

PRESS MUZZLED BY THE SENATE... BILL IS KILLED BY THE SENATE... Socialists and Unionists Secure the Death of Measure Aimed at Newspapers

Washington, D. C., March 11.—The Penrose press-muzzling bill is dead. Socialists and trades unionists, through their watchfulness and vigor have won another victory not only for themselves but for the whole people.

Pittsburg, March 11.—Sheriff George... The safe was partially shattered, but the iron bars which held the door in place prevented the thieves from getting inside the strong box.

Oakland, Cal., March 11.—Mrs. Lizette Good swallowed two diamond earrings to recover them from the possession of Dr. Adam Lyon, to whom she had just pronounced them genuine.

Washington, March 11.—Miss Helen Frouke, one of the most intimate friends of Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and her constant companion when she was Alice Roosevelt, is to become the wife of M. Havenith of the Belgian Congo.

London, March 11.—The marquis of Townsend is suing Rev. Arthur Robinson, former curate of Holy Trinity church, one of the fashionable London houses of worship, for large sums of money and almost priceless heirlooms which, he says, the latter persuaded him to give away by hypnotizing him and making him believe he did not want them.

Worcester, Mass., March 11.—Dr. John Wellesley, well known here as a cancer expert and a philanthropist, has applied for admission to the poorhouse at the age of 83.

It is not likely that the saloon question of the United Societies will appear on the little ballot this spring. The election commissioners hold that the question of enforcing a law is not proper for submission under the public policy act.

EDISON MEN DECLARE TRUCE IN THE FILM WAR... A truce was declared in the moving picture war late last night, when it was announced that the representatives of the Edison interests would leave for the east today without molesting theaters with injunctions or law processes for using the films and apparatus of the independent concerns.

St. Louis, Mo., March 11.—The panic has caused a number of manufacturing firms here to make radical changes in their working hours, including cuts in wages. Notable among the concerns which have been hit by the industrial depression is the N. O. Nelson company, a profit-sharing concern. It has reduced the wages of its machinists 10 per cent.

The panic has caused Strauss Brothers, the large tailoring concern at Franklin and Monroe streets, to replace their male employees with girls for the sake of economy.

Chicago, March 11.—A complete list of the Socialist aldermanic candidates in Chicago is as follows: Candidates: 1—H. K. Karls, 2—John A. Brown, 3—John A. Sullivan, 4—John A. Brown, 5—Robert Wadell, 6—Robert Wadell, 7—Charles W. Greene, 8—Sam Golden, 9—Henry Wilson, 10—Peter E. Heider, 11—Peter Heider, 12—Peter Heider, 13—W. E. Rodriguez, 14—Charles F. Wozner, 15—John W. Bartels, 16—Stigmund Odaski, 17—L. E. Heider, 18—Thomas M. Lean, 19—Charles W. Greene, 20—John A. Brown, 21—John A. Sullivan, 22—Charles W. Greene, 23—Charles W. Greene, 24—Adam Bell, 25—L. W. Hardy, 26—George Koop, 27—George Koop, 28—George Koop, 29—Roy M. Armitage, 30—Charles F. Wozner, 31—Charles F. Wozner, 32—Charles F. Wozner, 33—Charles F. Wozner, 34—Charles F. Wozner, 35—Charles F. Wozner, 36—Charles F. Wozner, 37—Charles F. Wozner, 38—Charles F. Wozner, 39—Charles F. Wozner, 40—Charles F. Wozner, 41—Charles F. Wozner, 42—Charles F. Wozner, 43—Charles F. Wozner, 44—Charles F. Wozner, 45—Charles F. Wozner, 46—Charles F. Wozner, 47—Charles F. Wozner, 48—Charles F. Wozner, 49—Charles F. Wozner, 50—Charles F. Wozner, 51—Charles F. Wozner, 52—Charles F. Wozner, 53—Charles F. Wozner, 54—Charles F. Wozner, 55—Charles F. Wozner, 56—Charles F. Wozner, 57—Charles F. Wozner, 58—Charles F. Wozner, 59—Charles F. Wozner, 60—Charles F. Wozner, 61—Charles F. Wozner, 62—Charles F. Wozner, 63—Charles F. Wozner, 64—Charles F. Wozner, 65—Charles F. Wozner, 66—Charles F. Wozner, 67—Charles F. Wozner, 68—Charles F. Wozner, 69—Charles F. Wozner, 70—Charles F. Wozner, 71—Charles F. Wozner, 72—Charles F. Wozner, 73—Charles F. Wozner, 74—Charles F. Wozner, 75—Charles F. Wozner, 76—Charles F. Wozner, 77—Charles F. Wozner, 78—Charles F. Wozner, 79—Charles F. Wozner, 80—Charles F. Wozner, 81—Charles F. Wozner, 82—Charles F. Wozner, 83—Charles F. Wozner, 84—Charles F. Wozner, 85—Charles F. Wozner, 86—Charles F. Wozner, 87—Charles F. Wozner, 88—Charles F. Wozner, 89—Charles F. Wozner, 90—Charles F. Wozner, 91—Charles F. Wozner, 92—Charles F. Wozner, 93—Charles F. Wozner, 94—Charles F. Wozner, 95—Charles F. Wozner, 96—Charles F. Wozner, 97—Charles F. Wozner, 98—Charles F. Wozner, 99—Charles F. Wozner, 100—Charles F. Wozner.

