

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

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

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DO YOU WANT SOCIALISM?

If So, Help to Bring It Along by Contributing to the Campaign Fund. Money Needed for Agitation and Socialists Alone Must be Depended on to Provide It. However Small Your Contribution—Send Something. Vigorous Agitation Will be Conducted This Fall, and Many Speakers Engaged. If You Want to See the Socialist Vote Grow, Help to Bring the Principles of Socialism Before the People.

Comrades:—The State Campaign Committee are getting things in shape for a rousing campaign this fall, but unless we can secure the co-operation of all the men and women interested in the movement, I mean those who understand what Socialism is, and what it promises to the working class, the heroic efforts the real self-sacrificing workers are making, will accomplish little. It is not enough to simply vote for the candidates of the party, you want to have a hand in nominating them. It is not enough to tell your neighbors what a good thing Socialism is, you can only reach a few; you want to help to send the glad tidings to thousands you personally could never reach, and the best way to do that is to contribute something, if it is only 25 cents toward paying the railroad fare and hotel bills of the many noble souls who can, and will carry the message to all men if we will only do our share. Now, comrades, it's up to you. Will you help us in this by contributing your mite?

Don't think because you cannot spare \$10, \$50 or \$100, or even \$1, that it won't be worth while sending anything. Send us something if it is only 10 cents. Send us what you can, BUT SEND SOMETHING.

We don't expect any very large contributions, as we have no special privileges or advantages like the Democrats and Republicans have to offer men whereby they would be enabled in the event of our election to rob from their fellow-men, women, and children, many times the amount of their contribution. And what is more, we don't need any million dollar CORRUPTION FUND, because you do not have to bribe men to advocate justice. Our comrades who are devoting their lives to the cause are not doing it through any desire for personal gain, and yet they

Says Collins is Dangerous.

A priest of the Greek Catholic church in Shenandoah, Pa., pays the following tribute to Comrade John Collins, as reported in the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph:

"I know Abernethy the Lithuanian pastor, intimately, and I know that he has always cautioned his parishioners against violence, but as I said before, many of his people belong to socialist societies, and are beyond my control. In conclusion, I will say a Socialist named Collins, from Chicago, lectured to a large crowd of men on Tuesday evening, and his speech was very inflammatory. Socialism is a dangerous doctrine to preach to ignorant men, and the morning after this lecture the miners were discussing with confidence a plan to obtain possession of the mines and, as they expressed it, TO BE THEIR OWN BOSSES."

Yes, master priest, and when election day comes around they will put the plan in operation by voting a Socialist ballot, and when sufficient workmen follow their example they will be able to obtain possession of the mines and "be their own bosses" as you say. But you are mistaken, rev. sir, when you say that Socialism is a dangerous doctrine to preach to ignorant men. The fact that you were not impressed with its logic and truth disproves your statement. It is the intelligent men who accept Socialism, and intelligence is what you really fear rather than ignorance.

Every socialist is requested to wear his button at the picnic. This is important. Don't forget it.

Open Air Meetings.

- Saturday 8 p. m. 111th and Michigan Av. Speaker: Berlyn.
- Saturday 8 p. m. North Av. and N. Clark St. Speaker: Sims.
- Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Center. Speaker: Kuesch.
- Saturday 8 p. m. North and Campbell. Speakers: Peterson and Kirkpatrick.
- Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Western Av. Speakers: Bard, Bartels and Peterson.
- Saturday 8 p. m. State and Congress. Speakers: Whalen and Sims.
- Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Paulina. Speaker: Welscher.
- Saturday Aug. 16. Burnside. Speaker: Nels Anderson.
- College Grove Av. and 71st Street. Saturday at 8 p. m. Berlyn, Erocken and others.
- Saturday 8 p. m. Milwaukee and Lincoln.

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD.

Sympathetic Strikes.

The sympathetic strike is becoming a nightmare to Chicago team owners. Through their association known as the Associated Teaming Interests of Chicago they have called a meeting to discuss this question with the officials of the Teamsters' National Union. Unless the teamsters agree to mind their own business entirely and not interfere in the struggle any other union may be engaged in, the employers announce there will be a merry war. They have no objection they assert to the Teamsters' union as such, but it must keep aloof from other labor organizations.

This declaration of principles is in line with the frequent utterances of the so-called conservative labor leader. He talks of the sacred inviolability of a contract entered into with employers. It was to abolish the sympathetic strike that the old Building Trades' Council was disrupted by the building contractors. It is the weapon that strikes terror to the heart of the capitalist and were he assured that it would never be resorted to, he would soon deal with the individual unions as he saw fit.

The very fact that the capitalists are so alarmed over the sympathetic strike is the best argument why the workers should religiously guard it. It is time they learned of their class interests rather than individual union interests. A freight handler is not a teamster, neither is a bricklayer a carpenter, but although they may all be members of separate unions their class interests are the same and they should not hesitate about showing on which side they stand when trouble comes to any branch.

Strikes of any character whatever are not unalloyed blessings and the workers of the country should unite to remove the cause. Until they do so, however, they should zealously guard their right to strike for sympathy or for any other reason when they believe their class interests are assailed. The strike most feared by the employers is the one most likely to benefit the workers. That being the sympathetic strike it should be called into play every time the occasion arises which is every time an individual union is threatened with defeat.

The Plumbers Convention.

Among the questions to be considered at the annual convention of the United Association of Plumbers, which opens next Monday in Omaha, Neb., are the frequency of federal injunctions in labor disputes, and the best method of preventing strikes. Of course if the plumbers can solve the latter problem the former will disappear as even Judge Jackson will not interfere with a workman if he remains quietly at work. It is when he quits that the employer must "have the law again him."

If the plumbers, however, believe they can solve the problem they should get about it in the right way and consider the cause of strikes. Past resolutions denouncing certain judges will not do, or even sending petitions to Congress to enact legislation restricting the powers of federal judges. Some 800 unions throughout the United States sent petitions to Congress during the last session asking for the passage of the Anti-Injunction bill. It didn't pass through and it is extremely unlikely that it will pass next session. The stage where petitions and resolutions are likely to be effective is past, and we are come to the point where votes are necessary. The federal injunctions are useful in their way. They are arousing the workers to a sense of their class interests.

Vote Down Proposed Wage Reduction. The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, and Tin Workers has voted down the proposition made by the American Tin Plate Company to accept a reduction in wages so as to secure more work. The company claimed it could not compete with Welsh firms in filling certain large orders for the Standard Oil Company. It proposed that its thousands of employees accept a reduction of 2 1/2 per cent, and as the production would be increased fully 16 1/2 per cent, the earnings of the men would be increased 12 1/2 per cent.

The company could not understand why this munificent offer was rejected and thinks it is due to the fact that a majority of the men are Welshmen and naturally sympathize with their brother workmen across the water. Probably they did a little figuring before they voted or had been studying the tariff question. Anyhow, the company has closed down a number of its plants and increased the capacity of a number of other plants where non-Welsh men are employed.

New Unions and Strikes.

Again the Chicago Federation of Labor "views with alarm" the tendency of new unions to call strikes. Probably the officials of that body think that the thousands of toilers who organized this year did so for fun or to increase the amount of per capita paid into the central body.

