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COLORADO SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DESPOTISM.

Moyer Must Stay in Bull Pen.

Capitalist Courts True to Their Class, and Constitution and Habeas Corpus Rights Count for Nothing—Union Men Still Being Deported from Telluride.

Denver, Colo., April 25.—The state Supreme Court today denied the motion for the release on bail of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, pending a decision on the habeas corpus proceedings in his behalf.

The opinion of the question of admitting Moyer to bail was delivered by Justice Steele. It is in part: "In the case at the bar the respondent, General Bell, declares that he detains the petitioner as a military necessity and that he has been commanded by the governor not to surrender the petitioner, either on a writ of habeas corpus or otherwise."

GREAT QUESTION INVOLVED.

"If the liberty of the petitioner alone were involved we should probably resolve the doubt in his favor, admit him to bail and determine the question of jurisdiction afterward, but the head of the executive department of the state has stated in the return to the writ that in his solemn judgment peace and tranquillity cannot be speedily restored to the vicinity of San Miguel unless the petitioner remains in the custody of the military authorities."

"Therefore, the matter involved affects not only the liberty of the petitioner, but the peace of the people of San Miguel, and, incidentally, the tranquillity of the people of the entire state."

"To admit the petitioner to bail before we have determined the main question would, it seems to us, be invading the legitimate province of the executive department, and that we are restrained from doing by the fundamental law."

DEPORTATIONS STILL UNDER WAY.

Ouray, Colo., April 25.—Deportations still continue from Telluride, the latest to join the army of exiles in Ouray being Baptiste Mungando and Gus Sartori, miners. Mungando has a family in Telluride. No reason was given by General Bell for their deportations beyond "military necessity."

Mrs. Mary A. Mahoney, formerly a nurse in the miners' hospital at Telluride, is in exile at Montrose. She left Telluride some time ago and when she started to return was met at the county line by the military and told she could not go to Telluride. She had filed suit against San Miguel county and the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Company for \$10,000 damages.

JUDGE STEVENS' ORDER STAYED.

The Supreme Court also granted the application of Arjunant Bell and Captain Bulkeley Welles for a writ of supersedeas to stay the execution of the judgment of District Judge Theron Stevens of Ouray, declaring Bell and Welles in contempt of court and fining them each \$500 for failing to produce the person of Moyer in court in answer to the writ of habeas corpus issued by Judge Stevens.

WHOLESALE ARREST OF STRIKERS.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 25.—A wholesale capture of striking miners in Carbon county is reported in special dispatches from Price, Utah. Sheriff Wilcox and forty deputies, armed with rifles, marched upon the camp of the strikers in the canyon, took them by surprise and arrested 120 Italians. The charge against them is resisting an officer. The men were loaded into box cars and taken to the jail at Price.

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The campaign committee met last Tuesday night. There was a very small attendance. The committee adjourned to meet again Tuesday, May 10. It is desired that every member of the campaign committee will be present at the meeting Tuesday, May 10, to wind up the business of the spring campaign.

THE MESSAGE OF SOCIALISM.

(Dedicated to the National Convention of the Socialist Party, May 1, 1904.)

Yea, slaves! Awaken from your slumber! The earth is reddened with your blood.

Yea, hear the fierce and mighty thunder. That calls your burdens to unload!

Oh, slaves! Yea, hear the voice of ages! The message sent to you by toil:

Cease work for master's pay, for wages— Take back your own, take back your soil.

Go! Tell thy shoemate! Tell thy neighbor! We workers must work as a class To get the products of our labor. To save our children from distress.

We will abolish exploitation And end the struggle fierce for bread. No more shall workers fear starvation. No more shall we a master dread.

Proclaim! We need no meditation. With masters holding us in sway: We hate their beggary "salvation." We care not for their "fairer play."

We'll take our own and be yet fairer Than master ever was before; He'll work with us as equal sharer. He'll get his product—and no more.

Yea, hear the fierce and mighty thunder. That calls all wage-slaves to mate And break the rusty chains asunder. And change the Law for Labor's right.

A. L. OGUS.

Table listing names and amounts for the National Convention Fund, including S. Abrams, J. J. Friedman, and others.

LIKE "PA."

If you vote the Democratic or Republican ticket because "pa" did, why don't you take your girl up behind you on a mule and carry her to church as "pa" did? Or why not wear homemade shoes and walk? And when they begin to rub your heels, sit down, pull 'em off; tie 'em together; throw them over your shoulder and take your girl's in your hand and continue your journey as "pa" did? If you are so terribly bent on imitating "pa," trade your horses and mules for oxen and load your sweetheart and her whole family onto the cart and attend church meeting ten miles away. Well, but you say that is out of date. Of course, and why not the ticket he voted be out of date?—Vanguard, Texas.

NATIONAL CONVENTION FUND.

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JUST A JOT OR TWO.

BY SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

April 1 there will convene a national nominating convention in Chicago, composed almost exclusively of workmen. To understand what this means, read The Chicago Socialist.

Governor Pingree failed in his cherished reforms because he antagonized the capitalist class of which he was a part. Governor Alged failed in almost every reform he proposed (see "Live Questions") because the capitalist class will not willingly permit its interests to be jeopardized by one who derives his strength from them.

Carter Harrison is now recognized by the Chicago Examiner as a traitor to municipal ownership. Many Socialists called attention to the fact that the capitalists would not permit the election of public officers hostile to their interests. The Socialists prove again true prophets, a vote for the little ballot and for a capitalist candidate is like a Catholic voting for Voltaire or an Ingersoll for Pope and expecting a world conquest by the Vicar of St. Peter. When you want real working class municipal ownership, vote for Socialism.

The Record-Herald tells us that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., assisted in extinguishing a fire in his barn, and was wet through. His wife looked anxiously on. How interesting to think fire actually burned against Johnnie's wishes and the water soaked his clothes. How impudent! The spray should have formed a rainbow over his sanctimonious head and the few should have apologized.

Now that the Northern Securities Company has been dissolved and due credit claimed by the Hearst papers, please, Mr. Bricklayer, Mechanic, Carpenter, Bookkeeper, etc., stick your hands into your pockets and see if your income, wage or salary has increased. You will then be able to estimate the value of a middle class reform, a la Hearst, to you and your class.

Washington, April 26: The eight-hour bill has been postponed until next December, and the friends of the bill express no hope of its passage. The American Federation, with its claimed membership of two million members, defeated in a petty reform measure, on the eve of a national campaign, indicates how little capitalist politicians fear "pure and simple unionists," workmen disunited at the ballot and ineffective at elections. United for Socialism, two million class conscious votes would make the national capitol tremble from base to dome, and a concession of an eight-hour day would appear like a scraped bone thrown to a ravenous dog.

