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CHRIST WAS A SOCIALIST.

Sent by General S. Jackson, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma.

1

A Socialist thinks that the Land is the Lords;
That the earth was not made for a few;
That ye should do unto others the way
That ye would that others should do unto you.

2

If ye would not toll for another one's gain,
Do not force him to do so for you.
Though the churches deny it, we know by His word
That Christ was a Socialist too.

3

A Socialist thinks if you wanted to harm
And injure your dear brother man.
The worst way to hurt is to do it by law
For he cannot get even again.
If you love your neighbor the same as yourself,
No injustice to him will you do.
The doctrine that all are the children of God,
Shows that Christ was a Socialist, too.

4

A Socialist thinks that the one is a thief,
Who gives not all that is earned
And Christ called them thieves when the temple within their tables of change he overturned.
When the Socialist today strives the lowly to aid.
Persecutions they have to go through
He laid down his life for mankind,
So Christ was a Socialist too.

5

The Socialists preach the glad news to the poor,
They seek to uplift the oppressed,
The same as the Christ went about doing good.
Relieving the weak and distressed,
And he said he that loves not the one he hath seen,
And loves him as I have loved you
Cannot love the father he never hath
So Christ was a Socialist too.

At statement of casualties in the Union army, prepared by the adjutant generals office after the war, gave the killed in battle, 67,058; died of wounds, 43,012; died of disease, 199,720; died of other causes, 40,151; died while prisoners, 30,166; total, 380,100. Another statement based on official reports placed the total number of deaths on the Union side from all causes at 9,184 officers and 349,944 men. No complete or authoritative statement of the Confederate losses was ever made.

Socialism would establish a democracy, not only in politics, but also in industry. The masters tell you it would be dangerous for you to own your anything—you might cheat them.

NEW PIPE LINE MEANS FUTURE GAS SUPPLY

Wichita Company in Oklahoma May Supply Kansas Natural Company 10,000,000 Feet.

TULSA, Ok.—One of the most important movements affecting the gas situation in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri is the new pipe line of the Wichita Pipe Line Company under the corporation commission asking to the Cushing field, a distance of fifty miles. The Creek County Gas Company is under contract to supply the pipe line with 40,000,000 feet of gas daily. Of the gas taken from the Cushing field, it is said 10,000,000 cubic feet will be available for the Kansas Natural for Kansas City and other points on its line in Kansas and Missouri.

It is said the Creek County Gas Company is prepared to furnish gas up to, it is claimed, 300,000,000 feet daily. It controls about two-thirds of the developed production in the Cushing field. The new line will be completed and ready for business by the first of January. A 3,000,000-foot compressor, at a cost of $240,000, will be installed at Bigheart, where the line connects with the Kansas Natural's trunk line north.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—W. M. Walton of El Reno thinks $1.50 a thousand is too much for artificial gas and he made complaint to day to the corporation commission asking that the rates be reduced. Wallace claims this is more than is charged in other towns under similar conditions. The commission will investigate the case.—Kansas City Journal.

AN ALTON WRECK INJURED 15.

ST. LOUIS.—Fifteen persons were injured, two perhaps fatally, when a "midnight special" of the Chicago & Alton Railroad, bound from Chicago to St. Louis, was wrecked at Alton, Ill., thirteen miles east of here.

The lives of thirty-three other passengers, in all probability, were saved by a steel cable bracing a telegraph pole, which caught the chair car and prevented it from overturning. The car was left standing on end and all its occupants were hurled in a mass to the bottom.

IN BIG FOUR CRASH, 7 INJURED.

TIFFIN, O.—Three persons were injured, probably fatally, four severely, and scores cut and bruised when a southbound Big Four passenger train was wrecked three miles south of this city. The engine, baggage car and two coaches left the track and rolled down an embankment.—Kansas City Journal.

LOSE AND WIN

By a lack of just 42 votes the highest Socialist on the ticket in Reading, Pa., failed to get the ballot for commissioner. Reading is under a commission form of government and this means that we will have no place on the ballot for the general city election. The same paper that brought the news of the failure to get on the ballot in Reading, also told of a sweeping victory of the Socialists and union labor candidates in Erie, Pa., where we placed eight men on the ballot. Erie has never been a very strong Socialist city until now, and our victory in that place balances the loss in Reading and then some.

We love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm and whose conscience approves his conduct will pursue his principles unto death.

WHY ROME FELL.

As we understand Senator Historian Lewis, Rome fell because there wasn't enough kicking among her citizens. If so, this republic is safe. As political kickers we are without rivals.—Chicago Record-Herald.

EVEN MORE.

Peace hath her victories
No less renowned than war.
—Milton.

KANSAS GOT FIRST SNOW OF YEAR.

First snow fall last year, October 21.

First snow fall this year, October 19.

SENT A PROTEST TO WILSON

The President Appealed to by Head of Illinois Suffragists.

CHICAGO.—Immediately upon hearing of the order of deportation issued against Mrs. Pankhurst, Grace Wilbur Trout, president of the Illinois Equal Suffrage association, sent a telegram of protest to President Wilson. Her next act was to call a special meeting of the board of directors of the association to consider what aid could be extended to the famous English suffragist.

"Our association recently voted to extend every courtesy to Mrs. Pankhurst while she was in this country," said Mrs. Trout, who was one of the leaders in obtaining the ballot for Illinois women. "It will be a mistake to make a martyr out of her. In this country we do not believe in militancy, but in England conditions are different. It is really civil war there."

Mrs. Trout's telegram to the President follows:

"We deeply deplore the action of the authorities in ordering the deportation of Mrs. Pankhurst, which is not in accordance with the biases of our American institutions. We have always allowed political exiles from other countries to visit the United States. Men have never been excluded, and why exclude women? It makes no difference how we feel in regard to militant methods in England. No one who knows the facts can doubt for one instant Mrs. Pankhurst's honesty and sincerity. Shall America show a smaller spirit than France? Mrs. Pankhurst's daughter, Christabel, who is even more militant than her mother, fled to France recently and was given the protection of the French government. Men as well as women are protesting against this action of the immigration authorities, and we trust that a kinder spirit will prevail and Mrs. Pankhurst will be allowed to enter 'The land of the free and the home of the brave.'"

Headquarters of the National Woman Suffrage Association at Washington engaged two attorneys to appear for Mrs. Pankhurst at the immigration bureau. One Miss Emma C. Gillette, an ardent suffragist and dean of a local law college.

UNCLE SAM'S LITTLE ONES

They Number 29,199,130. Almost One-Third of Population.

Washington.—The children's bureau of the United States Department of Labor, of which Miss Julia C. Lathrop is chief, has issued the first part of a handbook of federal statistics of children, compiled from the reports of the 1910 census.

According to the figures in part 1, April 15, 1910, Uncle Sam had 29,499,126 children under 15 years of age, and they made up almost one-third of his entire family. Almost all these children were born on his own soil. The foreign-born white children numbered only 759,343 and formed only 2.6 per cent of the total number of children.

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GOLDEN STATE LIMITED IS WRECKED

One Dying and Three Dangerously Injured Near Hutchinson, Kan.

HUTCHINSON, Kan.—One man is dying and three others are dangerously injured in a wreck when the Rock Island Golden State Limited was derailed near Waldeck, a small station east of here. The train, well filled with passengers, was running at a fast rate of speed up the hill almost in Waldeck. The wreck took place at a switch. The train was composed of an engine and seven cars, mail car, baggage, diner and four Pullmans. All except three cars left the track.

EXACT CAUSE OF AIR SHIP EXPLOSION CAN NOT BE ASCERTAINED

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The admiralty today officially announced that the exact cause of the Zeppelin catastrophe Saturday that caused the death of 28 men could not be ascertained. The most plausible theory the statement said, was that the explosion was caused by the back firing of a carbureter.

The suggestion that a spy of some hostile nation, or a personal enemy of Count Zeppelin, might have caused the disaster is frequently quoted by those who know the men aboard the craft when she was destroyed.

Throughout the night the twisted wreck of the dirigible on Johannisthal field, where it fell, was guarded by soldiers. At times they were forced to drive back, with fixed bayonets, crowds of determined souvenir hunters.

The funeral of the 28 victims will be held Monday and with the consent of their families, their bodies will be buried in one grave. The kaiser and all the high officers of the German government are expected to attend the funeral, which probably will be one of the most elaborate and impressive Germany ever saw.

BUSINESS BRYAN'S PLEA TO DODGE SOCIALISTS

NEW YORK.—Secretary Bryan has declined an invitation to debate with a Socialist at Carnegie Hall. The committee wrote Mr. Bryan that he might choose his own date, and that his expenses as well as his regular lecture fee would be paid. Bryan pleaded pressure of business.

A WRECK KILLED TWENTY.

Train Carrying 170 Soldiers Plunged Through a Trestle in Mississippi.

Meridan, Miss., Oct. 19.—20 soldiers of Company Thirty-nine and Company One Hundred and Seventy United States Coast Artillery, were killed and about one hundred others injured this afternoon when a special troop train on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad crashed through a trestle near State Line, Miss.

The wreck was caused by the engine tender jumping the track when about two hundred feet from a trestle. The engine was not derailed and passed over the trestle. The tender broke loose from the engine, however, and, with the baggage car and three coaches, plunged twenty-five feet to the ground. At 9 o'clock sixteen bodies had been taken from the wreck and Superintendent Pigford said he was sure four other bodies were in the debris, which will not be cleared away for twenty-four hours.

THE NEW YORK CAMPAIGN.

Owing to the fact that there is no campaign in most of the states in the Union this fall, New York has drawn heavily on the outlook for speakers and is going to put up one of the greatest campaigns in the history of the American movement. In addition to a host of local speakers the following are touring the state: James J. Kelley, Gustave Strebel, Ella Reeve Bloor, John T. Vaughn, B. F. Goldwater, W. A. Jacobs and W. F. Barnard.

An editor who started about twenty years ago with only 55 cents, is now worth $100,000. His accumulation of wealth, is owing to his frugality, good habits, strict attention to business—and the fact that an uncle died and left him $99,999.—Exx.

