

Striking Trackmen

Helena Light and Railway Company Inaugurate Slave Driving and Cut Wages.

True to the prediction made by the News some time ago, the trackmen employed by the Helena light and Railway company are having a taste of capitalist prosperity so far as work and wages are concerned, and the result was a strike on Thursday last. Fifty-one of the street car construction crew were involved. These men are repairing the track out towards East Helena. They are obliged to report at the barn every morning. When going to and coming from work they have been carried free by the company heretofore, but were obliged to wear badges to distinguish them.

Subterfuge to Lower Wage.

This showing of the badges has been a subterfuge for making the men pay fares at all times. An excuse was trumped up that there was trouble over the badges. The men quit in a body although they are not unionized. Manager Carr reported that the men were discharged the incident closed, and the company had all the men it wanted to take the places.

Five Men Scab.

The statement was a point blank lie or only five men could be found to take the places of the discharged workmen under such ridiculous terms. They offered to do this if they were given 10 cents extra a day to do it with. This was refused. The matter should be taken up and strenuously dealt with by the Trades Council. All men seeking work should be warned away from the city, and the circumstances stated. This is but another method of cutting wages, which now that all competition is removed in the copper state between large capitalistic concerns, will be the order of procedure.

Case For Federation.

The state should see that these rights of common labor are protected.

The workingman can now see

what good his vote does him. The aldermen he votes for ride on passes though able to pay and unwearied by toil. But the men who build the road on already starvation wages tired out with their labors for others must either dig up from their scanty pay or walk.

Carr A Slave Driver.

This man Carr was the one who called out the military against his men in Canada on similar street car construction. He is known as a brutal slave driver wherever he has had charge.

Walker the secretary is also blamed as one of the leading men who has kicked up the row through his servile toadying to the powers above him. Had it not been for his interference the demands of the men would probably have been granted.

Boycott Excursions.

The labor men over the state should put a boycott on Helena excursions this summer. The traction company is depending on making a big thing this season, and the men can get \$3 a day after May 1 just as well as not if they make a determined stand. The street car company is fearful of further complications. It knows its profits hang in the balance. Its managers must get results. A systematic boycott against Broadwater, excursions, etc., will dig a big hole in the aforesaid profits. The workingmen make up the public. They can take the wind out of their sails if they will.

All the men tell the same story so there is no reason to doubt the circumstances.

Number Like Convicts.

One of the most objectionable features of the affair was the demand that the men should wear their numbers in plain sight like a convict. Western men have not got used to such humiliation yet, but it is coming.

Post Office Lends Aid to Morgan

A striking illustration of the classical socialist assertion, that governments are but committees of the ruling class, was furnished during the recent city campaign in Chicago. The traction companies, J. P. Morgan, et. al., were said to have spent more than a million dollars in the campaign of eastern capitalists against municipal ownership, to thwart the will of the people of Chicago. They drafted as their allies the postoffice officials, and the officers of a dummy organization known as the "Federation of Improvement Clubs." Stored in the vaults of the postoffice through the astonishing complaisance of the federal authorities were 200,000 letters to be released for mailing March 31. Two hundred thousand more were added to this mass of literature, and like the others were disseminated from the federal building in time to reach all the voters of Chicago just before election day. Imagine the socialists asking a like favor from the Chicago postoffice.

During the Colorado strike, while the troops were invading Telluride in the interest of the mine owners association, the soldiers at night could be seen back inside the postoffice inspecting the mail of the un-

ion men. The government belongs to the class that has economic power. Socialism is the only thing that will place it in the hands of the people.

Debs' Proposition Great

Special to THE SOCIALIST.

Seattle, Wash., April, 17.—Debs proposition is the best yet made. Let the working class have its own jury at the Moyer-Haywood trial sitting opposite the capitalist class jury; hearing all evidence and rendering its own verdict. That is better than all threats of force or any general strike. Let the proletarian nation assert itself by choosing its own jury to watch and report. In face of such a jury no capitalist jury will dare render a partisan verdict. Nothing would so display and evolve a self conscious proletariat. Every international union should select its juryman at once. The scheme is practical, impressive, effective.

HERMON F. TITUS.

John Spargo's "Bitter Cry of the Children" has been adopted as a text book in Columbia university.

PROGRAM OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM

1. Collective ownership of all industries in the hands of trusts and combines, and of all public utilities, in other words: collective ownership of the means of production.
2. Democratic management of such collective industries and utilities.
3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and national insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.
5. The inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 10 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE ABOVE, VOTE WITH THE SOCIALISTS, join the Socialist party.

Read good socialist literature, attend the meetings where socialist speakers will explain the doctrines, aims and object of our movement.

Socialism stands for abolition of the wage and profit system, because this system which is declared sacred by the beneficiaries of modern capitalism, enables the few to enslave the many. The man who is in possession of the means of production owns the means of life—he owns the lives of those who own nothing but their labor power which they must sell for hours, days, weeks, months and years in order to live.—Labor.

Labor Awakes In England

Working Men Voting for the First Time--Mail and Empire Comments.

