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TWO KINDS OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Since the Socialist Party cast more than 400,000 votes, since the politicians and the capitalists back of them have been forced to recognize that it is a vital and a growing factor in the political world of to-day, we have seen remarkable things happening in the old parties.

The dominant parties—the Republican party in the nation and in most of the states and the Democratic party in this city—are bestirring themselves in real or pretended advocacy of what they conceive to be at least half-way socialistic measures.

At Washington we see the Republican managers pushing or pretending to push (we wait to see which) a project to give to a government commission the power to fix freight rates upon the railways.

In Kansas—the state where the Socialist Party made the largest proportional gain at the last election—we see a still more radical step taken. The state has gone into the business of refining petroleum on its own account in competition with the Standard Oil Company.

And all over the land national ownership of railways, municipal ownership of street-car systems and lighting plants, and state ownership of this and that other thing are being talked of as they never were before.

What are we to make of all this? And what is the Socialist's attitude toward these new tendencies? Are the Republican and Democratic parties getting converted, little by little to the principles of Socialism? It is timely to ask.

To that last question we answer, No. The Republican party is still what it has been for forty years—the party of the great capitalists. The Democratic party is still what it has been for a similar length of time—a divided and vacillating body, representing the small capitalist class whenever it clearly represents anybody, but often swayed from its path by the influences of great capitalism. No, these parties are not becoming converted to Socialism. They are, however, in a half-hearted and ineffective way, trying to "steal the thunder" of the Socialist Party.

What do we mean by that phrase, "to steal our thunder"? We mean that, rather than the most sanguine of its friends could have been expected, even after January 22. Certainly this is the greatest epoch in world-history since 1871 or 1848, if not since 1793 and any aid which the soldiers of the Social Revolution in other lands can give at this critical moment should not be stunted nor delayed.

AID FOR RUSSIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

Secretary Looploof of the Russian Socialist Democratic Society Acknowledges Receipts of Over \$300 This Week.

Secretary Looploof of the Russian Socialist Democratic Society of New York acknowledges the receipt of the following sums to help the Social Democratic movement in Russia: Previous acknowledgment, \$497.26; per "New Yorker Volkszeitung," \$137.50; Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, \$10; Westfield, N. Y., \$3; Br. 102, New York, N. Y., \$3; Br. 68, Williamsburg, \$25; Br. 26, New Haven, \$25; Br. 8, Paterson, \$2; Br. 125, Cincinnati, \$5; Br. 71, St. Louis, \$5; Br. 46, Passaic, N. J., \$1; Br. 67, Pittsburg, \$5; Br. 69, Troy, N. Y., \$2; Br. 157, New York, \$10; N. X., Bridgeport, Conn., \$5; Br. 44, Woodside, L. I., \$10; Br. 186, Everett, Mass., \$2; Br. 175, Erie, Pa., \$10; Br. 55, Plymouth, Pa., \$5; Br. 87, Brooklyn, \$25; coll. at meeting of Br. 47, College Point, L. I., \$10; Women's Social Democratic Society, Br. 3, New York, \$2; Br. 5, Brooklyn, \$2; Tender, 50c; Metzger, 25c; coll. at meeting in Boston, per Dr. A. Konikow, \$12.06; W. E. Boynton, Ashfield, O., \$1; Warren and Crosby, Topka, Kas., \$1; Geo. J. Alcott, Bridgeport, Mass., \$10; coll. by 24th A. D., New York, E. D. P., \$3.70; S. L. Hoover, Knoxville, Tenn., \$1; L. H. Greens, Berthold, Colo., \$5; total to Feb. 28, \$930.30.

Money orders and checks should be made payable to J. Looploof, Secretary, 121 E. One Hundred and Twelfth Street, New York City.

The Socialist movement is more than a political party, though it is not so some say, a religion. The hope forms of organization suitable to capitalist parties will not do for us, because our object is social democracy, not individual aggrandizement.

AGENTS, ATTENTION!

Agents sending in subscriptions without remittance must state distinctly how long they are to run. Agents are personally charged and held responsible for unpaid subscriptions sent in by them. Only duly elected and approved agents acknowledged.

In all the projects we have mentioned, the old parties, recognizing the growth of Socialist thought and sentiment and seeking to prevent it from being applied in action, are offering the name or the shadow in place of the real thing.