They organized to secure better wages and conditions and if the employers will not grant them, strikes are inevitable. The cry against strikes is becoming very popular with a certain class of labor men. Probably they are more interested in vote getting next election than in the conditions of union workers.

A Conditional Concession.

Owners of large wholesale grocery houses have advanced the wages of their shipping clerks, porters, and other employes from \$1 to \$2 a week on the understanding that the employes will not join a union. The union is growing nevertheless, the old trick of the employers not being as successful as they could wish. Join the union and the amount will be \$4 a week instead of one and never mind fair promises.

Trade Jurisdiction Problems.

The special committee of the Chicago Federation of Labor selected to settle the questions of jurisdiction between unions will soon be ready to do business. Its first decision will be that conduct work on buildings belongs to gasfitters because it is iron pipe and stocks and dies are used in placing it. The committee is not likely to settle anything as there is no committee or body of men can settle such questions and still adhere to that mistaken policy of strict trade autonomy. The gasfitters will be awarded the conduit work because they have the best pull with the committee. That will not, however, stop progress and the electrician will surely supplant the gasfitter whatever any committee may decide. There is only one way that disputes over trade jurisdiction can be effectively and permanently settled and that is by organization on industrial lines. The half of the union men who talk about "strict trade autonomy" have not the faintest conception of what the term means, and are apparently blind to economic development. It would be as reasonable for the carpenter to claim the ironwork on buildings because it takes the place of the woodwork used a few years ago, as it is for the gasfitters to claim conduit work because it takes the place of gas-pipe.

The specialization of certain branches of industry and the theory of trade autonomy is keeping the workingmen divided and at war with each other, just what the employers want. When they will organize on industrial lines they will settle the question of trade jurisdiction and not before.

Look over the appetizing bill of fare provided for the picnics by Comrade Arantzen. Don't load yourself down with food. You can buy it cheaper on the ground.

Report from John Collins.

Comrade John Collins is again back in Hazelton. The attack on Socialism by Father Hussie a notice of which will appear in our next issue, determined him to return. On his way back he stopped at Wilkesbarre two days, spoke in six places and organized two more locals. From thence to Hazelton to see the Rev. Hussie and ask how about it. The priest wasn't in—at least that's what the woman who opened the door told him. Comrade Collins at time of writing was going to "call a gain" but he didn't expect to meet his reverence so long as he knew the latter could dodge by use of the "not at home" plea. So John went into the town to see what damage Hussie had done and didn't find any, but he gave an address that evening with the result that seven new members were added to the local. Curiously enough they all belonged to Hussie's church. From Hazelton, Comrade Collins will go to Mauch Chunk.

Take your friend along to the Socialist Picnic to-morrow.

"The International Woodcarver," official organ of the Woodcarvers' union, published at Cincinnati, O., we are glad to observe gives Socialist articles liberal space in its columns. One from M. A. Brinkman, general secretary of the union, is especially good, as it points out in convincing language the imperative necessity of independent political action by the laboring class.

After fighting a Philadelphia brewery firm for ten years the Brewers' Union has at last compelled them to recognize the organization. A similar victory has been scored over a Wisconsin brewery firm which held out against the union for eight years.

CURRENT COMMENT

By PEYTON BOSWELL.

From an injunction prohibiting agitators from talking unionism to scabs to an injunction prohibiting the public from feeding strikers was an easy step in West Virginia. From this latter injunction to a united working class voting itself into power by means of the socialist ballot ought not to be a long step. And all signs point that way.

What agency has exerted itself most forcefully toward progress during the past month? The answer is easy: the two West Virginia judges who asserted the mastery of capitalism so effectively toward the striking miners. These injunctions so seemingly unjust have done more toward awakening the workers to the necessity of class political action than the oratory of a hundred agitators could have done. It may be a bitter pill but it is guaranteed to work a cure when given in sufficient doses.

The International Typographical Union denounces "government by injunction." Bad thing, isn't it? Strange that such a beastly injustice should be tolerated in free America, isn't it? And you denounce it. Good for you. But is that all? How long are you going to denounce it? Until your economic masters and the powers that be take pity on you and lay down their arms? Why don't you put an end to it? The giant of American trade unionism pitifully whining under the lash and begging for mercy! Bah!

If Bryan succeeds in forming a fake socialist reform party that will temporarily set back the aspirations of the working class in America as represented by militant socialism, nobody but socialists will be to blame. Those individuals in the movement who now pervert the energy of the party by long-winded philosophical discussions and paltry side issues may have to be considered in a very unfavorable light in a time to come. Just now the main thing is agitation, agitation straight from the shoulder with no small talk. Who can say how much depends?

Old party politics just now presents an interesting study. The recent activity among the chronic populists in the west is significant when taken with the firm stand made by the Bryan wing of the democracy. There is something brewing. It may be that Bryan contemplates a new political organization composed of the muddled public ownership elements of the populist and democratic parties. The socialist program to counteract this little game should be to roll up such a party vote this fall as will force the two old parties to keep to their ancient alignment, and completely take the wind out of the "muddle heads."

Mark Hanna says that he will devote the rest of his life to the reconciliation of capital and labor. It is comforting to know that Hanna recognizes the enormity of his task. A life work! You are right, old man. It will take you that long—and longer. But it is so gratifying to us socialists to see you fellows who have ridden so long, grow uncomfortable concerning your mount. The pesky animal is beginning to show signs of rebellion, isn't he? Sorry to discommode you but while you are busy with the saddle, we'll just give the beast a lash or two with the socialist whip.

So England's fat pudgy royal rake whose fast living recently caused him to submit to a dangerous operation, has at last had the crown of the realm placed upon his bald, discolored old head. This will be the crowning achievement of Edward—the empty crown of crowning an empty king. But Edward, poor specimen of true manhood that he is, will be able to fill the office as well as any other. The business of being England's king has ceased to be a responsible job. The real work of government, in England as in all other industrial countries, is performed by the capitalist class. The show of royalty is only kept up to amuse and divert the people.

Remember that the fun starts at 10:30 at Calumet Grove to-morrow.

Within the past two weeks a series of dispatches from Austria have been spread broadcast by the Associated Press. They all hang together logically from first to last, or rather from first to last, as the finish is not yet in sight. First it was announced that the government had requested the military authorities to send in a list

of all the recruits known to be Socialists. Next it was reported that 160,000 agricultural laborers in Galicia were in open revolt against the landlords who were shrieking to the government to send troops into the district. The next dispatch stated that the troops had been sent, and following this, a notice that several hundred peasants had been killed and wounded and that the revolt was over. The last dispatch then gives the reasons for the revolt. Wages of laborers range from 8 to 16 cents per day and women earn from 4 to 8 cents. The peasants rarely taste bread and live mainly on a soup composed of water and herbs, while the average mortality from famine for several years past has been 50,000. Watch out now for the next report which will be due in a few months time stating that "the authorities are becoming alarmed over the rapid spread of Socialism amongst the peasants of Galicia," or something to that effect. Starvation is not the only way or the best way to make Socialists, but it will make them just the same.

All meetings of whatever kind are called off to-morrow. The only appointment for tomorrow is your presence at Calumet Grove, Blue Island, at the Socialist Picnic.

TURNED DOWN.

How a Clothing Makers Union Answered a Request for Political Support From Labor Deceys.

