

GRAND JURY BOLTS; WAYMAN CENSURED

Easy-Going State's Attorney Is Given a Rude Shock

The outgoing April grand jury which has investigated the crooked dealings of James P. Connery with the city in supplying coal to the fire department and which was forced to fight against State's Attorney Wayman at every step of its investigation was this morning divided into two sections. One section of the men went to examine the county jail. The other remained in the criminal court building to formulate the report of its findings.

Connery to Be Indicted Rumors circulated that Connery would be indicted, and that he would be up before Judge Baldwin Monday on charges of larceny and for obtaining money under false pretenses in delivering coal to the H. N. May pumping station, where coal valued at \$1,500 a ton was disposed of instead of the product costing \$3.50 a ton as called for by the contract under which Connery was dealing with the city.

Information issued from State's Attorney Wayman's office was to the effect that the May grand jury to convene on Monday would take up the Fetzer case, the legislative vote bartering and the city coal graft cases.

The grand jury fought at several different sessions for a special state's attorney and for a special grand jury to investigate the city hall coal cases. Progress for this movement was difficult on account of several strong Wayman supporters on the jury.

Success for the insurgents appeared yesterday when it was agreed to draw up a resolution embodying their views of the situation. They gave vent to their disgust with the state's attorney who had blocked their efforts every inch of the way and summarized in no equivocal terms the graft that permeates the administration's purchasing departments.

The resolution citing that the city is defrauded of \$10,000,000 annually by men who furnish the city supplies and by men who audit the account declared for a thorough investigation by a special grand jury and by a special prosecuting attorney. It condemned the practice of hurriedly pushing a small portion of the evidence before a grand jury during the last few days of its existence, among the other devices of the state's attorney's office to hinder the investigation and to shield the thieves, whom he is elected to prosecute.

Assistant State's Attorney Arnold expressed confidence that the grand jury would not demand a special investigation. State's Attorney Wayman belittled the insurgency by saying that only three or four of the jurors were in the movement for a special body of investigation. The following is the resolution they adopted:

Grafters, Hoodlums, Crooks Whereas, From the evidence heard before the April grand jury and from the actions which preceding grand juries have taken, it is evident that the city of Chicago is suffering as the victim of grafters, hoodlums and dishonest men in connection with contracts, purchases and deals involving the expenditure of public funds;

Whereas, The alarming state of corruption among city hall officials alone makes possible wholesale fraud perpetrated upon the city;

Whereas, The Merriam commission has by its work lifted partly the veil from the graft and fraud manipulations, pointing the way for grand jury investigations and action;

Whereas, There should be a complete change in conditions in the city hall brought about for the benefit and protection of the taxpayers; therefore be it

Resolved, by the grand jurors of the April term of the Criminal court, That they hereby recommend and express their finding of the need of a special grand jury which would devote its time exclusively to the investigation of grafting in the city hall and of fraud perpetrated upon the city.

Resolved, That the practice of hurriedly pushing a small portion of the graft inquiry before a grand jury during the last few days of its existence cannot accomplish the needed substantial results which would save large sums of money to the taxpayers and which would bring to justice the criminal manipulators of the grafters' combination.

Resolved, further, That a thorough and systematic investigation should be made to prevent the guilty men from escaping and to lay bare before the people of the city the vast extent of the fraud and graft.

Need Investigators Resolved, further, That a corps of investigators is also necessary to conduct the inquiry and to secure evidence necessary to convict the men in and outside of the city's employ who perpetrated fraud and graft upon the city.

Resolved, That we recommend to the judges of the Criminal court and to the board of Cook county commissioners to take some action without delay to bring about a special grand jury as above indicated, because delays will only operate in the interest of the men who are pilfering the city treasury by their nefarious and illegal conduct.

GIRLS DIE FLEEING TRAIN; THREE JUMP, TWO DROWN

Fond du Lac, Wis., April 30.—Rather than meet death beneath the wheels of a Soo line passenger train three girls, Molly Lemke, Anama Lu and Hilda Lemke, leaped into the river from the railroad bridge here. The Leu girl and Hilda Lemke drowned, while Molly Lemke was saved by Charles Lucas, who jumped into the river after her. The bodies were not recovered.

SOCIALIST IN HARVEY JAIL

J. O. Bentall, State Secretary, Is Arrested in Harvey; Opposed Steal

BY J. O. BENTALL A franchise graft rivaling the most criminal municipal dealings in the state of Illinois was perpetrated in Harvey, Ill., last night, when the council of that city passed over to the Eastern Illinois Railway company a franchise to its streets for fifty years.

The council bound the city over hand and foot to the franchise pirates with opposition from only one alderman—W. A. Bangs, the Socialist member. Bangs fought against the thieves to the last moment, single handed, making motion after motion, only to find that he was alone in the fight, with overwhelming numbers against him. There was not even a second to his motions.

The franchise was passed against the will of the people, who understood what was "doing," in spite of the fact that the franchise as drawn is illegal. The laws of the state provide that the towns should give no franchises for street railroads for a period greater than 20 years.

The childlike innocence of the police and mayor and certain politicians in Harvey cropped out last night like potato blossoms in the month of June.

The sweet face of the mayor actually took on signs of horror at the sight of the dodger handed to him when called to the police station to decide my fate. Tom Taggart could be no more innocent.

It happened thus: Citizens of Harvey brought to my notice the fact that a street car franchise was to be given away at the meeting of the city council last night and appealed to me to make public the contemplated action of the city fathers. I said yes. The time was short, but between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock I had a liberal quantity of the following dodger under my arm, and hastened to make Harvey in time to let the populace know what was on the programme.

Pointed Out Steal "Big franchise THIEVES are lurking around and are expected to be IN HARVEY TONIGHT. The fact is, that unless the people get a quick move on themselves there is grave danger of a fifty-year franchise to a street car company. Do you want to rob your children of their rights for fifty years? Do you want to tie the city up by a street car company for half a century? Watch city council. Come to the city council meeting tonight and see what the mayor and aldermen are doing. Is it graft? Is it bootleg? Who gets it?"

Many Distributed I secured some boys to distribute a thousand of those while I hurried down the street, placing the leaflet into stores and shops, giving them to men who held their hands for them.

Suddenly the attorney for the car company, who was "lurking around," caught sight of the announcement and came running after me, calling out, "Say! Stop giving out any more of those bills!"

