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DENNIS GAVE AN EVASIVE ANSWER.

A writer in McCall's Magazine says that when Mrs. Smith-Jones took a villa at Palm Beach she engaged for butler a stately old colored deacon.

"Now, Clay," she said to the old fellow, "there are two things I must insist upon—truthfulness and obedience."

"Yes, madam," the venerable servant answered," and when yo' bids me tell yo' guests yo's out when yo's in, which shall it be?"

That recalls to my mind the story I once heard about a Catholic priest who said to his new servant, "Now Dennis, today I want to rest and do not want to see anybody."

"Alright, your 'Riverance,' replied the man, "but if people call nd want to see you, shall I tell them you are not at home?"

"No, Dennis, that would not be true," said the Father, "just give such people an evasive answer."

In the evening Father Deenan said:

"Well, Dennis, did anybody call and insist on seeing me?" "Yes," said the man, "Several people came and wanted to see you."

"Wel, how did you git rid of them?" asked the priest.

"I gave them an evasive answer, your riverance, as you told me to do," said Dennis.

"And what evasive answer did you give them," inquired Father Deenan.

"I asked them if their mother was an owl, or their grandmother a hootowl," replied Dennis, "and then they hustled away about as fast as they could walk."

CLASS GOVERNMENT

The mine guard thugs of West Virginia traveled on passes on the Chesapeake and Ohio R. R. They were the private chuck out men of the mine owners. They were given arms and machine guns out of the STATE ARMORY. In fact the state government and the railroad made common cause AGAINST THE MINERS, and yet the politicians tell us the governments are not class governments. Well we won't worry about names, but the ACT JUST AS CLASS GOVERNMENTS WOULD ACT, no matter how they are labeled. Acts counts, labels are to fool suckers.

JOHNNY'S EXCUSE.

This note was sent to a teacher by a mother to explain her son's absence from school:

"Dear Mum:—Please excuse Johnny today. He will not be at school. He is acting as timekeeper for his father. Last night you gave him this example. If a field is four square how long will it take a man walking three miles an hour to walk two and one half times around it? Johnny ain't no man, so we had to sent his daddy. They left early this morning and my husband said they ought to be back late tonight, tho it would be hard going. Dear Mum, please make the nixt problem about ladies, as my husband can't afford to lose the day's work. I don't have no time to loaf, but can spare a day off occasionally better than my husband can.

"Respy yrs, "MRS. JONES."

ARE HEARING THE IMPEACHMENT CHARGES

House Committee Begins Investigation of Pennsylvania Judges.

Uniontown, Pa., June 19.—Members of the Judicial Investigating committee of the House of Representatives arrived here from Pittsburg today and began the hearing of the impeachment charges against Judges Robert E. Umbel and J. O. Van Swearingen. It is estimated that over 125 witnesses have been subpoenaed to testify during the investigation.

In the charges it is alleged by Attorney Dumbauld that Judge Umbel received financial aid from the brewery interest of Pittsburg and Fayette County in his recent election. Judge Van Swearingen is mentioned in the charges against Judge Umbel.

The committee will sit three days this week and then report whether the investigation shall be continued or dropped.

THE AMERICAN VS. THE SWISS IDEA.

A Swiss who had spend twelve years in the United States returned to Switzerland. When he told them how we did at election time, how Conventions, Mass Meetings and Speeches tore us all to pieces, he was not believed. THEY PREFERRED TO BELIEVE HIM A LIAR, RATHER THAN BELIEVE THE AMERICANS COULD BE SUCH FOOLS. The Swiss vote about as they take their breakfasts. There are no brass bands or campaign speakers, only literature.

Why is the difference? It is because the Initiative and Referendum prevent boodle, graft and privilege, and there is no incentive to all the expense. With us our PRETENDED FREE GOVERNMENT of the people is a sham, humbug and a fraud, and it pays the corporations to fool us.

What's the remedy? "Go thou and do likewise." "Where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered." Be move the carcas nd the eagles will go. Give us Democracy in fact instead of name, demand the Initiative and Referendum, and Privilege will not fight for spoils.

HATFIELD REFUSES TO COME ACROSS

At the Socialist Party investigating committee conference with Governor Hatfield, of West Virginia, that unworthy gentleman gave the committee his positive assurance that he would reimburse Comrades Charles and W. H. Thompson for the damage done the Huntington Socialist and Labor Star and the Labor Argus, of Charleston, at the time he ordered the confiscation of these two papers.

In the July Review comrades report that when their committee called upon the Governor, asking that he make good his promise and help to re-establish these two Socialist papers, he politely told the committee to "go to hell."

These and many other good things compose a part of the contents for the July International Socialistic Review. The Review is $1.00 a year. The price of this periodical is 50c a year. We will send you BOTH periodicals for one year each, upon receipt of $1.00, sent to this office.

THE PATTERSON PAGEANT.

A few days ago the largest labor play ever produced was presented at Madison Square Garden, New York, by 1,029 silk workers for the benefit of the Paterson strikers who have been out for nearly three months.

15,000 people were in the audience and 5,000 clamored for entrance outside the doors. The stage was built especially for the pageant and was large enough to hold 2,000 men and women. Six important scenes from the Paterson strike were presented and the actors and the audience joined in singing the Marseillaise, the Red Flag and songs composed by the strikers themselves. The crowd cheered itself hoarse as scene after scene of the strike was unfolded before their eyes.

William D. Haywood was one of the participants, appearing in the scenes where strikers were addressed by organizers of the I. W. W. and Socialists. The pageant was produced BY and FOR the strikers themselves.

THEY FAVOR A GENERAL STRIKE

Seattle, Wash., June 19.—Puget Sound, on the Pacific Coast, is in a state of ferment. Never before have the terribly under-paid and overworked loggers and lumber workers grasped so eagerly at a chance to strike, and never before has the sentiment in favor of a universal demand for better working conditions been so unanimous. A strike vote recently taken shows that there is an overwhelming sentiment among the men in favor of a general walkout throughout the region. Over 95 per cent of the ballots were in the affirmative. Discontent is rampant. The strike was called June 5.

The men are organized under the I. W. W., and have the bosses "on the run," so to speak. They are apparently realizing that each move on their part means only a step nearer the fire from the frying pan. Sentiment among the workers all along the coast also is with the men, and collections at street meetings are netting considerable sums for the strikers.

The following are the demands of the men: Eight-hour day; minimum wage of $3 per day in all logging camps; minimum wage of $2.50 in all mills and lumber yards; all over-time and Sunday work to be paid for at the rate of time and a half of the regular wages paid; clean, sanitary bunk-houses without top bunks and having springs, mattresses and bedding furnished free of charge; clean towels and soap furnished free of charge and in all camps; all camps supplied with bath rooms and dry rooms; the proper safe-guarding of all machinery in all mills; abolishment of paid employment offices.

DELEGATE CONVENTION

There will be a Socialist Co-operative Publishing Company delegate convention in Iola, Kansas, July 22-23-24, and we want to urge upon the locals the importance of sending a delegate.

The Publishing Company is your property, collectively owned, and, while its executive management is in the hands of the headquarters' office in Iola, and there is no lack of confidence in that executive management, nevertheless you are the ones to say what shall be the policy of that management, and signify your approval of its past, and decide upon its future activities.

So far, there has been perfect harmony, and to do the most effective work this must continue. Unity is our source of strength, but unity also means harmony, one is part of the other, therefore, let's get together, and the enemy will have to work hard to get between us.

It is important that the locals send delegates so that we may come in personal touch, and the experience of the most successful locals can be given to the less successful ones, and methods, and especially the possibilities of the proper use of literature can be well understood.

After this delegate convention, the returning comrades will be able to recharge their locals with new, practical ideas of work, and with the magnetism of enthusiasm, and we will see the results in increased membership, increased volume of literature, and above all, in an increased Socialist vote.

SAFE AND SANE 4TH WILL BE A HUMMER

The Safe and Sane Fourth of July Committee was busy yesterday completing the arrangements for the Independence Day celebration. If the committee has its way, not a single firecracker, bomb, rocket, will be fired in the entire city.

It is planning to make the celebration a hummer, nevertheless. Music, parades and school children drills, electric and Japanese lantern illumination of all the clay buildings and parks is a part of the program.

As souvenirs of the day 100,000 illuminated copies of Lincoln's Gettysburg address and special buttons will be given to those taking part in the festivities. At each end of the Mall, in Central Park, figures will mark the dates 1776 and 1913.—N. Y. Call.

The masters gouge the workers so they can gorge their fat paunches.

ARREST OF THE SALVATION ARMY

No Favors in Sacramento Ordinance Against Street Speaking.

From the San Francisco Call.

Sacramento—With trumpets and drums to herald their coming, the Salvation Army marched to the police station with Corporal Pendergast and patrolman Malone as the front and rear guards.

The marchers were under arrest for violating city ordinance by holding a meeting on the street corner.

Pendergast and Malone interrupted the service and ordered the members of the army to accompany them to the police station.

The city forbids street speaking, having provided a place for such meetings in the city plaza.

The army gave bail.

London.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, much imprisoned leader of the militant suffragettes, is said to be in a most precarious condition.

They said the attending physicians said Mrs. Pankhurst is suffering from a valvular heart trouble induced by forced feeding.

Miss Annie Kenney and the other suffragettes sentenced to jail two days ago have been on a hunger strike ever since their incarceration. They are not being forcibly fed.

THEORY VS PRACTICE

President Wilson's Latest.

Washington, D. C.—When Woodrow Wilson was a professor of political science at Princeton he used to tell his students that the initiative and referendum wouldn't do at all for the United States. After he became governor of New Jersey he changed his mind and declared for these reforms.

"I can prove conclusively, without the shadow of question," he said the other day, explaining why he had changed his opinion on the initiative and referendum, "that the initiative and referendum won't work BUT THE DISTRESSING PART OF THE DEMONSTRATION IS THE INDISPUTABLE FACT THAT THEY DO."

In the cholera epidemic in Chile, South America, they carried the dead in a box and dumped them into a trench. One man revived on the way and rose in the box and demanded to be allowed his freedom. "I am not dead," he cried. "Shut up. What do you know about it. The doctors said you were dead, and they ought to know," yelled the half drunken carriers.

In both cases theory and practice did not agree.

Agitation is the result of the Socialist movement, while the Socialist movement is helped by agitation.