The Weekly Mail and Empire of Toronto, a most conservative sheet, devotes almost half a page of a recent number to the subject of the "Astounding Rise of the Labor Party." It says that the important influence of organized labor in the late English election and the fact that about fifty labor representatives are sitting in the new parliament as a compact body, show that the proletariat has at length awakened to its privileges. Of the five and a half million votes that were cast a full half million were given to straight labor candidates, but these do not by any means represent the number of working men who have voted, since many liberal victories have been won by the help of labor. Many of these voters have come to the polls for the first time. The Liberals exploited the Chinese labor cry throughout the campaign. The walls were plastered with the life-sized portrait in yellow of a typical Chinese laborer, with the inscription, "The Future Unionist British Workman." Fiscal reform was represented in the blackest colors, and leaflets distributed by millions entitled, "A Word to the Women," appealing to the difficulties in providing for their families, and stating that all the necessities of life would cost more if a tax were put on them.

It is stated that the phenomenal success of the Labor party is due entirely to the fact that the leaders of the new trade unionism have stuck out for independent political representation, and have thus created an entirely new party with a program of its own.

If Mr. Gladstone had not wrecked his party twenty years ago with the home rule bill this upheaval might have happened earlier. Three suffrage bills have given extended enfranchisement to the British—the reform bill of 1832, Disraeli's bill of 1867, and the bill of 1884 which practically gave the ballot to every adult man. The consequence of Mr. Gladstone's home rule action was to place Lord Salisbury in power, and instead of the government becoming more democratic it was presided over by the strongest of aristocrats. Feeling himself strong enough to control the destinies of the empire he did not seek help among the rank and file that supported him. A series of accidents in office followed him and prevent-

ed the people using their political power.

Now the bureaucracy is being condemned and wiped out because the democracy has determined to choose its own government. The workmen are organized excellently and intend to elect their own representatives and choose their own leader in the future. The socialists are moderate in their expressions, and range from the educated and philosophical down to the purposeful workman. One of these was interviewed as to his position, and said, "I look to the rise of labor to give a more wholesome tone to public life, and eventually to land us in a system of peaceful co-operation, wherein we shall be able to live without everybody's aim being that of fleecing his neighbor."

The potential powers of labor as evidenced in this vote have aroused all parties to a consideration of its imminent possibilities.

The election of Local Bisbee, Arizona, where the union wrecking and socialist annihilating citizens alliance is so much in evidence, resulted as follows: Republican, 547; Democrats, 401; Socialists, 85. The secretary reports that this is as good as could be expected considering the fact that about 400 of the most active spirits were compelled to leave the camp during the last month. The capitalists are openly advocating the driving of the socialists out of the country, and a working man seen talking to any known socialist is discharged and black listed.

At the last meeting of the International Socialist Bureau the secretary reported that he had received a visit of Chinese socialists who wished to be represented at Stuttgart; that the socialists of Cuba desired to be heard at the bureau; that a socialist paper was about to be run in South Africa, and that the socialists of Brazil intend to affiliate with the International Socialist movement.

Alphonse Verville, the newly elected M. P., for Molsanne, Canada, has said in regard to his position, "I am neither a Liberal nor a Conservative. I am the representative of labor in the Canadian parliament, and I shall stand for the best interests of the labor party, first, foremost, and all the time."

Collective Emergency

Mutual Aid Asserts Itself in Face of Mighty Seismic Devastation-- Surplus Diminished.

The terrible visitation that has wiped out the city by the Golden Gate is fraught with lessons for the student of economic and social conditions. In the first place the greatest ruin and disaster has come to the members of the capitalist class. The capitalist class hold in personal possession all that constitutes civilization. All the magnificent buildings were theirs. The land is theirs. The stores of goods created by labor were theirs. They alone could enjoy the riches, the splendor, the luxuries of what was known as the Bohemian city. Their stores, their comforts, and their pleasures have been diminished by the huge catastrophe. The toilers who have made all these have practically nothing to lose—nothing but their rags and their dismal homes. But the devastating flames have thrown one mighty boon to them—the boon of work. The enormous surplus of over production, before which the capitalist class trembles, lest it congest the channels of trade and profit, has been diminished to the extent of some two hundred millions of dollars. The city must be rebuilt. It is a natural harbor. The purposes of "business" demand it. The workers will build the city again. They are eager to build it. Masons, carpenters, painters, decorators—all the slaves that press to the coast for the next year or two can get work. They will build a fairer, a more magnificent city than the one that went down. But they will not own it after they have built it. They will have a chance to work for the others for awhile—and get a bare living—that is all.

Another lesson from the disaster is—the collective interest of mankind working effectively without red tape in the face of a common danger. The soldier no longer is busy for the purpose of murdering his brother, but for preserving life and safety. State authority lays its

hand upon private property, and bids the private owner stand back in the interest of the many. It goes to the owners of wagons, charging \$10 for transportation, and says, "You work for nothing. Society needs you." It stands at the door of the grocery and says to the grocer, "You sell one loaf of bread at a time. You charge so much." Individual interests amount to nothing. All give way before the common need.

Society can do this work in time of emergency, and all say—it is well. It could do it always were it not for the principle of class rule for profit. The socialist says—there is always a time of emergency. Human life is always at stake. Let us systematize the activities of society so that there shall be no fear of poverty, sickness, need. Let us work collectively—all bearing the burdens—all sharing the reward. Comrades and brothers, this is socialism. Why do you vote with the exploiters who oppose it?

In Johnstown, Pa. the state constabulary are out helping the operators to win against the strikers. It's a wonder those miners that still have a vote wouldn't learn some time to get hold of the powers of government themselves. Then they would have the military on their side in time of difficulty. European working men would be ashamed to vote with their masters.

