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THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

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

CHICAGO'S COLORADO PROTEST.

Meetings in Six Different Parts of the City Adopt the Following Resolution-- Protest at the Ballot Box--Wipe Peabodyism from the Continent--Vote the Socialist Ticket.

In response to the call of the Socialist party of Chicago, six largely attended meetings in different parts of the city, after listening to a recital of the facts connected with the infamous outrages perpetrated by the minions of capitalism, adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The union miners of Colorado are now engaged in the most desperate struggle ever entered upon by any section of the American working class, a struggle which originated in an effort of the miners to secure the enforcement of an eight-hour law which had been incorporated in the State constitution by an overwhelming majority of the electors of Colorado; and

Whereas, This struggle has, from the beginning, been conducted upon the side of the employers with the most barbarous ferocity and utter disregard of even that law and order instituted by and for the capitalist class, so that the military forces of the State have been hired out to the Citizens' Alliance, while the gambling dens and dance halls have been ransacked for desperate characters to do the damnable work of that organization; and

Whereas, For several months these thugs of the Citizens' Alliance have maintained a reign of terror, in which the homes of union men have been destroyed, their wives insulted, and the helpless workers shot, imprisoned without process of law, and exiled by hundreds from their homes; and

Whereas, There is every reason to believe that the dynamite explosion at Independence was but a part of this same desperate warfare on the part of the Citizens' Alliance, being designed to afford an excuse for further outrages upon the workers. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that the mine owners of Colorado, as well as members of the capitalist class in other localities, have previously resorted to similar measures, one of the Citizens' Alliance detectives having testified in a recent trial that he had been paid \$250.00 to wreck a train, and thereby throw discredit upon the miners, a crime for which as yet no attempt has been made to punish him, while all the facts so far attainable point to the mine owners as the instigators of the Independence explosion. First, they are the only ones who could gain or who have gained by such an occurrence; second, because the spot from which the explosion was discharged is several hundred feet inside a company dead line on ground where none but company employes are permitted to go; third, because blood-hounds placed upon the trail twice went directly to the home of a Citizens' Alliance detective, who, however, has not even been arrested; fourth, because the detailed description, telegraphed from the Citizens' Alliance headquarters, of the infernal machine which was blown to atoms in the explosion must have been dictated by some one who had seen that machine prior to its discharge; fifth, because all public officials who would have dared to investigate, or judges who would dare to condemn criminals employed by the Citizens' Alliance, were at once forced to resign, under threat of hanging or shooting, and their places filled with company employes; and

Whereas, Events since the explosion support this position, since it was at once made the occasion for wholesale shooting of peaceable miners, suppression of all freedom of speech, press and assembly, and destruction of miners' property, and the abolition of all semblance of legality, where the forms of law offered any protection to the persons or property of the men whose toil created the wealth of Colorado; and

Whereas, It is apparent from statements made by the officials of the National Employers' Alliance, that this Colorado campaign of murder and anarchy is but part of a national plan to crush all resistance by organized labor to capitalist oppression; and

Whereas, It is evident that so long as State and national officials are but tools of the capitalist class, such scenes as those now being enacted in Colorado will be duplicated whenever and wherever employers determine to crush all resistance on the part of workingmen; and

Whereas, Experience has shown that since both the Democratic and the Republican parties are pledged to the maintenance of class rule by the capitalist class,

Therefore, Be it resolved, That we extend to the suffering members of the Western Federation of Miners our sincere sympathy, and that we denounce the brutal barbarity of Governor Peabody, Adjutant General Bell, and the other tools of the Citizens' Alliance, and that we call upon the working class, not only in Colorado, but throughout the entire country, to express their disapproval of the Colorado outrages at the only point where it can be effective—the ballot box—by voting for the only party pledged to defend the interests of the working-class wherever it may be intrusted with power—the SOCIALIST PARTY.

THE ECONOMIC MOVEMENT.

We often have heard it stated, plainly and vigorously—more vigorously, indeed, than plainly—that the American workman will work out his salvation on trades union lines, that is to say, exclusively by the economic movement, so-called.

It is furthermore an undeniable though not very delectable fact that more than once, aye, more than a hundred times, we have met with rebuffs—rather stiff rebuffs, too—when we have tried to persuade our friends of the purely economic denunciation, that their scheme was a faulty one.

We were treated rather haughtily on such occasions.

Great and glorious achievements were pointed out to us as proof sufficient that we were all wrong, in fact, that we were really hurting the labor movement far more than helping it by all the time scaring the other fellow, or at least making him mad and in the same proportion untractable.

Now, as a matter of fact, we Socialists have never stood in the light of the trades union movement.

They may point accusingly to the sorry mess that Eastern professor and his retainers for a short while did make of our affairs. We can truthfully answer that it did not take us long to unhorse Mr. Professor, and that for a punishment—severe, but deserved—we have kind of shanghaied him with his followers, or at least isolated them in such a manner that their situation verily is a most desolate and forlorn one.

At the same time we can and once in a while do call attention to the fact that a great many Socialists have always been and are at present fighting in the very front ranks of the trades union movement. Men and women who smilingly do their duty and more than their duty, though often vilified and vituperated by their comrades-in-arms.

Under these circumstances it was somewhat provoking when our friend, Sam Gompers, in that great Boston speech of his, did not shrink from accusing us of attempts to destroy the trades unions.

He should have known better, and without any question he did know better.

He only would have had to recall the experience which his own organization, that of the cigarmakers, has had in years gone by.

There was a disagreement within the ranks. A large number of Socialists who were members of the union were of the opinion that men like Strasser and Gompers turned on the brakes too frequently and too tightly for any good use. In consequence they quit the organization.

But did they ever act as seabs, or traitors to their fellow-unionists? Not much. The Cigarmakers' Progressive Union was a pretty straight laced organization, and if any fault could be found with it—provided, this quality can be regarded in the nature of a fault—it must have been its strongly developed fighting propensities. Time went on, and the two wings of the Cigarmakers' Union have long since become reconciled. The breach was healed and Gompers knows as well as anybody and better than a great many people that within the ranks of the Cigarmakers' International Union there are to-day hundreds and thousands of Socialists, and that these form the very backbone of the organization.

So much for a wrongful insinuation which we will forgive the reader because it was uttered not without provocation, and most probably was meant as a momentary sting, not as a lasting brand of shame.

Having proved that we are with the economic movement, helping it along at every turn where it is possible to do so, furnishing part of the sinews of war and a greater part of the brains necessary to conduct it, we will now return to our old and ever to be repeated assertion that the economic movement alone won't work the way it is claimed for it.

