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FEDERATION OF LABOR DOINGS

Plans for Labor Party Defeated—Colored Waiters Make Strong Protest—The Fitzpatrick Resolution—An Attempt to Exclude Socialist Literature

The following resolution was introduced by James Brenneck of the Carpenters at the last meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor:

The present time seems to be the best for inaugurating a movement to obtain for the toilers control of the political forces of our city, country and state...

In order to accomplish this end the resolutions authorized the executive board to expend \$500 in advertising a convention of one delegate from each 100 citizens...

President Schardt promptly ruled the resolution out of order on the ground of "no politics in the Federation."

Delegate Brenneck then appealed from the decision of the chair. He pointed out the fact that the 300,000 workmen of Chicago could have anything they wanted if they stood together at the polls...

However, the action of the president was sustained by a good majority. Thus ended another attempt to form a fake labor party in Chicago.

Neither are they so foolish as to attempt to commit any union to an endorsement of the Socialist Party until the sentiment of the majority of the members will sustain such action.

COLORED WAITERS PROTEST.

L. W. Washington and John Scott Porter appealed to the Federation in the interest of the Colored Waiters' Union, which was suspended by the Hotel and Restaurant Employers' National Alliance.

A WORD TO OUR WORKERS.

We are sending out five thousand sample copies of this edition in this State, and if you should receive an extra copy please pass it along and try and make it produce a subscriber.

We would like to have every comrade in the State make a special effort in the next few days to increase the circulation of this paper in their immediate locality.

Remember, comrades, this paper is your property and any effort you make in its behalf is simply an enhancement of one of your own possessions.

There is no good reason why the Chicago Socialist should not be the very best propaganda paper in America, and if you have a desire to see it take this position, send back the subscription fee.

Such a radical move suggests to us that there is something beyond our conception behind the move. But if we really believe this we could say that organized labor has no room for the colored man.

This is but another indication of the stupidity of the workers in allowing themselves to be divided upon questions of religion, race, sex, color, or any other question.

The bosses are not slow to take advantage of any such division as this instance will show. Until the coming of Socialism these antagonisms will continue to be fanned into flame by those most interested in keeping labor divided.

Comrade L. Solon of the Glove Makers asked that all union men insist upon the label being on all gloves which they buy.

President Schardt asked that the matter be referred to the Executive Board of the Federation to see if the matter could not be "adjusted" or "settled" without a strike.

FITZPATRICK'S RESOLUTION.

A protest was raised that President Schardt had not appointed the committee provided for at the last meeting to report on the plan of Organizer Fitzpatrick for the abolition of agreements which would prevent sympathetic strikers.

Of course many of the old unions which have up to the present, from various causes, been able to maintain somewhat better conditions than the average worker, will be apt to oppose this plan.

ATTEMPT TO EXCLUDE SOCIALIST LITERATURE.

An attempt was made through a resolution to outdo the censorship of the post-office by prohibiting the distribution of literature in the hall where the Federation meets.

Some of the delegates seemed to consider this an attack upon the propaganda of Socialism, and it was very amusing to hear an old liner, who could certainly not be accused of a leaning toward Socialism, defend the right of the Socialists to distribute their literature.

Evidently some people are getting ready a soft place to fall when the unions fall into the hands of the Socialists. However, they may be preparing too soon.

The resolution was voted down almost unanimously.

whenever you can and we will do the rest.

If you will agree to actively engage as the representative of this paper send us your address and we will forward you the proper instructions and credentials.

At this particular time when the two classes in society are in such deadly conflict, and the strife and friction are so acute, it is the duty of everyone who is interested in securing a final solution of our present economic condition to do all in his power to EDUCATE the mass of the workers to the point where they will assert their authority and retain for themselves the things that belong to them.

Now, comrades, get busy and let us hear from you at once.

\$1.50—GURNEY HA' CO.—\$2.00.

Comrades should go to this store for their head wear. 37 Madison St., n. w. corner of Dearborn St. All hats guaranteed.

THE CANDID HOG.

When the Criminal Court of the Animals convened, with Judge Bear presiding, the prisoner at the bar was an immense hog, so fat that he had to be assisted by officers of the court.

The charge was conduct inimical to public welfare, in that for many moons he had at each feeding time got into the trough with all four of his feet, and had secured a vastly disproportionate amount of the swill.

Numerous members of the Hog family testified against their relative, and were unanimous in declaring that his conduct was absolutely swinish. Counselor Fox defended the prisoner, and was very severe in his characterization of these witnesses, who, he declared, "did what they did in envy of great Caesar."

He was not able, however, to disprove the charges relative to the monopolistic practices of his client, and a jury of twelve impartial old Goats returned a verdict of guilty.

Asked by the court what he had to say why sentence should not be imposed, the prisoner responded:

"I have no excuse to offer for my conduct, your Honor, but I have something

Labor News of the Week

EMPLOYERS PUSH WAR ON UNIONS

Attempt Will Be Made to Crush Labor Organizations—Employers' Association Backed by National Fund of \$1,500,000

Manufacturers who are members of trade association of the country have started a campaign to crush the weaker labor organizations. With the advice and support of the more radical employers, the fight has been opened against three trade unions.

When the Marble Dealers' Association two weeks ago looked out its union employees its action passed without much notice. There followed a similar fight against the type foundry union upon the part of the employers, and yesterday it became known that the Merchant Tailors' Association has declared war upon the Journeymen Tailors' union.

Eight hundred glove-makers in four factories yesterday struck because the firms refused to enter into an agreement with the union. No reason was given by the employers save that they now are taking stock and receiving orders and cannot afford to spend several days in negotiations.