TO AIR KRUPP SCANDAL

Members of Gun Firm Must Stand Trial as Army Bribers.

BERLIN.—The criminal proceedings, which are the necessary complement of the military trial held at the beginning of August of the military officials concerned in the Krupp scandal, will be opened here on October 25. The charges will be the betrayal of military secrets and bribery. The preliminary inquiry has involved eleven persons, ten of whom belong or have belonged to the firm of Krupp.

The public prosecutor and the court of investigation have, however, abandoned proceedings against nine of these eleven persons. The remaining two, who will stand trial, are Herr Brandt, the Berlin representative of the firm of Krupp, and one of the directors of the firm at Essen.

SOCIAL-UNIONISTS MAKE HEAVY GAIN ON COAST, GRIPPING LOS ANGELES

FRESNO, Cal.— The Socialists showed a greatly increased strength at the annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor, which came here to electing a ticket composed of Socialist unionists.

The convention decided to throw all organizers possible into Los Angeles in an effort to make that city a 100 per cent organized place. In this they will be assisted by all the great international unions, which had previously agreed to send organizers there during the forthcoming year. The convention requested these unions to send money with which local men familiar with the situation can be hired rather than to send in many outside workers who would duplicate each other's efforts.

For years there has been a hard fight to organize and during the last year these efforts have been rewarded with such success that at the present convention that city showed a larger increase in unions than any other city in the state.

The convention also resolved to devote especial attention to the task of organizing the unskilled workers.

MONTESORRI METHOD OF TEACHING CREDITED TO NOTED PEDAGOGUE

ROME.—The great vogue which the Montessori method of teaching has gained, especially in the United States, has given rise to a claim that the method is not in any way original with Dr. Maria Montessori but was really developed by Prof. Sante Sanctis, the foremost Italian psychologist and a distinguished member of the faculty of the University of Rome.

Prof. Sanctis has long conducted a private school for deficient children. In this school, it is claimed, practically every principle involved in the Montessori method was developed and practiced many years ago.

At one time Dr. Montessori, as a practicing physician, devoted a certain amount of her time free each week, in common with many other leading physicians of Rome, to work in these schools. Amazed at the remarkable results which Prof. de Sanctis secured by his method with abnormal children, Dr. Montessori is said to have conceived the idea of applying the same methods to normal children.

It is admitted that many of the methods in the higher branches of education were worked out by Dr. Montessori and that she deserves great credit for applying the system to normal children.

The principal objection raised by the friends of Dr. Sanctis is to the commercializing of his work. It is claimed that he has never attempted to derive any income from his scientific discoveries, but has given them freely to the world. Even now he absolutely refuses to make any personal claim concerning his invention of the so-called Montessori method and his claims are urged only by his friends.

While working for universal cooperation we should co-operate when ever possible, and it is an inconsistency to engage in a fierce competition with one another while working for co-operation.

The world is consuming more than one million gallons of kerosene every day.

DEADLY MACHINE GUNS ARE TURNED ON STRIKING MINERS

Hail of Bullets Sent Into Camp of Miners Battling With Coal Barons for Decent Living Conditions.

TRINIDAD, Colo.—Machine guns in the hands of the murderous Baldwin-Feltz assassins, imported from West Virginia, were used for the first time in an attack on the tented city of the coal strikers at Forbes.

Nine bullets from the deadly machine passed through the body of Mika Vanlori, a striker, killing him instantly, at the same time that Luke Valernik, another striker, was mowed down by the murderous fire.

There may be another victim as the result of the wounding of R. E. Bradley, a deputy, shot through the left side. He may die.

The attack was precipitated by 40 mine guards. The striking miners declare that the guards began firing into the tent colony, inhabited by the strikers, men, women and children. The miners returned the fire as best they could to protect themselves and the engagement lasted from 1 p. m. until dusk.

Three automobile loads of guards, assisted by Sheriff Gresham, all under the direction of Mine Superintendent Robert Nichols, were in the attacking party, recalling the infamous "Ball Mountain Special," that armored train that rained death into Paint Creek, West Virginia.

One of the automobiles was equipped with a machine gun which swung from the rear seat of the vehicle. It was this automobile that was turned with its rear toward the strikers' camp and a hail of bullets was then hurled into the tent colony and at the strikers between it and the guards.

Participants in the battle say screams and groans were heard even above the rattle of the one machine gun, and the strikers, in their last desperate rally, pushed toward the mine guards and deputies, firing from their rifles as they ran. In this sortie one more guard was shot and several horses killed and wounded.

The fire from the machine gun became hotter and the strikers retreated hastily.

FIGHT FOR MUNICIPAL GAS PLANT

The Socialists of Holland, Mich., have made a stubborn fight for municipal ownership of the gas plant. The present gas company refuses to make any extensions in the service until the city will agree to advance rates. The presence of Alderman King in the city council and the publicity that has resulted from the work of the body has kept the gas company from getting its added graft from the people.—Party Builder.

7TH DECADE MOST MORTAL.

Majority of Kansas Deaths Occur Between Ages of 70 and 80.

TOPEKA, Kan.—The decade of greatest mortality in Kansas is between the ages of 70 and 80, according to data compiled by the department of vital statistics of the state board of health. This does not include the deaths prior to 1 year of age.

The death reports made to the department for April, May and June this year show that there were 644 deaths of persons between the ages of 71 and 80. Between 61 and 70 is next, with 568; between 51 and 60 is third, with 430, and fourth is between 81 and 90, with 328. Twenty-five died between 91 and 100 and three of over 100 were reported.

SUNBURY, PA., PARTIES AFTER SOCIALIST SCALPS.

SUNBURY, Pa.—Because of fear of being defeated at the polls, Sunbury republicans and democrats, at a secret meeting, combined to defeat the Socialists. Republican political workers, it is said, have agreed to throw their strength to the candidacy of Nathan Kaufman, democrat, in order to defeat Edward Wetzel, Socialist.

Dr. H. T. Keiser, the republican pitted against these two, was a Roosevelt man, and the Penrose organization here, it is claimed, is glad to be rid of him.

At the last borough election, the Socialists elected four school directors, five councilmen and the borough treasurer.

MRS. PANKHURST ADMITTED TO U. S. TO GIVE LECTURES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—America's doors were opened today to Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and during the few weeks covered by her lecture engagements the British militant suffragist leader is free to go where she will in the United States.

An order releasing the much-discussed visitor from detention at Ellis Island, N. Y., and revoking the deportation order of the special inquiry board, was issued today after President Wilson conferred with Secretary Wilson of the department of labor, and a formal hearing before Immigration Commissioner Caminetti, on Mrs. Pankhurst's appeal had been concluded.

Wilson Agrees to Plan.

Secretary Wilson announced that he and the president had agreed that Mrs. Pankhurst should be admitted "on her own recognizance" with the understanding that she would depart when she had fulfilled her lecture engagements. Both the president and the secretary agreed with Commissioner Caminetti in the opinion that there was an element of doubt as to whether the acts for which Mrs. Pankhurst had been convicted in England constituted "moral turpitude" or were political in character.

Commissioner Caminetti tonight issued a formal statement outlining the reasons for his decision in the case.

"There is nothing in the record, or before me," the statement reads, "to indicate that the British government desires that Mrs. Pankhurst shall be returned to England; and the evidence on record indicates that while she was placed under a sentence of three years penal servitude, she has served only a small part of the sentence, and apparently no effort has been made to compel her to serve the balance; but as a matter of fact, marked leniency has been shown towards the applicant by the British authorities. Shall this government deny even temporary asylum when by so doing less consideration would be shown Mrs. Pankhurst than England has displayed?

Stay to Be Brief.

"Mrs. Pankhurst states, and counsel throughout the case have asserted that she is coming here only for a short visit for the specific purpose of fulfilling engagements to deliver lectures; that all that is desired is that she may be allowed to carry out these engagements.

"Upon carefully considering the entire record and all of the circumstances of the case, I conclude that the best disposition to make of the matter will be to accept the assurances of all parties concerned and admit Mrs. Pankhurst on her own recognizance to depart from the country at the termination of her engagements, and so recommend."

Mrs. Pankhurst landed on Manhattan Island at 1 o'clock from Ellis Island. She expects to sail for Europe November 28.

It was difficult to imagine that the slightly built, gray-haired little woman who stepped ashore from the ferry boat at the Battery was the same person that for several years had caused the British government so much trouble by reason of her militant tactics in behalf of women suffrage, or her incitations to militancy for the "cause." Also her tranquil countenance and brightness of eye gave no indication that she had gone through the ordeal of six prolonged hunger strikes to obtain her release from prison sentences imposed for illegal acts committed in England in her endeavors to gain votes for women.

Praises Americans.

Shortly after she landed Mrs. Pankhurst was taken in an automobile to the residence of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, where she had luncheon and tonight she was dined at the Aldine Club by the Woman's Political Union. She was highly elated over her release.

"The American people did it—I, is their will," she said. "What will the English say?"

Then she paid her respects tartly to Reginald McKenna, the British home secretary, characterizing him as "the chief torturer of England." She said it was not her purpose to preach militancy in this country, but that she would confine herself to an exposition of the treatment accorded the suffragettes in England."—Kansas City Journal.

About 6,000 of the 15,000,000 people in Mexico own all the land.

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN

FOOLISH QUARRELS.

