

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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CHICAGO, ILL., AUGUST 11, 1900.

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A CALL TO ACTION

National Committee S. D. P. Issues an Address.

UNITY NOW AN ACCEPTED FACT

Clear Field for Socialist Activity Requires the Best Efforts of All Comrades.

Socialists of America.—The campaign for the national election of 1900 is upon us, and now that the question of unity is settled the Socialists of the country should turn their attention to the important work of agitation and propaganda—a work that has unfortunately been more or less neglected for some time.

It is clear to all that the present campaign is the most important yet participated in by the Socialists of the United States. The industrial, social, and political conditions are such that the people are peculiarly receptive to our views—new issues arising daily are causing discussion and research unprecedented in history.

The working people are awakening to a new sense of their importance in the political as well as in the industrial field and it is our duty to see that they are not led astray by the delusive phrases of the capitalist politicians of the old parties. It has been demonstrated that it only requires that our principles be properly placed before the workers and thinkers of the land to cause our movement to make rapid and permanent progress everywhere.

The united Socialists represented in the Social Democratic party have within their ranks a corps of writers, speakers and debaters, agitators and organizers, whose equal cannot be found in any other political organization in the country. Our daily and weekly press is growing steadily in both numbers and influence, and wherever our pamphlets penetrate they are read with interest and are productive of great good to the cause. Our speakers are greeted with large audiences, and the enthusiasm resulting shows that the field is ripe for reaping.

All this is inspiring and encouraging. But, comrades, we need funds immediately to push the great work before us. Pamphlets cannot be printed for nothing. Our Socialist papers cannot be circulated without expense. Our speakers must have their expenses paid at least or they can never reach the people. Everything is possible—had we but the money. Comrades, the success or failure of this campaign and all succeeding campaigns rests with you. This year we enter the field with tickets in more states than ever before. This year we lay the ground work for all future campaigns. This year the Socialists of the land must be heard and felt as never before, so that when the election is over we shall not only have increased our vote, but also increased the army of those working for labor's emancipation. Comrades, everyone of you can do something, however little, to help along the cause. If every member of the Social Democratic party contributes to our national campaign fund as much as his circumstances will permit we will poll a vote for Debs and Harriman in November that will give prestige to our cause and command the attention of the world.

The Social Democratic party must devote all its energies to the propagation of Socialism. That is what it is organized for, and all other questions are subordinate to the most important one of advancing Socialism. Conditions are propitious, opportunities are ample. Let us take advantage of both and make this campaign a glorious harbinger of the coming triumph of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

All contributions will be acknowledged in the Socialist press of the country. Send all contributions to William Butcher, National Secretary S. D. P., Theatre, Bldg., Court Square, Springfield, Mass.

John C. Chase,
Morris Hillquit,
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Leonard D. Abbott,
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Amounts so far received are as follows:

John C. Chase.....	\$10.00
Morris Hillquit.....	10.00
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TWO INCIDENTS CONNECTED.

Gates Generously Distributes in France the Product Stolen From American Wage Slaves.

ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Comrade Eugene V. Debs Will Represent the United Forces of Socialism in the Coming Campaign.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 31st, 1900.
Wm. Butcher, Esq., National Secretary, Social Democratic Party, Springfield, Mass.
My Dear Comrade:

Your communication of the 18th inst. has been received and I note that by the action of the Unity Committee elected at the Rochester and Indianapolis conventions, approved by referendum vote, my nomination has been ratified as candidate of the Social Democratic party for the office of president of the United States.

Permit me to return my thanks to the Committee and the comrades they represent for the ratification of my nomination, which I esteem a signal honor.

Having responded to the call of my comrades in accepting the nomination, their confidence and partiality bestowed upon me, I am deeply sensible of the responsibilities which rest upon me as a Socialist candidate for the office of president of the United States.

Fully imbued with the philosophy of socialism, I seek no personal preferment, and I claim consideration only as a representative of the principles of international, class-conscious socialism.

In that capacity, and that alone, I appeal to the working class and my countrymen for support.

The confidence implied by the unanimous action of my comrades moves me to regret my limitations and to wish myself a worthy representative of the principles so sacred to them, because fraught with such grave import to the countless victims struggling in the grasp of economic bondage.

But all the strength and ability I have are at their service. Long since I consecrated myself to the cause and all I have is laid with joy on the altar of Socialism.

As we look abroad we behold the steady and stately march of transformation: Capitalism, which has written its record in the tears and blood of the human race, is staggering to its doom, while Socialism, herald of light and freedom, quickened by the spirit of the new revolution, is sweeping over all the world.

Here in the United States of America we are on the eve of our first great battle. Let us gird on our armor and press onward to meet the enemies of freedom, the oppressors of the people, the exploiters of the working class and the foes of all humanity.

Let us dismiss all minor considerations and unite in every state and territory, from end to end of the land in one mighty effort to hasten the end of capitalism and the inauguration of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

Thanking you again, and through you the members of your Committee and all your comrades for the honor conferred upon me, I remain,

Yours fraternally,
(Signed) Eugene V. Debs.

Tickets for the Socialist picnic are still procurable at the office of this paper. Children under 12 years of age accompanied by parents or guardians will be admitted to the grounds free of charge.

Capitalist methods are evidently gaining ground in China. It is reported that the "Boxers" have already commenced to skin their victims.

The love of the contractors for the unions increases in proportion as the latter become powerless.

The only reason that you can't consume all you produce, is because the capitalist says you can't—and what he says goes—so long as you vote him into power.

See that the union label is on your ballot on election day. It reads "Socialist Party."

About the only thing that is not on the market is the Socialist vote. Try to buy it, and see.