"On whose authority must I stop?" I asked.

"On my authority!" came the automatic reply.

Of course I did not show any signs of being downed by this beautiful, sleek, little tool of the powers that be, and so he called in the aid of the police.

In a few moments I was between two officers, who marched me toward the police station.

I had a good talk with them on the way. I told them that they were not to blame for infringing on my liberties as a citizen. That I knew they hated the job of serving tyranny of the ruling class and that I was their friend.

Chief Frightened At the station I was delivered to the chief. He, too, was perturbed by the awful handbill, and ordered me held until he could secure legal advice and confer with the mayor and the street car company's representative. This was about 6 o'clock. Two officers were left to watch me. I had not been forbidden to speak, so I took advantage of the situation and gave the fellows in the room some of the fundamental principles in the class struggle.

They nodded approval at almost everything that was said and became quite friendly. They are fine men, and would be the highest type of mankind if allowed to be free from the domination of the masters. The chief, too, is a splendid fellow, and one has only pity for a man who is compelled to serve the autocracy of a gold bag and a soulless ruling class.

It took two hours and a half to find out whether I was a criminal or not. The chief, the attorneys, the mayor and other parties interested read the ordinances and laws until they were blue in the face, but gave up in despair. The mayor asked me if I thought he and the people in Harvey could not run the city without outside help. I told him it seemed not or they would not show such hospitality to the franchise grabbers who were admitted by outsiders and whose dictum is law in every act of the city council.

Wanted Peace This acute mayor let me understand that he was not in favor of stirring up the people. The language should be soft and soothing. It was a shame to ruffie the serene spirit of a quiet and

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COLUMBUS IS STRIKE BOUND

Street Car Men Quit as Company Breaks Contract With Men

BULLETIN Columbus, O., April 30.—Governor Harmon is to invoke the authority of the state to end the strike.

At a conference with Adjutant General Weybrecht and State Labor Commissioner Wirmel this afternoon the governor decided to ask representatives of the men and the company to meet with him in the executive office. The conference will probably be held late today.

The street car men have announced their willingness to meet with the governor.

"This is a matter which vitally affects the safety and welfare of the people of Columbus," said the governor. "I want to do all in my power to settle this strike."

With only seven cars running, these guarded by police in automobiles and on motorcycles, and only minor disturbances reported so far today, the strike situation bids fair to remain uneventful this afternoon unless an attempt is made by the company to run more cars or to import strikebreakers. Stewart will not try to run cars after dark tonight.

Columbus, O., April 30.—With the Columbus Railway and Light company plotting to smash the Carmen's union, and exerting every effort to do so, the union men are putting up a bitter fight in an effort to maintain their organization intact and secure a flat wage rate of twenty-seven cents an hour, with time and a half for overtime.

The strike resolutions adopted by the striking carmen are as follows:

Broke Agreement "Whereas, The officers of the Columbus Railway and Light company have violated and still are violating and absolutely ignoring the agreement accepted by our organization, Tuesday, April 26, at 4 p. m., informed them that he had the right to use his influence to prevent them from joining the union, and to instruct other officers of the company to do the same, and that he would continue to do so; and that he would also continue to advise and influence men to withdraw from the union. This statement, coming from him as it did while in conference with our executive committee, proves conclusively that he is determined to disrupt our organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we instruct our executive committee to again meet Mr. Stewart, and insist that he observe and live up to the agreement in its entirety, and that he also reinstate the four men who were discharged without cause, and in event of his refusal to do as requested that our committee be instructed to submit the original agreement presented to the company by our committee, which provides for a flat wage rate of 27 cents per hour and time and a half for overtime.

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The names of the suspects were withheld until arrests were made, but it is said that through the men and women now being arrested the district attorney's office hope to reach the "men and women higher up and the politicians and police officials known to be involved."

The new arrests made a tremendous sensation. The evidence was secured through James B. Reynolds, one of Whitman's assistants, a woman of forty who was graduated from Radcliffe college, and who has been interested for years in sociological work, and a young woman recently graduated from Smith college, and who, owing to her youth and beauty, has been able to secure some of the most damaging evidence.

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While the police and detectives are searching for the other men and women exposed by the Rockefeller grand jury, four girls who were bought by Whitman's woman assistants, are hidden by white slave dealers. These girls were actually purchased for immoral purposes by the two college women. Each of these girls has a different story of

abduction, and the stories have been fully confirmed.

One girl eleven years old was bargained for, but broke a leg and had to be sent to a hospital.

The story of the crusade is strange. When Rockefeller became foreman of the special grand jury the two college women volunteered to help get evidence. One of them went to Alaska and the other to Seattle and established friendly relations with keepers of disorderly resorts.

From these keepers they obtained the names of white slave dealers in New York on the pretense that they wanted to come here to secure girls. Armed with letters and accompanied by Reynolds the two women came to New York and bought girls for immoral purposes.

The names of the two women have been withheld because their work is not completed. They will appear as witnesses at the trials.

POLITICS REEKS WITH BRIBERY; LORIMER BOUGHT HIS SEAT?

MEN IN POLITICAL MIRE



WILLIAM LORIMER, UNITED STATES SENATOR, Brick and Waterway Contractor from Illinois



A. J. HOPKINS



EDWARD D. SHURTLEFF, Speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, who figured in all of the ballots taken to elect a successor to United States Senator Albert J. Hopkins.



CHARLES S. DENEEN.

SALE OF 11-YEAR-OLD GIRL TOLD IN WHITE SLAVE PROBE; ARREST 3

Girls Sold With Ease; Investigators for Jury Buy Some

(By United Press Associations.) New York, April 30.—Additional warrants were issued today for men and women suspected of trafficking in "white slaves," following the arrest last night of one woman and two men, and the declaration of District Attorney Whitman that, working with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., he has exposed a traffic proving that the white slave trade in New York is a hideous reality.

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The three went to the Tombs.

Representative White Says His Price Was \$1,000 for Vote; Legislature Will Probe; Ballinger in Rage

Politics play the principal role in the story of corruption today. National and State officials, and corrupt politicians hurl defts and pass the lie.

