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OUR INDUSTRIAL FEUDALISM.

Pictures of Actual Life Among the Mill Town Workers of New England.

Written for The Worker by Gustavus Myers.

THIRD ARTICLE.
LUDLOW, Mass., Dec. 16.—It is here, in this jute and hemp manufacturing center that one chances upon a lusty specimen of that form of industrial development so well pictured in W. J. Ghent's "Our Benevolent Feudalism." In most industrial centers recrudescence of feudalism is in the mid-way stages only. Some of the essentials are clearly perceptible but the comprehensive subordination awaits time and further opportunity to mature. Here it is no longer a gravitation toward industrial feudalism. That state is already in benign and all-embracing operation, as perfect a process as in the flux of quickening conditions could so far have been devised.

The long, grim mills, immensities of industrial might, look out upon a region of river-stretch, tilled land and woods, dwellings, stores, schools and churches all under the complete dominion of absentee magnates who come perhaps once a year to survey their far-reaching possessions. They own land for miles along each side of the Chippewa River and back for a distance. They own the great dam at Red Bridge with its, and other, feudal, absolute rights of water power. They own almost every building, sight, of high and low degree, on both sides of the river—mills, warehouses, store buildings, cottages and tenements, a whole radius embraced in a single grasp of corporate ownership. Their money and land has either built or helped build schools, library, churches and public buildings. They own the electric light plant from which their army of dependents must get their light. They own woods which supply timber and firewood and farms and dairies the produce of which is sold to their people.

The Absentee Magnates.

In their corporate capacity they are the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates. All live elsewhere, most of them in Boston. Mysterious, great personages to their thousands of workers and dependents, clothed with all the concrete attributes of distant, mighty industrial potentates whose transmitted word is law, they come here but occasionally, like some monarch who condescends to leave the grandeur of his palace and vouchsafe a visit to his subjects of a remote realm. They, the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates, are practically the town of Ludlow; and the five thousand souls here and across the river are dependent upon their will. The coming of any one, or all, of those magnates is an event. But they need never come. They might disport themselves on the crookings of the Nile or bask in the balm of placid Italian shores and the system will work as smoothly and the dividends flow in as unerringly. All here is system, elaborated, mathematically precise, no detail left unseen and unprotected. In direct charge of this vast domain is an agent, a kind of modern industrial pro-consul, vested with large absolute and large advisory powers. He has grown gray in their service; he knows how to carry out their slightest wishes; and their commands become his commands. When these commands are promulgated, two thousand employees must bend the knee and obey or stand the penalty of rebels. Under the agent are sub-officials, superintendents, gang-bosses and head-taskmasters—all from apex down nicely appositioned each to his allotted task, each responsible to a superior, the whole culminating in the autocratic agent, who, in turn, stands at the orders of the financial bosses, the constituent members of the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates.

The Story of Ludlow.

The revenues of a cluster of principalities go from here to those few magnates every year. Since exploitation is the mainspring of the times and leads to wealth, honor, high station, mastery, eulogy—all that is embodied in the meretricious magic of the land-star success—the owners of these mills were wise in their foresight. Thirty years ago the site of what is now Ludlow was homely Jenksville and its sole industry was an old-fashioned stone cotton mill built fifty years before. In 1871 the Ludlow Manufacturing Company bought this mill and began making gunny bagging, binder twines, and twines, linen and jute carpet, nardines and webbing for upholstery. Men of less business sagacity might have rested satisfied with running the mill with its accruing profits. Not so the men of the Ludlow Manufacturing Company. There was no modest prospective, shackled by narrow comprehension of ultimate scope. With the real instincts and the inspired wisdom of true capitalists of industry, they realized that the profit-system was manifold and that many activities could be made to revolve about it. The gradations of the times were thus grouped. Why lay back satisfied with owning a few patry rods of land when the whole locality could be owned? Why allow others to build and own houses when they themselves could do it on a great scale and thus get back a large part of the wages paid out? Moreover there was the benevolent aspect—that knightly, high-minded benevolence of the possessors who set themselves up, by divine authority, as stewards for the non-possessing, at so much extorted per cent. profit. The company would build "model" houses for its employees and exercise generally a kindly sway for their good. If, in the process, large dividends were made, that was plain business, and business, as we all know, cannot be run on sentiment. The time

PROBABLY NOT "FIT TO PRINT."