Vincent St. John is now in Denver under bonds of \$10.00 to await his trial on a charge manufactured from the hate and enmity of the "law and order" fraternity of Telluride. His persecutors are now contemplating charging him with the crucifixion of Christ, if they can only secure a "confession" from some degenerate of a detective agency.—Miners' Magazine.

Class Struggle on In Coal Mines

The class struggle is being clearly and succinctly defined in the coal mining industry. President Baer of the firm of God, Baer & Co., has stated it as his conviction that

Underground Scab Hotel

The capitalists are getting the art of opposing the strike down to a fine point. Madeira, Hill & Co., Philadelphia coal operators, who own the Harleigh colliery are taking no chances of having their workmen interfered with if a coal strike is declared. They are setting up a lodging house in the mine, several hundred feet underground. And the miserable scab will live like rats, herd like vermin—why? Because of a chance to get to work at all. The capitalist class will soon have the working class completely at its mercy so far as conditions of labor are concerned. Strikes, economic organizations will amount to nothing unless they are complete combinations of the workers, and even then they are of no avail whatever unless the working class completely control the political situation. This is the aim of the whole socialist organization throughout the world.

any agreement to arbitrate with the United Mine Workers is an unjustifiable surrender to anarchy and mob violence. The letter to the committee contains the following: "We contend that it will be better that our mines lie idle for years than that we should accede to the high-womanlike demands of an organization that lacks either the wish or the ability to restrain its members from acts of violence that would disgrace the much despised Russians." It's a wonder John Mitchell wouldn't take a tumble to himself? The apparently butter-like smoothness of Roosevelt's arbitration board is simply a toleration of the working class that is despised by the capitalists. The bitter class hatred is more virulent on the side of the capitalists than on the side of the workers. The capitalists hate the workers as miserable, ignorant, discontented wretches, and they bring every power of government, authority, and economic advantage to keep them in that condition. Nothing will ever change the condition of the coal miners except the abolition of the private ownership of the coal mines. And they'll have to work for socialism to achieve that.

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THE FORLORN HOPE.

There is something pitiful about the old soldiers trailing themselves to their reunions every year and raising their feeble voices in cheers for the flag, the camp fire, and memories of soldier life in a vain attempt to keep alive the embers of "patriotism" among the "common" American people.

It is sinister for the future of Montana that the G. A. R., encampment was held at Bozeman (of course). "If the innocent want to know why we will enlighten them. Bozeman is where the capitalists of Montana are concentrating all their warlike preparations to shoot down the workingmen as soon as the Amalgamated begins its fight on the Western Federation and proceeds to cut wages. Bozeman is not an industrial town. It is a miserable little bourgeois center.

The annual encampment is made at Ft. Ellis towards which the government contributed \$5,000 last year to help the Amalgamated prepare to shoot its strikers. It is here that they will rally the forces to shoot down the union men when they go on strike at Chestnut, Livingston, or Butte.

For shame workingmen! Militarism is not in your favor. The capitalists foster military forces to subdue you. Let the exploiters fight their own battles. You have enough to do to fight yours.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

The last issue of the Union Sentinel contains an editorial that is worthy of consideration by all who are interested in the effective, practical work of the socialist movement. Referring to the purpose of the national organization to send all national organizers into the coal field if a strike takes place, it very aptly remarks that seemingly the effort could just as well have been made without a strike, for conditions would be even more favorable then, as the excitement of a strike

is not helpful to clear reasoning. This same editorial, speaking of the need of an effective party press, says it is especially imperative at this time with the prospect of a new "Union Labor" party at hand. "Since Gompers' turn down by Roosevelt and Cannon a movement to this end has been growing tremendously. In Chicago, papers report 60 unions have started a national party. The political success of the labor movement in England is stimulating the project. Copies of the Hearst editorials are in union paper after paper. When Hearst tells the workers to go into politics, he doesn't mean socialist politics. Unintelligent political action may be worse than none at all. In San Francisco the union mayor has even been guilty of sending policemen to club men on strike for higher wages."

The warning is timely. A spirit is moving upon the troubled waters of the labor situation, and never before in America has it been of such superlative importance that labor should step forward with a firm and conscious step.

JUST PLAIN LYING.

Helena certainly carries off the palm so far as a modern Ananias is concerned. This past master in the art of "how not to tell it as it is," goes by the name of Leon Shaw. His latest flight of exuberant and scintillating imagination is in connection with the Hauserlake dam. To read his iridescent fancies in the Record one might fondly dream that all he had to do to be wafted to regions of ethereal bliss, and revel in nectar and ambrosia, was to flit to this latest scene of Amalgamated activity. Even the Chinese hot cakes (cold cakes is what even their celestial creators fiendishly call them out there) have been imbued with the atmosphere of poesy and romance. Leon's brilliant imagination ought to be worth a million or so to Rockefeller as an enticement to the slave pens where the workers make the ducats for the shirkers. Take your blankets out there and try it, boys. You go too, Leon. It will look different from that side.

ROYCROFT EXPOSE.

The Toledo Socialist is doing good service to the cause of truth and commonsense in exposing the Elbert-Hubbard-Roycroft (king's craft) jingoism. Roycroftism may be a pleasant form of capitalism for those that like to take their whisky that way, but we don't want the public to be deceived into the idea that it is done in the interest of the "other fellow." The Socialist is now publishing a series upon these pseudo social reforms under the head of "Benevolent Feudalism." It is time that this pretended "uplifter of humanity," that gives bitter addresses at employers' associations against the working class and their organizations, should be shown up in his true colors. It is said that the "hands" there, working at \$3.00 a week, read the motto on the wall, "Work as Well as You Can, and Be Kind," sarcastically.