The glove-makers' union had an agreement with the manufacturers until Sept. 21. When this expired they attempted to get it renewed and have it include an increase in wages. The firms are members of the Chicago Employers' Association, and when the union officials visited them they refused to discuss the situation.

Angered by this position the union issued an ultimatum that unless it was granted its demands the members would walk out. No reply was received from the firms, and the men and girls struck at the following plants: American Glove Company, 18 Churchill street.

H. Jensen Company, 409 Rhine street. Aepli Glove Company, 1548 Milwaukee avenue.

Charles Maurer, 658 North Ashland avenue.

SOCIALISTS WIN IN WESTERN CANADA

British Columbia Election Returns Show That the Socialists Hold Balance of Power and New Election Will Be Necessary—Everything in a Turmoil

For a couple of years a determined band of workers have been doing valiant service away up beyond the Rocky mountains in British Columbia, Canada, and on Saturday evening they had the satisfaction to know that at last their work was of sufficient moment to make such a stir in political and industrial circles in all Canada as had never before happened.

It was only the election of two Socialists to the British Columbia Parliament, but because of the even division of the parties the Socialists who have refused to fuse with either another election will be necessary.

For years the power of the capitalists represented in the railway and mining interests of this portion of Canada has held the wage slaves as mere voting toys, but the radical revolutionary spirit has seized them and the work of Socialist workers such as Eugene V. Debs, Father Thomas Hagerty, George Estes, of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, and a few local comrades who have been pounding at the gates of capitalism continuously, is evident.

For years the capitalist minions have been forming fusion or coalition governments, taking into their ranks every labor reformer or independent man and thereby robbing the workers of such combative influence, but at this election the party lines were drawn for the first time since 1870 and the old parties were on the qui vive.

The government papers came out with the following wall on Saturday morning:

"There is a feeling of great uncertainty throughout the country. Never before was an issue so greatly in doubt and those whose judgment is most to be relied on are slowest in venturing an

opinion. The fight will be close and the fear is expressed that the parties will be so evenly divided that the Socialists will be able to control the situation."

The result so happened. Comrades J. H. Hawthornwaite and Parker Williams, were elected and the Conservatives and Liberals have an even number each. The government papers now say:

"The situation is unfortunate, as neither party will have a working majority without the assistance of the Socialists, a contingency very much dreaded. Another election is inevitable."

In Vancouver Comrade Merrimer polled 1,325 votes, Comrade Stebbins 950 and W. Griffiths (the only Socialist Labor candidate in the whole contest) 284. Nine Socialist candidates were nominated in all and two have been successful. A \$200 deposit is necessary to be a candidate and if the candidate does not poll a certain percentage of the total vote this sum will be seized by the government. Some of the comrades will lose their deposits, as will the S. L. P. man in Vancouver. Overtures have been made to the two Socialists to fuse but they refuse and will force another election, as the government must have a majority over all to hold power. Thus the thin edge of the wedge has been entered in this far Western province of Canada and from thence Eastward will the revolutionary movement roll till the Dominion government at Ottawa is in the hands of the workers. The comrades in British Columbia have a newspaper, the Western Clarion, which is ultra revolutionary in tone. Look out for future developments in the far West.

W. H. S.

each side should meet and draw up a wage scale and working agreement to be binding on the union and all members of the Typothetae that signed it.

A TRIP TO ELGIN.

Last Saturday night about twenty Chicago comrades, including the Silver Leaf Quartette, accompanied Comrade Ben Hanford to Elgin, where he was advertised to speak in the Standard Hall. Despite the bad weather a good sized audience turned out to hear Comrade Hanford's talk. When the meeting broke up every one there could almost see Socialism, but the honors were about evenly divided between the speaker and the Silver Leaf Quartette. But of all those present we are of the opinion that none appreciated the singing more than Comrade Hanford, for he made us promise to write up the quartette and request every local to at once try to enlist a quartette to sing for Socialism.

Comrade Hanford spoke three times to large Chicago audiences, and to say that he fully measured up to the entire satisfaction of the Chicago comrades is putting it modest. We had known him as the perpetual candidate for governor of New York, as the man who was selected to answer Havenmeyer's questions to the trade unions, as the author of "What Working Men's Votes Can Do," but when we met him and shook his hand, and talked about the work in its various phases, we found we had not been mistaken in our effort to know a man we had never seen. If you would know the real Hanford, and how well he understands the Socialist movement, read his short story, "The Jimmy Higginses."

Workers! Be manly and declare your independence of the capitalist class. It is we who do the world's useful work, and we who are today managing the work as well. Why keep the parasitic class upon our backs longer? Why allow them to take from us our labor's product and to then return to us a bare existence and call us the "common herd?"

Be men! Throw off your chains! Assert your rights!—Ohio Socialist.

Freedom is fit only for those who insist on having it. Slavish minds will submit to work, yet live in hovels and hug the chains that bind them. Appeal to Reason.

INGERSOLL ON LABOR.

Robert G. Ingersoll was in profound sympathy with the working class and his utterances at times showed that he followed closely, if he did not actually embrace the socialist philosophy.

No man ever felt more keenly the inhumanity of the capitalist system—its injustice to labor aroused his wrath, the plea of poverty melted his generous heart, and the sight of suffering moved him to tears.

The great orator was often given to reflection upon the labor question, but he admitted candidly, honestly, that he could arrive at no conclusion that satisfied his heart and brain.