Belmont's Daily Persists in Misrepresentation.

Letter Written by a Socialist, Calling Attention to Obvious Errors in Its Vote Tables, Cooily Ignored—The Worker Prints the Letter, Which Suggests Interesting Questions.

We publish below a letter by Edward Perkins Clarke of this city, which was sent to the New York "Times" the day after that paper published its tables of the presidential vote in the United States and by counties in New York state. For reasons best known to themselves, the editorial sponsors of "all the news that fit to print," or rather "all the news that it sees fit to print," did not consider it worthy of publication, nor do the writer of the letter and address enclosed was enclosed. It is worthy of remark that in a "Times" editorial on Dec. 18, entitled "Swallowing the Socialists," they still stick to the total Socialist vote, their originally gave of 392,857, although official figures for New York, already published in the "Times," give the lie to its original New York figures of the Socialist vote. But what is a matter of 2,400 votes "among friends"?

Futile Makeshift Laws.

This, in fact, was the company's own explanation. It contained the essential truth that the irresistible momentum of economic forces cannot be impeded by makeshift laws designed to cover a well-nigh obsolete stage of industry. In nearly every state and in Congress corporations are nearly always able to have special laws passed for their benefit, but they have not been able to efface from statute-books those laws, passed at the behest of the once dominant middle classes, which outlaw combinations and trusts. Hence they evade law and law is powerless against them. Evolutionary in their course, they are bound to go ahead in their more advanced industrial forms, despite the sullen opposition of the dying middle class.

There was, therefore, nothing remarkable in that explanation, except inasmuch as it revealed how law is perverted to benefit the possessing classes and beat down the aspiring proletariat. Contrast this cunning evasion of law with an opinion handed down by the Attorney-General of Massachusetts two weeks ago. The cotton mill strikers at Fall River have been in a desperate condition of destitution; many have been forced to apply to the city for relief. An attorney for the mill owners dug up an old, obsolete law the purport of which was that every able-bodied man could be forced by the city to work for the support of its paupers. This law, the Attorney-General declared, was valid and could be enforced. The ulterior aim of its resurrection was to break the strike by inducing the law as a club to terrify the strikers back to work in the mills upon the belief that they would rather work there for some wages than be compelled to do city work for the support of the city's dependents.

Under their new charter the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates concentrated compactly in themselves all the powers and feudal privileges which before they had held in rather loose form, and they added to these new privileges. Feudal in inception and essence whatever its superficial character might seem, the system now became a practical and enlarged feudalism under a protection which the law had never designed to give, but which, nevertheless, subsists as strongly, and to all intents, as unassailably as if the law specifically conferred it. Unlike other trusts and combinations the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates did not amass their vast properties, powers and privileges into great issues of stock. The corporation is still a close one, composed of a few families, and the stock, as far as can be ascertained, is of extremely small issue. The parcel was too good to distribute.

The Art of Evasion.

Where drawn of arm and ferocity and dexterity of analyst were the weapons of the original feudal lord, those of the industrial feudal lord are cunning. If the law is defective in suiting his purposes, he, in the night of his cunning, will have new laws made, or falling in that, evade old laws. With all his present power, he cannot always dictate what the laws shall be, especially where those particular laws are the product of a recently all-potential middle-class which still musters sufficient strength to keep them from being repealed. Evasion, then, is the alternative. The magnate may not know that powerful dynamic economic forces are propelling him forward to concentration of industry. The historic philosophy of his position is lost on him; that he knows is that he wants to attain his selfish end and the cunning of which he is master enables him to do this, law or no law.

IN THE SWEATSHOP.