ACHILLES RAGES



RICHARD A. BALLINGER.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—At Washington, R. Achilles Rages, the villain in the Pinchot-Ballinger tragedy-comedy, holds the center of the stage, shakes his spear at Glavis and calls him a "wifful and deliberate liar." He carries himself calmly, although at times the intensity of feeling within breaks through his outward calm.

CALL EXPERTS IN HYDE TRIAL

Doctors Hektoen and Haines Come From Chicago to Testify

(By United Press Associations.) Kansas City, Mo., April 30.—The period of expert testimony has arrived in the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde for the alleged poisoning of Col. Thomas H. Swope, in a supposed plot to obtain the latter's millions. Today Ludwig V. Hektoen, Chicago's eminent pathologist, took the stand to report the findings he made after an analysis of the viscera and stomach contents of the alleged victims of the defendant. He was followed by Prof. Walter Haines, also of Chicago, and Dr. Victor Vaughn of Ann Arbor, equally renowned toxicologists. The latter is depended upon to enlighten the jury as to the strychnine found in Col. Swope's body.

Defense Hopeful The defense's dread of experts is apparently dispelled today following the testimony of Dr. Frank Hall, Kansas City's leading pathologist, who was summoned by the state. The local scientist said that Col. Swope's organs were in such a diseased state and so affected by the ravages of age that he would have signed a death certificate giving "senile debility" as the cause.

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"March Is Forward!" Message from Everywhere

SOCIALISTS OF MAINE WINNERS

Pine Tree State Toilers See Representatives in State Legislature

BY N. W. LERMOND
Maine Socialist State Secretary
Thomaston, Me., April 30.—The greatest political victory that the Socialists of Maine have yet gained is the securing of the passage of an amendment to our state election laws, granting minor parties election clerks.

What It Proves
It proves that we can get favorable legislation long before we capture law making bodies.

Break Into Legislature
But this year we shall make a strong fight to break into the legislature and confidently expect to elect two or three representatives.

Maine Is Farming State
This is first and foremost a farming state, and the farmers are well organized in the Grange. That they are becoming very much dissatisfied with present conditions and seeking relief from the exactions and exploitation of the railroads, trusts and commission merchants is shown by their recent action in organizing a co-operative company, called the "Producers and Consumers' Exchange," with a store in Boston.

Nothing Wrong With Party
The Socialist party has pretty well thrashed out the question of what is wrong with the Socialist party and found out that nothing was wrong. We simply wasn't ready.

Map Line of March
Socialism is not done up in a package. You can't blow out capitalism like you would blow out the light of a lamp. You can't turn on Socialism like you would turn on the gas.

State Convention
County conventions are now being held in several counties, full county tickets nominated and delegates elected to the state convention to be held in G. A. R. Hall, at Augusta, May 2.

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NEBRASKA MOVES WITH THE NATION

"Mighty Problems for Socialist Congress" From Home of Bryan

BY CLYDE J. WRIGHT
Nebraska Socialist State Secretary
Lincoln, Neb., April 30.—All great movements had first to be talked about, and then believed. Then the plan of action had to be talked about, then "fussed" about and then adopted. Then commenced the beginning of the end of the revolution.

Get Together
What can Nebraska do without New York? What can California do without Nebraska? This question cannot be discussed by states; the question is: Get together!

Don't Worry About Nebraska
The Socialists of Nebraska have found the trail, so don't worry about them getting their game.

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'LITTLE RHODY' HUSTLING, TOO

Senator Aldrich, Maker of Tariffs, Being Undermined by Socialists

BY FRED HURST
Rhode Island Socialist State Secretary
Providence, R. I., April 30.—Too small to intrude itself as an important factor, the Socialist party of "Little Rhody" watches with pride some work of our big brother states. We do our best to contribute our mite to the general movement without detracting or in any manner becoming an element of weakness in the family, and often benefit our inability to do more and achieve greater success.

Factory System
The factory system of our towns with small pay and "the master's voice" has cowed the spirit while dwarfing the mentality and physique of the factory class.

State of Movement
To describe the relative state of the Socialist party in Rhode Island, permit me to present three stages in Socialist activity in general, as follows:

Our Status
The movement in Rhode Island has left the first stage, but has not reached the third, hence we may be classed with some other states, as in the second stage.

Headed Right
But do not worry; the worst of us in Rhode Island have much of good and the movement will go forward, our platforms and other publications are constructive, radical and revolutionary, not rapid, while class lines are clearly drawn.

Parting Word
Bravery with tact is a splendid combination, but to retain the tact, do not assail organizations as such because they have false leaders; answer the man and all arguments against us, gain the friendship of working men, gain their confidence, and deliver the Socialist message anywhere that workingmen will assemble to listen.

Shallowness and toying with Socialism is over. Little heads have grown larger and the Pharisees have had their shout and you can now see them setting their teeth and commencing to talk less and do more.

Farmers and Toilers
The trade union movement is turning to Socialism and Socialism is extending its strongest arm to the aid of trade unionism. The farmer has learned the nature of the capitalist octopus, even the scab leeching his scales. These forces will blend from this time on both upon the political and the industrial field.

We must not only get into power, but must get the enemy out of power. We must put Socialists into the deposed enemies' shoes. We must commence where the enemy left off. We must begin with their muzz on our hands and get it off our hands.

Our past has been a period of enlightenment. Now we want a general plan for the battle. Disorganized Socialists are as powerless as so many savages. This coming congress has a mighty problem on its hands.

Vote Cotton Probe
Washington, April 30.—A resolution introduced by Senator Smith (Dem., S. C.), directing the attorney general to investigate gambling in cotton was adopted by the senate yesterday and Wickersham was criticized, again for seeking to prosecute the cotton pool under the Sherman anti-trust act.—"It was already cost this country \$46,000,000 by depressing prices," said Smith. He suggested the attorney general should investigate the chief of the weather bureau for having permitted the recent blighting frost. There is not sufficient seed left, Smith said, to replant 5 per cent of the crop destroyed.

COMFORT GOV. MARSHALL AS DEFEAT STRIKES HIM HARD
Indianapolis, Ind., April 30.—The all-absorbing topic among Democrats here today is the blow given Governor Marshall's boom by the presidency by the Taggart majority on the state platform committee, which refused to endorse the governor. An original plank offered by the Marshallites on the platform committee was all but killed by the members who resented the governor's efforts to eliminate Tom Taggart.