Charles H. Moyer, President of the Western Federation of Miners, will remain in jail until the Supreme Court decides his petition for a writ of habeas corpus. Moyer is president of a labor organization, and great is labor, except on election day. If Moyer was president of a political (capitalist) ward club in Denver, a bribe taker, public sandbagger, champion of the red light district, ballot box stuffer and the possessor of a hundred such "honorable" distinctions, you can bet he would not go to jail. If he did, the Governor would pardon him. The law is no respecter of persons; that is, capitalist persons, gents with wads or pulls, corporation favorites, etc. But who controls the militia? The governor. Who creates judges? Ballots. Just ballots, and workmen deposit the majority of them. They give the power of the state to their enemies, and then bemoan their fate. Strike class consciously for Socialism at the polls and you will have no occasion to petition your enemies or supplicate your master. When you will it, you shall become the master and inherit the earth and the fullness thereof.

We greet you, comrades, from coast to coast, from field and factory. Within the walls of this city we grasp your hands and ask you to behold the greatest factory of the civilized world: the streets are but isles, the different buildings but departments of toil and energy. Behold the people—study their faces as they pass you by; see the anxiety, distress, weariness, the grin of a temporary triumph, defeat, hopelessness and despair, all pictured there and all the puppets racing madly on, some for profit, some economic security, some to save those near and dear, but most that rush by are in a race with death.

Our work rooms are dirty, streets filthy, our homes four landlord's houses are begrimed shacks or congested flats; boulevards—oh, yes, the isles of the well-to-do as far removed from the working class as St. Petersburg. Workers have no automobiles; they only make them.

A city of crime and footpads, of



AND HIS VOTE DID IT.

Prostrate in the mud; crushed under the weight of the final argument of the class they voted into power, the workmen of Colorado are being taught the bitter lesson which all workers must learn sooner or later.

The riot cartridge is the fit emblem, as it is the ultimate resort, of the criminal capitalist class. It matters not whether the soldiery in the present instance have acted "lawlessly," that is an empty word. If it is not "lawful" the class in power can easily make it so. Capitalist law, root and stem, branch and flower, is a crime against the working class.

The power to make, interpret and administer the law, that is, the power to subject, suppress and crush labor was voted into the hands of the capitalist class by the workmen of Colorado when they voted the Republican and Democratic parties into power. In other words, the working class voters loaded the guns with riot cartridges, changed the voting booths into bull-pens and then gave gun and bull-pen to their enemy to use against the working class.

When the workmen of Colorado show their loyalty to their class on election day by voting for the Party of their class—the Socialist Party—bull-pens and riot cartridges will cease to be either lawless or lawful arguments. Until that good day, no matter what splendid heroism the workers show in strikes and lockouts, the bullets from the riot cartridges will continue to bear this message as it flies on its errand of death:

Martial law, riot cartridges, militia bayonets, bull pens and injunctions are the natural results of voting the capitalist class into power.—W. S. D.

corruption and avarice, where public office is a private graft; a city of almost weekly executions and daily murders; where public physicians prolong the lives of criminals for the pleasure of an execution and leave thousands of deserving and needy poor without medical aid to repopulate the jails, brothels and hangman's throne. Because you come amid such darkness, we doubly greet you, for where there is darkness we must fraternize together, pushed on by necessity and electrified by the loftiest ideals that ever inspired and glorified the struggling of men for light, liberty and love.

Labor, we have often been told, is its own reward. On that theory the workmen receive the largest dividends, but it has no market value.

The early bird catches the worm. The bird comes forth at 9 and 10 a. m., the worm emerges at 4 and 7 a. m. Industrious worm and happy bird. The best system thinkable?

All you hard, patient, workmen, prepare now for your summer vacation; go to Europe of the World's Fair. You need attire.

\$3.00. CURNEY HATS. \$3.00.

Spring styles now in. Comrades should go to this store for their headware. 67 Madison street, northwest corner Dearborn. Union made.

THE RED FLAG. To the war of the strong and the battle of the growing We shall reap the heavy grain that our fathers died a-sowing; Fling the Red Flag wide o'er the bamboo and the fir, For the breasts of Freedom fed us, we must give account to her; We were born with tears of mothers, We were raised with blood of brothers, And God may judge the others, but we are fighting out the war.

TO FREEDOM. Upward, upward press the people to that pure exalted plane, Where no throne shall cast a shadow and no slave shall wear a chain; They have trampled on the faggot, broken crucifix and wheel, Banished block and thong and hemlock and the headman's bloody steel; Forced the Churchhold to surrender stake and scourge and bolt and bar, Torn the keys from off her girdle, thrown the gates of Truth ajar; They have forced the titled tyrants human rights to recognize, And with the lance of knowledge they have slain a legion lies; They are lighting fires of freedom on a million altar stones, With the torches they have kindled at the blaze of burning thrones; And this light shall sweep and circle to the very ends of earth, Touching with immortal beauty every heart and every hearth, Kindling every human being underneath the silent skies And transfiguring our planet to a perfect paradise As we higher march and higher, on into this light serene, Every man shall be a kaiser, every woman be a queen.

GILT BUTTONS. The gilt party buttons are winners. Handsomely enameled in three colors, they are a thing of beauty and a joy forever. The gold-plated button sells for 25 cents and we are giving them as a premium on every club of six sent in. To locals or individuals everywhere we will send this button by the dozen, postpaid, for \$2.25. We also have the rolled gold button which sells for 50 cents, postpaid. The solid gold button will last for ever; sells for \$1.25 postpaid. Order now. The man who depends on his preacher to read the Bible for him, and the man who depends upon the politician to think for him are in the same category, the former will be eternally damned and the latter damned eternally.—Vanguard, Texas.

OUR STRIKE.

The Ballot is the Weapon—Class-Consciousness the Force.

The voter is the greatest factor in the factory.

Captains of industry means captains of industrial slaves.

The man who knows when he's a fool is wise enough.

Just now the voters are getting a great deal of political lard.

Capitalism means security for the dollar at the expense of the worker.

After years of voting for eagles and roosters men are beginning to vote for themselves.

The first of May finds the working class raising their wages by looking for cheaper quarters.

Capitalism gives you a divided interest in yourself, Socialism means an undivided interest in the earth.

Those who give capitalists credit for having brains usually claim all the brains when they get next to the scheme.

Hearst may be helping the trade unions by appointing the would-be officers as presidents of ward clubs.

The failure to express yourself with the Socialist party gives the capitalists the right to the freight.

Those who try to make hay on the political field will find that the elephant and the donkey stand for the hay.

Sunday morning will find the Chicago comrades appealing to the working class with the Daily Appeal to Reason.

Abolition of private profit is the issue for the working class till goods are made for use and not for sale.

Wouldn't trade union "brothers" who belong to the militia give you an incentive to shoot the shoots?

Colorado may boast of her health resorts, but capitalism can now point to her for its last resort.

There seems to be an elegant opportunity for science to demonstrate that the brains of the working class are harder than their muscles.

E. H. L.

Whereas, at the State Convention of the Socialist Party held at Peoria, Ill., April 17th, it was unanimously voted to send report of the program committee to referendum vote, and

Whereas, any influence exerted in favor of either majority or minority report, by officials of the party, would be dangerous to the welfare of the movement, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Cook County Central Committee demand that the tour of the State Organizer be discontinued until said vote has been taken, and that the State Secretary be forbidden by the State Committee to use his official position to influence said referendum vote, and be it further

Resolved, that this resolution be submitted to the State Committee and published in the Chicago Socialist on the front page, in one-eighth inch type, in the first issue following date of adoption by the C. C. C.

