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## AN EARLY CONVENTION.

### National Convention of Socialists to Be Held at Indianapolis, Beginning July 29.

Chicago Board Accedes to Suggestion from Springfield—Unaffiliated Organizations of New Hampshire, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Texas Participate.

The readers of The Worker will undoubtedly be glad to learn that the date of the convention to be held for bringing together the Social Democratic forces of the United States has been advanced from September 10 to July 29. The earlier date, it is considered, will make it possible to complete the details of the united organization in time so that in all states where elections are to be held in November an energetic campaign may be made without any needless distraction by internal party affairs.

## SOCIALIST AGITATION.

### Active Outdoor Propaganda Begun Under Direction of N. E. C.

The National Executive Committee at Springfield has begun the work of agitation which is to be carried on energetically from now till election day. Comrade Vall, having completed his work in Oklahoma, is spending the present week in Iowa, speaking at Hietman on Tuesday, May 27, in Ottumwa on Tuesday, in Muscatine on Wednesday, in Clinton on Thursday, and in Van Buren from Friday to Monday, June 3.

## VICTORY IN SPAIN.

### For the First Time a Socialist Is Declared Elected to Parliament.

Opposition to Government Methods of Influencing and Falsifying Elections Growing More Resolute.

The result that can be learned about the most of the late Spanish elections, so far as Socialists are concerned, is that one Socialist candidate was declared elected to the parliament in Madrid. This is our first victory in a parliamentary election in that country, and, although the news came over the cables, the capitalist papers all suppressed it.

## RECORD OF COMBINATIONS.

### Combines Formed in Last Five Months Aggregate More Than Two Billions of Capital.

Street Railways, Gas and Electric Systems, Iron and Steel, Railroads, Glass, Cigars, Salt, Tin, Copper, and Many Industries Affected—A Record That Shows the Futility of Bryanite Palliatives—Collective Ownership the Only Solution.

The New York "Sun" of May 21 prints a remarkable article on "Trusts Made This Year"—giving a list, confessedly incomplete, of the industrial combinations formed since the going out of the old century, less than five months ago. In this short time, according to the estimate of the "Sun," combinations have been formed involving an aggregate capital "above the two billion dollar mark—above it, possibly, by several hundred million dollars."

## LOCOMOTIVE COMBINE.

The American Locomotive Company, with a capital of \$50,000,000, comprising practically all the locomotive firms in the country except the H. K. Potter Company of Pittsburgh and the Baldwin Company of Philadelphia, came into public view only a few days later. Several of the holdings of the new company were taken over from the International Power Company.

## MEN ARE CHEAP.

### Human Life Does Not Weigh Against Capitalist Profits.

International Class Struggle Illustrated by Three Great Mine Disasters—So Long as Capitalism Rules, Laborers Will Be Sacrificed.

Cable dispatches report two mining disasters during the past week, one in Germany, the other in Wales, both of them involving great loss of life. In the Wales catastrophe over eighty men were reported lost, many of whom will never be recovered. As if as a reminder that the interests of labor are international in scope and suffering comes a report of a disaster in Dayton, Tenn., by which at least thirty men have lost their lives and several others are injured.

## CAPITALIST INTIMIDATION.

### Bridgeport Manufacturers Try It on the Striking Machinists.

Make Guarded Threats of Sending the Strikers to Jail—Say That 'Conviction Is Not Difficult'—General Prospects for Machinists Are Good.

The general strike of machinists for the nine-hour day, at the date of publication, still in full force. Considerable progress has been made toward a victory for the union, as many districts in various parts of the country have acceded to the demands of the men. On Tuesday the strike committee of the New York district was able to announce that 800 men back to work. The capitalists of the capitalist press about the "tyranny" and "unreasonableness" of the union are sufficient to indicate that the union has pursued a generally wise course and that the machinists are behaving with creditable resolution and unanimity of purpose.

This convention, which was called by the Chicago convention of the adherents of the Chicago National Executive Board, in accord with a suggestion from the Springfield National Executive Committee, was set by the former body for the second Tuesday in September. The Springfield committee urged that the date be changed, if possible, to the month of July, and the same suggestion came, it seems, from other quarters also.

Monday, June 3—Brookton, Mass., June 4—Fall River, June 5—Lawrence, June 6—Amesbury, June 7—Nashua, N. H., June 8—Portland, Me., June 9—Adams, Mass.

Several days later the representatives of a number of GLASSWARE WORKS of Pennsylvania and other Eastern states met at Philadelphia and formed a combination with about \$20,000,000 in capital stock.