SIXTEEN BUSHEL WHEAT CROP

Canton, Kas.—The first new wheat in McPherson County was threshed here. It ran sixteen bushels to the acre and tested fifty-five pounds. It was estimated this wheat would make eighteen bushels before threshing. It sold at seventy-five cents a bushel.

CHICAGO BUILDERS LOCK OUT WORKERS

Will Force 20,000 Men Into Idleness Following Protest by Unions at the Hiring of Scabs.

Chicago, Ill., June 19.—A lockout out of more than 20,000 workers, employed on $29,000,000 worth of construction work in Chicago, was ordered at noon today by the Building Construction Employers' Association. A dozen skyscrapers in process of construction in the loop district are affected.

Most of the men were back at work this afternoon, but Secretary H. H. Craig of the Employers' Association asserted that all would be ordered to quit as soon as pay rolls can be made out. Every union man will be locked out within twenty-four hours he declared. In retaliation, the unions threaten to issue a strike order and completely tie up all construction work in the city.

The trades involved are the electricians,lathers, plumbers, bricklayers, steamfitters, ornamental iron workers and marble workers.

SOCIALISM IS DEFENDED AT HARVARD

Cambridge, Mass., June 19.—In the presence of national, State and city dignities, sixteen honorary and 1,015 ordinary degrees were conferred by Harvard College at the annual commencement day exercises in Sander's Theatre, marked by a surprising declaration in favor of Socialism.

Shattering all precedents, Park J. White, Jr., in his commencement address, "Harvard's Radicals," vigorously defended the collegiate Socialists, declaring "the empty stomach is responsible for their very existence."

"It is the radical, not the conservative undergraduate, who is doing most to free Harvard from the opprobrious epithet 'rich man's college,'" he said. "It is the radical, not the conservative, who is showing the workingman that Harvard contains men in sympathy with their movement. Last September, when the Socialist Club marched behind its banner to the Debs rally at the arena, the ovation it received from the thousands of men and women gathered there meant something for Harvard."

EXPOSE DEBAUCHERY OF OLD PARTY MEN

Washington, Pa.—The most terrific arraignment of county officials or other public officers in the history of western Pennsylvania is contained in a report made by the grand jury which for two weeks has been conducting an investigation into the charges that the Greene county courthouse had been the scene of debauchery and drunken revels, that public officials were the persons concerned, and that there was a suite of luxuriously fitted up rooms in the courthouse basement that was used as a "bawdy house."

"All happy families," says Tolstoi, "are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way."

HOW'S THIS?

Socialist Get Highest Vote in Danish Kingdom.

St. Paul, Minn., June 14.—The figures are now at hand of the total vote cast in the recent general election in Denmark. They show that the Socialist is now the leading political organization, in that country, having displaced the Liberals in the popular vote polled.

In 1910 the Socialist vote was 98,174 and the Liberals 118,902. This years the vote is: Socialists, 107,015; Liberals, 102,852. The Conservative vote cut the heaviest with the Liberal strength, the former increasing from 54,904 in 1910 to 85,070 in 1913, while the Radical vote was 67,279 this year, against 64,830 three years ago.

The Socialist strength is considerably stronger, however, than the vote shows, as the party made nominations in only 68 in a total of 114 districts. The representation in parliament is, as printed in last week's Citizen: Liberals, 43, formerly 56; Socialists, 32, against 24; Radical, 31, formerly 20; Conservative, 7, against 13, with one Independent.

THEY ARE FINED FOR TALKING SOCIALISM

Kansas City, Mo., June 21.—Because they dared to talk Socialism on the street and gathered a goodly crowd around them, the Rev. Thomas E. Green, pastor of the Bethany Congregational church, St. Louis, S. B. Davidson and Thomas R. Sullivan, Kansas City, were fined $500 each in municipal court on a charge of blocking the street while speaking at a curb Socialist meeting. Kansas City capitalists demand peace and security in their profits.

Local Editors and Secretaries

REMEMBER FRIDAY NEXT IS THE 4TH. CENTRAL PLANT WILL CLOSE. COPY MUST BE AT LEAST A DAY EARLY OR YOUR PAPER WILL BE VERY LATE.

REMEMBER EARLY COPY.

CHICAGO FOR SEX HYGIENE.

Chicago, June 20.—Sex hygiene will be taught in the upper public grades of the Chicago public schools, beginning next fall. Lectures on matters relating to personal conduct will be given by physicians and be made a part of the regular curriculum. The School Management Committee voted for sex hygiene instruction last night.

NEW INDICTMENTS HIT SILK STRIKERS

Patterson, N. J.—The grand jury has voted to indict the 48 prisoners taken at Prospect Park last Friday when 240 deputy sheriffs and policemen of Paterson, acting as deputy sheriffs, rushed upon a meeting of strikers and commanded them to disperse.

The prisoners, as usual, are charged with rioting and resisting the police. The prisoners will probably be arraigned today.

Sheriff Amos S. Radcliffe, who has taken the unprecedented action of swearing in all the Paterson policemen as deputy sheriffs, intends to take the same action in Passaic.

The strikers see in this a movement to break up the big meetings which they have been holding outside the city limits. The silk manufacturers are hopeful that the sheriff's action will have the effect of discouraging the strikers, whose courage is kept up through the speeches of their leaders at these meetings.

William Kirshbaum, chairman of the strikers' relief committee, said today that about 1,500 strikers have left Paterson to seek work elsewhere. Various mill employes will meet to draw up compromise demands to be presented to the silk manufacturers. These demands are alleged to have the sanction of the strike committee.

Attend the business meetings.

THE RECEIVERSHIP OF 'THE FRISCO SYSTEM'

The Birmingham, Alabama Age Herald's defense of this receivership is not only lame, but illustrates how the game of "high finance" is manipulated. The Age-Herald places the blame for the supposed Frisco's financial embarrassment upon the high wage scale it paid, when it is notorious that this system paid the lowest average wage scale of any of the roads in the Birmingham district.

The day is at hand when the railroad-controlled press cannot fool all of the people all of the time with such lies. The public has been told by these railroad-owned lackeys of the press, that low wages, low freight, and low passenger rates are the cause of such receiverships. The public begins to see and know that the papers are supported by these railroads, and that if the railroads, instead of scattering money among these prostitutes, paying boodle to municipal politicians and to state legislators and corrupt judges, maintaining lobbies and private detectives and expensively feed lawyers, they confined their expenditures to the maintenance of the service of the roads, they could, even with all the burden of dividends upon watered stock and bad management, pay better wages and give better service for less money, but the truth is that the railroad business is but a secondary matter; it is only a pretext with which to play the stock gambling game of high and "frenzied finance." Speculators, commercial cannibals and money pirates increase the capital and securities of the railroads from three to ten times the physical value of the properties, and when they cannot longer pay interest on these fraudulent issues, and when the big fellows want to hog it all, they freeze the small stockholders out with a framed-up receivership, and pay a prostitute-owned press to make a poor face, for them and blame it to high wages and low freight and passenger rates.

The public cannot all be fooled all of the time. They are slow to anger, and all that, but there is a limit even to their stupid patience, and when the truth of the railroad rottenness is uncovered, the moral stench will create a sentiment that will not be satisfied short of confiscation by the state, and ownership, and one example of this will so demonstrate its superiority that it will run over the country like a prairie fire.

If, when private ownership utterly fails, and bankruptcy comes, and the state is able to take the broken ends of the business and set it right again, why is that state not better able to manage it thereafter than to turn it, thus rehabilitated, over again to the wreckers to repeat the process?

Confiscation and collective ownership is the only thing that can rescue the public from the highwayman's grip the railroads have upon the commerce of the country. It is above all others the farmers' issue. They rallied to it under Populism and gave the master thieves the scare of their lives, and today the issue should be, the railroads own the government, let the government own the railroads. Don't be frightened at the word Confiscation. Today, the legal thieves who own the railroads confiscate values from the public, and to confiscate the railroads from the thieves will stop their confiscation. Don't scare at the word.

TELLING THE TRUTH

Editor and Publisher.

It is not pleasant and profitable always to tell the truth in the columns of a newspaper. Men who have tried this heretofore have always come to grief. Only a few days ago the editor of a paper in Indiana grew tired of being called a liar, and announced that he would tell the truth in the future, and the next issue of the paper contained the following items:

John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday.

John Coyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and dusty. How can he do much?

Rev. Styx preached last Sunday night on "Charity." The sermon was punk.

Dave Sonkey died at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out as heart failure. Whisky killed him.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST DIRECT ACTION

Much has been said and written of late in regard to the relative merits of Direct-Action, and Political Action. Ty my mind the latter has a decided advantage when considered from any point of view other than that of brute force. Most certainly it has when considered from an intellectual point of view. I am confident that an overwhelming majority of the party members will agree with this statement, even the most enthusastic advocates of Direct Action will readily agree with me on this point. For they are quite sure the party as a whole is already well on its way to the eternal bowwows, as a result of too many intellectuals becoming converted, and taking active part in the party affairs. They contend that the party will lose its revolutionary spirit whenever it recognizes the ability of those who have had the advantage of a liberal education, and become something other than a proletarian movement. Be this as it may; however, I for one do not believe any comrades need lose any sleep on that score.

But to get back to the subject. Before a comprehensive or intelligent argument either, for or against any subject can be presented, it is necessary to define the subject. In this particular case, to define the term Direct Action is some what of a difficult task, since there are two distinct words used, and Webster defines each separately but does not supply a definition where the two are used in conjunction, as in this case. Direct, according to Webster means Straight or in a line. While Action is defined as acting or moving, Exertion of power or force. It is my belief that the term signifies immediate individual or collective operation. For example if I should desire a certain task performed, and proceded immediately to accomplish my desire by exerting my own force, that would be direct action, as by my own exertion I would not be gaining my point through the instrumentality of third party. As another illustration, suppose the Socialist party organization should decide that the Capitol building at Washington, D. C., is out of date and unfit for our National Congress to use. After arriving at this conclusion all party members agreed to assemble at Washington on a certain date and proceed immediately to raze the building to the ground. This would be Direct Action. It matters not whether it is Individual or collective effort. Whenever He, She or They engage in any act of either construction or destruction, logically speaking, it is Direct Action. On the other hand, suppose the Socialist party should present an argument before both branches of the legislature and convince a majority of both houses that a new capitol building was not only desirable but absolutely necessary, and Congress should vote an appropriation to erect one on the sight now occupied by the present Capital building. Would that be Direct Action? Many Comrades will argue that it would, while I contend it would not. Should the party succeed in carrying its point in this manner, it would be by Indirect Action. Let me repeat, every time you accomplish your purpose through any agency what-so-ever, than your own individual or collective effort, that instant it ceases to be Direct Action.