To sit near him, and to hear him as only he could talk, was not only to be impressed with his sincerity, but to feel the current of his wonderful, magnetic power, admire his transcendent genius and love and honor the incomparable man.

Seventy years ago Robert G. Ingersoll, oratory's greatest master, was born. He had the power of a Titan adored by all the tender sensibilities of a child.

"Looking over his works," says the editor of the Terre Haute (Ind.) Toller, "I found the following eloquent passage, which will serve most worthily as an anniversary offering, and receive a hearty welcome in the literature of freedom:

"The first result of the invention of machinery has been to increase the wealth of the few. The hope of the world is that through invention man can finally take such advantages of these forces of nature, of the weight of water, of the force of the wind, of steam, of electricity, that they will do the work of the world, and it is the hope of the really civilized that these inventions will finally cease to be the property of the few, to the end that they may do the work of all for all.

"When those who do the work own the machines, when those who toil control the inventions, then, and not till then, can the world be civilized or free. When these forces shall do the bidding of the individual, when they become the property of the mechanic instead of the monopoly, when they belong to labor instead of what is called capital, when these great powers are as free to the individual laborer as the air and light are now free to all, then, and not till then, the individual will be restored and all forms of slavery will be abolished."



The above cartoon very vividly depicts the trade union situation as related to capitalism at the present time.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad at Louisville, Ky., has just made a sweeping discharge of forty clerks in their freight department for having committed the heinous crime of joining a union for the betterment of their condition. The capitalist may hold the winning hand now, but when he has had a reckoning with the hand that is protruding from the clouds he will have lost his grip.

to submit in extenuation. I have never written any newspaper or magazine articles telling Young Shoats how, by prudence and industry, they might achieve a like Success in getting into the Trough, nor have I claimed that my present obese condition was necessary to National Prosperity. I am just a Plain Hog, your Honor, but I claim the rare virtue of never having pretended to be anything else."

"Such unprecedented candor deserves encouragement," said the court, "and in consideration of the same I shall suspend judgment. Furthermore, from certain remarks I overheard while passing a den of Socialistic Wolves, I am inclined to think that you may soon be calling on your lean relatives for help, and offering Equity in exchange for Safety. You may go."

John Collins \$2.00 Hats. Best on earth for the coin. Two stores: S. W. cor. Madison and LaSalle Sts., 217 Dearborn St., "Value Made."

The stand of these organizations of employers is the beginning of the fight against the unions to result from the formation of the National Employers' Association in this city the last of the month. In each case the manufacturers are to be backed by the full strength of the association and have access to its defense fund of \$1,500,000.

MOVEMENT NATIONAL IN SCOPE.

Employers throughout the country have watched with interest the methods used here against the laundry workers, the candy makers, and the cooks and waiters. The success of these fights has resulted in a belief that a national campaign along the same lines could be made effective. The unions have given the employers an opportunity to test the scheme by framing agreements which call for the "closed shop."

The unions fighting the employers control about 23,000 men. These are distributed as follows: Tailors, 18,000; marble workers, 4,000; typefounders, 900.

S. R. Claxton, 176 North Halsted street.

Other factories will be closed and the officers of the union hope to have more than 1,800 employees on the streets. Should this take place the industry will be blocked and heavy losses will follow.

TYPOTHETAE GIVES UP FIGHT.

On Monday and Tuesday the pressmen tried to muster enough recruits to keep the plants of the Typothetae going, and on Tuesday night Higgins informed the organization that if its members would pay \$13 a week for feeders he could get the men. Yesterday morning he told them that the price would be \$15, and in the afternoon admitted he could not get help.

When the members of the Typothetae heard this they voted to stop the fight and arrange for peace. A committee of two was sent to the headquarters of the feeders, 14 Custom House place, to arrange for a settlement. It was agreed that a conciliation board of seven from



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"GRAFT."

Among the tricks employed by thieves to divert the attention of their pursuers the commonest is that of crying "Stop Thief." Old as this method is, it is still as successful as ever.

The City Council has nominated an investigating committee of eight members and the fur is flying merrily in the various departments of the city hall.

Nothing new will come to light in this investigation. We knew long ago that the police department is grafting on the prostitutes, thieves, burglars, policy men, etc., and holding up its own employees for political purposes.

The price of this paper is 25 cents per year in clubs of four or more.

the various departments of the city hall. The investigation will not change this state of things in the least. It simply changes the actors, but the same old play will continue just the same after the investigation as it did before.

It cannot be otherwise under the capitalist system. The whole present system is organized for no other purpose but to afford the few an opportunity to graft on the many. If it is legal and honorable for the corporations to graft on the citizens of Chicago, in spite of their strenuous protest, and if the City Council can make itself an accessory to this corporation graft by endorsing it for another twenty years, why should not the other public servants have their own little graft?

Some of the capitalist papers, recognizing the trend toward municipal ownership in the public mind, are prudent enough to endorse the Mueller bill and to favor municipal ownership, although most of them agree that "we are not quite ready for it just now."

The workingmen of Chicago who are members of the Socialist party indulge in no illusions as to the efficacy of municipal ownership under the control of the Democratic or Republican politicians. We know that graft will not cease so long as the class who upholds the capitalist system of graft remains in control of the political power.

SHOP-KEEPING AND HUMANITY.

Unfortunately for the Macedonians, the "concert of Europe" is like the United States senate in that one member can block any action.

There is a further parallel in the circumstances that in most cases obstruction is prompted by motives distinctly discreditable.

So long as Germany can sell the Turk artillery and so long as England holds Turkish bonds there is small hope that the "concert" can be brought to unanimous action in behalf of the people who are being massacred in Macedonia.

