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FORD COUNTY FARMERS NOT SUFFERING

Bumper Crops of Last Year Will Tide Them Over Shortage of Present Season.

DODGE CITY, KAS.—Ford county farmers aren't pleased over the impression that seems to be gaining ground in the Eastern states, at least that the Western part of the state is suffering as a result of the dry weather and grasshoppers. The county had a bumper wheat crop last year, more than 3,000,000 bushels, the largest in the state with one exception. The farmers also had the best crop for years, with plenty of oats and alfalfa.

There is plenty of feed left in the county to keep the stock through another year, they say, and the money realized from last year's crop will keep all of them from calling on the state for aid. The wheat crop this year was harvested before the hoppers came. There will be little corn but a rain in a week will make plenty of feed. While they admit the crops don't equal last year's yield the farmers are still a long way from being destitute.

There is no shortage of water reported in the county, nor in fact, in the Western part of the state. The wells are holding out and the irrigation streams are still flowing. Down the new railroad around Montezuma and Copeland it is too wet to plow as the result of four inches of rain last week. Farmers laugh at the report that they will ask the legislature to appropriate $500,000 to help them out or that they will accept any of the money if it is appropriated.

You belong in the Organization if you believe in the principle. What excuse can you offer for not being in? Tell it to some one else.

RATHER MIXED.

Wife—Hubby, how do you like my new mourning costume?

Hubby—The taste that defends a style like that hasn't got a leg to stand on!

A WOMAN COP "NAILS" HIM

Tells Chicago Street Corner Masher to "Beat It."

CHICAGO.—A nattily dressed young man stood on State street today tipping his hat and smiling at passing women shoppers. Then came one touched him on the shoulder.

"Say, you b . . . d," ordered a voice at his elbow.

"Why, madam," stammered the perplexed youth as he turned and perceived a stern faced woman. "May I ask who you are?"

"I'm a member of the Chicago police department—a policewoman, to be exact," she replied. "You are a masher, I take it, and have no business here. Now you just move on as fast as you can."

The youth disappeared in the crowd.

The "copper" was Mrs. Alice Clements, one of the ten policewomen sworn in yesterday. It was her first experience on duty.

LURING LABORERS TO BRAZIL

A commissioner from the Brazilian government is now visiting the cities of the United States, under the auspices of the Pan-American Union and being entertained by the various chambers of commerce, for the purpose of "boosting the advantages of Brazil. The Pan-American Union has also just published a very elaborate volume singing the praises of that nation.

Similar efforts are being made throughout Europe to entice workingmen to the South American country.

The other side of the picture is presented in a letter to the Leipziger Volkszeitung from Rosendo dos Santos, secretary of the central body of the Brazilian trade unions. It seems he knows the writings of all countries to stay away from Brazil, saying that even in the most famine stricken nations things could not be worse.

From many portions of Brazil, particularly the northern states, he says, the blackbirders are already fleeing at from a pestilence. In these states the workers receive as pay only sufficient of the coarsest food to maintain life. They are kept in practical slavery to the great landowners through a set of exceptional laws that followed the nominal abolition of slavery.

All attempts at organization have been crushed out with the most inhuman barbarity, and all efforts at repealing the oppressive legislation have failed. He calls upon the organized workers to make an international protest against these conditions.

CALIFORNIA IS BOILING OVER WITH SOCIALISM

LOS ANGELES.—There may be a Socialist slump somewhere, but it is not in California. From end to end this state is boiling with Socialist activity.

Victor L. Berger is in the state for three dates, and at every point extraordinary preparations are being made for him.

J. Stitt Wilson, who refused to accept a renomination as mayor of Berkeley because he wished to conduct "social crusade" in California, is arousing tremendous enthusiasm wherever he goes. He remains in each place for a week and usually has a big tent or the largest auditorium and when he leaves the place is teeming with Socialism.

A recent issue of the Social-Democrat of this city has reports of 11 meetings from different parts of the state, each of which contained some extraordinary feature showing increased interest. A halt dozen speakers of national reputation are being poured through the state and report audiences of from 500 to over 1,000 at each place. All this agitation is going on at a time when there is no state campaign and during what are supposed to be the fallest months for Socialist propaganda.

San Francisco Socialists are preparing for a municipal campaign this fall and have adopted a platform calling for the nomination of city government along working class lines.

A state-wide protest against further importunement of Harry M. Meyers and C. E. Kirkwood in bringing a flood of resolutions and petitions into the office of the governor and has caused him to agree to give the petitioners a hearing.

THE INDIANS ARE NOT DECLINING

Half-Breeds Responsible For Their Growing Numbers.

From the New York World.

Indian statistics made public by the census bureau show that the redmen are not decreasing in number, but the half-breeds are responsible for the growth in the Indian population. They have larger and more vigorous families than the pure blood and the statisticians conclude that the pure bloods are destined to disappear.

The total Indian population of the United States by the latest returns was given as 265,683 and of Alaska as 25,331. More than one-half are full bloods, 25 per cent are of mixed blood, and for 8 per cent information was not obtainable.

There is little intermingling of Indian and negro blood, more than nine-tenths of the half caste being of white parentage. Only 2,255 were of mixed negro blood and only 1,795 had all three strains.

Oklahoma has the largest Indian population of any state and also the largest percentage of mixed bloods. There are many "squaw men" in the state who have married Indian women to be shared as sharers in the tribal estates.

Utah, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado show more than 85 per cent of full bloods and Iowa and Mississippi have a large percentage of pure bloods in the Fox and Choctaw tribes.

In the whole country there are 250 Indian tribes, speaking fifty-six languages.

CAPITALISM.

At a certain stage of development it brings forth the material agencies for its own dissolution. From that moment new forces and new passions spring up in the bosom of society; but the old social organization fetters them and keeps them down. It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.—"Capital," by Karl Marx.

MICHIGAN NEWS LETTER.

Calumet, Mich., Aug. 14, 1913.
W. Lanferdick:

State militia riding down defenseless people on side walk. Ravishing young girls and assaulting and shooting strikers and their families. Shot one man in the back while peacefully on his way home on country road. Hired gun men and thugs tonight nearly murdered two men in cold blood and seriously wounded two others and one little child while cutting supper in their own home. Dead lies in effort to provoke men to commit overt acts. People horrified and terrorized but are behaving magnificently. Men standing firm. Not one sound of one being misled. Capitalist baiting desperate. Public sentiment turned completely against them. Believe they must concede demands of Labor.

Notify Labor Press and all sympathizers.

(Signed) J. H. WALKER,
Representing Mining Dept. American Federation of Labor

WILL FREIGHT THE SEED WHEAT FREE

Commissioners to Supply Certificates Railroads Will Honor.

TOPEKA.—The Kansas public utilities commission has written to all of the counties of the Sixth and Seventh districts to learn which if any want the railroads to haul seed wheat to farmers without charge for transportation. The commission has gotten out certificates which it will supply to farmers through the county commissioners in which the farmers can have seed wheat hauled to them free of charge by the railroads.

Letters from a half dozen county clerks were received today telling of conditions in their counties. The reports summarized are:

Hawkins—Has enough wheat for seed and bread and some to sell. Not much corn. Plenty of roughness for stock feed. Alfalfa good and a large yield of seed in prospect.

Ellsworth—Considerable seed wheat raised, and probably will not want any hauled in free.

Gove—Want from 400 to 500 certificates.

Ellis—Will not want any outside assistance, as the county can well take care of itself.

Pawnee—Has lost this year's crop, and will want about 300 certificates.

BAD EGGS FOR THE I.W.W.'S 81 ARRESTS

Riots Occur at Minot, N. D., When Agitators Try to Unionize Farm Hands.

MINOT, N. D.—Eighty-one men today are in jail as a result of rioting, which has occurred here in the last forty-eight hours in connection with the attempts of the Industrial Workers of the World to conduct street meetings here and to organize farm hands into a union. Charges of inciting riot probably will be lodged against the leaders.

Incensed over alleged insults to the American flag, citizens attacked the Industrial Workers and scenes of wildest excitement followed. The police were unable to control the strikers, and called upon the sheriff and the fire department.

A threatening mob surged about the jail and bloodshed for a time was expected. The trouble began Saturday night, when Jack Law, a street speaker, and his followers were made targets for a volley of bad eggs. Many of the distributors as well as speakers then were placed in jail.

Although warned against holding street meetings, the Industrial Workers resumed their activities last night. Early today nearly every man and boy in town had joined the throng and the agitators were openly threatened. It was reported that many citizens were armed.

Oewey Dorman, Socialist street commissioner and Art Lesuer, former Socialist president of the city commission and prominent in state politics were among those jailed.

WATCH OUR SMOKE

A Valuable Addition is Made To Our Central Plant Force.

The Central Plant has just secured the services of a red hot Socialist who is a way up job man both as to getting work out with dispatch and in an up-to-date style.

This comrade now has charge, as foreman, of the largest job plant in Fort Scott, Kansas, and during the past three or four months has pail the Central plant several visits and has decided that we have here an excellent chance for building up one of the best and largest job printing plants in the country.

This is one of those ardent Socialists who feel that his place is where he can do the most for the cause even though it does not pay as large a salary.

Our job department just as it is now equipped can pay its own way, give the comrades money on their printing, give them the best of work and make from $25 to $50 per week to pay out on our newspaper plant.

Now comrades we can give you the best of job printing, printing you will be proud of, get it to you almost as quickly as you can get it from any of the free-for-all shops in your home town.

Now lets get down to business, get the labor unions lined up and in the habit of coming our way for their printing. Get your friends and other business men to do business with us to try us, and every Socialist who reads this will surely send any printing he or she may have to do to this shop and thus while helping themselves, aid in making one of the best and largest print shops in the country.

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FRENCH SOCIALISTS HAVE LITTLE FUN AT OPPONENTS' EXPENSE

PARIS.—Whenever a speaker in the chamber of deputies makes a speech that is considered as a particularly effective piece of campaign work for the majority the chamber votes to post it on the official bulletin boards throughout France. At the close of the debate on the increase in the term of military service, the minister of justice, M. Ratier, had prepared what was intended to be the final crushing blow to the Socialist opposition.

