

Labor Enters Parliament

The Awakening of the British Proletariat--Class Lines Are Drawn.

For the first time in the political history of Great Britain, labor will possess in the next parliament a body of representatives numerically powerful enough to influence the councils of the nation; rendering it no longer necessary for labor to degrade its dignity in the begging of favors from the representatives of capitalism in the parliamentary lobbies. For the future capitalism will have to face an attack from the forces of labor in its very strongholds, in the shape of an independent labor party, pledged to support labor, on whom it relies financially for its support. "Labor," as the London Clarion says, "is no longer on the doorstep. Labor is inside. Something will happen."

The present awakening of the British proletariat is distinctly of a revolutionary character as the facts prove. The recognition on the part of a great portion of the working class of the fact (as is evidenced at the polls) that the emancipation of labor rests with labor itself, and that one great means to that end is the control of the political machine, marks an epoch in the history of the English labor movement.

The real issue of the present electoral campaign is not as the liberals suppose, viz., the question of free trade and a wholesale condemnation of the Balfour administration, but whether the working class in the future shall formulate their own platform or still continue to allow the capitalist class to do it for them, or as the London Times puts it: "The issue is whether the working class who form the bulk of the electorate are to decide the policy they desire or go on contenting themselves with choosing between the policies offered to them by the traditional parties. They have decided for the first alternative. They have done what some observers expected them to do long ago."

The British proletariat is at last awakening. The persistent propaganda of the socialist party is bringing results.

The newly constituted parliamentary labor party cannot be termed definitely socialist; it, however, contains at least twelve stalwart socialists, and the remainder, if not socialists, have strong leanings towards socialism.

But the important fact to be noticed is that the existence of an independent labor party proves that

dependent labor party proves that the people are fast losing faith in the capitalist parties; are beginning to recognize the class struggle, and the consequent need of independent action.

The time has now come when the liberal party, the long professed friend of labor, will be required to redeem its many promises, or declare itself in open hostility to labor. The great vote they have received in the present campaign is due to the pledges they have made to give their support to the urgent reforms that the times demand.

Its position, however, when a crisis is reached, when the demands of labor, if granted, would result in a decrease in capitalist revenue, can well be gathered from the words attributed to John Morley, a member of the new liberal cabinet, in a speech at Montrose. "I am perfectly sure," he said, "that the labor contingent would ask for something which I, for one, would do the best I could to prevent its having, and I certainly would not admit that the new labor contingent would always be in the right."

Indeed, liberalism has no other alternative; as one of the bulwarks of capitalism in England it has no other course to pursue.

When the proletarian revolutionary forces threaten the revenues of capitalism, it will make common cause against them in order to perpetuate the present system of exploitation.

The line of cleavage has already been drawn between socialism and democracy, and as the Clarion says, "The workers have crossed their Rubicon, and though Pompey Bannerman's mercenaries fatuously acclaim them yet as allies, that delusion is not likely to endure when the socialists get to business."

The great strides the revolution is making in England is further proof that the proletariat throughout the civilized world is awakening. The vast edifice of capitalism is being shaken to its foundation. The world is rapidly marching towards its goal the cooperative commonwealth. British Labor is awakening, it is beginning to exercise the political power it possesses to its own advantage, and as the Worker says "is taking something like its due place in the international field of labor."

JESSE D SELBY

CHINESE STUDENTS GO ON STRIKE

Pekin, Jan. 4.—The Chinese students in Japan, who number 8,000, have struck against the attempts of the government to subject them to official supervision. They are threatening to return to China in a body. If this threat should be carried out it would prove a disturbing element here, as the sympathies of the students are anti-foreign.

A notable movement has recently begun here in the establishment of schools for the education of women under the direction of several princesses with Japanese ladies as volunteer teachers. All the schools are crowded with girls from leading families. Fourteen Mongolian princesses have arrived at Peking for the purpose of seeking instruction in the European languages.

When China gets wakened up to the "advantages" and the enterprise of capitalism, and their capi-

talistically educated boys and girl can conduct vast business interests as successfully as the enlightened nations of the Occident, and can grind surplus values out of the workers at the hugely accelerated rate of the systematic application of modern machinery and reeking factories, to whom, then, will be sold the enormous "over-production" from the "powers" of Christendom? It will pile up in a festering mass. People will starve for it, but will have no way to buy it. The rulers will get up wars to kill off the surplus rats. But they are getting wise and are refusing to fight the battles of their rulers.

What will they do? Why go into socialism, of course, in self defense—seize the product they make and the machine that makes it, and have there product, and live in comfort. This is socialism. But of course some people would rather live in filth than do a little thinking.

WORKERS JAR LOOSE FROM OLD PARTIES

If the people want to change their political conditions for the better they must make the change to suit themselves. They must revolt or jar loose from the dear old parties and line up to a man in a new party that represents strictly their own interests and one which they can control. Such is the Socialist party, a party whose influence extends around the world. Already ten millions are marching under its banner and it is only a question of time when it will overwhelm the earth. If the laboring class would only unite and stay united, turning their backs on the old parties that have so basely betrayed their interests they could win the world. They could be masters of their own destiny, divided they are feeble, helpless slaves.

