

# THE WORKERS' CALL.

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

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## WHOLE HOG OR NONE

### Entire Product of Labor Must Go to Those Who Produce It.

## NO OTHER SOLUTION POSSIBLE

### Permanent Employment of Unemployed Would Inevitably Destroy the Present Profit System.

Socialists are often reproached because they refuse to unite with reformers in progressive measures, and thus advance step by step. We are accused of wanting the whole hog or none. Let us plead guilty; we do want the whole hog. But this is not so much a matter of choice with us; it springs rather from a clear perception of the fact that no matter what we might be satisfied with, we shall get either the whole hog or nothing at all. No other course is open to us. There are no half-way measures, and there is no such thing as improving the condition of the laboring class under the present system, except in a very superficial sense, altogether different from what reformers try to make us believe. This can be shown in a few words.

As long as there is any unsold labor-power on the market, whether the quantity be great or small, there can be no material increase in wages, and consequently no diminution of profits. Before wages can materially and permanently increase, all the unemployed labor-power must be taken off the market and permanently kept off, i. e., all must be insured of permanent employment. But this condition of affairs would at once bring the profit system to an end. The profit system is based not on free contract, but on the forced sale of labor-power. Wages are kept down by the constant pressure of the unemployed and by the uncertainty of steady employment in the minds of those who are employed. Remove these two factors and profits would fall and wages would rise, until the laborers would have the whole hog, i. e., their entire product.

At present the capitalist has the whole hog. He gets the entire product, less just enough to keep the labor-power in working order, the same as his other machinery. In fact he is forced by the system to take the whole hog or nothing. No middle course is possible. The perception of this fact will keep us from deceiving ourselves in expecting any great improvement through moderate reforms. A reform is something which changes the form of a thing, but leaves the substance the same. This would be the case with any reform of the profit system, which did not abolish the system itself.

If, therefore, a man claims that his particular reform would give employment to all, just point out to him the fact that if it really did that effectively and permanently, it would destroy the profit system and lead to socialism and that he might just as well be frank about it and advocate socialism directly as to advocate it indirectly. If the single tax would do what its advocates claim it would do, i. e., give permanent employment to all, it would destroy the profit system and lead to socialism.

The same can be said of various schemes for government employment on public works, etc. The government could employ a large number, but it could not give work to all the unemployed permanently. If it did, it would destroy the profit system. Private employers would be unable to secure help at such a figure as would leave any profit.

All of these well-meaning reformers are trying to solve this riddle—how to retain the profit system, and yet give everybody employment at wages above the existence point. The problem cannot be solved. The whole hog will go to the one side or the other; if it does not go to the capitalist it will go to the laborer. The state cannot divide the product between capitalist and laborer, because the state is controlled by one or the other, and whichever is in control of the state will refuse to divide.

There are two fields of activity, the economic and the political. In the economic nothing of immediate fundamental importance to the laborer can be attained through step by step methods. Economic measures are always expected to produce immediate results and hence are more attractive to the impatient laborer than political action. But the results never come. Some unforeseen cause intercepts the benefits before they reach the laborer. The industrial evolution goes on, but the share of the wage-earner is not greatly changed. When his turn comes it will come all at once and his share will be the whole hog. But in the political field step by step methods are in place, though they do not give immediate results. The working class cannot acquire political power suddenly. It must go through the slow process of building up a political party and getting control of one branch of government after another until it is in complete control of the entire political machinery. The industrial development is taking care of itself pretty well at

present. The capitalists will attend to that. It is the political development that always lags behind, and in America today the political development of the laboring class is far, far behind what it should be.

Marcus Hitch.

## SOCIALIST POINTERS.

War will only cease when workingmen get sense enough to quit shooting each other.

The class instinct of commercialism shows clearly in this proposed tariff for Puerto Rico.

Emperor William says socialism is a fad, but the saving quality is that it is not one of his fads.

It is safe to say that trusts are not losing any sleep over what Roosevelt is going to do to them.

There are daily hints from Paris more interesting than those accompanied by a fashion plate.

Andrew Carnegie is quite certain that poverty is a blessing, but then, "distance lends enchantment."

Just let some rash capitalist politician attack the socialist school system if he is looking to a short road to oblivion.

The early Christians had all things in common, but it is quite a while since we have heard a minister preach on the subject.

The Chicago building trades lockout will be worth the cost if it just eliminates that entirely useless leech, the contractor.

If the small middle man is still unsatisfied, there is no reason why a couple more anti-trust conferences can not be held.

If socialism will take away all incentive to work it will also do away with a great deal of the work, so where is the loss?

The infant industry that thrives lustily on public pay, knows that an old age pension would be quite contrary to the constitution.

Western miners are beginning to see the true remedy for their troubles. They certainly have had the truth pounded into them.

Of course the government will regulate the trusts. The trusts being the government, a mutual matter like that can easily be arranged.

In 1904 there will be but two parties, and the Mark Hanna's will be shouting for Bryan or someone of his kind to save them from the socialists.

