

BOSSSES LOOK FOR NEW TRAIL

Manufacturers to Send Delegation of 200 to the Orient

The Illinois Manufacturers' association will send a delegation of 200 members to the orient to boom American trade and secure new markets.

This was decided on at a meeting of the directors of the association held yesterday. Arrangements were also made for the sending of the entire board of directors to Washington about the middle of this month to oppose objectionable features of the Aldrich currency bill.

Plan Special Steamer. Just when the delegation will depart for the orient to work in the interest of the open door will be decided later.

Refer to Taft's Speech. Secretary Glenn of the association was instructed to send letters to all the members in which it is pointed out that William Taft advocated an expansion of the American trade in his Chicago speech of April 4 on the development of American industries.

CONGRESSMAN A. L. BRICK IS DEAD AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—Abraham Lincoln Brick of South Bend, congressman from the Thirteenth Indiana district, died yesterday morning at the Fletcher sanitarium of Bright's disease.

MME. ANNA SAYS NO, BUT HELIE DOESNT GIVE UP

New York, April 8.—Mme. Anna Gould last night authorized the statement to be made that she has no intention of marrying at present and that she is not engaged to any one.

SAYS JULIA MARLOWE LURED HUSBAND FROM HER SIDE

Salem, Mass., April 8.—Mrs. Clara L. von Herrmann of Hamilton has filed suit for divorce from her husband, Karl Stephen von Herrmann, in the Essex county Superior court.

VILLAGES VOTE TO AID HUNGRY

Following the formation of "bread lines" at Indiana Harbor and Hammond, Ind., yesterday, hasty action was taken last night to relieve the suffering.

CAMPAIGN TREAT CAUSES STRIKE

Alderman Fleck, the present Democratic office holder in the Ninth ward, and candidate for re-election, headed a party of about twenty men and women having a good time at the Columbia Knights' dance at the West Side Auditorium Saturday night and caused a strike of the waiters.

COUR.'S IS OBLIGING; FINES RICH MAN OVER 'PHONE

Robert H. McCormick, assistant United States district attorney, failed to appear before Justice Boyer in Evanston yesterday to answer a charge of violating the automobile speed law.

TWO SOCIALISTS CAUSE STIR AT A MEETING OF MINISTERS

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Louisville, Ky., April 8.—Socialism got a hearing before the Louisville Ministerial association at its regular monthly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building.

FAKE EMPLOYERS SWINDLE IDLE

Jobless men seeking work through employment agencies have been swindled by confidence men that pretend to have work to offer.

BACK ON THE JOB

are working in conjunction with the swindlers. A man giving the name of A. J. Pierce was caught by the police while trying to swindle Carl Engstrom, 150 West Fifty-ninth street, out of \$10 and was identified by Oscar Fransen as the man, who, under the name of George Edwards, had taken \$2.25 from him.

CONVICTS MAKE SPURIOUS COINS

Chester, Ill., April 8.—The legislative committee investigating state institutions has found that the prisoners in the Chester penitentiary are making counterfeit dimes and quarters and a substitute for opium.

LEGISLATIVE BODY FINDS COUNTERFEIT MONEY IS COMMON AT CHESTER

The testimony regarding the counterfeit plant was given by the prison guards. So common have these spurious coins become that guards suspiciously seize every piece of money straggled into circulation, even by visitors, in the miniature settlement in the outskirts of Chester.

JAPAN ALARMED; FEARS INTERFERENCE OF AMERICA

Tokyo, April 7.—Negotiations between America and Russia concerning the administration of affairs at Harbin are being closely watched by Japan.

ACTOR FARNUM REPUTES THE CHARGES MADE BY GOULD

New York, April 8.—Dustin Farnum, the actor, who was named by Howard Gould in his suit against his wife, declared yesterday that the charges against him are ridiculous and entirely false.

THE SAME OLD GANG



WET AND DRY CITIES

are now dry and 262 cities are in townships which still remain saloon territory. Twenty-five counties went dry; making a total of thirty-two dry counties in the state now.

32 COUNTIES ARE 'DRY'

The number of "dry" counties is in addition to the six which went "dry" last November, making a total of thirty-two "dry" counties in the state.

THE WEATHER

Office of Chief of Weather Bureau, Washington.—Official weather forecast for Wednesday and Thursday.

BIG CITIES WET; SMALL ONES DRY

Result of Fierce Struggle Over Liquor in State of Illinois. The struggle over the question of local option was bitter from one end of Illinois to the other.