I once knew two sisters, old ladies who had a quarrel over an unimportant matter and notwithstanding both were devout members of church, yet they refused to speak to each other for many years, and they resided in the same town. I also knew two brothers in another state who were, for twenty years, very hostile each toward the other over a property matter of no great importance. All four of these people mentioned made themselves miserable and brought much unhappiness to members of their families because of this false pride—which is selfishness. I once heard a story about two elderly maiden ladies which I will retell for the benefit of Our Young Folks. They had been loving friends for many years when they became offended at each other and it began to look as if the wound would never heal. Neither one felt like taking the initiative, and indeed both were too sore to care to make up. Efforts of mutual friends were all in vain; representations to one that the other was suffering not only with the sting born answer that she ought to suffer They both insisted that they hoped the other would suffer more, and that she richly deserved it. Some thirteen months went by like this, and the one-time intimates saw each other only on state occasions, that is, at church each Sunday where they sat side by side too proud to change their pew because of what had happened. But they never pretended to notice that the other was there. On a recent Sabbath morning, however, Miss Sarah glanced around involuntarily at sound of a sneeze beside her, and despite her will kept her gaze fixed on Miss Malinda. Then an awful revelation broke in on her mind. Malinda had come to church without a handkerchief! Miss Sarah did not know what the sufferings of a person about to be electrocuted might be, but she knew all about fitting at church without a handkerchief. Malinda merited electrocution, in Miss Sarah's opinion, but no crime was heinous enough to merit such agony as this. A drop slowly gathered on Malinda's pinched nose, and finally fell off, giving place to another. Miss Sarah could not bear it. She took out her own handkerchief surreptitiously, glad it was a big one Next moment there was a smothered sound of tearing cloth and Malinda felt something pressed into her right hand. It was a half of the handkerchief, and it went to Malinda's eyes before it touched her needy nose. Then two wrinkled old hands groped for each other, and through the sermon Miss Sarah and Miss Malinda sat and clung to the newly found friend who had been lost.

How foolish it is for any one to hold spite toward another. I hope every boy and girl who reads this will learn a useful lesson from it. "Don't let the sun go down on your anger." Quickly forgive not only your friend but your supposed enemy. By doing so you may escape years of regret and unhappiness.

PRACTICAL PRAYERS OF LITTLE TOTS.

Henry, a little six year old fellow, was taught to say his prayers every night. One time when he came to the words: "Give us this day our daily bread," he stopped and said: "Mamma what's the use of praying for bread every day? Let's pray for pie and pop-corn sometimes. I am tired of so much bread."

"Little Andrew had been repeatedly urged to hasten his dressing. Suddenly he knelt, crossed and clasped his hands like a picture angel and voiced this earnest petition:

"Oh, God, don't let me dawdle. Oh, God, keep me from dawdling. But if You don't want to, oh, God, make my mother reconciled to my being slow!"

"There, mamma," he exclaimed, rising, "I've done by best, haven't I? Course, if God chooses to keep me from dawdling He will, and if He don't I can't help it. But," with sudden joyous energy, "I'll bet you a dollar I'll be just as slow tomorrow as today."

I know a middle aged woman who, when a little tot, was taught the child's prayer some of the words of which are: "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep, etc., etc." She lisped quite a bit and her mother had to laugh heartily when she overheard little Alice close up her invocation in a lisping voice as she dropped asleep thus:

"If I should die before I wake I pray the Lord my soul to take, Amen Brother Ben shot a goosh and stole a boo."—R. A. Dague.

None are so hopelessly enslaved as those who falsely believe they are free.—Goethe.

PHILIP SCHIEDEMANN, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF REICHSTAG ARRIVES IN NEW YORK FOR NATION-WIDE SPEAKING TOUR

Unknown to the small army of ship news reporters that scurried about looking for sensational tidbits, unnoticed during the entire voyage by the returning swarms of wealthy idlers, one of the foremost spirits of the German Reichstag, at one time its vice-president, a leader of the strongest political party of the Fatherland, arrived in port Tuesday afternoon, September 29th, in the Hamburg-American liner Kron-princessin Cecilie.

But the crew knew him, every man jack of them from the captain down to the deck swabber, for the liner had hardly passed out of Cuxhaven before the word had been passed below that one of the trusted accounts of the great Social Democratic party, chairman of its executive committee and at present deputy to the Reichstag from the District of Solingen, the home of the German steel industry, was on board enroute to the United States to spread the word of Socialism.

The person was that of Philip Scheidemann. Scheidemann comes to this country at the invitation of the German Language Group of the Socialist party. Under its direction he will speak to mass meetings of German speaking workingmen. He will spend the first week in New York and vicinity, then travel to New England and from there will pass through the states in the Middle West, touching Milwaukee and getting as far west as Denver. The tour will require six weeks and thirty mass meetings have already been arranged for.

When the steamer docked, Scheidemann was greeted by a small band of the old Genossen.

They were a committee of the German Language Group, Theodore Haffa, J. Obrist, L. Lore, Mrs. Hoepfner, representing the German Socialist women; a committee of three from the German Agitation committee, Henry Ortlandt, Ernest Ramm and Arthur Meinhardt, Herman Schlueter, editor of the Volkszeitung, and A. Pauly, organizer of Local Kings County, Socialist party.

Flushed and weary as he was, Scheidemann at considerable sacrifice gave a Call reporter an account of the movement in Germany.

Discussion of the financial conference of the German Social Democrats, which took place in Jena, beginning September 17, immediately turned to the twenty-four-hour strike which took place between the Radicals, headed by Rosa Luxemburg and the party executives. It was the most intense part of the proceedings, and called forth the longest discussion.

"Do you believe in the general strike?" was asked the deputy, point blank.

"Most assuredly," he replied, "its fact we all do."

"At the Jena Congress it was unanimously agreed that the general strike is the great weapon in the hands of the workers. The difference came about over this point. Is it timely to use the general strike at present. We said no."

Questioning brought out that the discussion on the complete cessation of work by the people came to the fore though the intense popular dissatisfaction with the results of the recent elections in Prussia.

Due to the infamous three class voting system, the votes of nearly a million class-conscious Socialist workingmen only elected seven candidates to the Prussian Landtag, while the larger majority of the successful contestants were elected by the remaining minority of the voters. Roughly stated, said Schiedemann, it shows that nearly 100,000 votes of workingmen were required to elect a candidate against a bare 10,000 votes of the first and second class electors.

"Great unrest was manifest among the masses," continued Schiedemann. "Elected representatives long promised were always withheld. To change through legislation would be absolutely impossible But one way was left the action of the masses. Speaking then of the debate which was the result of this situation, Schiedemann said that to the great majority of the German Social Democrats a general strike for fair suffrage in one province alone was not worth the price. Besides he reminded the interviewer that the Prussian workers do not elect representatives to the Reichstag, the great national legislative body who were a very powerful help to conditions. He said that while provincially the Prussian workers were dead, that nationally through the regularly elected Reichstag deputies, they were very much alive.

Schiedemann took part in the debate on the general strike and as head of the party executive committee made a report to the congress before sailing, in which he stated substantially the same reasons against the use of the mass strike. The resolution presented by the Socialist officials was adopted by the congress. A second resolution, offered by radicals, containing various denunciatory phrases was lost.

In reply to a question of the present state of unemployment, the Socialist deputy remarked that at present German workingmen were in great need of work, due to an industrial crisis inherent to the system of capitalist production. He said that the general unemployment had given great impetus to the continual demand made by the Socialists for ameliorative measures for workingmen and that relief plans, utterly disregarded by the other political parties, were now receiving consideration.

He did not believe that the disastrous Balkan war had very much to do with the present crisis. He was of the opinion besides that some relief would be felt among his constituents, the steel workers of Solingen, on account of the lowering of the United States protective tariff which would make some competition possible.

Conversation lazed into more common place channels for a time.

Scheidemann spoke of the fine trade union organizations in his country, the 2,500,000 strong members, the sick and death benefit funds, the war chest in case of labor trouble and the perfect discipline in the ranks.

"We Germans do not believe in sabotage, old-eyed leaders nor street brawling. We do not desire to conflict with the police or the army any more than we have to.

The German leader was then informed of the many brutalities, the clubbings and fines of strikers' pickets that occur daily in the United States, the many thousands of unwarranted arrests, the harpooning and killing of the workers by the militia at the command of the business interests, the West Virginia bell hole and the scenes of carnage in Colorado, the North, the murdering of miners' organizations in Colorado and the attack upon unarmed men and women who went on strike in the hop fields of Southern California.

"Such villainy is impossible in my country," he said. "The rulers are afraid to torment us like that. Murders in labor troubles are very rare. Police do not go in for little clubbing. Their limit about is to arrest pickets if they loiter about and for other minor offenses. A small fine is all that is imposed. What you call the billiting of the miners is horrible. The Patterson troubles are almost unbelievable, particularly in a republic.

"What the American working class needs is the strong arm of political action. You say 100 strike cases will come up in Patterson and that the leaders face long terms of imprisonment. I can then be possible that the workers of America fall to learn of their helplessness without political action?

Scheidemann is naturally a mild spoken individual, who would be easily mistaken for a professional or scientific man. His manner changed entirely under the stimulus of the brutalities practiced by the American militia and police. His eyes blazed, his voice became a challenge.

"The Hohenzollern dare not balk us in such a manner. We are already too strong for them. The Germans may be peaceful, orderly. We place organization and discipline before the rest. But remember when the Socialist Democracy decides to use the general strike, when the time comes or when we are forced into it, we will have the workers so drilled that the strike will be like the rising of the seas, a tidal wave which nothing will stop. Until such a time arrives we shall keep quiet. Until that time comes we will continue to agitate, educate and organize the community for success. There will be no West Virginia in Germany."

Scheidemann believes thoroughly in the separation of the trade union from the political party. At the same time he feels that most of the union men will and do become Socialists. He said that membership in the Socialist party was a higher manifestation of the intelligence of the workingman. Only the more able of the workers belong to both at the outset, although to organize the entire working population of the Fatherland is the purpose of the Socialists. This he believed was not so far distant for the Social Democrats are already the strongest party in the country with a great increase in their tremendous vote of 1912 being more than 4, 250,000, one-third the voting strength of the nation, and a constant growth from day to day. In the many meetings which the Socialist legislator is to address he expects to dwell on many of the important questions facing the Socialists.

THE BUSY LITTLE BEE AND THE BUSY LITTLE MAN.

See how the busy little bee,
Improves each shining hour,
And gathers honey all the day,
From every opening flower;
Divides alike the fruit of toil
Among their honest workers,
But stings their lazy drones to death,
To rid themselves of shirkers.