BLOODED MAYOR.

Milwaukee's new rich fascinating boy mayor is a born aristocrat and blood of the bloods. He has promised to donate his salary to charity and stop all the old Rose-like graft. The capitalist class, terrified by the menace of socialism, have got to repudiate old ways, trot out their best and make a show of being honest.

Wir sind jetzt mehr als je bestrebt, den Deutschen Montanas eine Zeitung zu liefern, die im wahren Sinne des Wortes eine Zeitung ist.

Die "Staats-Zeitung", etabliert im Jahre 1885, erreicht die große Mehrzahl der deutschen Familien im Staate, aber wir machen es uns zur Aufgabe, alle Deutschen zu erreichen. Die "Montana Staats-Zeitung" ist die einzige deutsche Zeitung im Staate, 12 Seiten stark, inklusive des "Sonntagsaufgastes", und kostet nur \$2.00 per Jahr, oder \$2.50 nach Deutschland ohne Sonntagsaufgast und \$3.00 mit Sonntagsaufgast. Probe-Exemplare werden frei an irgend eine Adresse verandt. Man abonniere auf dieselbe und trage dazu bei, daß die deutsche Sprache, die die Eltern uns gelehrt haben und die wir hoch schätzen sollten, auch den Nachkommen erhalten bleibe.

Man adressire: Montana Staats-Zeitung, P. O. Box 238, Helena, Mont.

A Communication to the Membership of the Socialist Party of all Lands, on Program.

To the membership of the American Socialist movement:

Comrades—In the current issue of this paper will be found an article setting forth the line of thought of a smallish thing the product of some twelve years of reflection, all ready for publication.

The price of this book will be \$1 postage paid, that is if there is to be a book. For I feel, in view of the insight given as to its argument, that should comrades evince no interest in the matter of its publication, the same may be reasonably taken as indicating the unadvisability of incurring this expense.

The cost of manufacturing an edition will be approximately \$400. On receipt of advance orders round this amount the book will go to press. In other event any subscriptions received will be returned in full, say the last of the month now following. Fraternally yours,

HENRY BOOTHMAN, Libby, Mont., April 15, 1906.

Some five and thirty years ago the International Workingmen's association went into history.

The socialist movement of the world thereupon resolved itself into a series of national organizations for independent working class political action. These are the socialist or workingmen's parties of today.

With this appearance of the workingman's party the grand question became: After such a party captures the powers of government what is it to do?

I would submit to your consideration the gist of a proposition on such premises.

The First Act of a Workingman's Party.

Imprimis then, a workingman's administration must pass a certain supreme legislative enactment, or as we say in America, amendment to the national constitution.

Such amendment will declare specifically, that property may be acquired, under eminent domain, on an appraisalment of its improvements.

Thus the national, state and municipal governments will forthwith be empowered to purchase property, within their spheres of dominion, without compensation for that part of its value which is a land or monopoly value.

National Ownership.

As a consequence of such act your national government will subject to national ownership such industry or industries as the national convention of your party may express itself in advocacy of, purchasing the property necessary therefor on an appraisalment of its improvements alone.

State or Provincial Ownership.

National requirements satisfied, your state or provincial government will subject to condemnation procedure, on the same basis of appraisalment, whatever property is necessary to carry out any expressed public ownership declarations of the state convention of your party.

Municipal Ownership.

The requirements of both state and nation satisfied, your municipal communal or local government, reduces to municipal ownership such portion of the remainder of property as is consonant with the desires of the workingman's party in your particular locality.

Management.

The management of national industry will be whatever conforms with the will of the national electorate; of state industry what so conforms with the will of the state electorate; of state industry what so conforms with the will of the state electorate; and of municipal industry whatsoever is agreeable to the will of the municipality in interest.

The Survival of Private Ownership.

It is hardly to be contemplated that national, state and municipal ownership will reduce every vestige of property to a collectivistic basis. (To be continued.)

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MAXIM GORKI'S MISTAKE.

By William Mally

Maxim Gorki has made a great mistake.

All his magnificent literary genius, all his labors for human progress, all his reckless devotion to principle, all the passion of which he is the exalted exponent, all the romance of his extraordinary career, all the struggle and stress through which he climbed to the present heights of glorious achievement, all the noble and splendid things which he is doing and has done and embodies in his remarkable personality—all these things now count as naught beside that one mistake.

Maxim Gorki has been ordered out of a New York hotel, ostracised by those he expected to welcome him, insulted by small souled money grabbers, subjected to ridicule and sneers, for what?

Because he dared to bring a woman who was not his legal wife with him as companion to the United States.

Because he has ignored or violated a social conventionality?

No, that is not Gorki's mistake. There are thousands of men, men prominent in politics, art, literature, all walks of life, in this country, who would be puzzled to tell which woman out of several they consider their legal wife. We wage that in the very hotel from which Gorki was ejected there are married men whose souls are soiled with the utterances of their secret sexual acts. And we will wage further that these were the hypocrits who demanded most loudly Gorki's ejection from their midst.

For years the Czar of Russia, it is well known, has had a kept mistress, a former actress, actually living in his palace, and she has borne him many children, while his legal wife has known and condoned it. He has lavished upon this companion the love and attentions which the social law requires should be given his legal wife.