Submitted by the 28th Ward Branch, S. P. Chas. B. Ehnert, Sec'y. H. Hanson, Chairman.

April 24th, 1904. Adopted by the Cook County Central Committee, Sunday, April 24th, 1904. Harold Lundgren, Sec'y.

CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION.

A Fine Baby Boy to Give for Adoption—Dr. Wood, 121 La Salle street. For Adoption—A baby girl, infant, 805 West Monroe street.

—Daily News, April 18.

They tell us Socialism would break up the home. Capitalism is not preserving it, as we all well know, and the above are only samples of the hundreds of ways by which families are broken up under this system of millionaires and paupers.

TO OUR CARD AGENTS.

To all who have cards and have not yet settled for them, we make this special offer: Send \$1.50 to pay on cards, and by return mail we will send one of our beautiful gilt buttons or pins enameled in three colors. This offer is good whether you have sent in cards already or not—simply remit \$1.50 in settlement of cards and button will be mailed. This offer holds good until July 1, and will also apply on all cards settled for cash in advance.

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THE ILLINOIS STATE SOCIALIST TICKET.

Governor—John Collins, Chicago. Lieutenant Governor—A. R. Brower, Elgin. State Treasurer—A. S. Tibbits, of Rockford.

DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The following are the delegates to national convention from the state of Illinois: A. M. Simons, John Collins, Jas. H. Brower, E. Untermyer, S. Steadman, Sam Block, William Dalton, Jas. S. Smith, B. Berlin, Thos. J. Morgan, E. E. Carr, M. H. Taft, Chas. L. Brecken, Theo. Meyer, John Pheasant, A. W. Mance, D. M. Smith, D. McEachern and H. P. Newman are tied for last place.

The action of a Chicago judge in following a precedent established in New York, viz., releasing men charged with crime providing they will join the navy, shows how desperate the effort is to get fighting machines.

The School Trustees have decided to send Superintendent Cooley to Europe to investigate trade schools. Socialism is often denounced and charged with being a foreignism and not adapted to free America.

The Alabama law was recently put into effect in Chicago. Justice Dooley fined a union picket of the Brass Workers' Union \$5 for "loitering" in the vicinity of a place where a strike was on.

Teddy evidently belongs to a pretty good union, which is quite lavish with its funds. One should judge so, at least, by being given \$90,000 or \$100,000 for a barn.

In New York City official stenographers are to report all public speaking. This is a good thing. If they will cover the Socialist meetings and will have the speeches printed in the daily papers, showing what dangerous people we are, it will hurry on the end of capitalism.

Representative Williams, of Illinois, in a recent speech at Washington, stated that we must have foreign markets for our overproduction; that with modern machinery we could produce

too much. Mr. Williams' theory is correct under the present system. Think what a beautiful one it is. We produce too much and yet we are starving and freezing. Socialism would turn things around just the other way.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The Chicago Socialist, on behalf of the Socialists of Chicago, extends to the visiting delegates from all parts of the country a hearty welcome.

It is in accord with the eternal fitness of things that the party which stands for the abolition of capitalism and the wage system should hold its convention in the city where capitalism has reached its highest perfection.

Here in Chicago, as nowhere else on the earth, can capitalism in all its power and all it has achieved in its wonderful and almost incomprehensible system of industrial organization and its productive powers be studied side by side with all the hideousness of the fruits of the competitive system, ripened and fast going to seed.

The historic mission of the capitalist class in organizing the industrial proletarians in vast armies of wealth producers appears to be almost accomplished, and the opportunity for the class-conscious proletarians to take their rightful place as the ruling class to be near at hand.

The herculean task and the grave responsibility which rest with the delegates who will constitute the National Socialist convention of 1904 it would be hard to overestimate. But, great as we realize are the responsibilities resting upon the Chicago convention, we have no doubt that conditions and experience have developed within the ranks of the proletarians men capable of performing the responsible work thrust upon them.

So to our comrades from North, South, East and West the Socialists of Chicago extend the hand of comradeship and bid you all speed in your work of outlining the wisest plan to be pursued by those who would free themselves from the system under which the more they create—the more their labor produces—the less they have and the more dependent they become.

MAY DAY RUMBLINGS.

As May day approaches the labor world is filled with rumors of strikes and lockouts, giving evidence of the never-ending class struggle that is continually being waged between the class who exploit and the class which is exploited.

Despite the efforts of the Civic Federation and other well-meaning mediators who have endeavored to convince capitalists and laborers that their interests are one, the classes have during the past year been lining up for the inevitable struggle.

The Manufacturers' Association has been perfecting its defensive and offensive organization and prepared to fight the demands of organized labor with a united front. In this they are supported by all the powers of government which the workers have so foolishly voted into their possession.

And not only the powers of government, with all that implies, but all the surplus products of labor upon which life depends, are also in their possession. Thus the bosses have every advantage in this struggle on the economic field. The capitalists may be inconvenienced and lose some money for the moment, but when it is all over they can recuperate themselves. While on the other hand, the workers, which have nothing but labor power to sell, must suffer; and not only the able-bodied men, but the women and children who are depending upon them.

At this time the Socialists take the opportunity of pointing out to the workers the absurdity of voting the political power into the hands of the representatives of the capitalist class, to be used against them every time the struggle becomes acute.

During this year the workers will have an opportunity to vote into their own control the governing powers of the States and nation.

Will they avail themselves of this opportunity, or will they once more, by their pitiable stupidity, leave themselves at the mercy of the insatiable greed of their masters? This is the only paramount issue for the working class.

To bring this issue before the workers so they will thoroughly understand it is the mission of the Socialist party at the present time.

BLEEDING HEARTS.

That wheezing old invalid of capitalist journalism, the Chicago Chronicle, in a recent editorial, calls the Chicago Socialist to task for the "Bleeding Heart" cartoon, and after considerable frothing at the mouth finally concludes that a heart when properly butchered, does not hurt much after all. Well, granny, we have long suspected as much. Leathery old hearts like yours that remain inert while the heart of the miser in Colorado, the heart of the negro in the Southern plantation, and the heart of the child in the Southern cotton mill are being butchered by capitalist anarchists, are quite incapable of any sensation whatever unless it were one of ghastly glee when they hear the clink of the dirty dollars dropped into their depleted coffers from the hand of

some banker "sporting" capitalist and traction crook.

We must admit, however, that you have one redeeming quality—extreme modesty; for you assure us that the "matter is of no consequence." That is hardly correct. Certainly your microscopic circulation, made up for the most part of a small and rapidly diminishing clientele of antediluvian mossbacks, who belong to the stone age of human development, hardly entitles you to notice. Still, there are many Socialists who aver that your foolish editorials are very useful to them in propaganda work, causing even the stupid little business man of the middle classes to smile when read to him. In fact, we find you so useful as a chopping block that a number of comrades have proposed taking subscriptions for you, believing that if your circulation could only be built up so that it would be within speaking distance of the great Chicago dailies your usefulness to us would be greatly enhanced.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

BY OBSERVER.