The only real issue between Republicans and Democrats is "Who will get the most workingmen's votes?"

The prospect of a few million Socialist votes would make the McKinleys "step down in favor of the Bryan" or vice versa, and they would step lively too.

A CARNIVAL OF LIES

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Sincerely yours,
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back-bone of the strike." Then for years he was notorious as the owner of "Carey's flats," a row of the very worst tenements in the city of Chicago, located along Wood street, near West 43d. These buildings in which Carey housed his political and economic slaves, had no sewer connections and it was no uncommon thing for the liquid filth to be two and three feet deep underneath the floor. At the present time these same houses are the property of the Ice trust, in which Carey is a principal stockholder and from whose dividends he is contributing to Bryan's campaign fund to "bust the trusts."

When in doubt what to do, buy a ticket for the picnic.
Harriman also might retire in the interests of Roosevelt, but he won't.
It is a very round-about way to vote for what you don't want in order to get what you do want.
Third parties may not amount to anything, but sometimes they keep the other fellows guessing.
The constitution guarantees freedom of speech, but the police do not always recognize the guarantee.
England also has a nice little surprise in store for it at its next election in the shape of the Socialist vote.
The Democratic party could not live over night if it were the third party, neither could the Republican party.
When you come to think of it isn't the army a canteen a great issue for a people whose liberties are threatened?
If you notice the list of the heat protractors it is not made from the people who have others do their work for them.
The Democratic party is looking for some question with which to obscure the fact that the office is the paramount issue.
As Debs refuses to pull off in the interest of Bryan what's the matter with Bryan declining to run, to help Debs out?
It is considered a poor week in Kansas when several prominent Populists do not break away and join the Socialist party.
Another reason why it is foolish to kill kings is that the common people have to pay so much more taxes for funeral expenses.
When Mark Hanna makes his donation to the Socialist campaign he will probably specify that a part of it be spent in Haverhill.
You can get a subscriber a week if you try, and if you cannot do that it will never break you up to send the paper to a friend during the campaign.
A sham battle might do for boys, but is there any reason why men should line up against each other just to help out some politicians?
Politics makes strange bedfellows, but Socialists object to occupying the same couch as Croaker, Gov. Steubenberg, Tillman, Carter Harrison and some others.
It is strange that some people cannot see that betting on a horse race is just as honorable as the methods of the average business man under competition.
Governor Shaw of Iowa says the real issue is Socialism, and one might think he was something of a seer until finding out that he thinks Bryanism is Socialism.
When the Standard Oil company has absorbed all of the industries of the country we will have a bull pen in every state, except those that have Socialist officials.
What the Socialists are really doing this year is opening the campaign of 1900. We will capture a few offices this year, but we are too modest to take everything.
Wouldn't it be nice if Mark Hanna would contribute about a million to the Socialist campaign fund just to help to defeat Bryan? Mark is just full of such tricks, you know.
The Democratic party shows what a grand old fraud it is by making the wrong of the brown man an issue and taking from the black man his most priceless treasure.
How the Socialists are going to get hold of all the property is the great stumbling block with some people. How did the fellows that have it at present get it, do you suppose?
The emperor of Germany wants to have all of the Boxers killed, but he wants someone else to do the killing and take the chances while he stays home and gets the glory.
Four years ago we were told that free silver would cure everything, including warts, corns and ingrowing toe nails. Now it seems that you should take anti-imperialism for what ails you.
Combine pleasure with duty by attending the annual Socialist picnic to be held on Sunday, 19th inst. at Calumet Grove. For full particulars see ad. in this issue.
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AGITATION IN ILLINOIS.

Socialist Speakers and Organizers to Begin Their Work Immediately.

With this week Comrade A. A. Somerville begins his work as an organizer and agitator in the city of Chicago. It has always been one of the dreams of the comrades that we should be able to engage a permanent organizer who could give all his time to the work. In Comrade Somerville we have a thoroughly competent worker who will be able to give a great impetus to the movement here. But his work in any way will be in exact ratio to the efforts made by those now living there.

Preparations are also being made to send Comrade Klenke, the candidate for governor, through the state and to keep him at work there until elections. It is expected that he will start in a couple of days, and all comrades through the state who are able to arrange meetings or in any way utilize the services of an organizer should at once communicate with Comrade Jas. S. Smith, 36 N. Clark street.

On the 8th inst. Comrade Robert R. LaMonte will start at Quincy, Ill., for an agitation tour through the towns along the Mississippi river up to near the northern boundary of the state and will then work toward Chicago, arriving in this city about the last of the month or the first of September. All comrades on this route should also communicate with Comrade Smith regarding the tour.

Finally on the 20th Comrade Job Harriman, the vice-presidential candidate, will make a tour of the state for about one week. Arrangements are being made for him to visit some of the principal towns. This should mean that the state of Illinois will receive such a shaking up for socialism that its results will startle the population when the votes are counted.

There was never such a program of work for socialism ever planned in this state. All that remains is for every one who wants to see the success of socialism before all the present generation dies off to take off their coats and get to work. Send in all that you can possibly spare for the campaign fund. Send in a good large club for the Workers' Call THIS WEEK. If you live in Chicago bend all your energies for the next two weeks in making the picnic of the Workers' Call a success. That will be something that will lift more than anything else just now.

Things Are Moving.

There have been more new branches organized, more members joined existing branches, more literature for socialism circulated, more agitation meetings held, more signatures secured to petitions, more money contributed to the agitation fund, and more work done generally by the Socialists in the city of Chicago during the past three weeks than in any previous three months in its history.

There will be congressional nominees in nearly every district in Cook county this year and in many districts a strong local agitation has already been arranged for.

