irrefutable proof that there is a class struggle in America. In this procession you would see everywhere "the man with the hoe" illustrated by Edwin Markham. In the costumes of their crafts, blue jumpers, overalls, shoddy apparel and rags, they impressed one with the fact, as they passed by the stately palaces of their masters on the aristocratic avenue, that labor does not get all that it produces.

There was a mass of human labor power and voting energy in that great army of capitalist's convicts, but every one of them appeared so devoid of knowledge of the circumstances that have made them paupers, that a Socialist could not help but feel a keen desire to have each one of them take home with him a copy of the recent Jubilee edition of the Appeal to Reason.

When will these prisoners of capitalism free themselves? It is up to the Socialists, and the Socialists alone, to answer this all important question.

MARK BARTLETT.

CHEROKEE ORGANIZED.

Thursday night of last week the Girard Socialist van made a trip to Cherokee, a town of 1500 people in this county. An immense crowd from the neighboring mines and from the surrounding country had assembled, and more were added by the stirring beat of the drums which were used for the first time. Comrade Brooks, Ricker and the writer, carried the music, and the first former did the speaking. The propaganda meeting was held on the west part of the state when Mr. Thompson goes westward to Wyoming and Montana. In this way Mr. Thompson will cover nearly every part of the state at some time during his trips this fall and any local or Socialists in any place who are trying to get organized and would care for Comrade Thompson's assistance should address him at 1313 Nelson street, Lincoln, and arrangements for a meeting can be made.

THE MINNESOTA STATE LECTURE VAN.

The Socialist state lecture van in charge of Comrade Guy E. Etherton and Geo. I. Martin has been doing valiant service for the cause in Minnesota during the summer season.

Leaving Minneapolis May 25, it proceeded along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad as far as Brainerd; was at Little Falls for three days during state convention of the American Federation of Labor, where the delegates had an opportunity to hear the economic truths so necessary to their clear understanding of the labor problem.

Following the Northern Pacific railroad across the state to Norman and Folk county line, thence north nearly to the Canadian line. They staid a considerable time in Norman county, where the Socialist party has a county organization and eight active locals.

The return trip will be along the line of the Great Northern railroad to Minneapolis, where they will arrive about Oct. 1st, and after a week or more of agitation in Minneapolis and St. Paul, a very successful season of propaganda and organization will have ended.

The season has been unusually favorable for the open air campaign.

In three and a half months that the van has already been out, only two evenings have meetings been prevented by inclement weather. The campaign will have covered over 1000 miles drive, and have included over 100 of the largest cities and villages in the state. About 125 speeches will have been made by each of the comrades.

The van has worked at many places where there are party organizations, but the campaign has been for the most part pioneer agitation. In the greater number of places visited the people have heard a Socialist speech for the first time. Substantial results of the van work are already manifest in applications for charter, and inquiries about speakers and organization. Quantities of literature have been distributed and sold. Collectors for the state fund have averaged about \$8 per week.

Most of this work of agitation outside of the few industrial centers has been in farming communities. As there has been much recovery as to the place that the farmer should occupy in the Socialist movement, it may be of interest to quote from a letter from Comrade Etherton on the point.

"We have had a good hearing," writes Comrade Etherton, "all along the line. Frequently an intensity of interest is manifested in the way the audience hangs on to the words of the speaker. But without exception the attention of the people has been considerate and thoughtful. In a few instances there have been conspiracies of a few capitalist finkies and political crooks to break up our meetings by counter street attractions; but such attempts have invariably turned to our own advantage, and the advertisement of the movement."

"Judging from such contact as we have had with the farming communities, I believe there is no place in the country where Socialism is making a more rapid growth than among the Minnesota farmers. This growth is most of this nature where the population is thickly reeked. Since the farmers as a class have practically the same economic basis for class-conscious development as the workers everywhere, it is certain that the identity of their interests with the interests of all other producers in the inauguration of the Socialist system will soon make of them Socialists of the most thorough integrity. Recognizing the very

real and fatal limitations of the industrial revolt of the agricultural class, we should not fall any the less to recognize that insofar as it was a revolt directed along political lines, it was by far the most intelligent of any movement yet made against capitalism, outside of the organized Socialist movement. For this very reason they more quickly grasp the political genius of the Socialist proposition than those classes of workers who have been taught to avoid political action, and confine themselves to rude and outgrown methods of industrial warfare. The power of intimidation by capitalist masters is not so direct for the farmer. They will be of us, a great and aggressive host in the army gathering the world around against organized capitalism."

Many letters of commendation have been received from various points praising highly the work of Comrades Etherton and Martin, and the state organization takes this opportunity to express their appreciation of the effective and lasting good that has certainly been accomplished by these comrades.

We wish also to recommend this method of agitation to all the state organizations as the most economical, effective and permanent means of bringing the principles of Socialism before the people.

Our van is very neat and attractive in appearance; built especially for this purpose; with phonograph outfit, gasoline lights, rear platform for speaking, etc. It is painted in black enamel, highly polished, with appropriate mottoes in gold letters; side blackboards for announcing place and time of meeting, and a gong to call the attention of the people to the advertisement. It has a substantial cover, with leather side, front and rear curtains, affording a complete shelter when necessary. The upholstered side seats are large and commodious, making very comfortable beds. It has conveniences for light housekeeping. It is a vehicle that no Socialist need be ashamed of, and one that will leave the impression with the audience that such an outfit must have a strong conviction behind it. Everywhere it is met with an immense and increasing crowd, making the work much easier for the speakers.