The subject of this article is very suggestive of force, and while I am compelled to admit that most of the things worth striving for, which we have attained are the result of the use of force, yet I can see no reason why this ancient brutish method of obtaining justice should be continued. It is my belief that the more we develop our intellects, the less will brute force appeal to us. This is one reason why the Socialist Party carries on a campaign of education. All will agree that FORCE NEVER ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING WORTH WHILE, except at an enormous cost in finances and a greater sacrifice of lives.

In support of the use of force, our Direct Action advocate, advises the workers to let nothing stand in the way of their gaining their ends. If they think any obstacle is between them and victory, it is their plain duty to destroy the obstacle if they even think it is necessary for them to do so, in order to win. In other words, if they cannot control it, they would destroy it. I for one, question the wisdom of such teaching, while I concede they are every bit is sincere in their belief as I am in mine, yet I fail to see wherein it could even be considered, as good judgment. Let us see what kind of a predicament an application of their logic would lead the Party into. As an illustration: suppose the Socialist Party of this Country should decide to control absolutely, the Postal system, the public schools and the public highways. We know very well there are enough people who will dispute their right to do so, that it would be up to them to proceed to destroy these public institutions. Are there any members of the Party who could, or would justify such action in preference to political action? No, Comrades, there is something more to teach the workers than that it is all theirs, and all they have to do is go take it. They must be educated to the point where they can handle it successfully after they have it. Advocates of Direct Action only accomplishes one good thing, that is they arouse the workers to the sense of the wrongs they endure, while the continued agitation only serves to keep the leaders in the lime-light. Destruction has always retarded progress along educational as well as all other lines.

Which did the most to advance the cause of the miners, Direct Action as symbolized by the battle fought at Muckley, or intelligent action along political lines as symbolized by the Socialist Party and the United Mineworkers combining their forces and appointing a committee to investigate and expose the conditions that existed, and the Socialist Press giving publicity to the findings of the committee? The facts in the case are: that before the committee even got started there was a decided change of front. Whereas if there had been another pitched battle anywhere in that vicinity the chances are: their cause would have been lost and many miners would have forfeited their lives all to no purpose, for had the State guards been unable to cope with the situation the regulars would have been called for.

In conclusion I wish to point out some very pertinent facts. While I do not agree with the opinions held by many comrades, I accord each the same right I take for myself. I respect their opinions for the reason that it might be I who am wrong. It wouldn't be the first time I was, and quite likely if you should consult my wife, she would inform you that I am nearly always wrong. But to get back to the point. While we all agree on the essentials, we disagree on tactics. For instance our Direct Action advocates are quite sure the so called intellectuals are going to predominate, and the party will lose its revolutionary spirit just as soon as they secure control. Other good comrades are equally sure that some certain religious organization is going to capture control of the party and convert it into something worse than nothing. Other comrades equally as sincere and coscientious contend that the party is hedging too much in favor of the A. F. of L. the majority of who are opposed to Socialism.

Now since the party is a political organization it is absolutely unnecessary for it to take ideas on the industrial field, except it must favor the workers whether they are a craft organization or an industrial organization.

Regarding "religion" that is a matter entirely between the individual and the hereafter and has nothing whatever to do with economics. Therefore, Comrades, it behooves us all to dispense with all unnecessary and unproductive agitation, and confine ourselves strictly to the essentials of the economic question. Now altogether comrades, let us start the finishing pull by agitating the essetials and regulating the non-essentials to oblivion.

NICK WAYNE.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

We have an excellent article from H. J. Glass, but like Polonius' beard, it's too long, and space is very precious. But we can't overcome the temptation to quote the ending lines. After saying that, about the next thing will be a trust that will corral the atmosphere and "retail it to dependent humanity at 50c or $1 per cubic foot." He adds: "What sweet liberty this would be! Then we could sing:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Thou hell of misery,
Oh! what a sting.
Land where our fathers died
To let the bosses ride;
Land where the workers bide,
Ain't worth a 'ding.'"

For the sake of human souls, let God's abused footstool be reclaimed from this "hell of misery" and used for the end for which it was intended.

There is but one means left by which it can be recovered, and that means may be lost if it is not used quickly. Nothing now remains but the ballot. Use it in the name of God."

More power to Comrade Glass. Nothing has given more light to humanity than glass, and what the Socialists are doing is glazing, letting in the light. Let there be light!

Strange to say, until Socialism came there had never been a world movement that opposed war in a practical way. That Socialism's way of refusing to fight is practical has been proved by the fact that it has already prevented half a dozen wars.

THE COMING KINGDOM.

By Charles Lincoln Pfiffer.

ARTICLE II.

Interpretation of History.

That history has been written without adequate understanding passes current with the thoughtful. But in an effort to get at the meaning, so as to write it right, we have made the same errors that have come in our effort to interpret God theologically. We have been theoretical and arbitrary.

The Martian is sure that history must be interpreted from the materialistic conception. There is a measure of truth in the idea; but it will not hold good throughout all history. There was a time, when the world was wide and men were few, that the making of a living was so easy the material need was not the dominating one. Then, we are asked to interpret history according to the evolutionary theory, which is about as sensible as to interpret it according to any other dogma or hypothesis. These things are arbitrary and do not take into consideration varying phenomena at varying times.

Perhaps the true conception of history is that it has been made through the developing of world-ideas. Involved in this conception is the fact of periodicity in the life of ideas. Ideas are what made men do things; and ripening of those ideas led to their passing and the beginning of new ideas, each having a different determinism.

The first great world-idea seems to have had, if one may judge by the world's record of itself, to do with the spirit world. It is natural that this should first attract attention. The first problem coming in connection with it was rulership by spirits. The second problem was intermarriage of human and spirit beings, an effort to develop man to higher aspects by breeding. The third was intercourse of men and beasts, an effort to develop beasts to higher form. These things came naturally and in natural source; and that they came is attested by tradition and history. After rule of spirits man-rule, subject to spirits, came—an absolutism. After that came independent man-rule. This continued under varying aspects until the discovery of America, giving the masses an outlet, led to the commercial age and democracy. Out of the commercial idea has grown, naturally and inevitably, the social idea. The determinism in each age was in accordance with the idea developed, and to judge it by any other standard is to misjudge it.

Now, these periods, wherein ideas were developed, were almost uniform in duration. There are other periods that are well fixed in natural phenomena, such as the 24-hour day, the lunar month and the solar year. The ancients had also what that termed the Great Year, measured by a certain procession of the planets, and approximating 480 years in duration. It was figured in the death and resurrection of Osiris, and in the fable of the Phenix, which came every five hundred years.

It is established that the day includes light and darkness; the lunar month light and dark aspects; and the years, summer and winter. It is also true that the year fixes a periodicity of development for much of the vegetable world, and also for the insect world, beginning with inception, and ending with reproduction and death. It is light and darkness again.

In like manner the Great Year is the measure of the incipiency, development and death of world ideas and impulses. This is the true key to history. An idea is born, develops, fills the earth, then passes away. There are two aspects—day and night, summer and winter, life and death, the crest and trough. And every idea produces the seed of the idea which is to succeed it. Life is a heart beat, with its systole and diastole.

Let us look into some historical dates. Inasmuch as history, as now understood, is a record of crisis, I will cite periods that were strong in disaster, the ripening periods. Midway between them were developing periods. Notice:

Fall of dynasty tour in Egypt, and a great revolution, about 2904 B. C. This is one of the earliest authenticated records.

About 500 years later, from 2349 to 2245 came the flood and dispersion.

A great revolution occurred in Egypt about 1900, and the cities of the plain were destroyed, followed by a weak Israelitish invasion of Canaan, about 1895—another period approximating 500 years.

The Canaanitish nations fell about 1457. The shepherd kings revolutionized Egypt about 1500. Once more the same becomes a time of ripening and reaping.

Some 500 years later, about 1000 B. C., the Trojan war, the Dorian conquest of the Peloponesus and the expulsion of the Shepherd kings from Egypt attested another period of revolution.

Between 558 and 500 B. C. Media, Egypt, Babylon, Persia and Macedonia fell. This remarkable series of events was due to the establishment of independent man-rule on the ruins of man-rule supported by spirit-rule.

The Roman republic fell about 55 B. C.; the Roman empire was divided about A. D. 37. This was the first world disaster attending independent man-rule, and represented a period of endeavor approximating 500 years.

The old Arabian civilization and idolatry went down about 650. The ending of the sacrifical order came in the same period. The barbarian invasion of Rome came about the same time. Another idea, superceeding the old after it had developed through its Greek Day.

The Feudal system ended about 1460. It, too, had had its five centuries of inception, development and decay.

The power of the Turks was broken in Europe and the discovery of America introduced a new area, the commercial age in the fifteenth century.

Growing out of the commercial age comes the socializing impulse in the twentieth century. Another revolution is due.

A student of the bible must know that the law of the sabbath embraces, in addition to the sabbath of days, the sabbath of years and the sabbath of seven years. While the rest features of the sabbath were no doubt merely devices for the purpose of enforcing the need of rest where adverse conditions compelled work—rest distributed through small periods and embracing also vacations of years at a time—the law of the sabbath clearly calls attention to periodicity in nature. The lunar week appears in the weekly sabbath. The year is mentioned in the sabbath of seven years, and a further periodicity manifests in the sabbath of seven times seven years, or jubilee. In other places that are allusions to the period of the great year—about 480 years. A day with the Ruler—that is, a period of light and darkness combined—is as a thousand years, says the bible. It is significant that the period from the setting up of Satan's spurious rule to its fall, when Nebuchednezzar set up independent man-rule, is about 3,400 years, or seven great years. It calls attention to the time required to develop, ripen and destroy a world-usurpation. Now, it happens that the time that has elapsed since man-rule was established is about 2,600 years. In other words, if the law of periodicity is true, we are entering on the last "day" or sabbath period of man-rule.

That the determinism of the commercial age was economic there is no question among students. That it will be the determinism of the social age is questioned by all thinkers. The logic which questions the continuation of economic determism in the future would, if applied, question its adaptability at all points in the past.

A WORD TO LOCALS STARTING WITH US.