This much heralded climax was found to consist almost entirely of tracts from Socialist writings for many years back denouncing war, military service and jingoism. When he had finished this speech upon which the government proposed to rest its case, Jean Jaures, the Socialist parliamentary leader, rose and solemnly moved that it be posted. The government was in a panic and demanded an explanation. Because we wish to show to the people of France the completeness of the hypocrisy of the present government, he replied Jaures.

Frightened at this show of friendliness, the government forces were rallied and voted solidly against the posting of the speech. Now all France is laughing at the dilemma of a government that dare not send out to the people its great defense.

JAPAN IN FAVOR OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Declare Family System of Nation, However, Will Check Move for Some Time to Come.

TOKIO.—So much interest has been taken in the question of rights of Japanese women that important publications have gathered a symposium of views of prominent men. The great majority favor an extension of privileges to women.

Viscount Uchida, former ambassador to Washington, declared it is quite justifiable for educated Japanese women to follow the examples of their western sisters in claiming political rights. He feels, however, that the long established and strong influence of the family system in Japan will be effectual in checking a general spread of the movement for some time to come.

Dr. Tatebe, professor of sociology at the Imperial university, regards the "new women" of Japan as "poisoned" by this "fad" from America and Europe. At the same time the nation has reached a stage where education of women should be so directed, he says, as to produce women who have full consciousness of their place in the national life and needs.

Count Okuma argues that inasmuch as the two sexes perform different functions in society, they should be educated along different lines. The English suffragettes are drastic in their actions because society in England has reached an unnatural state by reason of the large number of English women who are unmarried. In America the movement is of a milder form, because there the supply of male population goes on steadily.

So far as Japan is concerned, Count Okuma finds that the growing economic independence of women has compelled men to show greater respect to their wives and to exercise restraint in their old, lordly attitude. This has been an excellent thing, since it contributes to greater harmony in married life.

TO LOCAL EDITORS

If you find sometimes typographical errors, before you register a kick, just reread your copy or get someone to do it and see if the i's are all dotted, the t's all crossed and the e's not undotted l's and a comma once in a while, and a new sentence starting with a capital letter etc., etc. Then too, editor's scissors, you'll find less errors to kick about, and we here in the Central will be in better humor. Some Comrades send copy that makes us smile and are a joy to the Compositors and that make little work, but if some would not crowd their copy so much, have a comma now and then and remember we are not telepathic mind readers, and so write clear and plain, we'd "rise up and call you blessed."

Speaking of typographical errors: A romantic and sentimental youth wrote a "poem." He used these words: "He kissed her under the shining stars." The print said: "He kicked her under the cellar stairs," and the youth took his hat and moaned, and said some unpalatable things.

If possible typewritten copy, (when the lines are not all jammed together, or no margin on either side), is best, but copy written clear, round hand, good black pencil, is all right, the editors and with well formed letters, its often better than careless hasty typewritten.

GERMANS EAT DOG MEAT.

6,132 Animals Slaughtered and Officially Inspected Last Year.

BERLIN.—The consumption of dog meat as a food in Germany, probably as a result of high meat prices, increased greatly in 1912. Every year since 1907 has shown a considerable gain, but the 1912 figures are striking. Against 1911, in which year the number of dogs slaughtered under official inspection was 6,552, the total for 1912 rose by 1,579 to 8,132. These figures, moreover, are but a small fraction of the total consumption of dog flesh, for a majority of the animals are slaughtered at home without the formality of an inspection.

Saxony remains, as ever, the chief center for dog slaughtering, recording 4,286 dogs killed as against 2,748 in 1911. Prussia, however, is in second place with 2,630 in 1912 as against 1,917 in the preceding year.

AUGUST BEBEL DEAD

At Graubuenden Switzerland on August 13th The Grand Old Man of Socialism" died.

For Over 40 Years He Has Held a Seat in The German Reichstag. And Was The Oldest Social-Sitting in That Body.

He was one of the few leading Socialists who remained in Germany during all the bitter years of the "Laws of Exemption" 1880 to 1890, when Socialism as proscribed by Bismarck in the effort to stamp it out. At that time most of the prominent Socialists of Germany were compelled to seek exile. But Bebel remained in the city of Borsdorf, near Leipzig, and when, at last the German voters rose and drove Bismarck into retirement, Bebel led victorious hosts. Bismarck had the power and prestige of the German Empire at his back, but Bebel had the power of a great idea, and he lived to see, the mad bull of brute power retired from the field, and the idea continue to grow towards an assured victory. Had Bebel but survived but a few more years, he would have seen that idea in possession of Germany, if not Europe.

As it is his life has been one that will make his name more honored in an age of Bismarks and advocates of reaction and suppression. In fact even in Germany, Bismarck will be rated as a brute and a savage, and Bebel as a man to be held in love and reverence, which is the only fame that is lasting.

PARCEL POST FINALLY WILL OUST RIVALS

WASHINGTON.—"I agree with Commissioner Clark of the Interstate commerce commission that the parcel post must absorb most of the express business of the country," said Postmaster General Burleson. "The express company will pass out in the course of time.

"Instead of trying to improve and enlarge the parcel post service, it will take 5, 10 or perhaps 15 years to make the service what it ought to be, but improvement is certain to come. Congress has just taken by the department, in increasing the limit of the parcel from 11 to 20 pounds, it is logical step. It is a forerunner of what will come.

Mr. Burleson believes that express competition will be eliminated, but he will not ask the attorney general to give an opinion on the legal meaning of "packet" so as to keep express companies from competing for the package business now done by the parcel post.

"That question will not be brought up," said Mr. Burleson. "It will come when the final contest comes over the parcel post business it will be between the railroad and the government and not the express companies."

It is believed by post office department experts that soon after the limit of the parcel is increased to 100 pounds some of the express companies will quit the field.

SOCIALISTS NOTICE

From Argenta Times 8-9-13., Argenta, Arkansas.

Socialism is easily and by long odds the most vital, the most important and the most universally discussed proposition of the times. Top adoption of the program of Socialism means the Universal salvation of mankind. Without the establishment of this Program, like those bound hard and fast in some "Inferno," for the world's really useful workers, there is no hope. One of the wisest men of whom history has yet made record has said, "Every man and every Woman owe it to those immediately dependent upon them, to themselves, to the people now living and to future generations, to investigate and familiarize themselves with the Philosophy of Socialism."

Any one desiring to test the accuracy of the above statements, or wishing to secure general information concerning the general subject of Socialism, will be gladly accommodated if they will correspond with the undersigned.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO CARDINAL GIBBONS.

By R. A. Dague, Author of "Henry Ashton" etc

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are the official head of the Roman Catholic Church of America. At a National Convention of Confederated Societies of the Catholic Church held recently at Milwaukee, Wis., according to published reports, you, and other distinguished clergymen declared that in the future, the Roman Catholic Church would oppose Socialism.

Now I am a Socialist and believe in God and the immorality of the soul, and I write you in the spirit of the Christ asking you for the reasons why you and your church propose to make war on Socialism.

Pardon me for saying that I am author of a book on Socialism which has attained to a considerable circulation: I am a student of political economy, and for twenty years, have made a study of Socialism, and I feel competent to state its cardinal doctrines. Let me summarize them as follows:

God, or nature, provided land, water, air, light, electricity, oil ,coal, and numberless other things for the well-being of humanity. Socialism says, these things necessary for the happiness of the people, should not be monopolized by a few, for their private profit, but all should share in the benefits resulting therefrom according to the service they render to the community. They say, "Every able bodied adult person should be a worker with head or hand in some useful pursuit, and receive the full value of his labor." One of the Socialist mottos is "Every one shall be rewarded according to his deeds."

Socialism proposes to substitute a co-operative industrial system for the present selfish competitive one, and eliminate stock-watering, speculation, (or the getting of values for nothing) interest, rent,, profits, child-slavery, white slavery—in short, all sorts of compulsory servitude. Socialism would establish homes for aged people, pension widows and the infirm, take all the children out of the shopes and mines and put them in school, foster education, abolish war, guarantee every child born into the world a square deal and a fair race in life.

Socialism would not abolish all private property, but would socialize only those utilities or industries of a public nature, or that class of property used in creating more wealth.

The four corner stones of Socialism are justice, reciprocity, universal brotherhood, and universal peace, and its chief motto is "An injury to one is the concern of all. We are all for one, and each for all." Socialism says the time has arrived to dispense with Kings and Czars and plutocrats and to abolish war and settle national disputes by international courts of arbitration. It is time in America and several of the European states, to establish co-operative commonwealths, or Governments in which the people may conduct their own affairs democratically, through the Initiative, Referendum and Recall, in which status women shall exercise equal political privileges with men.

While Socialism would, in many respects, change the form of Monarchial and Representative Governments, it would not repeal the laws which guarantee to every citizen, religious freedom or the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. Socialism is irrevocably opposed to an established state religion, and a union of church and state. Socialism is a defender of the Public School system everywhere, to the end that the children of the poor, as well as the rich, may have the benefits of a good education. While Socialism is purely an economic and social movement and says nothing about religion, yet its principles are in strict accord with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

One of its fundamental propositions is that "God has so interwoven the happiness and well being of every soul, into one inseparable bond of unity and interdependence, that what is good for one unit of society is good for all, therefore, their motto is, "We demand equal opportunities to all, special privilege to none."

Fifty might that noble Christian woman, Francis E. Willard, say: "Oh, if I had my life to live over again, I would devote it to the promotion of Socialism for it is true, practical Christianity. It is God's way out of the Wilderness."

Truly might a writer in the Encyclopedia Britianica say: "The ethics of Socialism are identical with the ethics of Christianity." It stands for justice; it opposes war, it would abolish poverty, it champions the cause of the poor exploited working people; it pleads for the education of children; it would make comfortable the aged; it would enfranchise women; it would foster temperance and all good movements; it has high ideals; it proposes to establish the Kingdom of Righteousness on earth as prayed for by Christian people.