The Passing of Liebknecht.

As we go to press the cable dispatches have just brought the regrettable news of the death of that old and tried veteran German Socialist Wilhelm Liebknecht, member of the Reichstag and editor of the Berlin "Vorwarts," at the age of seventy-four. In our next issue we propose to lay before our readers a short sketch of the political life and actions of this stalwart and fearless revolutionary Socialist, whose death will be perhaps more universally regretted in every country in the world than that of any other man of this century.

Call From City Organizer.

All unattached Socialists throughout the city of Chicago, who are willing to assist in any way to further the cause of Socialism during the coming campaign should at once communicate with the undersigned. Now is the time to strike the blow against capitalism; with unity a fact and not a theory; with all fighting the common fight against oppression, we shall strike the blow that will make capitalism shiver. Work, men, work! Every little helps and if you believe in co-operation now is the time to apply some of it. Send address at once to A. A. Somerville, Organizer, care Workers' Call office, 36 N. Clark street, Chicago, Ill.

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Editorial Announcements: To secure the return of unused manuscripts postage should be enclosed.



THE SOCIALIST POSITION.

The one thing which will never do to forget in any Socialist agitation is the fact of the class struggle.

Today that ruling class is the capitalist class. The Socialist declares that production has reached such a point where it is retarded by the interests of the capitalist class.

This is the Socialist position in a nutshell. It is the central point in the philosophy around which the almost countless multitudes that follow the flag of international socialism are gathering.

Resolved, That we pledge the men so locked out our sympathy and active support, and urge upon them the necessity of united action for their class, both on the economic and political field.

Once that a person understands the above position there is no danger of his running off after strange gods.

Barriers Broken Down. The nature of the proposition with which international capitalism finds itself confronted in China is bringing out many suggestions as to the best and most efficient methods for dealing with the question in the interests of the ruling classes.

RAZING THE CITY OF PEKIN TO THE GROUND.

And literally scattering the ashes of the Manchou dynasty of kings to the wind. Nothing more clearly brings out the truth of the description of the process of capitalist expansion given by Marx in 1847, than this proposition.

The bourgeoisie," says this powerful writer, "cannot exist without constantly revolutionizing the instruments of production, and thereby the relations of production, and with them the whole relations of society.

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It must certainly be satisfactory to American workmen to read the latest "evidence of prosperity" which is now going to rounds of the press.

From this example the workmen of the organized building trades may learn that while their strikes and boycotts may have a certain efficiency in killing financially the little business man and petty capitalist, yet the owners of large capital feel practically secure.

WHERE SOCIALISTS STAND.

Resolution Passed at Joint Convention of Socialist Party on July 4th, 1900.

Whereas, The building trades of Chicago are at present locked out by the contractors, who are endeavoring in this way to destroy the possibility of united action on the part of the workers; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge the men so locked out our sympathy and active support, and urge upon them the necessity of united action for their class, both on the economic and political field.

The Socialist Annual Picnic.

The Workers' Call picnic on the 19th inst. is the one great effort of the year to put our organ on an independent basis.

Comrade La Monte's Tour.

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SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

The comments in the Republican newspapers upon the recent election in North Carolina, which disfranchises the colored workmen of that state, verifies to the full the position taken by the Socialists upon this matter, namely that this action was the result of a deliberate collusion between Democrats and Republicans.

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We say "disappearing" because those who can and do strike the heaviest blows against labor are generally careful to conceal their identity, by setting the law in motion to conserve their own interests at the expense of those of the workers.

The "yellow" journals by the bye are now employing their "kept" men in discovering "Anarchist plots," which they exploit in great glaring red, letter headlines, with the object of bringing on an Anarchist "scare."

The Hunt for Cheap Labor.

An effort is now being made by the Chicago Typographical union to unionize the notorious scab shop of W. B. Conkey. This is the firm that moved its plant to Hammond a few years ago so as to be able to employ child labor.

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The exclusive right to sell papers and Socialist literature on the picnic grounds will be reserved for the benefit of the Workers' Call.

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AN INVITATION.

Kansas Editor Tells Aguinaldo What Good Things He Misses by Keeping Away From Us.

Agu! you do not know what a good thing you are missing by not wanting to become a citizen of this GRAND COUNTRY OF OURS.

A land where we make bologna of dogs, and canned beef of sick cows and old mules and horses, and corpses of people who eat it; where we put men in jail for not having means of support, and on a rock pile if he has no job; where we have a congress of 400 men to make laws, and a supreme court of nine men to set them aside; where good whisky makes bad men, and bad men make good whisky; where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth, and made rich for telling a lie; where professors draw their convictions and salaries from the same source; where preachers are paid from \$1,000 to \$25,000 a year to dodge Satan and tickle the ears of the wealthy.

Where business consists in getting property in any way that will not land you in the penitentiary; where trusts hold you up and poverty holds you down; where men vote for what they do not want for fear they will get what they want by voting for it; where women wear false hair and men dock their horses' tails; where men vote for a thing one day and swear about it the other 364 days in the year; where we have prayers on the floor of the national capital and whisky in the basement; where we spend \$5,000 to bury a congressman and \$10 to put a man away when he is poor; where the government pays the army officer's widow \$5,000 and the poor private who faced the shell \$14, with insinuations that he is a government paper and a burden because he lives.