But man, in God's own image made,
Hath turned the twain aside,
Till you who work, are made the slaves,
Of those who live without;
And every year by some device,
Will forge another fetter,
That you workingmen must harder toil,
For drones to live the better.

Yet every scheme these Drones will claim,
To be a skillful plan,
That they have found to elevate,
And help you workingman;
Oh, they are full of love and sympathy,
Before each great election,
And fill their press with lies so cute,
They quite evade detection.

For the Drones control the printing press,
That you workmen take for news,
Unconsciously you read their lies,
And then endorse their views;
Why you even think the mighty press,
The honest truth is spreading,
When truth of all things in the world,
Their owners are most dreading.

And so they try to puzzle us,
As we can plainly see,
When you workingmen have learned the truth,
Your votes will set you free.
Sometimes these Drones will issue coin,
To slyly jerk it back again,
To slyly jer kit back again,
When'ere they choose to do it.

These Drones inhabit palaces,
But you workmen cot or flat,
And you can bet some Drone has got
A mortgage hitched to that,
But if, through great economy,
Some workingman has met it,
These Drones will study till
They find some other way to let it.

For their lobby shapes the laws
That guide our City, Town or state,
And shrewdly fix them up to give
The Drones what you create.
They sneer and jeer at workmen near,
And yet they can't evade it,
That every cent they ever spent,
Some workingman had made it.

But workingmen are learning fast,
And soon a change we'll see;
Perhaps that they might even take
A pattern from the bee.
But better far that they enforce,
A law that God has given,
That man should sweat to earn his bread,
And gain the right of living.

Now let's do our thinking for ourselves,
The evils take away,
Of this fictitious power of gold,
By which THEY hold their sway.
You men must make the wealth should thrive,
Not those who do the shirking,
And Drones should live tremendous scant,
Or do their share of working.

If you'd like to know how 'twill be done,
Our economic system study;
When you've the question well in hand,
You'll find it out quite ready,
That Socialism is the only cure,
To stop injustice and defend,
And to give you workmen what is yours,
Have justice reign and ascend.

Yes, then shall love ascend the throne of life,
And men be brothers;
Each work for all, and all for each,
Each think and work for others.
Plant now the Co-operative Commonwealth,
And then will all be well,
Earth then will be a paradise,
And not a poor man's HELL.

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NOT ALWAYS OUR OWN MASTER

That which we are we shall teach, not voluntarily, but involuntarily. Thoughts come into our minds by avenues which we never left open, and thoughts go out of our minds through avenues which we never voluntarily opened.—Emerson.

OKLAHOMA STATE NOTES

New Locals for the Week.

Haskell, No. 1, in Muskogee County, nine members, J. L. Outlaw, Haskell, secretary. Fillmore in Johnson County, nine members, C. E. Enloe, secretary, Fillmore, Okla. Member-at-large, W. H. Devies, Welty, Okla. S. G. Thayer, Fairfax, Okla.

There were also two other locals applied for but name not given and they will be published next week. One at Lindsay and the other in Marshall County.

The Needmore Encampment.

The Needmore encampment held on August 28-29-30, was a huge success in every particular. All speakers including Stanley J. Clark, T. N. Robnett, R. L. Allen, J. T. Beam and L. G. Baker made good. Much good was accomplished for the cause and despite the time of year when many were busy the average attendance was over 500. This was the first of annual encampments to be held there and the committee are starting to work on the one next year and propose to make it the best one in the state. They are all feeling jubilant over the great success.

Norton's Iron Clad Weekly.

Chas. W. Norton well known to the comrades of this state, has launched a red hot weekly at Wilburton, under the heading of Norton's Iron Clad Weekly, and from the tone of his writing he has the plutes and their henchmen putting on night mare stunts. Norton knows how to peel them and has the nerve to do it. Write him for a sample copy and I assure you in advance that it will have to be sent in an asbestos wrapper.

Organization.

Just to remind you that we are after you from now on until we come clean with us for the organization has to be built up and you are the ones to do it. Our agitation is leading the organization so far that something has to be done right away or we will get lost in the chaos.

I am asking some loyal comrade in each precinct in the state to send me for an application for charter blank and get busy organizing that local now. I will furnish the charter, supplies and instructions at no extra cost. All that is necessary to do is to pay your dues and apply for a charter. Am ready to handle 3,000 of you at once. Let's see you swamp me.

A PAGE IN THE APPEAL.

As per instructions from the state executive committee, I have made a contract with the Appeal to Reason whereby we are to get any part or all of the third of fourth page for special Oklahoma matter.

Several comrades will contribute articles each week dealing with matters in this state, such as showing up the crookedness of the democratic party in Oklahoma and they will all be hot numbers. Comrades Ed Lindsey Langston will confine himself to the organized labor movement, pointing out what they have asked and how treated and how the labor leaders have been tools in the hands of the opponents of labor; Comrade Fred W. Holt will plead the miners' cause and do it in an effective manner; Comrade J. O. Welday, professor in the Oklahoma high school, will strip the democrat party and show their deception in all its forms, and Welday is the one who can do it in a nice way. Comrade P. S. Nagle of Kingfisher, the best posted man in Oklahoma on tenant farming, will contribute articles soon. Comrade Nagle needs no introduction as a writer and scholar in the people of this state. Other comrades will contribute articles and we propose to make this the hottest page in the newspaper world. In justice to the kind offer of the Appeal it will become us to get busy and put their list up to 50,000 subscribers. It means that the people will know what has been done and put the kibosh to the suppressing acts that have been practiced on us in the past.

CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST CHURCH.

According to press dispatches, there has been organized in Pittsburgh, Pa., a new denomination to be known as the Christian Church. It has started with 200 members of the Ames Methodist Church of which Rev. W. A. Prosser was pastor. We are also informed that A. W. Arundel, former rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, has joined the new body. An effort will be made to extendthe church throughout the United States.

What party other than Socialist ever officially contributed to a strike fund? What republican or democratic mayor ever spoke in a strike for strikers? What bullmoosser ever went to jail to win a fight for free speech? If you can't hold up your hands don't hold up YOUR hands.

A CURE FOR SCARLET FEVER.

Every mother and father of young children will hear with astonishment and interest the statement made by Dr. J. B. Murphy of Chicago that he brings back from Europe the news that scarlet fever can be freed of contagiousness. So high a Dr. Murphys rank among physicians that his announcement will be accepted throughout the medical profession as one made after sufficient investigation to warrant confidence little less than certainty that he is not mistaken.

The spreading of the disease is what Dr. Murphy says can be stopped, and by the very simplest expedient of daily inunctions with oil of eucalyptus. This is a well known germicide of the milder sort, and soon to be conquered, not by cure but by prevention, which is vastly better.

Doubt hardly be expected to be sufficient for the purpose, but the question is one of fact, not of expectation. If it meets the pragmatic test—if it work, that is—scarlet fever ought

BIG BUSINESS.

As appalling as are the number of casualties by accident, it is nothing to compare with the slow death occasioned by unsanitary conditions and adulteration of food and drink.

Innocent women and children perish perhaps the greater number of victims to the unholy greed of Big Business.

I therefore arraign it as the most heartless and monstrous murderer of this or any other age.

Because it conspires to subvert the true purpose of government, and to isolate the laws which are designed to restrain its wicked aggressions upon the rights of the people, I name it the hot-bed of treason, the enemy of good government, and the inciter of riot and disorder.

Because it has robbed labor until it has bluilt up the most stupendous fortunes the world has ever known I charge it with being the most monstrous robber of all times.

It has established at our national and state capitals such cesspools of corruption and bribery as were not surpassed by Rome when her crown was put up at auction and knocked down to the highest bidder.

In secret rooms of the great buildings which it occupies conspiracies against the welfare of the people are entered into that would brand every participant an outlaw if justice were not dethroned and the strong arm of the law paralyzed by the insidious power of the conspirators.

It is useless to juggle with words. All thieves look alike to me.

I hold all murderers equally guilty.

I would mate out to all traitors the same punishment.

Being rich and powerful makes a man no less a criminal than if he be poor.

These men may escape justice, for they own the machinery of the courts but their day of retribution will come.

They are sowing to the wind; they will reap the whirlwind.

Don't talk to me of the material progress which Big Business stands for in this country.

It is progress wrought out of human depravity and abject poverty.

Big Business will exist under Socialism, but it will be owned and operated by the people collectively and not by a few human leeches who defy the laws of God and man and crucify humanity on the cross of greed.

W. S. MORGAN.

INFORMATION.

Whereabouts of John D. Cowan.

Sometime ago Comrade John D. Cowan suddenly disappeared from his home in Cowan, Montana. Matters relative to his disappearance have been satisfactorily arranged by friends, who are urging him to communicate with his family. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be greatly appreciated.

As Comrade Cowan has been assisting in the work of the Information Department, we feel warranted in urging anyone who may know of his whereabouts to bring this notice to his attention. Or, address Virginia A. Cowan, Box 595, Malta, Montana.—Party Builder.

ASTOR WILL NOT STARVE; HAS A JOB AS SHERIFF

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Vincent Astor, the richest young man in America, put up another bar against the wolf today. He landed a job as deputy sheriff of Dutchess county. Sheriff Hornbeck handed Astor the appointment.

DESERVES AN EDUCATION.

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.—Hungry and carrying a few clothes in a bundle wrapped with a bandana handkerchief, J. H. Strickland, from the mountains of Arkansas, arrived and enrolled as a student in Ouachita college, having walked 150 miles. He apologized to the faculty for being tardy.

HOW TO VOTE INTELLIGENTLY, OR THE CANDIDATE'S SLOGAN!

The shades of night were falling fast,
When through old Erie City passed,
A candidate who bore on high
A banner with this bold defi:
"I pay taxes!"

"Oh, stay," a voter said, "and tell
If you will serve us ill or well."
But in a silver dollar rang
His accents as again he sang,
"I pay taxes!"

"Oh, do not go," an old man said,
"Till we have learned how much you've read
Of proper ways to rule a town."
But still he answered with a frown,
"I pay taxes!"