No lower and more sordid motives ever animated the semibarbarians of the middle ages than governing the policy of the two leading exponents of Christian civilization today.—Chicago Chronicle.

This same "low and sordid motive" impels the proprietors of the Chicago Chronicle to oppose and misrepresent every effort of the working people to abolish child slavery and the hideous working conditions of the sweat-shops and mines which murder more innocent victims in one year in America than the unspeakable Turk does in Europe in ten.

Capitalism is the same world over. Interest and profits they will have at any price.

We have got the whole shooting match skinned on party buttons. You can buy them from us at 25c per doz., 3 doz. for 50c, or \$1 per 100.

THE FIGHT TO BE ON CLASS LINES.

The capitalists and politicians of the Thirty-third Ward are pulling the wires to the end that there may be but one candidate for alderman to oppose the Socialist nominee next spring.

The capitalists' parties (Democratic and Republican) realize that unless they unite their forces there is almost sure to be another socialist alderman elected from the Thirty-third Ward next April.

This is perfectly satisfactory to the Socialists, if the powers of capitalism concentrates its forces to fight Socialism. We have accomplished the one thing that at present is most desirable. We have named the issue, viz.: Capitalism vs. Socialism. In a short time there will be no Democratic and Republican party fighting sham battles for the spoils of office, but there will be a united capitalist party fighting for its existence against the working class interests as expressed by the Socialist party.

When we have grown strong enough in all parts of the country to make that issue, then the beginning of the end of capitalism will be in sight.

THE INSANE SYSTEM.

In California last week ten car loads of grapes were allowed to rot on the side track because there was no market for them. Yet hundreds of thousands of workingmen's children in the industrial centers would have enjoyed a bunch of grapes. Such is capitalism—this is the absurd system workingmen's votes are perpetuating when they vote the Democratic or Republican ticket.

When the workers of America develop statesmen from their own class they may conceive the idea of using the fruits of their toil instead of starving because they can't find a market for them.

"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE."

Shakespeare once said "All the world's a stage." The workers of the world are now preparing the stage for Socialism. There are two kinds of workers, the class-conscious and the unconscious worker.

The class-conscious worker recognizes in our social organism two distinct classes, the producers and exploiters, those who make and those who take, and that those who make are, through their own ignorance, responsible for the existence of those who take, for the reason that the exploiters get their "legal right" to take through the power of law made by the political servants which the worker himself can elect. He therefore joins hands for political action with the class-conscious producers of the world in the Socialist party for the complete ownership of all the means of production and distribution so that his class, the class that make, constitute the only class who shall have the right to take. His slogan is "To the toiler belongs the full product of his toil," and he will not be content until the workers of the world, by united action at the ballot box, shall have acknowledged receipt of his message.

The unconscious worker moves along in that easy "come-and-go-and-never-know" circle of "no classes," thinking what is, was, what is, and always will be, and is apparently satisfied. He has no conception of any economic change. His only ambition is to get ahead of his fellow worker in order to secure favor with his master, the boss, so that he may himself become a boss.

It is this unconscious worker that makes it necessary for the class-conscious workers to publish and scatter broadcast this paper to notify him of his part as an actor in the preparation of this greatest of all productions—Socialism. E. H. L.

When children are steadily and systematically murdered in the factories and sweatshops of the United States and poodle dogs have swell receptions and wear diamond-studded collars, it is about time something should be done that is not on the capitalistic program.—New Time.

THE FIRST GREAT WINE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Given by the Freisinnigen Gemeinde, S. W. S. At PULASKI HALL, 303 S. Ashland Av., near 18th St. SATURDAY EVE., OCT. 10, 1903.

You will miss a good thing if you fail to attend this festival. Tickets in advance 25c for Lady and Gent. Tickets at gate 50c per person.

THE SOCIALIST MASS MEETING.

At the last meeting of the Cook County Central Committee a resolution was carried that a mass meeting of the party membership be held on the last Sunday in October and continued, if need be, on successive Sundays until our work was completed.

As I was the mover of the motion for such a meeting (although the matter did not originally emanate through me), I desire to offer some reasons why I believe in such a meeting and what, in my opinion, ought to be brought up for discussion.

I sincerely hope that other comrades will likewise take up the matter and such others as they think proper and important enough to come up at this meeting; that they give vent to their thoughts through the Chicago Socialist, and also in their ward branches, so that when we do meet we will have some definite plans to prepare and act upon.

We all know that next year will be for us Socialists the most important and eventful in the history of the political socialist movement in America. Our membership is continually growing, our means of agitation is increasing. The number of public political officials elected on the Socialist party ticket is growing larger. Likewise do we find the sentiment favoring socialism in the organized trade union movement developing proportionally to the one who has been an onlooker of the fight now going on between the A. F. of L. and the A. L. U. As a socialist he must admit that sooner or later the Socialist Party will be drawn into the fight, because rival organizations cannot occupy the same field of operations for any length of time. They must and will lock horns some day, and the Socialist Party, representing exclusively the interest of class-conscious workers cannot at such a time continue to maintain a spirit of neutrality. This question must be taken up and discussed, so that when the emergency does arise we will be competent to grapple with it intelligently. Our attitude up to this hour has been vacillating and rather evasive. The Socialist position towards any matter of importance, political or economic, should ever be plain and open. To cater to many sides is to risk disruption at any time. Dare we continue this line of policy? Again, the matter of distinctive local demand in municipal platforms is yet an open question with us. It is true that local Chicago has manifested for several years a certain definite attitude, but the fact is evident that an intelligent minority, bowing to majority decree, persists in advocating a contrary policy. It is also true that the membership is changing through various causes, so that it cannot be said that we know just where we stand the day before a convention, and it probably will be so until a national convention once for all decrees without equivocation a definite policy.