Has this forfeited the Czar the recognition of the rulers and the ruling class of all nations? Even President Roosevelt, with his much vaunted ideas of social and personal probity, has kindly overlooked the immorality of this ruler of Russia. It did not prevent Nicholas and Alice Longworth from accepting wedding presents from this same Czar.

The wealth glutted, sordid, sensual, idle, parasitic, class of this country—those whose private scandals provide the means with revenue to keep secret the details of whose filthy alliances make the gorge rise and the stomach heave, these can violate every law, human and divine, with impunity and also be respected as the sacred ones of modern society. Beside these, Gorky is an angel pure as snow and innocent as an unborn child.

He has simply parted, and parted legally and amicably, from one woman whom he no longer loved and who no longer loved him and linked his life with another woman whom he loved and who loves him enough to share all sacrifices and devotion and ideals with him, and to whom it appears he is actually married legally.

No, that is not Gorki's mistake.

His assaulters and detractors may say that he made a mistake in bringing his sweetheart with him to America. But that is not his error. Many other men have done worse than that—some have even brought six wives with him—and they have gone unmolested and unchallenged. If Gorki has erred in that regard he has erred too lightly. He should have been bolder and brought a harem with him and he would have been received with acclaim. And the hotel proprietors of New York would have fought to entertain him and his harem as an advertisement.

No, that was not Gorki's mistake.

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representative of the Russian working class, the world wide working class, in its struggle for freedom and emancipation from the rule of the bourgeois of all kinds.

That is Gorki's mistake.

All else would be forgiven, he would be lionized and eulogized and welcomed and huzzaed, and around him and his loved one would be woven a glorious glamor of glitter romance, if he had not made the mistake of coming here as a revolutionist. He should have come instead as a literary curiosity to lecture prettily, and display himself for money and bask in the superficial and cloying atmosphere of the bourgeois whose hypocrisies he hates and whose rule he would destroy.

Yes, that is Gorki's mistake. The same mistake that the best and noblest souls of all history have made. The mistake which caused his other mistake in sending a message of sympathy and love to his fellow comrades, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, in an Idaho jail.

That is what the bourgeois and its press and professors and spokesmen can never forgive.

It is that which should rally to his support every socialist and every one whose soul longs for human freedom. Let us welcome him for his genius, his achievements, his nobility, his devotion to the working class, and doing it, let us dare his detractors to do their most.

Maxim Gorki, representative of the Russian working class, soldier of the social revolution, we welcome you and give you greeting! We love you for your one mistake and

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AWAKE.

Awake, my brothers, wake.
The night of bondage wanes.
The signs of morning tinge the eastern sky.
The toils that bind you, break.
Read from your limbs the chains.
The hour of your redemption draweth nigh.
You are but serfs to-day.
Unto your masters' greed.
With golden shackles, bound in slavery.
And will you bear it, say—
You of that noble breed
Of patriots who died to make men free?
Awaken, then, arise.
Go forth in all your might.
Strike for your liberty, loved ones and home.
Strike for the glorious prize
Of justice and of right.
Beneath it to the age that is to come.
Not in the tented field,
Nor in the battle's brunt,
Strike! but with ballots, tongue and pen—
The arms that freemen wield.
Go nobly to the front
With those who battle for their fellow men.
Sweet as the breath of morn:
Sweet as the earliest song
Of bird, that tells the coming of the dawn:
Are noble actions, born
Mid selfishness and wrong,
To aid the cause of Freedom marching on.
—JAMES ARTHUR EDGERTON.

Women's Clubs

The following selection is taken from "Socialist Songs, Dialogues, and Recitations," compiled by Josephine R. Cole, and for sale by Charles H. Kerr & Co., 264 E. Kinzie St., Chicago:

First Child—Labor creates all capital, but has none.
Second Child—Labor builds palaces, but lives in huts.
Third Child—Labor weaves the most beautiful garments of silk, wool and linen, but wears shoddy, rags and patches.
Fourth Child—Labor prepares the most delicious, nutritious foods but lives on unwholesome adulterations.
Fifth Child—Labor builds street cars, carriages and automobiles, but walks.
Sixth Child—Labor builds streets and public highways, but is not allowed free assemblage upon them.
Seventh Child—Labor builds schools and universities, but remains in ignorance.
Eighth Child—Labor builds labor saving machines, but works on harder than ever.
Ninth Child—Labor manufactures rifles and gatling guns with which to be shot when it strikes for its rights.
Tenth Child—Labor has the ballot, but does not know how to use it.
Eleventh Child—Labor has brains and ability to change all this, but it is too cowardly to stand up for its rights.
Twelfth Child—The hard work of the laboring class has so deadened their sensibilities that they can't feel it when they are being skinned.
All ask, "What?"
Child repeats, "The hard work," etc.
All reply, "Yes, that's so, 'the hard work of,' etc."

Worker's Club Ball.

Tuesday evening, May 1, the Workers' Educational club give a grand May day ball in Electric hall. The first of May is the international workingman's day, observed by organizations of working men throughout the world. It is exceedingly appropriate that the workmen of Helena should observe the occasion with a ball. The festive occasions enjoyed at the Workers' club are fresh in the minds of all and need no further commendation. Come and enjoy a happy evening; trip the light fantastic toe, and make others happy.

National News

Local Cook county, Ill., has expelled a member for scabbing.

The latest outrage of the capitalist government against the socialists has occurred in Greenfield, Mass. On April 19 Comrade Sol Fieldman was arrested while speaking on the street to the largest meeting ever held there. He was afterwards sentenced to serve eight days in the county jail. Thus from east and west do the minions of capitalist rule attempt to crush out socialism.