Where, to be virtuous is to be lonesome, and to be honest is to be a crank; where we sit on the safety valve of conscience and throw wide open the throttle of energy; where gold is worshipped and God is used as a wastebasket for our better thoughts and good resolutions; where they pay \$15 for a dog and 15 cents a dozen to a poor woman for making shirts; where we teach the untutored Indian the way to eternal life, and kill him with bad booze; where we put a man in prison for stealing a loaf of bread, and in congress for stealing a bank or a railroad; where check books and sins walk in broad daylight, justice is asleep, crime runs amuck, corruption permeates our social fabric and Satan laughs at every corner.

Come to us Agu! We have the grandest aggregation of good things, soft things and hard things of all sizes, varieties and colors ever exhibited under one big tent. Send your delegation and we will prove all these assertions for truths.—Pochahontas Sun, Kansas.

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See that every union man in your locality has a copy of the Labor Day issue.

Send in a club of ten this week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Headquarters.

Session of the Provisional National Committee, July 25th, 1900, at headquarters of the S. D. P., room 34, Theatre building, Court square, Springfield, Mass.

Comrade Charles Fenner in the chair. Absent, Comrade Wm. White, excused; Comrade Wm. P. Lonergan, without excuse.

On motion action on communications were referred to new business.

On motion it was ordered that Comrade Carey be requested to make an agitation tour through the New England states; the financial arrangements to be left with the secretary.

On motion it was ordered that Comrade Robert Rives LaMonte be authorized to act as party organizer for the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

New Branch in Baltimore.

Dear Comrades:—I wish to report the organization of a new branch of the Socialist Democratic party in this city. Same was organized July 24th, 1900, at Louis Hall, 2115 Calverton road, and will meet at the same place every Monday night at 8 p. m.

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ful benchman concluded not to further intrude the worship of his political deity at a Socialist meeting.

From De Kalb Comrade Berlyn proceeded to Genoa, where a most orderly and well-attended meeting was held, there being between 75 and 100 persons present.

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He met with the Davenport English section that evening, filling its members with renewed energy and hope for the cause of Socialism.

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The following nominations were made at the convention held at Maxwell and Jefferson streets, July 30th: Representative Fourth Congressional District—A. M. Simons. Board of Review—K. Kosturky. Assembly, 12th District—L. Hanock. Senator, 15th District—Dr. W. Kamp.

The Campaign Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Total: \$154.95.

Socialist Meetings.

- Monday: Belmont and Lincoln Aves.
Wednesday: North and Orchard.
Thursday: Clark and Walton.
Friday: Taylor and Blue Island.
Saturday: 11th and Michigan.
Sunday: Belmont and Sheffield.

Thoughts by Your Uncle.

Capitalist papers are beginning to hedge in the matter of the coming panic, which can not much longer be delayed, and which will be fiercer and of longer duration than any which have preceded it, owing to the unusual inflation and wild speculation of the past two or three years. In the Seattle P. I. of July 8, appeared a long editorial in which it was admitted that a financial and industrial crisis could be expected at any time. The editorial goes on to regret the disposition of the American workman to spend as he goes, and especially mourns that many refuse to go to work while they have any money left to spend. "In this way," says this editor of wondrous intelligence, "prosperity really becomes the advance agent of disaster." Wouldn't that cork you? It is hard to imagine any newspaper man outside of an insane asylum writing such drivel unless commanded to do so by his capitalist masters, who hope to so confuse the public mind that blame will not be put where it belongs—upon the capitalist system. Whatever business or "prosperity" a country has depends entirely and alone upon the total amount of wages paid and the freedom with which these wages are spent. Let labor make that advice to save—let every worker next Saturday night put away \$5 of his earnings—be "thrifty," as the highpaid preachers and editorial prostitutes are so fond of advising us to do—and there will be a panic that will discount anything of the kind that ever occurred. No, Mr. P. I., under our present crazy system of rent, interest and profit, the only true patriot is the spendthrift.

Some 20,000 textile employes have just been given a vacation of four weeks by their kind masters. Wonder how long it will take the workers to find out that their employment, and thereby their chance to live on God's earth, hangs upon the ability of their masters to wring a profit from their sweat and toil? How awful it would be, wouldn't it, if we would establish a system that would guarantee employment to everybody when they wanted it, and as long as they wanted it? Just try it and surprise yourself by having a little sense.

Say, John, I mean you fellow there with a prosperity badge on the seat of your pants and a Republican ballot in your hand. How do you expect to be benefited by voting the Republican ticket, or the Democratic, for that matter? Now think real hard; never mind if it does hurt a little. The wage-workers—the wealth-makers—get a small part of the wealth which they have produced. The capitalists—the wealth-takers—appropriate the rest. Now, John, don't you see how plain it is that you, as a wageworker, can only gain by the capitalist losing, and also, if he gains, you of necessity lose? Therefore, this being the fact, how under the sun do you expect that the capitalist is going to do anything, by law or otherwise, that will benefit YOU? He isn't going to shrink his profits and forego "blowing" himself in Yurrupe just to please you. Oh, no, the capitalist isn't built that way. If you want to have changes made in our industrial conditions that will benefit you as a worker, you must put in office someone whose interests are the same as your own. And the only man whose interests are and can be the same as yours is another wageworker.

The two groups of modern highway-men are now busy explaining to the people what inestimable advantage there is to be gained by granting to either the helm of exploitation.

The spectacle of starving workers enlisting to fight for foreign markets wherein their capitalist masters may dispose of their surplus products is one of the entrancing visions of private ownership.

Here's wishing godspeed to the capitalist attempt to partition and exploit China. People can only become consumers when the cost of goods sold do not exceed their purchasing power, and this, under capitalism, means that labor here must be as cheap, if not cheaper, than that in China. This, and the employment of China's teeming millions with improved machinery under the direction of modern capitalists, will force upon the workers of Europe and America the necessity of adopting socialism far quicker than if China were left to continue her slumber of centuries.