Dear Comrades: "They who would be free, THEMSELVES must strike the blow." The Socialist Co-Operative Publishing Company depends upon its members and the aid of the Comrades, to exist and to succeed. It has no big capital to back it, and cannot pay its bills and pay its labor if the locals who take the papers allow their accounts to run behind. If every Comrade, (and that means you), did HIS part, and not allow a little bunch of $ or 10, or less Comrades to keep the ball rolling in each district, there would be no arrearages, we could pay our bills promptly, always have a good supply of paper on hand, get out the paper promptly on time, in good shape and we would all be smiling and in good humor.

Socialism is a great moral revival. It is the re-birth of the spirit of TRUE religion as opposed to formality, apostacy and mammon worship, to be sure it is in the terms of the MARSEILLAISE and is of the COMMON PEOPLE as was the man of Nazareth, but its spirit is the spirit of Justice, its reverence is for the truth, its desire is toward the light. To succeed it needs to recognize its great moral elevation and infuse the enthusiasm of true religious impulse into each and every Comrade. All men who are of influence in its ranks have this distinctive mark. What man is so bubbling over and beaming with the enthusiasm of human love and sympathy as is Gene Debs; and that is why he sets people afire with whom he comes in contact. Catch this spirit and the cause will jump forward. Let us all pull together.

Your good country spends $225,000,000 a year for the army and navy. That's they waste for murder. Your country is wise and moral

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

REGARDING INITIATIVE PETITIONS.

We failed to get the required number of signers to the Initiative Petition for a Fair Election Law in time to get on the ballot for the Election of August 5th., having received 16,195 names in all. It takes more than 20,000 names which will be accepted as legal in order to get it before the people. We must complete it and get a vote on it at the next election which will be the primary next year or a special if one should be called in the meantime. In order to make it safe it is necessary to have at least 10,000 more signatures and I trust that all the Comrades will get busy and get them right now and not wait until the last dog is hung and lose out again.

A golden opportunity has been overlooked by you but it can be won if the Comrades will get up and git. To those who have blank petitions on hand, I implore you to get busy and finish the job and to those who are willing to work for their own emancipation but do not have any blank forms, I ask that you let me know at once how many you can use and they will be immediately sent. I realize the fact that it is a busy time of the year and that times are hard but assure you that they will be harder unless you at least undertake to throw off the shackles that bind you.

Campbell Russell's bill to take the jokers out of the referendum law and make it possible for the people to rule also lost but will be continued, and I trust you will push it with the same vigor as you do the fair election law. If you could hear the insinuating remarks that are being hurled at the Socialist Organization by the political puppies of the capitalist parties you would get up in their collar and show them that the Socialist Organization is made up of better material than what as they are claiming.

NEW LOCALS FOR THE WEEK.

Big Heart, in Osage County, 22 members, A. K. White, Big Heart, Secy.

Liberty, in Major County, 7 members, J. L. Berry, Sherman, Okla., Secy.

Justice, in Seminole County, 5 members, Chas. Kuykendall, Holdenville, R. 4 Box 18.

Greer, in Seminole County, 6 members, W. P. Snyder, Kehowa, Secy.

LETTER FROM AMERINGER.

Milwaukee, Wis., June 13, 1913.
Dear Comrade:

Kindly accept my resignation as National Committeeman from Oklahoma. I do this because I believe that if I fought the proposed recall motion, it would only result in deepening the wound from which our Oklahoma Movement is suffering.

I am Socialist enough to place the solidarity of our movement above my personal views.

I sincerely hope that you and the present Executive Committee will meet with a better fate than the many earnest Comrades who have held these positions in the past.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR AMERINGER.

LETTER FROM PAP DAVIS.

Medford, Oregon, June 13, 1913.
Comrade Sinclair:

Your letter announcing the vote of the late referendum at hand. Through you I wish to thank the good Comrades of Oklahoma most heartily for the splendid vote they freely gave for the re-instatement to membership in the Socialist Party of Marvin Brown, C. H. Armstrong and myself.

Starting no fight nor instituting no destructive tactics, we have patiently waited for the cool better judgement of the rank and file to do the right thing in their own good time. Though the action seems lately, yet we esteem this vote of confidence in the highest sense and as ever regard the Comrades of Oklahoma as the true blood of nature's nobleman.

While waiting for the justice we knew would come, we have neither been idle or sulked in our tents, but whether in Oklahoma, Missouri or out here on the Pacific Coast, we have earnestly rallied to the Standard of Socialism, constantly fought for the right of the workers to possess without division his wealth production and faithfully advocated the righteous cause of Human liberty. What is more; I bespeak for you an advance in the future to your goal, the capturing of Oklahoma for Socialism.

G. W. (PAP) DAVIS.

ENCAMPMENT AT CASTLE.

Big 3 days encampment and picnic at Castle, Oklahoma, on July 4, 5, and 6, one-half mile south of Castle. Will be conducted by Socialists of Oklahoma County. Socialism will be discussed by able speakers. Stanley J. Clark, Dora Mertz, A. H. L. Holman, Edna Helm, Baker the Singing Socialist and other good speakers will be present. Good Amusements, plenty of shade, ice water, seats, barbecued meats and other refreshments. Sunday, the 6th, Socialism will be discussed from a Bible standpoint by able speakers. You are invited. Carl Ashmore, H. L. Young and Cliff Anderson, Committee.

Comrade W. E. White of Hewitt writes that they will hold a two days picnic there on 25th and 26th.

ARTICLE 9, SECTION 9.

The Santa Fe Railroad is in favor of the repeal of Section 9, Art. 9. They are also in favor of non-union labor. They are the only road in the State that discharge men for being members of a labor union. They are the only road in the state that uses the blacklist for Union Men and Socialists. After fighting every measure for the benefit of labor they now ask you to vote for the repeal of Section 9, Article 9, so that they can secure monopoly of the coal lands of the State and dictate the price of coal to the farmers of western Oklahoma.

What the Santa Fe wants, the Socialist Party and Organized Labor don't want. You can't make a mistake by fighting your enemies. Vote no on the repeal of Section 9, Article 9.

MT. PARK ENCAMPMENT.

Mt. Park encampment at Glenwood, August 11, 12, 13. Speakers: Kate Richards O'Hare, H. H. Stallard, E. S. Hurt, O. F. Branstetter, P. S. Nagle.

Oles Stofer, Sec'y, Snyder, Oklahoma. V. P. Rhodybeck, Chrmn. Privilege Com.

KATE O'HARE'S AND H. H. STALLARD'S ENCAMPMENT DATES.

Cement July 25, Sterling, July 26; Chickasha, July 27; Marlow, July 28; Comanche, July 29; Ryan, July 30-31; Frederick, August 1; Mt. Park, August 11-12-13; Duke, August 14; Carter, August 15; Elk City, August 16. Dates not set for Lawton, Anadarko, Carnegie, Mt. View, Granite, Hobart, Readrick and Port.

Oles Stofer, Sec'y, Snyder, Oklahoma.

DORA MERTZ'S DATES.

Castle, July 4-5; Tishomingo, July 10-11-12; Leuders, Texas, July 18-19; Caney, Okla., August 1; Vallant, August 7-8-9; Pauls Valley, August 15 and 16. Write Dora Mentz, Box 150, Oklahoma City, for dates between these points. If you have not heard Comrade Mertz, you have not heard one of the best women speakers in the movement. Special terms to fill in between these points. Write now.

H. L. A. HOLMAN DATES.

Oklahoma City, June 22-29 inclusive, Castle, July 4-5-6; Ft. Cobb, July 22-23-24; Caney, August 6-7-8.

STANLEY J. CLARK'S DATES.

Anadarke, June 23; Chautauqua, Mangum, June 24-25; Debate, Taloga, June 27; Castle, July 4-5-6; Clarita, July 7-8-9; Tishomingo, July 11, encampment; Leuders, Texas, July 18, encampment; Amber, Okla., July 24, picnic; Ryan, July 31, encampment; Duncan, August 1-2-3, encampment; Caney, August 4-7, encampment; Vallant, August 8-9, encampment; Pauls Valley, August 14-15-16, encampment.

Stanley J. Clark is routed by the Social Democrat. For terms write him Box 150, Oklahoma City. Open dates June 29 to July 4; July 12 to 18 in West Texas, July 19 to 24 West Texas to Amber, Okla., July 25-31 open dates in Oklahoma.

GEO. P. McLEATER'S DATES.

Ada, Okla., June 21, 1 p. m. on the street.

Roff, Okla., June 21, 8:30 p. m.

Tupelo, June 23, 8:30 p. m.

Lamar, June 28, 1 p. m.

Dustin, June 28, 8:30 p. m.

It is always easier to convince a man that a thing is wrong than to convince him that it is right. Long ages of necessity on the part of man to defend himself against the running of others of his kind has developed a tendency in the human mind to instinctively oppose what some other mind proposes.

The Socialist movement is greater than the party, because when people begin to open their eyes to economics they are able to see other things besides economics. But it is the party that gives direction and power to the movement.

ARKANSAS NOTES.

Ida Callery, State Secretary, 600 N. 13th. Ft. Smith Ark.

Let us all put together for 20,000 votes for Socialism.

The Tellville comrades will hold a picnic on August 10.

Comrade Wyatt of Minturn writes for a date with Comrade Webber of June 28.

Comrades Beal, Trulove and Bradley have taken up the organization of Crawford Co.

"Send me organization blanks and supplies. A dozen places are calling for me."—T. M. Hutchison, Vilonia.

Get behind that Rhodes' date. He is the best speaker in the Southwest and will do the movement proud.

Comrades Clark and Lane pledge twelve new locals in Washington County next month.

Four new locals were organized last week.

Comrade Appleby of Paleotiffe writes for a speaker to set the ball rolling in his part of the state.

Comrades Vaught and Neal of Little Rock, will take up organization work in the very near future.

Comrade Hopper of Paragould writes for a list of the organizations in the 2nd district. Let us hope that the work they have in hand in that part of the state will go forward O. K.

O. M. Thompson of California will make a tour of the state in September. The locals desiring a date with him should so advise state headquarters at once. Don't wait until he is ready to start and then ask for a date. Routes must be arranged in advance in order to cut expenses and reach places consecutively.

The dates arranged so far for Comrade Webber are St. Joe, June 29-30; Leslie, July 4 and Judsonia, July 5-4-5.