We have witnessed the hard time the trades unions have had during

these last few years to wring from the employers, who rightfully should and must be styled exploiters, some small increase of wages in order to enable the working people to at least partly meet the general increase of prices they had to contend with. Every little "gain" thus made the vain-glorious leaders, prompted to some extent by business motives—pure and simple, heralded from one end of the country to the other, and crosswise, too, as mighty successes of the trades unions.

We did not say much at the time. We assisted in the fighting, we helped to bear the expense of the struggles, we knew the cost of them, and we also knew that great rejoicing was not justified by all the circumstances of the case.

We did not feel that it would be quite right to discourage the recruits of the movement by pointing out to them that even the greatest "victories" won during this series of battles in reality were but readjustments of former conditions. The trades unionists did not win anything, they simply succeeded in holding their old positions. The raise of wages "granted" them hardly made up for the raise in their living expenses.

At the same time we noticed what was going on in the enemy's camp. We looked on, we understood, and we smiled.

We saw them getting howling mad at the impudent rascals in the trades union movement who dared to demand things. We heard them argue very properly and very correctly—that this putting up of demands and all the more this once in a while enforcing a demand must be stopped, because—if it were allowed to go on then no one could say beforehand where and whether it would stop at all.

And they did not lose quite so much time debating and resolving and mauling each other as, unfortunately, we working people are apt to lose under similar circumstances.

The Employers' Associations, the Citizens' Alliances, the Manufacturers' Protective Societies, sprang into existence like so many mushrooms, only they were far more dangerous than mushrooms can possibly be, and of more solid texture also.

We are now witnessing the lines of attack followed by our adversaries. Ours, we say, for they are fighting the trades unions, but they mean Socialism.

The trades unions, weakened by their former struggles, weakened still more by the fear caused among their multitudes of unseasoned recruits by the persistent rumors of "bad times" spread out so assiduously by press organs, either criminally allied with the exploiters, or foolishly assisting in sheer ignorance, are thrown out of one of their poorly fortified positions after another.

Their economic movement is being put out of gear.

We have warned them in time. They did not listen. Now they will have to accept the teaching of a less kind preceptor.

They are gathering experience under difficulties. They learn that they are not being regarded as in possession of their full rights as citizens.

They have never made proper use of these rights. They have been camp-followers of "the old parties."

The "old parties" are not catering just now for the "laboring vote."

They know that for a little while the present system will yet carry them. They propose to make the most of it while it lasts.

They know better than do the workingmen themselves that in very few years party lines will be drawn in very different manner from now.

The "ruling party" may then select the Peabody route to travel on. Oppression and subjugation will be its motto.

It will have smooth sailing if the working people do not soon gain full possession of their faculties and learn to play the game of politics as it must be played by them in this, our glorious country, if the glory is to last much longer.

can be produced in superabundance, and when the working class make up their minds that they want Socialism there will soon be an end of involuntary poverty and misery.

Reader, if you are in favor of putting an end to such scenes and incidents as the one described above, study Socialism, join the party of your class and help to put an end to this nightmare of competitive misery.

Everybody and his girl will want to see the marriage of our comrade at the sixth annual picnic. Are you guessing?

JUST A JOT OR TWO.

BY SEYMOUR STEEDMAN.

The Socialists fight for the attainment of the immediate aims for the enforcement of the momentary interests of the working class; but in the movement of the present, they also represent and take care of the future of the movement.

They never cease, for a single instant, to instill into the working class the clearest possible recognition of the hostile antagonism between bourgeoisie (capitalist) and proletarian (workingman). CARL MARX.

A state of slavery is a state of war; in its deepest tranquility, it is but a truce. HORACE MANN.

A great many changes in school-books have been ordered for next season. The trust is held up, and by discarding the old books the parents of school children can add to trust dividends, and to the waste of capitalism.

Fifty thousand garment workers ate on a strike in New York City. Did you ever hear of capitalist striking? If there are no classes, why is it capitalists never go on a strike? They own the wealth and means of production, labor has only its power of production to sell; when we have Socialism, the working class will employ itself, and we will have Socialism when the working class strikes at the ballot box.

The Iroquois fire horror is almost forgotten, so the theater owners now propose to radically change the stringent regulations passed by the Council after the fire. Thus profits and expenses are balanced against life and safety, with a chance of winning as long as this dance of capitalism and death continues.

The Sicom burned, destroying a thousand lives. A fire-proof boat, with adequate life preservers, costs more than a cheap hull—the cheaper the boat the greater the profits, and government inspection, ever responsive to the wish of stock and bond holders, will not see the necessity of saving life. Socialism is visionary, because it hollows life, demands its security, and would make property subservient to a complete and happy life.

Says Gov. La Follette: "Every member of the committee has been approached." They are used to that. Bob—it comes natural. Why didn't you raise the ante?

Millionaire Lawson says: "During one national campaign five million was necessary," and it came forthwith. That dough was to furnish hot air, bands and other dope to catch votes. The average voter is bought and sold by one capitalist party or the other, through newspapers, torch lights, lying statistics, the ghosts of some statesmen and bombastic rhetoric. When workmen think they will vote for their class and cease selling themselves to the party with the barrel, only to be exploited with interest by the political investors.

The Republican convention was "a magnificent sea of upturned faces," but scanning the list of delegates, not a mechanic, garment worker, brick-layer, carpenter, cigarmaker, clerk, stenographer, stone mason, or other member of the working class was to be found. In the United States, where the working class are in the great majority, not one of them had character enough or brains enough or was good enough to be a delegate to the national convention of the party they place in power. A queer and stupid set, who, without a representative, think their interest is protected and is the same as the millionaires who dominated this circus.

Modern tyrants are not quite up to date, and too esthetic! They refuse old men work and turn them out to starve or commit suicide. Caligula, the Roman Caesar, threw the useless old into the arena for the sport of wild beasts or burned them. This death was not as lingering as under present conditions and they never went insane from worry; true, their death was painful, but short. Our masters still have much to learn amid this era of industrial prosperity.

Did you get a subscriber this week? That is the least you could do.

The Denver Republican says: "They (the union men) are not to be thought of for a moment. Shall the men who own this State and have made it, rule it and govern it, or shall they be ruled and governed?" The property class propose to rule, and through the Democracy and Republicanism will rule—only the Socialist party places life and liberty above property, and propose that all the people shall rule through the destruction of all classes by the collective ownership of the means of

wealth production; take your stand for property or mankind, then vote your conviction.

A Chicago newspaper announces the news from Cripple Creek that when Sherman M. Bell returns from Denver, arrangements will be made for the deportation of one hundred prisoners against whom no criminal charges were made. There is nothing like living in a free country where men can be deported "against whom no criminal charges are made." When capitalists, to subserve their interests, wish to deport, bull-pen or murder, they will do it without any hesitancy. Just to keep the riff-raff voter or the property-less workingman, for the State is for the protection of the capitalists' interests and will so remain until the working class vote for a different system.