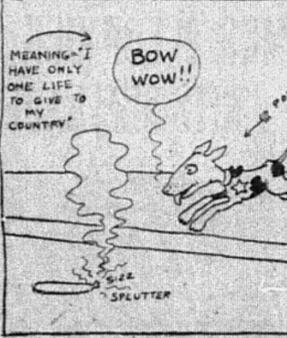
WARD NINEEES OF SOCIALISTS... has lessened the demand for workers in the clothing trade, has caused a large surplus supply of labor, which enables the tailoring firms to make their fight on unionism more bitter than ever.

Should Have Asked Repeat... The question could have been submitted, in the opinion of the election commissioners, if the officials of the United Societies had framed it to ask for the repeal of the law or even to ask for special exemption for Chicago.

30 SOCIALISTS ARE DISCHARGED... Tailoring Concern Afraid They Would Organize a Union in Shop

Because they were Socialists and were suspected of an attempt to organize the employees of Hart, Schaffner & Marx into a local of the United Garment Workers, thirty employees were discharged there this week. The panic, which

GREAT EXCITEMENT!!! ANOTHER "DEADLY ANARCHIST PLOT" ALMOST DISCOVERED BY A PROMINENT CITIZEN



BABY'S PICTURE TRAP THAT CATCHES ALLEGED THIEF

William McLeer, son of Edward Miller, a Ravina (Mass.) jeweler and college graduate, who was arrested Saturday at Clark street and Jackson boulevard, confessed last night that he has been stealing for more than three years.

STRIKE TALKED BY MINES IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

Du Quoin, Ill., March 11.—The annual seventh sub-district convention of the United Mine Workers of America is in session here, with 125 present. More than 15,000 miners of the southern Illinois coalfields are represented. The impending strike furnishes the principal topic of discussion.

60,000 JOBLESS IN PITTSBURG... Socialists and Unionists Hold a Gigantic Mass-meeting for Relief

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Pittsburgh, Pa., March 11.—Three thousand cheering men and women uproariously seconded a resolution calling upon Mayor DuBrie, the city council, the county commissioners, Governor

BANKER DINES ROBBER AND SAVES \$5,000 HE DEMANDED

Omaha, Neb., March 11.—Armed with a bottle he said contained enough nitroglycerin to demolish the building, a stranger attempted to force the officials of the Merchants' National bank to give him \$5,000.

JEWIS NOW HAVE \$10,000 FUND IN AVERBUCH CASE

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PANIC DESTROYS FRUIT MARKETS

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Sparks, Nev., March 11.—The fruit shipments passing over the Sparks division of the Southern Pacific road have been taken as a basis of comparison of panic conditions—not only the present conditions, but what may be expected.

ROADS REFUSE TO OBEY LAW

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Kansas City, Mo., March 11.—That the railroads intend to evade the spirit of the telegraphers' nine-hour law, which went into effect March 4, is evidenced by the plans they are putting in operation at twenty-four-hour stations.