But, some one exclaims, Socialism means the same thing as public ownership, doesn't it? What difference does it make what party gives it to us, so long as we get it?

We answer, There is public ownership and public ownership. We stand for Social Democracy, not for what is called State Socialism. There is a difference.

Social Democracy means PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE MEANS OF PRODUCTION.

Social Democracy also means WORKING-CLASS CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

These two things are equally important. Either one of them without the other is not Socialism.

Russia has had government ownership of railways for half a century. Has Russia been the better for that? Not at all. The Russian government and the privileged class that it represents has got the advantage, has used its public ownership of the railways for the purposes of military despotism.

Public ownership may be a good thing or a bad thing for us of the working class, according as the government that administers it is under our control or is under the control of the capitalist class.

Sometimes public ownership of certain industries under a capitalist government means simply that the government, as the agent of the capitalist class, uses its control of these industries for governmental purposes, in the interest of that class.

Sometimes public ownership means that the government acts as manager and collecting agent for the capitalists; the government owns the railways, gas plants, or whatever it may be, and the capitalists hold government bonds; the government runs the industry and makes profits and turns them over to the capitalists in the form of interest on government bonds.

These forms of public ownership are not examples of Socialism. They are rightly described by the phrase State Capitalism.

We shall pursue the subject next week, speaking particularly of the freight-rate proposition, the Kansas oil-refinery scheme, and the municipal gas-plant movement in New York, and shall hope to show our readers that none of these things satisfies, wholly, nor in part, the demands of the over-taxed and exploited toilers who run the railways and oil refineries and gas works, and who are to-day, some of them thoughtfully and some of them instinctively, turning to Socialism as their only hope of relief from capitalist oppression.

MAY DAY IN NEW YORK.

The International Socialist Holiday to be Celebrated by a Great Meeting in Carnegie Hall at Which Ben Hanford and J. W. Brown Will Speak.

Local New York will hold its May demonstration for the International solidarity of labor in the form of a great meeting and concert in Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 30. Benjamin Hanford and John W. Brown will speak and it is certain that they will interpret the spirit of the day. Platon Brostoff has volunteered to take charge of the musical program and the assistance of Mlle. Duze, Mlle. Israel, Mlle. J. Hughman, and Mr. Boris Steinberg, vocal soloists, have been secured. The United German Singing Societies, the Socialist Choral Union, and the New York Letter Carriers' Band will also participate. All seats—some 6,000 in number—will be reserved and tickets are now on sale. The dress circle and balcony seats are to be sold at 15 cents, the orchestra seats at 25 cents, and the boxes, first and second tier, each seating eight persons, at \$4 and \$2 respectively. Tickets can be had from Organizer U. Solomon, 64 E. Fourth Street.

COUNTLESS IN LABOR'S CAUSE.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A Socialist Countess seems a contradiction of terms, but the Countess of Warwick aims to harmonize the contrary. She is about to add to her other activities a political automobile tour in Great Britain in behalf of the labor cause.

She hopes before or during the general election to visit every constituency where there is a labor candidate, to participate in the meetings and otherwise promote the interests of the proletariat. As there will be some fifty labor aspirants for seats in Parliament the task will not be a trifling one.

She proposes to address the workers during the dinner hours outside factories, docks, shipyards and coal pits. The burden of her gospel will be the secular education of children and adult suffrage. She advocates a vote for every man and woman who is over twenty-one years of age.—New York Sun special.

PARTY NEWS.

National.

The third ballot for members of the National Executive Committee resulted in the choice of S. M. Reynolds of Indiana as a sixth member, he being the only candidate who received a majority of the votes cast.

For Robert Handlow of Ohio—Work of Iowa, Reynolds of Indiana, Bandlow, Bertha of Illinois, Towler of Wisconsin, White of Utah, Ray of Nebraska, Hillquit of New York, Masche of Oklahoma, Fox of Maine—total, 12.

For A. H. Floten of Colorado—McAllister of Kansas, Carter of Idaho—total, 2. For Geo. H. Goebel of New Jersey—O'Neil of New Hampshire, Gilbert, Carter, Putnam of Louisiana, Barnett of Arizona—total, 5.

For Kerrigan of Texas—Hastings of Wyoming, Andrus of Alabama, Lowry, O'Neil, Kerrigan, Healy of Florida, McHugh of Montana, Chase of Massachusetts, Richardson of California, Putnam—total, 10.