In one of these sweatshops one day, a woman worker, in a case I know of, gave birth to a child behind a curtain hung at the corner of the hot, noisy room. Another woman had stolen a few moments to be with her. The child was born dead. The mother saw that the child was dead, she cried out, shrieking, but only for a few minutes. Then she dried her eyes. "Thank God," she said, "I could not take care of it."
And a few days later she was again at her place in the shop.
That sort of work made brutes of men and women.
Nowhere was there, apparently, any relief for this ferocious waste of human life. These people were cast into the turmoil of the "ice-cream" civilization of America; no one paid any attention to them, or cared what happened to them. Ray Stannard Baker, in McClure's Magazine.

SOWING THE WIND

Capitalists Getting Ready to Reap the Whirlwind.

Coolly Proposed that Republican Majority in Colorado Legislature Shall Throw Out the Whole Vote in 1908 Precincts and Declare Peabody Elected.
If it is true that "whom the gods would destroy they first make mad," it would seem that capitalism as represented by the Republican party in Colorado is coming very near to the day of its doom. The following report, which is not taken from the Associated Press source, but from the Associated Press dispatches, show the almost incredible lawlessness of the Republican party in that state:
"DENVER, Col., Dec. 23.—If the fifteenth General Assembly of Colorado, which is to meet Wednesday, Jan. 4, shall effectuate the plans formulated by the managers of the Republican post-election campaign, Gov. James H. Peabody may serve as Chief Executive of this State for two years more, despite the fact that Alva Adams still has nearly 10,000 plurality.
"There will be a Republican majority of thirty or more in the General Assembly, which will canvass the vote for State officers. It is proposed to have the General Assembly appoint a special contest commission of from nine to twelve members, which will be submitted the evidence of the whole election frauds in Denver, and possibly some other counties, which evidence the Republican committees have been collecting since the election.
"The Republican managers maintain that with the fraudulent vote of Denver eliminated, Peabody will have at least 7,000 plurality in this county and 2,000 in the state. The Republicans say they do not intend that the legal votes shall be sifted from the illegal and then counted, or that the Legislature shall reject the entire vote of Denver County, but they propose that about 1,800 Democratic precincts in the state shall be thrown out, on the ground of alleged frauds, and that the vote of the Republican precincts shall be counted. They assert that the Supreme Court has established a precedent for such a procedure by rejecting the vote of five Denver precincts.
"It may be that the Republican politicians actually in power will think better of it and decide not to carry this audacious scheme into effect. But in view of what has already happened in Colorado during the last year and of the reckless arrogance shown by the Republican party in the nation since November, we need not be surprised if the coup d'état is carried out as foreshadowed in the dispatch.
"Socialists can look at the matter with entire complacency. The dominant party of capitalism is rapidly laying up a store of precedents sufficient to supply a revolutionary party in any emergency.
THE WISER CAPITALISTS.
The late Socialist vote has certainly alarmed the exploiters that feed and grow fat upon profit. The aristocratic herd that stand at the crib of ill-paid labor, and revel in opulence while labor exists upon the husks of poverty, look with fear and trembling upon the signs which indicate the downfall of capitalism and the regeneration of man.
The National Civic Federation, the masked enemy of labor, makes the following statements in a recent declaration:
"There are organizations of capital that seek and find the establishment of honorable business relations with corresponding organization of labor.
"There are other organizations of capital whose present aim is to 'smash unions.'
"Another foe simultaneously assails him. That foe is Socialism. Although Socialism is the avowed foe also of capital, it regards as an aid to its cause the radical type of employer's association, because of their common hatred of unionism. Socialism sees in unionism a means of bettering the condition of the masses that must postpone indefinitely the confiscation of all the machinery of production and distribution. Before Socialism can deliver its assault upon all capital it must remove from its way the self-improving organization of the wage workers.
"The conservative forces that oppose Socialism should equally seek to convert to a policy of business negotiation the employers' organizations that are aiding the propaganda of Socialism by their heated desire to 'smash the unions.'
"The Civic Federation is a far worse enemy of organized labor than Parry's National Association of Manufacturers that comes out in the open and declares its relentless hostility to the principles of unionism. The Civic Federation is attempting to administer an opiate to organized labor to lull it to sleep. The deadly weapon of the Civic Federation is gloved by hypocrisy.
Every organization of capital has but one object in view and that is to obtain as much profit as is possible from the cheapest labor. There may be a difference in the methods employed, but the object to be attained is the same.
"The capitalist that is in sympathy with the National Civic Federation is a clearer student of the economic problem than men of the Parry type, and he is using all his ingenuity and diplomacy to postpone the day of justice when labor shall discard the rags of wage slavery and robe itself in the garb of economic liberty—Miners' Magazine.
SOCIALISM PROPORTIONALLY STRONGER IN FAR WEST.
The states having the highest Socialist vote in proportion to the total vote in the late election were California and Montana, in each of which our vote was 8.8 per cent. of the whole. Oregon followed with 8.4 per cent.; then Nevada, with 7.8 per cent.; then Washington, with 7.2 per cent.; and then Idaho, with 6.8 per cent. It is rather curious that these six states, lying all together in the extreme West, should thus head the column in this respect.