Socialism will come anyway, but workingmen who do not desire to spend their declining years in the poorhouse should give it a friendly shove.

The party has now obtained enough prominence for the capitalist newspapers to build straw socialists for the purpose of knocking them down.

It is said that farmers will always oppose socialism on account of their property-interests, but how about the renters who are getting to be in the majority?

Inhabitants of China who have been working 16 hours a day may as well prepare to make it 18. The capitalists of the world are getting ready to ride on their backs.

Mayor Jones may yet be a useful citizen, when he recovers from the shock that came with the discovery that socialists did not regard him as bigger than their party.

Your boy might also be president under socialism and he would stand a much better show than at present, for he would have equal educational advantages with the son of every other man.

It is pretty generally agreed that the city should furnish water to its inhabitants at cost, and if water, why not bread? One is no more of a necessity than the other. And if bread, why not clothes?

The fellow who works 16 hours a day just for a poor living, is the man that is most opposed to socialism, but he will not be just as soon as you can make a hole in his head large enough to let in a little light.

It is safe to say the government would quit printing envelopes if it came in competition with the banks or the express companies instead of the small printing offices. Someone would discover then that it was socialistic and dangerous.

## Socialists, Attention!

The Workers' Call having completed the first year of its existence with this number, those comrades and subscribers who have supported the paper, from its first appearance, are earnestly requested to renew their subscriptions as promptly as possible. It is needless to say that it is not desirable to have any of our clear socialist organ has to contend with in the present state of the movement, and that it is the duty of all socialists to continue the support of the press which voices their interests as a class.

## THE SAME OLD GAME

### Tricks and Schemes of Capitalist Politicians.

## NEW LABEL ON THE OLD GOODS

### Coming Presidential Campaign Will Bring to the Front, New Devices to Entrap the Workers.

The growing strength of socialism, and the possibilities of the political movement in the United States has had the effect of drawing forth new tricks from the capitalist political organizations, as well as "showing up" some of their old devices.

In almost every instance the schemes have been foreseen and foretold by the socialists. A warning has been voiced by the socialist press against the ignorant efforts of the reformers, and the knavishness of the old line political organizations.

This presidential campaign will be full of tricks, old and new. The prohibition candidate will again demonstrate the decadence of his party. The Populist will re-affirm the Omaha platform with "special privileges for none," and at the same time uphold the privilege of a part of the people to own the means of production by which all the people live. The Democratic party will demand more money, and the workingmen of less sense will support the demand. The Republican party, as usual, serene and confident, grabs everything in sight. All of these devices to be known as the particular friends of the wage workers.

But in the meantime a somewhat novel sort of warfare is going on. Some years ago, to offset the socialist influence of the initiative and referendum plank, the Republican and Democratic parties added an initiative and referendum plank to their platforms in Massachusetts. The carrying out of the principle of the initiative was never attempted by the old line political representatives. A short time ago Carey and McCartney, S. D. P. representatives, introduced a much-needed bill to make the initiative operative in the municipal governments in Massachusetts. A lively discussion took place, and when a vote was taken, 219 out of 238 of the capitalist representatives voted against the initiative.

This will be interesting to the single plank "initiative and referendum" advocates. The old parties will come on, put any single plank into their platform, conveniently overlook it when put in power and repeal it absolutely when necessary.

The principle upon which the socialist movement is based allows of no centering upon the minor issues of municipal ownership, initiative, etc.

When these matters come before the industrially intelligent worker there is but one question for him to ask: will the political idea advanced check the wages system through which I am deprived of my product. There are no other questions that involve a principle. The only answer that can be given by the trickster is "no."

The worker who desires emancipation and justice has no choice; the socialist platform is all for him; the opposition platform is all against him. He deserves the fate of slavery if he assists in the political forging of his own chains.

As has been well expressed by Com. King of San Francisco: "This contest between the classes is the only justification of the existence of the socialist. Party ethics, morals, altruism, public ownership of utilities, retrenchment, economy, reform—all these can be found in capitalist parties, but a recognition of the class interest of the wage worker, and that in direct opposition to the interest of the capitalist class—this can only be found in the economics and political movements of socialism. No party can be a true socialist party unless the greatest care be taken to protect the organization from influence inconsistent with this basic idea."

Those workers who follow the tricksters into the camp of the enemy, assist in the enactment and execution of laws distinctly, wholly and intentionally inimical to the true interests of the wage earners. The interests of the workers can never lie in forwarding schemes to continue a system which makes possible the building up of independent fortunes at the expense of the wage earning class. In neither the industrial or the political arena do the capitalists overlook their class interests.

Is there any reason why class interests should be neglected by the workers, either in the workshop or in the political field?

G. B. Benham.

## From Great Britain.

A short time ago the report of the Bureau of Labor appeared. It showed the strength of the labor unions for 1899, as follows: Unions, 1,307; members, 1,611,334. For 1898: Unions, 1,267; with a membership of 1,644,581. Thirty-five unions were organized during the year, and fifty-six disbanded to form larger organizations.