Any further information relative to this van will be cheerfully furnished by the undersigned.

G. H. BOLLMAN, State Sec., 11 Oak St., S. E. Minneapolis.

THE PITTSBURGH, Pa., COMRADES ARE TRYING WRITES ORGANIZER COMRADE WILBURTON, HOLDING BOTH LEADER AND OPEN AIR MEETING.

Five good loyal Socialists of Allegheny, Pa., formed a local recently, says Comrade Nelson, and are eagerly entering the campaign.

A local was organized at Lima, Ohio, a few days ago with six members. Many in the net waiting to be landed, says Comrade Bogardus.

A local was organized at Big Springs, Texas, a few days ago with a large membership. This club will no doubt be heard from in the near future.

J. A. Shepherd of Bloomfield, Ia., says "We have organized a local at this place and 16 sensible men have severed their connection with old parties."

Comrade Adams of McClintock, Okla., with a list of ten names, sends for a charter for a local, when 20 new ones, desiring to enlist in the cause, flocked to the standard, making a total of 30 members—dauntless, and with steady tread marching to that inevitable end—the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Comrade J. C. Thompson has been over into the Indian Territory and was called into service for a speech at Hamden. He verifies all reports from that section, and adds his prediction to ours in that the Socialists can control the first election if the proper amount of work is done.

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people were there, because they like the others wanted a diversion, and though they knew they would not find it there, they went anyway. It was the best they could do.

One of the girls, a straight, healthy creature with full, sweet lips and clear, soft eyes, had become interested in a group of children who were playing near by. She looked at them with a light in her eyes and lips slightly apart she watched their antics, their tumbling, childish gracefulness, their bright faces, and toward heads. Gently she punched her companion in the side and with a low, half laugh, said "Julia did you ever see anything so cunning in your life? Look at that baby, isn't he too sweet?—Oh, say don't you know, I wish they were mine—every one of them." With an impatient shrug Julia replied, "Oh, you foolish, who in the world wants a lot of noisy youngsters? I'm sure I don't."

"I do!" exclaimed the straight girl rising to her feet, stretching herself with a yawn and a half yearning gesture toward the little ones near by. Straightening suddenly to her full length and looking down upon her smaller friends with a rebellious expression on her whole being she exclaimed, "I want them, I tell you. My arms ache for them, and my heart is like lead without them."

"Oh sit down Rose. People will think you are giving us an impersonation of Lady Macbeth. If you like children so well why don't you get married and raise a family of your own, and quit coveting other people's. Goodness knows Jack Graves wanted you bad enough."

"Yes, he did, and I wanted him—but what of it? There are a whole lot of things in the world besides two people wanting each other."

"What for instance? I thought if you wanted the man and he wanted you that was all there was to it, and the parson did the rest."

"Well you're mighty mistaken, if you thought that. That's the way it ought to be. For instance, suppose you want to live after you've got each other, and there isn't anything to live on?"

"But Jack was a skilled mechanic."

"Yes he was skilled, and he got fair wages too, but in this expensive age you can't live on mere wages. You've got to be a 'business man' and know how to invest and scheme, and skin somebody, in order to 'make your little pile.' As Jack said, and a man who is just merely skillful in doing his work doesn't stand much show. Jack tried 'business methods' for awhile and even though he touched failed. He came to me broken hearted and said, 'Rose, I can't get along. I'm a master mechanic, and I know how to work, but I'm too stupid about money matters to marry any decent girl. Then we talked it over and he decided to go to South America and try his luck there. Oh, I wish we didn't have to worry over all this money business. Why isn't a good man's work a sufficient guarantee for a livelihood?'"

"Well, Rose, you don't need to worry about Jack. There's old Mr. Proud who's got piles of money already made and secure, he wanted to marry you."

"Oh, say, if you want to insult me why don't you come right out and do it? If I want to sell myself I wouldn't seek a buyer as old as the hills and decrepit as Rip Van Winkle. There are plenty of young men who are ready to buy, and you don't need to have them planned to you for a life time either."

"Rose Merrill!" exclaimed the two girls simultaneously. "What on earth is this matter with you? you act like one possessed. Why it is shameful the way you talk!"

"Shameful, is it? Then you are shameful too, and the whole of society is perfectly shameful, because it is selling its innocent girls all the time to old creatures with money and nobody says a word. Yet when I speak the truth—reported, cmfwp y ang I speak about selling myself to young creatures you have a fit. Pahaw! Every bit of it is prostitution, and the fact that society countenances one sort doesn't make it better than the other. Possessed? Yes, I think I am possessed and it is with ideas that things in this world are all upside down and wrong side out, and nothing is as it should be. I believe we are a lot of lunatics in an insane asylum.—Well" she said, rising again from her bench.

"Let's go home and rest up for our best week's course of soul suppression, and hide away the gravitated paths through the maddening throng, and none of the great company knew that the tall girl was in any way different from them. And she perhaps was not. The soul of humanity is about the same; only she had expressed herself and the remainder were dumb." J. C.

"The spirit which animates the class-conscious working women of Germany may be inferred from the following amusing incident which took place in a small town of southern Germany: Three girls of the same family, ardent believers in Socialism, heard that their father intended to vote for the capitalist ticket. On the morning of election day they tied him to his bed and kept him there until it was too late for him to go to the polls. Thus capitalism lost one vote. Whatever may be thought of the method applied, the spirit manifested by these girls is certainly worthy of emulation." E. U.