THE PROGRESSIVE STAGE SOCIETY.

Ibsen's "Enemy of the People" to be Given on New Year's Day at Berkeley Lyceum—Another Production of "The Scab" for the Benefit of the Worker.

The second production of the Progressive Stage Society will take place on Sunday, Jan. 1, at three o'clock sharp, at Berkeley Lyceum Theatre, Forty-fourth street, near Fifth avenue. Henrik Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People" will be produced.
Admission to the theatre can be obtained only by membership cards. This method is necessary on account of the Sunday law. The monthly dues are required only during the season of performances, and entitle the member to a seat in the theatre at each month's production. Payments of the initiation fee of twenty-five cents and the monthly dues, which are fifty cents, should be made to Julius Hopp, President, 215 E. One Hundred and Thirtieth street.
On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, 3 p. m., there will be a general discussion of the play at the hall of the Professional Women's League, 108 W. Forty-fifth street.
The society will give a performance for the benefit of The Worker, at the Academy of Music, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 22, of the two plays formerly produced—"The Scab," by Elsin Baker, and "Miner and Soldier," by Tola Dorian and J. A. Malinfa. Further announcement in regard to this affair will be made next week.

FOR RUSSIAN FREEDOM.

Annual Social Democratic Ball on New Year's Eve Has a Practical Significance.
The grand annual ball of the Russian Social Democratic Society of New York, which will be held in Murray Hill Lyceum, Third avenue and Thirty-fourth street, next Saturday, is much more than a social gathering. It has a very practical significance, because the proceeds, 35-cent admission fee and the 15 cents for hat-checks, go directly to help our comrades in Russia in their strenuous fight against Tsarism. This annual ball is always an interesting event and this year it should be an unprecedented success, because of the critical situation existing in Russia.
The Society has issued an address calling the attention of the New York comrades of other than Russian nationality to the energetic manner in which the Social Democratic Party of Russia is now mobilizing the forces of the proletariat "and, in fact, has already begun to storm the Port Arthur of absolutism." The Russian government, they rightly declare, is not only a curse to the people of that country, but an obstacle to progress and a menace to freedom in all other lands. All New Yorkers who sympathize with the Russian Socialists in their heroic struggle for liberty are invited to show their good will and their true feeling of international solidarity by attending this ball and so helping to supply the "slings of war" for the Russian revolution.

STRAIGHT TALK IN NORWAY.