Now, dear Cardinal! In all seriousness I ask, why do you propose to marshal millions of Catholics, largely working people, to array themselves against a great and good movement, the object of which is to make better conditions for the toilers and the poor? Why do you cast your great influence on the side of the Kings and tyrants and the rich oppressors? Are you opposing Socialism as some people contend, because you feel an intense antagonism against the Free Public Schools of America? Again: it has been asserted that you and Rome have a great desire to finaly repeal that provision of our National Constitution which guarantees to every citizen religious freedom. It has been charged that the Roman Clergy denounce our Constitution and our public schools as something that should be abolished by the church, when it gets the necessary power, and that they will prohibit freedom of speech and of the press.

Now I admit that Socialism does steadfastly champion these institutions refered to, and that by destroying Socialism, you would deal a serious blow to the public schools and religious freedom. But influential as the Catholic Clergy may be with their laity, I doubt if they can marshal a majority of them to agree to abolish the Free Schools of the poor and establish a state religion. I am persuaded that there are also millions of voters who are not Socialists who will not be willing to assist the clergy of any church, Catholic, Protestant, or Jewish, in their effort to unite church and state in order to defeat Socialism.

The motto of Individualism—of competition, is: "Every man for himself and let Satan take the hindmost." Individualism upholds monarchy, wages bloody wars for markets for the goods exploited from the workers, and sneers contemptously at the Golden Rule. It monopolizes lands, and water, and machinery, and inventions, and transportation, and light and fuel, and bread stuffs. It corners the markets of the world, floods the country with watered and fraudulent bonds and stocks, mercilessly brushes out all rivals, manipulates congresses, rulers and courts, subsidizes the press, muzzles the pulpit, and expends its ill-gotten gains in revelry, debauchery and gross immorality. It forces millions of tender children to toil in shops and mines who ought to be in school, crowds down the wages of working people, advances the prices of food and clothing of the poor, shoots men down as it would dogs for striking for shorter hours of toil or a trifling advance in wages. Individualism has drenched the world with blood, broken up millions of homes, flooded the courts with divorces, crowded the prisons and alms houses, and insane asylums with its victims, forced thousands of despondent ones to suicide, driven millions of girls into lives of shame and degredation for bread, stunted and murdered vast multitudes of children whom it forced into lives of toil, created in all the cities slums that are festering with ignorance, corruption and crime and has cursed the race with its selfishness, malevolence and greed.

Socialism comes as the friend of the poor, the homeless, and the exploited. Emblazoned on its banners are "Universal Brotherhood—Peace on Earth Good Will to Men—An Injury to one is the concern of all."

I hope, dear Cardinal and Brother, that you will do me the great favor to answer to me either privately or through the public press, a statement of the reasons why you, a distinguished representative of a great church, should make bitter warfare against a world-wide movement that champions the cause of the working people and the poor, and why you align yourself on the side of Kings and war-lords, and oppressors of their fellow man, and assist them in continuing a system of cruelty, injustice, tyranny and war, which makes this otherwise happy world, a veritable hell.

I am yours for the betterment of our fellow men.

R. A. DAGUE.

Author, Iowa

A CAPITALIST COMMENDATION.

This letter to the Milwaukee Leader speaks for itself, and it well worth reading:

The following from The Republican-Register, Galesburg, Ill, a Taftified paper first, last and all the time, is worthy of a place in The Leader and a re-reading, I am sure.

"Leaves the City.

"H. J. Crouch has left the city and he has quite a number of friends here. He has put up a hard battle against the problem of existence the last few months, being much of the time out of employment, although through no fault of his own. He is so unfortunate as to be crippled and so is not able to engage in manual labor, and here could not get the work that one in his condition is best adapted to. Nevertheless he kept on. Occasionally he has written an article for the c lumns giving the views of the Socialists, for he is an ardent Socialist and has amassed a large fund of information on the subject. No man has a heartier feeling for the under dog than has Mr. Crouch, and but few more able champion his cause. He is now preparing a pamphlet for publication, out of which he hopes to realize something, and a man who has to go hungry because of his belief ought to find friends who will buy the work. What he says about inequalities are facts that are now being much touched on in congress. Probably if Mr. Crouch had not been a Socialist he could have the more readily obtained employment here, but that fact we are sorry to say appeared to have with some more weight than their spirit of humanitarianism. He is after all a very kindly fellow and a likeable one, and will be wished well. The world is not yet ready by a good ways to take up with all that he advocates, but unless men like him keep hammering away the dawn of the millenium is likely to be postponed. When one looks back 20 years he finds these people advocating the very things that are with the leading political parties today the chief propaganda. Who but the Socialists first advocated the initiative, referendum and recall, and many other such new popular measures. Then they seemed altogether too extreme, and now they are the favorite weapon of the politician, who, however, forgets their origin. The doctrine that Crouch preaches is calculated to make men a little more unselfish and a little more kindly and like brothers: it is a better doctrine than that contained in the shot and shell that are being belched from cannon in the Balkans. One thing that can be said of Mr. Crouch is that he is a firm believer in the gospel of the ballot and does not believe in advocating violence. He thinks that the ballot is the weapon that should be theagency for effecting reforms. Well, it is hoped that he may meet elsewhere with a kindlier fortune than he met here, for he is a man of ideas."

Just why the editor wrote this is one of the mysteries, unless he has been attending a "revival" and has gotten a good "dose" of religion, or has had a premonition that he's going to die and wants to atone, if possible, for his past political sins and give one Socialist a square deal before he stands before the Great Judge. However, he has has said some good things.

Please note carefully :"Comrade Crouch," says the editor, "has put up a hard battle for existence"—the thing every worker MUST do under capitalism—"out of employment much of the time, though through no fault of his own," yet they tell us the workers can always get work if they want it, that they are prosperous, get good wages under Republican prosperity.

While the system is doing its worst to put him under he "has a hearty feeling for the under dog." He is able, has a fund of information what he says about current conditions are FACTS, yet the system supported by this Taft,tariff editor would sink him beneath the wave.

Starve or Slave.

"If Mr. Crouch had NOT been a Socialist he could have the more readily obtained employment in Galesburg." Oh ye gods!

In "FREE" America—in great Illinois, in properous Galesburg, a man is refused employment—refused the right to sell himself as a wage slave that he might get a pittance to eat and something to wear, while the capitalists get the greater portion of his product. And all this, too, just because he's a Socialist—because he has sense enough to take the part of the slaves class. Close your mouths, ye hypocritical politicians and ye stipendary slaves of the church system, turn your faces from the "Just One until this damnable condition in "free." American shall find no protection under the folds of the star spangled banner. An honest man refused work because he thinks and acts for himself—thus living as a free man should live in a free country. Be our slave or starve commands of the capitalist.

The very things writes the editor, which the Socialists have advocated for 20 years past are the very things that are with the leading political parties today the chief propaganda.

Socialists first advocated the initiative, referendum and recall, etc., yet the politicians forget their origin.

Socialism—Unselfish, Kind, Brotherly

But best of all, the editor says: "Socialism is calculated to make men a little more unselfish, and a little more like brothers: It's a better doctrine than war."

AND YET—and yet—this editor MUST support ANOTHER system, and why—WHY? Echo answers "WHY!"

OTTO DELTON MAPLE.

Cameron, Ill.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS

By Eugene V. Debs.

Nearly all the crimes that are committed result directly or indirectly from the class rule—from one class keeping another in subjection. A great majority of the inmates of our prisons owe their conviction to offenses against property.

The ruling class in the state legalizes the institution of private property, without which class rule could not exist.

Under the capitalist system the means of life, essential to all, are the private property of the capitalist class, a subject class. It is compelled to submit to exploitation and degradation.

The class that owns the property is the class that relies society—the class that writes, enacts, interprets and enforces the law—in its own interests.

The institution of private property, "vested rights," is sacred to this class and to transgress its property laws is an offense against the state which cannot be too promptly or too severely punished.

Among the essential institutions of class rule is the jail, the prison.

The capitalist system could far better spare its national congress and its state legislatures than its county jails and its state prisons.

Congress and the legislatures consist mainly of and are controlled wholly by representatives of the working class.

Private property in the means of life enforces exploitation, idleness, poverty, theft, and murder.

Under class rule and private property crime graduates steadily from petty larceny to homicide.

The development of private property is followed by a corresponding increase in crime.

Hard times multiply crimes!

When men, eager to work, are literally driven to beg, steal or starve, they are cravens to beg and fools to starve.

The man who is denied work and would not steal to keep starvation from his child is unfit to have a child. Such a man has the right to help himself in any way he can after society has shut him out of the right to get an honest living.

Private property builds the public prison—and peoples it.

Capitalism and crime go hand in hand.

Capitalists are beginning to ask, "What shall we do to be saved?" The criminals capitalism has created are beginning to threaten its life. The largest penitentiaries are still inadequate. Taxes are increasing appallingly. Every city is infested with pickpockets, thieves, burglars, confidence men—all preying on society. They aim to steal, they are prepared to kill. They have nothing to lose and a job to gain.

The capitalist state refuses them honest employment, but guarantees them a steady job if they will steal or murder.

Most of the efforts to reform criminals and put an end to crime are wasted. Society as now organized is an effectual bar against both.

There is but one way to end crime, and that is to abolish class rule and give all men an equal chance to make an honest living. Modern machinery has made this an easy matter. No man need work more than is good for him—and no normal man will willingly work less.

My heart is with the criminals—all of them. It matters not what they are charged with, they are at least human and no man is more. In a great majority of cases they are the poor, the friendless, and homeless, the victims of circumstances they did not create and could not control. I have been close to them and I know them, and I can vouch that if they lived under an honest system and in a decent society they would be honest and decent men and women instead of pariahs and criminals.

These unfortunate victims of class rule become morally diseased. Their moral perceptions are dulled if not destroyed. They deserve a thousand pities. Society should do most for them because it has done most against them and they have suffered most.