"President Charles H. Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, is held in close confinement and is not permitted to see visitors." If he was the president of a street car company or a railroad, or even an ordinary murderer, his lawyers and his friends would call on him and sympathetic women would vie with each other in presenting bouquets. It is when you denounce the rights of the mine-owners to do as they please that society is shocked, and without trial or hearing, "bull pen" and "keep in close confinement" a representative of the working class, a degradation and humiliation to those he represents, and shows the little respect or consideration in which the capitalist class regard them.

After the station had been blown up at Cripple Creek, the Citizens' Alliance did not start to find the perpetrators of the crime. They commenced immediately to destroy the co-operative stores which were owned by mine workers. Citizens objected to the miners' stores because they eliminated profit and sold to union miners at cost, and that which interferes with the profits of these chinch-bug parasites was foremost in the minds of these anarchists, who forgot about the men who had been killed through the infernal machine, and straightway showed their class instinct and desire to preserve their petty system by destroying the stores which threatened their profit accumulating careers.

"Telluride, Colo., June 24.—Harry A. Floatin, a merchant here, was deported two weeks ago by the militia. He returned home and departed again today, after being waited on by a committee of five citizens, who warned him that his life here would be in peril if he remained here." He was engaged in running a co-operative store. This store was run for the benefit of the miners. It was cutting the heart out of the profit-seeking shop keepers and the thing to do was to get rid of Floatin, so they warned him out of town. You will note that "citizens warned him," that is, union men, workmen and co-operative storekeepers are not citizens. The citizen is the man who has the militia on his side and property and the protection of the State—right or wrong? Those who are not citizens must be dogs or workmen who can be bull-penned or deported to suit the trade conditions of the corner store keeper and mine owner.

ABSENT MINDED WORKER.

Did it ever occur to you that the workmen are very absent-minded? No other possible supposition will explain their acceptance of their status in society. Everybody knows that no person whose mind is present would do all the work and only get the bones, and then after years of experience just smile foolishly and go and do it again. The man who invents a plan for restoring them to their rightful owners will deserve the everlasting gratitude of the working class. What a howling lot of old imbeciles they are, to be sure! They skulk around factories, mines, railroad yards and a thousand other places where they think they can find a good, kind man who will give them work. He will—maybe. He will if it is profitable. If it isn't profitable to him they may starve—and often do—as far as he is concerned. And this man is the owner of what these workmen or others like them have made! Now what do you think of that? A bunch of these absent-minded philanthropists build a factory, equip it, dig the coal to make the steam to make the machines go, and then generously turn it all over to the "owner." Then they, or some others whose minds are equally absent, approach this king they have made, bow down before him and ask for a job!

"Are you willing to produce \$50 worth of stuff for every \$10 I give you?" he asks. "Yes, sir, certainly, sir," writhingly and gratefully says he of the absent mind. "You see how it is, my man" (capitalists always say

"my man"—they're used to speaking so of their mules, you know), says this kind benefactor, "I build this factory, equip it, supply the coal, and thus enable you to live. For this all I ask is your loyal devotion to my interest. God in his infinite wisdom has given it into my hands to manage this property in your interest, and I am doing it. Remember, \$40 is all I get out of the \$50 you produce. With this I have to pay taxes, insurance, repairs, lawyers' fees, preachers' salaries, campaign expenses, and if anything remains, eke out a poor living from it. Myself and family were expecting to tour Europe this summer, but we cannot afford it. I might reduce your wages to \$9, but I do not wish to deprive you of any of the luxuries of life. We all like a little luxury" (his salary as worker of the absent minded is \$10,000 a year, not to mention his dividend after the lawyers' fees, campaign expenses and pen rent are deducted). "So I will say \$10 a week for you. With this, by careful management, you can defray all the necessary expenses of your family and put by a snug little sum each week in my friend Squeezemitt's savings bank. Mr. S. is a good man and will take good care of your money for you. One condition, though, I must state before engaging your services, and that is that you must continue to be absent-minded. I want no men in my factory who think. Let me and your priest and your newspaper editor do your thinking for you and then you'll get along splendidly. Be contented with that state in life in which you were placed by Divine Providence, and be conservative in your ideas, my man—above all, be conservative."

Fourth of July is a great day for befuddling the youth. It works two ways. First, it is a false patriotism; second, it gets him used to powder.

Real independence will come only when the shackles of industrial slavery are torn asunder. The Socialist party stands on that platform. Vote for it.

CURNEY'S HATS, \$2.00 AND \$3.00.

Straw hats, all styles, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$3. Comrades should go to this store. Caps, 25c, 45c, 65c and 75c. 97 Madison street, northwest corner Dearborn street.

FRUITS OF CAPITALISM.

Woman Kills Herself and Three Children—Husband Driven Insane from Seeing Family Suffer—Will Socialism Break Up the Home?

Last Monday morning the daily papers all had flaring headlines over a news item which told the story of the awful struggle of the working man out of a job and the sufferings of his family through his inability to find employment.

The story of John Kolodzik is a common enough one in every city in the country to-day. It was like this: "Up to last November he had been employed at the Deering harvester works, but for some months he had been out of employment. He had a wife and three children depending on his labor for the bare necessities of life. Week after week he searched for work and found none. On every hand he saw abundance of the good things of life. He saw splendid factories equipped with machinery and power, where labor could produce more of the necessities of life, but he could not get access to them without the consent of some private individual or association of individuals who owned them, and this consent was refused.

Night after night he returned home empty handed. He saw his wife and children hungry and facing starvation and eviction. This scene so worried him that he went insane and he was sent to the asylum at Kankakee. Thus ends the reading of the first chapter.

SECOND CHAPTER.

One month later his wife and his three children found themselves about to be evicted from the place they called home. The fruits of the capitalist system—production for profit—were good and ripe. Hungry, without clothes, about to be thrown on the streets, in a fit of desperation and despair his wife Anna Kolodzik washed her children, dressed them in the few clean rags she had, tucked them in bed, closed the doors and turned on the gas. The next morning the neighbors

found the dead bodies of the wife and three children smothered—murdered by the capitalist system.

One of the reporters of a capitalist newspaper in writing a description of the incident related above describes it in part as follows:

BABY SMILES IN DEATH.

"The children were bonny little fellows. The eldest was Bruno, a handsome lad of 9; Herman was 7 and the baby, little Walter, was 3. There was a smile on the baby's lips as he went to sleep. It was still there yesterday morning when he was found dead. His pretty golden curls were not disheveled, for a painless death came soon after he was tucked in bed.