During a debate in the Storting the Minister of State denounced Comrade Eriksen, a well-known evangelical minister, and declared that it was "nothing less than horrible that men whose life work it is to preach the evangel of love and peace are seen acting as leaders in extending the gospel of class hatred."
Comrade Eriksen replied to this and in the course of his reply gave utterance to the following, which may well be commended to the perusal of some members of his profession in this country: "It seems to have been somewhat displeasing to the Minister of State that I have preached the class struggle, when my work is supposed to consist of preaching the gospel of peace. I am well aware of the philosophy, Mr. President, which holds that the ministers should bless the rulers of society, and that Christianity should be used as a cloak for everything existing, and that the ministers of the gospel should teach the poor to say that it is God's will that they should live in the situation in which they now are and should be satisfied and contented. The ministry has certainly done this hitherto and it is comprehensible that the wrath of the conservatives is roused when one of us breaks with this custom and will have nothing more to do with it. I am glad, as a Danish Social Democrat has once said, that my hand has been raised against the most disreputable of all politics, the politics which consist in deceiving mankind in order to make it possible for the strong to set their feet upon the necks of the most miserable."
—READ THIS AND PASS IT ON.

FOR THE DAILY.

How and Why All Should Work for It.

Speakers Needed to Address the Unions in Behalf of the Coming Socialist and Trade Union Newspaper—Financial Report.
Now that the movement for the establishment of a daily workmen's newspaper is again in full swing every worker should do his utmost to give the enterprise the support that is due it.
John C. Chase will take charge of the work of organizing the speakers and has sent out invitations to about fifty speakers. Up to this writing speakers have responded for visiting fifteen unions per week. Every speaker invited is urged to respond to this call to duty as by united action on their part every trade union and labor organization in New York City and vicinity can be reached, which means the ultimate success of the enterprise.
A committee called on the Kings County Committee, Social Democratic Party, asking for its support and reports that it decided to contribute \$25 toward the fund now and made a pledge of \$500, payable thirty days before the date of issue of the New York "Call."
Every trade union, labor organization and subdivision of the Social Democratic Party is invited to send two delegates to the "Call" conference of New York, which meets the second and fourth Thursdays of every month at Labor Lyceum, 64 E. Fourth street, New York, or the "Call" Conference of Brooklyn, which meets the fourth Thursday of every month at Labor Lyceum, 940 Willoughby avenue, Brooklyn.
Members of the Workmen's Co-operative Publishing Association are urged to attend all meetings of the Association, which are held every third Monday in the month. It has become more important now than ever before that prompt and regular attendance be observed.
Every workman of New York City knows that nowadays working for a livelihood does not mean along regular occupation. "Call" conference and getting his pay, for in order to keep our trade in tolerable condition we must often strike, make demands and suffer lockout and blacklist. We also must have organizations, meetings, discussions and other things that keep us together and prevent our employers from reducing us to a condition that would be worse than outright slavery. But in the struggle with our employers we are at a great disadvantage, for the capitalists have on their side a powerful ally against us, the daily press. The New York dailies are always on the side of the capitalists and against the workmen. The printers have learned this during the "Sun" strike, when the other newspapers studiously avoided any mention of the strike and refused to take the striking printers even for pay. Every daily newspaper is under the control of the capitalists. If any newspaper poses as a "friend of labor" it is only in order to serve the capitalists all the better; why, then, should we, workmen, not have at least one newspaper which should always stand for our interests and present our side, where our affairs would be fully discussed and our meetings advertised and reported? Fellow workmen, bitter experience has taught you to sacrifice each his individual interests for the interests of his class. In this case this virtue becomes necessity; the work of establishing the New York "Call," which is to be a Socialist and trade union daily, calls for your support. Do something, each of you who are reading these lines.
The following amounts were received by the Financial Secretary of the Workmen's Co-operative Publishing Association:
Cash Contributions: H. Vogel, City, 45c; M. J. Krumer, City, 75c; A. Groff, punch card, \$1.25; S. Menckner, \$4; D. Milhoda, 45c; Chas. Schaefer, 45c; Jos. Preiniger, 45c; Local Kings County, S. D. P., \$25; F. Kersten, 45c; total on cash contributions, \$33.25; previously reported, \$4,101.11; total, \$4,134.36.
Paid on pledges: E. Ditzel, 50c; L. D. Abbott, \$10; total, \$10.50; previously reported, \$3,727.75; total to date, \$3,738.25.
Recapitulation: Income on cash contributions, \$33.25; income on paid pledges, \$10.50; previously reported, all sources, \$16,589.11; total to date, \$16,622.86.