Some of the western papers have been printing an item in regard to the Winchester Arms Co. of Connecticut, running their factory day and night as further proof of the prosperity with which McKinley has flooded the country. They fail to state, however, that the company was rushing to supply St. Louis deputies with guns with which to shoot the daylight out of the street car men who are trying to get a little prosperity.

The hot weather of the past few days has been causing the deaths in New York city alone of an average of 50 little children a day. As "everybody is working and prosperous," it is strange and unexplainable how it is that all of these little children happen to be those of working people. Can it be possible that some dread summer dis-

ease has developed that attacks only those who earn their own living?

If some of the big railroads succeed in forcing their employes to quit smoking cigarettes on pain of instant dismissal, we can forgive them some of their minor tyrannies.

From the way the organs of the capitalist class are talking about the partition of the celestial empire leads one to fear that the plutocratic kingdom of which the plutocratic ministers talk so much, and to which they of course claim Jay Gould, the Vanderbilts, et al., have already been translated, will hardly pan out a hillside lot in a back county to us poor devils who are so slow in being starved to death.

One of the funniest arguments presented by our friends among the sentimental socialists is that of getting socialism in the hands of those who are opposed to socialism. We may want electric lights, but we will never get them by putting the proposition in the hands of those who only want candles and who know how to make nothing else.

Primer class in socialism stand up. What is capital? That part of wealth which is used to produce more wealth—as popularly understood and generally meant, all the means of production and distribution, including, of course, the land.

What is a capitalist? One who owns capital. Does it make any difference how much capital one owns?

Of course not, except in degree. Some of our uncertain, sentimental socialists try to draw the line between the big exploiter and the little fellow, but there is no line. Their material interests are the same whether one owns a sugar trust and the other only an axe with which he cuts cordwood to sell on the market at a profit. Some well-meaning socialists get confused in their attempt to split hairs and so confuse others. That is why so many fail to see that the little fellow struggling in a small shop of his own belongs to the capitalist class, so far as his material interests are concerned, and it is the material interests that draw the line between the two classes. No, don't confound the sentiments of the small capitalist with his material interests. His material interests are liable at any moment to turn him from the sentiment. He can't feed neither himself nor his family on the latter. For that reason a Socialist party, to remain true to its principles, must be more than largely controlled by those who work for wages. Otherwise, at any moment, the party is liable to be sidetracked in a chase after will o' the wisp "reforms" that might bolster up for an instant the material, capitalistic interests of the little fellow who WILL NOT be crushed into the ranks of the wage slave without a struggle, even though the movement for the emancipation of the entire working class is held back thereby. Be sure you know where to draw the line, and then all is well.

Uncle Sam.

Capitalist Budget of Lies.

Among the lies about Socialists that have appeared in the Chicago press in the last two weeks are the following: stating that Debs proposed to withdraw in favor of Bryan, that Hanna was supporting the Socialists, that a Socialist meeting broke up in a riot, that the Socialists and the Anarchists were celebrating the death of King Humbert, or were associated in any other way. There were a number of others but these are enough to show that if the laborers of Chicago want to know the truth about their own class and their own interests they will have to read a Socialist paper to find it.

Shipment of Live Stock.

Forty Portuguese laborers have been taken from the mines of Pennsylvania and shipped like cattle to the sugar plantations of Hawaii. No one was allowed to talk to them and the captain of the steamer John North, on which they sailed, declared twenty minutes before they were embarked that he was not going to carry passengers. The doors of the car in which they were shipped to the wharf were either boarded up or closely guarded and to all intents and purposes the laborers were chattel slaves. But of course that could not be in this age of McKinley, prosperity and freedom.

The greatest Socialist event of the year will be the Workers' Call picnic at Blue Island, August 19th. Every Socialist in Chicago will be there with all their friends.

How many signatures have you secured to the petitions?

How much have you given to the campaign fund?

How many subscribers did you get for the Call?

How many picnic tickets are you going to sell between now and August 19th?

How much of a Socialist are you anyhow?

The assertion that a "third party" stands for "civic domination" is rather rough on the Prohibitionists, to say the least.

SIXTEEN TO ONE.

Reasons Given Why Workingmen Should Vote Against Capitalism and for Socialism.

"The American people want to be humbugged."

The foregoing phrase was no doubt in the minds of the managers of the Democratic party when they decided once more to trot out the Boy Orator of the Platte, the undaunted champion, long distance talker, platform maker, and in fact the very life of the Democratic party, or what is left of it.

From now on until the election in November the organs, as well as the spellbinders of the Democratic wing of the vulture, capitalist party will sing the praises of the great Bryan, and tell us of the wonderful things which he will perform, if the voters will only elect him president of the United States.

The managers of the Bryan campaign are well aware of the fact that there is lots of discontent among the voters throughout the land, that many are out of employment, despite the howl which is made each day in the capitalist newspapers, that the country is prosperous and that workingmen are so well off, that they are about to lay off in many industries for several months, go to the seashore or to Europe and spend some of their great surplus, but many skeptical workers say it isn't so; it is cruel to destroy such a beautiful tale of prosperity in the minds of some people.

They will tell us of that great green-eyed monster, the trust, and what harm it will do the working class, what a deep interest the Bryanites take in the working class (before election), but you know the working class has lots of votes, and as Barnum aptly said, "they want to be humbugged," why the politicians will try to repeat the trick. The question for the workingmen is "Will you allow yourself to be humbugged?"