Political scabs in the Chicago Federation of Labor are beginning to reap the reward of their blindness or duplicity in the answers sent in to their requests for support from the unions. The following circular sent to the Custom Clothing Union Local No. 71, elected the reply printed below it here:

Chicago, July 13, 1902.
To the Officers and Members of Trades Unions:

Fellow Workmen:—You are hereby earnestly requested to send a committee of three to attend a meeting to be held Sunday, August 10th, 7 p. m., at 88 Franklin street, for the purpose of furthering the election of Labor Candidates at the coming election for the following offices, to wit:

- For Clerk of Criminal Court—J. H. BOWMAN, Member of Pressman's Union.
- For County Commissioners—TIMOTHY CRUISE, Member of Carpenter's Union.
- JAS. E. DALEY, Member of Steamfitter's Union.

These men are, and for many years have been, staunch workers in the cause of Trades Unions. Each of them would at any time receive our hearty support for any official position within our gift in the Union, then why not as aspirants for public office?

If, under your laws, you cannot send a committee, as requested, then we beg that when you adjourn you resolve yourself into a committee and select three members to represent your craft in compliance and harmony with this call.

TRADES UNION POLITICAL COMMITTEE.
PETER DIENHART, Pres.
J. T. NEARY, Secy.

To the Trades Union Political Committee:

Gentlemen:—Yours of July 19th was read at our regular meeting held Aug. 4th, and I was instructed to inform you that we don't recognize "labor" candidates on capitalist political tickets as true union men. No true union men will accept a nomination from capitalistic hands especially from hands like those of Burke and Harrison, the great protectors of Stockyard Teamsters and Freight-handler scabs. We believe that labor men who combine with such people will never do any good for labor. We recognize labor candidates only on pure labor tickets or Socialist tickets. By supporting yours, the so-called labor candidates, it will mean that we are satisfied with the present conditions of workingmen, and that we want more oppression for ourselves and our fellow workers. Therefore you and your candidates will have to find some other organization where the members are foolish enough to support your labor-capitalist political fakirs. We will do all in our power to show other workingmen that they cannot expect anything from such labor leaders as yours.

F. MENAK, Secy.
Custom Clothing Makers Union Local No. 71.

Teamsters are helping the striking boiler-makers by refusing to haul coal and raw materials to the plants fighting the men. Better still they are doing so in defiance of the orders of their officials who seemingly don't care whether the boiler-makers win or lose.

National Secretary of the Socialist Party, reports that the receipts for the month of June were \$678.41. Expenses were \$845.43, leaving a balance on hand of \$173.35.

CAN'T BE KEPT OUT

Political Questions Will Intrude at Labor Meetings.

EXAMPLE FROM LAST WEEK

Cowardice and Timidity of Federation of Labor Compromised With Capitalist Politics.

It is an interesting yet at the same time a pitiable sight to see organized labor as represented in the Chicago Federation, struggling with the problem of political action. Notwithstanding the repeated assertions by pure and simple labor leaders that the trades Union is non-political in character there is not a single meeting of any central body of Trades Unions, where a political question does not bob up to attract the attention of the delegates.

This was well illustrated at the last meeting of the C.F. of L. (and it will be again illustrated at the meeting on the 17th inst.) where the political question was introduced or rather introduced itself in the discussion which took place regarding the indicted brass molders. It showed beyond question what good use the capitalists were making of the courts, placed at their disposal by the stupidity of the workers in not uniting at the polls to protect their class interests.

Then came James H. Bowman, Democratic candidate for political office with a set of resolutions condemning injunctions, and airing his ignorance by describing "Mother" Jones as a woman of eighty years. We will say right here that long before "Mother" Jones reached that age, the spectacle of a labor man as a Republican or Democratic candidate trying to deal out taffy to the workers will be a thing of the past. Long before that time the latter will be well on the road to freedom and the occupation of political scab will be gone for ever. By the bye it would be interesting to have "Mother" Jones come to Chicago and tell what she thinks of these labor decoys ducks.

The resolutions were skillfully worded "We the workers—would do what? Elect men of our own class to the halls of legislation? Oh, no! "We" the workers would humbly petition a Congress (which so far as Bowman is concerned) will contain only representatives of the capitalist class, to legislate in the interest of the working class!

It would never do to vote the capitalist parties out of existence; that would draw the class lines, and then where would the labor decoys land? They must try to conciliate the labor skippers who call themselves the Municipal Voters League. They cannot, must not, dare not, alienate the support of the scab "Daily News" and "Record Herald". Even if the press rooms be filled with scabs, these "union" men must not risk their political ambitions. So they talk petition against injunctions, ignoring the fact that injunctions are inspired by class interests, and can only be combated by class consciousness on the part of the workers.

During the debate on these resolutions one speaker announced his explicit confidence in the Constitution of the United States to rectify matters, although his remarks showed plainly enough that he knew nothing whatever of that famous document. Then Neary of the machinists made an impassioned appeal to vote for the "good union men". One really gets tired of listening to this sort of stuff, and it was a relief when our starchy comrade Gustafson of the woodworkers, arose and told the assembly bluntly that if they didn't like injunctions, they had the alternative of voting for Socialism. The applause with which these remarks were greeted must have sounded queerly in the ears of the labor decoys.

At the next meeting of the Federation, the Socialists will be conspicuous by their absence; (they will be at Calumet Grove; every socialist should be there) the new legislative board will then report and the "Tuley Bill" will be put forward for indorsement. It proposes that the city shall acquire the street railways and lease them to private parties for profit; it does not contain a single provision for shorter hours of labor, minimum wages, or more humane working conditions, yet the Trades Union will be asked to indorse it because Tuley is the Democratic pipe, and the decoys must attempt to make it appear that the Federation must dance to his music. But, will they? E. H. HULL.

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Remember.

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Looks Like This



To vote the ticket of the Socialist Party place your cross in the circle, or square, as the case may be, immediately before the word "Socialist"...

HOW TO REACH THE PICNIC GROUNDS.

All necessary arrangements for the successful carrying out of tomorrow's picnic have been made by the committee in charge...

A notice of the transportation facilities may be in order at the last moment. The grounds are easily reached from all parts of the city...

Twenty five Blue Island street cars will ply tomorrow from South Park Av. and 53rd St. to the picnic grounds.

Besides the street cars, the Rock Island trains are available. They start from the depot, Harrison St. and 5th Ave. at the following hours: 8:25 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:15 p.m.

Illinois Central trains run to Blue Island at 9:30 a. m., 11:30 a. m. and 12:45 p. m.

With such means of transportation there should be no reason why tomorrow's picnic should not altogether eclipse in attendance every previous gathering of the kind.

THE LABOR DAY ISSUE.

Look out for the Labor Day issue of the Chicago Socialist, as it will be one of the best for Socialist propaganda amongst trade unionists that has yet appeared.

The labor columns, paragraphs, items, and editorials, will bear upon the same subject, and will be specially prepared for the occasion.

Socialists in the unions should avail themselves to the full of this opportunity and should supply themselves with bundles for distribution.

spread of Socialism should do likewise. The issue will be the largest yet printed. No advance in price. Send in your orders at once.

Illinois State Notes.

DUNDEE. Dundee Local added four new members to its roll as the result of a meeting held Saturday evening, August 11th.

Dundee intends keeping up these meetings and will have a speaker there every two weeks.

ELGIN.