SOCIALIST VOTE.

Official Returns from a Few More States.

Total Will Be Something Over Four Hundred Thousand—In New York Our Court of Appeals Candidates Ran Well Ahead of the Ticket.
Returns so far received from all of the forty-five states, most of them official, show a total of 402,690 votes for Debs and Hanford, candidates of the Socialist Party, as against 95,800 cast for our candidates in 1900. The territories of Arizona and Oklahoma add 6,428, giving a total of 409,124.
New York.
We reported last week the Social Democratic vote in the state of New York for the head of the ticket. We are now able to give the vote for the various state candidates. The vote for our national ticket was 39,883 as reported; for state officers, as follows:
For Governor, Thomas Pendergast—36,250.
For Lieutenant-Governor, Charles E. Bach—36,443.
For Secretary of State, Edward J. Squire—36,645.
For Treasurer, Emil Neppel—36,519.
For Comptroller, William R. Passage—36,655.
For Attorney-General, Leon A. McKiel, 36,461.
For State Engineer and Surveyor, Squire B. Early—36,687.
For Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, Charles H. Metchett—38,581.
For Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, William Nugent—38,127.
The fusion of the Republicans and Democrats in support of Cullen and Werner for the two judgeships accounts for these positions now so largely ahead of the ticket. Otherwise, our vote is very solid.
Minnesota.
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—The debt canvass was completed to-day. Debs and Hanford have 11,902 votes, as against 3,065 for Debs and Harriman in 1900—a gain of 281 per cent. The S. L. P. has 974, as against 1,329 four years ago. The Populists have 2,103.
Ohio.
The Socialist vote in Ohio is 36,683, instead of 36,122, as was previously reported.
Nebraska.
The Secretary of State informs us that our vote in Nebraska was 7,412. Our earlier report put it at 7,880.
Michigan.
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 22.—The official canvass shows that Debs and Hanford received 8,946 votes in this state. In 1900 the Socialist vote was 2,829. Thus it is more than tripled in four years.

THE OX AND THE MAN.

My father's oxen, I recall,
Were plowed, whipped and beaten;
Yet stilled they labored on,
Till killed at last and eaten.
Just ill their man with chaff and straw,
These cattle, strong but humble,
Would give and haul, would work and chaw,
But never, never grumble.
But people nowadays require
More rapid means for meeting
The vast demands of modern greed
For pump and show competing,
And so the working class invent
Machines that work and rattle—
A single one creates more wealth
Than any thousand cattle.
The crafty dross, detesting work,
Direct the laws' construction;
And thus they legally acquire
Machines, and their production;
But shrewdly give the working class,
With various alms,
A wage, which buys about a sixth
The class itself produces.
And they creating all the wealth,
That all machines invented,
Accept this little measly sixth,
And smoke and eat contented,
The rest is legally the dross.
And round the world they wander
On pleasure bent, with duds and rakes
To gamble, waste and squander.
They dwell in royal palaces—
The working class have made them,
Who live in squalid hovels themselves,
With rents which sore degrade them.
Now, every dozen years or so
The wealth is so congested,
The parasites lock up their mills
Lest profits be arrested.
The land is burdened so with wealth,
It seems unclean and funny;
The working class have made so much
They starve for lack of money.
Then patriotic seal requires
Some foreign complications,
To sell the goods our workmen need,
For clothing, heat and rations.
The press responds, the eagle screams,
Oid slaves clank and rattle;
E'en slaves cheer the outstiter
To deeds of blood and battle.
We kill and burn, good times return,
To save us all endorser;
Our wage soars high, yet when we buy
Their's little left is ever.
Again we hear, from far and near,
How strike and boycott rages;
Dejected mind not one in ten
Will strike for living wages.
The working class have votes enough,
By learning how to use them,
To claim the earth, and get it, too,
When drones could not abuse them.
Instead, they take their master's vote,
In ballot box they chuck it,
Content if they can only fill
The old tin slinger bucket,
And when I see them voting thus,
Or volunteer for battle,
My mind reverts with some relief
To father's stupid cattle.