A citizen, "Before you go,
Your politics, good sir, we'd know."
With a look of boredom in his eye,
He answered with a tired sigh,
"I pay taxes!"

In crowds his townmen followed him,
And cried with e'er increasing vim,
"What have you done to qualify?"
And still they heard that lusty cry,
"I pay taxes!"

"Beware that awful avalanche,
The toilers' votes," from topmost branch,
A wise owl whispered in the night,
These weighty words came from the height,
"I pay taxes!"

November fourth—that was the date,
Snowed under was that candidate,
And o'er the drift a banner floats,
And this the message that it totes:
"No paid taxes!"

SULZER MAY VICTIMIZE.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Several of Sulzer's personal friends are circulating the opinion that he soon would go on the lecture platform.

The impeached governor, however, keeps all plans to himself.

IN NEW YORK 669,762 CAN VOTE.

NEW YORK.—Registration for the coming election in Greater New York, totaled 669,762, an increase of 24,151 over 1909, the year of the last mayoralty election. The figures show a falling off of 86,844, however, from the registration of last fall, a presidential year.

THESE ARE BOOKS YOU SHOULD READ

Books at Fifty Cents.

Socialism, Its Growth and Outcome. by William Morris and Ernest Belfort Bax. A Socialist classic, until lately sold at $1.25; now 50 cents.

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BANKING SYSTEM

Closing of speech by G. W. Galloway.
(Continued from Last Week).

Capitalism with its crime breeding death dealing, soul debauching methods is doomed to dissolution.

A system of government which creates extreme poverty and misery for those who produce wealth, extreme wealth and pleasure for those who produce nothing, cannot stand in face of a politically educated public.

Wealth producers are being too rapidly educated to the cause of their poverty and extent of their power to endure compulsory poverty and misery a great while longer.

Farmers are beginning to see that poverty of wage workers and poverty of farmers comes from the same general cause—that of private ownership of monopoly, interest, profit and rent.

HENCE, the former believe that a difference of interests exists between farmers and other workers and giving way under the light of political and economic education, and the workers are becoming class conscious. As a result the forces of plutocracy are melting away like a snow ball under a bright sun.

Quite likely there will be but two political parties in the field in 1916. The Socialist party for the masses; a union of old party forces for plutocracy.

What has happened in a few districts, counties and municipalities will sooner or later happen in a national contest. But consolidation of old party forces will serve as a recruiting agency for Socialism. It will take the lid off and reveal to masses the stern fact that Wall street money kings have for a half century, kept their political force divided into two camps in order to deceive and divide the masses and pit them against each other on minor sectional issues to be consolidated when necessary to oppose any political movement which threaten their supreme power for nation-wide exploitation.

The bitter opposition shown to Socialism by the exploiting class will commend Socialism to the masses.

Exploiters and their dupes tell us that Socialism would divide our homes; but it is not homes owned by working class people that they fear will be destroyed by Socialism, but homes now rented to homeless victims of capitalism.

Very few working class people have homes for Socialism to destroy; capitalism has already done that job for 82 per cent of the working class and if not checked in their vicious methods of confiscation, capitalists will soon make the remainder homeless and have the pleasure of renting homes to all working class families. Realizing that freedom of the enslaved masses depends upon success of Socialism, and that triumph of Socialism depends upon political and economic education of the masses.

Socialists never have off years in politics. At the close of one election we enter upon a campaign of education for the next.

Knowing that political and economic ignorance of the masses gives life and strength to capitalist parties, Socialists are determined to destroy those parties by educating their forces away from them.

People More Enlightened on Politics and Economics.

More men and women understand today how they have been betrayed, robbed and oppressed than understood it yesterday. A greater number will understand it tomorrow. Each succeeding day the light breaks in on a few victims of capitalistic methods. When a sufficient number receives the light capitalism will be dethroned and the masses will rule and be prosperous and happy in the enjoyment of the full fruits of their toil.

After the much boasted liberty freedom and independence of the American people have been destroyed and the masses driven dangerously near to despotism by "corrupt elections," "robber laws" and "vicious court decrees" in the interest of capitalism.

Politicians, party leaders and their dupes in an effort to head off Socialism and thereby perpetuate robbery and oppression, are now advising us to seek relief by electing good men to office, when as an abstract idea that bad men have been and are now in control. But all men of common sense should be able to see that there is no such thing as good men in the sense of doing good when they go into office hooked up in the harness of a party led by bad men.

When your personal friend wearing the harness of a capitalist party asks you as a working man to vote for him to fill some office, he is asking too much, he is asking you to endorse every corrupt law on the statute—state and national—because his party helped to make the law and his candidacy in the party is an endorsement of the parties' crimes. He is asking you to endorse formal robbery of yourself, your family and your class. He is asking you to indicate a desire to be injured and maltreated in future as in the past. He is asking you to abandon manly courage and just motives and endorse a system of government which makes paupers of those who create wealth and millionaires of those who create nothing of value.

You cannot afford it. Such action would be inescusable, and brand you as untrue to your family and to your class whether you be democrat or republican, the leaders of your party have basely betrayed you.

Why should you be true to a political party whose leaders have been untrue to you and your class for a half century or during your life?

As voters you owe it as a solemn duty to your families and your class to join the working class political movement and help to free yourselves and your class from the yoke of bondage under which you have been placed by treachery of party leaders.

The Socialist party is the only political party in existence that offers any relief to the working class. This is true because it is the only party composed of, financed and controlled by the working class.

Working class men and women control Socialist conventions, state and national and write the party's platforms, but working class people were never seen in national conventions of capitalist parties. THEIR platforms are written by representatives and agents of the exploiting class.

The men who control national conventions of capitalist parties are of that class whose wives and daughters have $2,000 collars and silk wraps for poodle dogs, and burn them in metallic caskets covered with costly flowers when they die. What can working class people expect through a political party controlled by such men. It isn't decent nonsense for working class people to expect anything beneficial to themselves from such source.

When you give a working class party power to make laws and shape the policies of government, working class people will get relief from oppressive poverty and have a chance to enjoy life in future unmolested by heartless exploiters.

Fellow workers let us consecrate our lives and our all to the cause of Socialism. It is the only political movement that deserves your loyalty. It is the movement through which you must gain your economic freedom or sink into peonage without hope for the future. No one political party can serve two classes of conflicting interests. It cannot serve exploiters and the exploited. A party be controlled by exploiters It will serve the exploiting class. If it be controlled by the exploited it will serve the exploited class. It is so plain that working class voters should easily see that it is to their interest to support the Socialist party whose conventions are known to be controlled by the exploited class rather than a capitalist party, whose conventions are known to be controlled by exploiters; realizing that a political party in order to serve the working class must be financed and controlled by the working class.

Let us scatter educative literature and do everything in our power to organize Socialist locals in every section of the country. Every citizen who favors just government should be a dues paying member of some Socialist local. Remember the triumph of Socialism—the only hope for freedom of the enslaved masses.

When that great Peace making, nation saving, equalizer of opportunities, the co-operative commonwealth is established upon the ruins of our labor-robbing, war-loving, soul-debasching system of capitalism American people will enjoy life anew and for the first time the masses will realize and enjoy true liberty, freedom and independence and a right to shout the glad tidings of redemption from the blighting curse of capitalism.

While we are saddened by the loss of a comrade, who suffered exile in Siberia, let our thoughts turn to his old white-haired women there, that we are asked to help rescue. Madame Katherine Breshkovsky did a great work for her country in trying to teach them how to emancipate themselves. Her reward—Siberia. The only hope of liberating her from a living tomb is to pour letters into the Russian legation at Washington, D. C., also Secretary of State Wm. Bryan, also write your congressman and tell him what you think about it. Ask the local ministers to make her imprisonment a theme, 'twould fill their church. Ask your locals to adopt resolutions in regard to it. Any information you wish on the matter is forcefully stated in the Progressive Woman for September. Buy one. Inform yourself and then act.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY DEMANDS SUFFRAGE.

The Socialist party is throwing its full strength into a nation-wide campaign for an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing for the extension of the right of suffrage.

Among the hundreds of resolutions which are being forwarded to the joint senate committee on suffrage will be a resolution from the national executive committee of the Socialist party.

This resolution, while couched in language similar to many others, will be far different in its effect upon the senate committee. It will represent, not the request of an individual or small organization of women pleading for the ballot, but the demand of a national political party speaking for one million voters.

This demand, while worded in the courteous and formal language of a resolution, bespeaks a power and a determination upon the part of the working class of the United States which no law-abiding body can afford to ignore.

Last year, it will be remembered, the Socialist party circulated a petition throughout the United States, which was presented by our congressman, Victor L. Berger. It will also be remembered that Comrade Berger made the demand for suffrage not as an individual, but as the representative of the Socialist party. This action was unique, as it is the first time in the history of the United States that a congressman voiced the demand of a national political organization in demanding that the women of the working class be given the right of political expression.

Many just and fair-minded congressmen have pleaded for suffrage, but they have invariably done so as individuals. Senator Owens of Oklahoma, one of the most earnest advocates of woman suffrage, in pleading for suffrage is doing so in direct opposition to the Democratic party of Oklahoma, which party placed itself on record not only as being opposed to the enfranchisement of women, but as standing for the further limitation of manhood suffrage by placing an educational clause, a grandfather's clause, which disfranchises practically all negroes in Oklahoma, and in attempting to place a poll tax qualification upon the right of suffrage in that state.

It has come to be generally expected and understood by the public that when a Socialist legislator of public official speaks, that he does so not for himself, but for the Socialist party, and not alone for the Socialist party of his state, but in behalf of the interest of the entire working class.

We predict that while the resolution of the executive committee of the Socialist party may not secure the adoption of a 16th amendment to the constitution of the United States, it will be of great force in lining up those state legislators who will great force in lining up those state legislators who will great force in lining up those state legislators who will great force in lining up those state legislators who will demand of the working class which does not directly jeopardize the profits of their masters, in order to appease the public sentiment for a more just and democratic government.

CLUB WOMAN INVENTS VACUUM STREET CLEANER.