1. What is the difference between a parasite and a Parryite? There isn't any.

2. Before the political job-hunting labor fakirs proceed to canonize the late Mr. Hanna they had better wait long enough for the working class to forget his brutal acts toward them. I wonder if Angel Mark has the \$ on his wings! A portrait of St. Mark II. would look well in the office of the Chicago Chronicle.

3. One of the national banks in Chicago has just issued a notice to the effect that no employee shall get married so long as his salary remains less than \$1,000 per year, without the knowledge and consent of the bank's officers. This ruling is a gem of its kind—and we are not living in Russia, either. Perhaps the Chicago Chronicle can elucidate this charming idea by the searchlight of his great intellect. Nil.

4. Look around you and among the working class of your immediate acquaintance, and you will see hundreds who are sober, industrious, who love their wives and children dearly. And yet, in spite of their utmost efforts, the wives of these men are but slaves of slaves; and, under capitalism, will remain so.

5. Unless all signs fail, the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers are going to have a fight to a finish before long. Although there exists the annual "scare," yet twice this year has the union been obliged to accept reductions, amounting to 18 per cent for tin plate workers. Enormous stocks are being piled up as a means by which to starve the workers into submission later on. Perhaps the pure and simpler will learn the value of his political power by and bye. John D. Standard Oil has got virtual control of the United States Steel and is going to introduce the same "benevolent" methods as those that made the Standard Oil Co. infamous.

6. And so they want Andrew Carnegie to accept the chairmanship of the Civic Federation. Our Andy—the great philanthropist, star-spangled wage reducer and champion union hater. Well! Well! What strange bed fellows politicians and labor fakirs do choose!

7. In the Russian-Japanese war we again behold the shameful spectacle of the working class doing each other to death to serve the brutally selfish interests of the capitalist class of the world. Dr. Johnson said, "Patriotism is the last resort of a scoundrel!" And every war proves it. As to which of these nations shall be the victor is, to the working class, a matter of no consequence whatever. No war will ever end wage slavery; on the contrary, they only tend to intensify it. We observe that some side with Russia on the grounds that she is a "Christian" nation. Perhaps! As a matter of fact, Russia is a nation of drunkards and is cursed with a political corruption that is appalling; and these two facts go far to explain her want of success in this war so far. As for her "Christianity," if her horrid crimes are evidences of her Christianity, then the paganism of Japan is preferable.

8. An unknown Chinese writer says, speaking of our western civilization: "Among you, no one is contented, no one has leisure to live, so intent are all on increasing the means of living." Irony of ironies, it is the nations of Christendom that have come to teach us by fire and sword that right in this world is powerless unless it is supported by might! Oh, no doubt that we shall learn the lesson! And woe to Europe when we have acquired it! You are aiming a nation of four hundred millions—a nation which, until you came, had no better wish than to live at peace with themselves and all the world. In the name of Christ you have sounded the call to arms! In the name of Confucius, we respond!

9. One of the most absurd and useless things a Socialist can do is to pervert himself or his organization to be drawn into a religious controversy; accordingly, I submit the following

without comment, except a few words by way of introduction.

Backed by the dogma of "Papal infallibility," the great head of the Roman Catholic Church has seen fit to pronounce against Socialists and Socialism. And that pronouncement dictates the policy of the Catholic Church as to Socialism. I shall not attempt to dispute the quality of judgment here shown. I merely submit the following quotations that carry with them their own comment:

"Some interesting and striking analogies between early Christianity and modern Socialism are pointed out by J. Novicow, the Russian student of social and economic questions, in La Revue (Paris). I quote as follows: 'The gospel of Socialism, like that of Christianity, is delivered by the very outcasts of society. * * * The movement is from low to high. * * * Christians and Socialists are punished for the same reasons—for not having rendered homage to established authorities and for proclaiming what they consider the truth. * * * The Romans told the early Christians they were persecuted not because they believed in Jesus, but because, from the political point of view, they were dangerous to the state and enemies of the human race. * * * You are aiming to destroy modern civilization. * * * The philosophers and savants of antiquity had no trouble in disproving the logic of the Christian doctrine. * * * As to Socialism, economists and sociologists have no difficulty in proving that its fundamental theories are without the support of logic, science or good sense. * * * The social question will not be settled by the suppression of capital—an impossible thing—but by the suppression of the proletariat.'" Note—No Socialist ever proposed the "suppression of capital." The suppression of the proletariat is equally impossible.

A writer in the Contemporary Review (London), who signs himself "Voxes Catholice," in an article headed "The Demand for a Reformed Theology," says: "As in the case of Jeanne d'Arc, this heroine was treated as a heretic by the grand inquisitor of France. She was tried with all the usual formalities and solemnities. A tribunal of sixteen competent theologians inquired carefully into her guilt, and found it established without doubt. She was burned at the stake May 31, 1431. * * * The framework that supported the stake proclaimed in writing that she was a liar, a dealer of God, a blasphemer, an invoker of the devil, an apostate, a heretic. * * * Now the Church has begun to declare the Maid of Orleans a saint. * * * True, before her intercession could be invoked she must be proved to have wrought at least two miracles. This, however, will be easy enough to show, for, in the sentence of death pronounced against her, one of the most damning crimes laid to her charge was precisely that of working miracles, only the theologians of that age, whose claims to be considered experts were immeasurably superior to those of latter-day theologians to decide on the laws of historic criticism, found that she performed those prodigies through the instrumentality, not of God, but of Bellal, Satan and other evil spirits. Hence, all that will now be needed is to announce that theology, when surveying its own special preserves, mistook God for the devil."

10. The Japanese are considered workmen of the first order, affable, polite and intelligent. They have quickly assimilated Western methods. It is to their superior intelligence that Japan has been enabled in thirty years to completely perfect its industrialism.

The Japanese workingman knows no Sunday and has no religion, having no interest in any religions; he is a rationalist, which explains the failure of all missionary work in Japan.

The idea of association has already developed among the workmen into a form of mutualism expressed in banking, insurance in case of sickness, etc. Having studied from the bottom and with particular attention the Japanese proletarian situation, we believe the Japanese workingman will have to undergo a critical experience, similar to that which the English workingman underwent at the beginning of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when the introduction of machinery revolutionized industry and caught the workmen unorganized and incapable of obtaining their share of this new wealth.

Socialism, however, has taken root in the Mikado's empire, and although its introduction is of but recent date, yet his doctrine of emancipation has made rapid progress. Karl Marx's "Capital" has been translated and its principles expounded, and the Japanese faculty of assimilation and his quick intelligence lead us to hope that, whatever may be the issue of the war, Socialism in the extreme East will have a new contingent of recruits who will have to be reckoned with.

And then will disappear this fear of the perplexed economists and financiers now hanging over the West—"The Yellow Peril."

In a harmoniously organized society there is neither race peril nor problem. Socialism does away with all that by erasing all frontiers and bringing men together—all men, animated by solidarity.—Translated by P. P. Ayer for the Chicago Socialist.