Above all these unfortunate brothers and sisters of ours—mostly of our own despised lower class—ought to be treated with patience and kindness. That is the very least consideration the society that is responsible for them can show its hapless derelicts and if that is denied them then indeed must the ruling class alone be blamed for their downfall with its own callous degeneracy.

Until society is prepared to open its doors to there despised outcasts and give them a chance to live it is wasting its time crying to reform them.

If I could have my way I am sure that most of them would be reclaimed. All they require is humane treatment. The crimes they committed against society are infinitesimal in comparison with the crimes society has committed against them, and the society of the future—when human beings are civilized—will allone in every way in its power for heartlessly inflicting upon so-called criminals the penalties of its own monstrous crimes.

(—WHO'S A SAP-HEAD?—)

The other day while standing on a street corner waiting for a car to go home, some laboring men were discussing the payment of taxes. One of these men stated that taxes was no trouble of his, as he had no property. Surely a statement of that kind could come from no one but a (Sap-Head). He also wanted to impress upon his friends that now that we had a change of President, he knew that times would get better. Let me say to all such men that a change of Presidents, never did, or never will bring any materially change for the better, as long as the working class of the nation don't know that they have the taxes to pay whether they own any property or not. A I have repeatedly said that a nation gets just the kind of government it deserves, for if the government is bad it is because the people have not got sense enough to insist on having something better. We have in this country plenty of good individual thinking; but individual thinking can go away back and sit down and think itself black in the face, for it is not the individual thinking, but collective thought that counts and there is very little collective thought in this country.

And why is this, the people who do think don't get together, and unless they do get together, they are going to be exploited, but very little. The reason is that frivolous Americans, as many foreigners call us, get excited over nothing and pay no attention to those matters which virtually concerns us the most. Our politicians know this and go about their business as if we didn't exist. And for this reason it takes from ten to thirty years of agitation to work up any reform, and so long as the (Sap-Headed-Voters) of the country don't believe, or know that they have the taxes of the nation to pay regardless of whether it is direct, or indirect, as there is not an article you eat, wear or use that you do not pay a heavy indirect taxation on. And when you get this fact clear in your mind you will cease to vote any of the old party's tickets, for that is their cornerstone, to make you, the working class, pay all the taxes, and why not as long as you like it.

But I want to ask this question, and will pay for space in any paper in Pine Bluff, to any one who will dispute and disprove this statement. Why the working class have no property on which to pay taxes? Simply because the profit in commodities, is the difference between what the Capitalist class gives in wages to have a thing produced, and that which you pay for it. For instance you go into a store and pay $4.00 for a hat which really cost $2.00 to produce and place on the counter before you, you pay out half of your money for something that you don't get. You give away $2.00. Capitalism, the system for which these non-property owners vote takes two hundred cents away from them and gives nothing in return. This is robbery, but it is called profit in society. That's one way that keep you poor, for if men and women in addition to the full social value of their labor got one hundred cents worth of value for every dollar they put out they could never go broke, even if they spent that dollar for food which they consumed, it would create one hundred cents worth of labor power. There could be no such thing as poverty if you received the full social value of your labor and one hundred cents worth of commodities for each dollar you spent. Test this. Scrape together all the money that you can, and then go to the Bank and draw out all you have there on deposit, that wn't take you long, get it all together go to the postoffice, patronize an institution which is run for the use of all the people and not for the private profit for the few. Buy a dollar's worth of stamps, you will get one hundred one cent stamps for your dollar. Count your stamps and see how much poorer you'll be than before you bought them. You can't go broke buying postage stamps, of course you can use them. You can get the value out of them and then your dollar will be gone, but you will have recived one hundred cents worth of service—value—for your dollar. The mere fact that you bought them couldn't make you five cents poorer if you purchased a million dollars worth. Go into any other business institution and make any purchase from five cents to five hundred dollars, come out with the goods in your arms and you're poorer than when you went in. Aren't you?

The minute you told the clerk you'd take the suit of clothes you're wearing you were poorer than the second before, weren't you? Before you got the fractional part of a cent's wear out of it, the mere fact that you bought it, under a capitalist system, made you poorer. The merchant who sold you the clothes admites this, he says, "yes, the suit cost me $14; and the price to you is $22.50. I have to make that much profit to stay in business," and he does. He has to add the manufacturer's and jobbers profit to his own and in addition must pay rent, interest, clerk hire, taxes, advertising and a thousand and one incidental expenses. And he has to compete too, with all others clothing merchants, who are all doing the same thing. And here's the joke, you have to pay this profit on everything you use to keep the present capitalist competitive system going. It puts me in mind of an old woman back in Chicago, who used to make her living skinning eels, she'd take these fish out of the lake alive, slit them under the gills with a knife, insert the blade under the skin and just rip it off the quivering fresh.

I said to her one day, "Granny, you shouldn't do that. It's cruelty to animals, you should wait till they die; it hurts them." She looked up at me, sniffed, and said: "It don't hurt 'em, I been doin' this to them for thirty years. They're used to it." And so it is with you who are paying the taxes, it don't hurt you for you are used to it, you have been paying them so long that you think and have come to believe that your jobs would go to smash did you not keep paying them. Vote to own your own jobs and make the other fellow be to pay the taxes.

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CLEVE WOODRUM AN HUMBLE MARTYR TO THE CAUSE OF LABOR.

There are some who would wish us to believe that the West Virginia outrages have ceased since the Senate Committee and the Socialist party Committee have made their report, but they still go on.

Cleve Woodrum was picking berries for his sick wife, but had with him his rifle, when two hired murderers of the mine owners attacked him. Woodrum killed both of them, and was himself wounded. The other hired assassins, finding the two did not return from their murder, hunted and found one of the guards mortally wounded and the other dead. The wounded guard, Don Slater, they sent to the Hospital where he died, but Woodrum these Apaches tortured the wounded man and then mutilated his body and left it in the bush where it was afterward found by his friends.

This was a cowardly assassination and then a brutal savagery of which only savages are capable, and yet no paper but a few labor papers will mention it.

Read this letter from a Cabin Creek striker and remember that the mine owners, whose money hires these Apaches are mostly pious church members, and they pay some of this blood money to the preachers to preach as they the mine owners demand.

This may be Christianity, but it has nothing to do with the gentle and loving Jesus.

Our Comrade, Cleve Woodrum.

Esdale, West Virginia.

Cleve Woodrum, the martyr to the cause of human liberty, born October 12, 1884, killed July 24, 1913, entered the coal mines at the early age of 11, denied an education by the same class that hired the gunman to kill him. The departed comrade leaves a father, mother and eight brothers and sisters, an invalid wife with six little children, the eldest being eight years old and Mrs. Woodrum soon to become a mother. Cleve met his death while just out of hearing from home and was picking berries for his sick wife who had just returned from the hospital after undergoing surgical treatment. A plot between the coal operators and the military thugs to put Slater out of the way as Slater knew too much about the dirty work, murders and slugginas the coal operators had ordered and which had been carried out to the letter and the operators taking the advantage of the jealousy existing between the old line of Baldwins and the military Baldwins and Slater was ambushed by his own crowd.

Comrade Woodrum immoralized this great fight for the cause of justice and the freedom of his class from wage slavery, as much so as the John Brown martyrdom immortalized the scaffold for his opposition to chattel slavery. I knew the deceased when he was a little trapper boy in the mines years ago. Standing in water cold as ice up to his knees while the young bones were trying to develop and powder smoke so thick you could hardly see. Long weary hours of toil, and food that was kept in a dinner pail closed in tight for several hours which was not nutritious or fit to eat. Even at that Cleve was manly, honest, upright, square, hard working man. He had been in the Socialist movement about two years when he saw the light, his honest heart just responded to the working class's philosophy of reason that the worker should receive the full product of his labor just like the rose to a spring shower.

This was his creed, this was his religion. He professed the religion of humanity, the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and to attain that end he had the highest of motives first taught by a union carpenter and Social Revolutionist by the name of Jesus, put to death by the ruling class for his radical teachings and would not recant one iota. The union miners of this field should place a suitable shaft over his tomb and as well provide for his widow and little helpless children. Why not? The capitalist class pension their uniformed hired murderers for shooting down their own class and calling them heroes. So it is to the Socialist and union miners to provide for these widows and keep the grave green of working class heroes, as the coal barons forgot Slater as soon as the last breath went out.

A CABIN CREEK STRIKER.

This is the class war. Comrade Woodrum's tortured and mutilated body is the dumb witness to the class war, and should rouse us slaves to class consciousness.

We should resolve over the mutilated body of this humble and faithful comrade to unite, organize and resolve that this class war shall end in the comine Co-Operative Commonwealth.

TO THE QUITTER.

So you are tired and discouraged, and propose to lie down and quit.

Just when things are COMING OUR WAY all over the world. When the newspapers are compelled to give us attention. We are drawing the fire from the biggest batteries the enemy has.

In the face of all this you propose to lie down.

Well, good-bye!

There have always been those who lack the stern qualities and the grim persistence to keep on fighting until the goal is reached. There have always been these who drop out of the ranks, and take it easy, and then profit by the SACRIFICES OF THEIR COMRADES after the victory is won. There have always been those who want to get something for nothing. There have always been those who give the enemy aid and comfort by throwing down their arms in the midst of the conflict.

To one who was in the fight before you heard of it, your lament is babyish.

Some of your plans have not worked out as you expected. There were not as many voters as you thought there ought to be. You are unable to see visible results of your efforts. You have not been fully appreciated by your comrades.

Even so.

The changing of people's minds is a gradual, not a sudden, process. Seldom does a comrade see the direct results of his own individual efforts for the cause.

But, let him look back a few years, comparing the standing of the movement then with its standing now, and he will see the MARVELLOUS ADVANCE that has been made through the common efforts of all the comrades, including himself.

And let him not expect to be patted on the back every time he aims a blow at the enemy. There are others also in the fight.

Persistence—persistence—and yet again persistence—is the thing that wins.