Again, the question of state and local autonomy necessitates careful consideration. The incidents at San Francisco, Seattle, Omaha, Teller County and other places, the matter of lecture bureaus and speakers and a proper system of working up agitation should be thoroughly reviewed.

To summarize, I believe the matters most important that ought to come up for consideration, and which members should come prepared to deliberate upon, are (though not necessarily in the order numbered):

- 1. Trade unionism in general and our attitude. 2. A. F. of L. and our attitude. 3. A. L. U. and our attitude. 4. Municipal programme and our attitude. 5. Party press and our attitude. 6. Party writers and capitalist press. 7. Party agitators and lecture bureaus. 8. Local autonomy. 9. Rights and duties of national convention. 10. National legislative bureau.

A word in conclusion. Let us get together, not as grumblers and kickers, but as co-workers in a cause that has in view the emancipation of all of us. Let us therefore meet each other as comrades and reason with each other as to the merits and demerits of the various propositions submitted. Let our endeavor be to so clarify and unite the membership of Local Chicago and Cook County that it may be said once for all that Socialists do know what they want, that they do act as a unit, that they are a compact body of conscious men and women, who seek to realize in their ideal the salvation of each and all.

N. I. Kaplan.

THE LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

The full text of the letter which the Chicago federation of labor sent to President Roosevelt is to be published in a convenient pocket edition, so that union men can be provided with a handy magazine of arguments that can be advanced in support of labor's position. Unions or individuals can obtain these complete copies at the rate of \$2.00 per hundred or \$15.00 per thousand by application addressed to H. J. Jackson, Box 555, General P. O., Chicago.

THE WORK IN THE STATE

Contributions to State Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Previously reported \$310.21', 'Local Motion 7.00', 'Adam Koos, Yorkville, Ill. 25', etc.

Monmouth, Ill., Oct. 1, 1903. James S. Smith, 181 Washington St., Chicago.

Dear Comrade—As per schedule, Comrade Collins arrived in Monmouth. We rounded up a dozen of the boys on Monday and that night he gave us a talk, pregnant with many useful "Pointers" on the fundamental principles of Socialism. On Tuesday and Wednesday nights, street meetings were held, attended by large as well as interested audiences. Monmouth's verdict is that Collins is O. K. He left a good impression and awakened a sentiment that will prove fruitful to the movement, besides giving old comrades renewed courage and activity. Collections amounted to \$2.25. Yours fraternally, JOHN HIGGINS, Secy. 718 S. Third St.

On September 27 Comrade Knoche arrived in Quincy from Kansas City and began his work as State organizer and held two good meetings in the public park. The collection at these two meetings amounted to \$2.60 and sold six subscriptions for our State organ, the Chicago Socialist. From Quincy Comrade Knoche went to Peoria, where he spoke on the 29th, selling a quantity of literature and subscription cards. On the 30th he went down to Pekin and spoke from under an umbrella. The crowd was so deeply interested in his talk that though the rain was coming down quite heavy they would not leave until the meeting was over. Coming back to Peoria he held another meeting and sold three subscriptions to the Socialist.

On October 2 Comrade Knoche arrived at Streator, where he held one of the biggest meetings of the season. The large crowd stayed to the very last and contributed liberally to the collection. The collection was as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes 'Quincy \$2.60', 'Pekin .77', 'Peoria .55', 'Streator 4.34'.

ROCK ISLAND RIPPLES.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Oct. 5, 1903.

- 1. We are growing. 2. New members every meeting. 3. We meet every first and third Sunday. 4. At our last meeting we collected one dollar for the national campaign fund and \$2.25 for the state organization fund. More coming! 5. Comrades elated over the way you showed up Willie Hearst's contemptible editorial. 7. Last Thursday evening marked an event in Socialistic growth here. Comrade Fred G. Stricklin was with us. We held an open air meeting. Comrade Stricklin, through the parable of "The Capitalist Tank," showed to the satisfaction of a crowd of 150 people just why there were so few rich and so many poor, and also the only method of correcting existing evils. After speaking for half an hour he answered questions for a few minutes, then opened up a "bargain counter" in Socialistic literature. It went like "hot cakes and honey." Closing the street meeting he went followed by a large per cent of the crowd to Turner Hall, where quite a number were waiting him. There for one and one-half hours longer he expounded the principles of the Co-operative Commonwealth. The crowd had a goodly number of union carpenters, and his remarks were largely for their benefit. Comrade Stricklin, by his wit, eloquence and logic, captured the attention and good will of his audience and held it to the end. This was manifested by the interest depicted on the countenances of his audience and by the generous collection received at the close. Yours, fraternally, "CRAWFORD," For Rock Island Local.

Join the T. U. F.

SOME FUNDAMENTALS OF SOCIALISM

By A. M. SIMONS

So long as the Socialist Party continues to be a growing party, there will always be need of repeating the great basic principles upon which the Socialist movement rests. The new convert coming into the party always brings with him something of the intellectual make-up out of which he sprang. This, in itself, is but another proof of the great basic position of Socialism that men are but products of their environment. Nevertheless, we are called upon to do all in our power to remove such ideas as rapidly as possible.