Comrade Gertrude Hunt spoke in Elgin Saturday night to fully 500 people at a large open air meeting.

EVERGREEN PARK.

Comrade Knox, a member at Evergreen Park, arranged for a meeting there last Sunday. Comrade Wanhope gave a very able address showing the conditions through which we are now passing and the work the Socialists are doing in preparing for the new society which will rise up out of the old.

STREATOR.

The meeting at Streator last Sunday was a success in every particular. Comrade Thos. J. Morgan spoke to a large and interesting audience.

CHICAGO.

The 17th Ward Branch at its last meeting pledged itself to raise as much as possible of the \$20.00 asked for by the State Committee and to turn it over to the state secretary when the full amount or as near to it as possible has been raised.

CHICAGO HEIGHTS.

Comrade Kirkpatrick went to Chicago Heights last Saturday night and held a large and interesting meeting.

MIDDLE GROVE.

The work in Middle Grove is going right ahead. They are planning to carry on debates in five or six of the towns in that district and every indication points to a rousing campaign in the 43d Senatorial district.

EVANSTON.

The socialist members of the Painter's union of Evanston arranged for a meeting last Friday night with Comrade Kirkpatrick as the speaker.

J. N. Benoit of Oakland, Ill., has sent in a list of names of socialists in that place, in response to my request for socialists and sympathizers throughout the state.

If there are any comrades throughout the state who are willing to go to other towns, within a reasonable distance from their homes, I wish they would send me their names, as we are in need of speakers all over the State.

Do not forget that each county, senatorial and congressional district must secure 2 per cent of the votes at the next general election, as signers of their petition in order to be placed upon the ticket.

Whatever else we may do this fall we must see to it that we secure enough votes this fall to place us on the official ballot, without being obliged to secure signatures to our petitions again.

Some Locals are securing new members at every meeting. Are you one of them?

Have you forgotten all about the organization fund? We can not hope for a successful campaign unless we see that we are thoroughly organized, nor can we have a well organized state unless the Locals themselves are carrying on the organization work within themselves in systematic manner.

There is socialist work for every man and woman in the state of Illinois. Are you doing your share?

RUTH DICK HALL, State Secretary.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAY SIDE

An English clergyman has invented a mirror attachment to a rifle which he calls a "hyposcope." It enables the shooter to lie securely encooped below a wall or rampart and throw lead into the enemy without exposing himself to their fire.

Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, of Shenandoah, Pa., is nobly performing his duty as a prop of capitalism in that state. The other Sunday he "denounced" the United Mine Workers as a bloodthirsty organization and asserted that the miners were "happy and contented" until Mitchell and Fahey came to organize unions amongst them and prey upon their "paltry earnings."

The attempted "cleaning up" of the "leaves" districts throughout the city has resulted exactly as the socialists predicted. The "vicious and criminal" elements, wherever their old haunts have been disturbed, have simply moved elsewhere, as the police reports testify.

Employees of the State Insane Asylum at Kankakee are loud in their complaints of political assessments levied on their salaries. It is a just retribution that the petty tools which capitalism employs to help perpetuate the system which robs the productive laborers, should themselves be subject to a similar exploitation in surrendering part of the reward of their efforts.

There are now in the Presbyterian Church alone 1,600 ministers out of employment and 3,300 in churches which are not self sustaining while 4,000 others are either too old or too sickly to do church work.

An alleged attempt by socialists of Cheyenne, Wyo., to "capture" the primaries of the Republican and Democratic Parties has met with prompt condemnation from National Headquarters.

A newspaper item relates how an Indiana farmer who had saved enough money to pay off two notes, fell on his knees on the floor of the bank and thanked the Lord for delivering him from debt for the first time in forty-four years.

British aristocracy absented itself largely from the coronation ceremonies owing to the fact that the game season had commenced in the country.

For the theft of two pairs of stockings worth 45 cents, Michael Maher was sentenced to 103 days in the Chicago bidwell last week.

"The time is here when something must be done," said Mark Hanna in a recent address at Chautauqua, N.Y.

Our next stop was a few hundred miles north and east at Fargo, North Dakota. Fargo is about 30 years old, a place of some 15,000 inhabitants.

"Moral deformity" is the latest charge preferred against Roosevelt by Mr. W. J. Bryan. The strenuous one had been telling the West Point cadets that a soldier should not only be willing but anxious to fight, and for this utterance the Pharasical Bryan "roasts" him in the "Commoner."

government and like all employees should be anxious to do the work for which he is employed. Mr. Bryan is evidently unable to distinguish between "moral deformity" and good sound "business" advice.

The republican machine politicians are talking of sending out one hundred young republican lawyers and business men among the people of Chicago to preach party organization, and expect to get 100,000 additional votes thereby.

The sight of hundreds of starving women and children hanging around the military camps in the coal strike regions, in the hope of securing the remains of the soldiers' rations, is no doubt unpleasant, but isn't it fully offset by the fact that the Jews, and diamonds of the American women at the coronation ceremonies eclipsed everything in the same line on exhibition there? These little matters balance each other so nicely, you know.

We expect 10,000 people at the Picnic to-morrow, YOU among them.

SOCIALISM IN THE WEST.

Mrs. May Wood Simons Writes of Growth of Socialism in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

The Socialist who grows tired and sometimes discouraged "pegging" away at home, who begins to think perhaps that Socialism is yet a long way off, has need to get out of his own neighborhood for awhile and see how the rest of the world moves.

My husband and I are just returning from such a trip through North and South Dakota and Minnesota, and every town that we stopped at but served to strengthen our belief that Socialism will be seen in our time.

Our first stop was at Madison, S. Dakota. Here I spoke at the Madison Lake Chautauqua, an organization now 12 years old, having grounds and a hotel located four miles from the town of Madison.

At these meetings there ought always to be plenty of papers and other literature on hand for sale and for free distribution. Every person in the audience should be given some reading matter to take home.

In precincts or townships where there are two or more Socialists it is a good plan to form precinct organizations for the purpose of canvassing the precinct on the ten cent rate.

A new explosive has been discovered which will tear to pieces any armor plate made. It is not a firecracker, however, to the explosive that is being manufactured all over the country in the shape of Socialist sentiment.

The Chicago Socialist Circulation League made a donation of \$7.45 to the paper recently. The comrades who so earnestly worked to make this a success deserve praise for their efforts.

Evidently something is going to happen this fall in Pennsylvania. We are receiving subscriptions from there daily and very encouraging letters about the outlook for Socialism.

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You may not get a prize, but you will have a good time at the Picnic.

MANAGER'S COLUMN.

The 25th ward will please go to the head of the list. The comrades held a picnic recently, had a pleasant time, distributed 500 copies of the paper, opened the eyes of a good many who were formerly blind to the beauties of Socialism, and crowned their work by donating \$20.00 of the proceeds to the paper.

All the 17th of August. We will have pleasant weather, the man up in the Auditorium tower has been tipped, the street car company will put on extra cars and all the committees have everything arranged to the last detail.

The picnic will be an ideal place to secure names for the petitions. Be sure that you have plenty of blanks in your pockets, and then let everybody buttonhole everybody else for his signature.

Our new organizer, Comrade Robbins, added one more branch to the list last week, the 35th ward No. 4. This week and next he expects to bring in one or two more in the 9th, 10th and 19th wards.

The convention photographs are now ready for delivery at this office.