THE GIRL WHO WAS POSSESSED.

To make a happy frisky citizen For weans and wife, That's the true pathos and sublime Of human life.—BURNS.

There were three of them. They sat together on a bench in a city park, looking listlessly at the panorama of pleasure-seekers that went on before them. They were representative types of the American high class working girl. That is, they were educated and followed those pursuits wherein the brain and hand are partners. Two were school teachers, one a high grade stenographer. They were well groomed, good looking and refined. Just now they looked lonely. The crowd about them did not form a part of their lives—at least there was no vital attachment between them. They watched it with the same indifference that a dweller on the prairie watches the blue monotony of the sky. They watched it because there was nothing else to watch, and the close observer could see that they were in the park today because all the other

"Divine," what lies behind the somewhat sordid natural phenomena which constitute, and may possibly for a few more years yet continue to constitute, the outer envelope of the great coming step-upwards of the human race. The spiritual feet, as well as our natural feet are upon the "earth,"—that is upon the principles of personal and sectional self-love and self-preservation—and though our heads are amidst the "spirits of the heavens," and control the movements of our feet, yet personal self-interest as basic conviction, is the God-provided platform upon which alone we can advance along moral ways to the spiritual goals where personal self-interest is abandoned and swallowed up in our recognition of our common interest in that of the universal "next man."

Therefore I beg of you, ATTEMPT NO SUCH FATUOUS EXPERIMENT as the abandonment of the "practicalities" of the present, somewhat unlovely necessities of the propaganda of Socialistic thought, with ITS MOST PRESSINGLY IMPORTANT ELEMENT, the inculcation of secondary "conviction-of-sin," i. e. Socialistic "class-consciousness," thinking to offset that treason to your inner convictions and the sin-tormented world, by "devoting yourself to the spiritualization of the idea." That is what Peter wanted to do in the Mount of Vision, Peter,—true type of self-centered ecclesiasticism in all ages. He would keep the shining Christ for his personal aesthetic satisfaction, and DEVIL TAKE THE WRETCHED EPILEPTIC WRITING AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL, but God's way for him to "work" for the ideas, demanded of him that he should struggle through many a foul and miry place, and to tumble along many a rocky road.

THE REVOLUTIONARY METHOD.

By ENRICO FERRI, Rome, Italy.

The great and fertile innovation of the revolutionary method, which distinguishes the scientific method of Marx and Engels from the utopian and sentimental Socialism and from anarchism, consists in having substituted, on the social field, the genetic method of seeking the cause in place of the anachronistic and symptomatic method.

It is well known that medical science, up to the middle of the XIX century, before the clinical methods of observation and experiment were known, diagnosed and cured diseases simply through their local and external symptoms. Thus the discoveries of Pasteur and his followers regarding the microbes of infectious diseases, have replaced the cure by symptoms, which was powerless against such diseases as cholera and typhoid fever, by the preventive elimination of the causes, and thereby obtained marvelous results. To build a remedy, and through a remedy scourged by typhoid fever is worth more than an increase in the number of doctors or the opening of soup houses and the reduction of the price of the drugs.

Now in social pathology against the infectious disease of exploitation and misery, Marx and Engels have said: It is useless to continue those empirical and symptomatic cures— that more or less modern and rational charity, that social reform for the so-called amelioration of the condition of the working class, and the like. It is necessary to eliminate the cause of this misery, and that is, in the analysis, the economic monopoly of private property in the means of production and distribution, which reaches its climax in this period of civilization called bourgeois capitalism. Against this side of economic servitude and human misery and iniquity, bourgeois reform is powerless, from its soup houses to its charity balls, from its laws on child and female labor to those on rural arbitration courts or Sunday rest—just as powerless as anarchistic violence, whether individual or collective, against this side of Socialism, this or that "economic tyrant," this or "political tyrant."

Of course, this method requires much longer and more fatiguing work of a complex character. For it requires, instead of the fight against more or less apparent symptoms, the elimination of the fundamental causes of all misery. And because this elimination of causes cannot be accomplished at one stroke of collective or individual revolt, nor by any project of social laws nor by any dictatorship, therefore it is necessary to form a clear and energetic proletarian consciousness by opposing ignorance and servility. The ideas travel in human boots, and proletarian evolution does not rise by spontaneous generation, nor descend from the sky of governmental providence. It is rather the outgrowth of the natural development of economic and social forces and of the pressure of the class-conscious proletarians themselves who struggle by legal means for the realization of their revolutionary aim.

This aim is called revolutionary, not because it presents the building of barricades or violent assaults, but because it aims to radically transform the economic basis of the social order, instead of limiting and stifling itself in reforms that always leave the economic foundation of private property untouched. Such reforms have always been granted by the ruling classes, not because they love us, but in their own interest, for the purpose of retarding and postponing the march of the revolutionary ideas, just as Medea threw the bleeding fragments of her own brother on the highway in order to retard the avenger Aetes in his course.

THE DESCENT INTO HELL.

When the rights of property resolve themselves into laws and customs which hold a restraint upon the equal development of every man in the world's democracy, they are wrong, for which the mild speech of subject nations has found not yet light or courage to make the adjective. But the light, the courage and that adjective which will damn them deeply enough, and for ever, are coming. There is a silent religion of life which is always the human antithesis of private despotism, whether the despot be a Caesar or a Rockefeller. It is the heart, the soul, the spirit of the race, silent and sub-conscious throughout the past centuries; but now, because of the forced economic unity of all nations, labor finding a surface mind in the current facts of the world and that mind is finding for itself a new and war expression in the agitations and statements of the Socialists.