Capitalism wages war on the workers while they war over the wages.

TRADE UNIONISM AND SOCIALISM

BY GEO. D. HERRON.

The following is a portion of an article written by Comrade Herron and published in the April number of the International Socialist Review. Every reader of The Chicago Socialist wishes to keep well informed on the questions that are of great interest to Socialists in America should secure a copy of the Review for April at once.

It is the Socialist who must explain, both to the public and to the trade unions, the real significance of trade unionism and its development. The more far-seeing capitalists are being no time in giving their own interpretation of trade union development to organized labor, while Mr. Parry and his organization, as well as like organizations, are internationally concerting for its extermination. But the shrewd Mr. Hanna, and the more comprehensive type of capitalist mind, have sought the direction of trade unionism; while political adventurers of the type of Mr. Hearst and Mr. Roosevelt—the latter being much the more far-seeing of the two—will accept the trade union for personal political ends. But it is Mr. Hanna's idea, and the highly organized capitalist interests, that will succeed. They represent the necessity of capitalist adaptation. They know better, or will learn better, than to undertake the destruction of the trade union; and they are not interested in mere political adventure. They are only interested in seizing upon and adapting themselves to inevitable social developments in order to use them for continued capitalist exploitation. They are prepared to use the trade union exactly as they use the various national governments or the Roman Catholic Church. I have already said that Mr. Hanna and Mr. Gompers had more influence with organized labor than Mr. Debs. And through Mr. Hanna and Mr. Gompers, as well as through the good Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Morgan or Mr. Rockefeller can become the directive force in trade union development. Thus we have not only the danger, but already the beginnings of an alliance between combinations of capital and some of the more highly organized trades for the sharing of the profits to public exploitation.

Now the only man who can meet or possibly match the capitalist in educating and directing trade unionism is the Socialist. He alone knows what trade unionism means; knows its relation to the industrial development of the past and of the future. Only the Socialist can point out the benefits and the dangers of trade unionism to the worker.

On the one side it is the trade unionist who is on the firing line of the class struggle. He it is who has blocked the wheels of the capitalist machine; he it is who has prevented the unchecked development of capitalist increase; he it is who has prevented the whole labor of the world from being kept forever at the point of mere hunger wages; he it is who has taught the workers of the world the lesson of solidarity, and delivered them from that wretched and unthinking competition with each other which kept them at the mercy of capitalism; he it is who has prepared the way for the cooperative commonwealth. On the other hand, trade unionism is by no means the solution of the worker's problem, nor is it the goal of the labor-struggle. It is merely a capitalist line of defense within the capitalist system. Its existence and its struggles are necessitated only by the existence and predatory nature of capitalism.

It is the Socialist who should point out the ethics of the sympathetic strike, and especially of the almost desperate opposition of organized to unorganized labor, when the latter would supplant the former in the jobs that are vacated during the strike. The organized worker is really fighting the battles of the unorganized. His instinct is truer in this respect than the intelligence of either worker or capitalist. The unorganized worker who takes the job of the trade union striker does not see that he is committing economic as well as moral suicide. The primal thing upon which the continuous development of capitalism depends is that of having a large army of unorganized and defenseless workers to throw into competition with labor that is organized and defensive. The whole pressure of capitalism is toward forcing the average of workers to the level of the lowest-paid and worst-conditioned worker. The unorganized worker who takes his fellow-worker's job is capitalism's best ally in the perpetual degradation of the whole labor-body. He enforces and re-enforces the tendency of the working world to descend to the level of its lowest-paid and lowest-conditioned; while the striking and organized worker is struggling to lift up the unorganized and defenseless labor; lift up the common labor to the level of labor's best conditioned. The striker is struggling not only for himself and his fellow-striker, but for the very economic and moral life of the "scab" whom capitalism uses to defeat the striker. Organized labor has an instinct that far outreaches its intelligence, and that far outreaches the intelligence of the preaching and teaching class—the instinct that the workers of the world are bound up together in one common destiny; that their battle for the future is one; and that there is no possible safety or extrica-

tion for any worker unless all the workers of the world are extricated and saved from capitalism together. The familiar assertion of the right of the individual worker to take his striking fellow-workers' piece, to work when and where he pleases, is founded upon a frightfully destructive and unthinking falsehood. The position is essentially immoral and is indeed an unappreciated form of race suicide. And it is for the Socialist to point out both the economics and the ethics of the strike, to the capitalist as well as to the labor mind.

Labor will enter politics, in one fashion or another, in spite of the capitalism represented by Mr. Hanna or Mr. Gompers. If the Socialist movement does not command the attention and support of the organized workers of the nation, then we must expect a national independent labor movement that shall become the mere field of political exploitation. It is upon this that Mr. Hearst has his eye, and probably Mr. Roosevelt as well, to say nothing of Mr. Bryan; and in the end, capitalism will ask nothing better. For the independent labor party will be the gain of ambitious and discredited politicians, the negotiator of compromises with capitalism, and the bearer of disappointment, disaster and darkness, unless the Socialist movement should be the directing soul of that party.

We have reached that point where there is no possible solution of the problem of labor save in the common labor of the world taking over to itself its whole product, as well as all productive resources and machinery. A system which is the organization of a fundamental lie and injustice cannot be so reformed or improved or conditioned as to make the lie and injustice tolerable or secure. The public ownership of the postoffice, of the railways or of public utilities, under the capitalist order and government of things, will only serve to perpetuate the wrong and wretchedness of the system. Public ownership under capitalism is merely an extension of capitalist ownership. The United States postal service, for instance, is administered primarily for the profit of the railway corporations, and less and less for the service of the people. We cannot have Socialistic reforms or conditions without having the whole of Socialism. Until the workers shall become a clearly defined Socialist movement, standing for and moving toward the unqualified co-operative commonwealth, while at the same time understanding and procuring their immediate interests, they will only play into the hands of their exploiters, and be led by their betrayers.

It is the Socialist who must point this out in the right way. He is not to do this by seeking to commit trade union bodies to the principles of Socialism—Resolution or commitments of this sort accomplish very little good. Nor is he to do it by taking a servile attitude toward organized labor nor by meddling with the details or the machinery of the trade unions. Not by trying to commit Socialism to trade unionism, nor trade unionism to Socialism, will the Socialist end be accomplished. It is better to leave the trade unions to do their distinctive work, as the workers' defense against the encroachments of capitalism, as the economic development of the worker against the economic development of the capitalist, giving unqualified support and sympathy to the struggles of the organized worker to sustain himself in his economic sphere. But let the Socialist also build up the character and harmony and strength of the Socialist movement as a political force, that it shall command the respect and confidence of the worker, irrespective of his trade or his union obligations. It is urgent that we so keep in mind the difference between the two developments that neither shall cripple the other. The Socialist movement, as a political development of the workers for their economic emancipation, is one thing; the trade union development, as an economic defense of the workers within the capitalist system, is another thing. Let us not interfere with the internal affairs of the trade unions, or seek to have them become distinctively political bodies in themselves, any more than we would seek to make a distinctive political body in itself of a church or a public school or a lawyer's office. But let us attend to the harmonious and commanding development of the Socialist political movement as the channel and power by which labor is to come to its emancipation and its commonwealth. At the same time let us give every economic and moral assistance to every labor struggle or strike; not make these an opportunity for propaganda or party exploitation, but as Socialists helping the workers to the one end of victory in the strike or struggle. In this sense, the Socialist party must know how to use itself in order to find itself.