METHODISTS FAVOR THE OPEN SHOP

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 15.—At a meeting of Methodist editors and publishing managers of the United States here yesterday, it was decided that every printing establishment controlled by the Methodist book concern shall hereafter be run on the "open shop" plan, making no distinction between union and non-union workers. It was declared that since the open shop plan had been introduced there had been better service in every way and that it would be absurd to think of ever restoring the alliance with the unions.

Workingmen ought to see by this about how much those who preach to them of love and heaven care for their material welfare.

WHAT LADIES WORE Luxurious Extravagance at Concert Given for London's Starving

To raise money for the unemployed of London—and there are enough of these miserable, hungry half clad, empty-bellied people in the world's greatest and richest city to frighten men who have studied the history of nations—a concert was given at Albert hall.

The London newspapers in describing the event, announce that "Her majesty wore a deep mauve costume with toque and boa to match." Then there is a lot of entertaining "rot" about the gowns of other women and the velvet drapings of the king's box, and the orchids and roses that were carried.

One wonders what the poor, who were outside in a far deeper sense than in the mere fact of not being present, wore, and if, when the Life Guards band played inspiring airs, the pangs of hunger were less keen.

It is not desired to attack wealth. It is good to know that many people have an abundance. But the trouble in Europe and the world over is that the rich are so rich and the poor so bitterly and bitingly poor. If some of the Midases of modern times

could look into the kennel of the Londoner who murdered his family of six because he could not earn bread to keep them from hunger, or into the attic of the man who hunted for a pitiful job for six months, and dropped dead of heart disease when he was trying to tell his wife that at last he could play the part of a man and support them, would they enjoy their millions?

The nations will not have done their duty until they shall have made it possible for every human being who wants work, to find it. That is a problem that faces humanity. It is greater than any one country. It is more important than Hague tribunals.

Every man has a right to an existence; to rear a family; to educate, feed, clothe and care for that family. It should not be a gift. It should not be a matter of charity. Simple justice.

It may be that the world must be bathed in a crimson tide before the right to live is recognized, but the end must be reached, whether the path be one of peace, or paved with the bodies of human beings.—St. Paul Daily News.

Seattle Socialist Platform

We, the Socialist party of Seattle, in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist party of America, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary socialism.

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations and our platform of principles:

1. Labor produces all wealth.
2. Under the present economic and political conditions labor's share in the wealth which it creates is merely a mean and uncertain subsistence.
3. So long as the present organization of industry remains the capitalist class will monopolize the means of production and distribution and will appropriate, through the wage system, the wealth created by the working class.
4. This appropriation of labor's wealth by the capitalists is so complete that it enables them to live in luxury and idleness.
5. As a necessary consequence of this exploitation of the laborers by the capitalists, this exploitation of all property out of the hands of the toilers into the private owner-

ship of the holders of capital, there is an inevitable war between the interests of the working class on the one hand and the interests of the capitalist class on the other.

6. This class struggle between the wealth-makers and the wealth-takers will endure so long as our present system of production for profit continues.

7. In this conflict between the workers and the capitalists, labor is disarmed on the economic side, all the instruments of production and distribution of wealth being owned or controlled by the holders of capital.

8. The best weapon under existing conditions with which the working class can successfully oppose the capitalist class is the BALLOT.

9. This fact demands as an inevitable conclusion the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be, everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist Party is organized to meet this demand, and is therefore the party of the working class.

10. If elected to office in this

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Institute of Social Studies

A. M. and May Wood Simons Conduct Socialist School in Chicago.

It has been the intention of the News to give publicity to the socialist school conducted by Comrades Simons of Chicago. Our limited space has not permitted us to insert the notices previously; but we have had so many inquiries here in Montana as to where such instruction could be obtained that we publish a portion of the statement issued by Comrade Simons. This work is the best thing of its kind in America. The academic teaching of the bourgeois class, which dominates all our institutions of learning today, with its false setting and conclusions, is to be withdrawn and superseded by the accurate and scientific presentation of knowledge of the socialist thought.

"Every intelligent socialist will agree that more and better educated members is the greatest need of the socialist party. There is urgent need for better prepared men and women as speakers, writers, organizers, party officials, and to fill the public positions to which socialists will soon be elected, and in all other ranks of party activity.

"Individual, undirected, unsystematic study, duplicates effort and is as wasteful of energy as production with the old-fashioned hand tools in an age of machinery. Co-operative directed study means rapid progress with a minimum waste of energy.

"During the months of January, February and March, 1906, a school will be conducted in the city of Chicago to meet these needs. A study of the courses of lectures described below will show that this affords the best opportunity for study along these lines from a working class point of view ever offered in this country.

"American Industrial History," by A. M. Simons. The history of no country in the world so clearly illustrates the truth of socialist philosophy as does that of the United States.

"Socialism," by May Wood Simons. This course treats the socialist philosophy according to the principles of socialist thought.

"Literature and Art in Relation to the Social Order," by Prof. Oscar Lovell Triggs, formerly of the University of Chicago. Prof. Triggs is the best equipped man for this special subject to be found in the country.