SCHOOL ELECTION IN SEATTLE.

Seattle, Wash., held school election last month. We are not yet informed of the exact figures, but we learn that the Socialist candidates, Thos. C. Wiswell and J. A. McCorkle, received about one-third of the total vote cast.

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NEW YORK "CALL."

A DAILY TRADE UNION AND SOCIALIST NEWSPAPER... published in the interests of THE WORKING CLASS...

WORKINGMEN. THIS IS TO BE YOUR PAPER. Organized by workingmen and controlled by the delegates to the conference...

PARTY NEWS.

(Continued from page 3.)

make arrangements therefore. The next meeting on Jan. 5, at 1497 Avenue A...

CITY EXECUTIVE.

Regular meeting. City Executive Committee, Dec. 19. Present: Egerton, Fishman, Kelly, Lichtshten...

Comrade Martin granted privilege of floor. Stated that West Side Agitation Committee consider hall selected for school inaccessible...

Letter received from Local Kings stating that charges had been brought by Comrade Elchwald...

Free lectures on Socialism will be given at headquarters, 4 Diamond Square, Pittsburgh...

The entertainment committee of the Allegheny County Committee has arranged to hold a picnic on New Years Eve at the headquarters...

Algeron Lee has been engaged to give a special series of four lectures in Boston in February...

Second Agitation District, no report. Murray Hill Agitation District, no delegate present...

West Side Agitation District, report of Comrade Spindler. West Side headquarters offered for school purposes...

Yorkville Agitation District, report of Comrade Orist. No hall yet obtained for lectures...

Harlem Agitation District, no meeting since last report. West Side Agitation District, report of Comrade Spindler...

Committee on hall for school was instructed to seek for other hall and that, in case no entirely satisfactory place can be secured...

Matter of demonstration for unemployed referred to General Committee with recommendation that delegates be requested to report matter...

The Depuister Socialist Club will give a course of four lectures, each lecture to be preceded by a short entertainment at Emery Hall...

Next meeting of Executive Committee was set for second Monday in January, but Committee is subject to the call of the Organizer in the interim...

On Sunday evening, Jan. 1, at the Silver Building, 315 Washington Street, Dr. E. P. Robinson will speak on Socialism and the Theory of the Survival of the Fittest...

At the speakers' class in the Brooklyn Lyceum, 149 Willsborough Avenue, on Friday evening, Dec. 30, the time will be taken up with questions and answers...

The ballots for referendum vote on state officers, national committeemen, and date and place of holding state convention are now being sent out...

Local Essex County will hold its annual festival on Jan. 2, afternoon and evening at Kurz Coliseum...

noon. Presents and prizes should be delivered at the hall. Admission, 10 cents.

The recently organized Eighth Ward Branch of Jersey City has arranged a series of lectures at Arcanum Hall...

It is proposed to form a down-town branch in Pittsburgh, so that comrades living in now unorganized sections can take active part...

The Allegheny County Committee has endorsed the action of English Local Allegheny in calling for the removal of the state committee from Erie...

Through the efforts of Wm. Adams of Wilkesbarre a Finnish local has been organized at Monesson, Westmoreland County...

John Sparzo will lecture on the question: Is Socialism Economically and Morally Sound? in Equity Hall...

The entertainment committee of the Allegheny County Committee has arranged to hold a picnic on New Years Eve at the headquarters...

The secretaries of locals affiliated with the Allegheny County Committee are requested to send the names and addresses of the officers and members...

Comrade R. B. Klingler of Reading, Pa., has arranged a tour of seven or eight days in many places for George Elmer Littlefield of Westwood, Mass...

Algeron Lee has been engaged to give a special series of four lectures in Boston in February, under the joint auspices of the Central Committee and the Socialist Women's Club...