Under all circumstances Socialism will have to accomplish its mission through co-operation with the experience of the working class; through the daily needs and facts, the struggles and recurring crises, that are developing labor's solidarity. Political empowered labor will make blunders, without doubt; it will be tyrannical at times, and often misled; but this is a result of the varied forms of

slavery in which it has been trained. The workers of the world must have experience in freedom before they can learn the processes by which freedom is to bring forth its world-harmony. Besides, they who produce what the world lives upon have a right to achieve their emancipation for themselves in their own way; and we who live upon their labor must be content to work with that way. It is better that they should make their way to freedom through blunder on blunder, than that some unreal freedom should be handed down to them. We must therefore make sure, when we as Socialists come to the working class, that we come as the servants of its own struggle for emancipation; and make doubly sure that we do not come seeking to use its struggles for the accomplishment of ambitious ends of our own.

WORK IN THE STATE

On the 3d of April Comrade Collins closed his tour by a strong speech at Kankakee, where the local comrades arranged a meeting for him. From Kankakee our State Organizer went to Danville, where arrangements were made for him by the County Committee to cover a number of towns in Vermilion County. The towns visited were Fairmount, Georgetown, Catlin and Danville. At each place very good meetings were held and a good deal of enthusiasm shown. A little activity and steady work on the part of the County Central Committee will make Vermilion County a Socialist stronghold. On the 8th Comrade Collins went to Paris, in Edgar County, for a stay of two days. Two meetings were held here, and as a result a number of applications for membership were received by the local comrades. Leaving Paris, our State Organizer arrived at Pana on Sunday, April 10. Here the comrades have allowed their local to drift for itself until but a few took active part in the work. After a thorough canvass of the town by a few of the comrades enough pledges were received to warrant a reorganization, with good hopes for an effective local. At Springfield no preparations were made to arrange a meeting for Comrade Collins, due to a misunderstanding as to exact time of his arrival. On the 14th he arrived at Havana, where a number of Socialists undertook to organize themselves. Immediately after this, they set themselves to organize a couple of good meetings to further strengthen the organization. For this arrangements were made with the State Secretary to have Comrade Collins visit them. A very good meeting was held on the first day, but because Comrade Collins announced that on the next night he would take up the questions affecting the workmen, all the professional and business men who attended the previous meeting stayed away, thus demonstrating the class division in our society.

On the 16th, the day before the State convention, arrangements were made with the Peoria comrades to utilize the services of Comrade Collins for a meeting. The weather being mild and the streets full of workmen, it was decided to hold a street meeting. This proved a complete success and the large crowd cheered over and over again the telling points made by the many speakers arriving that evening from all over the State as delegates to the State convention. After the convention Comrade Collins left Peoria for Fulton County, where a number of very good meetings were held. Here is a letter from the County Secretary:

Canton, Ill., April 22, 1904.
Mr. Jas. S. Smith:
Dear Comrade—Last night we held a street meeting, the result of which was very satisfactory. On account of the weather being so cold, the audience was small, but was very attentive. Comrade Collins explained the principles of Socialism, very simply, with all points in his speech brought out forcibly. On account of his throat, last night was the first speech since Monday night. This has been the best week for Socialism in Canton. Collection last night was \$1.35, which was given to Comrade Collins.

With best wishes, I am fraternally yours,
S. P. BAKER,
460 S. Ave. A.

After three days of work in this county Comrade Collins returned home on the 23d to attend the marriage of his daughter, Miss Maimme, to Comrade D. H. Grant, which took place on Thursday, April 27.

A special meeting is being arranged at Joliet by the comrades to have Comrade Collins speak for the members of the local machinists' union. Being elected a delegate to the national convention from Illinois, he will remain home during the week of the convention and will begin his next tour at Chicago Heights on Saturday, May 7, where the comrades are arranging for a series of open air meetings, of which this will be the first one.

SPECIAL.

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How about rent, interest and profit interfering with your individual liberty?

SOME "IMMEDIATE DEMANDS" TO WHICH ALL MAY SUBSCRIBE.

BY S. WOODMAN.

The national convention, to be held here this coming week, will undoubtedly be for Socialism in this country an important event.

The extent to which this movement in the near future may be made formidable to the capitalist parties which now control all legislation, and strong enough to attract and hold the labor vote of the country—for labor is at last beginning dimly to realize that its economic independence can only be achieved on the political field—all this depends on the action of those to whose hands at the present time are committed the interests of our cause.

The question, then, naturally arises, What shall we do to accomplish this result? What steps shall we take to render ourselves formidable in the eyes of the enemy—our common enemy, capitalism—and to inspire in the mind of organized labor that confidence in our movement and in those who are guiding it, which shall lead it as a unit to rally round our standard?

"What shall we do?" Unite, consolidate, close up the ranks; form ourselves into a solid phalanx; absolutely refuse to allow divisions, dissensions, estrangements to find a place among us. The most pressing "immediate demand" is UNITY! Without it nothing can be accomplished; we are simply wasting time, causing the foe against which we are pitted to laugh in his sleeve. "United we stand, divided we fall" is an old and trite saying, but it is as true as truth itself. Which, then, will we elect to do? Will we stand or fall?

Matters will be brought forward for consideration in the approaching convention which will be likely to call forth much heated discussion, and only a rigid determination on the part of those who are to participate in it to yield a cheerful compliance with the wishes of a constitutional majority, no matter how that majority may decide, can insure the strength and stability of our movement.

There is a little cloud on the Socialist horizon—at present no bigger than a man's hand, but which may possibly, ere long, overspread the whole heavens and bring ruin and disaster upon the cause we love, and it is in our power—in the power of those who are to take part in the deliberations of this convention—to disperse that cloud or allow it to overwhelm us.

This "little cloud" is a question of party tactics.

Many of us, who have "borne the burden and heat of the day," as well as others who have but quite recently espoused our cause, take the position that society is an organism, and like all organisms, a thing of growth; that as humanity gradually emerged from barbarism to feudalism, and from feudalism into our present industrial system, this too must pass away and give place to the higher social order which we denominate the co-operative commonwealth. It is argued that the leaven of Socialism has always been working in society, from its first inception and must eventually permeate the whole mass, consequently we should lend a hand to every movement which has for its object the betterment of social conditions, the removal or amelioration of the most oppressive evils, and without losing sight for a moment of the ultimate goal, move steadily onward, step by step, until that goal be attained.

There are others among us who condemn this policy, who can see no good in it. These claim that every upward movement which society has made has been made by one class at the expense of another class; that the working, the producing class, under all governments and in every industrial system of which history takes note, has been perpetually exploited for the benefit of the non-producers, and that this state of things will continue until, by a gigantic and international revolution, the working class emancipates

22D WARD LITERATURE AFFAIR.