FEDERATION OFFICIALS ARRESTED

The laboring class have opportunity now as never before in American history to see the lengths to which a capitalist government will go against any organized resistance on the part of the workers. Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, W. D. Haywood, secretary of that organization, and G. A. Pettibone, a former member of the executive board, have been arrested on the direct charge of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg of Idaho, and taken to Boise. Vincent St. John, formerly president of the miners' union at Telluride, Col., has also been arrested on the same charge and taken to Boise. This action on the part of the mine owners is a diabolical conspiracy against labor, worthy only of Russia. The pretended "confession" against the union men charges them with all the crimes that have been committed in Colorado for years.

"Science of Evolution," Prof. J. Howard Moore, author of 'Better World Philosophy,' professor of zoology in the Crane Manual Training High school.

"The lectures will be but a small portion of the work. Recitations, text-books and required readings will be carried on. Special topics may be prepared by the student with the assistance from the instructors in library work.

"For further information address May Wood Simons, Melrose Park, Ill., or A. M. Simons, 56 Fifth avenue."

The plutocratic puppets who are so earnestly struggling to beat back the tide of socialism that is sweeping over the land are in desperate straits.

The condition of the laboring class or wage slaves at the present time is much like that of the children of Israel while they were in their Egyptian bondage. The Pharaohs of Capitalism are willing to do anything except turn their victims free. When they have to they will shorten their hours some, or raise their wages a trifle, perhaps divide their profit to a slight extent with the ones that make profit possible, but they don't want the slavish system changed to one of justice.

Socialist Call FOR City Convention

A mass city convention of the Socialist party of Helena is hereby called to meet Saturday, March 3, 1906, 8 p. m. at the Workers' Educational club for the purpose of nominating a full city ticket, to be voted for at the coming city election, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

By order of City Central Committee.
Hermann Luehmann,
Chairman.
T. P. Hughes,
Secretary.
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AMALGAMATED PEACE.

The Montana copper war has ended. The big fish has swallowed the little fish. A whale has been created which has swallowed the Amalgamated Jonah—Heinze.

When the curtain rises again on the industrial stage of Montana it will be for act two, entitled, "The Class Struggle," and when the curtain is lowered on the first scene it will be amidst intense excitement.

For years the workers of Montana have looked with favor to the warring faction in the mining industry. To them it meant industrial peace, no strikes, no lockouts, no reduction in wages but prospective increase in wages.

In the early days the cry—Marcus Daly will never allow wages to be reduced. Daly died. The Amalgamated was in the saddle. Labor felt shaky. But lo! a new champion was at hand in the person of W. A. Clark, the copper king.

This was the mess of pottage that was handed to the workers for their votes to send Clark to the United States senate.

During the campaign preceding the election of 1900, Clark's slogan was sounded over the hills and dales of Montana, "the people of Montana versus the Standard Oil."

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as miners, through the legislature. Clark had sold out to the copper trust, but Heinze was still left uncontaminated by the Standard Oil.

Many a good staunch union man, honest in his convictions worked and voted for Heinze, for the sole reason that he believed that if Heinze lost control of the political situation that Butte, the Gibraltar of unionism would have to surrender to the copper trust; that high wages and the good labor conditions that exist in Butte would be a thing of the past.

During the Colorado war confidence was expressed by the workers in Montana that such a condition affairs would never exist in Butte as existed in and around Cripple Creek as long as Heinze had control. Men prayed to Heinze, and men swore by Heinze. But Heinze has been gathered to the trusts. The idol is shattered.

Since hostilities have ceased. The newspapers generally throughout the state are expressing joy and a belief that business will not be interfered with, the state blessed with peace and that the Amalgamated will stay out of politics.

The peace that will prevail is the peace before the storm. Montana has not had the labor troubles that other states have had. Wages are higher and conditions that men labor under are better than elsewhere.

Some time ago the ropemen in the (Clark's) Butte reduction works struck for the eight-hour day, and the threat was made by the management that the works would be closed down and the ore treated at the Amalgamated works in Anaconda.

The general executive committee of the big international unions have lately had the question put before them to support a strike in Butte. Should a general strike ever take place in Butte it will mean something.

During the American Railway Union strike of 1894, when the United States troops were sent into Butte to break the strike, one of the most warlike spectacles ever witnessed in America took place.

tion for the gun crews were put ahead of the locomotive that pulled the military trains. All this was done to mow down the union men of Butte if they showed any sympathy with the striking railway men.

Montana will witness worse scenes within her borders than the bulls pen of Cripple Creek and the Coeur d'Alene, but we hope and believe that the end will be different and that the profit fiends that control the trusts will receive a lesson from the working class of Montana, the freemen of the mountains, that will put a stop to the exploitation of labor forever.

We do not expect the Amalgamated to go out or keep out of politics in Montana. All governments are but a committee of the ruling class. The Standard Oil has grown to power through being in politics.

Montana is one of the youngest states in the union, but here the trust has reached perfection, with the railroads in the hands of Jim Hill, and the mining industry in all its branches trustified.

WAIVES EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The American congress has disgraced itself by setting aside the 8-hour law for foreign labor on the Panama canal. Representatives of Montana voted for the measure.

The fact that the Montana legislator was so eager to record his vote for increased slavery to the working class in opposition to the wishes of organized labor, shows how much sympathy "official" Montana has with union demands.