For Guy B. Lockwood of Michigan—Holman of Minnesota. For A. M. Simons of Illinois—McAllister, Lamb of Michigan, Floten, Ardison of Vermont, Barnett—total, 5.

For S. M. Reynolds of Indiana—Worley, Hoehn of Missouri, Bandlow, Bertha, Towler, Andrus, Berger of Wisconsin, White, Floten, Healy, Chase, Richardson, Hillquit, Ufert of New Jersey, Ramp of Oregon, Masche, Fox—total, 17.

For J. W. Clayton of Pennsylvania—Arvidson. For Raymond Stegman of Illinois—Hoehn, Berger, Lamb, Richardson, Holman—total, 5.

For Towler of Kentucky—Reynolds, Ray, Ufert, Ramp—total, 4.

For Ernest Untermyer of Illinois—Hastings, McHugh—total, 2.

The ballot of National Committee—Zimmerman of West Virginia (for W. M. Simons and Untermyer) was sent in too late to be counted. Thirty-two votes being recorded, seventeen were needed for a choice.

The National Secretary asks the National Committee whether the additional members from Ohio and New Jersey are to vote in the fourth ballot for member of the National Executive Committee.

The name of C. G. Koffe has been submitted by State Committee of Kansas for place on the reserve list of national speakers.

Copies of the report of the Socialist Party to the International Socialist and Trade Union Congress held at Amsterdam, have been requested during the week by students, editors of publications and professors of Cornell, Yale and Harvard colleges, the latter stating it was wanted for use of a class.

Two referendums in Texas have been taken without result for National Committee. The third ballot is now in progress.

Agitation fund has received \$19 during the week ending Feb. 24. \$18 of which is by request to be accredited as from a friend in the state of Washington.

New York State. Dan A. White will speak in Mude Hall, New Rochelle, Sunday, Mar. 5, at 3 p. m. His subject will be: The Trade-Union Movement in the Light of Recent Developments. Admission is free.

Local Rochester will hold its annual dance at Colonial Hall on Monday evening, Mar. 6. Tickets, 25 cents.—Frank A. Silverman will speak on Working Class Issues before the Rochester Labor League in the Common Council Chamber, Sunday, Mar. 5, 3 p. m. Rochester comrades have formed a class to study Socialist economics which meets every Tuesday, 8 p. m., 40 State street. The women comrades have also formed a class which meets at the same place.

J. G. Phelps Stokes will lecture on Social Responsibility at the Yonkers People's Forum, Odd Fellows Hall, N. Broadway, Sunday, Mar. 5, 3 p. m. Admission free. Music, questions and discussion.

The New York State Committee's financial report for the latter half of 1904 has been issued in letter form and should be carefully perused by every party member in the state. It shows a balance on July 1 of \$49.57, receipts of \$3,044.24, expenditures of \$3,704.30, and a balance on Jan. 1 of \$9.51. Of the receipts, \$1,046.70 was for dues, which would indicate an average membership of 1,744; the sale of literature brought in \$478.80. Local New York contributed \$1,831.71, of which \$450 was for dues; Local Kings County \$557.85, of which \$250 was for dues; Local Rochester came third, with \$135.75, and Local Queens County fourth, with \$102. The largest items of expense were: To national organizations, \$250; national headquarters, \$230.28; literature and printing, \$1,150.25; speakers (ten in number), \$528.14; salaries, \$514. The locals which paid more in dues during this period than during the preceding half-year are: Albany, Buffalo, Catskill, Gowanda, Gloversville, Geneva, Ithaca, New Rochelle, New York, Oneida, Queens, Schenectady, Spring Valley, Sag Harbor, Salamanca, Yonkers—nineteen in all; the other eighteen locals paid less during the latter half than during the earlier half of 1904. The report contains many encouraging features, but there are also some that suggest the necessity for more energetic work.

State Secretary Chase writes under date Feb. 27: "My meetings this week have been well attended all over the State. I should make one exception however, in the case of Buffalo as the number attending at that meeting was very small for the size of the city. It was in fact, the poorest meeting of my tour. Buffalo is a hard city in which to carry on a Socialist agitation and the comrades are not well enough organized to do the work. There is some good material there, however. The Buffalo meeting was held on Feb. 20 and we had about thirty people present.