Committee Works Quietly, but Full Announcement of Activities Is Promised Soon

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Bojarsky Wrote Editorial

Investigation has established that the author of the editorial demanding a Zola to take to the cause of Olga Averbuch was written by Peter Bojarsky, managing editor of the Daily Jewish Courier, and not by Assistant State Attorney Zolotoff, as was at first reported. An editorial by the assistant state's attorney, entitled "From Kishineff to Chicago," will be found in the same issue from which the other editorial was taken. This was the cause of the report that Zolotoff was the author of the Zola editorial.

SOCIALISTS NOT TO BE MOLESTED... Police Assume Friendly Attitude Toward the Meetings of Party

Socialists are just as far removed from anarchy as are the Democrats or Republicans, and I have no more use of stopping those held by the other two parties," said Captain Clary of the new city police station when confronted by the Cook county secretary of the Socialist Party about the interference of the police with Socialist meetings.

OLD COUPLE, TIRED OF DIVORCE, WILL REMARRY... After being divorced fifteen years Paul Akin, 57 years old, and Amanda Akin, 60 years old, of Grandy Center, Ia., are to be married again.

WANTS WOMEN TO QUIT SHOPPING AT 3 O'CLOCK... "Gather up your bundles and baby carriages and go home at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the working girls and men will have some chance to get a seat in the cars," was the advice given by Walter D. Moody to the civic committee of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs yesterday.

THE WEATHER... Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: Illinois, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Indiana, Missouri and Iowa—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

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EVELYN TO FILE SUIT TODAY FOR ANNULMENT OF MARRIAGE... New York, March 11.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will file a suit for the annulment of her marriage to Harry Thaw today. In her bill she declares Thaw was insane at the date of their wedding.

SOCIALISTS IN ST. PAUL BUSY

Put Up Municipal Ticket and Will Make a Hard Fight

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) St. Paul, Minn., March 11.—This year finds the Socialist Party, known here as the Public Ownership Party, more prosperous than at any time in its history. It promises to poll a big vote at the municipal election this spring.

At a recent convention a municipal platform was adopted and candidates were nominated for mayor, seven assemblymen and one alderman. Two years ago the Socialist ticket contained one candidate for mayor and two assemblymen. This increase in the number of candidates came in the face of the fact that this year a filing fee of \$10 a candidate is charged.

The following is the ticket selected. Mayor, Lloyd L. Leith, a union machinist; assemblymen, E. P. Shaw, A. G. Shelton, A. Johnson, Adolph Lande, P. B. Sackler and Adolph Janetzki; alderman eighth ward, Ferdinand Veebel.

Organized labor in St. Paul, on account of the panic and recent court decisions, is becoming very much discontented, and, judging from expressions heard, the old parties will suffer heavy losses from the labor vote.

Democratic and Republican politicians are raising the old issue of "civil government" and "city advertising" to befuddle the doubtful voter, but it is believed that experience has sufficiently taught the voters to disregard such questions.

Much Socialist Activity The local is holding propaganda meetings every second and fourth Sunday at Central Annex Hall, sixth and Washington streets, which are proving very effective, both as regards finances and applications for membership.

At their last meeting, March 8, J. S. Ingalls of Minneapolis, delivered a lecture, and at the close, Organizer William Mahoney gave a fifteen-minute talk on the urgent necessity for organization. He received eight applications for membership and twenty for application cards.

New Branch Planned The local in St. Paul is divided into two branches—an English-speaking and a German branch. In addition to this

plans are under way to organize branches among the Polish, Jewish and Swedish workmen, with bright prospects of success.

There is every reason to expect a record-breaking vote in this city on May 5. The city central committee is planning an extensive campaign of local platform and other propaganda vote was about 2,500.

BUILDERS AND MANUFACTURERS OPPOSE EIGHT-HOUR BILL

Baltimore, Md., March 11.—Representatives of the Baltimore Builders' exchange and the Merchants and Manufacturers' association, who went to Washington yesterday to protest against the Gardner eight-hour bill before a subcommittee of the house committee on labor, were complimented by the chairman, Gardner, on the force of the arguments presented. So strongly were the Gardner bill and House Representative Haskins, Vreeland and Rainey impressed that the objections offered by Representative Nehols of Pennsylvania to further hearings were overruled and the Gardner bill will be allowed to speak before the committee.