And working for the great cause is the only thing that is worth living for at this stage of human progress. He who quits is dead. He is intellectually and spiritually deceased.

Let the faint-hearted and the weaklings lie down if they like.

But they whose courage and whose consecration to the cause make them worthy to be called men and women, will keep on fighting, with dogged determination, in spite of all obstacles and discouragements, until capitalism is conquered and labor takes possession.

JOHN M. WORK.

In the International Egg Laying Contest just closed at Put-in-Bay, Mich., the Rhode Island Reds were first. A pen of six hens layed 780 eggs in 180 days.

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PLAN TO RUIN ALL THE COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

By R. A. Dague.

A Democrat paper recently said: "So silently and insidiously that the great public is as yet almost unaware of its presence, a new trust is extending its tentacles out over the country. It is the mail order trust. Already its strangling grip is tight. Already its strangling grip is tight. and country merchants who are the backbone of national prosperity.

"The mail order trust has capitalized prison labor; it has capitalized misfortune; it has capitalized vice; it has turned all these things into dollars—dollars which should have found their way into the tills of the country merchant, instead of flowing into the trust's Wall Street hoard.

"One mail-order house recently increased its capital stock from $500,000 to $40,000,000. A new $10,000,000 merger of mail-order houses has been formed. Wall Street financiers including the Morgan banking firm, has had charge of both these financial operations. Still another mail-order house, with sixty-three acres of floor-space, made a net profit of $17,000 000 last year.

"It is evident that the greedy eyes of the great mail-order financiers are turned upon the entire retail business of the United States outside of the great cities. It is also plain that a gigantic trust is rapidly forming. The small retail merchant is facing ruin. That the grip of the octopus is already being felt is shown by the population statistics. Nearly 7,000 small towns lost population in the census of 1910.

"Through a systematic advertising campaign, the mail-order capitalists have sought to poison the public mind against the small merchant. The people have been told that there are too many merchants, and that their retail methods are wasteful and costly."

The foregoing is an editorial written and published by a Democratic editor. To him the "mail-order plan of business is an octopus," a veritable devil fish, a bad and wicked movement. He says it will finally drive the country merchant out of business, and that it ought to be smashed. Every intelligent Socialist knows that the Democratic brother predicts correctly the final result of the mail order business, but he is not frightened as is the editor. The Socialist is a philosopher—an evolutionist and not a stand-patter. He knows that the system of individualism practiced by our grandparents is being evoluted out by the new era of industrialism soon to be ushered in.

Steam, electricity, machinery—those eliminated the hand-loom, the spinning wheel, the individual shoemaker, the stage coach and the hundred and one other methods of carrying on the business fifty years ago. The little retail merchant will have to go. All industrialism is steadily changing from individual competitive methods to co-operative. Of course, the working of the law of evolution brings sorrow and trouble to many individuals, but blessings to a vastly greater number. Mountains of pain and suffering might be averted if the American people would adopt Socialism and take over into public ownership the larger industries of a public nature, which they might easily do without serious jar or jolt to any class of citizens, but unfortunately the great Democratic party is committed to the theory that trusts should be "smashed" and the country forced back to the business methods followed by our parents or grandparents; and the Republican party thinks that perfection in government and economics has been reached, and they should stand pat. That party is controlled by very rich men, who are thoroughly satisfied with things as they are(and say "let well enough alone."

The Socialists says that the law of evolution is pushing and pulling the human family to higher levels of usefulness, intelligence and happiness, and that as new machines are constructed and new discoveries made, society must adjust itself to the new and improved conditions and keep step with nature in its march onward and upward.

The mail-order trust and trusts generally are legitimate fruits of the law of progress or evolution. Whatever evils exist in them is due to the fact that they are owned by private individuals, which evils would soon vanish if the trusts were owned by the public collectively. The mail-order business is a step forward in the interest of the American people. The old-time manufacturer of shoes and simple hand tools could not stop the inventions nor the working of the law of evolution. Neither will the country merchant nor the old-party statesmen be able to stop them. The postal rural delivery, the parcel post, the mail-order business have come to stay until that time when Socialism will have been inaugurated, after which time they will be improved and enlarged and made a hundred fold more efficient and useful than they are at the present time.

The law of industrial evolution will continue to level down and level up, and re-adjust and sift things until the industrial affairs of a nation are ripe for the establishment of a co-operative commonwealth in which every person will gravitate to his proper place and every one shall be rewarded according to the service he renders.

OLD AGE.

"This work is really too hard for you; you had better get another job." This is not an imaginary remark, but was said in Buffalo less than two weeks ago. The actors in this tragedy were a business man and an employe somewhat over sixty years old.

This man had formerly been a bookkeeper for the concern, but failing eyesight had rendered him incapable of continuing that work, and he had been given something else to do. He had done this work well, but it really was too hard for him. Still, he had kept the job, because it was all he had, and the gray haired man is not much sought after in these days of push and go. Today the man, with a sickly wife, is looking for a job, and one can imagine how easily he will find one.

We do not place any particular blame on the members of the firm. This man had served them; he had been paid the customary wage, and was no longer physically able to do the work that was required, and, as they had competitors in their business, they must get out of such employe as much as their competitor could get. They needed a younger man. They also are victims of the system under which we live—this blessed competition, which is the "life of trade," and the death of humanity!

There are many who think that every man who has arrived at the age of 45 and has not provided himself with a home and a modest income has only himself to blame. They will point with pride to what they have done and with scorn to Smith, who is a hard drinker, or "Brown, who is lazy." If you can get far enough back in the history of these satisfied ones you will usually find that there has been inheritance, more or less, that helped them, and it will be found this part will be greatly minimized and stress laid upon their own exertions.

Could we lay bare the secrets of the lives of Smith and Brown we doubtless would find many reasons of heredity and environment that caused some of their derelictions. In the case of our acquaintance we do not know anything of his earlier life. He may have sown wild oats, he may have wasted his substance, but this we do know: That he was a worker and received a worker's wages, and from such very little can be saved for a rainy day, especially when sickness and death enter into the home. Since we have known him he has lived a moral, upright life, neither wasteful, improvident, or a drunkard.

Now, to you women we will present another scene in the tragedy. It is that of the aged and infirm wife, waiting at home for the husband's return, anxiously, yet dreading to see him come, almost sure of what she will see in his face before his lips can form the words. We have always maintained that, no matter what evil befall the working man, the greater part of the burden falls upon the wife, and the problem of unemployment coupled with old age is no exception to the rule. Don't think that it doesn't affect YOU. It has fallen upon many much better off financially than you are, and none are absolutely safe.

And what are we going to do about it? What can we do? In this particular instance, if any reader knows of anyone who can give this man employment, let us know at once. In general, however, we can only work unceasingly to interest our fellow-workers in the great cause that will remove this curse, this problem of an unprovided for old age.—Buffalo Socialist.

YOUR DUES ARE A DEBT OF HONOR

Your dues to the Socialist party are a debt you owe to yourself and your hope of better conditions for your family and your class. Do not let this debt go to protest.

Why should you wait for some one to come around and collect this debt? One of the fundamental principles of Socialism is that no one else can free you. Why should you expect some one else to do the work of conducting the party that is fighting for your freedom?

You say it is little you can do for Socialism. It is little a drop of water can do toward saving the corn crop, but that little is very important. It is the aggregation of the little that makes Socialism a power. It is far better that, way than that a few should do all and because doing all they would control all.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

THE SCHOOL BOY'S LIBERATOR.

Mi teecher keeps me after kiss
Bekos I cannot spel a whirl,
She tels me I can never pass;
I tel her that is kwite absird
The old, old way is out of dait,
Carnagy says, and I agre,
And rite in klas I boldly stait
No stand-pat speling now for me.

Columbus kaim across the se
To find this land of korn and whine
A grate diskuvrer he may be,
But there's another just as fine.
Carnagy he diskuvrd how
The English langwidge shood be spelt
And, grate as Kris's faim is now,
It's Andru C. wil war the belt.

The Washington is kwite a man
And Linkun ain't so very smal,
The Laird o' Skibo has thew sman,
He is the grandest of them al.
The only fiend in al the land
To teach children in the skools,
He took his litl hatchet and
He simplifide the speling rulz.

Yes, Andru is our leeding one;
He did a brave and nobel thing.
Like Genral Georg H. Washington,
He slu the inglish ov the king.
And more than that did Andru C.
Like Linkun in the war with Spane
He sets a million children fre
From waiting slavery's gawling chane.

—Newark Evening News.

FLOWER INSIDE A SOAP BUBBLE

To make a flower inside a soap bubble, pour water in which a good deal of soap has been dissolved into a plate or tray until the bottom is covered with liquid to the depth of one-eighth of an inch. In the center of the tray place a water lily or other flower, and over this a tin funnel. Then blow gently through the funnel while you are slowly lifting it at the same time. Continue blowing until you make quite a large film and then proceed to disengage the funnel, after having first turned it at right angles.

Flowers, spinning tops and other objects may be enveloped in this way The trick is one which always mystifies and delights.

MR. DAGUE'S CHILD STORIES.

One of the splendid features of our paper is the column devoted to child's stories by the Hon. R. A. Dague. Mr. Dague has for many year been an invalid, confined to a couch and unable to leave his room except for a brief space of time. While he is weak in body he is strong in mind, and being always a humanitarian he is now devoting him self to stories for children. These stories all have a moral to them, no one can read them, whether child or grown-up, that will not find them interesting, but will also find that they teach lessons in life that make the world better.

"As the twig is bent so will the tree grow. Start the child out in life with good moral training and humanitarian ideas and it will naturally grow up with exalted ideals of life.

Mr. Dague is doing more through the press to make the world better and happier by installing good thoughts and beautiful conceptions of life into our children than all the intolerant and cranky laws for making people good ever have or ever will do. He has received scores of compliments on these articles.

