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EUGENE V. DEBS.

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Corruption precedes the upheaval!

Looking down the field we behold the advancing army of relief—the working class in battle array.

Every class-conscious warrior is in line, and all of them move as one.

It is truly admirable and inspiring. The centuries have put this army in motion, and this host will conquer the earth and consecrate it to peace and joy.

What a privilege to fight in such a cause! Who that knows the thrill of manhood would not gladly give it his hand, his heart, his life!

Forty-five days more! Comrades, this is our year! Each day sees us stronger, clearer, more determined.

The Socialist party is one from sea to sea. Courage, confidence and enthusiasm abound.

The working class are compelled to choose between two capitalist parties and a working-class party.

Thousands are flocking to our revolutionary standard.

This year the social revolution will register its rising tide and the sons of toil will shout for joy.

Each comrade is at his post. Not one who is true is idle. Not one will shrink or shirk.

Forty-five days more, comrades of America!

You have weathered the storms of the past and you are tempered for the battle of to-day.

Charge the enemy from every quarter, and you will grow stronger as the battle waxes hotter.

Spread socialism far and wide, scatter your literature everywhere, give each day your ability, your energy and tenacity, and when the smoke of battle clears away the comrades will stand forth an honor to the whole movement.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN NOW GETTING VERY WARM.

Illinois the Best Organized State—Collins Makes a Deep Impression at Kewanee—Republican Politician's Speech Succeeds Only in Making Socialists—Encouraging News from Everywhere.

The Socialist campaign in Illinois moves along steadily, earnestly, enthusiastically and successfully. From everywhere come glowing reports of increased interest, awakened intelligence of the workers, successful meetings, increased sales of literature and of anticipated big increases in the Socialist vote. New members are coming in and getting to work with all the enthusiasm of new converts, while old members who had become stale are catching the fire of enthusiasm and putting on the harness again and buckling into the work with a vim.

Comrade Brower started out as scheduled on the 16th, his first stop being at Belvidere. From there he went to Rockford, where he had a very successful meeting. He reports a fine movement at Rockford.

Comrade Block is now also out, having broken the ice at Bloomington on the 20th.

John Collins has now returned from his work in the State, and has gone to New York, where he will remain engaged in the campaign until Oct. 6.

All counties which have not yet nominated county tickets are requested to do so at once, as not much time remains for filing same.

Comrades in the various towns are requested to note the dates at which speakers will visit them and make preparations for the meetings. Advertising matter should be procured and distributed. Where possible, meetings should be held in halls, as the nights will be cool and the organizers are liable to break down from too much speaking in the open air. Posters will be furnished by the State secretary.

The campaign committee has under advisement the holdings of a big series of hall meetings in Chicago during a couple of weeks prior to the election. Comrades are again requested to send in their ward with dates on which they can be secured between Oct. 1 and Nov. 7, and prices.

As stated in a previous issue, sentiment is especially favorable among the machinists. Unity Lodge wants a speaker for every Saturday night. Other unions also request speakers. Comrades Simons, Edwards, Mance, Evans, Ahrenspruce and Dr. Slater have spoken to many unions during the past two weeks.

Probably the best practical work in Chicago is being done by the comrades of the Twenty-seventh Ward. The plan which is being followed is this: The names of all voters in each precinct are taken from the polling lists and pasted in a book. A comrade is given charge of a precinct and makes a house-to-house canvass. Having the names of the voters, the caller knows the name of the person living in the house he calls at and can address him by name. Conversation is then entered into, and sub. cards are sold, applications for membership received, literature disposed of, etc. Comrade Eisenman alone has secured 25 subscriptions for the Chicago Socialist during the past two weeks, as well as a number for other publications. All branches should take up this work. It is pleasant and very interesting work after a comrade makes the start and is very effective. The Twenty-seventh Ward branch bids fair to soon be the strongest and best organization in the city.

Sixty outdoor meetings were slated by the organizer last week, of which fifty were successfully held. Besides these a number of meetings by individuals were held. Comrades should now get to work and push the Auditorium demonstration. A large number of pluggers are

now on hand at the office and these should be distributed on street cars and everywhere. The sale of tickets should be pushed.

Push the work of securing contributions on the lists and send in immediately. See your fellow workers, touch your acquaintances and get every cent possible. Then send it in and get another list. This should not be allowed to lag if you wish the campaign entered upon to be carried through successfully.

The 300,000 leaflets are now on hand and are being sent out to the various locals. Cook county branches will receive the amount apportioned them on application to State Secretary Smith.

STATE NEWS.

It is safe to assert that no other State in the Union has such a strong and thorough organization as has Illinois. We now have about twenty county organizations, which means two or more locals in a county, with a county central committee. Besides these there are about forty individual locals scattered in almost as many counties. These are all actual working organizations, too, and none of them exist "on paper."