PICNIC DATES ARRANGED

June 22, Little Rock.
June 28, Minturn.
July 4-5, White County.
July 17-18, White County.
August 21-22, White County.
July 12, McGuire.
August 21-22-23, Combs.
August 28-29-30, Huntington

RAND SCHOOL COURSE FOR 1913-14.

The full time residence course of the Rand School of Social Science in New York City will open for the term of 1913-14 the first week in October. The course will cover, generally speaking, a study of the History of Civilization, Economic History and Theory, American History and Civics, Socialist Theory and Policy, Science, many special topics in labor and social questions and Public Speaking. This work of the Rand School has received the endorsement of the National Committee of the Socialist Party, which has recommended it to the careful attention of the state and party organizations. Already a number of students have registered for next year, among them being representatives of Maine, California, Kansas, New Hampshire, Illinois and New York. Any persons considering taking this course should get into communication as soon as possible with the Rand School. 140 East 19th, New York, N. Y.

CURIOUS FACT OR WHAT? MAKE A GUESS.

And now the Senate Lobby Investigating Committee is discovering things they were not looking for. It will be remembered that Senator Lodge had the pamphlet prepared by the Sugar Trust's Literary Bureau printed at the Government Printing Office, and the pamphlet has printed in it a supposed order with the signature of Chas. G. Bennett, Secretary of the Senate, but on a search of the records no such order by the Secretary of the Senate was ever issued. What will be done about the forgery of the order and the signature of the Secretary?

Well the Sugar Trust under Taft's administration was caught in a big fraud on the Government and Pres. Taft and his Sugar Trust Attorney General, without any authority than their own love for the poor, persecuted Trust, compromised on a payment of some two per cent, so what's the use of making a fuss about so little a thing as a forgery?

Just bear it in mind, and when the matter is referred to again tell us. You are supposed to "forget it."

FATHER JUNIO.

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NOTES FROM OUR LOCAL PAPERS.

There is a remnant in our County that will "Stand by until the morning."—Ed. Jonesboro, Ark.

Workers will you never wake up to the game that is being played on you. Read a Socialist paper for a year and you will.
—Marshalltown, Ia.

Oklahoma Socialism is moving like a prairie fire backed by one of our own cyclones. Secretary Sinclair informs me that a DOZEN NEW LOCALS WERE ORGANIZED LAST WEEK. And that is about the average per week and has been for some time past. RECENTLY NINETEEN WERE ORGANIZED IN ONE WEEK.

Sinclair is on the job at the state office from 12 to 15 hours every day, as tireless as a clock and as full of energy as a dynamo.
Shreveport, La.

A successful financier is a man who can separate other people from their money.—Leavenworth.

The last meeting of the Socialist Local was overflowing with life and spirit and was fairly well attended. It is expected our next meeting will be a record breaker, as the comrades are thinking seriously of running a full city ticket for the next coming city election.

According to a motion of the Pine Bluff Socialist Local, all women who sign the application for membership are admitted to the Socialist Party free, and their monthly dues paid by the Local. This motion was carried by a unanimous vote of all members present and shall probably remain on the books until women gain the privilege of voting in this state.

THEREFORE, comrades do not let finances bar you from bringing your wives and sweethearts into our glorious movement of "equal rights" to all and special privileges to none.

Some Comrades believe we have a white elephant on our hands, if so, let them come up and help ride it. The trouble is they stay away from the meetings too much, and thereby loose spirit.
—Pine Bluff, Ark.

Socialism aims at an orderly system of conducting the affairs of men, that would eliminate war and strife. Therefore, is opposed by only those who do not understand, or those who live by the sweat of the other men's brows.
—McAlester, Okla.

"We are after your subscription Bud" and we will get it if you don't keep your hand on your pocket book.

A letter from Comrade Heinzke of Elgin with money order enclosed for the Searchlight one year shows that we are continually finding our way into new territory. We would thank anyone to send us new names. This paper is needed at every post office in the country. "Join the Searchlight Hustlers."
—Taylor, Texas.

Dear Comrades:
Secured forty subscribers (since last week). Please send 500 copies of the next issue. Our little paper has created quite a stir, and I trust will do much good for the cause down here.
F. M. YALE,
Cairo, Ill.

THE VOICE OF THE TOILER.

Hark! Listen! What is this great tumult? This great rumbling noise, speaking in thunder tones throughout the universe. From every civilized nation of the globe, we hear this great voice. It is the voice of the toiling millions of all lands and nationalities demanding justice at the hands of the capitalist class by whom they have been robbed. They no longer beg and plead that justice may be done but they are demanding their rights to the wealth that they have created. For the rights of equal opportunities that they may enjoy the good things of life that they have created by their skill and toil which is denied them by the master class. The voice of the toiler is changing from whining and begging for his rights. He no longer fears his master. He has put off his swadling clothes that he has worn so long, and as he grows in stature, he grows in strength; and his voice has changed from that of the coward and slave to that of a full grown giant. He is not only demanding his rights, but he is going after them in a way that is just and right, and he feels deep down in his heart that he will win in the great struggle that has so long robbed him of the wealth that he has created.

From Germany, France, England, Ireland, Belgium, Sweeden, Norway and Japan and far away China and in fact all over the civilized world comes the glad tidings that they who create the world's wealth are uniting in one GRAND STAND for the great Co-Operative Commonwealth.

Comrades it is a great struggle that we have undertaken, but the stakes are high and we can afford the ups and downs in this battle of right against might, when the toiler shall be free, and every man his own boss. I know that there are great obstacles in the way but they are fast yielding to the onward march of the toiling millions who in this struggle have never lost a battle or known defeat. But do not think for a moment that the victory is won. We have a hard general to fight, one that has entrenched himself behind great wealth; behind courts; behind the legislature, both national and state; behind the pulpit; especially the Catholic church, which has sworn vengance against this movement that we call Socialism. But we will win, because our cause is just.

The capitalist class will stop short of nothing to accomplish their ends. The history of the past few years is sufficient for us to know that we may not expect any quarter from the enemy.

THEREFORE, it behooves every working man no matter what your religion or politics may be, to investigate the charges brought by the Socialist party against the capitalist class and see if these things are so. Every man who loves liberty and freedom should join in this great struggle for the emancipation of the race.

We Socialists are not responsible for the class struggle as it today. We simply point it out and offer the remedy. The competition system under class legislation granting special privileges to the few at the expense of the many, has brought about the conditions of affairs that we point out. As the old rotten system of capitalism can no longer feed, clother and shelter the race, because it has outlived its usefulness, it should be relegated to the rear to give place to the new Co-Operative Commonwealth, where everyone will be free. Brother Workingmen of all countries, unite!
C. H. LLOYD.

THE MILITIA OF CHRIST.

(By Carl D. Thompson.

In response to inquiries sent to the Information Department of the Socialist Party, we have applied to the National Headquarters of the organization known as The Militia of Christ, and secured the following information. The Rev. E. Dietz, executive secretary of the organization, sends us a copy of the Constitution and Charter Laws of the organization from which we take the following.

"The Militia of Christ was founded by a band of ardent Catholic Trade Union leaders. A temporary organization was effected in the course of the American Federation of Labor Convention at Toronto in 1909. The organization was perfected and made permanent at St. Louis on November 21, 1910. The purpose is personal service in the cause of Christ on earth in the face of non-Catholic endeavors toward the sub-version of the Christian structure of society.

"The Militia of Christ is a religious, patriotic, and unionist fraternity; is advocated a live policy of social reclamation and expansion on the basis of religion, democracy and unionism; it champions, co-ordinates and unifies the legitimate interests of all classes of society as against the teachings of class hatred and the attempts to degrade religion to the insignificant proportions of a mere private matter; it regards the Christian family as the basis of Christian state and the Catholic church as the mistress and arbiter of civilization."

Membership—Executive membership is limited to practical Catholics. Associate and Honorary membership is open to Catholics as well as non-Catholics.

National Headquarters—The legal domicile of The Militia of Christ is 503 Murray avenue, Milwaukee, Wis. Executive Secretary, Father Peter E. Dietz.

Officers for 1912—President Peter J. McArdle, Pittsburg, Pa., President Algmagated Association Iron Workers; Vice President John S. Whalen, Rochester, N. Y. Among the directors are John Mitchell, New York; James O'Connell, Washington, D. C.; Dennis A. Hayes, Philadelphia, Pa.; John R. Alpine, Chicago; David A. Carey, Toronto, Phody Kennehan, Denver.

Official Lecturer and Organizer—Peter W. Collins. Subjects of lecture are officially announced: Social Problems and Social Reform; Why Socialism is Opposed to the Labor Movement; Why Socialism is Opposed to Marriage and the Family; The Ideals and Philosphy of Labor; The Workers in Industry and their Protection.

The religious man who argues in favor of continuing the immortal profit system needs a revised version of religion.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

OUR DAUGHTERS.

I was talking with a woman the other day whose aim in life has been the betterment of her sex. She said:

"Withholding the truth from children about themselves and the world at large has caused more suffering than can be estimated. Only recently I was asked to give aid in three of the most distressing cases you can imagine.

"In each case, upon investigation, the root of the evil wrought was found to be in lack of confidence between mother and daughter. In truth, the mothers hardly knew anything about the girls. They left in the morning for work and did not return until evening, and consequently had but a superficial knowledge of the kind of companions and pleasures that the girls enjoyed.

"One girl said, 'Mother would be the last one I would confide in. She wouldn't understand'—and there you have the whole thing in a nutshell. Many, many times it is the mother's fault, I must say.

"It takes bravery to be a mother," continued this woman. "But in order to gain confidence of a daughter she must put herself in her place and see things with youthful eyes as well as with older ones. In this way a mother may guide.

"Take the Spartan mothers of old. The sons of Spartans were heroes because their mothers were patriotic heroines. While it is unnecessary for a present-day mother to be a heroine, yet sometimes heroic measures are necessary. Mothers should prepare their daughters for the battle to life and arm them against the enemies of feminine goodness, preferring all things to dishonor and lack of womanly judgment," she concluded.

Quite right! In olden times it was the exception when the daughter did not confide in her mother. But today, when a girl goes to business in the morning and does not return until evening, and, after a hasty dinner, hurries away to a place of amusement, there is little time for confidence or talking things over. Yet if this habit of confidence were cultivated very early the later need would not be so poignant.

I know several mothers who are real "chums" with their daughters. But this was not arrived at in a month or a year after the girl had attained the years of young womanhood. It was inculcated from the beginning. In the first play and childish games the mother became a child, and, in every step of the growing process, continued to grow with her.