The record of corporations formed in March with a capital stock of \$1,000,000 or more shows an aggregate of \$220,250,000 capital.

The three life insurance and trust companies of Cook County, Illinois, to stop rate-cutting.

Nine-tenths of the coal mine disasters could be prevented with the proper precautions and safeguards, but these cost money, and men are cheaper than money. Even now men will be hurrying to Dayton to take the place of those killed, to run the mines.

When many of the "ragging" combinations have succeeded or will soon do so, most others show a disposition to resist to the end. An example of this spirit is shown in Bridgeport, Conn., where the employers have given to the press a very remarkable statement, somewhat in the tone of an official proclamation, denouncing the strikers.

## OHIO MINERS AND THE SYNDICATE.

The Columbus "State Journal" says that there are indications that the miners of Ohio are preparing to protect themselves against the syndicate that is rapidly securing control of the coal lands of the state. The 2 per cent. assessment on the gross earnings of all miners of the state, ostensibly levied to provide funds to aid the strikers now out in the district, is said by several well informed authorities to be the first step in the campaign.

## ANOTHER VICTORY.

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## TO TRUSTEES CIGARS.

Next was the American Cigar Company, capitalized at \$10,000,000, and formed as an annex of the American Tobacco Company for the purpose of extending the domination of that powerful monopoly so as ultimately to control the manufacture of cigars. The International Machinery Company, a combination of manufacturers of machinery used in the tobacco industry, was formed at about the same time.

## THE ONLY SOLUTION.

This summary may well be read in connection with the article which appeared three weeks ago, showing the wide ramifications of the Standard Oil Company, which links together all the great combinations into a single system, daily growing more closely organized and more powerful.

## YTON LOCKOUT STILL CONTINUES.

The lockout of practically all the union men in Dayton, O., which has been in progress since the 1st of May, still continues. The associated employers are determined to possibly win the work organizations if they possibly can to maintain their right to organize and to gain whatever advantages they can by such action.

## STRIKE OF CUBAN LONGSHOREMEN.

All the stevedores of Havana harbor are on strike and longshoremen are reported in the interest of the solidarity of labor, to keep away from Havana until further notice.

## SOCIALISM IN OKLAHOMA.

Under date of May 20, Comrade Chas. Vall writes us from Medford, Oklahoma, as follows: "I have had fine success all through Oklahoma. The movement is under good leadership here, is surprising how the farmers are being held of the question. Many are in fifteen or twenty miles to attend the meetings. I finished my work this territory Saturday night, having given 224 six-cent addresses."

## DOG IN THE MANGER.

The Pennsylvania House has failed to pass a bill to revoke all licenses granted under the act of 1848, to dig and mine coal under public lands and rivers, which had not been taken advantage of within twenty years after they had been issued, although it was asserted that by the revocation the state would recover enough to pay for the erection of a dozen state capitol buildings.

## FINANCIAL COMBINE.

About the same time came the news of a great financial combination—the North American Trust Company, incorporating the International Banking and Trust Company and the Trust Company of New York, as well as several New Jersey corporations, two national banks and the Bank of Havana.

## APRIL'S BIG TOTAL.

The aggregate capitalization of corporations of \$1,000,000 or more formed in April reached \$1,325,515,000, the greatest amount of capital ever brought together in a single month.

## GROWTH OF THE COPPER COMBINE.

William O. Rockefeller, head of the Amalgamated Copper Company, has issued a call for a special meeting of the stockholders on June 15, to take action on the proposed formation of a \$10,000,000 trust.

## GLUCOSE FIGHTS 'REB.'

The end of the long and bitter fight between the Glucose Company and the independent planters has been reached. The Glucose Company has won.

## TAILORS MAY STRIKE.

The tailors claim that it has become impossible for the average workman in the trade to earn enough to live on. This condition is said to be caused by the competition between the small contractors. The men therefore demand the abolition of the contract system, in order that the workers may have the benefit of the middleman's profit.



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Table with Socialism Vote in the United States. Lists years from 1888 to 1900 with corresponding vote counts.



The Party's Emblem. The Supreme Court agrees with the Administration that wage-slavery follows the flag.

Reverend members of the Brooklyn Assembly are accusing each other of "blasphemy and hypocrisy."

Why should we talk about having franchises on the Broadway street cars?

warning that if the results of the arbitration are not in their favor, they will strike again and continue their fight.

NO GROUND FOR CONGRATULATION.