Macine on Auto Truck, Idea of Houston Mothers' Club Head, Also Burns Dirt.

A Houston, Tex., clubwoman, Mrs. Mary W. Ewing, has invented a vacuum street sweeper that many municipal experts believe, will replace the present system in all large cities. Mrs. Ewing's devise is built on an automobile truck and operates on the combined principles of revolving brooms and vacuum cleaners such as are used to clean buildings. As the dirt is removed from the street it is taken into a furnace and burned. The machine resembles a fire engine.

Mrs. Ewing is president of the United Mothers' Clubs and is a leader in the Parent-Teachers' Club.

The dust raised by the present sweepers set Mrs. Ewing to thinking as she realised the danger to health. Much of the dirt removed by the present street sweeping system falls back into the street. Mrs. Ewing knew that dirt did not fall back from the small vacuum cleaners used in houses. Why not build a street cleaner on the same principle? She set to work. An expert mechanic assisted her, and now the machine they have built has been patented.

Mrs. Ewing visited machinery manufacturers, North and East, with a view of turning out a great number of the sweepers and placing them on the market. Experts praised the device.

An oil flame is used to destroy the rubbish passed into the furnace by two tubes connected with the brushes. These brushes adjust themselves to the unevenness of the pavement and loosen dirt as they pass over it.

The Political Industrial Co-Operative Commonwealth of America.

(In Embryo)

In the "Appeal to Reason" of October 4th, 1. an article by Fred D. Warren, on a "Co-operative Fishery," in which he tells us what a grand success a few simple fishermen achieved on the western coast through co-operation. In the wind-up he tells us Simple Simons why it is they were able to succeed, namely that the fish in the Pacific Ocean had not been monopolized; then proceeds to explain that co-operation would not be possible in any other line. Bah! I will give you what his argument would have been had the enterprise been proposed ere it had been demonstrated before his eyes. "The trusts own all the lumber which you will have to use to build. They own the tin which you will have to have. They own the means of transportation; they own everything except the fish in the ocean, and they have the money to procure them cheaper than you can; and they will simply freeze you out."

No! you cannot make a success of co-operation until we capture the means of production. You will only injure the cause by making a failure. There has been many co-operatives launched, and not one has ever fully succeeded. Now I will make an assertion that I challenge any one to dispute. Namely: There has never been a democratic co-operative organized upon earth, even as there has never been a democratic government inaugurated.

The Appeal is privately owned, and individually managed, and with its half million subscribers, trusts are unable to suppress it. But, according to the trusts, the Appeal's half million subscribers had a five or ten dollar interest, and a voice in its management, low and behold, capitalists would swoop down upon it, presto change, it would be no more. Profound logic (?). I challenge any one to show any reason why a collectively owned and democratically managed enterprise is more susceptible to capitalism's attacks, than a private enterprise.

To my limited comprehension in union there is strength, therefore if a democracy would be much more impregnable than the latter. All this opposition to co-operation originates from two causes. Ignorance of the principles of democratic co-operation, and prejudice. With the object lessons before us, to continue our present undemocratic and inefficient party organization, and tactics is little less than criminal, even if it is because of ignorance.

Comrades all over the land are getting their eyes open. We favor political action, and propaganda; but we believe in practicing what we preach, and that it would be far more effective than preaching collective ownership and democratic management and capitalistic and practicing private ownership and unofficial management.

G. F. HUNT,
Fort Dodge, Kan.

Mrs. Ewing has received scores of inquiries from cities that are interested in her invention.—Post-Dispatch.

I find the country districts of this state a rich field for the propaganda of Socialism. There the people have been robbed by this system of a great part of the significance of life. They have been denied education, travel, culture, music, almost everything that makes life worth living and they are beginning to realize it.

They are demanding an answer from capitalism.

They want something better for their children than they have ever had for themselves. Their lives have been one long renunciation. They are hungry for the message of Socialism. I have never in any field been received so courteously and been listened to so eagerly as in the country districts of this state.

I believe the co-operative cotton patch run for the local is the one sure thing to insure the growth of a local and the spread of Socialism. It would give the comrades funds to work with and fall and insure their keeping up an interest in the mean time. Every local should have a co-operative cotton field—no matter how small.—Jenkins McGehee, in Southern Light, Shreveport, La.

IN THE UNIONS.

There is a general feeling throughout the entire movement that labor should become active along more progressive lines and there will be propositions of more than usual interest considered and passed upon in the A. F. of L. convention at Seattle November 10, 1913.

The editor of this paper, who was selected delegate, is proud of the honor conferred upon him and will take pleasure in putting Chickasha on the map at Seattle as the best and most progressive union town in the west unless state this side of Paradise.—Grady County Socialist, Chickasha, Okla.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS AND OUR CHAIN OF PAPERS

Calvin, Okla., Oct. 11, 1913.

Dear Comrades: Here are some apple blossoms. The long drouth prin 5,000, but we are not going to keep them in our office, so if you want one be sure and get it before October 27th, at 714 Milam street. We will also state our position on the public schools, etc.

The subscriptions for Rhodes dates are coming in lively now. Our mottoes is **5,000 circulation and two congressmen in 1914.** Are you with us?—Southern Light, Shreveport, La.

HE LIKES THE VOICE.

Messages like the following are what keeps an editor's courage up:

Nowata, Okla., Oct. 10, 1913.

Dear Editor: I want to express my appreciation of the "Voice." It was chuck full of good stuff last week. I want to get the Socialists to work up here and will do all I can to make your paper a success.

Your comrade,
S. H. THOMPSON.

At the meeting of the Collinsville local last Sunday it was decided to put concerted action on Friday to get subscriptions to the Voice. An attempt will be made to cover the entire city as far as possible. While our subscription list shows quite a healthy growth through the mere force of gravity, we are not satisfied to drill along in this way, and on Friday every Socialist is expected to get out and hustle for subscriptions, and see what a little concerted energy will do for our Collinsville list.—Rogers County Voice, Collinsville, Okla.

Yes, the women registered and will vote when the time comes to do so, and the returns will look worse than ever to those who profit by crime and vice.—Cairo Bulletin.

Cairo is slowly getting better from a moral point of view and we expect the old burg to take several steps forward because of the revolt of mothers armed as they are now with the ballot.—Cairo Searchlight, Cairo, Ill.

Comrades: If you expect more local News, hustle more stockholders, and more subscribers, and we will be entitled to more space. See!—Shawnee County Socialist, Topeka, Kan.

TEACHERS WANT HOMESTEADS.

More Than 2,000 Register for Land in Nebraska Drawing.

Valentine, Neb., Oct. 19.—More than 2,000 school teachers registered for 640 acres of land each in the government land lottery yesterday as the three registration points, 627 of that number executing their affidavits in the Valentine office, which brought forth the remark from the county superintendent of Cherry county, Miss Cora Thackery, that she needed thirty-six teachers to supply the rural schools.

A great many of the teachers came from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Nebraska and South Dakota.

Eugene V. Debs has been threatened with a nervous breakdown and on the advice of his physician has gone to Colorado, where he is working manually outdoors and gaining a tremendous appetite. He will come back fuller of force than ever. In the meantime his dates, made by the Appeal lecture bureau, for the month of November are being filled by Ryan Walker with his Henry Dubb lecture.

After two years of experiments an English manufacturer has turned out a successful steam driven motorcycle.

now is the time to start organizing these things as it takes time to do it.

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If the tariff is a panacea for bird's coat of living, and all the other ills of which we complain, why is President Lindsay harrassed with the same troubles we are?

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BRIEF HISTORY OF LIBERTY VERSUS PRIVILEGE, NO. 2.

The war between Liberty and Privilege is the history of man since the concept of Liberty entered his mind. In No. 1, only the prominent points were mentioned, and jumping over all the time up to 1776, we will refer to American history only.

Liberty has several forms, but before any form of liberty can be secure, there must be mental liberty. Freedom of conscience or freedom to think underlies all forms of freedom. The first principle of Freemasonry is Toleration. When the Declaration of Independence was drafted it was noticed by a committee composed of Dr. Rush, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, all Masons. Between one-half and two-thirds of the signers of the Declaration were Freemasons.

These words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and to secure these rights governments were instituted among men, deriving all of their just powers from the consent of the governed," etc. These words define what we call "American Ideals."

These words are a liberal translation from the writings in French of Baron d'Holbac, a leading Freemason. Please remember, that at that time no such government as he describes existed. Even today "government of, for, and by the people," exists only in Switzerland, where the initiative, referendum and recall are a part of the organic law, and here in the United States there is no pretension made, under the constitution, that the government is other than deputised government, and that only in the house of representatives, as the senate was intended by the framers of the constitution "to represent the property interests."

Now, THEORETICALLY, "American Ideals" are the doctrinal basis of our government, but PRACTICALLY they are not.

Please remember that back of all the acts and deeds of history stand the motives of economic interest, stand the idealisms of liberty and the idealisms of privilege and autocracy.

In 1717 Freemasonry had a great revival. Hold ing as it does to the ideas of toleration, freedom of thought, speech, press and assemblage, it had been chilled to keep its organization completely and utterly secret, so much so indeed that it is claimed by the Jesuits that it only originated in 1717, and that its claims to great antiquity are mere pretensions, etc. But the truly well informed Jesuit knows better than this. Freemasonry, in one form or another, is as old as the existing monuments of history and has stood alone has kept it alive in the midst of intolerant tyrants and venomously fanatic priestcraft.

When the Declaration of Independence was signed Freemasonry had claimed for its membership all of the intelligent and advanced minds of Europe and America. All of the leading men who held the esteem of the people for character were Masons, Franklin, Washington, Rush, Jefferson, Joel Barlow, Thos. Paine, Patrick Henry, in fact all of the men of heart and soul of the time. The Declaration of Independence was a Masonic document, signed by two-thirds or more Freemasons, and the revolution against George the Third was a revolution against tyrany that enslaved Masons like Lafayaette, Kosinsko, Pulaski and many oters of Europe and even Spanis-American.