"There were indications that the two older children had awakened and tried to struggle to their feet. The body of the mother was found on the floor, near the bedroom door. The police think she may have regretted her action, arisen and made an effort to turn off the deadly fumes. But she was too late. Death met her on the way. The two eldest boys occupied one bed, while the mother and the baby slept in the other."

Now, Mr. Workingman, you who have a job, we want to ask you what assurance have you, under this system, where you are absolutely at the mercy of the man who owns the opportunity to work, that you and your family may not soon be in a similar condition. Hundreds of thousands of men are being thrown out of employment. In their endeavor to find other work they will be forced to tramp from one city to another; their homes will be broken up, and untold misery be the lot of them and their families.

On the same day that this news item appeared on the front page of the Chicago Chronicle, you might have read on the editorial page a long essay vilifying and misrepresenting what Socialists are teaching, and above all that the avowed object of Socialists is to "break up the home."

Speaking of breaking up the home, that is just what the capitalist system is doing at the present time so rapidly that even the capitalists themselves are fearing "race suicide." When the news columns of our daily papers are filled with such sickening pictures as the one above referred to what encouragement is a young man

and woman, who are thinking of making a home, presented with, who are dependent upon the opportunity to work to be able to decently raise a family.

The actual fact of the matter on this point is, that the modern Socialists are the only organized body of men and women in the country who are intelligently and earnestly endeavoring to bring about conditions where it will be possible for working people to have homes worthy of the name. Fuel, food, clothes, shelter, education and clean, healthy entertainment are the essentials of life. At the present time they



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COLORADO PROTEST MEETINGS.

During the past week there has been held in different portions of Chicago several meetings for the purpose of "protesting" against the outrages perpetrated against the miners in Colorado.

These meetings were called and held under the direction of the Socialist party campaign committee. At each of these meetings resolutions were passed denouncing the infamous, inhuman and brutal actions of the hired assassins who are doing the bidding of the mine owners.

The answer to this question depends very largely, if not entirely, upon how far these protests and resolutions are followed up by intelligent, concerted action at the polls this fall.

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Protest by all means, but make your protest where it will be effective. This can only be done by voting the Socialist party ticket.

WHAT "MOTHER" JONES SAID.

"Mother" Jones addressed an audience of about 500 at Schoenbofen's Hall, Ashland and Milwaukee avenues, last Sunday afternoon, at the Colorado protest meeting held under party auspices. She dwelt upon facts within her personal experience and observation while engaged in the miners' struggle last winter.

General Peabody says peace now reigns in Colorado. Ditto Siberia.

THE BOOK.

I think it was Carlyle who said that the real miracle workers in this world had been books, and while Socialists are agreed that history and even our books are the reflection of the economic conditions of a people of any given period, they nevertheless realize as well, if not better than any others, the vast possibilities for good or evil to our cause that a popular work on sociology and economics may have.

The last work of this character that has come to this office is Comrade Mills' new book, entitled "The Struggle for Existence," which was reviewed in our book column last week by Comrade Untermyer.

We have carefully read the book, and it has given us the keenest pleasure to find that it puts the whole philosophy upon which Socialism is based, in so readable a style that any one with an ordinary education can read it with pleasure and delight, without an interpreter.

In the text we have the best thought and logical deductions of the author's long course of study and investigation on these different subjects.

In fact "The Struggle for Existence" is more of a Socialist library in a condensed form than a single book. All with whom we have spoken about it, after having read the work, agree that it will fill a long-felt want in our American Socialist literature.

We often receive letters asking us what are the best books for one who wishes to begin the study of Socialism. We have recommended the "Communist Manifesto," "Socialism Utopian and Scientific," "Vandervelde's Collectivism" and "Sombart's Socialism."

PRISON LABOR.

On the evening of June 24, the subcommittee of the City Council on Police assembled, represented by Alderman Wm. Johnson, Socialist, and Joseph Chir.

Mr. Hank contended that they were making bricks at the Bridewell, which were sold in competition with regular brick made in the city, and that there had never heretofore been any objections to making bricks which were used exclusively for repair work, and that it would be better for the brick makers if prisoners were prohibited or stopped from making bricks altogether.

Ed Walkishaw, representing the broom workers, stated that their men were employed about ten months a year and received about \$12 per week; that the average factory would produce about fourteen brooms for each employe, and that they were in competition with brooms and brushes made by prisoners, and that prison-made brooms should be done away with.

The suggestion was made by Hank that Bridewell inmates should be employed to crush stone, which was pretty generally approved of by all present, although it may be found that it might compete with some men in the stone crushing industry.

It was suggested by Alderman Johnson that this stone might be used for improving the streets and thoroughfares of Chicago, and to be furnished to contractors making the special assessment improvements as a part payment of the contract price.

Stedman suggested that the inmates of the Bridewell should be employed in gardening, as it will be open air work, and the truck farmers around Chicago would suffer very little from the truck farming if the prisoners whose products should be sent to county institutions.

THE SOCIALIST.

All Socialists who have had the pleasure of reading "The Socialist," published in Seattle for the last four years, will regret that it has been necessary to reduce it in size on account of a "lack of funds," and that there is a possibility of its suspending publication entirely.

Since the time it was started The Socialist has always stood for clear, scientific Marxist Socialism and has been read by most of the devoted students of the "Socialist" philosophy and the class struggle in America.

The cause of the "Socialist's" present trouble is one common to all Socialist publications, lack of funds. We sincerely hope that the comrades on the Pacific Coast will be able to make some arrangements to keep the "Socialist" in the field.

PEABODY GIVEN \$5,000 BANQUET

A banquet, estimated to have cost \$5,000, was given at the Grand Pacific Hotel during the Republican convention by Thomas F. Walsh, one of the men who handles the funds of the mine owners of Colorado.

Some time ago we printed a news item somewhat similar to the one recorded above without comment in the Chicago Socialist. And when it was read by one of the comrades he asked if we did not think news items like that printed in The Chicago Socialist should always be followed by comment.

Has the American workman lost all power to think, or his mind in such a state of mental bondage that the power to think has been forever lost? Will he have to be driven by the most intense hunger and privation to come to see that he is but the victim of his own willing shortsightedness?

PARTY ORGANIZATION IN CHICAGO.

The series of protest meetings which were held last week were intended as a test of the possibilities of the Socialist party organization in Cook County. The results were not wholly satisfactory, though they were, perhaps, as much as could be expected.

With a subject of as great importance as the present conditions in Colorado, and with such a speaker as Mother Jones, it should have been easily possible to have packed every hall to overflowing.

No more tinkering of scheming politicians can keep the classes from lining up along the line of their class interests in the near future. And then there will only be two parties—the Socialist party and the anti-Socialist party, by whatever name it may happen to be known.