AGED PHYSICIAN DIES AS HE HUGS HIS STRONG BOX

Evansville, Ind., April 8.—Dr. W. W. Duxley, aged 60 years, one of the wealthiest citizens of southern Indiana, was found dead in his home at Selma, Ind., today having a "strong box" containing his fortune.

WOMEN POUR WHISKY INTO GUTTER IN KENTUCKY

Nashville, Tenn., April 8.—At Lexington, Tenn., members of the W. C. T. U. destroyed about forty gallons of whisky belonging to a saloon man who had recently moved from Jackson, a "dry" town.

GREEKS REFUSE TO BREAK OTTUMWA STRIKE

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 8.—Fifty-five Greek strike breakers were brought to Ottumwa from Davenport to take the place of the strikers at the Ottumwa Box Car Leader company.

EATS CANDY 'SWEEPINGS'; GLASS FATAL TO CHILD

Paris, Ill., April 8.—The two-year-old child of Earl Franklin swallowed a piece of glass which was in the "sweepings" of candy the father got at a candy factory, and died.

BULLETIN

The election returns in Milwaukee come in slowly. The latest reports give the vote in 104 precincts as follows: Rose (Dem.).....21,552 Seidel (Soc.).....18,333 Pringle (Rep.).....17,006

\$2,000,000 BOND ISSUE IS VOTED

Cook county is to have its new \$2,000,000 infirmary if the wishes of the voters are carried out. The proposition to issue bonds for an institution in Blue Island was carried by the following vote: Chicago, 157,850 for and 62,411 against the "little ballot"; outside Chicago, 13,239 for and 6,114 against the bonds.

THROW BOMB INTO BEDROOM

An attempt to exterminate the family of Antonio Lumia, 49 Gault court, the jeweler threatened with the death of his son a week ago, unless he paid blackmail, was made early today when a bomb was thrown into the Lumia house.

MINERS AND OPERATORS IN CONFERENCE AT SPRINGFIELD

Springfield, Ill., April 8.—The coal operators and miners will meet here in joint convention today and will probably decide the seal question.

PANIC CRIPPLES SALOONS; MANY BARTENDERS ARE IDLE

Boston, Mass., April 8.—In the lists of the unemployed in different occupations, as furnished by the Boston Central Labor Union, it is particularly interesting to note the fact that the number of idle bartenders here is more than double the ordinary figures.

SOCIALIST VOTE SHOWS A GOOD GAIN; HEARST SNOWED UNDER

Chicago Result Gives Party 7 Per Cent of Total Vote Against 4 Per Cent Cast a Year Ago. With a total vote for all parties of about three-fourths that of one year ago, the vote of the Socialist Party shows an increase of over twenty-five per cent.

HEARST SNOWED UNDER

The Hearst Independence League had tickets in nearly all the wards, and the Hearst papers were predicting a vote of 40,000 for the ticket, and victory in a number of wards.

A GRATIFYING INCREASE

Of the whole the vote shows a gratifying increase for the Socialist Party and demonstrates the impossibility of the Hearst forces gaining any foothold in Chicago.

Big Increase at Albion

Albion, Mich., April 8.—The Socialist vote for Seth Hoyt for mayor in this city Tuesday was 125. Last year the vote for mayor was 44 votes.

1,100 PERSONS SEEK TO EARN PITTANCE AS 'SUPERS'

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Fort Wayne, Ind., April 8.—At a recent production of "Ben Hur" in this city the theater company advertised for twenty-five men and children to act in the play as soldiers, attendants, etc., and requested that they apply at 9 o'clock on a certain morning.

PROVES CURTIS IS A FALSIFIER

Appeal to Reason Exposes Record-Herald's Boost for Taft

(Special to the Daily Socialist.) Grand, Kas., April 8.—William H. Taft, who complacently replied "God knows" to the one pressing campaign issue, that of the starving unemployed worker, is ridiculed in the current issue of the Appeal to Reason because of his efforts to pose as a "friend of labor," and the strenuous attempts to make him appear such are denounced as falsification.

Say W. E. Curtis Lied.

Curtis is taken to task in particular for the following invitation of Taft which the Appeal asserts to be a falsehood, in referring to the Cincinnati A. R. U. railroad strike: "It is an interesting fact that six months later when Phelan was released from jail, he called upon Judge Taft to solicit his good offices in securing the restoration to the pay rolls of the company the strikers who had lost their jobs by following his advice. Upon his release he went to Ludlow, a suburb of Cincinnati, where many of the railroad hands resided, and there he found the families of the strikers in great distress.