HAYWOOD SAYS, "BEG OR STEAL"

(Mail Correspondence.) Reading, Pa., March 11.—William D. Haywood in his speech at the Auditorium here said that the remarks of President Roosevelt calling him an undesirable citizen did not come from a brave man, but from a man who had stabbed Spaniards in the back. In speaking of the people and the starvation which prevails in the United States, he said that no man should starve, and that he should beg, borrow or steal pending the time when the great wave of Republican prosperity passes over.

Haywood described his experiences before the trial and after it with detective and Pinkerton "gun-shots" great "viper" in the bull pens of Colorado, he added. "I have had something to do with soldiers," said Haywood, "and detectives in the bull pens. The pens were infested with vermin, but used as cow, filthy or dirty as a detective. They wormed their way into the organization, won the confidence of the men, were elected to office, and wherever they went there was always trouble. It is their duty to stir up trouble, for they have their daily report to make and they have to have something to report. I know of nothing worse than a detective unless it is a governor who declares a man guilty before he has been tried."

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LOCK HORNS OVER AMNESTY

Aftermath of Russian Revolt Is Felt in the Russian Duma

(Mail Correspondence.) St. Petersburg, Russia, Feb. 26.—An attempt is being made to effect an adjustment between the forces of reaction and those of revolution, the latter contending that general amnesty must be granted to the revolutionaries if peaceful civil government is to be attained; and the minority asserting that a condemnation of the whole revolutionary movement must be enacted.

The matter was brought to an acute stage in the sessions of the third duma when, on the occasion of the presentation of a bill giving aid to those who ministry took occasion to state that such action would be accepted by them as a return to peace and as a condemnation of the acts of revolutionary parties.

View of the Ministry At the time when the bill was presented by the revolutionary deputies with a view to giving relief to those who had suffered from the "terror" instigated by the government, the assistant state secretary said:

"I am here to tell you that with the deepest feelings of satisfaction does the ministry greet your efforts to enact a law for the support of fallen victims of the murderous revolutionary activities. We take it as an authoritative condemnation of the revolutionary movement."

Socialist Gives Figures This provoked an immediate reply from the Social Democratic deputy, who spoke as follows:

"The last few years are truly years of the movement for Russian liberty. It was the struggle of the democratic masses, the vast army of the organized workers and the peasants. In this struggle 24,000 of the people were killed, while the police lost 8,000. If you want to forget the awful events of the last few years and prevent a recurrence of them, the ministry must speak from this platform and give a general decree of amnesty, thus returning to their homes the tens of thousands of people who are now imprisoned."

In addition to the reactionary tendencies shown by the ministry on this occasion comes the news from Kiev that the law regulating the hours of work has been suspended by the provincial governor till further notice, and this without warning.

Peasants Are Shot Down The refusal of the peasants of Zagrada near Minsk to pay their taxes and their resistance to the sale of their property to satisfy the claims of the tax gatherers resulted in an attack by the local military. Six peasants were either killed or wounded.

The labor unions of all the cities have been denied the right to hold lectures or educational classes of any sort whatever.

CLOSE SCHOOL'S UPPER FLOORS

Because of violation of the city fire ordinances, the two upper floors of the St. Agnes school, 530 South Morgan street, were closed summarily late yesterday afternoon by order of Acting Building Commissioner Robert Knight.

Knocked down, which had to be piled open with chisels, bars and windows and inadequate exits were among the conditions found by the investigators. Except in the case of the St. Agnes school, however, the persons responsible in each case got off with nothing more serious than a warning.

President Schneider of the school board, Architect Dwight D. Perkins, and two construction superintendents will begin an automobile tour of the various public school buildings tomorrow morning. This investigation will be independent of the one now being conducted from the city hall, and will occupy a week or ten days.

The St. Agnes school, which was closed except for the main floor, is a three-story building, with two class rooms on each floor. Between each pair of class rooms an arrow corridor passes, and one stairway, three feet and six inches in width, furnishes the only means of exit. Most of the aisles, it was found, are only eighteen inches wide in places. Loose benches block the aisles along the walls of the class rooms, a rear door opens inward, and many of the door bolts are so rusted that they could not be moved.