Perhaps the greatest contribution to the intellectual growth of the world that Socialists have ever made is the discovery of the fact that the economic organization of society determines all other social institutions. This is not so much a theory as a discovery of a fact. The same is true of all great scientific laws. They always existed. It is only left for men to discover them. When Socialists first announced the discovery of this law, the leaders of thought from the ruling classes laughed at it, denied its existence, ignored it, or occasionally attempted to refute it. Today it has become the working hypothesis of well-nigh a majority of the historians and sociological readers even of capitalism. They have accepted this position in spite of the fact that it is destruction of the whole structure upon which capitalistic philosophy rests. Hence, it is that their assent to it carries much more of conviction than would have been the case had it accorded with their previous philosophy. Now, when we have forced even our enemies to admit the truth of this our fundamental position, it all becomes any Socialist to question it without at least as careful a study of the facts from which it is drawn as was made by those who originally discovered it.

The law upon which economic determinism or the materialistic interpretation of history rests, is so extensive that it seems today as little likely to be overthrown as is the law of gravitation. Upon this foundation Socialism erects its philosophic structure. It points out that the means by which men get their living, the tools, machines, mechanical appliances, methods of work, systems of industrial organization, etc., are constantly being improved. Each such improvement brings with it a change in the economic process of society changes all the social superstructure built upon that process.

This brings us to the next step, the method by which these changes are accomplished. Each great change in the method of production makes some one industrial class dominate in industry. This class then struggles with the social class, which was previously in power. This struggle is for the purpose of getting control of the means by which society is governed, principally the political machinery. Having gained this control it uses this power to re-shape social institutions as its class interest may direct. It remains in power until improvement in industrial processes makes another class more essential to the process of wealth creation when the struggle and the victory of the previous subversive class and the reconstruction of institutions in its interest must be gone over again.

TEMPLE NOTES.

Hurrah for Socialism. We have forced the enemy to change their tactics. From a conspiracy of silence and ridicule they have come out in the open and declared they are after our scalps. This being the greatest event in the development of Socialism, the West Side comrades have determined to hold a jubilee. Comrades, let us make this the greatest event in this country. We know that every Socialist is bubbling over with enthusiasm. Do not smother it, but come to this great gathering and let it out. Every speaker in Chicago is invited to participate. The hall will be opened at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, and kept open until Monday morning at 3 o'clock. See ad. in another column and watch for further particulars in Temple Notes next week. COMMITTEE.

Individual salvation is a lie born of a selfish heart, and when we most think we are out of the mire, the arm of the Most Neglected reaches up from the pit and drags us back into the dark.—FRANKLIN H. WENTWORTH.

Politicians are beginning to worry over the Socialist vote. They appear to stand aghast at the increase of Socialistic sentiment, and are wondering which of the two old parties will suffer the greatest. They will find out in due time.—The Statesman.

There can be no reconciliation between the capitalist and the laborer. It is a fight to the finish. There can be but one end—Socialism. Why? Because the capitalist cannot exist without the laborer, but the laborer is in no wise dependent upon the capitalist.—Coming Nation.

Costs Nearly \$1,000,000 to Maintain Roosevelt

STRENUOUS PRESIDENT COSTS LOTS OF MONEY

Here are a few items that Roosevelt has expended for luxuries and travel: Special trains, service, etc., \$250,000. Revamping and changing White House, \$475,445. Private tennis court, \$2,000. New executive office, \$65,196. Increase in White House running expenses, \$25,000. New fittings and furniture for the Mayflower, President's yacht, \$100,000. Keeping craft in commission two months last year, \$15,105. Repairs last year, \$23,297.33. Estimated cost of repairs this year, \$30,000. Thus it will be seen that Roosevelt has cost \$986,043.33 in extras to the people since he has been in office.

The above item which we clipped from one of the plutocratic dailies may be of interest to the American toilers at this particular juncture, while our strenuous President is exerting himself so strongly in the protection of scab labor.







WEEK'S MEETINGS

Speakers must be paid their carfare. When speakers have cause to change their established date, they should notify the county secretary so that such change may not imperil the meeting or disappoint the comrades that are responsible for such meeting.

71st and Cottage Grove (7). Speaker: Koop. 82d and Commercial (8). Speaker: Local. Campbell and North ave. (10). Speaker: Peterson. Milwaukee and Carpenter (17). Speaker: Nicholson. Halsted and Maxwell (19). Speaker: Elmhorn. Van Buren and Wood (20). Speaker: Klingman. Orchard and North (23). Speaker: Bartlett. Clark and Powell (28). Speaker: Menke. 63d and Halsted (31). Speaker: Hennrich. 111th and Michigan (33). Speaker: Local. 12th and 40th ave. (34). Speaker: Hennrich.

54th and Superior (8). Local speakers. California and 12th (12). Speaker: Whalen. Ogden and Randolph (14). Speaker: Henry. North ave. and California (15). Speaker: Whalen. 5th and Walton place (21). Speaker: Bartlett. 5 p. m. 48th and Throp (29) 2:30 p. m. Speaker: Hennrich.

54th and Cottage Grove (13). Local speakers. Western and Madison (13). Local speakers. Erie and Center (17). Speaker: Hennrich. Belmont and Sheffield (25) 7:30. Speaker: A. S. Edwards. Socialist Temple. North Town Socialist Headquarters, 303 Sedgwick St. Garland Hall, 5444 Westworth (30). Speaker: Manne. Subject: Trades Unionism in Relation to Socialism.

41st and State (6). Speaker: Nicholson. 100th and Ewing (8). Speaker: Koop. California and North (15). Speaker: Henry. Halsted and Maxwell (19). Speaker: Whalen. Clark and Ohio (21). Speaker: Morris. 48th and Lake (25). Speaker: Hennrich.