Nicholas Tchaykowsko, the Russian revolutionist and socialist, the friend of Peter Krapotkin, spoke twice in Boston, April 22 in Paine hall in the afternoon and Fanuil hall in the evening.

Comrade J. B. Osborne, the blind socialist orator, has intended going to Australia to study labor condition. When he went to pay for his passage he was told the Australian authorities would not permit him to land. This is a remarkable commentary on a country that some people try to make the uninitiated think is a socialist country. No agitators allowed.

A Bohemian branch with 13 members has been formed in Allegheny City.

The socialist county committee for Allegheny county, Pa., distributed 1,000 pieces of literature, and 20,000 pieces of advertising for the Moyer-Haywood demonstration.

Even the Catholics are not all one as in regard to the socialist question. Rev. A. L. Byron-Curtis, a socialist priest of Rome, N. Y., has challenged Rev. Father Sherman, a violent anti-socialist, to debate the socialist question.

Comrade James O'Neal of Terre Haute, Ind., is acting as editor of the Toledo Socialist while Comrade Maily is in the field doing work for the national office.

The Social Rebel is to publish an account of conditions prevailing in the coal district of West Virginia. A socialist has been through this slave district incognito, and the results of his observations will be given.

A voters' league of millionaires and capitalists has been organized in Milwaukee to counteract the socialist ticket. The Herald calls it the Grafters' League, and shows how the men in it have stood in the way of the best interests of the city for years.

Not the least of the interesting features of the Milwaukee movement is the activity of women in the party. The North Side Woman's club donated \$10 to the campaign fund. Both the West Side and the East Side clubs donated snug sums. There are four woman's socialist clubs organized in the city.

The comrades in Iowa some months ago found that their state dues were not sufficient to carry on their work, and they thereupon doubled them. They report that the plan works well, they have lost no members, and have doubled their resources. Minnesota has done the same and Wisconsin is making arrangements for a similar change.

International

Miss Otilie Baarder starts on a new year of work as central organizer of the socialist women of Germany. Marie Mackwitz, speaking for the factory employes' union is winning a reputation in Hanover and other large industrial towns which is breaking down the German prejudice against women speakers.

The government murder list for Russia for 1905 reaches the number of over 14,000 killed, and 20,000 wounded. Every day prisoners are killed by the dozens to make room in the overflowing jails.

There are 21 countries possessing working class parties definitely organized under the name of labor or socialism. In 15 of these countries the party has succeeded in obtaining parliamentary representation. Germany heads the list with 81 members in the Reichstag. Leaving Great Britain out of account for a moment, the countries follow in this order: France, 48, Italy, 42, Belgium 28; Denmark 16; Austria-Hungary, 10, and Holland 8. A still smaller number to be found in Sweden, Norway, Bulgaria, the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, Switzerland, Finland and the Argentine Republic. Today Great Britain stands well up on the list with a labor party of 29, which is swelled to 54 by the addition of the Radical Labor members.

Eton College, England, where the sons of the aristocrats are trained for the great universities has lately developed a band of young socialists. The 19 year old son of Lord Ribblesdale, heir to a vast estate, says, "I am a socialist because I am convinced of the injustice of the present social system, and that inevitable ruin will attend us if we adhere to its absurd anomalies."

H. W. Wells, the writer of the popular stories in the Cosmopolitan has joined the Social Democratic Federation in England.

Dundee, Scotland, has had a labor war. It was the biggest strike in ten years, and moreover, was a woman's strike. Several thousand defenseless girls were cruelly defeated by the mill owners. Dundee is one of the "she towns" of old Scotland whose principle industry is the jute trade. Thirty-five thousand men, women, and children work there, and live there, in one vast slum. The conditions of child life there are said to be unfit for publication. Twenty-three thousand went on strike for a rise of 5 per cent of the miserable wage. Ministers, public, press, everything "respectable" tried to get the slaves to return and serve their masters faithfully, for the mill owners had resolved if work was not resumed to close down all the factories. Pinched and starving the poor wretches were forced to yield.

The Edinburg socialist furnishes the account of this tragedy of labor.

Vandervelde in Belgium and Bebel in Germany are making spirited protests in the parliaments of those countries against the increase of the military power.

The taxes made by the British government on the unhappy natives of Natal, first a hut tax and then a proposed head tax of \$5, have roused the labor members of parliament to fury. The tax is an extension of brutal methods to force the natives to work for their conquerors.

Rosa Luxemburg, now said to be imprisoned in a Russian dungeon, works with Bebel on the editorial staff of "Vorwarts." She is noted for her brilliant oratorical gifts. At Zena her speech on the general strike carried the vote, for it irresistibly. She is a Doctor of Laws.

The French miners are determined in their strike in the Pas de Calais district. The gendarmes and

cavalry have been called out. They are met by shouts from men and women of "long live the revolution." It is stated that attacks have been made on some churches. The reports are probably the usual capitalist slanders and misrepresentations wherever working class grievances are concerned. It is well known that the church in France is bitterly hated by the working class because of its upholding the vice, greed, and oppression of the capitalist class.

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Murray King's Report

Will hold meeting tonight at dance in district school house, Saturday night in town, Sunday in Boulder and probably Monday night at another settlement on the Boulder. So will be ready to leave Tuesday morning. Have written Uhl if possible to hold postponed meeting in Clyde Park as soon as I get through, but don't know whether meeting will materialize or not.