And now we are enduring the infliction of the "Town Topics" idiosyncrasy. This "smart set" is a blooming set of individuals to have the best that is going, to have millions of poverty stricken wretches toiling to make what they eat and wear, while they have nothing to do but make simpering fools of themselves.

At the solicitation of numbers of socialists in towns that expect to run city tickets this spring, the News is preparing to put out an eight-page edition of 10,000 copies per week for the four weeks preceding the elections.

the press for special editions for these towns. The expense will be considerable, but the major part of it will be borne by the locals that are running tickets. Helena has already contracted for 2000 copies per week, and Livingston 500, and this with the help of other locals in the state, and individuals who wish to put up \$5 or \$10 to assist us in this city campaign, we think will pull us through.

SEATTLE SOCIALIST PLATFORM

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city we pledge ourselves to carry out the principles of socialism as far as they can be carried out in a municipality. We declare that socialist control of the municipality is essential to successful municipal ownership of public utilities.

11. The socialist party while in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism?

12. In accordance with this principle the socialist party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs of this city in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.

13. In conclusion, we appeal to all working men to study the principles of socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle and inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice:

"To every worker the full product of his labor!

"Workingmen of all countries unite.

"You have nothing to lose but your chains, and a world to win."

Mayor, E. L. Oakes, painter. Corporation council, D. W. Phipps, lodging house keeper. Comptroller, D. D. Wheden, dentist. Treasurer, H. S. Crosby, gardener. Councilmen-at-large; J. P. Prentice, barber, William Humphrey, laborer. Councilmen: 1st ward, M. H. Spangler, laborer. 2d ward, A. N. McCuen, blacksmith. 3d ward, J. A. Martin, carpenter. 4th ward, V. Barth, mariner. 5th ward, W. A. Truax, engineer. 6th ward, W. H. Beebe, machinist. 7th ward, C. G. Moberg, machinist. 8th ward, G. W. Scott, carpenter. 9th ward, W. W. West, butcher. 10th ward, Fred N. Haley, painter. 11th ward, W. E. Hanbury, steam fitter.

The secretaries of the locals should send in their state reports by the 10th. Don't neglect this.

THE GOLDEN CALF

By Michael Monahan

A man who could probably stand a little more money himself, has an article in "Harper's" pretending to tell us how hard it is for great corporations to get men of first-rate ability, whatever inducement they may offer in the way of salary.

Fake and rot! This kind of stuff is printed every day in our newspapers and magazines to flatter the universal money-worship. As a matter of fact the supply of active, grasping, unscrupulous dollar-chasers is always too plentiful in this country.

There is really nothing extraordinary about the abilities, natural or acquired, of these sudden plutocrats. They knew their opportunity, that is all, and seized it at the hilt. They do not even represent a new type of commercial genius, as their sloppy eulogists in newspaper and magazine would have us believe.

But the money is more than enough. There is nothing the American people like to mouth so much as money. A man can always get an audience by talking about it, and hence this article in Harper's by a man who would not refuse an increase of salary.

10 people have ever loved money so much—not for hoarding but for spending. No people have ever celebrated it so much or held in comparison with it all other things in so light an estimation.

The worship of the mighty dollar was not so long ago a joke, it is now an enthroned fact before which all heads uncover, all knees bend, while the noble journalist crawls and licks the dust.

The greatest crime known to the American conscience is less-money. Once upon a time the man singled out and distinguished as a "great American" was so marked on account of solid statesmanship, or military genius, or civic virtue, or scientific achievements, or true philanthropy, or literary eminence.

Get the following books from the Montana News and read up on the progress of evolution and the development of society:
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The American Farmer, by Simons 50 cts
Social Revolution, by Kautsky . 50 cts
Struggle for Existence, by Mills \$2.00

the imagination of a people whose dreams are all of money.

For the American idea of greatness is conspicuity and Mr. Rockefeller is easily our most conspicuous citizen. Conspicuous also for the most tremendously impressive reason—the figured total of his millions. It will not do to propose Mr. Roosevelt as his rival, for the latter owes his quite inferior sort of greatness to his official place and a kind of active self-assertion which Mr. Rockefeller would regard as beneath is dignity.

But the unique and fearful distinction of John D. Rockefeller is yet to be told: he represents and embodies to the vast majority of the American people the most concrete idea of God which they are capable of conceiving I say this without blasphemy. The American people are willing to admit in a general way that God owns all the money. But they know that Rockefeller has the bulk of it.

Such is the sympathetic force of money in this country, caused by the universal preoccupation with this one subject, that it is quite possible to become rich by merely talking about it or holding the correct mental attitude toward it. This explains the persistent and peculiar enterprise of the publishers and suggests a deep psychological reason for the printing of all the stuff we see about millionaires and their doings.

In the same way Sandy McClure has made his tuppenny magazine go by printing an endless serial dealing with the apostolic acts of Holy John and the oil of grace has flowed for him accordingly. If the law of libel were to forbid the continuation of this new gospel tomorrow, all the authors of Indiana could not save Sandy McClure. Rockefeller has been to him as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land, his balm of Gilead, his water of healing and salvation. Is it sheer honesty and civic virtue undefiled that move the canny McClure to pursue the great evangelical giver like an avenging conscience? Hoot, mon!—dinna ye ken how Sandy has struck his own private oil well in the midst of Holy John's lean cosmos! And, besides, it is savorous work for a Scotchman.