Nebraska—Ethel J. Shafer, newly elected state correspondent of Nebraska writes: "I have just made a start. I hope by the middle of July to have something more favorable to report. Of one thing I am convinced; that is, the locals in this state need a good awakening in regard to the party. How to do this is the next question. I find that none of the locals in Nebraska have local committees or women correspondents. Locals Fremont, North Platte and Omaha give me their promise of assistance."

Oklahoma—Mrs. M. A. Stallard of Oklahoma reports an awakening of interest among the women of that state. "During the past two months I have received many encouraging letters from locals over the state and it looks as if the women were awakening. Have circularized the state twice and sent samples of leaflets. I am going to keep at it." This is the spirit of the undaunted Oklahoman, the spirit which has placed Oklahoma in the fore ranks of the Socialist movement of America.

DON'T NEED 'EM.

"Why don't you establish old age pensions?" asked the welfare worker.

"Don't need 'em," replied the employer of child labor. "Our hands never live to old age."—Life.

ARKANSAS STATE NOTES

"We can gain our emancipation, —only by fighting capitalism. Fighting one another avails us nothing." —D. E. Newell, Bald Knob.

Have you done anything relative to your county organization? Now is the time to get busy with it.

"As soon as we can get a little money out of our crops, we want to put the Appeal in every home in our community, hoping to see this done by every local, I am, yours in the work, R. L. Shirley, New London."

"I have talked to several comrades about the new election law and we think it is the only thing."—S. K. Whitlock, Tuckerman.

"I suppose you thought this little local away down here in Lonoke county had gone dead but it is upon its feet again, and we expect to stand by the organization until the world is won to Socialism."—G. C. McMillan.

"Local Argenta wants to go on record as favoring the effort to get a new election law. It is the most important thing that faces the Socialists in the state now."—A. R. Finke, Argenta.

Comrade John W. Gaines has been elected state organizer for the negroes. Any comrades desiring information relative to this work should address him at Little Rock, Markham Street.

"Keep the work going, the kind that counts for success."—I. A. Smith, Booneville.

Comrades J. J. Clark and Will Lane of Goshen will organize say place in Washington and Madison counties for expenses. Comrades this is an opportunity of a life time to get the work that is needed done. Get busy and arrange for one of them.

A GOOD LETTER FROM COMRADE SHAVER.

The length of time to complete our returns in the last election and the glorious butchery, in evidence is sufficient to show the deficiency in our election laws.

That these can only be amended by placing in the hands of our legislature a good strong petition, wherein all parties shall have representation on the election boards. This will insure us a fair count and returns properly certified and sent to the proper authorities within a reasonable time. I would suggest that our State Secretary take the matter up, having the "Southern Worker" publish a petition in detail then the Secretary to send the petitions to all locals to procure all the signatures possible.

I also suggest that each comrade give a certain amount to defraying the expenses of this petition. This amount need not be a large one. The State Secretary can from the books ascertain how much is needed from each member, and then each Local can get busy. Get as many signatures as possible then forward them to the State Secretary who will arrange further details.

This is highly important and should have the loyal support of every comrade and person who wishes to see an honest election.

Yours for clean elections,
O. A. SHAVER,
Van Buren.

SPEAKERS DATES.

J. W. Webber.
August 21, 22 and 23, Decatur.

Carrie Turnidge.
September 2, Spadra.

D. Cobb.
September 2, Denning.

Stanley Clark.
September 4, Van Buren.
September 5, Ft. Smith.
September 6 and 7, Yellville.
September 8, St. Joe.

John Lancaster.
September 1, 30 Cleburne County.

Bessie Bartholomeu.
August 17, Argenta.
August 18, 22, White county.

Jeff Fowler.
August 18, 2 p. m. Harrison.
August 18, evening, Green Forrest.
August 18 and 19, Benton county.
August 21, 22 and 23, Decatur.
August 26, 30, Washington.
September 2, 3, and 4, St. Joe, debates.

It is estimated that $57,000,000 is the annual income from the white slave business in the United States

YOUNG SOCIALIST COLUMN

The present crop of Socialist will die off. It is well to prepare the young to take up the banner where we at the behest of death must let it fall. And the future is going to see the women marching abreast of the men on the road to emancipation. This suggests a work for the Socialist mother in that institution which capitalists praise too much and prey on still more, the home.

Y. P. S. L. NOTES.

Compiled by Vernon Ross.

Jennie Adelson, county organizer for the Oakland, Calif., League, reports several new leagues in Alameda county, Calif.

S. S. Hahn, Will Polard and Bertha Martin have been named by the Los Angeles, Calif., League for the purpose of perfecting a state organization.

There are over one hundred young people's Socialist leagues throughout the country doing splendid work for the movement in the immediate locality where they are situated.

A Y. P. S. L. was recently organized at Omaha, Neb., and judging from the spirit shown at the initiatory meeting the Omaha League will be heard from. Comrade Maynes, formerly of Los Angeles, was elected organizer.

The new commission form of management has been adopted by the Los Angeles League. It would be a good idea for other leagues, who find their present constitution faulty, to write to the Los Angeles League for a copy of their charter. Address 114 East Third St.

A suggestion has been made by a Kansas City, Mo., comrade that each league donate a per rata amount, say one cent per month from each member, to go into a national fund for the purpose of maintaining a permanent organizer in the field. The suggestion is a good one and should be discussed at your next business meeting.

Word comes from Sweden that the Y. P. S. L. in that country has outstripped the party itself and is doing wonderful propaganda work. A motor boat is used to reach those people living along the water front, while an auto is sent through the country spreading the gospel and organizing new locals.

WIDER USE OF THE COUNTRY SCHOOLHOUSE

The Socialists in the outlying districts of Ithaca, N. Y., hold their meetings, lectures, socials, etc., in the remodeled school building. They are the only group in town public spirited enough to take advantage of the recent ruling of the school board to throw open the building as a social center.

Theirs is not an isolated case. It bears out the experiences of comrades all over the country.

The case is interesting because of the fact that only recently three Socialists were elected to serve upon the school board. One of their first official acts was to restore the dilapidated school house, neglected by former administrations, to its proper condition. To extend the use of the building to all citizens was logically the next step.

As matters stand today, every passing hour reveals new horrors, deeper degradation of women, more brute passion of men, in spite of the numerous reforms, and the many crusades instituted by our preachers, settlement workers, and the fifty-seven varieties of progressive politicians.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

SUFFRAGE FIGHT IS NOW CENTERING IN WASHINGTON; VOTE OF FOUR MILLION WOMEN SHOULD BEAR SOME WEIGHT.

"Votes for Women" is beginning to make life very lively in Washington. A powerful feminine lobby is shamelessly working right out in the open, and every day more and more congressmen are marked down on its blacklist for the slaughter. A men's league has been formed.

In the congress of the United States the suffrage cause is upheld by the senators and congressmen from these states: Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Washington, California, Oregon, Arizona, Kansas.

That is to say, in these nine states the women have the full vote and can make that vote felt in the election of the representatives in Washington. To this should be added the facts that:

In Alaska women have the vote.

In Illinois they vote for all constitutional offices.

In 18 states they have school suffrage.

In four states, tax-paying suffrage.

In two states, bond suffrage.

While in the following states, called the "campaign states" suffrage amendments have passed the legislatures and will be voted on at a referendum in 1914: Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, South Dakota.

Therefore the actual suffrage strength today in the senate is one-fifth the membership, and in the house one-sixth. The fact that about 4,000,000 women vote for the president is also a thing for the president, at least to remember and reckon with. Should vote for women pass as it probably will in the four states just listed, it will mean that in the next presidential election a quarter of the senate and one-seventh of the house, together with one-sixth of the national electoral vote, will come from suffrage states. If it carries in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where it has passed one chamber of the legislature and must pass another before being submitted to the voters in 1915, there will then be more than one-third of the presidential electoral vote from the suffrage states. More than this, it is entirely possible that the campaign in some states will be carried along the lines so successfully used in Illinois.

The tide of women suffrage, clearly, is a rising, not a ebbing tide. Few congressmen from states threatened with its inundation have yet had the hardihood to play the King Canute act. The situation, however, is sufficiently tense without that.

May 14 the senate committee on woman suffrage, since 1892 a morgue for the annually presented suffrage ever heard in a legislative report favorably the Chamberlain resolution (fathered in the house by Mondely of Wyoming,) and in its report presented to the senate what the suffragists term "one of the strongest arguments for woman suffrageover heard in a legislative body." The amendment is now on the senate calendar, awaiting action.

At the other end of the capitol the women are equally busy, but against greater odds, for, strange as it may seem, the house is less "progressive" in regard to equal suffrage than the senate. What the women are asking of the house is not the passage of an amendment to the constitution, but the creation of a woman suffrage committee which shall look after the amendment. With this end in view the house committee on rules received a delegation last week, and listened to their pleas.

The chief argument for the proposed committee is that the committee on the judiciary, to which all suffrage bills have been referred for the past 20 odd years, has proved a graveyard. Only once has the house judiciary favorably reported the suffrage amendment. That was in 1890. In 1871, 1883, 1884 and 1886 however, a minority of the committee recommended votes for women.—Milwaukee Leader.

ILLINOIS WOMEN FORESEE THE EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

As a result of the Illinois suffrage law for women, the latter are now prophesying the passage of an eight-hour day law and better labor conditions for women.

On Sunday, June 13, a great mass meeting was held in the Garrick Theatre by the Women's Trade Union League of Chicago. The meeting was a protest against the killing of the 54-hour amendment to the 10-hour law. At this meeting Jane Addams made her first public appearance since her return from the World's Equal Suffrage Congress at Budapest, Hungary. During the course of her address Miss Addams declared that she never expected to arrive home to find herself a two-thirds voter, and had previously thought equal suffrage would not be granted in Illinois within her lifetime.

"For many years," she said, "I have had experience in lobbying for bills to improve conditions in Illinois. I am now rejoicing that women can go to Springfield as voters who have rights, and, while we cannot vote directly for our representatives, we can vote for men who have influence with them.