A Socialist campaign should not be carried on by a central committee; that is the capitalist method of doing things and leads to machine or gang rule. In the Socialist party the work should be done by the locals.

In each branch which would be ready to do the work of the campaign in a systematic and organized manner. This organization, which would be simply a committee of the branch, should be composed of every member who would agree to give one or more evenings a week from now until election time.

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WANTS THE SYSTEM ABOLISHED

When Thomas W. Lawson, in his foreword to a series of articles in Everybody's Magazine, declares that the present system must be abolished or the result will be that in a very short time the nation will be plunged into fratricidal war, it seems passing strange that a single workman in the country could be found who would not be casting his ballot for the overthrow of the system.

This same writer also urges the hope that when those defrauded of their earnings shall have had full restoration that they will not be content but unite to do away with forever of a system that creates such a condition of affairs.

Has the American workman lost all power to think, or his mind in such a state of mental bondage that the power to think has been forever lost? Will he have to be driven by the most intense hunger and privation to come to see that he is but the victim of his own willing shortsightedness?

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AFRAID OF SOCIALISM.

The "World To-day," in discussing the tendency in some quarters to break away from partisanship and political parties, says: "Destroy partisanship as it now exists and instead of being Democrats and Republicans, we shall all be Socialists or anti-Socialists."

Let workers study Socialism and this condition will be here. Let workers study Socialism and this condition will be here. Let workers study Socialism and this condition will be here.

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The introduction, or what Mr. Lawson calls the foreword, to these articles, appears in the June number of Everybody's Magazine. The publishers state that the articles are all written and in their possession.

The following are some of the things that Mr. Lawson promises to tell about in the subsequent articles:

There will be set down in the series of articles of which this is the foreword, in as simple and direct a fashion as I can write it, The Story of Amalgamated Copper and of the "system" of which it is the most flagrant example.

I shall deal with a bit of the nation's history in which within a few days of the national election of 1896 a hurry-up call for additional funds to the extent of \$5,000,000 was so promptly met as to overturn the people in five States and thereby preserve the destinies of the Republican party.

I shall draw a picture of two dress-suit cases of money being slipped across the table at the foot of a judge's bench in the courtroom, from its custodian to its new owners.

I shall devote some space to pointing out the evils and dangers of the latter-day methods of corrupting lawmakers, and show how one entire Massachusetts Legislature, with the exception of a few members, were dealt with as openly as the fishermen procure their stock-in-trade upon the wharves; how upon the last day of the Legislature, because their deferred cash payments were not promptly forthcoming, they turned, and made necessary the hurried departure for foreign shores of a great lawyer and his secretary.

Does it ever dawn on your minds that it makes little difference to you and the working class just what corporation controls the wealth that you have been robbed of?

Remember that it is the system of private ownership of land, machinery, warehouses and transportation facilities that alone stands between you and the full product of your toil.

You can venture to set it down as a foregone conclusion that our party's annual picnic at Elliott's Park, August 7, will be one of the most enjoyable days you ever spent.

These men knew no Sabbath, no Him; they had no time to offer thanks, no care for earthly or celestial being; from their eyes no human power could squeeze a tear, no suffering wring a pang from their hearts.

The main part of my narrative must of necessity deal with the two real heads of Standard Oil and Amalgamated, Mr. Henry H. Rogers and Mr. William Rockefeller; and with the biggest financial institution of America, if not of the world, the National City Bank of New York, and its head and dominating spirit, Mr. James Stillman.

An important chapter should be that devoted to the conception and formation of the United Metals Selling Company, through which it was, and is, intended to practically control the copper industry of the world without coming within the restrictions of the laws for the prevention or regulation of monopolies.

I shall also deal at length with a notorious character, who, like the spot upon the sun, looms up in all American copper affairs whenever they appear in the full vision of the public eye—Mr. F. Augustus Heinz, of Montana.

There will be a chapter of more or less length devoted to one of the most important episodes in Amalgamated affairs, wherein I shall deal with one of Wall Street's most picturesque, able and intensely interesting men, Mr. James R. Keene.

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DOTS AND DASHES ON THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

BY HENRY J. WIEGEL.

The capitalist class knows where it gets power, and that is through politics. When the working class learns this there is going to be a change in our industrial system.

Rich corporations furnish offices luxuriously with costly rugs and furniture and then endeavor to employ new clerks at reduced salaries.

Universal transfers on the "L" roads are being "talked of" in the daily press. Later it may be universal transfers on the surface lines.

Nearly every prominent delegate was either a millionaire or the known representative of some wealthy corporation.

There is talk of making the presidential terms six years instead of four, the claim being that it hurts business. With the Republican party in full control, it may as well make the term for life.

The papers were a little timid at first in "creating public opinion" in favor of Mr. Fairbanks, but grew bolder each day until it was safe in declaring there would be no opposition.

It is to be hoped that Thos. W. Lawson's expose of the Amalgamated Copper Co.'s "system" has all been written by him.

Independence! What independence? Why, the independent position of looking for a boss. The chattel slave did not have to bother his head that much.

As I sat on the main floor of the Republican convention and observed the elite, the millionaires and the clock-like work of a cut-and-dried program, I wondered how any wage slave could suppose for one moment that those delegates were there in the interest of the working class.

The daily press is lambasting the Chicago Federation of Labor for admitting Franklin Pressfeeders' Union on account of its alleged slugging. The press also cautions the C. F. of L. to bow to Mr. Gompers' mandate.

Another strong union, the Boot and Shoe Workers', has unconditionally surrendered in its fight against Selz, Schwab & Co.

As a great number of the Republican convention delegates were officeholders and hangers-on, the railroads played good politics in furnishing them specially and elegantly equipped trains to the St. Louis Exposition free of cost.

The politicians are very conspicuous and leave no stone unturned to prance before an audience and tell them of the great and glorious achievements of our illustrious forefathers.

But they don't tell you that Washington was looking out for himself and that on the very day the British were driven out of Yorktown that he was arranging to send a representative to the court of St. James to defend himself in a 30,000-acre land steal in the West.

PUNCH THE CARD.

At the office, room 27, 163 Randolph street, the business manager has a neat card for taking donations for the benefit of this paper.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The following articles have been donated as prizes to be awarded to the winners of the athletic feats at the Socialist picnic Aug. 7: Gold fountain pen from A. B. Conklin; two portraits of delegates to National Convention from Geo. D. Evans; bound Volume IV, International Socialist Review from Chas. H. Kerr & Company; "Struggle for Existence" from Walter Thomas Mills.