Just remember the ice trust, of Van Wyke fame, the automobile trust wherein Croker, the New York and London boss, holds such large shares of stock; also remember Jones, the chairman of the Democratic national committee, who had something to say in the formation of the trust smashing platform; is himself a shareholder in a good many trusts; last but not least, don't forget that the New York Journal and its annexes, the San Francisco Examiner and the Chicago American, which is doing lots of trust smashing, on paper, while telling its readers how it smashed the ice trust, was busy at the formation of a great newspaper trust, and at one time previous made a combination, with some of the New York papers, which it at times attacks most fiercely, to raise the price of its papers to the poor newsboys and thereby cut the profits of these little bread-winners; remember these things on election day, and refuse to be humbugged.

Wm. J. Bryan has also decided that his famous 16 to 1 plank must again go into the platform, and as this plank finds serious objection in certain corners of the country, Chairman Jones suggests to his staff of spellbinders, (in an interview in the N. Y. World), that wherever there is such objection, the speaker shall not touch this annoying subject, but give his listeners some other taffy, sympathy for the Boers, or Filipinos, or some cheap talk on anti-imperialism; anything to please them, you know; make them feel good; give them something about patriotism, of our great heroes, anything to get them to shout hurrah. They may then forget that the Demo-Pop. Governor Steunenberg sent the workers to the bull pen in Idaho, and that McKinley sent troops to help him out. Chairman Jones says they, the spellbinders, shall choose their own subjects, whatever they think the crowd will most easily swallow; the principal thing you know is that they must be humbugged, and it is immaterial in what manner it is done.

The following is my idea of the 16 to 1 question: As it has no doubt already dawned upon the minds of a great many of my fellow workers that McKinley as well as Bryan are representatives of the capitalist class and that no matter which one is elected, private ownership in the means of production and distribution will continue, and as I, as a socialist, don't want to see such a system continued, therefore submit the following sixteen reasons why you should not vote for capitalism, be it labeled Democratic or Republican, and its decoy ducks Bryan or McKinley.

1st. Because the present wage system will continue and the workers will still be receiving less than one-fourth of the product of their labor.

2nd. Machinery of production remaining in the hands of individuals will keep on displacing able-bodied workers, and the capitalist-owners will keep on putting children and women in the places of the men.

3rd. Because the system will keep on grinding out profits for the trusts, or either for the small capitalist or business man, and the profits will keep on coming out of the labor power of the workers, as before.

4th. Because rent and interest will still prevail, and continue to help to make the lives of many of our fellow creatures miserable.

5th. Democratic or Republican governors, mayors or sheriffs, will at the beck and call of the capitalists, continue as in the past to call out the police or militia, to shoot down defenseless men, women and children who dare strike to better their conditions.

6th. Because you will still have to

work long hours at short pay, and be glad to get a job at that.

7th. Because supreme court judges will continue to grant injunctions to capitalist employers, who try to break up organizations of the working class.

8th. Because the capitalist will continue, in his search for more markets, where he may dispose of his goods, and the workers will continue to be sent out to shoot down workers of other countries in order to secure such markets for the capitalist class, and embalm the dead he will continue to get to eat, while the capitalists will get the markets.

9th. Because the capitalist will still suggest, (remember Guggenheimer), that the crumbs which he does not want to eat, may be collected and given to the poor.

10th. Because the greedy railroad and other monopolies will still refuse to comply with the laws and equip their cars or workshops with the required safety appliances for the protection of the workers, and the latter will continue to be maimed, mutilated or killed as usual.

11th. That the wages of the workingmen, owing to competition and rivalry between the capitalists will still keep on declining.

12th. Because we will continue, owing to these crazy economic conditions, to see lots of tramps and a great many involuntary ones, roaming about the country.

13th. Because the capitalist will still keep on living in idleness, luxury and plenty, while the workers, the producers of all wealth, will still keep on receiving barely enough to live like a human being.

14th. Because the Democrats as well as the Republicans have again nominated a lot of lawyers, saloon keepers, capitalists or business men for all available offices in sight. Look this up; see how many, if any, workingmen, they have nominated.

15th. Because McKinley was most surely nominated by the capitalist class; don't forget that Daniels of Virginia who seconded the nomination of Bryan, is the same Daniels who in 1895 in the United States senate applauded Cleveland for sending the troops to Chicago, to help the capitalists subjugate organized workingmen.

These are sixteen most worthy reasons, and do not by any means complete the list. There are many more, why workingmen should not vote for capitalism.

As we have stated sixteen against we will now come to the one reason why you should vote for Bryan or McKinley, and that reason is simply this: If you favor the continuation of the capitalist system then vote for it. If you want it discontinued vote against it by casting your ballot for the Social Democratic party, headed by Debs and Harriman for president and vice-president, and vote the ticket straight.

The fact that Debs and Harriman will not be elected should not be any reason for you to cast your vote for capitalism, as no honest workingman can truthfully say that he wants a continuation of this infamous system, but remember every vote given for the Socialist candidates is a mighty protest against capitalism, and will be looked upon as such by the capitalists, and the greater the number of protests the quicker the time will come for the two old parties to unite, and the issue will then be clearly defined—it will be capitalism or socialism. By having two capitalist parties in the field they are able to humbug quite a number of voters by getting them to argue and fight one another over the relative merits of these two parties, whereas in reality they are one and the same thing, and only kept in existence to keep the workers from uniting at the polls to vote for their own class interests.

If the workingmen of this country will take the trouble to look up the socialist movement a little, they will find that it is international in scope, and that the workers of nearly all European countries are rallying around its principles, as they find it is their only hope. They have sent representatives of the working class into the parliaments and legislative halls of the various countries and these men battle for the rights of the workers, and their number is constantly on the increase. Why should the working class of the United States not follow their example? Here we have not one representative to voice our views or protect our interests in the congress or senate; we find lawyers, capitalists, business men, and not one workingman. Why is it? The working class are in the majority; let it follow in the wake of its brethren in Europe, and begin at once to send its own representatives into the legislative chambers of the country.