"It is a satisfaction to know that Phelan was treated with remorse by seeing their condition, and it was an acknowledgment of his confidence in Judge Taft's sense of justice that he immediately applied to him for advice and assistance. He told Judge Taft that he did not realize the consequences of his actions in forcing the strike, but he was sent to Cincinnati by Eugene Debs to carry out the plans of the American Railway Union, and obeyed orders to the best of his ability.

Debs Proves It False.

Eugene V. Debs, who knew Phelan intimately for years, and talked with him frequently up to the time of Phelan's death, wrote to Curtis, saying that the statement of "Phelan's conversion" was not printed by him till Phelan was dead, and denouncing the whole statement as false.

Curtis Makes Reply.

The Curtis letter referring to the point is as follows: "Washington, D. C., March 28, 1908. "Mr. Eugene V. Debs, Dear Sir, On my return from several weeks in the south I find your communication of March 31, and while it is not my practice to give the authority for any of my published statements, and while that is considered an unprofessional act, I have permission to say that the statements I published concerning Phelan's appeal to Judge Taft after his release from prison are true and also by George Leonard, who was present at the time."

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"Railroading by Mail" Concern Makes Offer to Country Papers. The National Correspondence School of Railroading is the latest concern to beg for free advertising from country newspapers in an effort to draw money from young men and women of the rural districts. The "school" is located at 2941 Michigan avenue and advertises to teach "telegraphy, station work, how to be a fireman, train engineer, baggage-man and expressman, how to use the telegraph and other paraphernalia to give instructions.

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SOCIALIST STIR AMONG PASTORS

(Continued from First Page.) In the second place, we knew him as a fearless and incorruptible official of a body of organized labor, the Western Federation of Miners, which for years has been attacked by a ruthless organization of labor employers, the Mine Owners' association.

"This Mine Owners' association has debauched the judiciary, the legislature and the executives of Colorado and it is a disgrace to us that we know it would stop at no crime to put out of the way Haywood and his associates whom they could neither buy nor bully. Haywood's constitutional rights were flagrantly violated in the manner of his arrest and we had every reason to believe he was the victim of an infamous conspiracy.

"We were confirmed in this opinion when the only testimony against Haywood was the unsupported evidence of one Orchard, a creature who, by his own admission, was so low and vile as to be unworthy of belief by decent people. Taken Rap at Press. "Why should you assume the guilt of this man Haywood? Your only source of information is the daily newspapers and magazines, sources of information utterly hopeless if you are looking for the truth. As a newspaper man, I tell you that ninety-nine per cent of the newspapers of this country are owned body and soul by special interests, industrial or political, which make it impossible for them to tell the truth about anything. It is to their interests to misrepresent.

Pastors Want Books.

After adjournment a number of the preachers pressed forward to assure the Socialists of sympathetic interest at least and asked for literature. Rule was invited to speak at some date of the coming year, and the chairman of the topics committee of the Ministerial association assured Dobbs that he would be invited to tell the preachers more about the subject of Socialism.

TO HAVE A LABOR SHOW AT APPLETON, APRIL 24

Appleton, Wis., April 8.—With a view to giving the public of Appleton a comprehensive insight into the workings and significance of organized labor, the Appleton Trades and Labor council will on Friday evening, April 24, present a free program at the Appleton theater. The program will embrace a series of moving pictures, showing the interior working of establishments employing union labor and under conditions such as contrast sharply with institutions employing unorganized labor. A number of speakers will also appear on the program and will deal with the significance of the various union labels and organized labor in general.

METHODIST LAYMEN ASK PERMISSION TO DANCE

New York, April 7.—The serenity of the New York Methodist Episcopal conference at St. James church, Madison avenue and One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, was disturbed by the passage of a resolution by the lay members authorizing the general conference, to be held at Baltimore next month, to repeal the old anti-amusement rule of the church forbidding dancing, card playing and certain other amusements of society talks.

SOCIALISTS NOW RUN A CHURCH

Six New Trustees Are Named for Brooklyn Institution. (Special to the Daily Socialist.) New York, April 8.—The growth of the Socialist movement here is attested by the election of six Socialist trustees to the governing board of the Parkside Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, and this success is directly due to the preaching of Socialism which has been done by the pastor, Rev. John D. Long. The example which Long had, near at hand, of the manipulation of industry by Wall street colporters, irrespective of the legitimate functions of industry and the condition of the worker as a citizen and parent of future citizens, led him into Socialism. Once convinced, he turned all the power which he possessed toward convincing others.