But McClure is not alone in exploiting this form of graft—there be many laborers in the same field, and hence it is that to be greatly rich in America today, is, without any other virtue or title of esteem, to be placed on the topmost pinnacle of eminence. Never was the adoration of the Golden Calf so complete, so universal, so unquestioned. The smug servants of the Lord are confounded with the priests of Mammon, and the cry of all is "Give—give!" For the American people have set up the worship of the One True God—Money!—and they have put the old Jehovah out of business.

—Michael Monahan, in Papyrus.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is, my dearest child,
The sister of philosophy.
We need to learn, when money fails,
To fast with equanimity;
To love a God all-wise and good
And live on faith and purity.
Serve me the bouillon, Madge, That's
right.
I preach on abstinence to-night.

We need to be content with little.
Keep ourselves humble and austere.
A crumb of bread with the good Lord's blessing
Leaves body sound and spirit clear.
The stomach is but what we make it;
Excess would leave the conscience sear.
Pass me the chicken, Madge, That's
right.
I preach on abstinence to-night.

The vine is a superfluous comfort,
Which the good God lets some men win;
But water is enough for virtue;
(An apple was enough for sin);
And wine is poison to our spirits,
A snare for us to stumble in.
My cup of Bordeaux, Madge, That's
right.
I preach on abstinence.

The good God smiles sometimes to see
The bread and wine upon our board;
But frowns upon imported fruits,
Such comforts we can ill afford.
Such luxury might undermine
All of our faith in God the Lord.
Madge, the dessert, please, There, that's
right!
I preach on abstinence to-night.

We cannot scale the heights of virtue
When we have all we can desire;
To win the sure delights of heaven
We must look upward and aspire;
We must be penitent and patient,
Of self-denial never tire.
A cup of tea, Madge, That is right!
I preach on abstinence to-night.

We need to learn to curb our wishes;
If love is something God allows,
Passion is quite another matter,
Which he regards with clouded brows;
Yet such delight may yet be pardoned,
If humbly at His throne it bows;
Sit on my lap, Madge dear, That's
right.
I preach on abstinence to-night.

—Translated from the French by Chas. H. Kerr.

THE SELF-MADE MAN

The self-made man is a wonderful creation. He is the most potent human factor in the universe. Divinity can't hold a candle to him. He stands alone. Humanity was created for his own private benefit. It is surprising how many self-made men have developed within the past half century. The Vanderbilts, the Rockefellers, Carnegie, Cleveland, Roosevelt, Schwab, DePew, and all of that class. Men who have climbed the dizzy heights of fame, and whose names are written in history. The fact is, the self-made man is generally a knave, an impostor and a thief. Most of them have attained their supremacy through fraud and intrigue, and at the expense of others less crafty and selfish. So long as society toadies to this class, so long will present conditions exist.

SEATTLE SPEAKERS

Seattle list of speakers at Temple, 4th and Pine;
Feb. 25, Judge Richard Windsor, "The Social Unrest."
March 4, Socialist Powwow.
March 11, M. J. Kennedy, "The Aftermath of the Election."
March, 18, J. H. Hathornthwaite, "The factors that make for the Co-operative Commonwealth."
March, 25, Rev. E. B. Sutton, "Is Socialism related to Christianity?"

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LABOR NEWS

Tuscon, Ariz., Feb. 11, 1906.
L. W. Quick, G. S. & T. The order of Railway Telegraphers, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother—In October 1905, I wrote you from Fridley Mont., regarding your action in cutting the discussion of socialism out of the Journal which in my mind is entirely beyond any right you possess, as the journal is no more your property, than it is the property of any socialist member of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. And as socialism is not a religious or political discussion, can not understand by what right you have cut out this discussion.

As I stated in my other letter when I reported for work after Northern Pacific strike, I was informed by the division superintendent that I would not be given a position on his division in any capacity, nor would a service letter be issued. Now since I have started out on the hunt for a job, begging some good-hearted master to take me in, I have been informed by two of the largest roads in the country that they would not employ the Northern Pacific strikers. And so under this capitalistic system which you are supporting I am denied the right to do anything but starve. My wife is now in Livingston, Montana and I am in Tuscon Arizona on my way east to El Paso, where I will try the roads there for work with the expectation of getting just what I have gotten so far, viz. nothing.

It looks very much to me as if the officials in labor-unions were either open to the accusation of being grafters, or of being lacking in plain horse sense when they continue to support the system like the present by voting the present masters into power and then calling the laborers out on a strike against these same masters they have lead them to vote for. Now I do not think the Northern Pacific and Great Northern strike was sold out, for to my knowledge a great many of the members returned to work, but the question is, what would you expect from men who are not allowed to study economics in their trade journal, and consequently do not have the least understanding of what a strike is, or why they are striking. But I have met a great many who do think the strike was sold out and can you deny altogether that they have reason for thinking as they do? I do not know that it was not, but as I said I do not really think it was.