DOESN'T KNOW WHICH OF THREE IS HER HUSBAND

Haverhill, Mass., March 11.—The strange and pathetic story of the bride in "The Little Minister" is re-enacted in the life history of a Haverhill woman, now held under \$500 bonds in the city jail, after being arraigned on the charge of bigamy before the police court this morning.

Even the woman's name is in doubt, for while the police are holding her under the name of Mrs. Benjamin J. Quincey, her second husband, they are in doubt who is her real husband. The charge that she has been married three times without the formality of being widowed or divorced. The woman herself, although willing to pay to be tried as the wife, looks not much over 30, and still shows the signs of the remarkable beauty for which she was famous in her youth and before unhappy marital ventures brought her sorrow.

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Freedom of Speech

The Socialists do not propose to yield one iota of the hard won privilege of free speech. If any meetings whatever are allowed upon the streets the Socialists will hold their there.

At the same time there is no need for theatrical hysterics. Because the police have lost their heads during the past few weeks is all the more reason why the Socialists should keep their brains within reach.

The higher police officials all declare that no orders have been issued to interfere with Socialist meetings. Instead they claim that orders directly to the contrary have been issued.

Here, as at all other points, the Socialist alone can afford to tell the truth, bide his time and keep cool. At the same time it must be recognized that there will not be the slightest toleration of any interference with the right of the Socialist Party to hold meetings in whatever localities it pleases and to expound the truths of Socialism as fully as it wishes.

So far as street meetings are concerned, it might be just as well for the city government not to attempt to press the point of interference. The riotous press of Chicago has shrieked that all Socialist street meetings would be stopped and that no more permits would be issued.

It might be well to call attention to the fact that the Supreme Court has declared that the police have no authority to discriminate in this matter of issuing permits and that the official who presumes to do so is liable to punishment.

The Daily Socialist called attention to this decision when Chief Shippy was plotting murder—we use the word with a full realization of what it means—against the peaceable parade of the unemployed. In order to avoid furnishing victims for that murderous plot the Socialist Party waived its constitutional right to parade for the time.

The Daily Socialist was correct in its statement of the position of the Supreme Court. The Socialists would much prefer not to waste their time and resources in a fight for free speech or free press. They have a right to suppose that these fundamental rights are already firmly secured.

But if these rights are attacked the Socialist will not hesitate to defend them. He will defend them all the more strongly because he will not become hysterical, but will firmly and with carefully prepared program take up the fight with a determination to stop only when completely victorious.

The Socialist Party of Chicago has accepted permits for its street meetings hitherto because of a recognition of the fact that some sort of order and regularity in the location of street meetings was necessary and that it is but a matter of common sense to conclude that this order and regularity can best be secured by some such system as the granting of permits.

But the acceptance of such permits does not imply the acceptance of the principle that the police have the right to refuse them, and it might as well be recognized at the beginning that any attempt to withhold or arbitrarily interfere with the free use of the public highways will be most bitterly fought.

In Full Retreat

The wild mob led by the Chicago Tribune that was to lynch free speech and assemblage has been most ingloriously routed. The Tribune is now snarling and whining and lying in its news columns—but in a very minor key.

The whole effort of the forces of reaction is now being directed toward suppressing any full investigation. There will be no grand jury inquiry into the events of the last week if it can be prevented.

It is now being thoroughly recognized that the whole thing was blundered and that the Socialist press has become too powerful for the success of any such reasonable attack upon fundamental rights.

SHORT TALKS ON THE SOCIALIST PARTY

BY WILLIAM MAILLY.

No. 2

Before entering upon a discussion of the organization and methods of the Socialist Party it is essential that certain fundamental principles should be stated.

The Socialist Party of today is the first party of its kind in history. There has never before been a political party organized on an international basis having for its object a revolution in the prevailing system of production, distribution and exchange.

There have been political movements within different countries aiming at various reforms or seeking certain political rights and privileges, but never before a political party embracing all countries and aiming at the complete overthrow of the existing economic system and the establishment of a new one in its place.

