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So Long As The Masters
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Address all communications to
Co-Op. Publishing Co., Iola, Kansas.
A cross here means
your subscription ex-
pires next week.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.
How to Build Up Socialist Locals
and the Party Organization in
General.

We have already received letters
from state secretaries commending
this move and promising all the
assistance in their power to advance it.
It is a move that can be made
of great value to socialist locals and
the party organization in general
and a medium by which valuable in-
formation can be received and im-
ported, by which ideas and plans
can be exchanged without expense.
We trust that every Socialist local
in the country will cooperate in this
move by which all will be benefited.
We want the names of socialist
workers, those interested in advancing
the party organization and we are
willing to pay 10c for each name in
this way.

Freedom's banner, a high grade
propaganda paper, is at fifty cents
a year. Any Socialist local or secretary
of a Socialist local, sending us
the name and address of four of the
most active Socialists of their local
or vicinity, and a silver dime will
receive Freedom's banner, one year
(12 issues), and 50¢ for this second ad-
vice soon to reach every Socialist
local in the United States with this
new department on building up
the party organization.

Let every secretary receiving a
copy of this issue send in his name
and four names at once.
The new department will be started
the first issue in May.

This department will appear in
more than 40 other Socialist papers
published in 12 states, but all printed
at this central plant.

We expect to devote from two to
four columns to this department and
tackle all the locals and comrades in
the United States to contribute in a
fashion, short of a dollar, but in a
fashion that they have carried out, with good
results, to add more members to
their local and to create increase in
interest and activity.

As quickly as possible, we are
going to get in touch with those locals
that have made wonderful strides
and we know that they will be glad
to tell you through this department
just how they did it, for the good
may be the cause in other localities.

We will also get in touch with for-
eign comrades, particularly of Ger-
many, France, Denmark, Italy, Fin-
land, Sweden, Poland and Belgium,
and we are sure the comrades there
will gladly contribute to this depart-
ment to add the building up of our
common cause. Address at once:

FREEDOM'S BANNER.
Iola, Kansas.

PIANO AT A BARGAIN.—We have a
used piano in good condition that
one of our customers was unable
to pay for. For \$5.00 we will place
it free of charge in the home of
any satisfactory party in the
vicinity of Iola who will pay the
balance in cash or payments as
low as six dollars per month. Ad-
dress Olney Music Co., St. Joseph,
Mo.

\$5.00 A DAY
ANY MAN OR WOMAN, who is a
steady, persistent worker, a really
live wire, whether or not with any
experience in our line, your service
is worth at least \$5.00 a day to us.

IF you are a person possessing the
above qualifications, write us at once
we need you; otherwise pay no at-
tention to this advertisement.

THE ELECTED FEDERATIONISTS IN COLORADO

Denver, Oct. April 20.—The popu-
larism of Colorado is thoroughly
disgusted with the life-slaves
austere methods of the govern-
ment, the army and the operators
who are at the helm of this state
when the United Mine Workers
strikes was on in every district ex-
cept Walsenburg, the notorious king-
dom of Jeff Parr.

CARTON SERVICE

Six Socialist papers have already
signed up for the Co-Operative Car-
toon Service at \$1.00 for one three
column cartoon and \$1.50 for one
each, a three and two column cartoon.
We publish at this central plant
more than forty different Socialist
papers and must make a front page
out of each, and we have decided to
furnish a three column cartoon postpaid
every week for the sum of only 50c a
week, the 10 papers first or-
dering this cartoon service.

A Local Paper For Your Local

Your own local Socialist paper en-
tered as second class matter at your
postoffice, the size of The Appeal,
four pages, columns and lines, and
as you could buy other Social-
ist papers in bundles, 1,000 a week
costing you only \$4.00 and you can
have it delivered to your door.
If you want a local paper write
now, this very day and get par-
ticulars, as this is campaign year
and you need a local paper, need it
badly and can't afford to do without
it at the price charged by the So-
cialist Co-Operative Publishing Co.,
Iola, Kansas.