## "ALWAYS WITH YOU"

### "Charity," As the Safety Valve of Capitalist Society.

## POVERTY AS AN INSTITUTION.

### Different Conception of "Justice," As Seen From the Capitalist and Socialist Standpoints.

The poor, the poor, the poor! "The poor ye have always with you." Christ didn't actually say that this was a good thing, but his professed followers have generally accepted "this blessed heritage" as brother Carnegie calls it, as something in the nature of a command, judging from the zeal they display in maintaining the system which directly creates pauperism and the poor.

The presence of the millions of the wretched, famished creatures known as the "poor" are a fruitful source of wealth economically and "spiritually" for their exploiters. How could the "society woman" lay up treasures in heaven of charity, pity, etc., etc. If the poor were abolished? How could the profits of the respectable capitalist be increased if there were not always a hungry, ragged, famished crowd of human beings outside his factory door, willing to take the places of those inside, who are less than one degree removed from the same condition? And how could he act the part of philanthropist and humanitarian, if his power of "giving employment" were taken away? It would indeed be a sad day" to quote brother Carnegie again, for the class who thrive materially and spiritually upon its existence, if poverty were to disappear. Therefore charity, charity, and still more charity is what is wanted; those who talk of "justice" are mere fools and dreamers; those who speak of socialism are dangerous enemies of "society."

And as the numbers of those who demand justice increase, so the necessity for more "charity" grows. It is beginning to be recognized that it acts as a sort of safety-valve for the wealthy classes, under the system by which they "legally" appropriate the labor product of the majority of the human race. To perpetuate this system it is necessary that the exploiters give back in the shape of charity a portion of the plunder sufficient to keep their victims below the danger point, but in the evolution of capitalism this process cannot keep pace with the production of wealth. As the ancient Roman patricians vainly tried to keep the dispossessed plebeians in a state of contentment by the "bread and circus" method, so in the end our modern capitalist class will find the "charity" dole ineffectual to maintain their supremacy.

Those who hold the means of production as their private property cannot hope much longer to stem the tide of misery and want, which results from such ownership, by throwing the sop of "charity" to the disinherited masses of mankind. As the wants of the race increase, their intelligence also increases, and they begin to understand that "justice" will render "charity" superfluous.

And the "justice" which the class-conscious workers are struggling for, bears no resemblance to the capitalist definition of the word. Our "justice" is not theirs. We are fighting for access to those means of production, those social values which are the work of the brains and hands of countless millions of producers, and from which we are debared by the idea of "private property" upon which capitalist society is based.

And this "justice" we neither uselessly demand, or ask as a favor, knowing well that without power such proceedings are worthless. We struggle for the political supremacy of our class, and when that has been accomplished "justice" shall consist in the fact that all mankind shall have free access to the means of production, and that when they have toiled and produced, the product shall be theirs to use and enjoy. Capitalist conditions make "charity" necessary. Socialist conditions destroy this necessity.

## Can't Change Human Nature.

The silliest opponents of socialism are the very good Christians who come up to us with a you-can't-get-over-this argument air and say: "You'll never succeed, for you'll never be able to change human nature." This is rich from Christians, whose only work, in which they have already spent a score of centuries, is to try to change human nature—that is, by "coming to Jesus," and "being born again," and "getting a new heart," etc. The infidels, "You can't change human nature," says the shallow thinker. The deuce we care? Well, just give me a chance, and I don't change it I'll change its manifestation, which is the same thing for all practical purposes of Socialism. I'm lord of the winds and the waves, suppose, and wreck at sea the ship you are on, and I provisionally get fifty or sixty of you safely away in boats and on rafts with plenty of provisions and

good hopes of final rescue. You are all ladies and gentlemen then, and behave decently to each other. But suppose I keep you out of hope for a week, two, three, until your last biscuit is gone, and you are mad with sickness, hunger, and thirst. Then with the composition of your blood and other bodily juices altered, you are no longer gentlemen and ladies, but ugly, ill-tempered, wolfish brutes, ready to draw lots for some one to be killed and eaten to save the rest. You have become cannibals! I did not change human nature, did I? No; but you might as well be wolves as human beings acting just like wolves. Anyway, you are totally different chemical formulae now, and that is quite as good—or bad—as a change of nature. Then if I send a sail in sight just then and rescue you, and gradually fill you up with good victuals, and warm and nourish you back to health, why, with the return of your bodily juices to their normal former state you return to decency and gentility, don't you? Well, then, don't you think that if this great community of cannibals and vicious competitors for bread, could be properly fed, and clothed, and housed, and educated, as big a chemical change could be worked in them as in you, and they would be just as fully redeemed morally? Depend upon it, the rest of the bad, wicked world is as amenable to proper treatment as you are, in spite of your self-conceit. At any rate, having been saved—or never having needed salvation—yourself, you might help us Socialists to put the victual cure into practice.—The Class Struggle.

