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sacred person of the president of the A. F. of L.

We should like to call the attention of Mr. Gompers to the fact that the members of the Socialist Party were "in politics" in the interest of labor for a good many years before he saw the wisdom of such a course.

As Mr. Gompers wanted to get into real union labor politics in Maine, why did he not support the nominee of the Socialist Party for Congress in Mr. Littlefield's district?

As for Mr. Gompers' intimation that the Socialist Party knowingly received any campaign funds from Littlefield sources, it is nothing but a plain lie.

Meantime the Socialist Party will continue, in Maine and every other state and territory of the Union, wherever it has the numbers and the power, to place candidates in the field for every political office for which the people vote, and when we elect those candidates to office, as we surely shall at no distant day, our success will be something more than a "stinging rebuke" to the enemies of organized labor—it will be their finish.

ATLANTA AND KISHINEFF. It is interesting to see how Socialist theory is indirectly making its way in all quarters and influencing the thoughts of men who are utterly unconscious that they are being so influenced.

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each other as blacks and whites to the advantage of the masters. This is as alarming to the masters as it is promising for the future of the working class.

The Atlanta riots are quite parallel with the pogroms in Kichineff, Komel, and Siedice; John Temple Graves belongs in the same pillory with the infamous Kruhavan.

Let the thinking workers of the white race, in their labor movement on both the political and the economic field, see to it that they help in this great forward step.

FREE SPEECH.

Comrades cannot have failed to note the fight being made against free speech for Socialists. It is not confined to any one part of the country, but includes places as far apart as Seattle, Wash., and Atlanta, Ga.

With the exception of Yonkers, the Socialists have been the only ones attacked so far. In that city the Salvation Army seems to have fallen under the ban along with us.

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"I have walked with tramps and talked with tramps the world over, and everywhere they are the same degenerate type. The tramp has the shuffling walk of the anthropoid ape.

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one who has learned by actual observation can honestly say that the typical tramp is a degenerate. Indeed, he will hardly say that there is such a thing as a typical tramp.

Further, Dr. Rhodes ought to know that among the biologists the subject of reversion to type is frankly declared to be very imperfectly understood.

But in this case, as in many others, there is a certain social interest at work to pervert the results of science. There is a class whose interest it is to maintain that the phenomena of poverty are due to the personal defects of the poor and not to the existing social system.

England, like other countries boasting of civilization and prosperity these days, is face to face with the problem of increasing pauperism and vagabondage.

To illustrate great things by small, the latest example of this rule is in the I. W. W., the quickly played burlesque of the S. T. & L. A.

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a host of cultured gentlemen had to pay with their heads for the brutalization of these human millions; and the erstwhile "wild animals" made the name of France glorious in the fields of industry and science as well as that of war.

"The anthropoid apes" whose growth the venal sociological quacks "discourage" are men. And the labor movement, industrial and political, will yet prove them so.

"This is not a time for talking about the past, not a time for congratulation or self-praise," says Mr. Hearst's evening organ. We should say not. That gentleman's fondest hope, just now, must be that his readers will forget certain important episodes in his very recent past.

The New York "Evening World" evidently has a long-distance mind reader on its reportorial staff. In last Saturday's issue appeared what purported to be a report of interviews with several more or less prominent local Socialists in regard to Mr. Hearst's candidacy.

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I. W. W. CONVENTION. Seven Days Spent in Wrangle Over Contested Delegations—De Leon-Trautmann Faction in Control—W. F. of M. Delegation Divided.

(From the Chicago Socialist.) As we go to press this week the convention of the Industrial Workers of the World has been in session for nine days, and nearly all of that time has been spent in a bitter wrangle over the seating of contested delegates.

At the end of the eighth day of the convention none of the real business that the convention met to transact had been accomplished.

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WM. D. HAYWOOD TO THE I. W. W.

From Prison He Writes to the Convention in Chicago.

Following is a copy of the greeting sent by Comrade Haywood to the delegates to the second annual convention of the I. W. W. being held in Chicago:

ADA COUNTY JAIL, BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 17, 1906. To the Officers and Delegates of the Second Annual Convention of the Industrial Workers of the World.

With ever increasing volume the workers throughout the country are resounding the demand of economic freedom, which rings out so clear in the manifesto. It is a demand that should be perpetuated, by reading it at each recurring convention of the Industrial Workers of the World.

That magnificent results have been accomplished in a brief fifteen months. The organization has been on a continuous march onward and upward.

At this writing we may justly say that the convention has just got fairly organized after eight long, all-day sessions. Committees have been elected and the constitution suspended so the delegates present can be paid \$1.50 per day out of the general fund to enable them to continue in session as long as necessary.