County tickets have been nominated in the following counties: Cook, Williamson, Bureau, Peoria, McLean, Vermilion, Macon, Rock Island, Jackson, Adams, Will, Stephenson, Fulton, Morgan, Edgar and Winnebago. Besides these, tickets will be nominated in Coles, Christian, Edgar, Henry, Iroquois, Kane, La Salle, McDonough, Madison, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Warren and Washington counties.

In addition to this, nominations have been made in almost every Senatorial and Congressional district in the State. What other State can show as good a record?

State Organizer John Collins writes that at Canton the weather was bad, preventing outdoor speaking. He spent nearly every night visiting surrounding towns, and had organized a local at Farmington. It is expected that other locals in this county will be organized. The comrades at Canton are very active and doing good work. At Peoria a meeting was held in a hall, owing to the streets being monopolized by the Salvation Army and fakirs of various kinds. At Havana a good outdoor meeting was held. At Peoria the boys are very active, Comrade Knopfnagel especially so. According to our organizer, the doctor is the busiest man in the State.

It is safe to say that no organizer or speaker in the Socialist movement in this country gives such satisfaction and meets with such success as does John Collins. From every point where he speaks come favorable and enthusiastic reports, both of his work and his personality. He makes a good impression on non-Socialists as well as those who are already converted. We have yet to hear the first unfavorable report. We trust New York will give him a good reception.

Encouraging word comes from Comrade Muller, of Danville. They recently got three new members, one a former organizer of the Farmers' Alliance, one a printer, late of New York, and a personal acquaintance of Ben Hanford, and the third a business agent of the Carpenters' Union, and delegate to the national convention of Carpenters and Joiners of America at Milwaukee this week. All of them are good material. Comrade Muller confirms the news that there is a good possibility of sending Comrade Walker to the Legislature, as it is being

talked in all the unions that he should go. Conditions are becoming very hopeful in Danville, and the old members are being aroused to new life. The comrades there will make thorough arrangements for big meetings by the State organizers. They also intend holding outdoor meetings every Saturday night.

Signs of intellectual awakening among the working mules is apparent in Havana since the visit and speaking of Comrade Collins, according to Comrade Wolf, of that place, who thinks that history is repeating itself in that conditions are shaping similar to the period previous to the civil war. Some of the workers there get \$1.25 a day and are afraid to listen to Socialism, for fear of losing their miserable jobs. Ignorance is a hard obstacle to overcome, but Comrade Wolf says they are succeeding.

One of the most encouraging reports ever received from the State comes from Comrade Underhill, of Kewanee, in reference to the work there of Organizer Collins. Following are extracts from his report:

"Comrade Collins was with us last night and did valiant service with his hammer. He hammered, pounded and thumped the old rotten system until the plumes were filled with fear and trembling.

"The audience was large, eager, attentive and enthusiastic, and stayed to the end, men and women, and still wanted more. Fully 600 people were present. After the speech a large number followed us to headquarters to hear more. A collection of \$2.88 was taken up and \$2.50 worth of literature sold, besides copies of The Socialist given away. Six new applications were received. It was the best meeting ever held here.

"We are well pleased with Comrade Collins. His visit has helped the local movement, and the only thing we regret is that he could not stay longer."

Comrade George Koop spoke at Elgin last Saturday, and his voice and chart attracted a big crowd, and his facts helped to hold them, writes Comrade Kennedy. Senator Sherman spoke there recently for the Republicans. "It was flap-doodle, of course," says Kennedy, "and at the close one of his hearers asked a Socialist comrade for a Socialist party button, remarking that he was through with voting the Republican ticket."

Comrade Rahm, of Staunton, reports that the boys there are busy distributing national platforms and other leaflets in German, English and Italian. Comrade Block will speak at Staunton on the 5th of October, when much good for the cause is anticipated to result.

As stated in last week's paper, a debate will be held at Kimmunity between a "crusher" of Socialism, one Barnes, and a Socialist, probably A. M. Simons. The old-party men think they have secured a bonanza and are advertising the meeting throughout the neighborhood. A surprise is in store for them.

Comrade H. J. Parker writes from Wheeler that the Socialists there are active and doing all they can to "wake up the chumps."

Comrade Thatford, of Herrin, Ill., writes that the Italian miners there are very anxious to read up on Socialism, and sends a request for literature in that language.

Comrade C. H. Luth, of Willsville, is working to organize a local at that place.

Organizer S. T. Jackson, of Joliet.

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CITY AT MERCY OF ROBBERS.

Meanwhile Authorities, Reformers and Ministers Theorize

"Practical thief catchers and theoretical reformers agree that Chicago is at the mercy of robbers and thugs. The long list of recent crimes committed in this city proved startling even to the police authorities hardened to the cold argument of statistical reports on lawlessness.