I ended up my other letter asking if you had any remedy for the present troubles of the working classes other than socialism, to let us have it. At present socialism is the only remedy that looks to me like it would give us any rights or liberties whatever, but if you have something better for heaven's sake let us know about it, and I will drop my socialism just as soon as you can show your position to be correct. I am not a socialist merely because my father was, as he was not, but I am a socialist because it promises the working class just what they are entitled to, as far as my present judgement goes, and I am willing to drop it as soon as something better shows up.

Now there are quite a few socialists among the members of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and as each and every one of them owns just as much of the journal as any of the members that happen to be holding an official position in the order at St. Louis or any other point. We are entitled to at least proportional representation in the columns of the journal, and I am not going to drop this subject until we get it. I do not insist that you be a socialist or anything of the kind, but I do insist that we be allowed to be heard through the columns of the journal and if we cannot be heard there, will make it known through the columns of the socialist press how we are being discriminated against.

I will end this letter same as my other (as I received no answer.) If you have any remedy other than socialism let us have it.
Fraternally,
JOHN BEARD.

Women's Clubs

The following paper was written by Mrs. Margaret Palsgrove, of the Great Falls Woman's Socialist club:
Woman the Slave of Social Conditions.

Let us think how few states there are in our country where women are allowed to have a voice in government matters. We are classed with imbeciles, children and idiots. The Socialist Party is the only party that considers it to be a woman's right and essential duty to have a voice with husband, son or brother in shaping a clean and wholesome government for the country.

Really, considering the cramped environment and conditions under which she was compelled to exist for centuries until now, may we not say to her credit, that it is a wonder that woman is as bright and good as she is today. To be sure we can not expect her to be without fault. She is naturally busy for good or for ill. But under existing limitations her activity is confined to her household duties, studying the dictate of Dame Fashion and attending more or less to the latest gossip and scandal. But I repeat, let us not judge her too severely, for under present environs and circumstances there is not much chance or incentive to come up higher for the woman of the masses.

But I am sure there is a loftier sphere which woman is destined to enter, for while man is credited sometimes with a stronger intellect, to woman is conceded better discerning powers. Man with his reason depends mostly upon experience while woman is guided more by intuition; the divine voice within. Therefore she is the finer instrument for the spirit to suggest grand and sublime ideals, which she shall convey and interpret to the world without.

In conclusion I would say to you, dear friends and comrades, let us make it our mission to draw woman out of her cramped and narrow shell, although our opponents say "that to come into politics might harm her and the purity and sanctity of the home," by which they admit that they keep the affairs of the government in a most bad and nasty way, for is she not allowed to go almost everywhere else? Comrades, let us help her brush back such sophistry, and make her realize that she too is, "her brothers keeper." Let her unite with her husband to work for a clean and humane government.

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National News

The Milwaukee city council has taken a decided stand against trades unions. Two interurban electric railways, the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric and the Milwaukee and Northern Electric, are seeking an entrance to Milwaukee. The council has voted to grant them franchises on terms very favorable to the railways. The Social-Democratic alderman introduced four amendments to these franchises, providing that the railways should be bound to give their employes within the city limits an eight hour working day, to recognize the trades unions, to pay five per cent of their gross income to the city of Milwaukee, and that the franchises should be submitted to a referendum vote of the people of Milwaukee. These four amendments were voted down, every one of the alderman, except the Social Democrats, voting against them. One democratic alderman concisely expressed his whole argument against organized labor in the words, "To h— with the unions." This expression is likely to become historic in Milwaukee. The Federated Trades Council at its meeting last night passed stinging resolutions of censure against the city council. The resolutions call upon all the working men affiliated with the unions represented in the Federated Trades Council to remember on election day every one of the alderman who voted against the recognition of the union, against the eight hour working day, against putting the franchise to a referendum, and for giving away valuable franchises for nothing as far as the city is concerned, and declare that "by such action the members of the common council, with the exception of the Social-Democrats, have shown again that they are not above suspicion as to their honesty." Copies of these resolutions are to be sent to all affiliated unions, to the members of the council, and to the daily press.

Under the headlines "With the Socialists," Where Labor Vote will be found, Say Leaders," the Milwaukee Free Press (republican) gives interviews with several business agents of unions, and other labor leaders, to show that the workingmen's vote will be cast for Social-Democratic ticket in Milwaukee next April. "I have talked with many union men," said the business agent of the Plumbers union, "and find that republicans and democrats alike are going over to the socialists." The Free Press adds: "It is said that every labor leader in the city is a member of the Social-Democratic party."

The referendum of the Milwaukee Social-Democrats upon the choice of a city ticket has closed. The ticket is as follows: For mayor, William A. Arnold, (Comrade Berger having declined to run again) for comptroller Harry A. Briggs; for treasurer, Jacob Hunger; for city attorney, William F. Thiel. There are strong indications that this ticket will be elected.

Winfield R. Gaylord is about to make an extended lecture tour in Wisconsin. He will begin in White-water on February 23. Further dates will be given next week.

Letter from International Socialist Bureau,
Brussels, January 15, 1906.

To the delegates of the affiliated parties:—We have just received a letter from Comrade Bebel informing us that the delegates from the German Social-Democratic Party can come to the meeting of the International Socialist Bureau if this takes place during the month of March. They leave to the executive committee the duty of fixing the exact date. Having so expressed themselves the executive committee wishes to know the opinion of all the delegates in order to meet the wishes as largely as possible of all comrades.
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3. Motion of Troelstra: An examination of the situation in Russia and the reaction of the movement in other countries especially in Austria and Hungary.
4. The motion of Kringen and Branting: Report on the political situation in Norway and Sweden.