35th and State (3). Speaker: Hennrich. 25th and Cottage Grove (6). Speaker: Elmhorn. Chicago ave. and Clark st. (21). Speaker: Hennrich. Orchard and North Ave. (23). Speaker: Bartlett. 50th and Halsted (31). Speaker: Hennrich. 40th and Madison (34). Speaker: Whalen.

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OFFICE OF THE COOK CO. SECRETARY

The next regular session of the County Central Committee will take place on Sunday, October 11, 2:30 p. m. sharp. Delegates must bring along their membership cards, which must contain a stamp for the month of September. Communications of any kind should be in this office at least twenty-four hours prior to the opening of session.

The following branches have not as yet elected County Central Committees and should do so at once: 4th, 8th and 8th Polish; 10th and 11th German; 19th and 11th Bohemian; 12 Bohemian; No. 1, 10th, and 22d West End; 20th, 27th No. 1, 30th, 32d, Karl Marx Club, Grossdale. The basis of representation is as follows: (Section IV County Constitution) one delegate for the first fifteen (15) members or fraction and one (1) additional delegate for all additional members above fifteen (15) up to the number of twenty-five (25), and one additional delegate for every additional thirty (30) members or major fraction thereof. In plain words, all branches of the Cook County are hereby requested to send without delay the membership cards of all their respective members to this office so that all members may receive the new card.

The old cards will be canceled and returned to their owners. Read above constitutional section carefully and remember that the cards of all new members will be written out hereafter only by the County Secretary, who will add the seal. Every branch should also be in possession of a charter. They will be free to Branches now organized. To Branches that will organize hereafter the small charge of ten (10) cents will be made. Applications for membership should be sent to this office without delay. Cold weather is coming. Branches and Clubs should prepare for indoor meetings. Get your halls ready for the propagation of Socialism!

Some branches that have pledged a certain amount toward the payment of headquarters rent have failed to pay up during September. Branches and individuals alike should not fail to send in their dues. It is the obligation in the shape of assistance for the maintenance of the party's headquarters. Contributions for rent of headquarters since October last were as follows: Sixth ward branch, \$1.99.

A mass-meeting of the members of Cook County will take place on Sunday, October 25, 1903 (hall not yet secured) for the purpose of a discussion on party tactics on such other matter as may properly come before said mass-meeting. All members in good standing are expected to voice their views. They should be there to a man. All should participate in the discussions.

Here is an opportunity for all to air their views and exchange opinions. THEO. MEYER, Secy.

THINGS ARE BOOMING IN THE THIRTEENTH WARD.

Things are booming in the Thirteenth Ward. Last Friday night a gang of hoodlums tried to break up an open-air meeting at California and Van Buren street. The disturbers began first by abusing the speaker then making threats and finally a half dozen of them volunteered to "get a rope" for Comrade Leffingwell to wear as a sort of necktie, but they changed their minds.

This demonstration attracted an immense crowd and when the meeting finally adjourned Comrade Leffingwell promised that the Socialists would be on hand again next Sunday. Every Socialist in the Thirteenth Ward should be on hand at this meeting tomorrow to preserve order.

Tonight the Socialist Educational Club will give a social at their hall at 1137 West Van Buren street, near California. Everyone invited. Free.

Comrade Conklin is selling a good reliable seven-jewel movement in a 4-ounce dust-proof screw case at \$3. Regular price \$5. Hundreds of other watches for you just as good.

The series of lectures to be given at Headquarters by Comrade Untermyer will begin promptly at 8 p. m. Saturday, October 10, and each succeeding Saturday until the course of twelve lectures has been delivered. Don't miss these lectures.

Comrade Slayton of New Castle, Pa., orders one thousand Prisoners, Paupers, Prostitutes and Parasites. This is a four-page leaflet-chuck full of facts and figures, and every soap-box orator should possess one, 3c each, 50c per 100, \$2.75 per 1,000.

If you were to bump into this office you would certainly come to the conclusion that there is something doing. We are preparing to make a fierce onslaught upon the stronghold of the enemy. Comrades, get a twist on you and let's all boost at once.

Don't forget Comrade Untermyer will give a series of twelve lectures on the different phases of Socialism, commencing next Saturday evening, October 10, at 8 p. m., 181 Washington st. The admission is free and every one who is in any way interested in the study of economics, should not miss a single one of these lectures.

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The Rank and File

Comrade Kuckenbaker cops five yearly subs. Send for our new party buttons, you need them. Comrade Blake, of Evanston, lands four yearly subs.

Have your club or branch buy a bundle per week. Bring your unsold festival tickets in and settle up. Send for our price list of books, leaflets and buttons.

Look through our book offer and secure a premium. How many subscribers have you secured this week? Go out and dig us up an advertisement. That helps.

Send for our price list of books, pamphlets and buttons. The best thing that ever happened was the fall festival. The new Hagerty leaflet will bear a picture of the author.

If you need good books drop us a line and we will do the rest. Send for our price list of pamphlets, books, papers and party buttons. Comrade Anderson, of the Fourteenth Ward, made a touch for eight yearly subs.

The Hagerty leaflet will be a peach, you had better supply yourself with a bunch. You will do well to order a thousand of our Hagerty leaflets, four pages with photo, \$2.75. Get in line and help boost this paper. Make your neighbors read it. "It will do 'em good."

We are in a position to take your subscription for any Socialist publication in this country. Comrade Weapey of Goodman, Mo., sends in for a bundle of Pauper leaflets. He says it's a scorcher.