The religion of our life is coming, that which stands for the integrity of our race as an organism, for its maintenance, culture and beauty through the deep united social breathing of each separate community when all shall have learned socially to breathe together.

There is a fundamental mind-sight acquired by the human family out of its past experiences which prevents and disables any single thinker in the naked "sanctity" of his own mind from denying the truth of this position that the race is one. When acquired property, the ally and antagonist of this truth, has acquired for its holders an array of social and political rights which relieves

The Class Struggle and Class Hatred.

By Ernest Untermann.



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The enemies of Socialism claim that we Socialists appeal to the lowest passions of the mob and set class against class. If this charge is made in good faith, it shows a superficial understanding of the Socialist philosophy. If it is made in bad faith, it is a calumny. In either case, an explanation is due to the people who are searching for truth.

The class struggle is not an invention of the Socialists. It is a fact which they discovered by a scientific analysis of human history. The class struggle has been raging in human society thousands of years before the Socialists discovered its historical function and pointed it out. So did the struggle for existence between the organic and the inorganic creation, and between the various divisions of the organic creation, rage for uncounted ages, before Darwin formulated his definition of it. But the first enunciation of the class struggle in human language was no more a gospel of hatred than was the assertion of the struggle for existence by Darwin. It was simply the statement of a scientific fact in plain scientific terms.

The first Socialists who pointed out the existence of class struggles did so only to show their historical function in the development of society, and to declare that their aim was the abolition of all classes and of all class struggles. This alone should be sufficient proof to the unbiased mind that the Socialist philosophy is the scientific foundation for a new ethics, not a philosophy of hatred.

In 1847, Marx and Engels, who then called themselves communists in distinction from the utopian Socialists of their time, for the first time stated the following truths in the "Communist Manifesto": "The history of all past society since the introduction of private property has consisted in the development of class antagonisms, antagonisms that assumed different forms at different epochs. But whatever form they may have taken, one fact is common to all past ages, viz., the exploitation of one part of society by the other. No wonder, then, that the social consciousness of past ages, despite all the multiplicity and variety it displays, moves within certain common forms, or general ideas, which cannot completely vanish, except with the total disappearance of class antagonisms. . . . When in the course of development, class distinctions will have disappeared, and all production will have been concentrated in the hands of a vast association of the whole nation, the public power will lose its political character. . . . In the place of the old bourgeois society, with its classes and class antagonisms, we shall then have an association, in which the free development of each is the condition of the free development of all."

There is not a word of hatred taught in this statement, nor is there any sentence in the whole scientific literature of Socialism inciting to class hatred. On the contrary, all scientific Socialists are unanimous in declaring that the capitalists cannot be held individually responsible for that which their whole class is doing from sheer economic necessity. We Socialists are the only element in present society who honestly and sincerely want peace and harmony. On the other hand, the history of capitalist parliaments is there to prove that the capitalist class never recoils from murder and violence against the working class, if profits are in danger. In short, whenever the class struggles forces an issue between capitalists and working men, it is always the former who most plainly and openly show passion and hatred.

THE SOCIALIST CONCEPTION OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE IS THE ETHICAL CODE OF THE WORKING CLASS. IT TEACHES THE WORKING CLASS TO EDUCATE ITSELF. IT ENDEAVORS TO SUBDUCE THE EVIL PASSIONS WHICH THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF CAPITALIST SOCIETY CREATE, AND TO PREVENT THE OUTBURST OF THE UNTRAINED AND UNTUTORED MASSES WHICH CAPITALIST PRODUCTION INEVITABLY PRODUCES. INSTEAD OF SOWING THE SEEDS OF BLOODY REVOLUTION, WE ARE STRAINING EVERY NERVE TO AROUSE THE INTELLIGENCE OF THE MASSES AND TO MAKE REASON THE MASTER OF BLIND FURY!

It is the capitalist class that incites to class hatred, by the vulgar display of wealth in the face of the suffering multitude. It is the capitalist class that destroys the homes and families of the workers, and confiscates the property of the millions. It is the injunction, the riot bullet, the bull pen, the police club, and the militia laws that speak the language of hatred and passion.

We recognize that the capitalist class, impelled by its material interests, must act as it does. But we also recognize that the logical counterpart of capitalist organization is the organization of the working class. We also recognize that economic force exerted by the capitalist class inevitably begets economic force on the part of the working class. Capitalist ethics stands by with hands uplifted in despair, powerless to bridge this chasm between the hostile brothers.

But this very struggle acts as an ethical force on the working class. The necessity to organize and to find a way out of the capitalist labyrinth by their own efforts is their teacher. It refutes all the attempts of the capitalist class to maintain a belief in the harmony between capital and labor. The logic of the facts is stronger than the deceptive logic of the words.