So that all the little trifling secrets—and, later, more pretentious ones—were brought to the mother for consideration, judgment and advice. Later, these mothers were as much chums and confidants of their daughters as they were in the early days. They never, in reality, grow apart at any time. Which is as it should be.

For no one in the world would come to the aid of her daughter as quickly as a mother. Young woman, if you knew what was best for you, you would indeed keep in touch with your mother, and would acquaint her with your way of thinking, your actions, your pleasures and your sorrows. For, no matter how unsympathetic under any conditions she may appear to be, a mother's a mother for a' that; and in her moments of reflection will want only what is best for you. Cultivate her confidence. It will prove a good investment.

On the other hand, this spirit of confidence is the most precious thing in the world, which every right-thinking mother should encourage. For its tendency would continue until the third and fourth generation.—Sophie Irene Loeb, in Chicago Journal.

EX-GOVERNOR SHAW AND THE JAPANESE WAR.

By R. A. Dague.

Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasurer and governor of Iowa, is greatly alarmed over the idea that Japan will soon invade America and attach to that country all the territory west of the Rocky Mountains. The ex-governor is scared over the Japanese matter without any good reason. He ought to post up a bit before going into print as a prophet and telling the public that there is danger that Japan some fine morning will be found pounding away at Seattle and the Golden Gate, destroying the American navy and overrunning this country.

D. Charles W. Eliot, late president of Harvard, had recently returned home from Japan, where he made a study of the Japanese. He greatly admires them. Referring to the talk of some Americans that Japan contemplates waging a war on the United States, he says:

"The Japs are not a warlike people. The war with China and Russia were both defensive wars. They are a numerous people. They number not more than one-ninth of the Chinese population, and less than half the population of the United States. They are homing people. The Japanese are accused chiefly by occidental army and navy men of intending to dominate the Pacific and seize upon the insular possessions of other nations. There is no truth in these accusations. All Japanese statesmen and political philosophers know that they never could dominate the Pacific. No one nation in the world could comarol the Pacific ocean. Five or six powers combined, such, for example, as Great Britain, Germany, Franch, the United States, Japan, Russia and Italy might do it. All Japanese leaders recognize that it would be impossible for Japan to send a hundred thousand men with their baggage and munitions across the Pacific in safety, although the fleet should be conveyed by scores of battleships and armored crusters. Japan is now heavily burdened with debts incurred in carrying on her wars with China and Russia, and could not borrow the money necessary to carry on a war with anybody. The commercial and industrial interests of Japan require peace with all other countries."

Dr. Eliot further says that while in Japan, statesmen, bankers, merchants, business men and others, all said that the United States is the best customer for their silks and other products, and that a war between that country and this would be wholly unreasonable, fantastic and foolish—the product of morbid, timorous imagination. Dr. Eliot says: "The right state of mind of Americans toward Japanese is one of hearty good will and admiration."

Dr. Eliot is unquestionably correct in the views as above expressed. There is not the shadow of a danger that Japan will wipe from the Pacific our navy, thunder Pacific coast cities into ruins and annex all that part of our country to Japan lying west of the Rocky Mountains, and a little later, overrun all this blessed land of ours. I regret that a man who has been a cabinet officer and governor of a great state like Iowa, should become so badly frightened over seeing a war shadow when there is actually no shadow at all. I hope that Governor Shaw has not "with malice aforethought" joined the jingoes to get up a war scare to influence Congress to build more war ships, buy more and bigger guns, give out more fat contracts and boost up the army and navy. Uncle Sam is now expending thirty millions a year in constructing war ships, and it costs him six hundred millions each year to maintain the army and navy. That is a heavy burden on the people, especially our working people.

The California Japanese problem is not a big one except in the newspapers and among politicians, mainly east of the Rocky Mountains. The late action of the California legislature, does not materally change the legal status of Japs in that state. The "war with Japan" will be over pretty soon, and our distinguished ex-Governor need not longer lay awake nights worrying over the fear that our little brown fellows from Japan might nab him with a bayonet before morning.

Governor Shaw has great fear that Japan will grab the Philippines from Uncle Sam. Dr. Eliot says the Japanese very much dislike hot climates, and he was told that Japan had no desire whatever to possess those islands. Now, I am not a Democrat, but if the present Democratic administration could get up some sort of a swap with Japan and unload the Philippines upon them, for, say half what they have cost us, I would say, good Democratic boys. You have made a bully dicker for your Uncle Samuel.

In conclusion, Mr. Eliot, let me say that there is a widespread conspiracy to promote the war spirit. Dr. David Storr Jordon, president of Stanford University, who is thoroughly informed on the Japanese question recently wrote me as follows:

"Stanford University, Cal.,
May 12, 1913.

"Mr. R. A. Dague:

"Dear Sir—I am thoroughly in sympathy with the protest which you have published against the extension of militarism. There is no question that a very great effort is being made the world over to fill the air with war talk. The recent exposures of the operations of the Krupp firms has been a great help in our peace work. Pleased to sign my name to your published protest.

"Very truly yours,
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NATIONAL NOTES

"COMING NATION" NO MORE.

We have been informed that the "Coming Nation" has ceased publication. Kindly advise all Lyceum workers and subscribers not to send any more subscriptions for the Coming Nation.

WANTED—The name and address of the secretary or officers of an organization known as "The Modern Sons of Marx."

FOLLOWING UP BELGIAN VICTORY.

The Belgian Socialists not only organized and carried through to victory the greatest general strike in history; they are now, through the political movement, clinching the victory won by the strike. A committee has just been appointed in accordance with the agreement when the strike was settled. Emile Vandervelde is one of the members of this committee, and he, with one other Socialist on the committee, is working close co-operation with the Socialist party in seeing to it that the revision of the suffrage is much as was demanded by the strikers. Great mass meetings will be held to discuss each proposition. Literature will be distributed to educate and arouse the workers against any "jokers," and, finally, the unions, the co-operatives, and the party are "keeping their powder dry," so as to be ready for another strike should it be necessary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

At the recent meeting of the National Committee it was decided to establish a young people's department in the National Office, beginning October 1.

Three members of the Chicago Young People's Socialist League were selected to lay their plans before the Committee on Young People's Organizations. They proposed to establish a national Young People's League, with a general secretary and an administrative committee of five, two being selected by the National Committee and three by the leagues.

The Committee on Young People's Organizations accepted their plan and reported favorably to the National Committee.

Hillquit of New York offered a substitute motion that a department in the National Office be created, which was carried.

GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED.

The German Socialists are threatening to call a general strike through out Prussia as a protest against the atrocious unjust three-class electoral system. In a recent speech in the Reichstag, Comrade Ledebour warned the government that the entire Socialist party of Germany was prepared to declare a general strike unless immediate steps were taken to reform the methods by which the members of the Prussian Landtag are elected. He stated further that every Socialist member of the Reichstag was in favor of such a strike.

Carl Liebknecht stated in a speech some days ago that the Socialists were considering most strenuous means to compel action by the government in regard to the Prussian franchise. A dispatch to the New York Volkszeitung says that there is every prospect that unless the government yields such a strike will be declared within a few weeks.

The strength of the Socialists in Prussia is shown by the fact that in spite of all the discriminations against them, they succeeded in electing ten members at the latest elections. Those who understand the careful, systematic manner in which matters are discussed and decided in the German Socialist move-

INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
Carl D. Thompson, Mgr.

NEW MARCHING ORDERS.

At its latest meeting the National Executive Committee instructed the Information Department to give special attention to the following subjects: (1) Co-operation, (2) Articles for the Socialist press, (3) Street Car administration. Accordingly extra attention is being given to these subjects and reports on work done will soon apear.

RIGHT TO VOTE.

Q. I left my home in Illinois to work in St. Louis, Mo., taking my family with me, but leaving some of my furniture. After remaining in St. Louis three months, but never voting there, I returned to my previous residence. My right to vote has been opposed. Have I that right?
G. X. H.

A. These facts were submitted to two separate attorneys and they agree that if you left Illinois with the intention of taking up a permanent abode in another state the right to vote in the former state was lost. The whole question turns on the intention, and the leaving of furniture, and refraining from voting in St. Louis are of importance only as showing intention. If your intention as expressed in statements and acts was to return to Illinois then you have the right to vote.

SOCIALIST AID AT LAWRENCE.

Q. Exactly what sum was contributed by the Socialist party to the Lawrence strikers?

A. A study of the official statement of the Lawrence strike fund shows that there was received from the National Office of the Socialist party, $2,669.04. From separate organizations, designated as "Socialist" in the report, there was received $15,961.95, making a total of $18,630.97 sent through the organized Socialist movement. This does not include amounts sent by individual Socialists, or in any indirect manner through other organizations. Any one who has followed the movement will realize that this warning was not given until the whole subject had been carefully considered and a decision arrived at, backed by the entire party strength.

FIFTY MILLION REASONS FOR WOMAN'S REVOLT.

The International Union Secretariat reports that a compilation of recent statistics show that there are 49,428,115 women employed in industry in Europe and the United States. As the reports from some countries are nealy ten years old, it is certain that there are at present more than fifty million women who have left the home for the shop. Here is the real reason for woman's movement. Only the Socialist party, however, deals with this fundamental economic course by working for the economic and political organization of women and their political and industrial freedom.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

ABOUT PETS.

I am thoroughly convinced that every child should have pets to care for, for a number of reasons. One is that it teaches him to be responsible for something. Another reason is, to love a dog, or cat, or any living thing, exerts a good influence on the boy or girl. It develops and strengthens the tender feeling of the child's nature and helps to eliminate cruelty and selfishness. Pets will give them something to enjoy at home and they will be less inclined to go off with undesirable companions. It will help them to form habits or industry and method and strengthen the memory. A boy's love of his pet fills his mind with useful and good thoughts, and he has less time for bad thoughts. While teaching his pet dog, or cat, or bird, or horse, he is himself learning patience, and self-reliance, and is exercising his intellectual faculties. Every father and mother should, if in their power, provide their children with living pets of some sort, if not a dog or cat or horse, then get them birds or chickens, or ducks, or lambs, or pigs, or something.

The above is said to parents especially, but it is meant for our young folks also. Get pets; be good to them, love them, and that will lead you to be good too and love your fellow beings. A religion of kindness is the best of all religions.—R. A. Dague.