Comrade Knapp had me go to Big Timber to speak at a dance in a neighboring school house. The dance did not prove a success as to attendance, and we decided an address would do no good. Saturday evening I spoke at the court-house in Big Timber to a small audience. The meeting however was a success as we sold several dollars worth of literature, took two subscriptions for the News, and succeeded in arousing considerable interest among the few present. Unless something is done the primary law will carry in Sweetgrass County. The election occurs June 6.

Sunday I went to McLeod, a community of ranchers, on the Boulder. Here are true sons of the revolution. A good audience gathered from the surrounding ranches at the bachelor residence of Mr Tallhurst, to hear their first socialist speech. The audience was thoroughly class conscious and was an inspiration to the speaker. These ranchers, some of them with immense cattle ranches and great herds of cattle, feel that they are being extinguished as a class by the advance of capitalism. They are heart and soul with the working class in its struggle for emancipation. My subject was, "We Must Abolish the Capitalist Class," and I never felt a greater unanimity and intensity of sympathy in my life. After the speech the crowd was loath to leave. Several ranchers grasped my hand with such expressions as, "You're on the right track;" "It's surely coming;" "I have heard enough." We discussed the primary election law, and talked till towards midnight. Collected \$2.00, sold two subs and some literature. We must have another speaker up there before long. A little more work, and a local is a sure thing. We were royally entertained by John Lord.

Comrade Knapp was so mightily pleased with the results of the visit to McLeod that Monday evening he determined to have the meeting we missed the first night in the school-house out of Big Timber. The result was a splendid example of the contagion of enthusiasm. With only three hours' notice a meeting was gotten up with the attendance at least twice what we expected. The audience was largely made up of men who have resisted socialist teaching for several years, but the result was highly gratifying. We talked on the burning issue of the hour. "The Capitalist Class must be Abolished," with incidentals on the primary law. After the speech and questions, which latter lasted some time, the audience showed its good will by a collection of \$3.25. One sub was sold. The working class in Big Timber, as in so many middle class towns is completely cowed and debauched by the capitalist middle class and the capitalist spirit. The industrial centers and the farms and ranches are the weakest points of capitalism now.

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- "The World's Revolutions," Ernest Untermann.
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Some Spring Arrivals



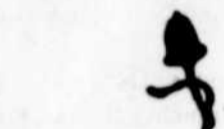
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of obligation in handling the affairs of the party and the business of the party members, such as resolutions, reports, plan of work, etc., that simply must be covered by a party paper. Other material comes in after this. There is no other way to manage except to have an eight page paper. But we're going to have that soon and then our troubles will be over.

Have sends in \$7.00 as closing its election accounts.

Local Stark sends in for a bunch of constitutions.

Comrade Reneker of Forsyth sends in a list of six suits.

Forsyth sends in \$1.25 for due stamps. They always hang on there and sometime they'll have a good movement through that whole section.

Comrad Melinda Hudson of Local Dean, sends in \$5.00—\$1.00 for organizing stamps and \$4.00 for new subscriptions. She says: "We held our local yesterday and had a splendid meeting. We decided to spend our surplus money for our State organization in circulating the Montana News where we think it will do the most good. So you see we have faith in our paper. We are going to hold a May-Day meeting on May 6."

Comrade Wright, the Secretary of the Boise Local: "We are much obliged for prominent place given our manifesto. The Comrades are all with you in spirit, but we are all a poverty stricken outfit. I will try and get in some subscriptions by next week. Locally it is taking all the spare change we can rake together to keep things moving. Our membership is growing fast. The "Idaho Unionist" is inclined to act favorably towards the socialists. I believe it would be advisable to put it on the exchange list for news during the Moyer-Haywood trial, as the editor is contemplating running it daily through the trial. Will say that although the G. A. R. fellows turned us out of their hall we now have labor hall at our disposal."

We are receiving many letters now looking towards active work. Here is one that has the right sort of a ring to it from Ovando, Montana. "DEAR COMRADE: I am writing you this letter in behalf of a few struggling Socialists at this place. Up until three years ago there was not a Socialist here, but about that time there was a seed dropped that took root; and from that time there has been a little band numbering three or four that has worked untiringly for the cause. We have bought literature and scattered it, have paid for subscriptions to papers and done the verbal act as far as possible. No doubt you can understand without words what

hands us \$3.00 for the equipment fund.

Comrade Carlton of the fearless railroad boys of Whitehall also has wheels going in his head in regard to agitation work for the summer. He says, "There are not many people at Sappington, but a speaker ought to get a fair sized audience at Willow Creek, and at Logan though I know nobody at either point to recommend. You will most likely have to send some one into these points on his own resources as far as getting a crowd is concerned. You would likely be up against the same conditions at Harrison and Pony. It is strictly a farming community with a few scattered miners. I think if the party fund will stand it that a good man like King might be able to start a few of them to thinking if he was able to get in there."

Comrade Uhl of Clyde Park had planned for a meeting for Murray King at that point. The night proved to be a stormy one so that Comrade King could not make the date. Comrade Uhl writes that it is hard to get meetings there in the summer, for the season is short and the farmers have to work hard in order to contribute their share to the Plutes. He says the best way to reach them is to send someone up to take subscriptions for the News.

A father and his son came in with \$5.00 each for the Moyer-Haywood case. They wanted their names withheld. If any others wish to contribute money to this cause the News will see that it reaches its destination.