"The first movement for the betterment of conditions in Illinois began in 1892. In 1893 the eight-hour law for women was passed, and Governor Altgeld signed it. The Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional in 1895, but the women had gained a knowledge of better working conditions, and the fight was begun for an eight-hour law was passed. The United States Supreme Court meanwhile had declared such a law constitutional.

"Why Women Are Capable.

"Never in the history of the world was franchise given to more intelligent voters. The women of Illinois are well educated and capable of handling the ballot. With this weapon they naturally will turn to the legislation which gives them a shorter working day and better labor conditions."

Three resolutions were passed. One called upon Governor Dunn to include a fifty-four hour law in the call for a special session of the Legislature, if such a call is issued; the second commended the Legislature and the governor for the passage of the suffrage bill, and the third lauded the governor for his veto of the "cannery" bill, which, it was argued called for a twenty-two hour day for women.—Progressive Woman.

GREAT DANGER FROM FIRE.

The State Fire Marshal is reminding the people of Kansas that fires are occurring daily from sparks catching in trash piles, from children playing with matches and setting fire to dry grass and vegetation, and from smokers carelessly dropping matches whose flame is not entirely extinguished. All of these fires could be avoided and their occurrence can in nearly every instance be charged to carelessness. Trash and rubbish should be burned only when some one is near with a supply of water to stop any spread of the flames.

Many barn fires are occurring from spontaneous combustion caused by storing new hay. Opening is each end of the hay loft will provide ventilation that may prevent a fire. If a barrel of water were kept near every barn, many of the fires could be put out. A number of fires have recently destroyed barns and live stock in them because no water was near to check the fire at the start.

ONLY BY UNITED EFFORT CAN WE SUCCEED.

This paper is devoted to the cause of those who make the wealth of the country, be it at the bench, the anvil, the plow handle or any useful employment, as against those who take the wealth they do not help to make. That is the MAKER'S cause as against the TAKERS conspiracy.

It is a paper owned co-operatively by the makers, and by them controlled, and it can be depended upon to not betray their interests.

It is your paper Comrade Maker, therefore why not help it that it may help you? Subscribe for it yourself and further your own interests by getting others to read it and subscribe for it.

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Big business pays the old parties' expenses, and owns or supports their papers, do you expect them to tell the TRUTH if it is damaging to their owners? The Campaign expenses of the Socialist Party are paid by the party members and this paper is owned by them. Every subscription to this paper hastens the triumph of the workers. "Let there be light." So help us to take down the shutters of prejudice and let in the light.

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THE FATHER JONES COLUMN.

A LITTLE TALK ABOUT THE U. S. CONSTITUTION.

On the streets, from the rostrum and the press we all the time hear about the United States Constitution, yet most of the speakers and writers if suddenly asked to quote a clause and to give the Section and Article would be dumb. The United States Constitution is just like the Bible, lots of people know something ABOUT it, but few know the Constitution.

Now there is no need of this ignorance. Anyone sending a Post Office Money order for 5c, or a 5c nickle, not stamps or check, to the office of the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing office, Washington D. C., will receive a copy of the Constitution printed by the government.

The preamble says that it was ordained "to establish justice" and "secure the blessings of Liberty," but under the push of greed and the profit system, its terms are ignored or distorted and the term unconstitutional is used to perpetuate injustice, and it thus does not "establish justice," and it does not "secure the blessings of Liberty."

All Socialists know the character of the Convention that drew up the Constitution, and that its members were sworn to secrecy and that the only record we have is the notes of the Secretary which were found among his papers, AFTER HIS DEATH. There is therefore no need to repeat that interesting matter. Woodrow Wilson admits it was a conspiracy.

There are five articles in the Constitution proper. Article1, that treats of the legislative powers granted by it.

Article 2, that treats of the Executive powers, Article 3, that treats of the Judicial powers, and Articles 4 and 5, that treat of the miscellaneous issues rising out of the first three. All the rest are Amendments that have been added since, and the first of them added immediately or it would never have been accepted at all.

On account of the conflicting interests involved, there are several flat contradictions which show the nature of the forces, that were struggling for supremacy.

As an example of this, please note Article1, Section 1, says "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States," yet Article 1, Section 7 clauses 1, 2, and 3 gives two thirds of the legislative power into the hands of the Executive or President, and Article 1, Section 3, clause 6, gives the power of Impeachment into the hands of the Senate, and in case of the impeachment of the President, the Chief Justice presides. Plainly the Dictionaries are all wrong. ALL ("Constitutionally"), don't mean A-L-L, but two-thirds.

When we know that the conspirators wanted a king and offered George Washington the crown, and that his reply was so vigorous that the proposal was dropped. Then they proposed the President should be elected for life and it was defeated by a not so great a majority.

When we know that several members proposed the Senate be a "copy of the House of Lords of England," and that only wealthy men, "the aristocracy" be eligible to the Senate, we understand why Article 1, Section 3, Clause6, gave the "sole power to try impeachments" to the Senate.

Article 1, Section 5, Clause 3, says "Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, EXCEPTING SUCH PARTS AS MAY IN THEIR JUDGMENT REQUIRE SECRECY." Why? When a bill like the DICK MILITARY LAW is to be slipped secretly on to the statutes, the men who put it through can hide from the public, and a law can be put on the record that the people don't realize until it bites them hard. People flee from Europe because of the compulsory military service, yet no European government would dare to enact as vile a law as the Dick Military Law, except Russia. This clause 3 says: "and the yeas and nays of the members of either house on any question, shall, at the desire of ONE FIFTH OF THOSE PRESENT, be entered on the Journal."

Please note it is not one fifth OF THE MEMBERS, but one fifth, of THOSE PRESENT, or one-fifth of the quorum, or one-tenth of the actual membership. That's a "joker."

Opportunity, when "de gang" is all there, and a quorum in hand, ONE FIFTH OF THOSE PRESENT, or about one-tenth the actual membership, can slip a Dick Military Law through and leave no record of who put it in the intent.

Article1, Section 8, Clause2, has been notoriously violated. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 5 "Congress shall have power to coin money, regulate the value thereof and of foreign coin."

The first question to understand is what is money legally. Money is legal tender. Money is whatever the supreme civil authority in any state declares, by law, shall be a LEGAL TENDER in payment of debts. When the government of India declared gold was not a legal tender, it became legally a commodity, like iron, lead, copper or zinc, it became currency, that is, you were under no legal obligation to receive it, but if you so desired, you received it like any other commodity or merchandise but it was not money. Today in the United States, silver is a legal tender, when coined by the government, only IN LIMITED AMOUNTS, only U. S. gold coin and U. S. Treasury Notes, are money in the full intent and meaning of the law.

Everything else is currency. U. S. gold and silver certificates are promises to pay money, and certificates that money is on deposit in the U. S. Treasury to redeem the note, which is currency.

The expression "coin money" does not imply necessarily the material, as the power to declare WHAT shall be legal tender in payment of debts, also includes the power to declare WHAT the material of that legal tender shall be.

Article one, Section ten, clause one prohibits the states from emitting bills of credit, but there is no prohibition to the Federal Government doing so, therefore Constitutional money is gold, silver or any other metallic coin Congress see fit to order coined, or any treasury notes or bills emitted by the Federal government by the order of Congress, but all bills emitted by the government must be also received by it in the payment of all dues, or it ceases to be full legal tender and therefore not money in the meaning of the law, and the sort of thing Congress has no power to coin or emit.

Today we hav National Bank bills, which are not only not money, but being emitted upon the credit of Private Corporations are unconstitutional, as these Banks exercise a power expressly PROHIBITED TO THE STATES by Article 1, Section 10, Clause 1.

NEGRO ON NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

To have the opportunity to work and the right to work are of supreme importance to every person who depends upon his labor power for a living. We mean, the opportunity to work and the right to work, absolutely and as a matter of inalienable right. We do not mean, the opportunity to labor and the right to labor, as a matter of charity, as a result of sufferance, or through the mediums of begging for the chance to work. And, further to receive all one earns when labor is performed is second in importance, to those who work, only to the inalienable right to work itself. And now, it turns out, according to United States statistics approximately speaking, the average wage-worker earns Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars annually. While, according to the same authority, the wage-worker receives only Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars of the Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars he earns, or in other words, the wage earner receives only one-fifth of the wealth his or her labor produces. Now if the wage-worker received the full value of their labor there would be leisure, pleasure and plenty for every one who worked; but under existing industrial and economic conditions, the wage-worker has none of these, nor can he by any means afford any of them.

To do economic and industrial justice to those who do the world's work—to the workers all they produce by their labor—is the only price and it is a just price, that the social organism will be required to pay to establish peace and happiness and heaven on the earth. The failure to pay this price, this just price, is the cause of practically all the myriad ills which sorely afflict the social organism of the world.

True, we behold much poverty and suffering, wickedness and meanness, crime and vice, bribery and corruption, strife and war, existing on the earth. These evils are increasing, however they are only effects, more symptoms, and are the result of a deep seated organic cause. The powerful organic cause of these Sin consist of the Capitalist System—the wage system, the profit system, the private ownership of the means of social wealth production and distribution—the system which takes from the worker four fifths of the wealth he or she earns for the privilege of using the machinery of production. These evils and all those which flow from them will continue and will increase until the private ownership of the means of wealth production and distribution is abolished and superseded by collective ownership of these forces and powers of wealth production and distribution.

We deem it in harmony with the general fitness of things that thanks and praise be extended the noble and devoted Welfare-workers, Social settlement workers and charity organizations that are trying to relieve poverty and suffering; to the ministers who are trying to reduce the wickedness and get the people to go to heaven; to the Vice Commissioners for their splendid efforts to purify the social atmosphere; to the good government leagues for their perpetual effort to prevent bribery and corruption; to the philanthropists who give money and old clothes to the poor; to the peace societies and conferences that talk loud and long about abolishing war; to the Boards of Arbitration in labor disputes that are trying to adjust the unadjustable—under existing industrial condition—and perpetual strife and war between capital and labor. These good people in all civilized countries are making sincere and devoted efforts to abate the suffering, improve the morals and increase the happiness of the people. Of course, they deal only with effects, and while they will not succeed in doing what they want to do, in the way they are trying to do it, and while their efforts will scarce result in any permanent or lasting benefit to mankind; still they are sincere and devoted in their effort and for that merit the love of all.