WORK IN THE STATE

Comrade John Collins arrived here Monday afternoon, June 20, and stayed with us one week. Monday evening it rained, so we could not hold a meeting. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings Comrade Collins addressed a large crowd at a street meeting in front of the Court House. Both nights he was well received by the crowd, and his speeches took an effect. Thursday evening several of the comrades in Joliet went with Comrade Collins to Lockport, which is four miles from Joliet, and he addressed a large crowd there at a street meeting, which woke up the working class in Lockport. After Comrade Collins was through with his address several strangers in the crowd came up and shook hands with him, saying that he told them the truth and that they were glad he came to Lockport. The collection in Lockport amounted to \$1.51. Friday evening was our regular local meeting, so we had Comrade Collins meet with us. He acted as chairman of the meeting. We had some important business to transact. After we got through with our regular order of business Comrade Collins addressed us on "Tactics," which was a benefit to us all, and his address gave us courage. Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon Comrade Collins again addressed a large crowd at a street meeting in front of the Court House. Saturday evening capped the climax. There was such a large crowd that the street was blocked and Comrade Collins gave an address that shook up I might say the whole city. Comrade Collins made two or three attempts to close the meeting, but the crowd was so enthusiastic that they would not let him get off the box. So he had to stay on until 10:10 p. m., speaking and answering questions on Socialism. When Comrade Collins would attempt to close the meeting the crowd would yell for him to keep on talking, saying that they were not getting tired and that they were learning something. I believe the crowd would have stayed there until 1 o'clock that night if they could have kept him on the box.

At 10:10 he got off the box, the crowd still hanging around wanting him to keep on talking. Sunday afternoon was another rousing meeting. In his speech he said that if there were any Citizens' Alliance members in the crowd for them to take a good look at him while it was daylight, as he had given them their medicine the night before. Comrade Collins did not leave anything undone here this last week. He gave them all their medicine, union men, scabs and Citizens' Alliance members; in fact, every one. He did just what we have needed in Joliet. It is being talked among the union and non-union men that he made a lot of Socialists in Joliet while he was here. He is being praised by the union men, but I don't know what the Citizens' Alliance members think, as they are afraid to come out and show who they are and tell what they think about it. Comrade Collins also challenged any politician in Joliet for a debate, which was made through both of the daily papers here, and also from the box on the street. Sunday night his throat was a little played out, so Comrade A. A. Patterson, our local speaker, addressed the crowd, and about the time he got through some one happened to see Collins back in the crowd, so they would not let him rest until he got on the box and made an address. The work he has done here the last week is worth a great deal to the Socialist party. The total collections in Joliet were \$8.19 and in Lockport \$1.51, which was turned over to Collins. I hope it will not be very long until you send Comrade Collins here again, as he is just the kind of a speaker we need in Joliet to make Socialists. In all of his speeches he made here men would yell out from the crowd, "That is right," "You are telling the truth," "Good boy," "You are giving us what we need," and a great many more such remarks. Hoping Collins will be with us again soon, I will remain fraternally yours.

N. G. MARLATT, Sec., 111 Ridgewood Ave., Joliet, Ill.

PEORIA NOTES.

Editor Chicago Socialist: I write to inform your readers and the comrades throughout the State that we here in Peoria are trying to do our share in our locality to spread the message of Socialism among the workers.

The Peoria local is holding three street meetings weekly, with good attendance. Comrades Black and Knopfengel are both forcible speakers, and they are succeeding in knocking the props out from under capitalism in a way that cannot help but open the eyes of the workers who are yet possessed of capitalist minds.

They do it in a style so forcible and logical that the light of Socialist truth is breaking into many minds, and men are heard discussing it on almost any street corner.

This, of course, is very displeasing to the capitalists, and the Citizens' Alliance in particular. So last Thursday evening we were notified by the police that if we continued to hold meetings we must see the Mayor and procure a permit. Otherwise the chief would see to it that we would not be allowed to hold street meetings.

Comrade Black told them that we proposed to speak Saturday evening,

and did not propose to get a permit. It was published in the capitalist papers, so we were well advertised Saturday evening.

The largest crowd that has listened to a Socialist speaker for many a day was waiting for the opening of our meeting. We were not molested.

However, there is a strong undercurrent of opposition, and their moves being conducted secretly, it is hard to tell what the next move will be. It is safe to say that this is only the first act, and as we are only part of the actors, we have to wait for the curtain to go up before we can tell just what the next act will produce. We have elected Dr. Knopfengel for County Organizer, with an agitation committee of five to assist and given them power to act.

Yes, Local Peoria is awake, very much so. And we would say to all comrades throughout the State, all shoulders to the wheel—a long pull, a strong pull, and all pull together.

JAMES DUFFY, P. S.—Dr. Knopfengel's address is 303 South Orange street, Peoria, Ill.

SOCIAL NOTES.

Last Friday our well known comrade, Paul Pierce, was married to Miss Kittie Berlyn, daughter of Comrade Barney Berlyn. The wedding was not entirely a surprise to the friends of the young people who had known them for some time. Saturday morning they took a train for St. Louis, where they will spend a week or two enjoying themselves and seeing the exhibits of the great Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Both Mr. Pierce and his bride are well known in the Socialist movement and the Chicago Socialist congratulates them and wishes them a long life of happiness and usefulness. We congratulate "Barney" on having added as a member to his family so able and earnest a worker in the great cause to which he has devoted a great portion of his life, and hope that he will live to see his children enjoying life under the co-operative commonwealth for which he has worked so hard. "Barney's" slogan has always been, "Socialism in our time."

About 200 well-wishers and workers of the Socialist party gathered at Ulich's Hall last Saturday night at an entertainment and dance given under the auspices of the Socialist Pleasure Club. Short addresses on the condition of the miners in Colorado were delivered by Comrade Walter Thomas Mills and "Mother" Jones, who had both, on account of their work in that State, been incarcerated in the "bull pens." It is almost incredible that such scenes as they described can be possible in the country that boasts of possessing greater liberty than any other nation on earth. It is a spectacle to stir the hearts and stimulate to action the young people of the Socialist movement to see venerable "Mother" Jones with her white hair and her burden of 65 years standing on the platform in different parts of the country eloquently and earnestly pleading the cause of the working class. She pleads not for the working class but to the working class to rise in their might and their numerical strength and take possession of the marvelous resources and opportunities in this country and use them for the benefit of themselves and their families. When history comes to be written and the great class struggle is over and the working class has come into possession of their rightful inheritance, none will hold a more honored place than "Mother" Jones. May she long live and retain her strength, that she may arouse from their long slumbers the class upon whose backs the structure of civilization rests.

When "Mother" Jones had finished her speech the chairs were pushed to the side of the hall and the dancing commenced, and all present enjoyed themselves thoroughly for several hours. When the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home" all agreed that the Socialist Pleasure Club had a function to perform in the Socialist movement and that they knew how to perform it.