Under the heading, "A Victory for Labor," our unclassified contemporary, the "Civilizer," takes some pride in reporting the veto of the employer's liability bill by the governor.

The facts in the case are these: The labor organizations asked for a law which would give working people some effective protection by making the employers responsible in cases of accidents occurring to employees at their work.

THE EMPLOYMENT OFFICE FRAUD.

John J. Bealin, superintendent of the Free Employment Bureau of the New York State Labor Department at 107 East Thirty-first street, says:

"I have been making investigations and I am satisfied that a large number of the private employment agencies are not run according to law. People are led to patronize these places by fraudulent advertisements. When they pay a fee without receiving a position they never get any of their money back.

THE CHANGE IN SOUTHERN POLITICS.

The situation presented in South Carolina through the resignations of Senators Tillman and McLaurin is an interesting one. McLaurin, while assuming to be a "new" Democrat, is to all intents and purposes a Republican of the modern Hanna school.

WARNING TO SOCIALISTS.

Comrade Putnam Writes on the "Public Ownership Party" Experience in St. Louis.

Comrade E. Val Putnam of St. Louis writes to the San Francisco "Advance" as follows: "Socialists of St. Louis have just passed through an experience that may be of great value to the movement nationally."

But for the same reasons, with the development of a working class of factory, mine, railroad, and mill operatives, there will develop more and more strongly a tendency toward the Republican party as the representative of the material interests of that capitalist class.

THE INTERNATIONAL MINERS CONGRESS.

The International Miners Congress, meeting in London, has unanimously passed a resolution inviting the American miners to send delegates to future international congresses.

WHY CLASS-CONSCIOUS SOCIALISTS CANNOT TAKE PART IN IT.

"The 'Social Unity' organ of the Social Reform Union, has an editorial on 'A New Party' in its April issue. It is a curious mixture, the product of a disordered vision and confused mind. Brief extracts follow:

THE "INCENTIVE" QUESTION.

It is often objected that Socialism will destroy the individual incentive. The answer is that the individual incentive is destroyed by the capitalist system.

A REASONABLE EXPLANATION.

"Mind a blank for three months," is the heading of a press dispatch referring to a man in an Eastern state who is in this predicament for the time mentioned.

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STORIES OF THE CITY-I.

PETROFF'S DREAM.

It was the hour when the first tinges of grey showed the coming of dawn. The stars had not yet faded from the sky, and the birds were still asleep.

DETROIT CONFERENCE.

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THE BASIS OF MORALS.

The labors of students of the early history of institutions have disclosed to us an element of society which appears to have existed in all ages and in all lands.

OUR ESTEEMED CONTEMPORARIES.

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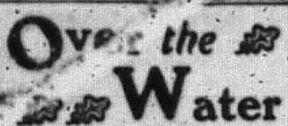
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Great satisfaction is expressed in Socialist circles in Great Britain at the work which is being done by Keri Hardie in the House of Commons.

On April 25 he created a sensation by moving a resolution calling upon the government to inaugurate a Socialist Commonwealth. This was, of course, simply a bit of propaganda. Hardie did not expect to achieve any immediate practical result by it.

There is much talk of the probability of a great railroad strike in England, growing out of trouble on the London and North-western, the greatest line in the British Islands. The railway employees are strongly organized.

The communal suffrage bills, whose passage by the Odehling of Jover is expected to be a landmark event, are independent labor members of Parliament, although not members of the Independent Labor Party.

The Independent Labor Party is making an effort to raise £1,000 a year, with a view to carrying on special propaganda work in all the large towns and industrial centers.

There seems to be good ground for the belief openly expressed by some well informed persons that the German Emperor is mentally unbalanced.

The thousand pounds for the first year has not yet been raised, but a considerable sum has been got together.

A vigorous campaign is being waged in France against the use of white lead in painting, because it is a poison which slowly but surely destroys the health of the men who use it.

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The Economic Struggle.

Eight hours now constitutes a day's work all over the Pacific Coast in the brewery business. And the brewers are nearly all Socialists, too.

The Chicago "Chronicle" says that in the course of conferences to be held between labor leaders of national prominence in that city within the next few days an entirely new plan for a more effective central body in Chicago will be proposed.

The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis have arranged for memorial services to commemorate the massacre of the street car men on June 10 last year.

The strike of the silk weavers in the A. & M. Loom Mill at Paterson, N. J., has been settled.

The Socialist Temple, in Chicago, continues to be successful. A. M. Simons has begun a series of lectures on "Scientific Socialism."

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PARTY NOTES.