The Socialists see that the class struggle, now that it is there by force of circumstances, cannot be ended by purely economic means. The mere economic organization of the working class can never end in any other solution but violence. The only way to meet the problem successfully and without bloodshed is to supplement the economic class struggle by the political class struggle at the ballot box. The capitalists themselves, if they read the signs of the times correctly and could get out of their capitalist skin, should do everything in their power to hasten the political organization of the working class in the Socialist party. For in the further course of trust development, a commercial crisis through overproduction and therefore a great unemployed problem is looming up on the horizon of the near future. When that time comes, there will only be two ways of meeting the situation: One is to slaughter the hungry masses, to stifle the class struggle in blood, and to travel the same weary road all over again, through the same gruesome strife and murder, to again come to the same dilemma. The other is the presence of a Socialist organization strong enough to guide the working class, and also the capitalist class, by the bridge of reason, to yield to the Socialist majority in conformity with the democratic spirit of this country, and to reorganize society on the basis of collectivism. There will then be only one class, the working class, who will build the society of the future, without classes and without class antagonisms. They will abolish class hatred by abolishing the economic conditions that breed classes. How do the capitalists propose to abolish class hatred? We are waiting for a reply.

them of all other responsibility save that of looking after themselves and their own property, thereby throwing the whole burden of maintaining the race on the shoulders of the propertyless class; then it is but a few days, as the race counts time, when the property class must stand face to face before this outraged soul of humanity to perish.

When property is no longer static but a terribly intensified and destructive advance upon the vital integrity of the race. When it is a treason economically armed and marching before which the popular millions fly into poverty and bondage. When it passes from being an old prescriptive wrong and becomes a sleepless, biting into the life of labor. When it has grown tired of the dead earth for its possession, and weary of waiting upon the seasons for wealth it falls upon living labor itself; then the day of reckoning between the living and the dead is not far off.

When private property tired of the mere power to exclude from the common earth, table, domain, the rights of men to go away from it and mine and bind the labor world by a machine and financial chain into one galley race throughout all nations and then by steam and electricity becomes its terrible master from within its locomotive ataxia. When labor can no more sea from capital. When capital has organized the impossibility of labor existing at all any where outside of the factories, then this impossibility becomes too heavy for the balance of history, then the proletariat civilization tumbles over and down for ever, and yesterday's impossible becomes today's achievement. Oh then, oh then; private property goes away with a great

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Prosperity.

John Donoghue, a Chicago sculptor, committed suicide to escape starvation, says the Daily American of that city. Thus does capitalism reward genius! There would be no incentive under Socialism for a man to do anything—like that. Each could easily procure by a little work, all the needs or even luxuries of life. You helped to murder that artist by voting for the present competitive hell.

Here's another from the same source: Dr. Louis Shaw of Chicago, committed suicide because his fortune was swept away in the panic of last month. Great system, eh?

Here's another from the same Greenwich, Conn., died in the poor-house. He was once rich, but dealt with the eminently respectable gamblers who run the national gambling establishment on Wall street.

Here's another from New York: Sarah Solomon, aged 13 years, working sixteen hours a day for a few dollars to help keep the family from starving, the father being out of work, killed herself by drinking carbolic acid. Great and glorious country! Wise and honest lawmakers! Christian citizenship! What are the churches doing that they look with complacency on the murder of children, while taking pew rent from the capitalists who do the murdering?

Another: Mamie DeCrist, inmate of the Georgia prison, was stripped and the lash applied on her bare body until she is dying. This is democratic Georgia civilization. This is the state where Mr. Fitts, a southern gentleman, was arrested for speaking on the street for the working class and sentenced to thirty days on the chain gang. This is capitalism under democratic management. Go into republican states and you will find similar pictures. Is not the warden of that prison a worse criminal than any of the inmates? Is he not a murderer at heart, even if the girl does not die? But capitalist politics needs such brutes in their business. The working class must be kept in awe of the master class, and the masters can tax the working class to pay the salaries of such brutes.

And here is another: Mrs. Karp of Chicago, aged sixty, after working for years on an average of 18 hours a day, with no chance of anything different, took poison to get out of the misery of this capitalistic world. She left a note in which she said: "Goodbye. Don't think that I don't love you and my children, but for forty years I have drugged day after day in the kitchen until my strength failed me. I see no hope of rest except in the cemetery lot." This is a worse fate than any slave ever lived. They had an occasional holiday—she never had. She is the kind the president wants to replenish the working class so that the capitalists will have a full supply of slaves for the next generation. Here is the fate of millions of working women. Such a damnable civilization should not be reformed—it should be wiped out and a decent one put in its place. This world will be a hell for the working class so long as the capitalists control the politics and fasten their infernal laws over the people, holding them while they are robbed by the rich men's trusts, combines and profit mills. Are you ready for the change? Have you not had enough of this?

New York, July 18.—Without a friend in the world or a penny in his pocket, "Whitey," a 16-year-old newsboy, committed suicide by jumping into the East river at Pier 22. To his fellow newsboys he had declared that he was tired of the struggle for existence, and that he intended giving up the seemingly hopeless fight.—New York Journal.

A nation that is organized on a basis that makes suicides of school boys because they cannot get enough to live on, but slowly starve, is certainly damnable enough to change, don't you think? The republicans and democrats have been running this country for the last century—haven't they had time enough to make conditions suitable to live under? You, reader, if you vote for these parties, which means a continuance of this thing, are just as much guilty of that murder as if you had thrown the boy overboard. Under Socialism the boys and girls will be sent to school; they will be provided by the nation with the best of clothes, the best of food, the best of houses, the best of instruction and entertainment. Do you think they would commit suicide then? When they grew up to the

Here's a picture of a man—don't know who he is, but if he was a Socialist he'd have his hands out of his pockets and be hustling subs. Still this one isn't so bad; most of 'em have their hands in the other fellow's pockets, and the working man is the—but then you know that already.



working age—about 21—they would repay this by having taken from their labor enough to do the same thing for the babies growing up, and thus they would repay what they had consumed in their bringing up. Which system would be best? It is up to you. Will you vote for Socialism?