"As a result of these conditions the problem of protecting life and property assumes grave proportions to the municipal authorities and the anti-crime agencies. Acting Mayor McGann and Chief of Police O'Neill are fully alive to the seriousness of the situation for immediate relief. The former declares children should be taught respect for the law, and in this the Chief agrees, adding that the abuse of American freedom is one of the causes leading up to present conditions. He says, however, that the outbreak of crime is universal, all of the large cities being terrorized in this way by the depredations of the criminal class.

"William A. Pinkerton advocates the whipping post for thieves and petty crooks. Ministers and leading citizens are making a study of the conditions, but none has been able to solve the problem of adequate protection for life and property. The main significance of the suggestions and opinions advanced is in showing the real seriousness of the situation."

The above is from the Evening Post of Wednesday, Sept. 21. It was apparently written in all sincerity. The Evening Post is the most class-conscious capitalist paper in Chicago. Its readers, with few exceptions, are parasites pure and simple. They are no doubt sincerely "philosophizing" on the seriousness of the present "property situation." They are in search of a remedy for a contagious disease which threatens their very existence, but they have not diagnosed the case scientifically. Acting Mayor McGann suggests as a remedy "that children should be taught respect for law," and this is the only remedy offered by the capitalist doctors. They admit the plague is not confined to Chicago, but is universal, "all the large cities this fall are being terrorized by the depredations of the criminal class."

THE SEQUEL.

Every large city, according to the reports of the same capitalist papers, which publish editorials and news items similar to the one above from the Post, contains hundreds of thousands of working men who have been thrown out of employment who have not been living on cold charity. Here in Chicago 15,000 thugs and strike breakers have been turned out of the packing houses to walk the streets and enjoy their "right to work under the American constitution."

The truth is that capitalism is no longer competent to protect its stolen property against the great hungry stomach of the "submerged tenth" which it has brought into existence. The great unemployed problem is staring them in the face, and they admit they have no remedy to offer. It is a hopeful sign that the workers are not "applying for charity."

Socialism offers the only remedy for the disease, but to remove the cause of the disease we must abolish capitalism.

In whose interest will the public powers be administered during the coming four years? The trust and the capitalist class, or in the interest of the working class? Up to you, Mr. Workington. Socialism or capitalism—take your choice. Remember your votes must decide this question.

Those seven thousand men and women who are "laid off indefinitely" at Pullman should take a trip to California on one of the palace cars they have built the last few years. They are running between here and the Pacific coast every day. A change of scenery would do them good.

They would come back to their work after their trip and vacation filled with a greater "incentive" to build palace cars. It is a wonder that the idea has not struck any of them before.

The workingman who votes for Roosevelt will throw his vote away; the workingman who votes for Parker will throw his vote away; the workingman who votes for Debs and Socialism will save his vote, and the record of it will be a lever to overturn all capitalist infamies.

About the meanest-spirited and smallest-minded excuse for a man is the fellow who thinks he advances Socialism by interfering with Socialist meetings in the streets. Let the balky mules get off our tow-line.

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Represents the idea, backed by the merit. Unlaid from our factory to your head. Fall styles. Southwest corner Madison and La Salle streets

"ECONOMIC DETERMINISM" DEMONSTRATED.

Mississippi Circuit Judges Report to Gov. Vardaman Novel Explanation of Alarming Increase of Murders.

Farmer Juries Will Not Convict Cotton Pickers.

Last week we commented in the columns of this paper on the theory advanced by a preacher of the gospel in which he attempted to prove that the cause of the appalling number of murders in Mississippi was largely due to impure liquor. Now comes a judge of one of the courts with another theory which sounds rather Marxian in its conclusions.

"New Orleans, La., Sept. 19.—(Special.)—Because negro labor is scarce on the cotton plantations, Mississippi planters will not convict negroes for murder or other crimes. They need them in the fields.

"Such is an explanation made to Gov. Vardaman of the recent increase of crime in the State. The farmers who serve on juries, it was declared, invariably acquit the criminals, with the understanding that the prisoners are to help in harvesting the crop.

"This disclosure was made by judges of the Circuit Courts of the State to whom the authorities had appealed for suggestions. Since last January 500 murders have been committed in Mississippi.

"Gov. Vardaman declared that he has been terrorized by the showing, and that he proposes taking radical steps to suppress the crimes, the majority of which were committed by negroes.

There is nothing startling in the above to a well-posted Socialist. The Socialist knows that the men who control political or other power almost invariably use it to advance their own material interests. The Mississippi farmers are no exception to the rule.

They will not convict the laborers because there "is a scarcity of cotton pickers to harvest the crops," even though they are guilty of murder. The capitalists will not abolish child labor, though child labor under present factory conditions is nothing less than the most fiendish murder of child mind, child soul and in thousands of cases physical death.