Accuses Department of Justice
Washington, April 30.—Charges that the department of justice has neglected the interests of the government, in connection with the millions of acres of land held by the Southern Pacific railroad are preferred in a resolution introduced by Chamberlain (Dem., Ore.) in the senate.

Margin Trading Hit
Washington, April 30.—A bill "to prohibit interference with commerce between the states" was introduced by Senator Clay (Dem., Ga.), and is intended to make it unlawful to use the mails, telegraph or telephone to make contracts for the purchase of cotton or farm products where the property is not delivered. It is similar to the Scott bill now pending in the house.

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BALTIMORE NO LONGER INERT

Socialists in Maryland Metropolis Forging Ahead With Increased Momentum

BY CHARLES E. DEVELIN
Written for the Daily Socialist
Baltimore, Md., April 30.—In my last article describing conditions in Baltimore, I dwelt upon some of the peculiar difficulties of the situation here as regards Socialist propaganda and political effort.

Once Was Inert
About eighteen months ago Local Baltimore was in what might be most aptly and concisely called an inert condition.

Gathering of Information
Statistical information of great value has been collected and tabulated, including a large list of Socialist sympathizers. Ward and precinct maps have been prepared, showing the number of Socialist party members, voters, un-naturalized members and sympathizers in each election precinct of the city.

Work Needed
This result was brought about largely by a plan of campaign involving immense work for a local of 350 members. A series of three personal letters were prepared and issued, addressed to four classes of citizens, merchants, mechanics, clerks and laborers, \$0.09 of each making 240,000 in all.

Good Street Meetings
This work was supplemented by a series of well conducted street meetings, with such speakers as George H. Goebel and John W. Clayton, in addition to a good force of local men.

Noted Speakers Are Coming
Among the speakers are: C. S. Barrett, president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union; Congressman Cantrell, former president of the American Society of Equity; Samuel Gompers, Gifford Pinchot, John Temple Graves, Thomas Watson, Senators La Follette, Gore, and McCumber, and Governor Norris of Montana.

GIRL SINGS WAY TO FAME AS ASSASSIN KILLS HER BROTHER
Muskegon, Okla., April 30.—After singing before an audience of 1,500 persons and being the only one in the theater not knowing that her brother had been shot by an assassin, Mrs. Horace McDaniels, whose stage name is Susanne La Homa, a Cherokee girl, saw the dead body of her brother today. The brother, Benjamin Cobb, was shot early yesterday, but as La Homa's friends were certain she could not sing if she knew of the tragedy she was kept closely guarded in her room yesterday. After her concert last night she was told of her brother's death and fainted.

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WOMAN HANGS HERSELF OVER MISSTATEMENT ON CENSUS

(By United Press Associations.)
Indianapolis, Ind., April 30.—Friends of Mrs. Albert N. Chilton today are trying to determine whether it was an overburdened conscience, or fear of arrest for a trifling misstatement to a census enumerator that caused Mrs. Chilton to hang herself late yesterday. Her husband, an Indianapolis real estate dealer, found the lifeless body suspended from the cross bar under a transom when he entered their house last night. A note which Mrs. Chilton wrote immediately before she ended her life read as follows: "Mr. Albert E. Chilton. My dear, loving husband: This is all my own fault—not yours, as I made a mistake on the census ma I did not mean to—you are innocent in every way. Tell everyone goodbye. Your loving wife.—JULIA V. CHILTON."

GOMPERS GOES TO CONVENTION

President of A. F. of L. Will Attend Sessions of Farmers in St. Louis

(By Pan-American Press.)
Washington, D. C., April 30.—To attend the first big convention in the history of this country at which efforts are to be made to solidify the ranks of the toilers of industry with the tillers of the soil, President Gompers and Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor will leave for St. Louis tomorrow. The convention will open May 2 and last one week.

Labor Officials to Be Present
Among other officials of the A. F. of L. who will attend the St. Louis convention are William J. Spencer, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades department, and Thomas F. Tracy, secretary-treasurer of the Union Label department. Reports received here show that many international unions and central bodies have decided to send delegates to this convention.

President Gompers believes the convention will be largely attended, and that its work will be of great help to the labor movement. He said: "The sentiments of the promoters of the convention are healthy, hearty, and American. Let the rank and file among the producers get together, interchange ideas, and trust to coming to conclusions of benefit to all."

John Grady, the manager of the convention, says in a statement to the press: "No convention ever held will be so broad in its scope, so comprehensive in the subjects discussed. We want publicity, opinions, remedies, plans, ideas from the best orators and writers in the entire land."

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It is expected an amalgamation of the two farmers' unions will take place at the convention, and afterwards steps will be taken to have the organized farmers and workers wage a common political battle against what Gompers terms "the neglect of the farmers' and laborers' interests by congress and the assumption of legislative and executive functions by the judicial branches of our government."

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AUSTRIAN ARMY MAN CALLED AN ARCH POISONER

Lieutenant Hofrichter Faces Execution for Killing of Superiors to Gain Promotion

(United Press Cable.)
Vienna, April 30.—Lieutenant Hofrichter, an officer in one of the crack Austrian regiments, has confessed, under sweatbox inquisition, that he sent poisoned candy and poisoned medicines to his superior officers, more than a score in number, in the hope that by their death, he would be promoted.

May Met Death
As a result of the confession, there seems no hope that Hofrichter can escape facing a firing squad. Military Austria received the confession with a shudder, for though Hofrichter was believed guilty of a series of heinous crimes, it was hoped he would receive life imprisonment, the army corps not wishing to see a fellow officer shot to death for murder.

Hofrichter's crimes caused a profound sensation all over the continent. A dashing young officer in one of the emperor's crack guard regiments, he aspired to become a major. Promotions go slowly in the show regiments, and Hofrichter faced long service before he could win his rank.

It was shown that every officer in the regiment of a rank superior to that of Hofrichter, received a box of candy, or a "new patent medicine," liberally treated with cyanide of potassium.

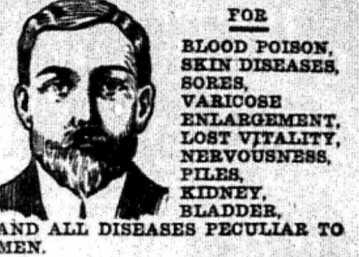
Was Suspected
The fact that Hofrichter did not receive any of the poison and that he was ambitious attracted suspicions to him. Skilled detective work proved that Hofrichter had bought the boxes in which the poison had been sent, the handwriting experts declared he addressed the packages.