## THE MAN WITH THE GUN.

I am the Man-With-the-Gun, And I straddle the man with the hoe, Tho' the sun beats hot or the chill winds blow, Tho' his back be bent and his garments be rent, Tho' his back be bent and his breath be spent, From the early morn 'till the sun goes low, Tho' the long, long night 'till the day-god's glow, I ride him a race at a death-dealing pace, O I ride him a race to his last resting place, And I care not for friend and I care not for foe, So long as I straddle the man with the hoe, For I am the Man-With-the-Gun.

The following resolutions in connection with those published in a previous issue from San Francisco Union No. 15 will speak for themselves:

Editor International Woodworker: At the regular meeting of Union No. 47 the following resolutions were adopted and their publication requested in the Journal of February:

Whereas, Union No. 15 has presented two resolutions for the consideration of the members of our international union, and

Whereas, it is necessary that this matter should be thoroughly discussed and supported, be it

Resolved, That we endorse the second resolution submitted by Union No. 15, and that our delegate to the convention be instructed to support this resolution with voice and vote. And be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense and utmost belief of Union No. 47 of Kansas City, Mo., that only by independent political action by means of an organization working upon pure socialistic lines can the ultimate freedom of the working classes be established. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Union No. 47 pledge itself to only support individually and collectively such parties and men who shall work for the social development and freedom of the masses of the people of the country.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Ludwig,  
Union No. 47, Kansas City, Mo.,  
Approved January 6, 1900.  
—International Woodworker.

"There will be compensation for the threatened late spring in that it will keep campaign orators off the street for a month, perhaps."—Chicago Record.

We might suggest to the Chicago Record that the lockouts which the employers have enforced against the working class, the strikes which the latter have been compelled to engage in to better their condition, the new and improved machines which constantly throw the workers out of employment, are in themselves a warrant that the socialist street orator at least, will be in evidence. So long as capitalism, the system which the Record upholds, throws men upon the street, there is no reason why the street should not be utilized to spread socialism, and when that work is sufficiently accomplished, the "unemployed" will disappear and street meetings no longer become a necessity.

Section Minneapolis, S. L. P. will give a course of lectures at Nicollet hall, 335-339 Nicollet avenue, on the following Sundays, at 3 p. m., sharp:

Feb. 25.—"Faith or Facts—Which?" by T. H. Lucas.  
March 4.—"The Modern View of History," by Geo. B. Leonard.  
March 11.—"Railroad Monopolies," by S. A. Stockwell.  
March 18.—"The Paris Commune," by T. H. Lucas.  
March 25.—"Some Incidents of the Past Year in Our Commercial Warfare," by Miss Anna A. Maloy.  
April 1.—"Trusts," by Frank D. Larrabee.  
April 8.—"The Issues of the Next Campaign," by Dr. A. Hirschfeld.  
April 15.—"Charity," by T. H. Lucas.

Always remember that the main bulwark of capitalism is the ignorance of the workers. They are in darkness only because they do not know the way out. Are you doing all you can to show them the path?

## NOT UP TO THE MARK

### Crude Ideas in the Transvaal; As to "Keen Politicians."

## WOULDN'T PASS MUSTER HERE

### Boer Statesmen's Methods Contrasted With Those of More Highly Civilized Countries.

That good old British capitalist contention that the South African republics are hopelessly out of date and far behind the march of progress, is amply borne out by the following telegram, from the seat of war:

Cape Town, March 2.—The correspondent of the Cape Times, who was present at the surrender of Gen. Cronje at Paardeberg, says that among the prisoners he recognized some of the keenest politicians of the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. A surprising percentage of the 4,300 men taken speak English.

If the "keenest politicians" of the two republics have no better or more modern conception of the duty of a "politician" than to expose their sacred persons to the chances of battle, murder, and sudden death, then it is undoubtedly the duty of John Bull in his capacity of missionary and torchbearer of progress, to carry the "light of civilization" to these benighted peoples.

"Politicians" voluntarily encountering rifle bullets, Maxim guns, and Lydite shells. Why the idea is so utterly preposterous, that the additional qualification of "keenest," adds nothing to its absurdity.

Keen politicians! They ought to see the individualism who answer to that description in this and other "progressive" countries, and they would quickly discover that their keenness, compared to that of the modern politician, bears about the same relation that a ploughshare does to a razor blade.

The untutored "politicians" of the Transvaal and Free State, are actually so far in the rear of their advanced brethren in more favored lands, that they literally believe that "patriotism" has a claim to their services on the field of battle. They have not yet reached that stage of civilization, where it is understood that "patriotism" is wholly and solely for the consumption of the "other fellow," and that all that they have to do with it, is to preach it to admiring audiences of dupes.

Truly the British have a herculean task before them in removing such a mass of ignorance and backwardness, as is here displayed. But the resources of capitalist civilization are unlimited for work of this nature and will no doubt succeed in the end.