As it does not appear to us that it will be possible to cover this program in a single day it will be necessary to decide between the following dates:

Sunday and Monday, the 4th and 5th, 10th and 11th, 18th and 19th, 25th and 26th.

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Local Secretaries

Votes for Referendum C, 1905, must be in by the 27th of Feb.

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State Department

At the meeting last Wednesday night Local Helena elected a campaign committee composed of a member from each ward, who are to issue the call for a city mass nominating convention of the socialist party, and devise means of raising revenue for the campaign. The local arranged to take 2000 copies of the special campaign editions of the News for four weeks preceding the election. It will cost them \$100. but they say they can scrape that much together for a city election. Thousands of copies of the city platform will also be printed in leaflet form, and distributed broadcast. A full ticket will be nominated, meetings held in every ward, and a campaign inaugurated that will make the capitalists sick. A platform was adopted by the local for presentation to the convention. Those composing the city central committee are Comrades Luehman, Sproul, Wandell, Thetge, Hughes, Inman, Baur.

The resignation of Rees Davis from the Socialist Party was read and accepted. It was also moved and carried that the secretary should make a record of the circumstances leading up to the resignation. These circumstances had to do with matter pertaining to the Worker's Educational club lectures. Socialists in the club have taken exceptions to the sort of dope that was being ladled out to the working class by the preachers, lawyers, and extinct politicians up there. When they made a request that Comrade Graham, state secretary of the Socialist Party, should speak there, it was turned down, for the alleged reason that members of the committee, of which Mr. Davis was one, stated that Comrade Graham was incompetent to speak on the matter of education for the working class. Any one who knows anything about socialism at all knows that there is not a secretary of the party in America that does not know the socialist position on education. In the opinion of the socialists Mr. Davis also added insult to injury by introducing the lawyer, Donovan, who was chosen in place of Comrade Graham, as "the greatest friend labor ever had in Montana." This was about the limit in bringing the prince of fakirs into the limelight, and Davis has simplified the problem by resigning. Requiescat in pace.

We would state here that old politicians do not form desirable timber for the socialist party. Many locals will not receive them to membership at all. It is hard for the leopard to change its spots, and death bed repentances are not apt to bear much of the new blood of the revolution.

We are in receipt of resolutions adopted by Local Maiden requesting that the Montana News publish the text of Bill No. 79, the "primary law." To do so would take three pages of the News, and at this time with so much election matter coming on, we do not think it advisable to surrender so much space when a copy of the bill can be obtained from the secretary of state for two

cents. We advise every socialist in the state to send for one, study its provisions, and the criticisms on it, and be prepared to oppose it. We would suggest that the locals hold debates upon this law, and challenge any of its defenders to meet them.

The pamphlets of Charles H. Vail on "Socialism and the Negro Problem" are now ready. They sell at 5 cents apiece or 6 for 25 cents. This pamphlet not only contains a full discussion of the socialist position toward the negro question, but has a clear explanation of the general meaning of socialism. It is an excellent book to give to beginners.

The locals should begin at once to appoint their central committees to take care of their city campaigns. Every city should run a socialist ticket regardless of trouble or expense. Issue your call, hold an early convention, get as good material on your ticket as you have in your local, order enough copies of the campaign edition of the News to cover the town for four weeks, and make the dust fly so that the capitalist parties will know you are there. Get up a sensible city platform, have several thousand copies of it printed at the News office and sow them broadcast so that people will know what the socialists are after. The towns in the state that have socialist locals and can and ought to run socialist tickets are: Anaconda, Billings, Butte Bozeman, Glasgow, Great Falls, Havre, Helena, Lewistown, Livingston, Missoula, Hamilton, Stevensville, Kalispell, Red Lodge.

Local Butte sends in \$24.60, \$15 for the News, and \$9.60 for dues. Their contribution to the Russian fund was \$21.

Maiden caps the climax by sending in a list of 50 subs and a money order for \$13.15, \$3 for due stamps and \$10.15 for the Russian revolutionary fund. The comrades write: "Our boost as the 'banner' local created quite a bubble and stir among us. Some of the boys would not trade places with Czar Nicholas right now, revolution and all thrown in. However, we are rather dismayed to think that to us belongs the credit of being the 'Banner local' as we believe there are locals in the state that have better and abler talent, than we, and could, if they would, make our feeble attempts look like thirty cents. We are going to jog along at the same old clip though, unless somebody cuts in and heads us off in the meantime. At our last meeting we elected Comrade McMillan, county central committeeman. Am going to write Kendall and see if they will elect one. Lewistown and Gilt Edge are going to elect one each."

Secretaries of locals that have not reported for December and January yet should send their reports to the

state secretary at once. There are ten locals that have not yet reported for December, and thirty that are behind for January, when these reports are not in it makes a bad showing for Montana in the national office.

Comrade Rector sends in \$5.00 for a new supply of cards. He is one of those who never quit and Monarch precinct goes a majority for socialism as the result.