A hundred more could be noted from the daily press, but would they arouse your intelligence and make you wish to change the system you have been educated to bear?

Does This Jar You.

"The Socialist, the ignorant populist and the rabid Bryanite have much in common politically, but between them and wise, public-spirited citizens, republicans and democrats, there can never be anything in common."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Now will you ignorant pops and rabid Bryanites be good? Vote the old party tickets and you will be wise and gentle! And yet the Ledger, in the same article, fears that the Socialists will elect a number of members of congress. What an awful thing will happen!

"The public schools as at present constituted are detrimental to church and state."—Bishop McFaul, at the consecration of Bishop Colton as bishop of Buffalo, Aug. 23.

The public schools are the best things we have in the nation. They are not what they should be, however. They should be made to include food, clothing, instruction and entertainment for every child under 20 years of age, and the wealth of the nation should be taxed to support them. Theology should have no part in them but should be a private affair of the parents. The attack on the public schools will do much to arouse the people to their interest. The cunning of the property class of the nation to destroy the public schools so they will have an ignorant people to handle, will not work—not in this day and age of the world. The wiser the people the quicker they are to scent tyranny and act against it. The rich know this and stop at no method to stifle intelligence and teach the children the things they want them to believe—such things as will enable some to live off the labor of others. The wider the education the surer the people to defend their interests. The most ignorant nations are the most brutally governed, and where the working people are the poorest. Do we want Ireland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Austria and others like them reproduced in America? There is where there are no public schools to speak of, and where the schools are under the control of the clericals. That is just what is desired to reduce Americans to. Isn't it about time that Americans opened their eyes to the real thing?

War between Turkey and Bulgaria will be on "legally" about October 1. At present the fool working class of each nation are killing each other at the command of their masters, by the thousands; women are being outraged, children slaughtered, houses burned and general peace and harmony prevails—but we are informed that after October 1st war will begin! And for what? What have the working class, who make up the armies, got against one another? Nothing, except their religious teachers have made brutes of them both, so that the said religious teachers might skin them and live in luxury off the labor of the dupes. The papers tell us that the Musselmans are massacring the Christians and that the Christians are retaliating in kind. War is murder and men would not murder if they were properly taught. Kings need "religious" teachers in their business and would quit business the moment that a TRUE religion were taught.

"The National Banker," Chicago, June 25, says that New York City has 1,320 millionaires as against 294 in 1880 and 25 in 1853. That there were none 100 years ago. These 1,320 men possess one-third of the wealth of the entire nation. At the same rate of increase twenty years from now they will own the entire national wealth, and the whole 100,000,000 people who will be here at that time will not own anything, and will be dependent on these millionaires for the privilege of living. No man or woman can get work of anybody else, and will be as much slaves as if they were bought, body and soul. A nice state of affairs is at the end of this private ownership of capital.

A writer in McClure's Magazine asked the secretary of the Coal Teamster's Union, Chicago, if there were any non-union workmen in the industry which he represents. "No, unless they are in the hospital." This may or may not be so. But if some one were to ask Rockefeller if there were any oil operators in this country doing business independent of him he could truthfully reply: "Not unless they are in the bankrupt courts." And so on with iron, copper, and hundreds of other things.

Suppose there were \$1,000 in money for each man, woman and child in the nation and one man had it all, would there be plenty of money?

The coal mines are being closed by the coal bandits. Notice now that there will be a cry of being unable to supply coal next winter. But people forget, people forget.

The "One-Hoos" has no photographs. It does not matter what a man looks like. Let your minds have understanding of PRINCIPLES. The mind is the real man or woman. Please accept this in answer to letters too numerous to personally reply to.

A St. Louis judge has decided that a landlord can carry a duplicate key and enter the premises rented to a tenant any time he pleases, even if the rent is paid in advance. Ye gods! what will the judges do next? There is no law to protect the poor. But then the poor vote the law into the hands of the master class and should submit like whipped curs to their own degradation.

How quiet the capitalistic papers were about the recent alleged attempt on the life of the president, when they discovered that the crank was a republican. If he had been a partisan of any other party there would have been blood on the moon. He was a product of capitalistic "civilization." Ninety-nine assassins in a hundred in this country have been democrats or republicans—mostly the latter. One of the republican assassins, a high state official in Kentucky, has just been sentenced to death for killing the governor, and the republican governor would also have been properly hanged if another republican governor had not refused to deliver him up to justice. The republican party is the breeding ground of such minds.

Fifteen millionaires were arrested in Newark, N. J., charged with murder of a girl by negligence in the matter of safeguards for trolley cars. The judge did not let the matter go to the jury on its merits but instructed the jury to bring in a verdict of acquittal. What are juries for? Just to cover over the fact that the laws are not made for all? Of course no rich man can commit a crime. Crime is possible only by the poor. What a farce law has become in these days of monopoly owning the judiciary system.

The good, honest, patriotic republican officials have skinned the Indians good and plenty. They have robbed them of millions. The congressional committee report is rich with the thievery. But what other could be expected? Are not men in politics for what they can make out of it? Seeing the great trust owners taking everything they can lay their hands on, and while supporting the trust system, it is only natural that the republican and democratic underlings should practice the same game for their benefit. It will do no good to "turn the rascals out" for the conditions will make rascals of the fellows who replace them. Change the industrial system of the world and then there will be no incentive to steal and rob and forage. Socialism will cure the disease by constitutional treatment, and will not try to cover the sores and say the body politic is cured.