And when the "village Hampdens" of South Africa have been put through this elevating process, when they have learned the dignity and proper functions of the modern "politician," they will not be found fighting alongside the valorous Cronjes and Jouberts, running the risk of being shot to pieces, or surrendering to the enemy, to spend weary months in jail, while the country they love so well rushes headlong to ruin and disaster, on account of the irreparable loss it sustains by their death or capture.

No, they will have a higher and nobler and safer conception of the duties which society demands from them as statesmen. They will stay at home and safeguard those sacred institutions of "law, order and property" upon which modern civilization is based. They will declare their eternal love for the "flag," and continually urge the "common people" to go to the front and die for it. They will use their "influence" to secure lucrative positions for their incompetent friends in the different bureaus and departments established to keep the fighting line supplied. They will valiantly defend the "patriotic" contractors, who supply that line with rotten food and shoddy clothing, against the malvolent assaults of the other "keen politicians" whose party is out of office. They will pass resolutions of sympathy and denunciation, expatiate upon "glory," "liberty" and "national honor," form themselves into reception committees to welcome the most conspicuous of the returned "heroes," and finally when the war is over, deliberate together upon the best methods of skinning the conquered enemy, to the glory of God and the profit of capitalism.

It is the proud privilege of Great Britain to carry into distant lands this newer and higher conception of the duties and functions of a "politician." As a tutor in this respect she is thoroughly competent, and her pupils will doubtless prove apt and eager, after a due period of teaching.

The only possible drawback that the spread of this gospel carries with it, is that the appearance of socialism is a necessary result of its propaganda, foreshadowing a still more advanced system of society in which the "keen politician" has neither place nor function.

Your slavery rests on your neighbors' ignorance. Give him a Workers' Call to help break your fetters.

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THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT.

Once more the inherent hostility between the distinct classes under capitalism seems apparently to be on the point of breaking out into economic warfare in this city.

But as the party progresses in knowledge, class-consciousness and a clearer vision of the importance of its object, these disturbing elements become fewer, weaker, and less able to work injury to the movement.

Through such a process of evolution, the socialist movement in the United States must undoubtedly pass. Here and there perhaps some individual, some group, some faction finding that their particular ideas are rejected or neglected by the majority, may come to the conclusion that the cause of socialism is in consequence lost.

The pressure of the economic conditions which capitalism imposes upon the workers, will gradually compel them to place the demands of the social revolution before aught else, and as that compulsion grows more perceptible, the power of the factional disturber in the ranks, becomes more feeble and less attractive.

Unity of all socialist forces there will undoubtedly be; but this cannot be accomplished by merely saying "Go to, let us be wise, let us unite."

It is no doubt the desire of every socialist that the political party representing the movement, should be free as possible from discord and dissension.

to some extent inculcated, the advocacy of tactics which have achieved success in bourgeois politics, the wrangling over party fetiches and political shibboleths, and many other practices which for a time bedim the real object of the movement.

A glance over the progress of the growth of socialism in Europe will also show that in its inception as a political organization, similar lack of harmony can be observed, that as the movement spreads these differences were softened down, abandoned, and laid aside.

But even yet, in the most powerful socialist political parties of Europe, this element of discord is not altogether abolished, as witness the Bernstein episode some time ago amongst the socialists of Germany.

Judging from such experiences, which may be said to be illustrative of every country in Europe where socialism has obtained a firm footing, we in this land may prepare ourselves to tread a similar path.

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SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

Well may socialism exclaim "save me from my friends," especially "friends" of the John V. Farwell stripe, who has just broken into print with a most extraordinary farago of meaningless cant which he calls "true socialism."

The following is the definition of "true socialism" as given by Mr. Farwell and we leave it so our readers to decide whether it has any meaning, and if so what that meaning may be.

The only true socialism that begins here and lasts forever consists in seeking first a heart acquaintance with Jesus Christ, and then one's character made up of His works practically introduced into life.

The knowledge of the economic situation displayed by Mr. Farwell in removing his factory from Chicago to Benton Harbor with the avowed object of securing more tractable wage slaves than could be found in this city.

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movement, in which Comrade Harriman has been selected to act as standard bearer. A few more years of persistent effort and they will have to devote still more attention to its growth and strength in their columns.

A bill before the German Reichstag, forbidding the employment of married women is being opposed by the manufacturers on the ground that the wages of the men are so low, that the labor of the women is necessary to enable the working classes to enter into the marriage state.

Banker Dreyer, the friend of Altfeld, "the friend of labor," has again been found guilty of accepting money in trust, knowing meanwhile that he was bankrupt, and of plundering the Park Board in addition.

In France, a strong anti-British sentiment has been predominant lately. The local capitalists were jealous of the extension of British influence and power but the late change of affairs in South Africa has wrought a change also in the French capitalist press.

What is the meaning of this right-about-face? A new "public opinion" is evidently in progress of formation. A "strong under-current of feeling" has now set in in favor of England.

This may be partly explained perhaps by the fact that the great Exposition will soon open. The British capitalist may with a little encouragement be induced to spend some of the plunder extracted from British workers and the attractive scent of this plunder and a keen desire to get some of it may partially account for the change of front in the French capitalist press.