"On Feb. 21 I was to speak in Gowanda, but there was a week on the line and I was unable to reach there, so no meeting was held in that place. On Feb. 22 I spoke in Salamanca

addressing him at 83 Stockton street. Youngster Schaefer states that the Young Social Democratic Club, not the Young People's Social Democratic Club, was meant in the report two weeks ago to the effect that "members are not well enough acquainted with Socialism to become party members." The former is a new club of boys who are just beginning to study Socialism. Many of the members of the Young People's Social Democratic Club are party members.

Districts must turn in the vote for National Committee at the County Committee meeting on Mar. 11. Better attendance at the Wednesday evening lectures in Prospect Hall is urged.

The 20th A. D. will hold a public meeting at 134 Wyckoff avenue, Monday evening, Mar. 13, C. L. Furman speaking on Evolution and Revolution.

For the Daily. At the special meeting of the Workmen's Co-operative Publishing Association it was decided that the Association should meet at the call of the Board of Management at least once every two months and that the Board of Management should meet once a month. Comrades Malkiel, Gerber, Reichenthal, and Fraser were elected as Trustees to fill the expired terms. Dr. Halpern was elected Treasurer and Julius Gerber Financial Secretary. Edw. Perkins Clarke was elected to the Auditing Committee. It was also decided not to employ a man at the present time to organize and send out the speakers to trade unions and other bodies on behalf of the "Daily Call," as proposed.

At the meeting of the Board of Management the Speakers' Committee was instructed to send out the speakers at once. The Secretary was instructed to request the New York and Brooklyn Conferences to send speakers to the party branches. Comrade Atkinson was elected a committee of one to write up the "Daily Call," showing the growing necessity for a workmen's daily paper and to send the matter to the labor press. Comrades Marr and Malkiel were elected to visit Local New York. A call will be issued to all comrades and sympathizers asking them to make donations of articles for the fair to be held in Clinton Hall on March 17, 18, and 19.

The delegates to the Brooklyn "Call" Conference inaugurated the policy of having the meetings start at 8 p. m. sharp by being promptly on time at the meeting of Feb. 23. Three new delegates were seated from the 13th-14th A. D. and from the 21st A. D. Br. 2. Absent: Delegates Friedel, Harbers, Halpern, and Wolff. Letter received from Colorado Springs inquiring whether the "Call" has been published. Secretary instructed to reply, giving reasons for postponement. Board of Management reported that speakers are being sent to unions at the rate of thirty per week; New York preparing for the three days fair on March 17, 18, and 19; a sub-committee has been appointed to investigate charter of the W. C. P. A. in order clearly to define who is legally entitled to hold stock; a Press Committee appointed to advertise the "Call" in the papers. The Conference ordered the Circular Letter Committee to print 1,000 letters addressed to organizations throughout the country. The Ways and Means Committee gave details for holding an entertainment in Majestic Theater; the Conference did not approve of the cost and ordered the committee to devise some other scheme. Financial Secretary of the Conference reported having received \$34.43; expenses, 30 cents; balance, \$31.15. Walter Crysler elected Recording Secretary in place of John Libsitz, resigning. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30, 8 p. m., at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum.

All contributions and payments on pledges to the fund for establishing the "Daily Call" should be sent, and checks and money-orders made payable, to Julius Gerber, Secretary, 64 E. Fourth street, New York.

The joint committees for the Fair met on Feb. 23 at 233 E. Broadway. Comrade Meyerson reported 75 tickets sold to organization, and Comrade Malkiel reported 400 sold to uptown districts and individuals (including 183 at Grand Central Palace), making a total of 775. Big signs advertising the Fair were placed at 233 E. Broadway and at the "Zukunft" office. A Scherer piano has been secured and Comrade Brounoff reported that the following artists agreed to take part in the concert on Mar. 19: Miss Henrietta Mensch, soprano; Mr. Maurice Diamant, violin; Mr. A. Silverman, harp; Mr. J. P. Katz, bass; Mr. Sam Mensch, pianist; Mr. R. Biechman, male soprano; Socialist Choral Union; Platon Brounoff, conductor. E. Meyer reported that Turn Verein Vorwärts has agreed to give an exhibition on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 19. Committees were appointed to visit organizations and business men during the following week. The time drawing near, it is important that all presents be forwarded as soon as possible to 233 E. Broadway for the "Daily Call." In order to enable the committee to judge whether it is necessary to buy anything. The next meeting will be on Thursday, Mar. 2.