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JUST OFF THE PRESS

Publishers, start second edition before first is offered for sale. Book Selling Records Smashed! More than 800 copies sold Sunday, Feb. 16. "Evolution, Social and Organic," By Arthur Morrow Lewis, National Organizer, Socialist Party. The first ten of a series of lectures now being delivered to capacity audiences in the second largest theater in Chicago. A necessary acquisition to the libraries of thinking men and women. Highly instructive and of absorbing interest. Lecture subjects tracing social and organic evolution from Thales, 640 B. C., to Dietzgen, whose work ended with his death the latter part of the Nineteenth Century.

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OPPOSES A BIG ARMY AND CALLS NAVY USELESS

Washington, D. C., April 8.—A warning against increasing expenditures for the military establishment of the United States was sounded in the senate yesterday by Senator Hale, chairman of the naval affairs committee. His alarm was taken up and repeated by other senators.

GOES TO SLEEP WITH LEG HANGING OVER PRECIPICE

Alton, Ill., April 8.—Stef Koska, a Hungarian, was arrested by Patrolman Barney Fabrig on a charge of "carelessness." Koska had wandered to the bluffs to sleep. He reclined near an embankment with a straight tail of 150 feet to a rock floor below.

JOHN MITCHELL TO START A LABOR PAPER AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—Within a few days John Mitchell, retired president of the United Mine Workers of America, will start a weekly labor paper in this city which shall be devoted to promoting peace between the mine workers and the mine owners. General labor news and problems will also receive a prominent place.

Whir-r, Buzz-z Bing, BANG!!! Alarm Clock Leaflets



Awaken the Workers

"There's No Rest for the Wicked" There are three of the new "Alarm Clock" Leaflets. See the titles: 1. "The Socialist Party." Just the thing to increase Party membership. 2. "Breaking Up the Family." Showing how capitalism is destroying and Socialism would restore this institution. 3. "Different Kinds of Slavery." Tracing the evolution of the working class from savagery to Socialism. Start a few of these off in your neighborhood and rouse your fellow workers and start them thinking on the road to Socialism.

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The Election in Chicago

It would seem that the anarchist scare, the Hearst red herring, the liquor side-show and the large number of indifferent had tended to reduce the Socialist vote in Chicago below what should have been expected.

There were no wild expectations on the part of the Socialists. In fact, the estimates issued by the Socialists as to the vote were many thousand nearer the truth than those of any other party.

But, after all, explanations are of little good if they are all to be confined to the circumstances beyond our control. Indeed, whether the result be satisfactory or not, the best thing to do is to examine our own situation and decide what can be done to make it more satisfactory.

One of the first things that is noted is that the wards in which the Daily Socialist was most actively circulated show the largest increase. In the Twenty-seventh Ward, where the vote doubled, more Dailies were distributed than in any other two wards.

This shows the effectiveness of the daily paper, which meets at once all attacks of the enemy, in building up a strong, solid Socialist movement.

The fact that 135,000 registered voters did not go to the polls at all—a number larger than that cast by any one party—shows a political indifference which could be overcome by proper organization.

Here we are touching the essential point. The need of ORGANIZATION is the one thing that must be recognized and met during the next three months.

There should be at least five thousand members of the Socialist Party in Chicago before the Presidential campaign is under way. The readers of the Daily Socialist can add these almost instantly if they will but undertake the task.

No attempt will be made to outline a plan here, but the matter should be taken up at once by the Cook County Local and pushed as nothing has ever been pushed before.

The Daily Socialist will give every aid in any such campaign, and with the help of its thousands of readers throughout the city Chicago can be so organized that the great semi-Socialist vote of 1904 can be exceeded by a vote of genuine class conscious workers when the votes are counted next Fall.

Decide This Week

Do the workers of this country really desire a daily paper to voice their interests? That is the question to be decided this week.

On the reports of the amount of money on hand and pledged for the immediate future which will be presented to the stockholders next Saturday night will depend their decision as to continuous publication.

There should be not less than three thousand dollars in sight at that time, with at least another thousand promised for the immediate future.

This sum will mean no more calls for help. Anything less will mean only a postponement of difficulties.

The paper is here with a circulation that is almost, if not quite, self-supporting, when it shall be able to realize upon its real strength.