The Boston Socialist Sunday School will have a Socialist New Year's tree, with music and recitations on Saturday, Dec. 31, 3 p. m., at 30 Huntington Avenue...

The Socialist Educational Association recently held a meeting in which all who had subscribed were invited. The board of directors had decided that on account of lack of interest by comrades in Massachusetts...

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Local Essex County will hold its annual festival on Jan. 2, afternoon and evening at Kurz Coliseum...

Since the election, Socialists in Sacramento have been much more active than heretofore and the state capital is likely to be one of the most lively centers of propaganda in the state...

As a result of the increased Socialist vote, the local in Corning, Cal., has been granted the free use of a column in the Corning "New Era" (Dem.) and four of the comrades have volunteered to keep the column filled.

Local Whitewater, Wis., has arranged a course of Saturday evening lectures to be held in the local hall...

"ONLY TWENTY-ONE MEN WERE KILLED."

By Horace Traubel.

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Talking of hatching reminds me of an item in one of the papers where complaint is made of an unethical way now practiced by naughty chicken farmers to get two eggs out of a poor old hen by sheer fraud and deceit...

FREE MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. In connection with the agitation inaugurated by the British Social Democratic Federation for free maintenance of school children...

Local Portland, Me., is astonishing the old party politicians and the city fathers by inaugurating a weekly propaganda bulletin...

WITH ONE EYE ONLY.

By Peter E. Burrows.

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There is surely a high satanic triumph of slave making and reserving-out of sight, this capitalist system!

During the night's shoveling, if a patriot fakir came down along the shivering ranks singing: "Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said: This is my own, my native land!"

limited number of children was all that could be managed. At the schools where there was convenience for cooking, soap and porridge were given.

Many indeed most elementary teachers believe with me that voluntary effort is quite unable to deal with this problem. It is generally held that its inception, inadequate in its scope and power...

What ever may be said for voluntary effort in this matter in towns, it is practically non-existent in country schools. The representatives of rural teachers on the Executive of the National Union of Teachers have expressed the view that poverty is greater amongst country children than amongst town children...

TO BROOKLYN COMRADES. The Brooklyn Federation of Labor has issued an appeal to organized workmen and the public at large...

NOBLESSE OBLIGE. "McJigger," remarked the man in the market, "is the most corrupt politician I ever knew. I don't believe he has ever had one honest conviction."

So many talk platitudes about democracy, without realizing that the essential of all democratic organization must be based upon the loyal co-operation of the minority with the majority to make the policy agreed upon a success...

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THE FUTILITY OF THE PEACE CONGRESSES. The International Peace Congress has come and gone, and I hear from those who attended its sessions in Boston that they were most inspiring...

Grand Entertainment and Ball given by the 18th & 20th Assembly District of the Social Democratic Party. on December 31st, at the Labor Lyceum, 64 E. 4. St. Tickets 10 Cents. Commencing at 8 o'clock.

ous anti-peace men in the world, the two rival incarnations of the war-spirit, running a race for the honor of controlling the convention of peace...

There are of course notable exceptions to the rule of insincerity among nominal peace people. The Baroness von Suttner took every opportunity to rebuke the oft-repeated suggestion that war was a necessity...

Behind war lie economic and political causes and it is absurd to oppose war and at the same time cultivate friendly relations with the men who are responsible for those causes...

DOOLEY ON CAPITAL AND LABOR. "It was different when I was a young man, Hinmissy. In thim days, capital an' labor was friendly, or labor was. Capital was like a father to labor, givin' it its board an' lodgin's..."

At St. Louis shortly before the Boston Congress, the Interparliamentary Arbitration Conference came together, but this too seems hardly a serious institution. Congressman Baker, in an able address at the Monhook Arbitration Conference last Spring...

NO PERMANENT VOLUNTARY AGENCY to meet this trouble exists. The teachers do what they can, and, as in the case of boats, the better-class parents give a little help. When the district has existed long enough for us to quote definite cases of the starvation, the charitable committee with funds. Last winter a public fund was opened and administered by the local education authority...