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New York State Ticket

- For Governor—John C. Chase, of New York. For Lieutenant-Governor—Gustav A. Strebel, of Syracuse. For Secretary of State—William W. Arland, of Corning. For State Treasurer—William W. Passago, of Brooklyn.

GOMPERS IN MAINE.

In the current issue of the "American Federationist" Samuel Gompers, reporting on his recent campaign against Congressman Littlefield in Maine, throws a lot of mud on the Socialists, and declares that he (Gompers) had "the bitter antagonism of the Socialist Party" in his work of administering a "stinging rebuke" to Littlefield.

THE WALKING DELEGATE

A SOCIALIST PLAY IN 4 ACTS WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LABOR TEMPLE AT THE NEW YORK LABOR TEMPLE THEATER 243-247 E. 84TH STREET SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13.

SOCIALIST PARTY CANDIDATES IN KINGS COUNTY, N. Y.

- SUPREME COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT. Charles L. Furman. I. B. Boncfin. C. W. Cavanaugh. F. H. Koenig, Sen. William Seubert. Ste. Bacher. William Burger. Otto Stiefel.

MASSACHUSETTS SOCIALISTS.

Hold Enthusiastic and Harmonious Convention— Ringing Revolutionary Platform Adopted— James F. Carey Nominated for Governor—An Aggressive Campaign Ahead.

The legal convention of the Socialist Party of Massachusetts was held in Pine Hall, Appleton street, Boston, on Monday, Oct. 1. The convention was a notable one from the fact that the comrades in the discussion which took place showed the true metal of the revolutionary propagandist. The convention was almost without personalities, the questions being discussed on merits alone.

As good as the best 30 cent and 50 cent coffee. To convince you of the honesty of our business we make the following proposition: You buy 10 pounds of coffee at the price of \$3.50 or \$2.00, and if you are not satisfied with it you may return us 5 pounds. We guarantee to return the full amount. Delivered free in New York and Brooklyn, 5 pounds at the place.

SUICIDE RUMORS ABOUT ORCHARD.

Prosecution Up to Some Deviltry—A New Lie Every Day.

The Caldwell "Socialist" says: "Altho the rumor that Orchard was not in the penitentiary has been found to be unfounded, another rumor, even more persistent, has taken its place. All over the streets of Boise can be heard the story that Orchard has attempted to commit suicide several times since Adams has made a clean breast of the conspiracy. This story is not in the mouths of Socialists but of Republicans, and those close to the prosecution, at that. Can it mean that an attempt will be made to get rid of Orchard now that the conspiracy of which he is a part seems fated to fall of its own weight? Stranger things have happened."

BREWERY WORKMEN AID W. F. OF M.

The International Union of Brewery Workmen in Convention assembled at Toronto, Ontario, Sept. 20, after passing a scorching resolution of condemnation upon the conspirators in the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone kidnapping outrage, voted \$500 as a donation to the National Campaign Fund of the Socialist Party, to be used in helping to elect Comrade Haywood as Governor of Colorado.

WOMEN'S LABOR UNIONS.

The increased representation of women in the English Trade Union Congress has been much commented upon in the London press as being in striking contrast to the apathy and disappointment hitherto noted in the movement to organize women workers. "A women's union," says the London "Tribune," "springs up under the stimulus of an immediate and concrete grievance, and then, after a brief hour of promise and enthusiasm, it melts away as suddenly as it came into being."

THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS.

By Franklin H. Wentworth.

(From Advance Sheets of the "International Socialist Review.")

The atmosphere of the United States in the year 1908 is heavy with scandals and lurid with exposures. The bitterest enemy of capitalist society, bent upon exhibiting relentlessly the heartlessness, the immorality, and the degradation it works upon its human factors, could paint no such lamentable picture as the unplying consequences of the system itself have painted.

these days of discontent, and literature suited to the time and its tendencies should not be withheld. A long look ahead should be taken in each congressional district, suitable and able candidates trained and disciplined for ultimate service, and a perpetual and untiring propaganda carried on until our ballots are successful. It is the legislative offices, in which our representatives need assume no responsibility for the upholding or enforcement of capitalist laws, and are free to exercise their critical faculties to the utmost, which will be of most use to us at present.

GERMAN PRINTERS INDORSE THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Typographia No. 7 Replies to Gompers' Independent Political Action.

At the last meeting of New York Typographia No. 7 the following resolutions were adopted by a vote which was almost unanimous: To the Executive Board of the American Federation of Labor, Greeting: We have received your communication calling upon our members to participate in "independent labor politics" on lines proposed by you, and it becomes our duty to tell you plainly how far we agree with you and in what respect we dissent from your newly adopted position on this vital question.

LOOK! SING!—"THE DAWNING DAY."