







SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

A RECORD OF THE WEEK'S PROGRESS, AGENDA AND PROGRESS.

Chicago Still Leads in the Number of Local Branches. Nineteen States Now in Line.

The Social Democracy is now represented in nineteen states. The record of its first month's growth is phenomenal and has not been equaled in the history of American political and economic movements.

CHICAGO STILL LEADS

in the number of local branches, having established twenty so far. The one organized last Friday in the 21st ward promises to be one of the best in the field.

The Jewish socialists are also falling in line. Sunday afternoon a meeting was held in the Twelfth ward, which, though poorly advertised, was well attended and resulted in the organization of a branch with 45 members.

SCORES JUDGE JACKSON.

No. 1 held a largely attended meeting Sunday afternoon, at which the injunction of Judge Jackson was the principal subject of debate.

Whereas, Judge Jackson of the United States Court has overridden the state constitution of West Virginia and forbidden persons to walk along the public highways near the mines, and as all public highways in that state are near the mines, he has forbidden certain persons to walk in the public highways, thus arrogating to himself the right to control the property of the county and to say who shall walk in the public road; and

Whereas, He has prevented the exercise of the right of free speech and free assembly, guaranteed by the state and federal constitutions and for which rights our forefathers fought, it follows and is hereby

Resolved, That Judge Jackson is a law-breaker himself and should be punished therefor; and

Resolved, That if it was necessary for our forefathers to fight for the right of free speech and free assembly the action of Judge Jackson is forcing us back to a position when it will be necessary to again fight for the rights of free speech and free assembly.

Directors Hogan and Burns are directing the work of organizing in Chicago. Speakers are in great demand and volunteers wanted.

Great Gains in the East.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a detailed report of the convention of the Jewish speaking Socialists held in New York city last week. The action taken by that convention means tremendous gains to our ranks all through the east.

Branches have been started in Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and Kutztown, Pa., and several others are under way. In the far west, Roseberg, Oregon, and Palouse, Washington, and a second branch in San Francisco, are the results of last week's work.

In Milwaukee.

Director Goodwin and Organizer John F. Lloyd are still at work in the Cream City. They are meeting with great success, organizing in the wards and holding open air meetings. The Federal Trades' Council of Milwaukee, comprising most of the unions of the city, have endorsed the Social Democracy by a unanimous vote.

Director Burns has returned from St. Louis and reports the work progressing finely in that city. The various branches are steadily gaining in membership. Among the notable ac-

cessions to our ranks last week was Albert E. Sanderson, who is a well-known socialist of long standing. The branches in St. Louis are contemplating the organization of a central committee after the pattern of the Chicago branches.

The St. Louis Independent Section of the Socialist Labor party, at a meeting held last Thursday, adopted a resolution to the effect "that the members of this section are advised to join the Social Democracy, to participate in its councils, and to assist in making that organization a thoroughly class conscious political party."

Cigarmakers' Union No. 15 has passed the following resolution:

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor and the International Cigarmakers' Union have declared for the 'Co-operative Commonwealth,' and

"Whereas, The Social Democracy under the leadership of Eugene V. Debs intends to establish a co-operative colony to give employment to the unemployed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the international executive committee levy a special assessment of 25c upon every member, in conformity with section 213 of the constitution, for the benefit of the contemplated colony, and that the money thus realized shall be sent at once to the proper officers of the Social Democracy."

The resolutions were sent to President G. W. Perkins of the International Union.

The picnic at Kuhn's park Sunday, August 1, was attended by large crowds. Mr. Debs spoke both in the afternoon and evening. He was listened to with rapt attention. Those who heard him pronounce his evening speech one of the best ever delivered by him. Lack of space unfortunately forbids its reproduction.

COMING OUR WAY.

The Jewish Speaking Socialists of the East Vote to Join the Social Democracy.

A convention of Jewish-speaking socialists was held in this city in Progress Assembly Rooms, 28-30 Avenue A, during the three days of July 31st, August 1st and 2d. There were present fifty-eight delegates, who represented not less than 1,200 active members of the Socialist Labor party, and about 10,000 trade unionists, among which were the United Brotherhood of Cloak-makers, the Suspenders Makers' Union, the Doorkeepers' Union, and the Knee Pants Makers' Union. There were two ladies among the delegates. Many of the delegates were instructed by their respective organizations to vote for joining the Social Democracy of America.