Liberty on the one hand had the idealists of Masonry on its side, while privilege had against liberty those whose economic interests acted as a counterstatic against these aspirations and humane ideals. John Hancock a wealthy smuggler merchant, signed the Declaration of Masonic principles because at the moment his interests were against King George and his government, but once independence was gained, and thus the criminal indictments of the King George governments were quashed, Hancock became a safe and sane conservative. This was the case with many of the signers of the declaration.

In 1787 the constitutional convention met in SECRET CONFERENCE. It was not until later that we common folk learned of the proceedings. But this history is well known to Socialists who are at all well read and I will not repeat it.

What we are interested in is the economic history of the time. Some Socialists are some down hearted and despondent at the economic facts of today. To any such the following quotation from the Virginia Gazette of March 28th, 1775, may be interesting. It contained this advertisement: "Just arrived at Leedstown, the ship JUSTICIA with about 100 healthy servants, men, women and boys, among which are many tradesmen, viz. Blacksmiths, shoemakers, tailors, house carpenters and joiners, a cooper, a bricklayer, a painter, several silversmiths and weavers, and many others. "THE SALE will commence on Tuesday, the 2nd of April, at Leedstown on Rappahannock river. A reasonable credit will be allowed, giving bond with approved security. Thomas Hodge."

Here in 1771, carpenters, shoemakers, etc. white, English subjects, were sold at auction, and under cover of the articles of confederation and the constitution, this continued and the progress up to the condition today has been a stubbornly contested one, inch, by inch, with the economic interests of the masters fighting every step, with the law ever referring us back to the dark ions under the past, and conservatism ever like Lot's wife, looking back.

Naturally, toleration of opinion, freedom of speech, press, assemblage, and every practice of liberty and progress, meant progress, meant more light, meant growth, and a looked towards liberty. The material interests of the masters, the property rights and class privilege are opposed to free speech, assemblage, press, etc., as an enlightened working class tends toward an awakening of the people to the class struggle, tends toward an awakening of class consciousness. We therefore find today an open avowal from the master owned press that education except in a limited degree is not desirable for the working class. We also find that there is a concerted and premeditated movement through the municipal and state governments against free assemblage, speech or press, and in the Army and Navy and government service, against freedom of conscience or opinion. In fact everything, the material interests of the masters; is putting them on the back track, and they are today anti-American and pro-monarchical. Americanism are American Ideals, are opposed by the capitalism of today, and what is more, Masonry that was radical in America, is today conservative to a degree.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

In Italy the parliamentary elections will be held on Tuesday, October 15th. This will be an important election for Socialism, and the American Socialist who does not feel interested in the onward march of Socialism in other lands does not yet grown up into a proper conception of what Socialism is.

The Italian comrades have 43 deputies in the Italian lower house out of 508 representatives in the country to some three million. At the election of October 28th, five million more will be added or a total of eight million. This additional five million it can readily be understood is composed in overwhelming majority of the proletarians, and our comrades are expecting to double if not still further increase their parliamentary representation.

To properly understand the importance of this election, let us suppose that 43 Socialists sat in our house of representatives, and the elective rights had been withheld from miners and merchants, etc., and that the elective franchise was to be extended to 16 per cent more than had hitherto been able to vote Would we not hail this election as of supreme importance? Would we not expect to increase our representatives to 80 or 100? If our one representative, Berger, was able to advance our cause as he did, what could we hope to accomplish with 80 or 100?

But there is far more significance in this election of October 28th, than is represented in the case I have supposed. Here in this United States we always have been accustomed to one party member, but in all Europe there is not to be found any such indifference to the question of party organization. The whole continent of Europe have what we Americans so sadly lack, they have a conscious class consciousness. Take as an example, the vote in the city of Hamburg, Germany. The last election vote lacked but little margin of the party membership. Do you realize the significance of this? When speaking in the court house square in Iola, Kan., recently a week for some eight weeks, some twenty acknowledged "If what you say is Socialism, then I will vote the Socialist ticket." Yet during this time, as far as I know, but three new members were added to the local. But more of those who had taken out red cards, fully four-fifths had lapsed membership, not only about one-fifth of those who kept up their connection continued active members. We Americans have become so accustomed to the idea of "let George do it," that George has done it and done us as well. Boss Tweed said, "I don't care who does the voting so I do the nominating." But the European comrades understand that if they want anything done they must do it themselves.

LOUISIANA STATE NOTES

W. F. Dietz, State Secretary.

Comrade Mrs. J. L. Mabry reports a very satisfactory and able lecture, by Samuel T. Patton, at Mt. Pleasant.

Local Eunice gets in good standing again, asks for application and membership cards and guarantees regular monthly reports in the future. That sounds like business. Let's hear from others along the same line.

Comrade R. P. Fleming, of New Orleans, reports much good accomplished through the "Workers' Educational League" and on Friday, Oct. 24th, will deliver his lecture "Socialism and the World's Intellectuals" under its auspices at 214 St. Charles street. League might be established in every city in the state to advantage. The workers need education. An enlightened working class spells the end of capitalism and the coming of Socialism.

Local Bienville sends in $6.90 for dues, and the secretary, Comrade Fannie Tompkins, writes that the little burg is solid for Socialism. Let's not leave them stand alone in that respect. But, perhaps there are others now, and if so, tell us about it.

Comrade E. Richards of Corleyville writes that the rainy weather spoiled all their meetings in Sabine Parish with Comrade Jones, but one. He shows the right spirit when he says, "But I am not discouraged and when another speaker is needed this way, just notify me and I will do the rest."

Comrade Roy Harrison, secretary of Local Calhoun, sends in $3.00 for dues and writes that they have a growing local and a full paid up membership. He says that much credit for the good report is due Comrade McGehee, who was one of the best lectures that they had ever had.

Comrade McGehe is proving one of the best workers ever routed by the state office. He reports and an active interest being manifested from the places she has visited. Return dates are being asked for, but cannot be promised on his route will be across the northern part of the state, then south through the eastern part to New Orleans, then west to Lake Charles, and north to Shreveport and then the western and central part of the state. Places in time of her route should not miss this opportunity for securing her for one or more lectures at little cost, terms being collections and entertainment. Write the state office for dates.

Comrade J. R. Jones has been sticking to the lecture work through the rainy weather when many of the meetings have been prevented, and now that the weather seems to have settled, we ask the comrades along his route to do their best to arrange for some successful meetings. Comrade Jones has proven his ability in this state to deliver clear, concise and convincing lectures on Socialism and is improving with experience. He is the product of our state and the comrades should encourage him in his work by arranging for large successful meetings that his sphere of usefulness to the cause may be enlarged. Terms, collection and entertainment.

In Italy there are co-operative banks, and the building trades, backed by these banks, take city, municipal and district contracts direct and entirely cut out the boodling contractors.

Quite lately a capitalist paper, speaking of a western city, said that there was $2,000,000 in the banks of that city deposited by the working class. Nowhere in Europe, with like population, does, would or could, any such a thing happen, for the workers even though not Socialists, would use this capital co-operatively and not put it to the masters to be used against them.

Here in the United States it's everyone for himself, and the devil take the hindermost, and he generally gets more than the hindermost. The European comrades hang together, and therefore don't hang so much separately as we the American Socialists. American Socialists feel when they have gained a mayor or an alderman, just as a Democrat or Republican feels when his party carries the city or state. Others are American Socialists and see no farther, but there is really no such thing as the American Socialist party, it is the INTERNATIONAL Socialist party of the world, and the coming victories in Italy and in Holland, the advances in China and Japan and in South America, are as much cause for our Hurrah! and rejoicing as the gaining of an American city, or an American congress. It's because we Americans are so narrow and provincial that we lag behind the comrades of Europe. It is because we lack class consciousness, that we lack unity. We are all the kindergarten class. But for about ten per cent of us who are full fledged Socialists, there would be no Socialist ticket for the 90 per cent to vote. Wake up the sleepers.

CAPITALISM AND MARRIAGE

By Eugene V. Debs.

The relation of Socialism to marriage has been the one absorbing theme of the whole brood of capitalists a polution of which is manifested in one way and another to decry Socialism and have it appear that Socialists have sinister designs upon matrimony and home life.

These prostituted vassals of capitalism profess to speak in the name of morality and the higher virtues. They launch their miserable diatribe from the rostrum, the pulpit and through the press, and they never weary, at least so long as the paylists, to denounce Socialism as being opposed to marriage and destructive of the home and family ties.

You have heard this charge a thousand times and the highbrows and lowbrows who have parroted the slander in chorus all over the world, have had their opposition to Socialism on the alleged fact that it would wreck marriage, destroy the family, and break up the home.

There is no more actual foundation for this vicious charge, this made-to-order slander, than there is for derived falsehood than there would be in charging that the discovery of a new truth in philosophy or a new fact in science would unsettle the laws of gravitation and inaugurate universal chaos and disaster.

The purpose of this malicious misrepresentation is but too apparent to men of intelligence enough to understand the difference between honest criticism and willful and pernicious misrepresentation, but unfortunately the unthinking, unorganized masses are easily deceived, and when they are told by the professor or the politician or the priest or the editor, all of whom "crook the pregnant hinges of the knee that thrift may follow fawning," that Socialism is a monster that will break up the home, scatter the family, wipe out religion and tear things up by the roots generally, they swallow it like so many children and in dread and fear they flee from Socialism and avoid contact with it as if it breathed leprosy and spread contagion and death.

As a matter of cold fact it is capitalism that is the enemy of marriage and of the family and of the home, and that falls like a withering blight upon them all, leaving ruin and desolation in its wake, and this fact, long since pointed out by Socialists, is now being reluctantly admitted by a gainsaying capitalist world.

And this fact, this incriminating, damning fact is being admitted only because it can no longer be denied.

This fact we now hurl into the faces of our accusers, and ask, is this, ye prostituted pleaders for capitalism and ye conscienceless defamers of Socialism:

On September 5th the following dispatch was sent out from Washington by the capitalistic Associated Press:

Unmarried men and women, you are hereby congratulated. Why are you unmarried? There are more than 17,000,000 of you in the United States, and E. E. Rittenhouse, a conservation commissioner of New York, is counting the unmarried to determine the reason for so many million single people. His conclusions are expected soon.