Let us go to work and from now on until the election in November, agitate, organize, and educate the workers to the truths of socialism; it is certainly an object worth striving for. Let everyone do his duty; there is plenty of work for all. Let us roll up such a tremendous vote for Debs and Harriman that will inspire us with new hopes and courage, and we can then pull together for socialism in our time. Speed the day of our deliverance from capitalism.

Chas. Ufert.

—West Hoboken, N. J.

The greatest inducement to attend the Socialist picnic is to be found in the fact that neither Bryan nor Roosevelt will speak there.

Are you a Socialist? Then we'll see you at Calumet Grove on the 19th, of course.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

BELGIUM.

The Chamber of Deputies has been electing its officers, and Defnet—a Socialist deputy—has been elected one of the secretaries of the Chamber.

FRANCE.

Millerand has recognized the Committee of Management of the Labor Exchange (Bourse de Travail). It will now be entirely directed by workingmen representing the various trade unions.

On Sunday Jaures gave a lecture for the funds of the International Congress. There were also recitations and a play was performed.

HOLLAND.

After a gallant stand of 17 days the dockers at Rotterdam had to give up the strike at the end of last week. They came out for the reasonable claim of abolishing Sunday and night work, but the stevedores refused to settle the matter peacefully. About 12,000 men struck work, but they were largely unorganized. They joined their comrades of the Federation of Transport Workers, who proclaimed the strike. For the support of their families they were wholly dependent on themselves, which means that they have almost starved during these days, but, nevertheless, they stood together more bravely and solidly than many expected. And certainly they would have got their claims granted were it not that they had all the powers of great capital and state machinery against them. The rich stevedores have spent more money in these few days, than the accepting of the workers' claims would have cost them. They sent agents through the country to find blacklegs; they got many from France and from England; they had to provide lodgings and food on board ship for these men and about 120 to 150 boats have been lying in the river for a fortnight with their cargo undischarged, which means a loss of thousands of pounds. But the capitalists did not intend that the laws and conditions under which the working slaves had to work should be written by the workers themselves. And, in the present state of things, as a matter of course, they got the support of the police and military. About five warships and gunboats were lying in the river, with the guns trained on the docks; and detachments of cavalry, infantry and marines were protecting the blacklegs. Even if some of them tried to leave the boats and join the strikers, the police prevented them from doing so. Infantry and handymen on the boats had orders, that if a body of the strikers came within 20 yards of the boats which were being worked, and after three warnings they did not go away, or if before this they entered the boats, they had to fire on the strikers. No wonder that, thus supported, the capitalists took no notice of the request of the workers to settle the dispute by arbitration. So the workers, although up to the last keeping the watch word of their leaders, were reduced to a fearful state. Opposed by big capitalists, menaced by sabre, gun and rifle, suffering with hunger and seeing blacklegs more and more taking up their work, they could no longer stand out. With sorrow and bitterness in their hearts and tears in their eyes, most of them took up the work again under the old conditions. Many are at present excluded and their need and sufferings are great. Their organization is however, not destroyed, and they will assert their claims on the first opportunity. And we hope they will at least have learnt by it that it is important for them to give attention to the conquest of the political powers of the state as to organize themselves for economical action. Facts loudly deny the assertion that the workers can win their battle by means of the latter only. The powers of government are used now against them; why should they not support the men who struggle to get political powers for them in order that it may be used in favor of the struggle for economical freedom and the welfare of the working class? Our comrade, Troelstra, who had to go to prison for a month because he endeavored to get three innocent men out of it, will after about a week be able to take up his steady propaganda work again with fresh energy.

LABOR ITEMS.

Notes From Trades Union Journals and Exchanges, Throughout the United States.

The Tobacco Workers' International union will hold its annual convention in Wheeling, W. Va., in September.

W. E. Bush, ex-secretary of state of Kansas, has declared himself a Socialist, and is doing valiant service for the S. D. P.

California Socialists have been making ineffectual attempts to drag the Democrats into debate. They will now challenge Republicans.

It is reported that three Yale college professors, whose names are not given for good and sufficient reasons, have declared for straight-out Socialism.

Factory glaziers have organized a union at 337 S. Halsted street. There are 200 hundred glaziers in the city, and fifty of them have joined the union.

In New York state 910 persons were killed and nearly 40,000 crippled in shop-

factories and industrial pursuits in the year 1899. In the war with Spain 236 Americans were killed and 1,557 wounded.—Southern Economist.

Western Federation of Miners voted \$60 a month to the family of Paul Corcoran, who was railroaded to the penitentiary for 17 years for his connection with the Coeur d'Alene trouble. Sum will be paid while Corcoran is in prison.

The Dayton Cash Register company, long known for its "philanthropic" interest in its employes sought to dictate the organization of the unions of its wage slaves. Then men objected and one hundred woodworkers are now out on strike.

And now some of the girls employed in the large hotels can get ready to walk the plank. A machine that washes and dries 8,000 dishes an hour has been invented, and it is guaranteed plates, cups saucers and other dishes come out of the wash without a scratch.

The Cigarmakers' International union has enrolled 5,000 new members in the past six months. The 3,000 members of this union in Chicago have been contributing 50 cents a week to the locked out cigarmakers of New York city. A vote is now being taken on the question of giving half of this assessment to the Building Trades Council of Chicago.