Massachusetts. The Finnish Workmen's Society of Massachusetts in state convention Feb. 12 was addressed by H. A. Gibbs and they decided to join the Socialist Party and affiliate with Massachusetts State Committee.

Kitchi Kanooki will speak on Social Progress in Japan at Temple of Honor Hall, 301 Massachusetts avenue, Cambridge, on Sunday evening, March 5, 8 p. m.

John Ellis will lecture on The Middle Class Revolt Sunday, March 5, at 8 p. m., in Homestead Hall, 724 Washington street, Boston.

The Boston Socialist Sunday School will meet at 30 Huntington avenue, Room 410, at 3 p. m. on the first Sunday of each month, instead of weekly. Only two more sessions will be held this season, on March 5 and April 2. All the Socialist children of Boston are urged to attend these sessions, in order to learn a song for the May Day celebration.

The Socialist Fire and Drum Corps will hold a competition and ball on Saturday, Mar. 4, at Grand View Hall, Ogden avenue and Franklin street, Jersey City Heights. The competition is for the championship of the

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It is argument, then, that the advocates of the present order are driven to after they have exhausted their expletive resources. When they see Socialism growing in the face of their abusive repetitions, they awake to the knowledge that it must be taken seriously.

It is the most effective arguments used in assailing Socialism is that it will destroy individuality. The idea of individuality is so firmly grounded in the American mind that the thrust strikes deep. Tradition, education, national temperament all combine to make the average American extremely sensitive to any attack upon individuality.

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But there came a time when he had become so feeble that the foreman in the great shop decided that he could no longer earn even the meagre wage which he was receiving, so the old servant was informed that his services were no longer needed.

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A BRITISH SOCIALIST'S VIEW OF THE AMERICAN MOVEMENT.

Having said a few words concerning the disappointment experienced in regard to the results of the elections in Massachusetts and Colorado, I may say something concerning the deluge of conservatism with which the news was received that the Socialists had scored about 600,000 votes.

The surprise amounting at times almost to consternation, with which the news was received that the Socialists had scored about 600,000 votes, apparently this was altogether a mistake; and, considering that the number first given was qualified as too large to be wholesome, there is perhaps no great cause to regret that the official canvass of the presidential vote by states sets down the total figure of the vote given for Debs at 401,587.

At first it was thought the increase had been from one to seven instead of one to five. However that may be, it is a tremendous leap and a somewhat alarming leap. Nothing to my mind can be more fatal than a premature success. I saw enough of that in Paris during the Commune of 1871.

That all the faddists had lost ground. For instance, Swallow, the temperance and Prohibitionist candidate, was expected to receive half a million votes, and to be far ahead of the Socialist candidate. Nevertheless, he only obtained 260,303. Again, it was thought that Watson, the Populist, would outstep the Socialist, and he only obtained 114,637.

Of course, the great question is to know how far the votes given for Debs came from class-conscious Socialists. There can be no doubt but that many of these voters were not Socialists. On the other hand, there can be no doubt that no inconsiderable number of Republicans and Democrats are dissatisfied with these, the two great capitalist parties, which for so many years have shared the power to govern and to plunder the United States of America.

It is reasonable to hope that some of those who to-day vote the Socialist ticket because they are dissatisfied with the other party, may to-morrow vote the Socialist ticket because they will have discovered that in Socialism abides their only hope. In any case, they are in a fair way to make that discovery. An elector told me that "of course, he was a Republican, but he felt so sure that Roosevelt would be elected that he voted for Debs just to wake up the old parties a bit."

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THE FAULTS OF TRADE AUTONOMY. The attempt to preserve the autonomy of each trade and segregate it within its own independent jurisdiction, while the lines which once separated them are being obliterated, and the trades are being interwoven and interlocked in the process of industrial evolution, is as futile as to declare and attempt to enforce the independence of the waves of the sea.

WHAT THE UNION NEEDS. It is of vital importance to the trade union that its members be class-conscious, that they understand the class struggle and their duty as men in the political field, so that in every move that is made they will have the goal in view, and while taking advantage of every opportunity to secure concessions and enlarge their economic advantages, they will at the same time be working to the overthrow of the capitalist system.

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