Kimberley diamond mines are probably running as usual by this time, and the Kafir slaves are digging out riches for their masters in the orthodox style.

The resignation of Roseberry as leader of the Liberal party in England may be more significant than the casual reader may imagine.

Kaiser Wilhelm's "mailed fist" came down heavily a few weeks ago, with the result that Dr. Arons, the socialist professor in the University of Berlin, was forced to resign his position there.

Comrade Job Harriman the presidential candidate of the S. L. P. opened his campaign in New York with great success, and the capitalist press has been compelled to notice the growth of the

LETTER BOX.

NOTICE:—Correspondents who send in matter for publication are requested to sign their full name and address as otherwise their matter cannot appear.

Kindly permit me through your columns to present to your readers some general ideas upon a subject of greatest importance—socialist unity. There is an undeniable case for a joining together of the progressive wings of the socialist movement in this country.

I do not care to go into a detailed argument for a specified action but rather to adduce facts and suggest thoughts hitherto avoided or obscured in the discussion.

Yours of the 16th inst., directed to me at Corning, N. Y., has been received. I place today, your letter explains to me that you have undertaken an enterprise of great importance to the socialist movement, and asking me to send for some books, a list of which you enclosed with your letter.

Editor Workers' Call: I noticed in the last issue of your paper an open letter by R. A. Morris, addressed to Samuel M. Jones, mayor of Toledo, which for substance and logic certainly takes the cake.

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to hasten that auspicious day, for that is all he asks of them. Brother Morris seems to labor under a curious confusion of ideas when he first speaks of only two classes opposing each other and struggling for the mastery, and then enumerates three distinct classes.

Kindly permit me through your columns to present to your readers some general ideas upon a subject of greatest importance—socialist unity. There is an undeniable case for a joining together of the progressive wings of the socialist movement in this country.

I do not care to go into a detailed argument for a specified action but rather to adduce facts and suggest thoughts hitherto avoided or obscured in the discussion.

Yours of the 16th inst., directed to me at Corning, N. Y., has been received. I place today, your letter explains to me that you have undertaken an enterprise of great importance to the socialist movement, and asking me to send for some books, a list of which you enclosed with your letter.

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Party News.

Section Santa Clara County is holding propaganda meetings regularly every Sunday evening at the A. O. U. W. hall, 8 First street, San Jose. The meetings are well attended and the interest in socialism is increasing steadily in this vicinity.

Kansas City, Mo., March 2, 1900. The campaign here is well under way—a first installment of 25,000 copies of our platform and manifesto are being distributed. Other literature will be used later. There is a very apparent effort to befool the people into thinking that the old parties will do just what we will.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glances of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty. The general election will be held in Hay and candidates are being selected. The socialists are conducting a very vigorous campaign.

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The labor situation in Chicago is in a more demoralized condition than ever. Notwithstanding all their bluffs in the capitalistic newspapers, which are at their beck and call, the contractors have been unable to make any inroads on the locked-out building trades, but on the contrary the building material workers are in revolt.

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THE POLITICAL JUGGERNAUT.

Coming of the "Machine" With Many Names, Which Parts the Working Class From Their Votes.

This is the period when the "machine" comes into evidence now that the local elections are drawing near. It might be thought that the average wage earner, whose whole time is given up to a continual struggle for the means and barest subsistence for himself and family, would hardly consider that these "machines" had any significance for him, but it seems otherwise.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

A Tile Makers' union was organized in Bloomington, Ill.

The type-setters in Cripple Creek, Col., have secured a 20 per cent increase.

The Woodworkers' union, Local No. 7, will take 500 copies of The Workers' Call each week.

The strike of the printers and typesetters of Kansas City is diminishing. Several firms have signed the union scale.

The Cigar Makers' International Union has issued in the month of January 2,514,500 labels. The union had on January 1st, 25,292 members.

Now is the time for socialists in the trades unions to show their colors. Get to the front, comrades, and point out to your fellow-workers their real interests as workingmen.

The meeting in Ruhli's hall, 239 W. 12th street, held by the Seventh ward branch, where Comrades Benham and Wahneke spoke, was, considering the bad weather, a success.

The meeting in Elkes' hall, on Sunday, March 4th, where Comrade Benham of San Francisco spoke, was well attended. The speaker held the attention of the audience for over an hour.

The Thirty-third ward branch held a public meeting on Sunday, March 4th, at Nelson Morris hall, South Chicago. Many questions were asked, and the meeting on the whole was interesting and instructive.

Don't forget next Sunday. You can't afford to miss that March Festival of the Sangerbund. Remember that two-thirds of the proceeds go to the campaign fund. Come all and have a good time. Look at the program.

The Fourteenth ward held a fair meeting at Schoenhofen's hall, where Comrade Sommerville spoke. Comrade Hitch opened the meeting with a few remarks which were well-received. Comrade Sommerville's address was listened to very attentively.