The open air meetings are attracting large and attentive audiences. One thing is especially noticeable. Where formerly the speakers were listened to with ill concealed contempt, enervated or open opposition, they are now given respectful hearing, by a sympathetic audience.

At these meetings there ought always to be plenty of papers and other literature on hand for sale and for free distribution. Every person in the audience should be given some reading matter to take home.

In precincts or townships where there are two or more Socialists it is a good plan to form precinct organizations for the purpose of canvassing the precinct on the ten cent rate.

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out fully, but they will do little good unless the members attend the branch meetings. Let those Socialists who make it a practice to stay away remember that they not only neglect their duty, but that they also make the work of the faithful ones so much heavier. It is a notorious fact, also, that the comrades who complain the most of the slow progress are the very ones who shirk their duties to the branch.

If you cannot bring those organ tickets down to the office before Sunday please bring them with you to the picnic next Sunday.

The Picnic Committee have everything arranged for the grandest Picnic ever given by the party. Your presence is wanted there.

Minnesota News Items.

Comrade John C. Chase's meetings at the Bijou Theater were crowded to the doors.

Comrade G. H. Lockwood, state organizer, is making a wagon trip through Southern Minnesota. He has a handsome wagon, well equipped with several sets of cartoon pictures on canvas, a large gramophone and quantities of literature.

Minneapolis and St. Paul are still thirsting for good speakers and would be glad to have any who expect to visit the Twin Cities to send Comrade S. M. Holman, 125 Nicollet avenue, information as far in advance as possible that proper advertising may be done.

"Why We Lie," is the interesting title of a talk given by Comrade W. E. Mitchell before Local Minneapolis Social-Democratic (Socialist) party, Sunday, August 10th, at Socialist Hall, 125 Nicollet avenue.

People visiting the Twin Cities who are interested in Socialism should call on Comrade J. E. Nash, at Socialist hall, 125 Nicollet avenue, from 12.30 to 9 p. m. A large stock of Socialist literature is kept for sale, subscriptions taken for Socialist publications, and a free reading room for all.

Don't fear about the weather for Sunday. The weather man is "onto his job" and we will have an ideal day.

Int. Soc. Review.

The contents of the International Socialist Review for August will be found unusually interesting to those actively engaged in the movement, and perhaps the most significant article of those bearing more or less directly on party matters is the editorial entitled, "Lines of Division in American Socialism," in which Comrade Simons gives his readers some very interesting matter for reflection, in contrasting the development of Socialism in the eastern and western portions of the country.

Carpenters' Union No. 62 ordered 600 copies of No. 177. Comrade Hughes, Oil City, Penn., sends a bunch of nine subhs. Comrade Larson of 55th No. 1 sold 22 sub cards lately and reports it is no trick at all if you only try.

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Every dollar spent at the picnic means additional votes next fall.

The August "Comrade".

As usual the Comrade for August is quite an interesting and entertaining as previous numbers. Amongst its varied contents may be mentioned an interview with the well-known French Socialist, Jean Jaures, by Richard Kitchell, a study of Meunier, the Belgian painter and sculptor, by the editor, and an article by A. M. Simons in which he describes his path towards Socialism.

SOCIALIST POINTERS.

Come early to the picnic and avoid the rush.

Save your money and buy a few hundred of the labor day issue.

Your conscience will be easier if you dispose of a couple more picnic tickets.

Now is the time to fill up your town with literature. The ten cent rate will do it.

The coal barons have nothing to arbitrate. Owning the earth, why should they?

That public ownership league will accomplish nothing but it may serve as a decoy duck.

Never until we abolish the profit system will the insane be properly taken care of.

It behoves the kings and emperors to be good or J. Pierpont Morgan may cut down their wages.

Labor produces the automobiles and then has to step lively not to get run over by them.

It is amusing the efforts the democratic party is making to convince itself that it is alive.

Hearst's Chicago American is rapidly drifting from socialism to democracy as the campaign approaches.

Organize a precinct club and canvass the precinct on the ten cent rate. That is the work that will count.

Bring a friend or two to the picnic. There are still some benighted people who think that socialists wear horns.

Send the Chicago Socialist to the old folks at home on the campaign rate if you can't afford to for a year. It may do them good.

Both the democrats and republicans are claiming Nevada but if the western miners mean business neither of them will get it.

Over money matters a Chicago youth is accused of murdering his mother. Socialism will take away the incentive for all such deeds.

Judge Jackson may be figuring on getting a place in history but he will be chiefly remembered as a prosecutor of Mother Jones.

If the coal barons want to run their own business so badly why do they call on the state to furnish soldiers help them?

Your capitalist newspaper thinks the boy striker should get spanked. Nothing should be done to the boss who hires the boy for \$2.50 a week.

Not many of these typhoid cases come from the Lake Shore drive. They can drink distilled water there if they drink water at all.

Tell the man who says we will not have socialism in our day that an average of one new socialist paper a week is being started.

Most of the workmen are putting off their vacations until a panic comes though occasionally one is told to take a vacation these days.

John W. Gates is credited with having made \$5,000,000 in one week. Doubtless by honesty, frugality and close application to work.

Capitalists are all honorable gentlemen who would not swear to a falsehood except when it comes to the matter of their tax schedules.

No danger that the government will take any of the coal mines under the law of eminent domain. That is not what Morgan has the government for.

Trades unionists who are satisfied to get something less than all of their products, may continue to vote the democratic ticket. That is the way to get it.

No injunction against breathing has been served on the miners but they are asked to breathe a second class grade of air when they go down into the mines.

Fill your trades union with subscriptions on the ten cent rate. If you can't get the union to subscribe in a body most of the individual members will give up a dime.

Rather than inconvenience the dear public of course the street car workers would cheerfully work long hours for low wages. The company it will be observed is not expected to do anything.

If that little scrap between Attorney General Knox and some trust magnates had occurred between miners and scabs in the strike region it would have been enough for the calling of the regular army.

Are you still hustling for subscribers?

THE PURCHASE OF POLITICS BY WEALTH.

A Study of Present Conditions in the Anthracite Coal Regions of Pennsylvania.

By MORRISON I. SWIFT.

The great coal strike presents a curious situation on which the workmen of the United States ought to ponder. The workmen of Pennsylvania are able by their numbers to control the politics of the state if they would stand together for a workman's ticket. What have they done? They are responsible for such instruments of corruption as Quay in the Senate and Stone in the governor's chair. Quay and Stone represent the capitalists. Apart from their obedient votes the workmen are to these great statesmen a mere cloud of dust, so many notes of dirt to be washed out of their memories and forgotten.

The miners help to elect Stone governor, and afterwards strike to secure a little more decency in their lives. What happens? The coal barons go to Stone for deputies to assist in breaking the strike and are supplied with whatever they ask. The miners, by electing Stone, appointed the deputies to break their own strike. Is it not curious that workmen will vote for capitalists?

There has just been a battle in the Republican ranks between Quay and Elkin, Elkin wishing the nomination for governor of Pennsylvania, and Quay determined that he should not have it. Elkin poses as "the plowboy," one of the people. Who is he? A man without principle who has served Quay in politics heretofore faithfully, and represents the people as truly as Quay, Dewey or the Devil. What now do the miners want? Some of them are for Quay's man, some for Elkin. Read this description of the miners who marched for Elkin, in a Philadelphia paper. The parade was at Harrisburg and the miners had gathered there.