The Socialist party is the only political organization which guarantees the opportunity and the right, the inalienable right to work for every person who wishes to work. The Socialist party is the only party which guarantees to every person who works the full value of their labor.

The Socialist party is the only party which has a program, which, if adopted, will give every willing worker the absolute certainty of work and all they produce when they work. This is the only party which has a program that will remove the mightly organic cause of the many and sad ills which are mentioned in this article and the many evils which spring from them.

If what is said in this article is true, and I challenge anyone to successfully disprove any substantial statement herein made, then to what party, to what political faith do the wage-worker belong? Where should we find all of the world's workers? What should be the political affiliations of all the good people of the world, who love justice, their fellowman and who want to see the Reign of Righteousness established on the earth?

If the article above written contributes even in the smallest degree to relieve the stress and struggle of the world's useful workers, if it aids, though most remotely, in adding to the sum total of human happiness, the writer shall feel himself highly paid and shall be most grateful. And if there is a living and Just Judge of all the earth, I am quite willing to accept and abide whatever judgment He may render in this behalf.

Very sincerely,

JOHN W. GAINES,
Attorney-at-Law,
Little Rock, Ark.

NEEDLESS EXCITEMENT.

In our August 2nd issue on the third page appeared a poem "No Right, No Wrong." Its author is not known to us. We have just received the following letter from Comrade James W. Mooney in reference to this poem:

Trenton, Mo, Aug. 8, 1913.
Comrades of the Co-Op. Pub. Co.,
Iola, Kansas.
Dear Sirs:

I herewith hand you my reply to the attack that Materialists have made through your paper on all members of our party who have any moral sense left. I hope you will find it to our common interest to publish my reply in full. You may be censured for publishing the poem that insulted the mass of our party and movement, but the will of God is superior to the wisdom of man. The time has simply arrived for the moral elements to assert their right to rule and be respected within the Socialist party. Your act simply furnished the best of a hundred good excuses for what must now be done. Let the trouble be your guide that you do not make other mistakes.

Yours fraternally, and with best wishes,

JAMES W. MOONEY,
816 Kerfoot St.,
Trenton, Mo.

With this letter comes a long article which the comrade in his letter desires us to publish. In this article the charge is made that "materialists have been in control of our press," and the publishing of this poem is charged as being "sneaking and underhanded" and "politic and trickery," the writer of the poem, whom we do not know is called a "moral anarchist." Now we would publish this article only there are two strong reasons that restrain us. The first is, that we do not wish to be drawn into any controversy on issues that are not right in line with the spread and furtherance of Socialism, and second the article is so long that it would occupy entirely too much space that our comrades expect us to fill with matter more to their liking than a CONTROVERSY on ethics, religion and matters of private judgment that all are free for all our comrades to differ upon.

We entirely agree with Comrade Mooney in his postulate that Socialism is a great moral movement and WILL GO FARTHER, and say that it is not only that, but that is a great moral awakening, it is as Jesus told Nicodemus an "another" or BIRTH FROM ABOVE without which no man can see, (in ideal), the kingdom of heaven.

The writer of this did not choose the poem in question, or see it until it was in print. If it had come under his hand, (as far as he is personally concerned). it would not have been printed. Not that he sees in it the errible heresy Comrade Mooney sees, but rather that he fails to see any marked literary excellence in it. Also that it does not strike him as commendable in its logic nor moral sense. On page two fourth column we find an issue based on his "The Call of the Hour," that is in exact contraposition to the poem that is objected to.

Comrade Mooney should not get needlessly excited. The writer had an experience with the Kerr & Co's. magazine on these lines, when he was most severely "sat on" by a materialist and ultra atheist that tried to prove that Socialism was an atheistic philosophy and no moral or other view would be, or could be TOLERATED. Well he didn't "go up in the air" as Comrade Mooney has done, but he said, "I believe Socialism is a work of God," and as Gamaliel said: (see Acts 5:38) "If this council or this work be of man, it will come to naught, but if it be of God ye can not overthrow it."

We would advise Comrade Mooney to remember the words of Jesus, in whom he professes belief. "Have faith in God." (Mark 11:22.) Remember Uzza on the threshing floor of Chidon who put forth his hand to steady the Ark. (I Chron. 13:9.)

If this work is of God, as I personally believe, I have no fear of all the materialists and atheists between here and Jerico being able to harm it.

Then too, these very atheists that Comrade Mooney seems to fear are going to send Socialism to the demotion bow-wows and defeat the will of his God, have just as much right to their, to us, so sorrowful, hopeless and awfully awful opinions, as we have to ours.

Remember the Calvanist who said: "Those wicked Universalists believe everybody is going to be saved. Thank God we believe in better things."

The God that Jesus taught us of, will have more mercy upon the wicked people who don't believe as we do, than we will have. And in conclusion, I would add, that I don't know Comrade Mooney, but I note one thing and that is, that the whole tone of his letter and communication has all the EAR MARKS OF THE JESUIT seeking to create dissention, division and faction, and the term "politic and trickery," "sneakery "politic and trickery, "sneakery and underhand," applies more to his communication, than to our tolerant attitude in the paper. If this show of excitement is a Jesuit trick, we are too old birds to fall for his game.

If he is honest, he should avoid the methods and earmarks of the Jesuit. If he really believes the ark of God is in danger, please let him remember that God is fully able to run the world by His Providence without the supervision of those who profess to believe in him, yet have more faith in their own wisdom and power than they have in Him.

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MINISTERS FED BY MINERS TOIL IN A RALLY TO BARONS.

Preachers Feel the Lure of Copper Kings' Gold and Forget the Teaching of the Lowly Nazarene.

Calumet, Mich.—Born, fed and fostered at the behest of Czar Copper, the churches of the war zone are proving themselves the biggest apologists of capitalist exploitation in the present revolt of the miners against the slave conditions they have been compelled to endure.

No nurseling ever did the bidding of its parent with greater servility. Nothing has done more to rouse the striking miners and create greater solidarity in their ranks.

Sunday the soldier-chaplains of the invading army of mankillers occupied the pulpits of at least two of the local churches.

It remained for the Rev. Reuben Crosby, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, however, to voice the real feelings of the local clergy in the present strike situation.

Squeeze Miners.

It is to the Methodist church, especially, the strongest in the district, that the mine barons give land for church sites, that they give $1,000 towards a building fund, that they PAY PART OF THE PASTOR'S SALARIES AND HELPED TO SQUEEZE THE REST OUT OF THE EXPLOITED AND ENSLAVED MINERS.

"If the strike continues there is not a Methodist church in the whole region that will not be affected seriously, if not disastrously, as some ministers are paid through the mine office and the salaries of all come largely through and from the mining industry," declares the Rev. Crosby in an article in the Michigan Christian Advocate.

"According to last year's minutes over 3,000 members and many more adherents are affected and several thousands in church subscriptions are involved or at least influenced."

All Churches Involved.

"OF COURSE, ALL CHURCHES ARE INVOLVED," he says, "but among protestant churches none so much as ours, because we so far outnumber the others."

Now that the finale of the minister's thoughts showing where murder enters into his soul. He says:

"The ministry and the Christian people of this community are calmly waiting the outcome. The crisis will, of course, come when the mining companies attempt to operate the mines, with such as are willing to work, which PERHAPS is 75 per cent, but the presence of the troops ought to assure order and safety.

"THEY TRUST IN GOD, BUT ARE GLAD TO KNOW THAT THE AUTHORITIES ARE KEEPING THEIR POWDER DRY."

"What do you think of such sentiments coming from a man of God?" asked Guy E. Miller, executive board members of the Western Federation of Miners, who is in charge of the strike here, and who has fought to better the conditions of the metal miners in nearly every section of the country.

Men Standing Firm.

The minister of God knows he lies when he says that 75 per cent of the strikers want to go back to work. Nine hundred per cent of them are organized into the Western Federation of Miners and they are all standing solid for victory.

"That minister knows absolutely nothing concerning the mining conditions in this country," one of the miners told me. "He only came here a short time ago from Detroit."

In the promotion of the religious interests of the copper miners the copper companies have been taking 50 cents of $1 a week AS THEY THOUGHT FIT FROM THE WAGES OF THE MINERS AND TURNED IT OVER TO THE CHURCH AUTHORITIES. This is what the Rev. Crosby means when he says that the ministers are paid through the mine office.

It is the Calumet and Hecla mining company, the biggest of the copper corporations, that has made it a practice of DONATING A CHURCH SITE giving $1,000 toward the erection of a building, pays part of the minister's salary and aiding the church in other ways.

Force Miners to Donate.

In some districts of the copper range the miners have so strongly opposed having their wages milked for the pastor's salary and for the upkeep of the church that this system in some cases has been dispensed with. But then another diabolical scheme comes into play.

The churches always manage to get a mine foreman, or some captain as he is called, AS ONE OF THE CHURCH TRUSTEES. He then goes after the men regularly while they are at work asking to sign a donation list promising to pay a certain amount to the church. Then IF THE MINER DOESN'T SIGN FOR A RESPECTABLE AMOUNT HE LOSES HIS JOB OR IS OTHERWISE DEALT WITH.

Executive Board Member Miller has issued a reply to the statement of the copper barons in answer to the message of Gov. Ferris asking for a conference between committees of the mining companies and the representatives of the Western Federation of labor. It is as follows:

"At a later date I may compare the records of the mine operators' association with that of the Western Federation of Miners.

"When I do it will not be necessary for me to bolster up our cause with such falsehoods as disfigured the operators' statement.

Truth Will Suffice.

"The naked truth will be sufficient to win the plaudits of mankind for an organization that has been the voice of the silent ones who could not tell the story of their wrongs and whose individual protests were met by a time check in the hands of employers who were ruthless toward human rights.

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