Persons holding tickets corresponding to the following numbers can get the premiums mentioned in front of number by addressing Wm. Pordick, 102 Reese street, or A. W. Manco, 181 Washington street.

NOTICE—THIRTEENTH WARD.

Hereafter the Thirteenth Ward branch meets every Tuesday evening at 523 South Western avenue, D. H. Kellogg, Secretary.

itself and absolutely eliminates every other factor of the social organism. Hence they have no patience with platforms and programs, with specific demands for this, that and the other measure tending to minimize or ameliorate the evils from which society suffers. "What we have to do," say they, "is to raze the social structure to its foundation. After that we have time enough to decide on the plans of the building which is to replace it. We will not pour new wine into old bottles; we will not try to set patches of new cloth into an old moth-eaten garment. We will not waste time and energy by lopping off the more offensive branches of the capitalist tree; we will lay the axe of economic justice into the roots of that tree and, after root and branch have been utterly destroyed, we will plant the new, young, life-giving tree of Socialism."

Now, in every convention, municipal, state or national, which the Socialist party will henceforth hold, in every platform which it is attempted to formulate; in every set of resolutions proposed for adoption; in the nomination of candidates for any and every kind of office, this division of sentiment is bound to make itself manifest, and if we are not very careful it will eventually disrupt our ranks and save capitalism the trouble of shooting, hanging or expatriating us. We cannot afford, at this time, to quarrel among ourselves; we cannot afford to play into the hands of the enemy and jeopardize our movement, which means the salvation of the working class, by dwelling upon these differences and emphasizing and exaggerating their importance. The all-important thing now is to make a concerted and united onslaught on the forces of capitalism as represented by the Republican and Democratic parties. There is an "immediate demand" for unity of action, even if unity of sentiment be impossible.

Another "immediate demand" is for something definite. However some of us may feel in regard to the utility of platforms, programs and demands, it must be conceded that "glittering generalities" will neither create dismay in the mind of capitalism nor inspire confidence in the soul of organized labor. The average intellect is not favorable to abstract theories; it demands the concrete, the tangible, the definite. To the tolling millions, almost submerged in the sea of capitalism, the Socialist party must not throw out "ropes of sand"; it must not essay to feed the hungry on "apples of Sodom," nor point the weary traveler for rest to a mirage. No! On political grounds, if on no other, we must make our position so plain and clear, our aims so definite that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein.

Finally, another "immediate demand" is for international fellowship and co-operation.

Socialism is a world movement; its objects are identical in all lands. The toilers of the world are bound together by bonds more indissoluble than those which unite the members of any secret order, from Masonry down. Every wage slave who recognizes the essential fact that he is a wage slave knows that every other wage slave, whatever his nationality, race or color, is his brother; knows, too, that an injury of whatever nature and by whomsoever perpetrated, to that brother is a menace to him. This world, in all its history, has never before known a solidarity like that which the labor movement, even to-day, has become, and still this movement is as yet only in its infancy.

And Socialism, which is not merely linked with the labor movement, but is the labor movement, its animating principle, its soul, demands an international organization in every respect commensurate with its nature and its purposes. Some steps in this direction have already been taken, but has all been done that can be done? Is it not possible to still further strengthen the ties which bind us to our comrades afar off, and could not our convention profitably employ a few hours at least in devising ways and means for the accomplishment of this end?

PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS.

The "Unemployed" and the "Trusts and the Working-Class" are the titles of two of the best pieces of Socialist Literature ever published in this country. Put up in leaflet form, clear, concise, and dealing with conditions directly confronting the working-class, they constitute the best material that can be placed in the hands of the non-socialist workers. Every branch and individual Socialist should be supplied with them. They are published by the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and can be had for the small sum of \$1.25 per thousand. Purchasers must pay express charges. Order from HAROLD LINDGREN, Cook County Sec'y S. P.

An American editor in Porto Rico, one who told the truth about the American occupation of the island, having been arrested sixty-two times, was obliged to give up—Free Society.

COMRADES, ATTENTION

A mass meeting of the comrades of Local Cook County was called on March 31 to devise ways and means to wipe out the indebtedness and to raise a fund for the use of the paper to deal strictly on a cash basis and to have funds to properly advertise this paper.

It was resolved to call for pledges to raise funds at once, and if possible to raise a standing fund of \$1,000.

A number of comrades pledged themselves to pay a certain sum for eight weeks, and the amount so pledged was \$198. The sum of \$82.51 was realized at once. The pledges and cash-payments and donations up to and including Wednesday, April 19, were acknowledged in last week's Socialist. Since then the following pledges have been sent in:

Table listing names and pledge amounts: Emil Jensen \$1.00, H. Ehrenpreis 1.00, J. J. Riordan 25, A. Ague 25, Dr. Osborn 25, A. Rasmussen 25, M. Christensen 25, C. Bender 25. Total pledges up to and including April 26: \$584.

The following donations and payments have been made: Previously reported \$100.57, J. W. Hance, on pledge 2.00, J. Falk, on pledge 3.00, O. Seoda, on pledge 1.00, J. T. Burke, on pledge 1.00, J. Simpson 1.00, J. Hatzek, on pledge 75, L. Lavigne, on pledge 2.00, A. Le Mendeloin, donation 2.00, P. Bolthouse, on pledge 1.00, A. Hugel, on pledge 50, D. D. Slagle, on pledge 25, C. Aird, on pledge 1.00, M. Mide, on pledge 25, Emil Jensen, on pledge 25, C. W. Freyer, on pledge 2.00, Ehrenpreis, on pledge 50, J. Hanson 1.00, M. Kaplan, on pledge 1.25, A. Haerack, on pledge 50, R. Oze, on pledge 1.00, M. H. Taft, on pledge 50, C. Kessler, Kansas City, donation 25, J. J. Riordan, on pledge 50, W. H. Spears, on pledge 2.00, W. Ogyn, on pledge 1.00, A. Ous, on pledge 25, V. Verde, on pledge 1.00, Fred Bloom, donation 1.75, P. C. Lorenz, on pledge 25, Gus Freeburg, on pledge 25, Edw. Anderson, on pledge 25, P. Horslev, on pledge 25, Dr. Osborn, on pledge 1.00, P. Johnson, on pledge 50, L. Rivet, on pledge 25, C. Lawrence, donation 25, M. Christensen, on pledge 25, L. Marjen, on pledge 25, H. P. Neuman, on pledge 50, J. C. Alderson, on pledge 50, J. Falk, on pledge 75, C. Bender, on pledge 25, J. Aird, on pledge 1.00, D. S. Slagle, on pledge 25, M. Mide, on pledge 25, J. Levy, on pledge 50, Arnold Rasmussen, on pledge 25.

Total to April 27, \$193.82. Will those comrades who are in arrears kindly come in and settle up, as next week, owing to moving and other things, we will need quite a little money.

Donations and pledges will be received by the undersigned and acknowledged weekly until the amount is made up. Comrades everywhere, will you kindly help?