Hofrichter at first denied his guilt. He could not have been put to death without a confession, the military law decreeing that no officer shall be killed if he denies his guilt.

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The Garrick meetings have been more successful this season than ever before. Last Sunday morning the session adjourned until the first Sunday in October.

Table listing names and amounts for the Lewis Lecture season, including names like C. S. Darrow, J. H. M., A. M. Lewis, etc.

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Table listing names and amounts for the Lewis Lecture season, including names like Mrs. L. Sussman, H. Solomon, C. H. Schroeder, etc.

THE BUYERS' NEWS STRAIGHT TALK

Mr. Wright, in the eighteenth annual report of the labor commissioner, issued by the United States department of labor, advises that the expenses necessary to keep the workingman's household in fair working order are, on the average, \$768.54 per year.

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BIG BANQUET FOR CONGRESS

Chicago Socialists Will Have Opportunity to Hear the Socialist Delegates

One of the features of the coming national congress of the Socialist party, to open in Chicago at the Masonic Temple, May 15, is the big banquet to be held on Tuesday evening, May 17.

This event is in charge of the Cook County entertainment committee of the Socialist party and will be a subscription affair.

Service to Be Good. All arrangements have been made for a first class service, a seat and a good dinner being assured to all who attend.

Get Tickets Now. The price of the tickets will be \$1, and can be applied for at the office of the Daily Socialist, 180 Washington street, until Thursday evening, May 5.

Secretary Meyer Is Quizzed. Washington, D. C., April 30.—Secretary Meyer appeared before the naval affairs committee of the house yesterday for a "five-minute talk."

Chile for Peace. Valparaiso, Chile, April 30.—Chile took further steps to prevent the threatened Peru-Ecuador clash by notifying Peru that she cannot view such a war indifferently.

Weston Off Again. Fishkill-on-Hudson, N. Y., April 30.—Going at a ten-minute-to-the-mile clip, Edw. Payson Weston passed through Fishkill at 6 o'clock.

PORTO RICO IN DEMAND FOR AN 8 HOUR DAY NOW

Labor on Island Has Program for Government Reforms

(By Pan-American Press.) Washington, D. C., April 30.—Santiago Iglesias, president of Porto Rico's Free Federation of Workmen, now in Washington, announces that he has received the pledged support of the entire Porto Rican delegation in behalf of the five amendments to the Olmsted bill demanded by organized labor on the island.

As the delegation represents both the Unionist and Republican parties, the two political powers of the island, it is safe to say that the administration will agree to the following amendments presented and worded by Iglesias:

"A department of agriculture, commerce and labor shall be created with the same power and prestige of the other government departments, which shall have charge of all matters pertaining to its proper functions."

For Eight Hour Day. "Eight hours shall constitute a day's work in all cases of employment by and on behalf of the government or any municipality of the island."

"The employment of children, under the age of fourteen years, in any occupation injurious to health or morals or especially hazardous to life or limb, is hereby prohibited."

"The right of action to recover damages for injuries resulting in death, shall never be abrogated, and the amount recoverable shall not be subject to any statutory limitation."

"No public money or property shall ever be appropriated, donated or used, directly or indirectly, for the use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination, or system of religion, or for the use, benefit or support of any priest, preacher, minister, or other religious teacher or dignitary, or sectarian institution as such."

Little Better Than Spain. Iglesias says that as a choice between the old form of Spanish government, so long mastering the island, and that offered by the Olmsted bill, he prefers the latter, even though the form of government proposed in the pending measure practically clothes the president with unlimited power.

The joint delegation just arrived in Washington is demanding more political liberty than is proposed in the Olmsted bill. Among other things they ask for a wholly elected senate, instead of the hybrid affair proposed by Olmsted which would be practically a gathering of presidential appointees.

Immediate collective citizenship and provisions with reference to the civil service to be arranged so that Porto Rican laws shall govern that service, are also some of the delegation's demands.

As the Free Federation of Workmen is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, Iglesias is receiving the support of the legislative committee of the A. F. of L. and the backing of the congressmen carrying union cards.

To Investigate Third Degree

(By United Press Association.) Washington, April 30.—The Heyburn resolution providing for an investigation of the "third degree" was adopted by the senate today. A select committee of five senators to be appointed by the vice president is instructed to examine into the "administration" of the third degree by officers of the United States to extort statements or confessions in criminal proceedings.

Ask for Official Facts. (By United Press Association.) Washington, April 30.—The state department today directed the American consul at Odessa, John H. Groat, to investigate and report on the alleged expulsion of Jews from Kiev and reply is expected soon. This action was taken at the request of the Jewish society of New York.

MARKETS

Winter wheat—Quiet. Sales, 2,000 bu. No. 2 red soft local and trans-Mississippi billing at \$1.07.

Cattle—Comparatively few steers held until around 10 o'clock. Their prices were \$1.07 to \$1.08.

Sheep—Shorn lambs ranged at \$6.95 to \$7.00. Wethers topped at \$7.00 with 67 lbs. of wool.

Wool—No wool sold today. The market is quiet.

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AMONG THE THEATERS

BY J. S. SAMELOW. Theater lovers celebrated a festival of Shakespearean plays, this week, which were given by Julia Marlowe and E. H. Sothern at the Lyric theater.

At the Olympic

In its fifth month at the Olympic the Fortune Hunter continues to hold the attention of the public, proving perhaps the argument in these columns that a play with human interest has lasting qualities.

At the Coliseum

A circus is coming to town. Mulhall's Wild West will open at the Coliseum Thursday evening, May 5, where it will remain for ten days.

At the American

The first product to appear on any Chicago stage from the brain of Preston Gibson, the former Chicagoan whose social affairs and sensational divorce convulsed Chicago several years ago, is announced in a startling little drama of contemporary Chicago society life, entitled "The Vacuum."

At the Lyric

Six plays of the two week's repertoire were presented this week, some of which have been reviewed in these pages. "The Taming of the Shrew" was played Thursday night with temporary vim.

THE FATE OF A RASH REFORMER; A WARNING TO INNOVATORS

BY A. C. PALMER.