Watch this column for future announcements of the Socialist Pleasure Club. If you are looking for pleasure and wish to combine it with propagating Socialism, send your name to Miss Grace Baguall, 5585 Indiana avenue, Secretary S. P. C.

WHAT ICE CREAM CAN DO.

The season for the consumption of ice cream and other delicacies that most of us like is here. The comrades of the Twentieth Ward Branch, recognizing the distinct place which ice cream holds in our hot-weather preferences, set to work quietly to raise a little money for the benefit of the Socialist. A number of lady comrades and their friends engaged a pleasant room in the People's Institute building, Van Buren street, enlisted a number of hustlers in the work of selling tickets, and on Saturday night, June 18, a large company gathered together and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Music was provided and everybody voted the occasion a success. The Socialist benefited to the extent of \$29—with more to come—and the receipt of this amount is herewith acknowledged. The suggestion comes from the Twentieth Ward Branch that comrades in other branches can do as well and have a good time besides.

That "the times are getting better" is proven by the increasing number of suicides.

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FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Chicago, Ill., June 25, 1904. THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND. Half Day Wage Contributions: Howard Smith, Chicago, Ill., \$ 1.50 Jas. H. Brower, Elgin, Ill., 1.00 Comrade Weber, Nashville, Tenn., 1.25 Carl Lawdahl, Colfax, N. D., 1.00 List 2377, Irwin, Pa., 2.50

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Total received to date \$189.55 Local and State Secretaries should see that returns on the subscription lists for the half day's donation to the national campaign fund be made at once. Do not wait until the entire amount subscribed on lists is collected, but send in whatever you have to either the State or National office, as the case may be. The money is needed NOW.

State Secretaries are also requested to make reports of all State conventions as soon as held, with the State and electoral tickets nominated. The National Secretary is compiling a list of these tickets, to be furnished to the Socialist press at least a month before election day.

State Secretary Latham, of Texas, reports the organization of three new locals within the past few weeks.

Orders for the National Committee leaflet, "Who is Responsible for Anarchy in Colorado?" have been received from Idaho, Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania. Thirty cents per hundred up to 500, postpaid; 500, 90 cents; and 1,000, \$1, express paid by the purchaser.

The Rhode Island Socialist party State convention, held at Pawtucket on June 19, was successful. Full State and electoral tickets were nominated. Permanent officers of the State Committee elected are: J. W. Higgins, financial Secretary; Frederick Hurst, Recording and Corresponding Secretary; H. F. Thomas, Treasurer; Robert Webster, Organizer; John H. Floyd, National Committeeman. An active campaign is planned.

National Organizer M. W. Wilkins is getting things into good shape in West Virginia. He spoke at Huntington for three nights recently, and Local Secretary Barnett reports a number of new members for the local and says: "I think the Socialist party is to be congratulated upon having such an able speaker and organizer as Wilkins." Later in the summer Wilkins will go to Pennsylvania and pay special attention to the soft coal regions. Comrades in that district who would like to have him can address the National Secretary.

The first Socialist party State convention of Wyoming was held June 19, 20 and an organization was formed. State, Congressional and electoral tickets were nominated. Louis Marquardt, Laramie, was elected State Secretary. M. A. Bonham, Daniel A. Hastings and F. W. Ott will be voted upon by referendum for National Committeemen. The constitution is submitted to referendum.

Harry M. McKee will begin work in July as National Organizer in Kentucky, Tennessee and North and South Carolina. Comrades in these States who would like to have him should address the National Secretary, 299 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Louis Gaozion, of Charleroi, Pa., will begin work as French organizer under direction of the National Secretary during July. He will work principally in the Middle Western States. Comrade Gaozion is also a good English speaker, and can be used to advantage for meetings in both languages. Comrades where there are French workers to be reached can assist greatly in arranging this tour for Comrade Gaozion by notifying the National Secretary.

Chapters in unorganized States have been granted to Locals Newport, Marsden and Poreth, Ind. Ter.; Rome, Ga.; Sharpshurg, Md.; Maple Grove, Tenn.; Bingham Canyon, Eureka, Ogden, Mt. Pleasant and Park City, Utah.

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dated in Arizona until July 5, and he will enter California next day to travel under the direction of State Secretary Helfenstein.

Orders for the set of books prepared for Locals and Branches have been received at the National office from twenty-five States, New Jersey leading in the number ordered. All locals and branches desiring to keep their affairs in systematic shape should order before printing is placed.

Sending in a dollar to the National Campaign Fund, Comrade Cattell, of Richmond, says: "This was donated by the president of our union (Bricklayers), who has been a bitter opponent of Socialism, but the Colorado affair and the party press have taken the links out of his brain."

STATE CONVENTIONS.

The activity of the Socialist party can be judged by the number of State conventions scheduled to be held on July 4. So far as the national office is informed they are as follows: Colorado, at Denver; Florida, at Ocala; Idaho, at Weiser; Indiana, at Indianapolis; Iowa, at Marshalltown; Nebraska, at Omaha; Oklahoma, at Oklahoma City; West Virginia, at Wheeling.

THE COLORADO PROTEST MEETINGS.

The response to the recommendation of the National Quorum that public protest meetings be held against capitalist outrage and tyranny in Colorado has been so unanimous and widespread that it gives increased confidence in the solidarity and compactness of the Socialist party organization in this country. Reports to the National Secretary show that the various State secretaries acted promptly upon the telegram from the quorum, and notices were sent immediately to all the locals, and these in turn acted with encouraging and commendable unanimity. As a result meetings have been held and collections taken for the miners in every center of Socialist activity, and there is no doubt that the striking miners' cause will be materially advanced in every way.

The Socialist party has met the test placed upon it at this crisis with a spontaneity which gives promise of great things for the future. Let us continue as we have begun and we can be assured of our just protests against the conditions in Colorado taking more emphatic and effective form at the ballot box in November.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

COMRADES ATTENTION.

All comrades having money or tickets for the boat excursion are urgently requested to report at once to the secretary of the Entertainment Committee, Comrade T. O. Lewis, or to the business manager, at room 27, 163 Randolph street.

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I. We, the Socialist Party, in convention assembled, make our appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole of society.

To this idea of liberty the Republican and Democratic parties are utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enervation and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people. Our State and national Legislatures have become the mere agencies of great propertied interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take away from the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good.

By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing class is able to silence what might be the voice of the protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public school, the pulpit and the press, arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means of life.

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

II. As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of International Socialism, as embodied in the united thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial development already accomplished, the interests of the world's workers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the most exploited and oppressed workers, in the most remote places of the earth, inevitably tends to drag

down all the workers of the world to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal condition. Industry and finance are no longer national but international in both organization and results. The chief significance of national boundaries, and of the so-called patriotism which the ruling class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of the world, or the remaining sources of profit.