SOCIALIST PAPER HAS 150,000 SUBSCRIBERS

Berlin, March 31st was the
thirtieth anniversary of The Vor-
wärts. The paper was founded in
1884 as The Berliner Volksblatt, and
in 1890, when the law against So-
cialism was abolished, changed 11-
100 subscribers, besides its sale on
the street.
At that time the paper, which was
the organ of the Socialists of Berlin
and its district, was the largest
daily under its present name.
The number of its subscribers was
33,000. It is the twenty-fifth an-
niversary in 1909 Vorwärts had
140,000 and now has 150,000 sub-
scribers.



STRIKE BROKEN GREAT STRIDES TAKES SHOT BY PRIVATION ARE MADE BY AT MAYOR OF AND HUNGER SOCIALISTS NEW YORK

Houghton, Michigan, April—In
the city and township elections held
in Houghton county, the Socialists
made great strides, and the vote was
much heavier than was anticipated
by any Socialist.

In Hancock the Socialists polled
241 votes, while one year ago in the
city election they only polled 41
votes.

The township of Calumet polled
725 as against 144 in the election
of 1911.

Great gains were made by the
Socialists in every voting precinct.
In Houghton county, and if the increase
continues as it has for the past year,
we may soon expect to see Socialists
in every office in the county, as well
as every city and town within the
county.

It is believed that if every Socialist
voter were to vote the grand total
would not fall short of 2,500 in the
county. In the state election of 1912
the total Socialist vote in Houghton
county was but 414.

CEAR CRUSHING FINLAND.

Helsinki, April 22.—The Fin-
nish people are facing their darkest
hour in their long and heroic strug-
gle to maintain their ancient lib-
erty. The election of three Social-
ists in the Finnish Diet is a great
victory for the Finnish people.

SOCIALIST GAINS SOAR WITH RED WED RETURNS.

Berlin, April, (By Mail).—Every
set of returns from the work-
ing men of the Socialists during the "Red
Week" showed the number of mem-
bers gained above all previous re-
turns. With all 11 election
districts have been added, of which
15,461 are women.

TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY.

The first of May is an interna-
tional working men's holiday taken by
the working men of every free
civilized country except the United
States. In this country the strike
has been so long and so bitter that
the workers are unable to make it a
holiday. The Socialists are the only
party of the workers in this coun-
try who have made any attempt to

COLORADO IS PATRIOTIC TO MINE OWNERS

Colorado Must Pay More Than
\$600,000 for Putting Its Gorgeous
Militia Against Underpaid Work-
ers.

It has cost the state of Colorado
over \$600,000 to aid the coal op-
erators of the state in waging their
war of extermination on the mine
workers union, says The Wyoming
Journal. This bill has been an-
nounced since September last when
then "brave" Gen. Chase and his
men first took the field.

A brief glance at the records may
be interesting. Chase draws \$400,
and expends a great deal of the state
for leading the reign of anarchy;
it is added he spends several days a
week in Denver looking after his pri-
vate practice as an optician. Then
there is Maj. Boughton, with \$200
a month and expenses of over \$100 a
week. "Patriotic" comes high in
Colorado.

LABOR-SOCIALISTS OF NORWAY MAKE NOTABLE PROGRESS IN 12 MONTHS

Christiana.—Notable progress was
made by the Norwegian Labor-Soc-
ialist party in the past 12 months,
according to its annual report, just
issued.

The active membership increased
from 42,550 to 52,000, while, in spite
of the poor means of internal com-
munication, branches have been
established in every part of the coun-
try. There are now in all 12 Labor-
Socialist papers, of which 24 are
owned by the party. Of the 24 nine
appear daily, nine three times a
week, five twice a week and one
weekly.

As a result of the various munici-
pal elections the number of Labor-
Socialist members of local councils
increased from 1,390 to 1,800, many
of them are 46 women.

In three towns and in 21 county dis-
tricts the party now holds an abso-
lute majority in the councils.

SAME OLD THING.