Last year the life insurance companies collected \$488,000,000 from their policy holders and paid back \$142,000,000 in benefits. In other words they took \$30 per family—a total loss to the world of just that much. Under Socialism every citizen would be guaranteed against want, and without any expense in the management of it. Can you ever get your eyes open?

What would you think of the action of twenty men who would conspire to swindle a farmer out of \$10,000—to get that much out of the farmer without any equivalent?

Now suppose that twenty men were the members of a corporation that had monopolized some article used by farmers and should charge the farmers not only \$10,000 but \$10,000,000 a year more than had been previously done, what would be the difference between the two acts?

And yet there are hundreds of trusts that are organized by men to swindle the public and do swindle the public of hundreds of millions annually.

One set of thieves you would imprison, and to the other set you give all the powers of government.

Rev. Dr. Buckley, of Montclair, N. J., in a recent sermon said that a terrible crisis is coming and charges it all to the labor unions. "The rich man must regard the poor man as a brother and the latter must SERVE the rich with faithfulness, diligence and sincerity." Wouldn't that be a fine Christian condition—the many poor serving the rich? A terrible time may be coming, but it is chargeable to such false teachers as Buckley and not to labor unions, whose members are striving for a larger part of what their brain and brawn produce. The churches serve the capitalists, and would like to frighten the working class into menial service to the masters who pay such time-servers as this "divine." There is about as much christianity in such ministers as is usually attributed to hades. They get their living in the sweat of their brothers' faces.

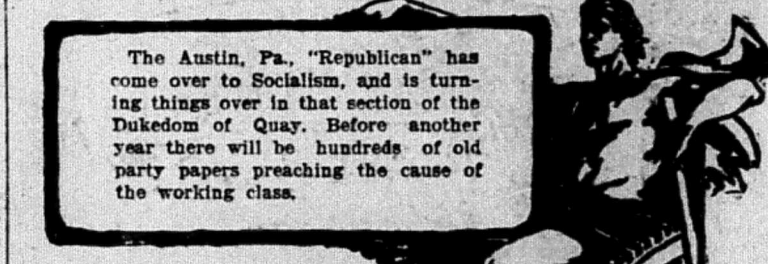
You claim that houses of ill-fame could not exist under Socialism. Please explain why.—John Taylor, Tacoma.

Because there would be no reason for it then. Such houses exist for the purpose of women selling themselves for the means of a living. They are "business houses" in the sense of commerce. Under Socialism any woman would be guaranteed employment in the public service at a reward that would enable her to dress as well, eat as well, live in as good house and have as much instruction and entertainment as any other woman for five to eight hours a day. She would therefore be under no necessity of selling herself to every brute with the money. It is hardly conceivable that any woman is in such houses from choice. The life is unnatural. It is loathsome to every inmate. If they could gain as good living from a little honest labor they would never enter such places.

Policeman Kuhn of Chicago threw a knife at his wife, cutting her head, beat her with his fists and shoved her out of doors and closed the door. This is the kind of men whom a democratic administration employs to "protect the peace." This is the kind of officers that capitalism employs to awe the peaceable citizen and intimidate them into submission to the royal trust thugs, who rob the public. Yes, there would be a great change to elect democrats to office and turn the republicans out!! Both serve the golden calf of Mammon. Elect Socialists and the capital of the nation will be made the common heritage of the race, and there will be no incentive to appoint thugs to office. The people will produce and consume what they produce. It will not be taken to create a class of parasites called millionaires.

Do you remember the name of Necler? He stole \$100,000 of postal funds of Cuba. He was sentenced to ten years in prison. The president kindly pardoned him after two years, and he is now living in luxury at New York. Did you hear of a pardon for the poor devil whom poverty compelled to steal a trifle? Not on your life. The laws are made by the ruling class to control the working class so they can be robbed by private corporations and public officials. When the rich get clumsy they are pardoned. Great is America!

Rev. Father Baart of Marshall, Mich., in a sermon recently said that no Catholic could consistently belong to the typographical union. To which every plutocrat in the country will say amen. Are the churches in league with the masters of the bread?



Socialist Victory in Norway.

In Finmarken, Norway, the Socialists have elected two and possibly three members of the national parliament—the first ever elected to that body. The result was a tremendous surprise to the ruling class. The Socialists also cast a very large vote over the nation, but was successful only in these two or three districts. This is the first election at which the Socialists put up candidates. It shows how wonderful is the growth of the Socialist movement the world over. We are marching to success.

"I have worked early and late," the old man continued, "to accomplish my one aim in life, which has been to leave each of my boys \$100 when I die. By denying myself and saving all my pennies I managed to save \$270, which I had in the bank that failed recently, leaving me nothing and—"

The old man was unable to control his feelings and gave way to tears as he tottered from the witness stand.—Washington, D. C., Evening Times.