"If," said the paper, "John R. Elkin, the Indiana county Plowboy, does not control the gubernatorial situation tomorrow, it will be no fault of the anthracite coal miners of Eastern Pennsylvania, and particularly from Schuylkill county, as was demonstrated here this evening, when a goodly throng of the miners, led by bands and drum corps paraded up Market street, past the Elkin headquarters, cheering loudly for Pennsylvania's next governor."

"MINERS' CAPS.
"A great feature of the parade was the fact that nearly every man in line wore a miner's cap, upon which was a lighted lamp."

On some of the banners were the following inscriptions:

"The millions against the millionaires."

"The people must rule."

"Fall in and swell the crowd for the people's choice, John P. Elkin."

"We are miners and on strike, but Elkin is the coal cracker's choice."

"You will need all of us next fall."

"THE COAL CRACKERS.
"No demonstration of the day caused one half so much enthusiasm as did the parade of the Coal Crackers' Club of Schuylkill. THESE HORNY HANDED SONS OF TOIL UPON WHOSE APAREL WERE THE MARKS OF THEIR DANGEROUS CALLING, marched not as politicians, but as honest workmen and loyal citizens, admiring Elkin more for his manhood than his politics."

"He is one against the many," they say, "and in our great struggle against the coal operators we are in about the same position."

"The men (of the Coal Crackers' club) made friends wherever they went rich and poor alike vying with each other to do them homage. One and all seemed to realize how clearly was demonstrated by this parade that it was 'the millions against the millionaires,' and that 'the people must rule.' They were wildly cheered along the route."

One of the strongest supporters of Elkin was governor Stone. Stone has issued, according to the estimate, from 2,000 to 3,000 commissions for special Coal and Iron policemen to fight the battle of the operators against the miners who elected him.

Elkin pretended to stand for the people from principle—"The millions against the millionaires." The ticket opposed to him represented the workmen think, and that he would throw the millionaires down. After the "millionaire" ticket was nominated, what did Elkin do. Continue to fight the miners? No. He announced publicly:

"It is the fortune of war, I HOPE TO BE FOREMOST IN SUPPORT OF THE TICKET NOMINATED TODAY, AND AM CONFIDENT IT WILL BE ELECTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY."

This was the noble utterance of a people's "Plowboy," the striking miners' Plowboy. Observe how this plowing politician won farmers' and workmen's votes, as described by the Philadelphia daily:

"THE PLOWBOY CONTINGENT.
"The Indiana (county) delegation caught the town. Over 500 strong, they raised the dust of Market street. The 'Plowboy contingent,' WITH THEIR PICTURESQUE BLOUSES AND BIG STRAW HATS, RUNG HUNDREDS OF COW BELLS AND CHEWED WISPS OF STRAW. In the delegation marched — then follow the names of some representative politicians and capitalists who would probably not show which end of a plow to take hold of in these 'millions' ticket."

tion, the Philadelphia daily quoted was not against a ring of Pittsburgh millionaires who were planning to govern the state through Quay's candidate, Pennypacker. This daily said:

Quay "turned against the best friend that he ever had. And for what reason? Ask the millionaire combine of Pittsburgh. Only these millionaires can tell."

This "best friend" was the opposing candidate, Elkin.

To beat this friend, the paper said, "The orders have gone forth (from Quay), 'Never mind the people. Get these delegates. Buy them. Bulldoze them. No matter how, but get them.'" The daily then proceeds to the most vital charge:

"Contests are being organized. For instance, in the Fourth district of Schuylkill county the delegates, beaten fairly and squarely, have been urged to cry fraud and appeal for a re-hearing. In other words, having been turned by the people; having lost all along the line, it is now proposed—what? TO STEAL. It cannot be done. NO PITTSBURGH COMBINE SHALL RULE THIS STATE."

So said the Republican Philadelphia daily, with its own big capitals—before the nomination. After the nomination of THE MILLIONAIRE COMBINE'S CANDIDATE, it said:

"The Republican convention has spoken and" this sheet "as a loyal Republican paper HAS NO OTHER THOUGHT THAN LOYALLY TO ACCEPT ITS DECISION."

And of the millionaire combine's candidate, Pennypacker, it said:

"There is nothing that will advance the interests of the commonwealth that he will not do; there is nothing in the way of vicious legislation that will escape his veto."

This is the way in which the workmen and their votes are juggled with, now by one of the great parties, now by another.

What is their pay for it? Strikes and starvation. Strike breakers are encouraged and defended by special military created by the capitalist governors WHOM THE STRIKERS ELECTED.

from 98 cents to \$1.02, an increase of four cents a day.

Now this method of battle is simply fantastical when an infinitely surer one is close at hand. The right to vote was won by centuries of struggle, yet the workman continues to vote for his masters. Whoever will come and take a look at these thousands of helpless men practically gagged and chained, will cry out in wrath and pity at their plight, but when he turns to their political actions he will cry out in astonishment, for he will see that they gag and blind themselves. They vote on their own chains, and re-vote them at every election. For the men nominated by either party always represent the capitalists. For example, the man who allows himself to be put forward as the figurehead of the Citizens' Alliance, of which I recently wrote you, an organization of "citizens" who carefully hide their names with the exception of the figurehead, an organization for prosecuting and persecuting the strikers to assist in defeating them, this man is the best Democratic candidate for mayor of Wilkes-Barre at the last election.

So that now the supreme thing to impress upon the miners is that they must break away from the old parties and use the ballot for themselves. By this means they can become free and all their industrial battles leave them still slaves.

The German Kaiser, stung by hearing Morgan called a bigger emperor than himself, retaliated by telling some home truths about the same Morgan. He said he found him a man of few ideas and without a single great idea. "His political economy," said William, "leaves him unconcerned regarding Socialism, WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY WILL SOON CONSTITUTE THE MOST STUPID-OU QUESTION EVERYWHERE."

Mr. Morgan confessed that he had never been sufficiently interested to study what Socialism means exactly. This is the keenest cut our billionnaires have received, because it comes from one of their own class, an emperor-millionaire, and he sneers at them for their ignorance, of the greatest fact and tendency of modern life, Socialism.

And in this great fact is the cue and hope of these enslaved miners. While a few private men own all wealth they will buy all politics. Their instruments are bribery and corruption. They stand behind the political parties to buy the politicians to undo every purpose of those who elect them. And so they will stand as long as the wealth of the country and the great agencies that produce wealth are owned by a few.

But if these vast wealth agencies were the property of the public these private persons would have no great money interests to bribe for, and no bloated treasuries to draw their corruption money from. Hence a political combination of the working classes with the iron resolve to nationalize the giant monopolies and trusts, is the direction alone in which the toilers may look for light and emancipation from the grind and poverty of their days.

The jealous Kaiser pointed the way. It is the world movement for industrial liberty. And as one goes among the striking coal diggers of this region, looks at their forms and studies their health, compares their rows of dwellings with the palaces of their employers, asks why these hard worked underground men are not spending the prolonged vacation at the seashore, or in Europe, with their families, recuperating for the next stretch of labor in the subterranean gases, asks where THEIR private yachts are, THEIR country houses, THEIR private cars, who although they mainly produce the wealth have but little of it, only enough to live half a lifetime and propagate more miners, one will conclude with deep conviction that no grander event could happen to themselves and the nation than for these strikers during their idleness to fall into the great line of world development and become Socialists.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 20, 1902.