Judge Lewentri issued an injunction against the International Cigar Makers' Union, also against the Spanish Cigar Makers' Union, forbidding them to place pickets in front of Davis' factory or in any other way interfering with the business of that firm.

A fight between union men and scabs took place on the building at Randolph and Canal. The latter were protected by police and detectives. Several union men were struck and arrested by the police. Wonder if the police love the scabs?

The Machinists' union is on strike, and has shut up all machine shops tight. A scab going to work in Bullock's shop was offered \$7 by the pickets to stay away, but refused. In the evening he had five policemen to take care of him.

Scabs of the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance are working in the factory. It is said that the injunction was issued at the advice of the well-known Bowkman street gang and their S. T. and L. A. who in the past have worked with the Republican politicians to destroy labor organizations.

The general meeting of Section Chicago, held last Sunday at Lauterbach's hall, was attended by about 70 com-

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"MISERY ALLEVIATED."

Kimberly Diamond Company Sets Kaffirs to Work, Directly the Siege Is Raised.

At the present time a good deal of discussion is going on ament the question of justice or injustice on the part of either side in the war between Briton and Boer in South Africa, and while windy orators and sentimentalists are declaiming against one or other of the combatants, as destroyers of "liberty," upholders of "tyranny," etc., etc., the very sensible gentlemen for whose benefit the combat was started, are not allowing their peace of mind to be disturbed by the useless imprecations hurled at them from all parts of the earth.

Kimberly, that famous city which has been besieged for four months by the Boers, and which during that time formed the residence of the much-abused Cecil Rhodes, had just been relieved, and before the enemy had been properly cleared out of the district, the following telegram from Roberts, reached the British war office:

"Methuen reports from Kimberly that food and forage are being rushed on as fast as possible. There will be coal enough to start the De Beers mines in ten days, whereby the great misery will be alleviated."

The De Beers mines exist then for the purpose of "alleviating misery" and in the wake of the relieving column the coal trains pour in so that the mines may begin their blessed work. Surely the British cannot be charged with "inhumanity" or "injustice" in the face of this fact. But let us see.

Down in the depths of these De Beers mines, thousands of workingmen, native Kaffirs, from whom their country has been torn, have toiled for years, ill paid, ill fed, and living the actual lives of slaves, producing untold wealth for their benevolent masters, who are now preparing to "alleviate their misery" once again, by giving them some more of the same.

During the siege these men could not be exploited, and therefore were released from toil, although they were not allowed to leave the city. It was imperative upon their employers that they should have food, lest worse happen, and so during the four long months, they have been consuming commodities and producing none. The "misery" which they must have suffered in loading around, eating and sleeping, will be put an end to just as soon as their masters can set them to work again, and for that purpose the coal trains are being promptly rushed along.

At the same time that the "miseries" of these fortunate laborers are being attended to, the "miseries" of their philanthropic masters, who for four long months have been denied the opportunity of securing profits, will also cease. Capitalism is the most wonderful remedy ever invented against misery of this sort, and the owners of capital, the greatest benefactors of the human race.

It may be possible that the Kaffirs don't look at the question exactly in the same light; they might even prefer to live and eat without working, but then they are a stupid people, who don't know that the road to happiness lies in digging and delving in the mines for their masters, a lesson which their fellow workingmen who are "civilized" have already learned.

In order that the efficacy of the De Beers mines as "alleviators of misery," should not be impaired, the most careful precautions were taken during the siege to prevent such a deplorable occurrence, as the following report from Kimberly will indicate:

"Sandbag protections and underground covers were constructed near the houses, and the machinery in De Beers' mines was protected by great efforts of the enemy the only damage done to the De Beers property was to one machine and to one electric bell, which was cut through by the shells falling constantly around the works."

All this trouble was taken in order that the property of these benevolent capitalists might be kept in readiness to exploit the labor-power of thousands of their fellow men at the first possible opportunity, and this is what they call "alleviating misery." This sort of benevolence is practiced by capitalists all the world over, as well as in Kimberly, but it must be admitted that they are a trifle slow to exercise their charitable dispositions in this manner.

unless there is profit attached. This, however, may be nothing more than a curious coincidence, but is nevertheless remarkable.

**For the Underdog.**

The Chicago Tribune of the 2d instant in speaking of the injurious effect of strikes upon the small retailer and landlord, calls attention to the fact that the latter are "innocent" victims of quarrels in which they are not concerned, and gives some pious advice to the striking workers requesting some consideration upon their part as to the effects of their action upon the fortunes of the little capitalist.

The great railroad magnate—Jay Gould, once declared that his system of roads gave the public the cheapest rate of transportation that was possible.

This action upon the part of the petty retailer and landlord (an action which they are compelled to take) being partially recognized by the workingmen makes them listen and see a reasonableness in the arguments advanced by the "walking delegate" and "agitator," upon whom the capitalist press regularly pours the vials of its wrath and condemnation.

The strikes will go on no matter what their effect may be upon the small capitalist class. Win or lose, the wage-earners will gradually learn from these constantly recurring struggles, that the whole system of profit-mongering, small or great, is inimical to their interests as a class.