Comrade Ambrose, the socialist alderman of Butte sends in five subs. He suggests that the News should have a solicitor in every town working on per cent. We should be glad to have this on all points of income except subscriptions. The cost of every paper that is sent from the office is \$2.85 per year. This is not counting wages for editor or manager. Every other weekly paper in the state sells for \$2.50. The deficit must be made up by job work, party support, or the continuous work of the comrades.

Comrade Luehman came down from a visit to Marysville this week, and the first thing he did was to unload sixteen subs, fourteen for the News and two for the Appeal.

Comrade Hudson of Dean sends for six more constitutions and 100 more of the leaflets on "Primary Principles." Comrade Hudson is developing into a first-class agitator, orator, and co-operative promoter combined. Sunday last he held a mass meeting at Nye and organized a farmers' co-operative telephone company to operate a line to Columbus. He holds further meetings at Dean, Fishtail, Absorkee and the McBride schoolhouse. In a letter to the News he writes: "All the farmers are going into this. It is funny how the people will jump at a co-operative proposition and are afraid of socialism that will give them a great deal more. I guess it is because their fathers were democrats or republicans and they have sucked the old capitalistic teat so long they hate to let it go. My youngest boy Jesse, has got a subscriber for the News. He is seven years old, and is a fine worker for socialism. My boys have got the whole school socialist except the teacher and one pupil."

Inquiries are coming in from all over the state for information in regard to the primary law. The comrades should do everything in their power to inform themselves on this law and oppose it in every possible way. It is a scheme of the "reform" element, always the most corrupt element in politics, to sidetrack the working class again under the pretence of giving them something liberal. A lawyer in Livingston even told the people it was a socialist measure. We have offered to debate the attorney on the proposition, but we shall doubtless have the old experience that the opposition will refuse to debate us.

Comrade Mabie sends in \$12 that he has gathered up in subscriptions. He has been in copper-collared Anaconda, where he got ten subs, and thought he was doing well. He writes: "The comrades there are doing as well as can be expected of them under the circumstances. They are up against a hard game, but I believe the revolutionary spirit is smoldering there. I may stay in Butte a few days yet, as it don't cost me much, and I may pick up a few subs. Will send you a few dollars tomorrow."

The following communication is received from Local Stevensville: "Be It Resolved, by Local Stevensville in special meeting assembled, that in voting 'No' on the three resolutions contained in Referendum C, 1905, that this local moves that: In view of the threatened strike of the bituminous and anthracite coal miners, the resources of the Socialist party be concentrated for the purpose of propaganda among the strikers and to render them financial assistance in the struggle; and we further call upon a sufficient number of locals to second this motion to make it the basis of a referendum vote in the national party.

"LESLIE SLAIGHT, Chairman.
"H. E. WOODRUFF, Secretary."

Comrade Woodruff writes: "Comrade King has spoken twice in Victor, twice in Hamilton, once in Como, once in Darby, once in Etna schoolhouse, once in Lower Burnt Fork schoolhouse, once in Upper Burnt Fork and once in Three Mile schoolhouse. He will speak in Stevensville on the 12th and 13th, and in Florence on the 14th, and on the 15th he goes to Missoula. His work here is very satisfactory. He makes friends; he is doing good for the cause. We think that as a result of his influence our local will be greatly strengthened, and a better feeling toward socialism will generally prevail in the vicinity. I believe that Florence region offers a good field for propaganda work."

Comrade Selby of Ft. Benton writes as follows: "Herewith find enclosed dues for February, \$1.50. "Nothing definite has yet been done in reference to the primary election law in this county. The press, however, is strongly supporting it, and is making efforts to put the bill to the vote of the people. We are doing what little we can here to oppose it. I would recommend some leaflets to be printed on the subject. I would undertake to distribute some in this locality. If the people in this county are asked to vote on the bill they would undoubtedly sanction it for the reason that they do not understand it. "Probably you have heard of the Methodist minister at Kalispell leaving the church and intending to tour the state lecturing on socialism. This is creating a great deal of interest in this town because he was formerly a minister here."

Comrade Comerford of Norris sends in a list of eleven names. He says, "We roped another good member at the last meeting."

Every town in Montana that has a socialist organization should run a city ticket, or as much of one as they can muster. We have word from Stevensville that only one member of the local lives within the boundary lines of the city. That one member should be run as candidate for alderman in his ward, and a vigorous campaign made. Socialists should take advantage of every election for the sake of spreading our propaganda, and educating the people as to our belief.

Local Red Lodge has elected new officers for the coming six months as follows: Milton H. Lucas, organizer; Bernh Rydberg, corres-

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The following interesting resolution comes in from Lake Como local: "Resolved, That Lake Como local will endeavor to hold a series of meetings for the purpose of creating an interest in and discussion of the principles advocated by the Socialist party and for the special purpose of obtaining an accession of dues paying members. These meetings to be held as follows: "Rye Creek schoolhouse, Feb. 24, 2 p. m. "Conners schoolhouse, March 10, 2 p. m. "Darby, street meeting, March 24, 2 p. m. "Como schoolhouse, April 7, 2 p. m. "Camas schoolhouse, April 21, at 2 p. m. "Sleeping Child schoolhouse May 5, 2 p. m."

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