A week from next Monday the printers will meet in Milwaukee and learn that they increased 1,459 during the past year, bringing the total membership up to 22,105. The financial showing is better than last year. President Donnelly has actually discovered that "the injunction is merely a form of intimidation," but he offers no remedy, though strikes in several places were lost. Donnelly wants conventions abolished, saying they cost the craft \$25,500 a year.

The twelfth annual report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of North Carolina, says the Typographical Journal, states that the average daily wages paid in the tobacco factories of the state for skilled labor amounts to the magnificent sum of \$1.27 for men and 64 cents for women, while unskilled labor receives: men 64 cents, women 37 cents, and children 25 cents. In the woolen mills, skilled labor, men get \$1.10 and women 28 cents per day. Other industries compensate the persons employed at proportionate wages.

Dayton locked out laundry workers have already raised three-fourths of their \$10,000 for a co-operative laundry; the locked out cigarmakers raised \$2,000 for the non-unionists who stand out with them; the woodworkers and molders are still locked out, and the chances are very good for trouble in several more trades. The Social Democrats were also locked out of a park temporarily, where they proposed to hold a picnic and organize a big German local, which will take place later, however, and now they are working like beavers to lock out the capitalistic politicians from office in November, and thus get even all around.—Cleveland Citizen.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

A national convention of glassworkers not yet affiliated with a national organization, will meet in Chicago on August 28th, at the North Side Trade Union hall, 55 N. Clark street.

Jewish comrades are working hard to start a weekly Socialist paper for the coming campaign. The paper will be printed in Yiddish, and every Socialist and sympathizer with Socialism is requested to assist them in every possible manner in their enterprise. Those interested will please communicate with Morris Siskind, 451 Sangamon street.

Number of signatures required on petitions in various senatorial districts:

- 1st senatorial district, 420.
- 2nd, 608.
- 3rd, 750.
- 4th, 596.
- 5th, 628.
- 9th, 400.
- 11th, 480.
- 13th, 205.
- 15th, 805.
- 17th, 550.
- 19th, 750.
- 21st, 510.
- 22nd, 350.

Fraternally,
The Campaign Committee.

Comrade Klenke in his tour through the state will speak at the following places on the dates mentioned following each:

- Pekin—Aug. 14-15.
- Quincy—Aug. 16, 17, 18.
- Jacksonville—Aug. 20, 21, 22.
- Springfield—Aug. 23, 24, 25.
- Pana—Aug. 26, 27, 28.

The capitalist lies when he tells you that socialism is a "beautiful dream." To his class it is a fearful reality, as their efforts to suppress it sufficiently demonstrate.

Socialists desire the complete destruction of the capitalist system. That is to say, they want the whole hog or none.

Socialism wants the earth for the workers. Capitalism wants it for the idlers. Therefore there is no class struggle.

The love of the capitalist politician for organized labor will cool off considerably after November next.

There is just one word that will stop the mouth of any politician who is talking about "smashing the trusts," and that word is "How?" Try it.

Why do the laborers want to "bust the trusts?" Would you not as soon belong to a man with a thousand slaves as with ten?

Bundle orders, cash in advance, at 50 cents per hundred in any quantity.

GOT AN "ISSUE" AT LAST.

Sleepless Secretary Hay Uses a Policeman to Scare Crows—Therefore Vote for Bryan.

Secretary Hay cannot sleep at night owing to the fact that the crows in the vicinity of his residence in Washington keep up an incessant cawing. Accordingly a policeman has been assigned to scare away these birds so as to allow the secretary to slumber in peace.

In Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia County convention of the Socialist party, held in the Labor Lyceum, Sixth and Brown streets, last Sunday, nominated the following ticket: For County Treasurer—Howard H. Caldwell, electrical worker.

Committees were then nominated as follows: Nomination, M. Gilles, A. Schubert, tailor, and William Feinhalz, cigarmaker; resolution, E. Kuppinger, J. C. Frost and Charles Drees, cigarmaker; ways and means, J. Mahlon Barnes, cigarmaker; Joseph Gamp, chemist; John Sallinsky, tailor; Julius Weber, printer; and Frederick W. Skorsetz, barber; campaign, M. Gilles, J. M. Barnes, and Harry J. Parker, cigarmaker.

At 12:15 p. m. the convention adjourned to give the committees a chance to work. Shortly before 2 p. m. the delegates were reconvened. Resolutions were adopted as follows:

Denouncing "so-called Socialists," who antagonize trade unions, and sympathetically inviting trade unionists to fight for industrial freedom on both the economic and political fields; calling the attention of the working classes to the occurrences at Homestead, Latimer, Virden, Wardner, Cleveland, Croton Dam, and St. Louis, to prove that capitalism recognizes no party politics, and inviting workpeople to class-conscious, concerted political action at the ballot box; urging all Socialist bodies throughout the state to hold conventions and nominate candidates for the legislature, as well as local offices; advocating more liberal Sunday laws for the purpose of opening libraries, museums, etc., on that day.

New Jersey.

The Socialists of Hudson county, New Jersey, held their nominating convention last week at Biehschmidt's hall in Jersey City. Comrade E. Dixon acted as chairman.

The following ticket was nominated: For Assembly—Wm. Kamps, E. Dixon, J. Theis, R. Biehschmidt, F. Gruening, I. Suerth, B. Prochnow, H. Kita, F. Eufert, H. Perin, and N. Peterson.

For Freeholders—J. Gilliar, E. Koppelson, F. Niebuhr, Ch. Kronenberg, F. Hanel, A. Orgonik, A. Slier, G. Heinrius, and F. Hurst.

For Coroners—F. Fink, and H. Graefner.

He Will Survive It.

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