The Socialist movement therefore is a world-movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

III. The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that economic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the things which he used, economic independence was possible. But production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. The labor of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every article produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically everything is made or done by many men—sometimes separated by seas or continents—working together for the same end. But this co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners of the tools and means of production; and to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

IV. The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of industry are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The universal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capitalist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades

unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power of inhering forces that will soon destroy them.

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery, it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of society.

Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall be by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall belong to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men.

V. To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government, and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchises and land values, the proceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular government, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist and increase the like powers of the worker.

But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance.

To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be entrusted to us by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies unto the workers' cause, to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourselves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.

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The 14th Ward holds open air meetings Sundays at Grand and Western avenues at 3 p. m., and Wednesday evenings at Robey and Chicago avenues, at 8 p. m. Good speakers. All comrades invited to attend.  
CHARLES W. WINFIELD, Secretary 14th Ward Branch.

The Third Ward Branch will hold open air meetings on the following street corners during the summer:  
35th and Cottage Grove avenue—Sunday eve.  
34th and State Streets—Saturday eve.  
30th and State Streets—Sunday eve.  
37th and Wentworth Avenue—Saturday eve.  
35th and State Streets—Thursday eve.  
Comrades, attend open air meetings, unless otherwise stated.  
Sundays, 3 p. m., 12th street and California avenue.  
Sundays, 8 p. m., Madison and Western avenues.  
Thursdays, 8 p. m., Lake street and 40th avenue.  
Saturdays, 8 p. m., Kedzie avenue and West 12th street.

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**SPECIAL NOTICES.**  
**MEMBERS OF S. S. S.**  
The S. S. S. will continue election of officers July 15th, 1904, 8 p. m. sharp. Everybody come. It is your interest.  
J. SIMONS, Secretary.

Socialist Ladies' German Local meets every first Thursday in the month at 2 p. m. at 55 North Clark.

The 29th Ward, No. 2, German, meets every Sunday forenoon at 10 o'clock at 148 Willow st.

Socialist Ladies' Choir meets every Wednesday at 2 p. m. at 55 North Clark.

The Cook County Entertainment Committee meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at 18th Ward Branch headquarters, 328 W. Madison street, third floor. Branches not represented are requested to elect delegates at once. T. O. LEWIS, Secretary.

**CONVENTIONS.**  
**SENATORIAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.**  
The 17th Senatorial District convention will be held at 215 W. 12th St. Sunday, July 25th at 3 p. m. L. Bennenson, State Committeeman.

The 27th District Senatorial convention will be held at Room 10, 328 West Madison St., on Thursday evening, July 22nd. All members living in the 18th Ward, those in the 15th Ward, north of North avenue and east of Ashland avenue; those in the 17th Ward, north and east of Virginia, Holt and Cornell streets, Milwaukee avenue and Green street, are entitled to attend.

A mass convention of the 22nd Senatorial District will be held at 57 North Clark street, second floor, room 3, for the purpose of adopting candidates for the State Legislature. H. HARRACK, Secretary.

The Sixth Congressional District will hold convention at Conservatory of Fine Arts, 323 S. Western Av., on July 24th, 3 p. m. Members of 15th, 20th, 24th and 25th Wards, south of Kinzie and Melrose Park, take part.

WALTER HUGGINS.  
The Fifth Congressional convention will be held in Higheimer's Hall corner 12th and Paulm streets, Monday, July 19th, 1904, at 7 p. m. Mass convention. District, 9th and 10th Wards, 11th and 12th Wards north of 22d street.

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**NOTICE.**  
All ward branches in Cook County are requested to select their corners for out-door agitation without delay, and to send list of same to the County Secretary so that the necessary permits may be secured.

A good plan for these street meetings has been adopted by the Third Ward branch, which is here offered for the consideration of other branches. Six corners for street meetings each week have been selected and a chairman and vice chairman elected for each, whose duty it will be to attend the meeting and take charge of same, see that literature, etc., is on hand, and in general see that the meeting is properly conducted. Branches, however, are cautioned against attempting to hold more meetings than they can properly attend to. It is better to hold one successful meeting than to attempt to hold more and make failures of them.

The committee is planning to put up the most vigorous campaign ever waged by the party in this State, and it is up to the members to heartily second the committee's efforts. The apathy which has taken possession of the party must be overcome and the crusades regain their old enthusiasm. No petty differences or squabbles should be allowed to hinder the work of agitation and education.

The committee is preparing to issue some good literature for circulation. In the meantime it is up to the comrades to send in immediately what money has already been secured in the national subscription lists, so that the work will not be hampered for lack of funds.

On account of next Monday being the Fourth the next meeting will be held on Monday, July 11. Place will be announced later.

LOUIS DAALGARD,  
Secretary Campaign Committee.

**COLLINS' DATES.**  
Ladd ..... June 30  
Spring Valley ..... July 1  
Dabell ..... July 2  
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Thirty-fifth street and Cottage Grove avenue.  
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Grand and Western avenues.  
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Noble and Erie.  
Forty-seventh and Ashland.  
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**NOTICE.**  
Thirteenth Senatorial District Convention.  
Wards 8 and 33 and Precincts 55 to 48 of Seventh ward, or district bounded on west by Cottage Grove avenue, north by Sixty-third street, east by Lake Michigan and south by Seventy-first street of Seventh ward, will be held at Grand Crossing Turner Hall Sunday, July 3, 1904, at 3 p. m.  
JOHN T. CAULFIELD,  
As per Instructions from State Committee.

**NOTICE.**  
Twenty-first Senatorial District convention will be held at 256 West Chicago avenue, near Center avenue, Sunday, July 3, 3 p. m. It will be a mass convention, all of Fourteenth ward, Precincts 6 to 41 of Seventeenth ward, Precincts 5 to 23 of Thirty-fifth ward, which comprises the Twenty-first Senatorial District.  
A. A. WIGSNES.

**NOTES OF THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.**  
The regular meeting of the campaign committee was held last Monday night and did important work looking to the organization of a vigorous campaign in Illinois this summer and fall.

The State campaign committee and the Cook County campaign committee have organized into one body for the purpose of securing greater unity of action than could be had if the bodies met separately. In this way duplicating of work and clashing of various kinds will be avoided, and the agitation and organization made more systematic and comprehensive.

A motion was passed calling upon all branches in Cook County and locals in the State to immediately elect a campaign committee, with chairman and secretary, these committees to have charge of all work within the territory represented by their respective branches or locals. It is also requested that the names and addresses of these chairmen and secretaries be sent to the undersigned, so that the campaign committee can communicate with them when necessary.

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