Furthermore, the Socialist Party is the first political party in history organized by the working class and organizing them for a distinct and definite purpose: The economic freedom of their class through a revolution in the character of the system of production, distribution and exchange.

The Socialist Party therefore occupies a perfectly unique place in history. It is an entirely new proposition in politics. It is unlike anything that has preceded it—because the circumstances that gave it birth and foster it are totally unlike any that ever existed before.

It is well to keep this in mind when the Socialist Party and its methods of organization and propaganda are to be considered. Because the party is different, and the circumstances that produced it are different from anything hitherto known, then it follows that its methods must also be different

from those of other parties, so far as the restrictions of existing conditions permit.

However, there is one fundamental principle underlying all political parties: They are the concrete expression of the material interests of those who control and dominate them. This is the un-failing guide for determining the motives directing any political party whatever.

As the material interests of a political group become more sharply defined so do the program and policies of that group become more clearly defined. As the character of the material interests change the changes are reflected in the general character of the party.

As the material interests become blurred and indistinct there is a resultant confusion and conflict within the party. The present situation in both the Republican and Democratic parties is proof of this.

The Socialist Party alone holds square and true to its course because it unwaveringly reflects the material interests of those who control and dominate it, and these material interests are clear and unmistakable. Its center of gravity is never lost. It is the concrete expression of the demand of the working class of all nations for Socialism. And this demand has its root in the present system of capitalist ownership of industry and in the subjugation and exploitation of the working class for the profit of the owners.

The Socialist Party is the logical outgrowth of the industrial system which it proposes to abolish. And because such an industrial system as the present one never existed before the Socialist Party was never possible until today.

WILL SOCIALISM DESTROY THE HOME?

BY ROBERT HUNTER.

It is sometimes said that Socialism will destroy the home, and some opponents have been unscrupulous enough to attack Socialists as advocates of free love. In answer to such accusations perhaps nothing could be more conclusive than WHAT THE SOCIALISTS ACTUALLY DO when they come into power.

It is known that illegitimacy is common in France, especially among the poorest people. To what extent it is due to poverty, and the inability of the poorest workmen to pay fees for the marriage service, is not known, but when the Socialists came into control of the City of Lille, they established a free marriage service, the fees to the pastor being paid directly by the municipality.

They establish public kitchens, so that soups, meats, and vegetables can be obtained warm when the people return from their work. They establish creches for the babies of working mothers. The crèche, school, or school restaurant, is but another effort to re-establish in some manner the social institutions lost by the destruction of the home.

Thousands of marriages have been sanctioned under this new act, and a great number of children who would otherwise have been placed in orphan asylums are now legalized. The work of the Socialists in the same city is sufficient to answer the other accusation.

Some of them hardly have time to give birth to their babies before they are called back to the mills. These facts make little impression upon those who are not working people, but can anyone really think for a moment that the poor suffer without complaint this destruction of home life?

So long as the present system lasts, or at least so long as Socialists remain in a minority, it is impossible for them to free from toll the mothers of their children. But they can save the babies from neglect, the children from the streets, and all from actual hunger.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Edited by Marie Jayne

A Man Writes on Woman Suffrage

BY M. YOUTZ.

I DO NOT believe that there is a thinking man or woman, or even a child that has arrived at the age of fair judgment, that will deny the mother, the wife, the sister, the sweetheart having a right to have a hand in the making of the laws of the country in which she lives.

For any one to enter into such political conspiracies as are carried on by the two old parties, and that is the very reason why women should go into politics.

The last fifty years will constitute one of the most wonderful epochs ever recorded upon the pages of human history.

There is an old saying that "all things come to those who wait," but it has utterly failed so far as woman suffrage is concerned, because we refuse and do not propose to wait any longer.

At first thought that sounds smart enough to completely destroy Socialism. But I question the later Ocean view or two questions.

Where is the father or mother that would shrink from the task, even though it be considered a little in advance of custom.

Oh, yes, but you say the women consider it disgraceful to go into politics, and they are right. It is disgraceful

to be a man who enters into such political conspiracies as are carried on by the two old parties, and that is the very reason why women should go into politics.