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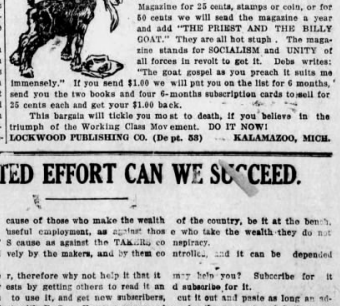

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THE SUGAR TRUST AND THE POST OFFICE.

By Father Jones.

To show where, when and how, special privilege abuses the United States government, and where, when and how, the agents of those special privileges that have been either gerrymandered by them into office, or "fixed" and "retained" when in office, and who open legislative windows for the special privilege second story yeggmen to rob us, would occupy all the space at our weekly disposal, but the neat collusion between Senator Lodge and the Sugar Trust is only ONE OF MANY schemes that have been and ARE STILL worked upon Uncle Sam.

The Senate Committee has brought to the surface some facts that if American people had any sense of political decency left, they would send Senator Lodge where Depew and Aldrich had sense enough to go before they were unmasked.

To condense the facts and save space, the Sugar Trust had their highly paid Literary Bureau prepare an elaborate pamphlet with charts, etc., in defense of the tariff on sugar. This material their politico-commercial agent in Congress. the "Honorable" (?) Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, presented as a SPEECH OF HIS OWN, (quite a common custom) and had it introduced into the Record as part of the Senate's proceedings. That is nothing unusual, but the Senatorial Committee under the head of Senator Cummins, drew out from Truman G. Palmer, THE WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SUGAR TRUST, the fact that AFTER THE SAID SPEECH AND CHARTS HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO THE SENATE, he had modified and changed them, and this re-edited pamphlet was ordered to be printed at the Government Printing Office and PRINTED as a "Public Document," and furnished the Sugar Trust at COST, and in the Government Printing Office this is a very low figure.

This pamphlet had 63 pages, and again their Senatorial politico-commercial agent Lodge, loaned the Trust the use of his "frank." The evidence shows that "the regular postage on this issue would have cost the Trust $16,000." The Senatorial "frank" of Lodge was used on other smaller "documents" and to quote: "All told, during the past year the generosity (?) of Senator Lodge saved them $22,900 in postage and cost."

Is it to be supposed, are we gullible enough to believe, that Senator Lodge would run the risk of discovery, etc., and do as he did out of pure love for the Sugar Trust? Can we suppose that the $22,900 saved the Sugar Trust in cold cash, not tomention the great prestage and advantage of their arguments coming to the public with the stamp of the Government Public Document, and the wily Sugar Trust modestly hidden out of sight, was all done by their politico-commercial Senatorial agent "the Honorable Senator from Massachusetts" for pure LOVE AND SYMPATHY for the poor and persecuted Sugar Trust?

Gotell that to a corral full of Missouri mules and they would laugh you out of the corral.

It is reported that the Sugar Trust through its Lobby has "within the past six months," sent out 1,500,000 pieces of printed matter without paying postage. Besides Senator Lodge, Senator Smoot, the Mormon poligamist, Senator Dick of Ohio of infamous notoriety as the author of the Dick Military Bill, and Senator CURTIS OF KANSAS. Curtis and Dick are now out "for which oh! Lord make us duly thankful." By the use of the franking and printing privilege of these "Honorable Senators," the Sugar Trust saved $28,000 in six months, or $4,666.66 per month.

Of course we are told to believe Lodge, Smoot, Dick and Curtis rendered these services for pure love, etc, but of what? Asks the Marines?

The end of the whole matter is this: What are you Mr. Voter going to do about it?

The Republican Party has not made a brilliant success in handling the Trusts. The Democratic Party has no practical plan. The Harvest-Lumber-Beef-Trust-Political combine called the Progressives are as much "up in the air" as the other two. The Socialist Party is the only one that has an intelligent remedy. "What are YOU going to do about it?" The Trust, AS WE SEE, own and run the government, why not have the government own the Trusts and then the people own the government? Set down and think it over John Henry and then let's hear from you next election.

Speaking of perfect babies, the infant industries seem to fill the requirements.

A CONFIDENTIAL TALK WITH OUR READERS.

When twenty men stand around a heavy timber and each one depends on the other nineteen to do the lifting the timber is not moved, but when each one determines to do his or her part the timber is lifted. Now Comrades that's the way the Socialist movement advances, by all dtermining to do their part, but as it is, ordinarily, about two per cent of the Comrades do over 50 per cent of the lifting, and a majority are ready to do a little grunting now and then. Suppose that each Comrade would determine just once a month, to get a new subscriber. It would seem that that ought to be no very difficult task, and yet it would mean twelve times our present subscription list, and no doubt an increase of the Socialist vote by five times, and probably a doubling of the red card membership. Don't you think that's worth a little work?

Suppose you get one or two extra copies, more if you can afford it, and after considering the most likely persons, LOAN them a copy to read. A paper LOANED is more likely to be read, besides it can be LOANED to several persons. Pay enough attention to the person to notice if he is interested, and if inclined to talk and you have time draw them out, you will get a chance to help yourself by answering the questions, and help another to think. When you have aroused an interest, then solicit a subscription. If you can't get a year's sub. then try and get 6 months, or any term permissable and at the expiration of the time you will generally find a renewal is not hard to get. Of course we do not expect to get every single reader on this fireing line. Human nature is peculiar and only when confronted with the absolute personal pinch of oppression can ALL be roused, but in practice we find that the exceptional cases bring the average up to the equivalent of mass action or approximately so. If this were not in a measure true, we would not witness with pleasure the steady growth of Socialism, but reader. see if you cannot be one of the exceptional cases.

Let me tell you of one of these exceptional cases. As he is as modest as he is good, I omit his name. In Sullivan County, Tennessee, was a lone Socialist, and he was, as usual, looked upon with disfavor by his neighbors. He commenced with loaning his Appeal and other Socialist papers to those whom he thought were not so bigoted as to fear to read, and thus won over some three or four. He sent for two copies of "War What For?" and loaned them around, and today he is not in disfavor, and he has written me that the Socialist vote at the last general election was 40 per cent in that district, and that he expected the next election to sweep the deck. This was all done by ONE man, and by the judicious use of literature. After he had gathered a few, of course they most all turned in and helped and it became a continuous chain performance. Reader, "Go thou and do likewise."

WHITE SLAVES IN ARKANSAS.

The Arkansas notes in the Appeal had this:

"Horrible conditions have come to light on the Mississippi County Farm at Wilson, Arkansas. Almost fifty convict prisoners are serving terms in a most wretched manner. They work from 4 a. m. until late in the evening, and their unwholesome food is served to them in the fields. This food consists ot beans and meat, cooked in a dirty kettle. The most unsanitary conditions prevail. To describe in detail the horror of the institution would turn anyone's stomach."

This is a condition to be found all over the states where the Democratic (?) party has controlled the state governments for the last forty years. Men whose only offense has been that they were looking for employment, and that at the same time the Convict Labor Contractors were ready to buy convicts. Such men are arrested without warrant and Deputy Sheriff (often an employee of the Convice Labor Contractor) divides with the Judge the price the man is SOLD for, and he works under the muzzle of a shot gun and often, and as a rule, with ball and chain. If a bought slave attempts to escape he is SHOT DOWN and THERE THE WHOLE QUESTION IS SILENCED. Men are kept more than the time of sentence. Cases occur where men are released and Deputies hungry for slave fees, rearrest them and haul them before a judge ready to divide fees, and so this game goes on, and is all legal in Democratic states.

Comrades this system is the breeder of French Revolutions, and the only way to head it off is to spread the exposures, the growth of Socialism and a revolution that will stay put.

DIVIDING UP.

This is a question which has been discussed and explained so much that further explanation seems almost useless, yet about every other one you attempt to enlighten upon the ethics of Socialism, you will meet with this "objection to dividing up." Notwithstanding some will admit nearly every other point of your argument; butright here they will say that they don't believe in this dividing up business. For the benefit of these write this article, In the first place, I want to say that you must look beyond the present state of society when you try to apply socialistic doctoring, as for instance, a friend said to me today while discussing this question, "do you think it would be right for my friend to take a job of work and hire me at wages upon which we had agreed upon to help him do it, and when finished, he should divide his profits with me, after agreeing to work for a certain sum." I said no, of coure not, that is not Socialism, either. So long as this system lasts we must abide by its customs and if the system teaches us to make large profits from the toil of others and we fail to do so it is plain to be seen that we can always find room in the ranks of toilers to help make large profits for those who are willing to receive those profits; and so it must continue until the hard, stubborn pates of toilers will listen to the arguments offered by their more advanced Socialist comrades in trying to show them the better way. This dividing up idea you get from our bitter enemies, strange as it may seem, those whom no one would accuse of having anything worth dividing seems to have this idea well grounded in their store of knowledge. We as Socialists cannot but extend sympathy to all so deceived, for we were at one time of the same mind and belief. But as we began to take an inventory of things around us we began to get wise ourselves, just as you will when you begin to investigate Socialism with a desire to learn the real true philosophy which you can never obtain by reading capitalist papers. One point I want to make right here, is, that you are now dividing up all the hard earned dollars you have or ever did have at the rate of about three fifths of all you earn with the capitalist class in everything you buy; no matter what it is, and they tell you that the manufacturers pay all of this and some of you believe it. You have no better sense than to raise a hog and sell it for 7c per pound and buy it back at from 25c to 30c per pound Is this dividing up? Apply this rule to nearly every other article produced by the toilers of this nation and it will fit in nearly every instance. You wise givers that have nothing to divide and yet afraid of the Socialist plan because you will have to divide, I will tell you now how the Socialists propose to divide up when enough of the people understand it enough to vote the Socialist in to power.

First we propose to divide up the work of the nation with all able bodied people, men and women, each in their qualified sphere taking all of the means of wealth producing, either by buying outright after squeezing out all of the inflated values or by reconstructing a new, where we cannot buy at real values, —such as the great producing interest.