Calumet Grove, Blue Island, is the finest picnic ground in Cook County, and the greatest picnic of the season will be held tomorrow.

PULPIT CENSORSHIP.

Why Ecological Sermons are Obnoxious to Wealthy Church Members.

That the economically dominant class exercises a censorship over pulpit utterances was strikingly illustrated by the recent action of the officials of the First Methodist church of Evanston.

Calling attention to the existence of such a censorship seems almost superfluous. A glance at the facts in this particular case, however, reveals a rather curious state of affairs, which may be taken as typical of churches in general; and when we know that the so-called "churches of the poor" get their cue from the "boulevard churches" the significance of this incident is, by no means, diminished.

The situation is this: The first Methodist church of Evanston is considered the most important in the Middle West, not only because it is looked upon by preachers as the plum of the Rock River conference, with a salary of \$1,200 a year and a sleeping porch to

a bishopric, but for the added reason that its membership roll contains the names of the wealthiest methodists, "representative citizens," and "pillars of society" residing within the precincts of the classical suburb.

Of these the congregation is composed to the number of over a thousand; and great dissatisfaction, (not to say alarm), arose among the brethren with the topics chosen by their pastor, Dr. William Macafee, for his sermons. He persisted in preaching on such worldly matters as political and industrial questions, "Signs of the Times," "Modern Religious Thought" and the brethren bore with him in patience; but when he touched on the horrors of child labor in the southern mills, even christianian patience ceased to be a virtue. A halt must be called.

To employ a stage aside, their material interests were threatened. Accordingly, a meeting of the church board resulted in a majority vote calling for the pastor's resignation, which was promptly received.

A prominent board member, probably of both church and trade, expressed himself as follows:

"We do not want a preacher to speak of sociological and industrial questions as Dr. Macafee has done. We want sermons out of the bible and the interpretation of the words of Christ."

Viewed from the standpoint of that portion of the working class which still clings to the belief that an existence of drudgery with all its concomitant evils in this world, will be rewarded with a life of eternal bliss in a next, such a stand, taken by men in high places, is supposedly admirable. Seen from the view-point of those shorn of religious bigotry, this demand for "sermons out of the bible" assumes a quite different aspect; and right here is caught a glimpse of a brand of "faith" not usually associated with methodism or linked with the name of its founder, John Wesley.

The hypocrisy of this demand becomes clearly apparent when it is remembered that Dr. Macafee's theological views, which are of the kind commonly designated "higher criticism," never came in question, being fully shared by the congregation. In the words of another member of probably both boards: "The congregation agrees with the pastor in his views on theology."

Now, if the so-called higher criticism has accomplished anything it is that it has demolished belief in the sixty odd books of which the bible is composed, in these books containing the sum of human wisdom, in these writings being the only necessary guide of life. It has mercilessly attacked every point of orthodox faith; the authenticity of the gospels; the divinity of Christ. There is not a recorded miracle it has not denied, the possibility of. There is not a contradiction it has not laid bare.

Of this school of thought Dr. Macafee is one of the foremost exponents. In view of this, therefore, and since the members shared his faith or rather lack of faith, judged by orthodox standards, the Doctor probably argued that sermons on live questions, dealing with actual conditions, of the present day, in this world, ought to be acceptable. But lo, and behold! his calculations quickly brought him to grief. The recital of the conditions under which the slaves of capitalism toil in the production of wealth grated on the sensitive ears of these fine gentlemen. "We want sermons out of the bible," they shriek with one accord. The bible! did they say? But they do not believe in the bible. Never mind; since a pretence of piety must be kept up in order to keep the producing slaves down, these sermons have at least the merit of not tending to disturb existing industrial relations which in turn have a tendency to disturb profits, and material interests is, after all, the determining factor. Why don't workmen go to church? Yes, why, indeed!

Notwithstanding this question, from which the inference is that workmen have ceased their church attendance, there is still a large proportion of the workers who are zealous church members. It is these people who are deluded by a pretence of piety on the part of their exploiters. It is the preachers of these "poor charges" who take their cue from the actions of the "important" churches. The demand for Dr. Macafee's resignation will be considered by every methodist preacher in the country as a rebuke to the discussion of questions concerning this world—themes foreign to the bible.

Here is a field for socialist activity. It is the duty of socialists everywhere, to point out to their fellow-workers who are yet weighted down by the chains of superstition and bigotry, the sham of the whole ecclesiastical fabric, of whatever denomination, and the hypocrisy of those in authority.

H. S. H.

Discussion Meeting.
The 13th ward branch will hold a discussion meeting at the Temple Friday evening, August 22. The discussion will be led by Comrade C. F. Kellogg. Subject: "The Materialistic Conception of History." All members of the branch should be sure to attend. Bring your friends.

Discussion on Platform and Tactics.
As an answer to Comrade Finsterbach I would like to quote from "The Communist Manifesto," (San Francisco Edition, page 32): "The FIRST STEP in the revolution by the working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of the ruling class." I fully agree with Comrade Finsterbach that the "Manifesto" is a "step-at-a-time" document—as above stated.

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THEY WELCOME TROUBLE.
Capitalism Eagerly Wets a Chance to Slaughter the Strike on Coal Miners.

To a workman who has enough manhood and independence to belong to a labor organization and who has been on strike, it is thoroughly disgusting to have read a dispatch in the Chicago Record-Herald of the 6th inst., wherein a column of space is misappropriated in a vain attempt to force the public into believing that the town of Shenandoah in the strike region is virtually resting on a powder magazine which is likely to explode at any moment. Perhaps it is; at any rate this is just exactly what the mine owners are looking for and the soldiers are there for that purpose—to make trouble—not to prevent it.

The dispatch says that the 10,000 strikers are all foreigners and all anarchists, and are nothing but a lot of boozers, also that nothing short of shot and shell can keep them subdued. The simplest little affair, such as the throwing of a stone, is grossly misrepresented and exaggerated and no effort is spared to make the outside world believe that hell is ready to be turned loose.

same foreigners are goaded through desperation into an act of defiance by striking, then any old excuse is trumped up to make the act appear all the more justifiable when these human beings are shot down like dogs over some trivial affair.

When such rot as the dispatch alluded to is printed in papers outside of the strike region in order to bias the people's opinion against the strikers, then what must be the extent of the sentiment prevailing among the soldiers where every conceivable act is performed to turn the minds of these so-called protectors of the law into hatred for the strikers?

The state militia is composed almost wholly of a lot of boys who, always looking for excitement, will take as much delight in shooting down a striker as in killing a wild bear. The very presence of an armed force bristling with bayonets is a menace to any community; it would create a hostile feeling among the most enlightened village of distinctly American citizens to behold a horde of swaggering soldiery parading up and down the streets with nothing but hatred in their hearts for the citizens, and whose only excuse for being there is an opportunity to blow down the citizens with Gatling guns.

After the close of the New York stock market on the same day of this exciting dispatch, the following paragraph was a part of the stock letter telegraphed from New York by one of the largest brokerage and commission houses in Wall street.