The pretended solicitude for the welfare of the small capitalist expressed by the "Tribune" is rather humorous when it is considered that the great capitalist combinations which have done more to crush their smaller rivals out of existence, than any other factor in modern society, have always found in the "Tribune" a valiant and unscrupulous champion of their interests.

**Sangerbund Festival.**

- 1. Fest March ..... Bach.
2. Overture (Light Cavalry).....Suppe.
3. Im Morgenroth (Song).....
4. Coronet Solo (selected).....
5. Song ..... Bavarian Sangerbund.
6. Gymnastics (Ladies' Song).....
7. Song ..... La Salle Turnverein.
8. Selection from "Caspardine".....
9. "Was Rose Freiheit buchst die auf?" ..... Socialist Sangerbund.
10(a). Address (English) .. P. Sisman.
10(b). Living Picture ("The Present").....
11. Song ..... Socialist Sangerbund.
12. Yongs Melodien ..... Orchestra.
13. Trombone Solo ..... Mr. Stoelting.
14. Liebesbrief..... Socialist Sangerbund.
15. Ich bin ein Buere ..... F. Heineke.
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**SECTION CHICAGO, S. L. P.**

**Statement of Immediate Measures to Be Supported by Socialist Candidates in Coming Election.**

In view of the fact that the municipal elections in Chicago are to take place in April, the Socialist Labor party in presenting their candidates upon town and aldermanic tickets, once more affirm their allegiance to the principles of revolutionary socialism, as adopted at the late national convention held at Rochester, N. Y.

In calling upon the working class to rally to the support of the principles of socialism, the socialists wish to emphasize the fact so often reiterated, that until the complete triumph of the working class, which can only find expression in the total overthrow of the capitalist system, be accomplished, any temporary palliatives must of necessity be partial and insufficient.

The employment of all unemployed citizens by the municipality, at the best possible wages.
2d. That the municipality shall furnish support and assistance to all workers upon strike, and aid them with every public power which can be used to help them accomplish their object.

On the second point, we call attention to the fact that workingmen do not strike except to better their material conditions, and satisfy their wants. Living under a system of legalized plunder, this want sometimes becomes unbearable, and the workers are often forced to submit to the terms upon which their employers are willing to receive them.

The example of our fellow workingmen in Europe, and especially France, on this matter, has been often pointed out in the columns of The Workers' Call and other socialist papers. Workingmen who through their trades unions have expressed their dissatisfaction with their conditions of life, and resorted to strikes to emphasize such dissatisfaction, have in this city, often felt the heavy hand of capitalism, which has never scrupled to use the police, militia, and the machinery of law as aids to enforce the submission of the strikers.

What is possible in France is also possible in the United States. It is to be remembered, however, that such palliatives are limited in effect proportionately to the power conferred upon the representatives of the working class. The object of the socialist movement in all lands being the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth through the political supremacy of the working class, the above measures are submitted in accordance with the concluding paragraphs in the platform of the Socialist Labor party, as follows:

"Pursuing the accomplishment of this, our ultimate purpose, we pledge every effort of the Socialist Labor party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

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5th ward—H. C. Driesvogt.
7th ward—L. Marcus.
8th ward—B. Sochatov.
14th ward—Marcus Hitch.
16th ward—A. Jasincki.
19th ward—W. Kamin.
22d ward—Jno. Boening.
23rd ward—O. E. Kronlof.
24th ward—Max Faller.
25th ward—W. N. Krump.
30th ward—P. Horslev.
31st ward—A. Rasmussen.
34th ward—H. De Boer.

**TOWN TICKETS.**

- North Town—Supervisor—E. Weran.
Collector—Jno. Vart.
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South Town—Supervisor—W. Figolah, Jr.
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Clerk—Jos. Kleide.
Town of Lake—Supervisor—H. Steiner.
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Clerk—Grant Depew.

**SOCIALIST BRANCHES TAKE NOTICE.**

The town petitions must be filed with the respective town clerks of each aldermanic districts must be filed with the city clerk. Last day of filing, March 15th.

**Socialist Labor Party of the United States.**

**PLATFORM.**

The Socialist Labor party of the United States, in Convention assembled, reaffirms its allegiance to the revolutionary principles of international socialism and declares the supreme political issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the power of government.

Human energy and natural resources are wasted for individual gain. Ignorance is fostered, that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women, and children. The lives and liberties of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations; indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged; the destruction of whole races is sanctioned, in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes despite their apparent or actual conflicts are interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the means of production. We therefore charge that in this country the Democratic, Republican and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production are alike the tools of the capitalist class.

The working class can not however, act as a class in its struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a political party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, without distinction of color, race or sex, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class, to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toiling masses and uncompromisingly warring upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage slavery shall be abolished and the Co-operative Commonwealth shall be established.

Pending the accomplishment of this our ultimate purpose, we pledge every effort of the Socialist Labor party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor, and also for the securing of its progressive demands.

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