No daily paper in any great city was ever built up to as big a circulation as the Daily Socialist has at the present moment with as small an expenditure of money. Every dollar put into it is represented by a full dollar's worth of assets now on hand.

The only question is, "Can we realize the extent of the opportunity and the emergency that is before us and meet it?"

In this task the editors and management are helpless. They have exhausted every resource at their disposal. They rest the case with the readers and owners.

So long as the workers refuse to join the army or the militia there is little danger of a bloody conflict in this country. The workers do not want to fight, and can win through peaceful means, and the capitalists have never been known to do any fighting for themselves. When laborers refuse to shoot laborers there will be an end of wars, both national and civil.

Congress is willing to pass almost any sort of a labor law now. The Supreme Court cannot get to it until after election, and then it will have served its purpose without having helped the laborer or injured the capitalist.

Some of the Methodist preachers are beginning to realize why workmen do not love the Church. A scab hymn book does take away a union man's enthusiasm from the church services.

When the women begin to fight for suffrage as a part of the working class they will get it. So long as they look for sympathy they will get that—and nothing more.

It is worth noticing that no one connected with the Gould scandal claims that their family was broken up by Socialism.

OBSERVATIONS BY THE WAY

There is a little group of men of some earnestness and less capacity who gather together once every four years and nominate a candidate for president on a flat money platform. Tom Watson is their victim this time, as he has been on one or two former occasions.

It does great credit to the intelligent reporters of the Chicago Journal that the editorial department of that paper doesn't know that a Socialist convention has been called but supposes one will be. The Journal doesn't appear to have a very clear idea as to what is going on in Chicago. Some day its correspondent in Podunk will get the news.

The Day's Work One morning long ago a well-known woman of Chicago while shopping thoughtlessly picked up an umbrella belonging to another woman and started to walk off with it. The owner stopped her and the absent-minded one, with many apologies, returned the umbrella.

The Ratio "When I first knew that man," said the observant waver, "he couldn't have been making more than \$1,000 a year. I'll bet it's \$12,000 now."

SHORT TALKS ON THE SOCIALIST PARTY

BY WILLIAM MAILLY No. 14.

The great bulk of the American working class know little or nothing about the actual operations of the political machinery as such. The intricate system which has been built up as a result of class rule and class privileges is a mystery to them.

It is always been the purpose of the ruling class to surround the functions of government with an atmosphere of mystery, which only the exceptionally wise ones of the "superior classes" could bask in.

Thus it is that these of the elect are regarded by the workers generally with awe and reverence. It is presumed that the man who can understand, or affect to understand, the wonderful and weird tangle of red tape which winds itself around every official act, however simple in itself the act may be, must be a man endowed with extraordinary wisdom, although he usually is a very monument of crass stupidity and inefficiency.

It is necessary to cultivate this hallucination among the masses so that they will continue to have no confidence in their own ability to direct the affairs of government. The ruling class knows that the moment the workers realize their own power and arrive at a full sense of their own ability, that moment will capitalist rule end and the mystery and solemnity which attach to government direction will be dissipated forever.

To the task of government also will the workers apply those direct and sincere methods which they have become trained and accustomed to use in the factories and workshops in the production of things.

As things are now, only to the chosen few of capitalism it is given to know what takes place behind the curtain which is dropped when the polls close on election day. Behind that curtain a performance goes on to which a worker is admitted but seldom, and only then on condition that he preserve inviolate the secrets of intrigue and manipulation, a privilege earned by him through treachery to his class.

No other average working class voter is ignorant of politics in the inner workings, as manifold ramifications. Although he has the franchise and talks "politics" all the year around, his knowledge is purely superficial, gleaned mostly from the capitalist dailies or the gossip which the ward boss or heeler allows to dribble down to "the boys" so that they can flatter themselves they know what is going on.

Theoretically the workers run the government; actually they do nothing of the sort. They believe they belong to the party whose ticket they vote; actually they belong to the boss who controls the machinery of the party. The Republican or Democratic workman has nothing to do with the real business of what he calls "my party." He has nothing to say in the construction of the party platform, in selecting its candidates and in determining the policy of the party.

He does not have to bother about arranging the primaries and conventions of the party, in choosing the delegates (through the innocent running the campaigns), in filing the tickets on the ballots, in running the meetings, organizing the meetings, choosing the speakers, observing the election booths, counting the votes, sharing in the emotions that follow upon victory for the "grand old party," and what is of supreme importance, in paying any of the expenses of the party's activity.