F. W. KNOCHE, Business Manager.

FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

The national headquarters of the Socialist party has been removed from Omaha and established at Room 300, Boylston Building, 289 Dearborn street, Chicago. All communications for the National Secretary should be addressed accordingly, and all remittances made payable to William Mailly, National Secretary.

The meeting of the National Convention will necessarily require the attention of the force in the national office, and the National Secretary therefore requests that correspondents take this into account and have patience if their letters do not receive immediate attention. The removal of headquarters just preceding the National Convention places the national office force at a temporary disadvantage, but the normal condition of affairs will be restored as soon as possible.

The police of Portland, Ore., are interfering with the right of Socialists to hold street meetings, but the local comrades are determined to resist this usurpation of authority and will continue their agitation, notwithstanding.

Reports to the national headquarters are to the effect that a large and representative gathering will be in attendance at the National Convention, which opens in Chicago May 1. The National Secretary is arranging to have the official report of the Secretary of the convention issued to the Socialist press as soon as the convention closes.

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Party Announcements.

The County Central Committee meets the second Sunday of each month, 2 to 6 p. m. Officers: Secretary—Harold Lindgren, Treasurer—J. C. Alderson, Sergeant-at-Arms—And. Laifu.

Branches are requested to send in list of street corners for which they wish to secure permits for open air meetings.

Will the comrades who have signed their names on the pledge list for half cent please come in and pay up to the business manager, so that we can keep the hall in good shape.

The 23d Ward, No. 2, German, meets every Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock at 148 Willow st.

Leaflets: Every comrade and ward branch, take notice: The article published in Chicago Socialist, Feb. 27, entitled, "The Unemployed," by A. M. Stone, has been published in leaflet form and is now on sale at the office. The article, written by E. Chagman for the C. C. C., entitled "Trusts and the Working Class" has also been printed in leaflet form. These are 4-paged leaflets, printed on extra fine paper. Any person or branch can get either one of them at \$1.25 per thousand. Send in your order at once. Order from the undersigned, Harold Lindgren, County Secretary.

If all business is not finished at the first meeting of each session of the C. C. C. said meeting will stand adjourned to meet the following Monday or Tuesday until the business is finished, unless the C. C. C. shall otherwise decide.

All branches wanting Polish speakers should notify the County Secretary. All Polish speakers are not party members. So ordered by the C. C. C. Harold Lindgren, Secretary.

All communications referring to party matters should be addressed to the County Secretary, and must be in the hands of Secretary at least 24 hours before a meeting if they are to be read at said meeting. All communications referring to the paper should be addressed to the Editor or Business Manager.

All agitation meetings have been cancelled for next Sunday. May set on account of the cancelling of the union convention on that date. Also on account of the banquet which will be given for the delegates Sunday evening.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BRANCH SECRETARIES AND HALL COMMITTEES, TAKE NOTICE: If you want your agitation meetings and notices in the Chicago Socialist a notice, stating when and where such meeting is to be held, also who the speaker is, must be in the office of County Secretary by Monday. If speakers are to be supplied said notice must be in Saturday, a week in advance. HAROLD LINDGREN.

Twenty-sixth Ward Branch meets every 1st and 3d Sunday night, 7:30 p. m., at Social Turner Hall, Belmont and Paulina avenues.

The Twenty-fourth Ward Branch meets at Stern's Hall, Fullerton avenue and Ward street, every second and fourth Monday of the month. Meeting opens 8 p. m. sharp and closes 9 p. m. sharp, after which some book on parliamentary rules or on Socialism will be discussed. E. S. Knapp, Secretary.

HALL MEETINGS, THIRD WARD BRANCH: Every Saturday night we give a social and dance, serving light refreshments. All South Side comrades invited. Sunday night mass meetings, which all are invited to hear and ask questions. Wednesday eve regular business meeting, at which we take in new members and discuss standard works on Socialism.

25TH WARD: Sunday School at 11, physical culture lesson at 10:30. Comrades, send the children.

NORTH TOWN NOTES: Regular Sunday evening meeting at 8 p. m. Special to North Town Comrades: On Friday night, March 25, we will open a school of Socialism at 293 Sedgwick street, for the purpose of discussing Socialism and developing Socialist speakers. A competent instructor has been secured and the school will meet every Friday night at 8 p. m., commencing March 25. Those interested will please note this and make it known among the North Town comrades.

Notice: The hall in which Geo. D. Heron is to lecture, the 30th last, is limited to a seating capacity of 500. You should not delay in securing tickets, comrades, as they are selling fast.

OUTSIDE NOTES: Any Locals or Branches, where the Chicago Socialist circulates sufficient to make it of service to them may insert notices of meetings under this head. All notices to be in any issue must be at the office of the Chicago Socialist, 181 Washington street, not later than Tuesday of the week of issue.

Metropolis Socialist Local meets Tuesday night at Cochran Hall, C. Simon, Secretary.

Carl D. Thompson's Dates—Grand Rapids, April 19-20; Carlton, April 21; Brainerd, April 22 and 23; Akely, April 23 and 24; Foreston, April 25; Carmody, April 27 and 28; Hutchinson, April 29; Wayzata, April 30.

Geo. Kirkpatrick's Dates—Spring Valley, April 20; La Crescent, April 21; Mapleton, April 22 and 23; Wascora, April 23; Waterville, April 23; Dundas, April 26; Fairbairn, April 27; Farmington, April 28; Minneapolis, May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

LOCAL PHILADELPHIA COMRADES: County Convention of Local Philadelphia will be held at Labor Lyceum, 6th, above Brown entrance, on Randolph street, on Saturday eve, May 7th, 1904. All comrades are requested to attend same without fail. ALPHONSO C. BRICCI, Secretary.

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SOCIAL NOTES.

The Twenty-fifth Ward comrades held their monthly entertainment last Saturday night. Despite the bad weather a good sized audience gathered to enjoy the social features of the evening.

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There are quite a number of active women comrades in the Twenty-fifth Ward Branch; and one of their number, Comrade Mrs. Green, had been selected as chairman of the evening. One of the most encouraging signs of the times is the interest that women are taking in Socialism.

The Twenty-fifth Ward will, during the summer, give up their large headquarters and devote all their energies to the outdoor propagation during the warm weather.

The Socialist Pleasure Club, which has recently been organized, will hold a meeting at the Third ward headquarters, 3345 South State street, Saturday evening, May 7, at 8 p. m. After a short meeting of the club the regular monthly entertainment and dance given by the Third ward comrades will take place. All who are interested in having an evening of real pleasure should attend this meeting and get acquainted with one another from the different parts of the city. Come and bring your friends.

The Parsifal entertainment given by Geo. D. Heron and wife will be one of the great features of the national convention. The committee has secured Knibball Hall, corner of Jackson boulevard and Wabash avenue. As an indication of the widespread interest taken in this affair we cite that telegrams were received from California and Massachusetts reserving seats for delegations from those places. Admission and reserved seat tickets can be secured of E. W. Knuche, Chicago Socialist.

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Watch for further notice on this subject in future issues of the Chicago Socialist.

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