Far, far away, lies the beautiful country of Knowall. In some distant geological time, climatic sun and soil entered into a gentle conspiracy to make this the most favored land on earth, and its people the happiest in the world.

among us that the more wealth we send to foreigners, and the less we permit them to send us, the better for us? I am not sure that, in one respect, Knowall does not have the advantage of us.

such revolutionary doctrines right in our own beloved land! The Chief Justice granted an injunction restraining the Professor from teaching his new theory concerning the relation of two, three and seven, of even from thinking upon the subject at all, except in a penitent spirit.

From the Diary of a Striking Waist Maker

December 14th. It's nearly five o'clock in the morning, but only about half an hour since I came back from that livin' hell—the night court. Will I ever forget it?

A MOMENT WITH THE WITS

New York Sun: Knicker—How large is their suburban place? Becker—They have folding beds for the flowers.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

GRANDMOTHER'S GARDEN

BY LUCY CROSS JENKINS

"O, can we, mother?" "Please say yes." "You know you promised, Mrs. Smith, 'way long last fall."

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LET US BE JUST

BY GEORGE ALLAN ENGLAND

Much as, by way of principle, I deplore the existence of monarchs in general and Alfonso XIII of Spain in particular, I believe justice should be rendered even to him when he renders a real service to his country and I have discovered.

biscuits and a glass of wine or beer, when he is ready to turn in—I mean, retire.

Democracy, Real and Sham

When the capitalist class came into power its spokesmen prated much of liberty, fraternity, equality and democracy.

We know that the equality was only the equality to fight for life where all the opportunities of life were controlled by a few.

We have not yet learned that the democracy offered by capitalism is an equal farce.

To the man with the capitalist mind all things are instruments for private profit. In this he includes the government.

In this view of democracy, office becomes but a means to individual profit. "Public office is a private snap" is his motto.

From this idea that an official is one having an advantage, which he is expected to use for his personal profit, comes the conclusion that since office is a "good thing" it should be "passed around."

A public official, from the Socialist point of view, is a person chosen by the majority of the workers to do a specific work.

We want the man or woman who can do that work best. If that man or woman holds one or none or ten other offices, if he has held this same position a week or a lifetime, has nothing to do with democracy in the Socialist sense.

Incidentally, the only country in the world in which any other idea has ever gained acceptance is in the United States.

There are many other points where this sham democracy, which is really a hindrance to the rule of the majority, and the translating of its will into action, has persisted in our society, and has even been adopted by some Socialists.

It is strange that American Socialists should have taken this misshapen child of capitalism and adopted it as its own.

Bosses and Bosses

At last the capitalist press have found a reason for opening war upon the Socialist officials in Milwaukee.

Under the rule of Dave Rose and the "boy wonder," Sherbie Becker, the city officials took their orders from a little group of capitalists.

Socialists do not elect officials to do as they please. Neither do capitalists. But Socialists desire that the officials shall have an opportunity to ascertain the will of the workers, whom they were elected to represent.

Shielding a Murderer

When John E. W. Wayman permitted eye-witnesses of a crime to escape, when he refused to call those who could have offered evidence of the commission of murder, and when his office, in conspiracy with the master bakers of Chicago, permitted David Beyer, the hired murderer of Charles Cerny, to walk unscathed from the grand jury room, he announced to the employers of Chicago that murder is safe if the victim is a union man and the murderer a hired thug of an employers' association.

The blood of Charles Cerny, union man and Socialist, cries out for revenge—not for the revenge of violence—not for the revenge of physical retribution upon his murderer or those accomplices who have spurred him on to killing and shielded him after the deed.

If the Chicago Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions object to seeing their members made the targets of any bloodthirsty degenerate that may be hired for man-killing, then they need only to remain quiet after this official license to kill has been issued by State's Attorney Wayman.

X-RAYS

BY JOHN M. WORK

Have you all had your say about Milwaukee? Well, then, it's my turn now.

Any one who thinks the Milwaukee movement is a one-man movement has another guess coming.

I have been out in the treeless wilderness since the Milwaukee victory. I only get to see a Socialist paper semi-occasionally.

It is necessary for the progress of our movement that the Milwaukee Socialist city administration should make good.

The enemy will put every possible barrier in the way of their doing so.

Let not any Socialist follow their example. Professional croakers and publishers of pity provokers should go to.

If they should make any vital blunders it will be time enough then to chide.

We needed this Milwaukee victory, oh so badly! Not that the seasoned fighters in the movement needed it.

If we met with reverse after reverse, if we were burned at the stake and shot and hung and stretched on the rack, the seasoned fighters would not become discouraged, but would keep on fighting until the last gasp.

A lot of Socialists become discouraged because we did not cast a million votes in 1908.

As a hypnotist brings his subject out of the cataleptic condition by a vigorous snap of the fingers, so the Milwaukee victory awoke the faint-hearted Socialists.

Nothing succeeds like success.

We also needed this victory to sting the people to the point of attention.

Such an overwhelming victory has caused untold thousands of people to become receptive to our teaching.

Delegates to the national congress should bring with them the fullest particulars regarding conditions in such districts.

Then we should concentrate upon those districts and go in to win.

HEALTHYGRAMS

BY DR. H. COHEN

Dry dusting moves dust; it doesn't remove it.

Long hours of labor mean short hours of life.

Closed windows are open avenues to consumption.

The so-called chest protectors are targets for colds and coughs.

If your working conditions kill you they are a menace to the nation.

Dust and disease are a dire quality causing death and devastation.

Dark, airless, overcrowded tenements are the charnel houses of the working class.

A fly in your milk bottle means billions of bacteria gnawing at your baby's vitals.

Breathe freely and fully; the more you expand your chest the less you will contract colds.

Spitting in public is sowing disease and death; it is creating a harvest for the grim reaper.

"Hygiene aims to make growth more perfect, life more rigorous, decay less rapid, death more remote."

Overwork and fatigue stunt growth, pervert function, invite disease, cause individual and social degeneration.

The disease germs are your innocent enemies; if you fail to protect yourself against them you are your own guilty enemy.

A clean body, in and out, clean, well-ventilated houses and moderate work will give a long and enjoyable lease of life.

"For every death due to typhoid fever somebody is guilty of murder and ought to be hanged."