Three new locals were organized in Washington during the past month. Every S. D. P. organization in New York should make use of the little pamphlet published by the State Committee.

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JOIN THE S. D. P. Reasons Why the Workingmen Should Actively Support Socialism.

Strikes and Lockouts, Court Decisions and Billion-Dollar Trusts, All Teach the Same Lesson.

That there is a general feeling of discontent prevailing in the ranks of the working class...

By glancing through the daily press we find that the class struggle still prevails throughout the length and breadth of the land...

Look, for instance, into our metropolitan papers and glance through the "Help Wanted" columns...

And these facts not theorized confronting us, these conflicts for a few cents increase per hour in wages...

The million-dollar steel trust sought to prove another eye-opener to the workers. Do you realize the magnitude of such a trust?

It is necessary, in order that the working class shall realize that which is justly due to them...

MURDEROUS CAPITALISM A Typical Story from Real Life of a Workman Slowly Poisoned by Profit and Now Dying in Poverty.

We take the following horrible story—more horrible because it is common—from a recent issue of the Philadelphia "Bulletin."

"Unfit for work by disease, which he is said to have contracted by inhalation of fumes at a retort in Fenoyd, where he was employed for years...

"Martin Killen worked for years, and as long as he was able in a gas retort at the Fenoyd Iron Works. The retort is known to the workmen as a 'killer.' They breathe the deadly fumes constantly and gradually succumb to them."

"Since then he has been a helpless invalid and the little savings which he was able to set aside for a rainy day has dwindled away."

"The Social Democratic Party, which is fighting the battle of the working class, is organized throughout the civilized world, and its supporters can be counted by millions."

"But while they have all this and have tremendous funds as compared with ours, there is one thing which they have not and that is the vote."

"The capitalists watch the S. D. P. Here is a bit of evidence. Comrade Nelson of Orange, N. J. has made a practise of giving copies of The Worker and other party papers to the train employees on the Erie road..."

EXCURSION OF LOCAL HUDSON COUNTY, S. D. P. TO RICHMOND BEACH Staten Island, SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1901.

Branches should not fail to send one Delegate each to next meeting of the Committee, Tuesday, June 4, at 824 Central Avenue, Jersey City.

CIVILIZED HYPOCRISY. The existence of human slavery in the colonies of Germany was coolly admitted and defended in the Reichstag...

ORDER AT ONCE. TWO MEN AND SOME WOMEN. BY WALTER MARION RAYBOLD. REV. FATHER McGRADY, Bellevue, N. Y. It is eloquently written and abounding in beautiful thoughts and sound illustrations.

YOUNG SOCIALISTS AT WORK. The Young People's Social Democratic Club of Yorkville held its first regular meeting of the W. E. A. club regular, 290 E. Eighty-sixth street, with eleven members present.

TO PRACTICE ECONOMY. The capitalists understand the virtues of economy so well that they are continually giving the workers opportunity to learn them also.

PRESIDENTIAL PRATTING. President McKinley, in a speech at Monterey, Cal., said: "I am glad to know that there is no community anywhere beneath our flag where the humblest child cannot receive an education to fit him for the responsibilities and duties of life."

MATRIMONY AND COMPETITION. The latest proposition for reducing the number of women engaged in unhealthy occupations in the men engaged in the same trade should be rejected.

THE CLASS WAR IN IDAHO. An Incident of Combined Capital, in Conspiracy with the Democratic State Officers and the Republican National Administration, for the Atrocities Committed Against the Miners of the Coeur d'Alenes.

The True Story of the Bull Pen. BY JOB HARRIMAN. Single Copies, 5 cents. In quantities to party organizations or to dealers, 2-1-2 cents each.

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"MODERN SOCIALISM," BY CHARLES H. VAIL. CONTENTS: The Meaning of Socialism. The Origin of Socialism. The Economic Evolution. Advantages of Socialism in the Production of Wealth.

"NOW AND THEN," A Play in Two Acts by FRED. KRAPP. Price, 10 CENTS.

Trades' and Societies' Calendar

BRANCH 2, S. D. P., 340 and 35th A. D. (formerly Socialist Science Club, meets every Wednesday evening at each fourth at 3300 Third Avenue.

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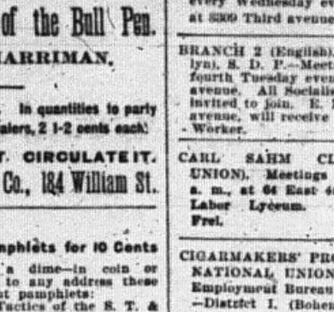
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