"Washington, April 22.—One of
the leading figures in the fight of the
shipping trust for free tolls through
the Panama canal, has been re-elected
United States Senator. T. Burton, who
admitted under a rapid-fire grilling
that he was a hired lobbyist and that
he had been a member of a large firm
of lobbyists, in his "outing" as "pulling
strings" the tolls exemption re-
sponding. Brown's former he had made
the grudging admission that he was a
lobbyist, to the man who heard Col. Mar-
tin Mulhall, lobbyist of the National
Manufacturers' association, tell how
he purchased legislation favorable to
the capitalist interests."

"This shows that despite all the
talk of President Wilson as to
smashing the lobbying trust, and
with all the publicity of the Nation-
al Association of Manufacturers' cor-
ruption as practiced by the Mutual
wonder and investigation, that the
same old thing is going on. In fact
the Manufacturers' Association's head
is the investigator, without shame
or punishment, that they want only
to have to change their methods.

A LABOR DAY ISSUE NEXT WEEK

All local editors should get their
copy in three days earlier, so they
can get their paper mailed in time
to have it in the hands of their read-
ers by Friday, May 1st.

RAISE COTTON IN RUSSIA BY CO-OPERATION

St. Petersburg, April 22.—Only
second to the Czar's scheme to abol-
ish the manufacture of vodka and
replace the revenue derived there-
from by a tariff on export grain is
the measure now being considered by
the council of the empire that the
country itself shall grow the \$50,
000,000 worth of cotton for ex-
ports from Egypt and America.
Today Russia raises about half
the amount of cotton it consumes,
and has schemes to irrigate and
colonize the Hwazet region, in
Turkmenia, so that it shall produce the
rest of its needs.

GOVERNOR MEET AT CHARGE: MOTHER JONES FREETED: MILITIA OUTSIDED

Denver, Colo., April 24.—Follow-
ing the riot rupture which Gen. John
Chase, Gov. Ammons ordered with-
drawal of all state troops from the
coal strike fields.
He directed "Mother" Jones
released immediately from the
Walsenburg jail, saying she should
have been freed sooner.
Socialist leaders are to be
withdrawn from towns in the
Trinidad district Thursday and the
cavalry in the southern strike zone.

KILLING SOCIALISM.

The best, the clearest thinkers of
every nation; the world's elite of sci-
entists and scholars, lead their gifts
to labor's cause and to the removal
of the onerous of ignorance, bigotry
and prejudice.

Our universities are honeycombed
with Socialists and neo-Socialists.
Our magazines are filled with the
contributions of Socialists.
Socialism is expounded on the
stage in the works of the foremost
playwrights.

It is to be expected from a thousand
pulpits. It has conquered the minds
of the best and the noblest.
Against this the voice of a human side
stand high armies and obscure po-
liticalians who throw their shafts of
lies and doubts of mire—trying to
match the advance of the intellectually
blind and spiritually dead.

"FORGOTTEN" NEWS.

The Associated Press has reported
that the Socialist ticket in Milwaukee
was defeated by 5,854 majority and
that the Socialist vote was less than
that of the city election of 1912.
What the Associated Press forgot to
say was that the majority against
Socialism two years ago was 13,777
that the vote of the non-partisan
anti-Socialist combine has fallen off
6,474. The vote of the Socialists
percentage of total has increased from
41% to 41%.

CASE HEAVY VOTE.

In proportion to the number of
both cases registered, women cost a
heavier vote in Chicago than the
men. The total male vote was 114,
the female vote 144,011.
Analysis of the women's vote in
Chicago showed that while as a rule
women shared with their male rela-
tives, the progressive party and
"nonpartisan" movement received more
than their proportionate share of
the suffrage vote. In the 1912
votes elected two of the three pro-
gressive named and asked three
new "nonpartisan" adherents.

The democratic majority in the
new city council as the result of the
election was reduced from 18 of 35
to 16 of 35.

The progressive doubled their
strength, electing three new ad-
vancers to join the three old ones
in council. The "nonpartisan" ad-
herents, supported by the Socialists,
tripled their strength, adding three
new members to the two old ones.

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COMRADES, THIS JOB FIRST SHOULD BE RE

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