Now what do you think of that? Isn't this a great and glorious condition when the respectable element can and do rob such people of their life's earnings? Was it the fault of the old man that he is penniless? Or is it not your fault because you foolishly support a system that enables a few to rob honest labor and spend the loot in luxurious living? A government that refuses to provide a safe place for the poor people to keep their savings is a poor if not a criminal government. The bankers do not want the government to provide safe deposits, as they would then not have the money to speculate with or steal outright as in this case. Of all schemes that ever robbed the very poorest of people, the savings bank swindle is the meanest. In the state of New Hampshire alone in two years during the last panic, (1893) the savings bank defaulters amounted to over \$17,000,000, and the men who looted them are safe in Europe today living in princely style. This is the effect of republican-democratic political rule. The fool people, with all this loss, still vote the same tickets that prepared the traps and caught them for their life's savings, just as it did this old man of 70, who is left in his declining years penniless, after a life of toil and saving. How little incentive there is to save under this system. The thieves who robbed this old man are respectable under this system, and would spurn to do an honest day's work. Under Socialism there could have been no such incident. It would be impossible for an old man to be robbed of his life's savings. He would not have had to save anything for his children, as they would each be able to have public employment at the same rate of reward as he had, and the pitiful sum of \$100 would be spurned as a gift. Socialism will give each worker more than \$2,500 a year for an eight-hour day. Compare that with the pitiful life saving of \$270. And yet Socialism is such an awful thing!!

The anthracite coal barons, finding that the production of hard coal for the year is ten million tons more than an average, have ordered the output curtailed and raised the price! The more of a thing produced the costlier it is! The people may have coal this winter if it pleases the barons and only if it pleases them! God made the coal, but the barons refuse to permit the children of God to use it! The remedy is very simple—confiscate every acre of coal and have the public operate it for the benefit of the public. How long will the people permit a few pirates, criminals, to levy tribute on the nation, and if the people refuse to force them to freeze? The very property gained by these criminals by such extortion should be expropriated to the public from whom it has been stolen.

Marshall Field says that something has got to be done to "throttle labor." That is what the czar of Russia says; that is what the emperor of Germany says; that is what every skinner says. Something has got to be done to throttle millionaires, and something will be done, and done effectively before many years. The working class will do it with their votes, and then these parasites that live off the public will either work at some honest industry or starve—just as they like.

The Socialist members of the Brockton, Mass., council have, though a minority, succeeded in having playgrounds established over the city, have raised the pay of city employees from \$2 to \$2.25 a day for eight hours, have built a public "comfort station," the first one in any city, and say they will have the union label on the front of the new fire station. A great gain in the party will be shown in this city at the coming election. The two old parties are working together to beat us, but they will be greatly surprised when the returns come in.

How are we to secure men for postmaster general, secretaries of state, and like positions, with all their responsibilities, under Socialism, when there will be no added pay over other less responsible positions?—F. G. Flower.

How does capitalism secure men for such positions at the nominal salary attached today, when these same men can and do get ten to twenty times as much in the field of commercial exploitation? Is it not a fact that men resign positions that pay \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year to go into the cabinet of the nation for a salary of \$8,000? Why? For the honor of the position. Is there a man anywhere who would not prefer, at the same salary, to be the head of a department rather than an ordinary unit? Under Socialism the postal department will be organized from below instead of above—that is, the workers in that department will select all their officials and make all the rules governing their employment. They will not be appointed from above as at present, which places great power in the hands of the one man who is not responsible to the men in his department nor directly to the public. The employer would select the postmasters, who would be selected for their fitness for the position, and should they prove unfit it would be to the interest of the employees and the public to at once remove them. Instead of getting honor one would get dishonor, unless, seeing his own incompetency he should resign—which would be a mark of greatest honor. Thus no one, unless he or she felt amply competent, would accept a high position, and in this way we would have the best ability in the highest places. "Who would be chief among you make him your servant." So far as most of the offices of the present are concerned they should be abolished. We would have no more use for the functions of governor, secretary of state, and many others than we would now have for a valet de chambre or other kingly menials. Besides, there would be no responsibility in the positions under Socialism that there is today. We now pay the high salaries to men who are cunning and can outwit their fellows, watching their weak points and taking advantage of them for the private profit of their employers or selves, while under Socialism this would be reversed, and it would be to the interest of all to assist others and point out their errors instead of taking advantage of them. It does not take a good business man to sell postage stamps, to route letters or to do the other specialized work in the postal department—so it would be in all activities of life under Socialism. There would be no cunningly laid plans to deceive and extort from one's fellows. As it could not profit the doer there would be no incentive to such deception. Knowledge of the industry alone would be the qualifications of the worker, and not how he could use that knowledge to gain advantages over his fellows. This principle will apply to every industry. All the vocations that are not USEFUL will be abolished, for there would be a waste of the national labor in such and there would be no private gain to follow them. All advertising, all traveling men, all people engaged in adulterating goods, making useless machines when there are more than enough, all duplicating of plants, of stores, of railroads—all these will be done away with and the employees transferred to useful labor. The "skill" necessary under Socialism will be to see what is necessary and what is not, in the line of industry in which one works. You will thus see that there will be little or no responsibility.

Even on the heels of the fearful exposures that has sent a number of public officials to prison, the St. Louis city council has just voted franchisees to the railroads worth millions, and voted down every amendment that looked toward having the railroads pay anything for them. Verily the corporations own the public officials. The St. Louis grand jury reported that "laws are sold to the highest bidder and have been for years." And this is republican-democratic rule.

The old party press of the nation is regged by patronage that the political control, by the advertising from corporations, banks and other public enemies. They dare not tell the people the truth lest they be deprived of patronage that will be given to some other paper and they will die of starvation. The same is the case in which the workers can place the least dependence, and some of them are "controlled" by politicians.