The R. R. system, telegraph and express and everything that is collectively used by all the people, and to all this, reclamation of all the present waste lands of the government by drainage in some places, and irrigation in others, and put them in the highest state of cultivation under co-operative management by our Socialist government as well as all other means of production and distribution in the interest of all the people. Thus you see we will use the most improved methods of labor saving machinery and the most skilled labor and mechanics in the place where each will serve best to perform the work. The laborers choosing by their vote who shall be their boss or overseer, this right will be given to all groups of laborers, a thing they have no voice in today. Now you see while everything is cooperatively managed by the government that the laborer has it in his power to recall any who is not fitted for the position he occupies and vote in another more competent. In addition to the above system it will be the aim and object of our Socialis government to reduce the cost of production and distribution to the minumum as well as the hours of labor, instead of using a numeber of grocers in one town to supply the people, and each maintained, at a great expense, a system of delivery. There will probably be one large general department storestore owned by the common wealth with a system of delivery employing less than half the labor and time and fit giving better service with power driven vehicles at about one third the cost. Thus saving all for the benefit of the co-operative commonwealth—the laborers,—this is your property, owned and operated by you, the same as the great corporations and department stores are now managed, but you would be the owners of this great concern and have a voice in its management. Do you not see what an army of people we shall set free, who are not producing a dollar's worth of value now, that can take hold somewhere and become useful to society and helping to produce values of which they with all others will share equally. Is this dividing up? If it is it's the kind proposed by the Socialists, instead of getting a wage offered by a master you are paid the full value of earnings accrued by the combined labor, which cannot be less than two thousand dollars per year.

Basing our estimate upon the most expert figures you will see by the above how much you have earned in the past that you did not get. Who did you divide up with? Space forbids going into detail upon so great a subject, or I might explain a great deal more . A few more hints wil serve for this time. The question is asked, "what will you do with the indifferent, the lazy, trifling, and the criminals?" That must be left to be solved by society itself. When the change comes, but it is safe to say that the helpless will be cared for THEN in a much better way than now. Not, in the poor house, no never! After one has served society until infirm from old age they have well earned the best the land affords in their declining years, and the many county farms now over our land, may be put to other use. From the "lazy" or "indifferent" who do not wish to help produce values for himself, the same as all others, we will withhold any support until he is willing being unable to live any other way. The "criminals" are a question that must be left also for society to decide according to its requirements, but I might say that the element of graft entirely removed, and replecced with a more sane system of life, that we believe we will have removed to a great extent the incentive to crime, which of course would take a few years to test ont, and we of all other parties can and will adopt the very best method to be found which promises to LEAD all other efforts heretofore employed in dealing with the criminal classes, that we fully believe we shall be able to reduce it in the aggragate.

WHAT NEXT?

The Plunderbund in the National House of Representatives lead by such "statesmen" as Congressman Rainey and others are sending out under the government franking privilege extracts from an article by J. B. Barnhill, editor of The American Anti-Socialist of Woshington, D. C.

This leaflet that is being distributed by the thousand and paid for by the tax payers of the country also contains a list of anti-Socialist pamphlets and books.

Every Socialist should send to J. B. Barnhill, Anti-Socialist, Washington, D. C. for ac opy of this leaflet, and then send for some of the books and be an eye witness of the shrewd and bold manner in which the Plunderbund in congress is using the government frank to advertise anti-Socialist litlerature, and by so doing learn how our enemies are placing the Socialist party in a false position. In bold relief on the upper left hand corner of the envelope that is being sent out by "statesman" Rainey we read the following in large type: "The Fallacies And Dangers of Socialism," and "What to Read on Socialism." Whoop-ee! Got you Steve. Well be Johnny Jump Uped if that don't beat a hog a flying! What next? Go and tell Crazy Horse of blessed memory at Lobster Bay. Working the franklin privilege of the government on a wholesale scale to advertise anti-socialist literature. Well, well that is going some.

Be sure and send for the circular referred to, and also some of the books and pamphlets on "The Dangers of Socialism." Then if you are a non-socialist you should get some good standard books on Socialism and read them carefully if this don't convert you it is quite likely that you will die and if you have so much capitalistic mud on your brain that you can not discern between the good and the evil in the controversy of Labor Vs. Capital then you ought to die. D. C. GIBSON.

Muskogee, Okla.

Remember at the same timeRainey is a Democrat from the Romanist cinched state of Illinois. Democrats are now busy rubbing it on to Senator Lodge for using his "frank" on Sugar Trust literature. "When thieves fall out" the truth is told sometimes. No use for Democrats to show up Republicans for "they all do it." Its an old abuse and Socialism would stop it.

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GOOD BURGLARS AND BAD ONES.

The Tacoma (Wash.) Daily News recently said:

"When Mrs. Fred Morris of Los Angeles, Cal., started to rush for a doctor Thursday night, alarmed because her baby had the croup, she encountered a masked man at the door and he told her to hold up her hands. 'My baby is dying, and I am going for a doctor,' she exclaimed, disregarding his command. Putting his revolver in his pocket, the burglar said: 'Let me help you,' and she led him into the room where the baby was lying.

"The burglar asked for vinegar, sugar and water and concocted a mixture which he forced down the infant's throat. Then he rubbed olive oil on the child's chest and worked for an hour before he told the mother it was out of danger.

" 'You must have a baby yourself,' remarked Mrs. Morris.

" 'I have five,' replied the man. 'That's why I am here tonight.'

" 'You saved my baby's life,' said Mrs. Morris. "Had I had a doctor he would have charged me $5. You shall have it instead.'

"She handed him a bill. The man placed the bill in the baby's hand. Then bowing courteosly, and still masked as he had been throughout his visit, the burglar bade Mrs. good night.

"Mrs. Morris refused to give the police a description of the burglar and begged them not search for him."

Now I venture to make the inquiry if that burglar is as bad a man as the big financiers of Wall Street, who by cornering food stuffs, transfer from the pockets of the people millions of dollars into their own pockets? Every intelligent reader understands that the watering of corporation and trust stocks is a legal trick through which the shrewd capitalists get millions of value for the triffling cost of printing the bonds and stocks.

Thomas W. Lawson. the Boston capitalist, says that they have flooded the country with forty billions of counterfeit stocks and bonds. I know a man rated to be in possession of twenty-five or thirty millions who never. I think, returned to the world one dollar of value for that colossal fortune. He got his vast wealth speculating on Wall Street by "cornering" food stuffs. He would buy up all the wheat, corn, lard or other farm produce, and force up the price, then sell and pocket a million or more of profits. It is stated that nearly every one of the well-known multi-millionaires "made" their immense fortunes without returning to anybody an equivalent therefor. That is not stealing in the eyes of the law, but what is it from a moral viewpoint?

Working people create all wealth, but are tricked out of 83 per cent of it, as shown by the statistics. The census reports of the United States of 1900 show that the average product of the workers was $2,451 per year, or $7.90 a day, but the average wage was but $437, or $1.40 per day. They therefore got but 17 per cent of their earnings. The stock-watering-get-something-for-nothing philanthropists get 83 per cent of the created wealth.

Mr. Lawson frankly confesses that he has acquired millions of property by this unfair system because he saw other "Christian captains of industry" in the game, but for the safety of the country he says that something must soon be done to stop such dishonest practices or the country will go to wreck and ruin. His proposed remedy is for Uncle Sam to refuse to transmit the advertisements of the "captains of big business through the mails. Now, if the situation were not so alarming, Lawson's proposition would excite the hilarity of everybody who has given the matter any serious investigation.

Judge Dittenhoefer, in Everybody's Magazine, says:

"I am not sure that Mr. Lawson's remedy, the exclusion of Wall Street gambling transactions from the mails, would be a complete remedy. The Wall Street arch conspirators would be able to use their private wires and lure the confiding public to their ruination."

Socialism alone proposes the true remedy for this crime of robbing the industrial classes out of 83 per cent of their earnings by the cunning financial sharks. The Socialist says: "Let the nation own the trusts and operate them in the interests of all the people." Uncle Sam can conduct a railroad or an oil mill or coal mine, or any other public utility as easily as he can dig the Panama canal, irrigate an Idaho desert or manage the postal business.

It is the present system of industrialism that produces the little robbers as well as the big ones. I will venture to say that the little burglars, like the one mentioned at the beginning of this article, are less dangerous to the community and many of them are more "desirable citizens" than the big robbers who pocket thousands of millions of dollars which they take from the working people without paying a dollar therefor.

THE VICES OF THE POOR.

It is a pity that those who speak disparagingly of the masses have not wisdom enough to make due allowance for unfavorable circumstances in which the masses are placed. Suppose that after the evidence it should turn out that the working men do exhibit greater vices than those more comfortably off; does it therefore follow that they are morally worse? Shall as much be expected from their hands as from those born into a more fortunate position? Surely the lot of the hard handed laborer is pitiable enough without having harsh judgments passed upon him.

To be wholly sacrificed in other men's happiness; to be made a mere human tool; to have every faculty subordinated to the sole function of work—this, one would say, is alone a misfortune, needing all sympathy for its mitigation.

It is very easy for you, oh, respectable citizen, seated in your easy chair, with your feet, on the fender, to hold forth on the misconduct of the people, very easy for you to be a pattern of frugality, of rectitude, of sobriety. What else should you be?

Here are you surrounded by comforts, possessing multiplied sources of lawful happiness, with a reputation to maintain, an ambition to fulfill, and prospects of a competency for old age.

If you do not contract dissipated habits where is the merit?

How would these virtues of your stand the wear and tear of poverty? Where would your prudence and self-denial be if you were deprived of all the hopes that now stimulate you, if you had no better prospect than that of the Dorsetshire farm servant with his seven shillings a week, or that of the perpetually straitened stocking weaver, or that of the mill hand with his periodical suspensions of work?

Let us see you tied to an irksome employment from dawn to dusk; fed on meager food, and scarcely enough of that: married to a factory girl ignorant of domestic management; deprived of the enjoyments which education opens up; with no place of education but the pot house; and then let us see if you would be as steady as you are.

Suppose your savings had to be made, not as now, out of surplus income; but out of wages already insufficient for necessities, and then would be as easy as you at present find it.

How offensive it is to hear some pert, self-approving personage, who thanks God that he is not as other men are, passing harsh sentence on his poor, hard-worked, heavily-burdened fellow countrymen, including them all in one sweeping condemnation, because in their struggles for existence they do not maintain the same prim respectabilities as himself.

Of all stupidities there are few greater, and yet few in which we more doggedly persist, than this of estimating other men's counduct by the standard of our own feelings. We cannot understand another's character except by abandoning our own identity, and realizing to ourselves his frame of mind, his want of knowledge, his hardships, his temptations and discouragments. And if the wealthier classes would do this before framing their opinions of the workingman, their verdict would savor something more of that charity which covereth a multitude of sins.

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