The digestive tract is about thirty feet long. The combined length of the blood vessels of the body is many miles long.

The air in your house can't possibly be better than the outside air; if it is different, if it feels "close," it is worse.

And so James M. Barrie not only divorces his wife, for infidelity, but gives

STUFF AND GLEANINGS

BY RALPH KORNGOLD

Once the master hunted for the slave, now the slave hunts for a master.

The workers of Russia want to be free, but cannot. The workers of America can be free, but do not want to be.

Some think that people are just as bad as they dare to be. I think that people are just as good as they are given a chance to be.

As long as you offer girls rags and poverty for honest labor and luxury for the sale of their virtue, you will not do away with prostitution.

Despotism in industry and despotism in politics necessarily go together. The American people will have to adopt democracy in industry or otherwise despotism in politics will become a reality.

A tramp whom I once told to go to work answered: "Work! Why, man, you must be crazy! If I work I have nothin', and if I don't work I have nothin', so what's the use of workin', anyhow?"

Talk about equal opportunity! Capitalism ties a balloon to the shoulders of the rich child, a ball and chain to the feet of the poor child, and tells

them that they have an equal opportunity to fly!

There was an old time agitator who said: "Man shall not live on bread alone." Very true, and if man is made to live on bread alone, and often even not enough of that, he will live on bread and whisky.

During the last presidential election a man was asked for whom he was going to vote. "I'm going to vote for Debs," he answered. "Well, but who do you think has got the best show?" "Oh, when it comes to that, why Ringling Brothers."

Under the capitalist system the men who control the industries of the nation have it in their power to make paupers, criminals and prostitutes out of their fellow beings. No man is good enough, great enough or noble enough to be allowed such power over the human race.

The capitalists accuse us of believing in confiscation. Well, call it confiscation or whatever you will; the problem is simply then whether human life and all that makes life worth living shall be "confiscated" for the sake of capitalist property or whether capitalist property shall be "confiscated" for the sake of human life.

On the Firing Line

BY MONSABIO

"Send no money!" shrieks the advertiser, trying to gain your attention and confidence. No danger: few of us have any.

The Hon. Chestnut M. Depew is again shouting that he will not resign. What was it Hamlet said about some people protesting too much?

Under capitalism you must pretend that the fruit crop is ruined, every spring, so that the middlemen—not the producers, mind you—will be able to charge extra profits next fall.

"Hearst endorses Taft." Certainly; for if by any chance the Democratic nomination should elude the grasp of Bryan, Taft would make a softer punching bag than the man with the teeth.

The milk trust had a "gentlemen's agreement" to rob the consumers, even the poor babes in their cradles. Capitalism is the most gentlemanly highwayman that has appeared since Dick Turpin's time.

Is a patent issued by the United States worth the paper it is printed upon in the eyes of greedy and powerful corporations? Steal whatever you see and tire the other fellow out in the courts—is not this the rule followed by the Captain Kidds of industry?

How quickly the ostrich brigade of the capitalist press ducks at the word "Socialist." That said old bird, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, for example, speaks learnedly of Eugene V. Debs as "the labor agitator" and "professional knocker." Into the sand with your head.

As so James M. Barrie not only divorces his wife, for infidelity, but gives

her \$750 a year and will also try to find a way for her to "marry" the correspondent. How sublime! And Mr. Barrie himself will get a brand new wife and—such an advertisement! And he isn't a wicked Socialist, either.

The only time a corporation is really balked is when it cannot use the police or the militia to do its dirty work. The city authorities of Trenton told the street car company that if its conductors called the bluecoats to arrest passengers who refused to pay unless provided with a seat, the conductors and not the passengers would be placed behind the bars. When a city inaugurates a strike it can win hands down.

After Hercules' efforts a youth who was sentenced to ten years for stealing and save himself from starvation, has been released from a Minnesota prison. Pity for him was excited because he had poetic talent and was able to make the injustice done to him known. How many John Carters—not necessarily poets—are there in the prisons of capitalism? Why not enable them to keep out of jail in the first place by assuring them the right to work and giving them the product of their honest toil?

It was little Flossie's first day at school. Her name had been registered and the teacher asked: "Have you any brothers or sisters?" "Yes, ma'am," answered Flossie. "Are you the oldest one of the family?" "Oh, no, ma'am," returned Flossie. "Fa and ma's both older'n me." "Woman's Home Companion.

No Assistance Needed

As the train neared the city the colored porter approached the jovial faced gentleman, saying, with a smile: "Shall Ah brush yo' off, sah?" "No," he replied, "I prefer to get off in the usual manner."—Pricer to Tiger.

Labor's Right to the Product of Its Labor

BY ROBERT HUNTER

"To secure to each laborer," said Abraham Lincoln, "the whole product of his labor, or as nearly as possible, is a worthy object of any good government."

It is certainly noteworthy that a president of the United States should have used such words to define his ideal of economic justice.

Perhaps Lincoln saw that thought first in one of the many radical labor papers published in his time or perhaps he came across it in Horace Greeley's Tribune which then professed Socialist beliefs.

It was only during the great wave of radicalism which was sweeping the country in the fifth decade that thought expressed by Lincoln was a kind of slogan.

"Would you like," said William Thompson, nearly one hundred years ago to the distressed weavers of Spitalfields, "to enjoy yourselves the whole products of your labor? You have nothing more to do than simply to alter the direction of your labor. Instead of working for you know not whom, WORK FOR EACH OTHER."

Thomas Hodgskin about the same time says: "The law of nature is that industry shall be rewarded by wealth and idleness be punished by destitution; the law of the land is to give WEALTH TO IDLENESS AND TO FLEECE INDUSTRY TILL IT BE DESTITUTE."

Speaking of the comparative pauperism and destitution of the laboring class he says, "It cannot be doubted . . . that the immediate and approximate cause of their poverty and destitution, seeing how much they labor and how many people their labor nourishes in opulence, is the law which APPROPRIATES THEIR PRODUCE in the shape of revenue, rent, tithes and profits."

John Bray, another of the same school, says all profit must come from labor . . . the gain of an idle class must necessarily be the loss of an industrial class."

"CAPITALISTS AND PROPRIETORS DO NO MORE THAN GIVE THE WORKING MAN, FOR HIS LABOR OF ONE WEEK, A PART OF THE WEALTH WHICH THEY OBTAINED FROM HIM THE WEEK BEFORE."