Bear in mind, good reader, that Commissioner Rittenhouse is not a Socialist, but an anti-Socialist; but in spite of this fact he finds himself in a position which compels him not only to condemn capitalism, but to furnish the proof that capitalism itself is guilty of an appalling social degeneracy and domestic demoralization which have so long tryingly and ominously been laid at the door of Socialism.

Capitalism is not only the father of countless illegitimate babes which it had deserted, but in the inhuman and cowardly spirit in which it robs its victims and then dumps them for their poverty, capitalism has stealthily laid its own abandoned babes upon the clean and spotless doorsteps of Socialism and then scurried with goulish glee the accusing finger at Socialism as the author of its own infamous crimes.

Now listen further to the press dispatch from Washington in which the above is but the open paragraph:

"Why," asks Commissioner Rittenhouse, "are 39 out of every 100 males without wives? Why should we have 17,000,000 unmarried persons in the United States? These mateless millions nearly equal in number the population of the kingdom of Spain, or that of Mexico and Canada combined. They are divided as follows: 8,102,000 unmarried men twenty years old and over; 9,000,000 unmarried women over fifteen years old; 7,256,000 of these men are between twenty and forty-four years old; some 500,000 of them are between the ages of forty-five and thirty-four."

These are pointed questions upon a vital issue. They are not for Socialists; but for anti-Socialists to answer, especially those who oppose Socialism upon the ground that it is opposed to marriage and to family life.

What have you to say in answer to the accusing questions of your own commissioner of conservation?

It is up to you to answer Mr. Rittenhouse and the eyes of Socialists are upon you as they await your answer!

Seventeen million marriageable males and females persist in remaining unmarried in the United States under the impoverishing, dehumanizing, debauching capitalist system. These are mainly, almost wholly of the poorer class, the class exploited and imporverished by the parasitic capitalist class, and this phenomenon of "mateless millions" is steadily increasing.

We quote further from Commissioner Rittenhouse as follows:

"Making due allowance for the impecunious, the aged and the mentally and physically unfit, it is safe to say that 5,000,000 of these single men are capable of assuming the responsibilities of married life. * * * *

Why should not our highly developed civilization devise some means to encourage our 17,000,000 fit, but unmarried, persons to marry, and assume their natural and proper places and part in the great scheme of humanity?

Why, indeed?

It is for capitalism and not for Socialism to answer.

Capitalism's is the guilt while Socialism has had to bear the blame.

Ask the millions of epiotled wage slaves in this land of capitalism, the empire triumph why they refuse to get married and bring children into the world when they can hardly support themselves?

Commissioner Rittenhouse truly says in his preliminary report from which the above paragraphs are quoted:

This is an unfortunate and unnatural state of affairs. Moreover, from the ranks of the unmarried comes humanity's heaviest contribution to immortality and crime.

This accounts for prostitution and the red light district with a vengeance. The enormous percentage of those who do not dare to marry under capitalism and the hundreds of thousands of red light women represent but different phases of the same damnable social system which condemns its toilers and producers to poverty and its own wretched offspring to misery and shame.

Ask the wage slaves in the "Shetowns" of the east and the "Hetowns" of the west why they don't marry and raise large and happy beautiful homes—for Socialism to destroy?

Ask the blacklisted silk workers of Paterson?

Ask the hunted lumberjacks of Louisiana?

Ask the persecuted miners of Colorado?

Ask the sly million women wage earners and the two million child slaves about their present lot and their future prospects from the standpoint of the holy institution of marriage and the happy home and sacred family ties?

Ask the fifty thousand American soldiers, the flower of the nation's physical manhood, who are doomed to be devoured by syphilis as the price of a bogus patriotism under a system that knows no patriotism but profits?

Ask the daughters of the plutocracy who are bartered off to titled vermin for the hard dollars wrung from the misery of the toilers, about the holy institution of marriage under the capitalist system?

Ask the million or more of ruined women with the badge of shame upon them how they came to be converted from God's images into despised outcasts?

The answers from all these are to the same cruel and crushing effect and mutually corroborative of the fearful fact that capitalism is the implacable enemy and the deadly destroyer of the marriage relation, the heartbreaker, the family tie, and all that is holiest among men.

Mina Modine, a mute, aged 7, who for a year and a half has been taking the thyroid treatment, has developed to a stage where she is able to form words of three syllables. The thyrus of the goat is used.

She can say "Hody-do-do," "Kiss-kuh," "baby," and is anxiously waiting for the time when she can say "Mama." Mina's case is one of the most remarkable in the history of the treatment. Her improvement is so marked that her parents, who are poor people, expect to see her speech perfected.

EXTRACT FROM GLAND IN GOAT'S THROAT RESTORES SPEECH TO MUTE CHILD

DENVER.—In the county hospital is a case of thyroid treatment which has surprised the doctors in attendance.

The Socialist Pulpit

By Rev. Thomas W. Woodrow, Ed., Hobart, Okla.

PARAGRAPHS.

THE CHURCH THAT IS TO BE.

The way names and clubs of subscribers are coming in every mail for "WOODROW'S MAGAZINE," the first number will appear in about sixty days. They are coming from all the states of the Union, from the North and the West, from the North and the South. The letters show intelligence and clear understanding of the work and need of the magazine which I have proposed. They know that "Woodrow's Magazine" will carry the fire-brand of the revolution into the field of theology where there is so much dry chaff, that when it starts there, great will be the conflagration.

But nothing that is true and satisfying in religion, theology and Christianity will suffer and only what is false, spurious, oppressive and enslaving to the mind will be destroyed. "The chaff will be burnt up in the unquenchable fire" of the revolution and "the wheat will be garnered" in the co-operative commonwealth.

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If any member of church suspects that I will use the magazine to favor my own denomination, I will disabuse them of that thought. I will be as drastic and unsparing in criticism of whatever inconsistencies may appear in the attitude of the Universalist Church toward the program of Social Democracy—the Plan of Salvation of Primitive Christianity—(and perhaps more so) as to the attitude of other churches.

The Universalist Church advocating (I believe truly) that salvation so often mentioned in the Bible, is to be realized in this world and from known evils which curse mankind, is very inconsistent if it ignores and refuses to support the only scientific remedy for the evils of the world, refusing the specific program of society preached by Jesus and practiced by the early church for the redeeming and salvation of all.

The Universalist Church is founded upon the idea and has persistently advocated that Salvation is to be universal; that "The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world—God will have all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth;" and the church is very inconsistent in ignoring and refusing to support the specific social and political program appointed of God, the primitive Christian plan by which the salvation of all is to be accomplished. To always be harping about the Bible doctrine of the salvation of all, that it was the doctrine of primitive Christianity, yet silent and indifferent and even sometimes opposing the primitive Christian plan for the salvation of all, is an incongruity most bald and intolerable.

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Woodrow's Magazine will be gnostic, rather than agnostic on the hope of life beyond the grave; that personal continuity of life beyond physical dissolution is a fact of knowledge and not purely of speculation and groundless belief; that immortality is capable of scientific demonstration known to leading scientists of the world and millions of lesser lights, which is a fact of great social value. The philosophy and concept of being that confines all of social relations to the brief span between the cradle and the coffin, is opposed to man's social nature—is anti-social.

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When life will cease to be a continual grind and struggle to provide for the nourishment and continuity of the physical, the question of the continuity of life after the physical will be settled and settled in accordance with the demands of human affection. When man will have time and opportunity to study, know and develop himself, doubts and fears will be relegated to the mists of past ignorance, science will paint the rainbow of hope on the tears of grief, for fear will give hope, for doubt, knowledge, and the song of hope, by science, will not be converted into a wail of despair. Woodrow's Magazine will congratulate all upon the glorious destiny awaiting all beyond the vail; it will not only stand for that progress of society and government that will remove the evils from the world but it will advocate the philosophy of life that will remove the burden of doubt and torments of fear, giving all, amid the accidents and uncertainties of physical life, the happy assurance of glorious life to come. The magazine will bear a message commensurate with the scope and demand of the human mind, and with Ingersol say, "Love canopies the earth, and over all, in the great dome shines the eternal star of human hope."

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CINCINNATI HAS UP-TO-DATE MUNICIPAL LAUNDRY WHERE HOUSEWIVES MAY DO FAMILY WASHINGS FOR A FEW CENTS.

CINCINNATI, O.—This city lays claim to attention in the matter of a municipal activity along unique lines.

A first-class, up-to-date laundry in one of the public bath houses operated by the city, under the jurisdiction of the department of public lands and buildings. Upon certain days during the week it is thrown open to the public, and at instituting a fee for the use of washing machines, dryers and mangles makes the family washing far less of a burden and grudge upon the already overworked housewife. Further, the ridiculously small charge of 10 cents for every four hours' use gives a financial advantage to the one who knows the absurdity of the saying, "It costs nothing to be clean."

We are told that the "expense of operating this laundry exceeds the revenues derived from it, but on certain days during the week it is used for the purpose of laundering the towels, etc., for the various city departments, thus eliminating laundry bills which were formerly borne by the city.

The working class, little dreaming of its mighty strength and power, reminds one of an elephant that allows itself to be mastered by some weak man and made to do his bidding. As easily as the elephant could crush his keeper with one sweep of his powerful trunk, so might the workers crush capitalism with one sweep of its millions of ballots.

EVEN MORE.

Peace hath her victories
No less renowned than war.
—Milton.

Comrade J. Ralph Roberts has a plan to help the unfortunate sisters to have a home and training. His idea is to have a state school of five hundred acres, where unfortunate women and girls could be sent for treatment and education. Not sending them to jail to make them worse, but putting them on this farm to make them better. Persons of national repute have already agreed that this is the only means by which women can really rise after once fallen. He expects to get this plan endorsed by the International purity congress in November. Those of us who know Comrade Roberts personally, expect to see his plans realized.