What Labor Wants.

I have just been looking over the March number of the Daily Socialist, March 2. I noticed some of those short messages of Robert Hunter's that sparkle with divine truths.

Children on Part Time

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The Coming of Spring

Sing of the Spring to the heart that is weary. For April is here, and the flowers are awake. And though the rain fall and some days may be dreary.

For Home Dressmakers

This great little Dutch necked, short sleeve Princess frock is suitable for any of the soft finished work materials, such as muslin, organdy and chamois, as well as for batiste, organdy or wash silk. It is gathered across the front and back as well as along the shoulders, and this fullness is tucked into the waist line.



TO THE EDITOR

No Issue Between Old Parties. Ask any old party man what will be the result in this campaign between the old parties, and he will have to give the Socialist Party the credit of having won.

Union Labor in Labor Politics

The full dinner pail has become a phantom, a myth. The voice of prosperity has been silenced. Like a tornado, the financial panic swept over this great and wealthy country of ours. A "financial flurry" they called it. All would soon be over, said the newspapers. Don't lose confidence, said the bankers. Prosperity will soon return, prophesied the politicians and statesmen.

It was not a "flurry." It is one of those genuine crises which strike the capitalist business world after every period of frenzied financiering and wild speculation. Today the factories and workshops are closed, or operated with reduced labor forces. It is estimated that nearly two million men and women are at present out of work.

These are terrible conditions. At least ten million men, women and children in our great Republic of the Stars and Stripes are living in misery and want. Mothers' hearts bleed when looking at their suffering little ones. Starvation in the wealthiest country on earth has become chronic with many thousands of honest, industrious working people.

What is to be done? Workingmen have organized into labor unions to improve their conditions. Splendid results have been achieved by the trades union movement during the last twenty-five years. By the efforts of the nearly three million organized wage-workers the hours of labor have been reduced, wages have been increased, the sanitary conditions in factories, shops and mines have been improved, and what is more important: the millions of workingmen and women have been educated on the vital questions of the day affecting the interests of the great masses of the people.

On December 17, 1907, the equity court of the District of Columbia issued an injunction against the American Federation of Labor, forbidding the publishing in the American Federationist the name of the Buck's Stove & Range Co. The United States supreme court killed the employer's liability law. The United States supreme court decided that railroad corporations have the right to discharge employes for belonging to labor unions.

Organized labor is being outlawed by the political tools of capitalist corporations. Shall the labor unions be destroyed? No. A thousand times no. We shall stand by organized labor to the bitter end. We shall not recognize any religious, political, or national differences in this great trades union movement, but only wage workers, and the interest and welfare of the wage workers. The trade union is the economic battlefield where every wage worker must be welcomed, for there we fight the daily battles for immediate improvement and mutual elevation.

However, we have reached a serious stage in the development of the American labor movement. Capitalism is using all the powers of state and the entire machinery of government to break the influence of organized labor and to destroy, if possible, every trade union in the land. We have reached the stage in the history of the American nation where the working class must play its great role on the political stage. We have elected our masters and their political mercenaries into high office, and you know the result. The public is doomed! has always been their verdict the moment they had succeeded in fanning the voters on election day.

What are we, the great mass of union men, going to do? Shall we forever be the political step-ladder upon which our masters and tormentors climb into power? In every political campaign the two old parties, the Democratic and the Republican alike, compete with each other in the attempt to chloroform the "brother workingman" and make him believe that the lambs of labor has no better friends than the Democratic hyena and the Republican shark. To catch our votes they give us some poorly constructed labor laws which are speedily wiped from the statute books as soon as the election excitement is over.

The Democratic and Republican parties are the two political hands of capitalism. With the Democratic arm King Capital caresses the workingman, while the Republican arm is free to stab the caressed victim in the back with the knife of class legislation and class justice. Sometimes the Republican arm does the caressing and the Democratic arm swings the dagger.

There is our American labor-party, with a clear-cut, uncompromising labor platform, with a record of honor, a pride of the working class. And its name? The Socialist party! The political party of labor which polled nearly half a million votes in the presidential campaign of 1904. The Socialist party which has become the third political party nationally, in the state, and in the city.