All of this work is done for him—and done cheerfully for him—by those who control the party and their lieutenants and heeled, the chosen few who subsist by reason of the faithfulness, ignorance and fatuous loyalty to party of the many.

The rulers of the old parties are wonderfully kind and generous in these matters toward the workers. The rulers gladly release the mass of their supporters from all responsibility of running the party machinery. All that is asked in return for this generosity is that the mass of voters "vote 'er straight" and re-elect the dear old party to power again.

The capitalists are not especially concerned which of the old parties it is—so long as it is the party which best suits their purpose at the moment. Their party loyalty is determined by their material interests. They leave questions of sentiment to the hard-headed working class voters.

In vivid contrast to this the Socialist party is so organized that it makes possible the direct management and control of the party by the voters for the party. Every man who votes the Socialist party ticket can, if he wishes, have a voice in running the party, and in every one of its various activities. Through these means it is that for the first time in history a mass of the workers—men and women both—are being educated and trained in practical political work. They are not merely parts of a voting machine, mere automatons that mark mechanically into voting booths and mark a cross on the ballot. Neither are they taking lessons in citizenship in clubs organized and patronized by benevolent gentlemen interested in the cultivation of "good citizenship."

No, they are learning their lessons first hand, in the only effective way it can be learned—by direct contact with and participation in the actual work consequent upon promoting a political party which enters the political field and seeks to realize its principles by the use of the public powers.

It is in this way that the Socialist party is becoming a power, because every individual unit of the party is given the opportunity to exercise his functions as a citizen as well as a Socialist. It is in this way that the term "politician" which has become synonymous with falsehood and deceit, is being a new significance, a significance born of an impulse toward truth and cleanliness generated by the principles, ideals and methods of the Socialist party.

WORKMEN'S SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT FUND

BY AUGUST H. GIERE, PRESIDENT OF BRANCH 77.

It was claimed recently in a debate at Branch 77 of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund that Otto Von Bismarck, the German chancellor, was the organizer of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund.

I will not dispute this argument altogether but indirectly he did aid in its organization by forcing hundreds of Socialists from their fatherland in 1881 and 1884. These men, driven from Germany, then formed this organization for the workmen's protection in case of need.

As clear-cut Socialists they recognized the fact that if the workmen want to be protected at all in this country or any other capitalist country they must protect themselves.

Still, today there are only too many workmen belonging to some capitalist insurance company or some lodge, supporting high-salaried officers or some papalistic campaign fund and receiving little or no sick benefit. What is wanted is a sick benefit. What good is a \$1,000 death insurance if you or your family when you are laid up for weeks in bed, with no support whatever? The W. S. and D. B.

and the fund amounts to \$18,500. It costs about 60 cents a year. The benefit is \$40 within the first five years; after five years' membership, \$90 death benefit.

The meeting places of the organization are as follows: Branch 48 every fourth Monday at Schoenhofen hall, 850 Milwaukee avenue.

Branch 66 every first Friday at 380 LaSalle street.

Branch 67 every fourth Sunday afternoon at Hoerber's hall, 714 Blue Island avenue, corner Twenty-first place.

Branch 101 every last Friday at Oswald Grove annex, 3213 South Halsted street.

Branch 222 every fourth Tuesday, Social Turner hall, corner Belmont avenue and Paulina street.

Branch 227 every fourth Sunday at R. Raatz's hall, Ogden and Central Park street.

Branch 106 every last Friday at 11256 Michigan avenue.

Branch 194 every fourth Monday at 681 Irving Park boulevard.

Branch 77 is also a shareholder in the Daily Socialist.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

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An Explanation

BY HELEN UNTERMANN. It was on Aug. 8, 1907, that the article "Make the Children Happy" appeared in the women's department of this paper.

The writer, whom I assume is a woman, tells us of her visit to a home which contained a large family. The pictures her hostess as a nervous, fretful, trouble-borrowing kind of woman, who never enjoys herself or lets others enjoy themselves.

While she expresses the warmest sympathy for the children whose childhood is crushed as a consequence of their mother's continually nagging, one looks in vain for a word of understanding for the ever-fretful mother.

The writer sees clearly enough that a child whose activity is hampered and whose full-loving nature is crushed lives under abnormal conditions and consequently can not develop a normal mind. But she does not apply this truth to the mother. To her a mother who is annoyed by the romping and playing of her children is not an abnormal woman because she lives under abnormal conditions, but because there was something wrong in her bringing up.

Now the fact is that the lives of the majority of women are crushed as a consequence of their living under abnormal and unhealthy conditions. Consequently they rear their children in an abnormal and unhealthy way.