The Temple comrades are preparing for an elegant entertainment. See their ad. in another column. These comrades and organizations who are indebted to this paper will please dig up the coin and send it in as we need it.

Comrade Berg, en, secretary of Local Rockford, sends for a supply of buttons and says things are running very finely in his locality. Comrade Sherrill of Idaho sends us an order for a big bundle of leaflets. He says they are hot on the trail of the enemy out in his state.

Comrade Untermyer will begin his series of Educational Lectures Saturday evening, October 10, instead of the 11th as announced last week. The Elgin comrades say the Silverleaf quartette that sang for them at the Hanford meeting is the warmest proposition that ever came down the pike.

We have two very interesting leaflets by Ben Hanford on Patriotism and Socialism, and the other, Hanford's reply to Havemeyer. Price 5c each. Send for them. We had 462 expirations and 662 new subscribers for September. A gain of 202. We must make a better showing than this for October. Get in line and do your part.

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Socialist Sunday School Lessons

THE BEGINNINGS OF THE WAGE SYSTEM. Lesson 14. What constitutes a wage laborer? Is it merely the fact that he belongs to the propertyless class, that is the class that has no part in the possession of the instrument of production, or is it the amount of income he receives that is the test of his being a wage earner?

The wage earner is distinguished from all other classes by the function he has to perform in society. He is the producer of wealth. His function in society is to produce the goods. Labor is today a commodity; that like any other commodity is bought and sold in the market. The laborer sells himself and as Marx says, "that by factions."

The history of the evolution of the slave into the wage earner is the history of the successive steps the subject class has taken toward something of personal freedom. Unconsciously for the most part the slave passed from slavery to serfdom, forced on by economic conditions. He himself showed little intelligent effort to change his condition. Likewise the serf displayed but a slight self interest to aid economic forces in bringing about a change to the wage system. It is the wage earning class alone that has manifested an enlightened class interest. It is this class alone that has consciously said "We will understand economic forces and working along in the line of social development will not fail through ignorance to reap the benefit that comes to us through industrial changes."

The first requisite in order to grasp fully the situation is a complete study historically of the origin and growth of the wage earning class. Suggestions--In all places where schools have been organized much attention should be given by the teachers to the methods of teaching as well as to the subject matter presented to the classes. For this purpose meetings of the teachers should be held where the work can be discussed. Reading along the line of the "new education" should be taken up systematically by the teachers. Letters descriptive of the work of the different Socialist Sunday schools will be of great assistance. May Wood Simons.

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THE GAMBLING QUESTION

Unsolvable by Reform; Socialism Only Remedy. I read an editorial in last Sunday's Chicago American, warning me to shun gambling, which, from a reformist's standpoint, was a very able one, and, well intended. While it is true that gambling is a greater evil than drink and is ruinous to one's character, it is also true that it is an effect caused by the economical conditions of society.

When the opportunity is removed for men to grasp each other by the throat for property; when everyone is guaranteed a plentiful supply for all his needs (providing he performs his share of work); when no one can consume who will not produce (except those who being physically or mentally unable are cared for by society); then, and then only, will the cause be removed and gambling be impossible. This reason alone, if there were no others, should move everyone who dislikes or preaches against gambling to join the socialist movement. For Socialism, and Socialism only, will revolutionize society and bring about justice to every man.

No reform can be worth an effort for they deal only with effects, leaving the causes untouched. No use to inflate a balloon with gas and expect it to refrain from ascending. Might as well tell the dust not to get wet when it rains, or ask water to run up-stream, as to entreat men not to gamble while the very commercial systems of the world, with their stock, grain, provision, cotton, coffee and produce exchanges including every necessary commodity, is operated on a speculative (gambling) basis.

Before studying the political, economic conditions of society, I was prompted by a sense of duty to preach reform. In fact I have had several years' experience in reform movements which taught me the futility of such action. I DO want gambling prohibited and I DO want to be freed from the worry and reality of poverty, but I know from experience 'tis a waste of time and a display of ignorance to agitate reform.

Therefore I wish to say to all who hope to improve the characters of men: "What little effort you are able to make, make it effectively. Don't waste time beating the air. Vote and work for Socialism and your hopes will surely be realized." WARREN L. PRICE.

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OBJECT LESSONS.

By Warren L. Price. Did you ever stop to think why some clergymen denounce Socialism? Under Socialism there will be less need for the preaching of morality and more possibility of practicing it. Now, this is the very thing they profess to be working for, and as they have truly told us: "By their fruits we shall know them," it is obvious that by embracing Socialism they will demonstrate their sincerity, while by antagonizing or rejecting it they will expose their selfishness, greed and hypocrisy.

Comrades of Springfield have been supplied with an elegant object lesson for Socialist propaganda. Mayor Deveraux, State's Attorney Shute and Sheriff Brainerd, it is claimed, are subject to indictment for selling protection to gamblers. Go after the voters, comrades, and tell them that if they do not want bootlegging they must vote the socialist ticket, for it is the only insurance against bootlegging.

One of the latest suggestions set afoot by a capitalistic Sociologist is that war with Germany can only be averted by increasing our navy until it is stronger than theirs. So long as there is private ownership of property and Capitalists are running the governments, just so long will the workings of such countries run the risk of being forced to spill each other's blood to satisfy the greed of these parasites. Let the dread of war be an inspiration to workers of all countries to speedily unite in the Socialist movement, which will abolish all armies and navies and insure safety to every inhabitant of the globe.

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. In the chain of humanity there are some strong links but many weak ones, consequently the whole human race is weak. But Socialism is strengthening the weak links and will