The question of joining the Social Democracy of America was the third in the order of business. Already, at the very beginning of the convention, speeches were made in favor of the Social Democracy of America. The regular discussion of the question of joining the Social Democracy of America began early in the morning on Sunday. A motion was made and carried, that a delegate of the local branch No. 1 of the Social Democracy should explain the aims and principles of the Social Democracy of America (our branch was represented at the convention by two delegates, Dr. Isaac A. Hourwich and Meyer London). The delegate Meyer London took the floor and in a speech which lasted over an hour, explained the aims of the Social Democracy.

The following resolution was proposed by Meyer London and adopted at the mass-meeting by a rousing yea: "We, Jewish-speaking Socialists of the city of New York, in mass-meeting assembled, herewith declare ourselves in accord with the principles of the Social Democracy of America, as well as declare that we greet with joy this new movement of liberation, and pledge our energies to the support of this new party which will lead the laboring class over the broad road of scientific socialism, to the final goal of humanity—to the emancipation of the laboring class from the yoke of capitalism and the replacement of the competitive system by the co-operative commonwealth."

The meeting adjourned with cheers for the Social Democracy and for International Socialism.

Economy to Blame.

After all the years we have worshipped at the shrine of the god Economy, after all our praise of the virtue of thrift, and acceptance of the doctrine that the road to wealth is for one to spend less than one earns, it is rather astonishing to find one of our high priests of capitalism saddling all the troubles of the country on the shoulders of economy. In a recent newspaper interview Secretary of War Alger said: "In my opinion the hard times are largely due to the universal practice of a more rigid economy than has heretofore prevailed. People became apprehensive that financial and business troubles would grow worse and as a consequence reduced in every way their daily expenditures."

Becoming specific the learned secretary dropped into figures and brought forth the astounding conclusion that "there has been saved as a result of economy \$1,180,000,000 in a single year." He went on to say that, "The

often even stood hostile towards the labor movement, and

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money which has heretofore been distributed for better clothing, more luxurious living, and a larger share of pleasure, is saved. In this way machine shops have been closed and factories stopped. How deplorably simple is the remedy for the present business depression! People have economized too much. They have saved out of their earnings a yearly sum of more than one billion dollars, and hidden it away in their old stockings, probably. These savings must now represent some four or five billion dollars, and all that is necessary to make business boom again is for each person to go resolutely to work to spend his proportionate share of the savings as soon as possible. It is a wonder nobody has ever thought of this before! Say, Mr. Wageworker, you who are struggling along in the effort to support a family decently on a dollar a day, the next time that sanctimonious preacher comes around you with his dismal platitudes about the beauties of thrift, advising you to provide for a rainy day by spending less than you earn you can quote millionaire Alger against him. You can come back at him with statistics showing the terrible consequences of the pernicious saving habit.

When our men of affairs seriously give vent to such puerilities as Alger has indulged in it is the best evidence in the world that they are entirely at sea as to the cause of our distress and know absolutely nothing about remedies.

GOOD TIMES ARE HERE

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record that of one of "the common people" or "the masses."

With this idea he stopped a young woman who had just emerged from a big clothing warehouse on Franklin street, Chicago.

"Thin she certainly was, and her sunken eyes and hollow cheek-bones did not show forth the fruits of good living.

"Excuse me, madam," quoth the optimistic reporter, removing his slouch, "would you have the kindness to inform me whether the wave of prosperity has reached you yet—my only excuse for thus interrogating you is that I am a reporter."

"Well, sir," answered the little woman, "with a sad smile. 'I do, indeed, find that times are better. Yesterday, for instance, I received forty-one cents for making a dozen shirt-waists—while last month the price was only forty cents. Yes, there's a difference you see. Of course, sugar is half a cent dearer and I suppose it will square itself in some way. But if good times is here I don't want to stand in the way and pretend they are not. Good-bye, sir."

And there is the evidence. The man who can read it earnestly and say that the prosperous time is not here is unworthy of the name of loyal American citizen.

The Present Hour.

We know that yonder lies the land Where plenty springeth evermore; But still we walk the desert shore In sight of that full-fruited strand.

No olden dreams of blessed isles So fair as yonder garden floor; Yet as the days grow more and more Remain the intervening miles.

And yet the faint heart shrinks the wave, And now the morn becomes the noon; And shall they build, beneath the moon, Upon the sands, a Union's grave?

We launch our shallop from the shore, Though wild the tossing of the sea And to mankind its wake shall be The path of hope forevermore.

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