That which we so much desire to do is to make her children happy; just as a mother can do. No teaching would be required. But a mother of a large family, such as the hostess of the writer was, is weary in mind and body and longs for rest. The joyful liveliness of children, which is to a healthy person an everlasting pleasure, is to a nervous mother an intolerable noise.

That which we so much desire in a woman, namely, the constant smiling and nagging, is a proof of overstrained nerves. Such a woman needs sympathy and not detestation. Watch the face of such an unhappy creature; the fear of any noise or liveliness he plainly written on her face, for it means a strain on her body which is at the point of collapse.

It is a rest that she longs for and not play. It is a psychological fact that children when overworked will become cross, nervous, naughty, nay, even vicious. A few hours of rest or the contact with nature will make the child the obedient, happy and loving creature that it is when work and rest are evenly divided. Do we grant such even division to the mothers?

We certainly do not. We do not only keep her working during the whole day but we expect her to give us a ready triend being who, as the writer says, never enjoys herself, the impos-

while her responsibilities increase, her strength decreases. A woman who should be at the height of her physical and intellectual strength in order to be an able teacher and guardian of her children and a companion to her mate loses year by year intellectually as well as physically.

The average married woman is anything but an image of a healthy and happy wife and mother. But not marriage itself, as is often alleged by others, is the cause of all this, but the unhealthy and abnormal conditions under which women have to live. They are married lives away. And there are not only married women who live a miserable life; there are unmarried women, men and children who never live, but slowly die.

They do not know of the beauties of this earth, are never strengthened or charmed by them. To have time to come in contact with nature and to breathe the pure and invigorating air is an unknown thing to them. They work and toil and never rest sufficiently.

How long will such conditions remain and what will it mean to the race? The answer is that men and women unite—only in unity lies our power—and work and vote for better conditions, which will be Socialism.

Unions and Babies

Is the trades union movement of vital interest to the child? President Miller of the Cincinnati Central Labor council answered the question with emphatic "yes."

Miller's son, Russell, 10, has already a full appreciation of his father's sentiments and has an original way of showing it. Mrs. Miller tells of an incident which both amused his parents and gave them great satisfaction.

Russell and his little sister Elizabeth were on a vacation in Tennessee during last summer. Russell needed a pair of suspenders. He asked the dealer for the "union label." He did not buy. After visiting other stores he finally bought a pair of suspenders, but was much disgusted because he couldn't find the label.

Russell said: "I always ask for the label. I want to help papa. When I get big I will be a union man, too."

"Trades unionism has a direct bearing on the welfare of the child. It stands for the child's highest development physically and morally, for favorable environment and the best economic prospects."

"Trades unionism means playgrounds, good schools and decent preparation for manhood and womanhood. It enables the child's father to properly feed and clothe his children, to give the surroundings fit for the development of a normal human being."

LONGINGS

LEWIS G. DE HART

It is spring in the country—soft breezes are blowing, The grasses are springing from under your feet; At evening the cows down the meadow are lowing, And Nature is giving her annual treat. But I sit in a tenement, built in the city, And the same country breeze comes in full of foul smells, While the poor stunted grass in the yard calls for pity, And from down below come the street urchins' yells.

Up above I can hear the faint cry of a baby, And the steady click-clack of a sewing machine; Close at hand a young shopgirl is washing what, maybe, Is the only whole dress that she has to keep clean. And the poor music teacher still thumps the piano, Still sings o'er the scale in monotonous song, And the fat German widow is calling for "Hannah," And the firemen are passing with whistle and gong.

Do you marvel I long for the quiet and glory Of soft lowing cattle and sweet scented flowers? Do you wonder my neighbors list long to my story Of country delights and the dear, drowsy hours? Don't you wish that the system that fills up the sweatshop Could be sent to oblivion, now and forever, And that legalized murder of workers should stop? If you do, there's a means, and your vote is the lever.

Some New Books

"The Iron Heel" is a utopia by Jack London. It is full of strength, vigor and red blood, as is everything of London's. His hero, Ernest Everhard, is a mercurial, a man of many moods, but facts. Into his north London puts some of the most trenchant arguments for Socialism ever formulated. Here is how he deals with a dinner table adorned with philosophers who seek to defend metaphysics.