And Bray, as early as 1839 shows that America proves the futility of merely political reform. "Society is upon the same principle in all countries," he says, "They (the Americans) like ourselves are divided into rich and poor, into capitalists and producers and the last are there as they are here, at the mercy of the first."

John Gray, still another writer, says in a summary of one of his books, "We have endeavored to show by whom wealth is created and by whom it is consumed. We have endeavored to show that it is from human labor that every description of wealth proceeds; THAT THE PRODUCTIVE CLASSES DO NOW SUPPORT NOT ONLY THEMSELVES BUT EVERY UNPRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY."

In another place Hodgskin says: "Masters, it is evident, are laborers as well as their journeymen. In this character their interest is precisely the same as that of their men. But they are also either capitalists or the agents of a capitalist and in this respect their interest is DECIDEDLY OPPOSED to the interest of their workmen."

"The contest now appears to be between masters and journeyman, or between one species of labor and another, but IT WILL SOON BE DISPLAYED IN ITS PROPER CHARACTERS AND WILL STAND CONFESSED A WAR OF HONEST INDUSTRY AGAINST IDLE PROFLIGACY."

OPEN FORUM

More than once the Daily Socialist has said in one form or another that the National Woman's Suffrage association is working for a class suffrage. This statement has been denied time and time again, but now I find it repeated in your issue of April 16.

I have been a member of the association for many years and have worked in numberless campaigns east and west. I know, and every suffrage worker knows, that the organized suffrage movement does not stand for a class ballot. But, as Miss Shaw is the last victim of misrepresentation, I have written to her for an authoritative statement of her position.

Ann Arbor, Mich.

The following is the letter of Anna Shaw:

My dear Dr. Thompson: Owing to the stress of convention work, it has been impossible for me to answer your letter sooner, and I must now take only a moment, as I am packing up to start on a trip to the south.

"The object of this association shall be to secure protection in their right of vote to the women citizens of the United States, by appropriate national and state legislation."

Now, if anybody can make any form of limited suffrage out of the above, they are welcome to it. As a matter of fact, the National association posted a notice to have nothing to do with the Oregon campaign because it worked for a property qualification—even though the property qualification is so slight that a woman having a watch, or a calf, or a bedstead, could still be a voter—nevertheless we refused to have any part in any campaign recognizing a property qualification. The same is true in regard to every other partial suffrage when it affects class legislation. We are in favor of municipal suffrage in any community, but that is not class legislation, because it applies equally to all the people in a community.

What President Taft stated was that he was not in favor of giving suffrage to Hottentots or to vicious or immoral women. My reply was that we were in the fullest accord with the president, since none of us were in favor of giving Hottentots the suffrage, neither were we in favor of giving it to either vicious men or women. But I cannot see how working people come under the head of Hottentots or vicious men or women. If the Socialists place them there, that is their fault, not mine. It is certainly not the category to which they belong. Sometimes I think we need to offer the prayer: "God save us from our friends."

You can state most emphatically that I am forever and forever opposed to any form of class legislation, and while I cannot make as strong a statement as that in regard to the National association, I can state that, so long as I have any influence in directing the policy of the association, the same will be true of it. Faithfully yours,

ANNA H. SHAW.

From the fact that the two highest officials of the National Woman's Suffrage association resigned because of the domination of a few rich women it would at least seem that others shared the error of the Daily Socialist—if error it be. No one would be more pleased to believe that this was not true than the Socialists. To say that President Taft meant only "immoral women" is to show a strange understanding of where the votes of such women go. Experience has shown that they are always cast for the interests represented by Taft, and the only ones whom he has reason to oppose are working women. There is no other intelligent interpretation of his speech. Getting angry at the Socialists will not change the fact, but only makes the toadyism of those who have praised Taft the more emphatic.—Editor.

Suffrage Versus Socialism

It seems proper to draw the attention of the ultra militant suffragists within the party, that they are about to overstep the boundaries of loyalty to the all-important and all-embracing aim of the Socialist party—the freeing of the working class from the bonds of capitalism.

In the article "How to Solve the Woman Question in Chicago," a member of the woman's agitation committee of Cook County, Ill., frankly acknowledges that the women comrades of that county do no longer attend the local meetings, and will resume their visits only under condition of being assisted in their plans of a vigorous suffrage campaign.

The further goes on to say that the solution of the woman question is the most vital problem of the Socialist movement, and that all other ends, even the striving to obtain political control of the cities in the union, pale into insignificance before it.

Later on the writer asks the consent and blessing of the party members in case she and her associates decide to affiliate with the bourgeois suffragists, assuring us that they will never renounce their allegiance to Socialism, anyway.

Judging from the spirit of the article and the statements made in it, we may conclude that this comrade and the others in sympathy with her have already gone a long way towards disregarding the best interests of the party and that the close companionship with the members of Mrs. Belmont's privately owned organization will not tend to remedy this evil, goes without saying.

The article is wound up with the call to women to close their ranks, "to stand by one another." If anybody, man or woman, dares to find fault with them.

This viewpoint is absolutely erroneous; the truth is always worth while knowing, even if it be sometimes not in our favor; besides, the knowledge of our faults, and of the causes that have produced them, will urge the best women to take part in a movement that purposes to destroy both cause and effect.

In answer to this call to arms it is advisable to state the following: All women belonging to the Socialist organizations are no doubt ardent advocates of woman's political emancipation; they all believe that the ballot will in time, when class consciousness is more developed, prove a good weapon to the working women in their struggle against capitalism; we are also sure that the franchise means a step forward toward progress and will be of some immediate benefit to womanhood at large; and, lastly, we agree without hesitation that the strong personal motive which actuates most women engaged in active propaganda—the desire to be regarded by men as a human being and equal instead of being considered at best as a nice and useful object, and treated with open condescension and secret contempt—is highly commendable, and serves as a sign of the awakened sense of human dignity and pride in the sex.

But above all these considerations stands our duty to the Socialist party, and this is not the time to regard it lightly. The convention will, as many of us hope, recommend a revamping of tactics and a change in the methods of organization and propaganda; this will infuse new life into the movement and greatly increase our activity.

All the available energy of the comrades should be spent in making the work of the party as effective as possible in the main line relegating all side issues, at least for the present, to the rear.