We have to again ask for the consideration of the comrades in regard to articles sent in or subjects they would like us to handle. Every issue fresh material, apropos to immediate conditions, has to be relentlessly pushed aside for lack of room. There is a certain amount



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it has been to us. Friends turned to enemies; smiles to sneers. But we have worked away patiently until now we have quite a number with us. Last fall we tried to get a speaker in here. Comrade Walsh tried to help us, but it seems he failed. Now our idea in writing this letter is to see if it is possible for us to have someone come in here who can speak a little and organize a local. There are fifteen or twenty that are ready to join now, and more coming—mostly farmers. It is a half a day on the train from Helena to Drummond, and a day of staging it from there here. We would be willing to stand the expense of car and stage both ways. There would be no need of a hotel bill as this home and others are open to a Socialist. But if this cannot be done can you send us thorough details as to how to organize? We are anxious to get lined up.

Yours for the Revolution,
Mr. and Mrs. DOWNHOUR."

George Henry of Traverse Creek was put up for school trustee by the socialists and elected, receiving 18 votes to 3 cast for his opponent. This is pretty fair for Jefferson county.

Comrade King is at Fridley. Will be at Chestnut and Belgrade in a few days.

Mrs. Hazlett speaks at Basin Friday night under the auspices of the Miners' Union.

Comrade Malinda Hudson recording secretary of Local Dean sends \$10 on account with the state office, and a membership card.

Comrade Graham spent three days in Butte this week. He was looking at a press that was offered for sale, but which proved too small for the purposes of the News. He attended both the Finn and the

American locals. The Finn local is in a most flourishing condition. They were giving a fine play, 50 cents admission, hall full, and refreshments served. Their socialist organization is the center of their social life, as some day it will be among the Americans.

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At the meeting of the Local quorum of the Washington Socialist Party the statement of March finances showed the party in the best financial condition for two years. There was a cash balance of \$45-64, with no outstanding indebtedness, and considerable stock on hand.

Krustoliff, known as the brains of the Russian revolution, is said to be dying from the horrors of his confinement in a Russian dungeon, where he has been since his seizure by the Cossacks last December.

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Comrade Jensen writes from Lennep: "In regard to a socialist speaker at this place I should think it a pretty hard proposition. But I will take it up with the school trustees, and I think I can arrange it to get the schoolhouse free. But we must remember that there are nothing but Norwegian farmers here, and the most of them are strong republicans. I should think if all of them would come that come when the minister is here we would have a crowd."

"Another difficulty is that we have no hotel here, and it may be hard to arrange for a place for a socialist speaker to stop. I shall see what I can do in regard to the matter and advise you as soon as possible. I shall be glad to hear Comrade Ben Wilson speak, and will do what I can to have him here. If you know the address of a Norwegian paper I would like to send for it for those new comers up here that can't read English."

Gaa Paa, a Norwegian socialist paper is printed at Minneapolis, Minn., Franklin Ave.

Comrade McDonald of Lewistown sends in a list of five, and a couple of advertisements for insertion in the News. In regard to Ben Wilson's tour, he says, "By all means bill him through Ferguson county."

Comrade Stach from Wallace Idaho, sends us in the printing for the initiative and referendum ballots for Shoshone County. Thoughts like this for the support of the party press will enable us to meet our bills so that those of us who want to tear down and throw off the parasitic, exploiting capitalist class shall have some means of fighting them on their own ground.

We have the following from Comrade Teofila Pietriella, editor of "La Sentinella Socialista," an Italian paper, published at Calumet, Michigan: "If it is possible kindly let me have the list of the locals in your State, as I intend to use it to interest the Comrades in the spreading of this Italian paper."

Comrade Barton was over from Butte lately representing the interests of the Mill and Smelter-

men's union in the meeting of the directors of the Co-operative Broom Factory. He was also asking questions and taking facts and figures in regard to the cost of putting out an eight page paper, and the equipment that would be necessary to do it. Butte is taking a serious interest in this to see that the paper really gets out. So it is likely that there will be something doing.

Maiden, like Vesuvius, is showing signs of another eruption—a sort of socialistic "get there." Here is Comrade Weiglenda's latest: "The splendid showing made by the party at the recent elections cannot be otherwise than gratifying even to the "pessimistic socialist," who at all times sees the impossibility of winning anything in our time. Sometimes I am inclined to think that it is too unequal a struggle to wage and stand any show of winning, for it must be admitted that even the average party member does not take the interest in the affairs of the organization that belongs to it and is a part of it, and were it not for a few untiring and self-denying individuals, I am afraid the party would make slow progress indeed. We have been lagging a little of late. What we need is a good speaker. My advice would be to send a speaker in here as soon as possible. Once he is here plenty of work will be found for him, and he will be taken care of. I understand, of course, that this is not in line with the way of routing speakers where locals are organized, but something must be done. I would suggest the following: Notify the locals two weeks in advance, and send each a bunch of hand-bills or posters announcing the days of the speaking. Start in at Lewistown, then Kendall, Maiden, Gilt Edge and back to Lewistown; and perhaps by that time more dates might be arranged. The main thing is to send us some one that will stir us up a little, or rather shake us up right, and give us to understand that there is a work to be done, and that we are the ones to do it. The only trouble with the average socialist is that he is all the time waiting for the other fellow to do something. He is like the old chattel slave. He wants someone to "prod him a batch."

Dr. Willett of the Helena Local

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