"There is another way of disqualifying the metaphysicians. Judge them by their works. What have they done for mankind beyond the spinning of airy fancies and the making of their own shadows for gods? They have added to the gayety of mankind, I grant; but what tangible good have they wrought for mankind? They philosophized. If you will pardon my misuse of the word, about the heart as the seat of the emotions, while the scientists were formulating the circulation of the blood. They declaimed about famine and pestilence as being scourges sent by God, while the scientists were building granaries and draining cities. They built gods in their own shapes and out of their own desires, while the scientists were building roads and bridges. They were not at the center of the universe, while the scientists were discovering America and probing space for the stars and the laws of the stars. In short, metaphysicians have done nothing absolutely nothing, for mankind. Step by step before the advance of science they have made new subjective explanations of things, including explanations of the latest ascertained facts. They have not advanced a step on going to the end of time. Gentlemen, a metaphysician is a medicine man. The difference between you and the Eskimo who makes a fur-clad, blubber-eating dog is merely a difference of several thousand years of ascertained facts. That is all!"

One by one Everhard meets and overthrows the opponents of Socialism. Nor are these ever straw men. The best of the best are produced in the way of argument are placed in the mouths of the defenders of things as they are, and indeed sometimes these arguments are stated stronger than the bona fide opponents of Socialism have ever stated them.

The climax of the first half of the book, if not to the whole book, comes in the class between Everhard and a group of capitalists at a fashionable club where he is invited to speak. When ordinary arguments and abuse have been exhausted and his opponents find themselves unable to answer the charge that their class failed miserably in the management of industry because it is unable to treat millions of people from the starvation point, though having boundless resources at its disposal—when his opponents had to answer his arguments one of them replies as follows:

"We have no words to waste on you. When you reach out your vaunted strong hands for our palaces and purpled seats we will show you what strength is. In ruin of shell and shrapnel and in whine of machine guns will our answer be couched."

"There is no reply to this and Everhard says: "It is the only answer that could be given. Power. It is what we of the working class preach. We know, and we will know by bitter experience, that no appeal for the right, for justice, for humanity, can ever touch you. Your hearts are as hard as your heels, with which you tread upon the faces of the poor. So we preached power. By the power of our ballots on election day we will take the government away from you."

"What if you do get a majority, a sweeping majority, on election day?" Mr. Wickson broke in to demand. "Suppose we refuse to turn the government over to you after you have captured it at the ballot box?"

"It is a great, powerful piece of work. It is more apt to frighten than to educate, which would not have been the case had the latter half been somewhat modified. At any rate it is a book that every Socialist and everyone interested in Socialism will want to read."

Perhaps this latter part of the book is written as a bugaboo to scare action into some people, yet even for this purpose it had better been left unwritten. London makes much of his worship of "facts" but he finds himself compelled to imagine most impossible things in order to produce the desired result. The idea of the defection of the unions is greatly exaggerated. The railroad engineers and firemen have often shown their willingness to protest against their class, but to speak of the iron and steel workers and machinists as being in the same category, is ridiculous, since the unions have practically been destroyed in some of these lines, and in the line of the iron and steel workers the all fight for life is desperate and class-consciousness high.

There is much to justify the position that the capitalists are preparing to use in the event of a strike, to which he refers. Taft's recent speech and the general attempt to increase the tariff show that something of the kind is afoot.

What there is general, though skillful, exaggeration that the paper makes on all the latter half of the book, and in connection with the splendid first part as well.

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TO THE CAPITALIST

boarded gold. What the government declares a "legal tender" no one can refuse to accept. "From the time they were issued until 1875 they were not redeemable, and yet no one doubted their value. They have always passed for their face value."

It is generally admitted that there is need of more money in circulation. Jas. Stillman in New York writes: "The money market is in a state of chaos. Financiers have known this for years."

Fowler bill provides for the issuing of more, but provides that the national bank shall reap the profit instead of the government. What is this but class legislation? What can be done about it? We Socialists have been too general in our demands. We are advocating government ownership of everything, but the government is going serenely on with its plots. They know that such government ownership is still a long way off, and so to the meantime they are trying to push laws through which will make it ultimately impossible to bring about government ownership.

Let us change our tactics and begin to advocate just one form of government ownership. The Bureau of Paper Money. Let us send up the cry for government money. Then you will see the capitalists squirm. It takes them a considerable time to get out and proceed on foot. "The Catholic News."

What Did He Mean? On reaching a certain spot the driver turned round on his seat and observed to the passengers: "From this point the rest is only accessible to mules and donkeys; I must be a mule or a donkey to get out and proceed on foot."—The Catholic News.