"The news today tells us but little, the development being the more strained condition of affairs in the anthracite region, which to our mind SHOULD BE WELCOMED as it seems improbable that the strike will be settled before at least a certain amount of riot and disorder develops—sufficient at least to demand firm treatment on the part of the authorities."

The above is only an indication of the truthfulness of the fact that in all great strikes plutocracy simply has aimed to beget a condition which justified the calling out of the militia, and which when done simply meant the end of the strike, and the facts herein stated are an evidence that they have not departed from their usual method of procedure.

But the miners are gradually waking up. In the West they have declared for Socialism and independent political

action. The Westerners have shown by their action that they are fully aware they must elect their own class to political office if their rights are to be recognized, and the time is not far distant when this age of barbarism—soldiers and misrepresentation of facts—shall have passed into oblivion.

In the anthracite region itself the workers of the Socialist party bear witness to the fact that a strong movement is apparent on the part of the strikers in that a Socialist Local organized within a week, having 10 members, swelled to 150 the next week, and 500 the following week, and in one instance the third week showing 700 members, all of whom have signed applications for membership, carrying with it the full class conscious conditions as recognized by the Socialist party.

Socialism is coming, and coming fast. It is the only solution for these evils, so help it along by VOTING FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY.—VZ.

The Picnic Committee asks all comrades, who have been selling tickets to settle for them either through their ward branch or at the office. We want to issue a full report in two weeks.

Notice to Contributors.
As the Committee entrusted by the Socialist party, with the management of this paper, have decided that the discussion on platform and tactics shall be discontinued for the present until after election, contributors are hereby notified accordingly. Much matter remains still on hand on this subject, principally from contributors outside the state. It will be published as soon as space can be found, but no more will be accepted for publication, as all the available space is sorely needed for agitation purposes.

Besides this copy on hand, there is also a considerable amount dealing with other matters, which for lack of space it has been found impossible to publish, and as much of it deals with current topics it cannot very well be held over. Some of it appears in the present issue, and for this reason the usual editorial features of the paper have been omitted this week.

The directory of ward branches and State Locals, with the platform, if space permits, will appear in the next issue, as the discontinuance of the picnic advertising matter will probably leave the necessary space.

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Nobody is to blame for the presence of this so-called lawless element but the mine owners themselves as well as the steamship companies. The former have imported these so-called ignorant Lithuanians believing they could be more easily fleeced and bunned than American miners, and the steamship lines spread broadcast all over Europe alluring and seductive advertisements telling of the wealth and prosperity to be had by emigrating to this land of the free. But when these

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Under the new arrangements of the Temple committee, entertainments given by the dramatic clubs have been regulated to take place once every two weeks, thereby giving every club a month before presenting a play.

Wiltshire in Maine.

Comrade H. Gaylor Wiltshire of Toronto has been recently on a lecture tour through the state of Maine, and gave an address before a very large audience in the City Hall, Portland, on Monday, August 11th.

Exploitation and Organization.

Down in the anthracite coal region the standing military order is "shoot to kill first, and then investigate". Remember this comes from the class who constantly urge "conservatism" on the labor leaders.

Carpenters Union No. 99 of Evansville, Ind., have sent circulars to all locals within the jurisdiction, asking that resolutions declaring for political action through the Socialist party, be presented by their delegates to the A. F. of L. convention, and commending the action of the Executive Committee in ordering socialist articles to be printed and published in the union journal "The Carpenter".

Average amount of capital in manufacturing industries in 1850 was \$4,300, in 1860 it had risen to \$12,200.

Rockefeller has at last succeeded in investing \$3,000,000 directly in Beaumont oil. Which the other fellows slide out when John D. gets the ways properly greased.

Up till the end of July the losses in the anthracite coal strike have been \$27,000,000 to the operators, and \$12,000,000 to the strikers, a fairly good illustration of the capitalist method of "dividing up".

All the street railways in the State of New Jersey are to be combined in one vast consolidation.

Indians in Omaha have passed resolutions denouncing the government for breaking up their tribal organization and providing for the sale of the land of deceased Indians. The Indian is evidently yet in the "pure and simple" stage.

Book trade of the country is now in the hands of two associations, the American Publishers Association and the American Booksellers Association, and it has just been discovered that these two are one.

Mark Hanna's declaration that "labor must be better paid" hasn't affected the coal operators to any apparent extent. Talk is cheap.

Contributions to the State Committee of the Socialist Party of Pennsylvania, for the purpose of carrying on agitation amongst the miners, now amounts to \$275.90.

Pennsylvania papers in the anthracite coal region are being forced to take notice of the tremendous Socialist agitation in the district, as there is nothing else doing in connection with the strike.

Socialist Contributions to the miners strike fund show a total of \$264.35 up to week ending August 9th.

A dispatch from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., states that the anthracite coal operators will not reduce the present scale of wages if the men should lose the strike, which is only another way of saying that wages cannot be cut any lower.

Shipbuilding trust has absorbed the Bethlehem Steel Works and has augmented its capital to \$45,000,000. It is also stated that the trust will soon acquire one of the biggest ship building plants in Great Britain.

Mayor of Hazelton, Pa., refused to permit Comrades John Collins of Chicago and Edward Moore of Philadelphia to speak on the main street of the city, alleging that the crowd would blockade the street and prevent traffic.

Harvester and binder trust has been formed with a capital of \$120,000,000. It will manufacture harvesting machines, reapers, binders, rakes, mowers, shredders, and all kinds of agricultural tools and machinery—and incidentally, socialists amongst the farmers.

Carbon Co., Pa., has nominated its Socialist ticket on Aug. 9 at Mauch Chunk. Comrade John Collins attended the convention.

Housington Ward & Company have received the order for the new issue of the Socialist.

of forming and joining the "General Merchandise Packers' Union."

Socialists of Beloit, Kas., held their convention in that city on the 9th inst., nominated a full ticket, and as they are making a strong agitation expect Attorney-General Knox was slugged sily in one round by Cramp, the ship yard owner, in a drunken row at a Philadelphia "resort" last week, and yet there are a few soft marks who expect him to make a good showing against the Trusts.

Wine rooms have been again abolished this week. Gross earnings of the Illinois Central R. R. for the year ending June 30th 1902 were \$40,821,030. In 1895 they were less than half this sum.

Zinc combine is nearing completion. Its capital will exceed \$20,000,000. Express companies and department stores have decided to resist the demands of the National Teamsters' Union and another strike is predicted. The decision is said to have been formed at a secret meeting of the employers.

Detail clerks are attempting to oust the preachers in the crusade they are conducting against the stores which keep open Sunday.

Five suicides were reported as having occurred in Chicago last Thursday. When the statistics of suicides for 1902 are compiled they will form a remarkable comment upon the universal prevalence of the prosperity we hear so much about.

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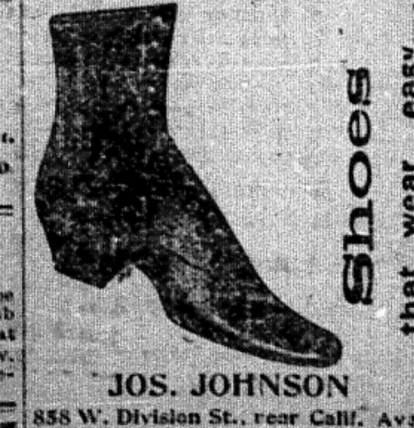
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