The enlightened worker who has studied Socialism is moved by the same instinct, only from a higher and broader knowledge of the dynamic social forces that have shaped the past, controls the present and will dominate the future, sees that if the working class is ever to be anything but the producer of wealth which it is not permitted to use, then the workers will have to act along the line of their enlightened class interests, both in the economic and political field.

As a further comment on the above subject the following from the Chicago Tribune of Sept. 20, commenting on the reopening of the Iroquois theater, shows how much we are all under the control of our material environments:

"There have been certain objections raised to the reopening of the theater to the public. The Iroquois Memorial Association is reported to have requested every minister of Chicago to raise his voice against the reopening; clubs and federations and various associations within the city have been appealed to, and the response has been hearty. The action of the managers

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FOUR WEEKS SOCIALIST RALLY

October 17th, at the Auditorium, when

DEBS AND HANFORD

Candidates for President and Vice-President, will speak

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SOCIALIST PLEASURE CLUB.

Young people looking for an enjoyable time are invited to attend a dance that will be given by the Socialist Pleasure Club Saturday, Sept. 24, at Schiller Hall, 601 Wells street. Admission 25 cents.

Comrades and their friends who are looking for a good time should not miss this.

There is no chance for the working class to secure and enjoy opportunity until the working class is master of

itself. The philosophy of the old dandy fairly illustrates this. During a pelting storm he was seen with his hat under his arm, while his head was exposed. When asked why he did not wear his hat, he replied: "Dis hat is dis nigger's; but dis head is Marse Bob's."

\$2.00 CURRENCY HATS. \$3.00.

Fall styles now ready. Comrades should go to this store for their headwear, 27 E. Madison, northwest corner Dearborn street.

IS THERE ANYTHING NEW TO SAY?

To Comrades as to the necessity of steady work for the Chicago Socialist? Is the Chicago Socialist worthy of support? Is there a better propaganda paper? Are Socialist principles more clearly presented than in its columns every week? Nobody gives higher credit to any other paper in America. Now, why not work for it more than you are doing? One Comrade last Sunday took ten new subscribers in his own precinct. YOU took none. YOUR inactivity explains the deficit. The other Comrade is trying to wipe out the deficit. What do you say to being one of a hundred Comrades who will agree to send in two new subscribers a week from now, until the polls close in November? Do you know what that would mean? It would help reduce the deficit. No, there is nothing new to say, but there is a lot of work to do. Will you be one of the hundred to do it?

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Secretary of State—Peyton Boswell, Chicago. Attorney General—Sam Block, Peoria.

State Auditor—Albert Eisemann, Chicago. School Trustees—Gertrude B. Hunt, Chicago; May Wood Simons, Meirose Park; W. S. Dalton, Chicago.

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The Hearstocrat papers are booming Tom Watson all they dare. How Willie would like to lead a break for the Georgian populist!

Where will little St. Louis find accommodation for the two hundred thousand working people of Chicago who are contemplating taking in the exposition next month. Of course, Mr. Workingman, you are going; you can't afford to miss it, after having four years of "prosperity."

Capitalism debauches men and wears diamonds, degrades women and riots in luxuries, murders children and smirks at suffering; it corrupts the courts, buys the Legislatures, elects Presidents—and robs the producers of wealth to foot the bills. May it finally "lift up its eyes in hell."

Do you want to see the dawn of an era of real human progress, of opportunity and adequate compensation to those who do the world's work? Then come along with us and take one step toward the dawn by voting the Socialist ticket in November. Remember what was aptly said by Debs in 1900: "It is better to vote for freedom and fail, than to vote for slavery and succeed." Let us vote for freedom this year; we may succeed.

In dividing up the game the white man said to the Indian: "You take the bizzard and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the bizzard." In dividing the wealth which labor creates the capitalist says to the workingman: "You do the work and I'll take the profits, or I'll take the profits and you do the work." The Indian's reply to the white man was: "You no say turkey to me once." And the simple workingman replies to the capitalist: "You no say profits to me once."

The fellow who earns wages making cartoons for the Chicago Chronicle has a peculiar notion of "Uncle Sam." He represents "Uncle Sam" patting the past master of broncho breaking approvingly on the shoulder and saying: "He is good enough for me!" And below the beggarly figure of a workingman repeats the phrase: "If he's good enough for Uncle Sam, he's good enough for me!" And that shows, Mr. Worker, how the capitalist press and politicians value your intelligence. You are not supposed to know who "Uncle

Sam" is. You are only credited with being a lobster by those who use you to get into office. The providential removal of one Marcus Hanna from the field of politics appears to have left the Republican party without an effective campaign cry to catch workingmen's votes. Hanna's idea was that workingmen had no brains, no intellect, no aspirations; that they were just so many stomachs. Hence the cry of "the full dinner pail." But don't suppose that the capitalists have changed their estimate because Hanna has gone; their idea of the workingman is just the same—"Feed him and fleece him!"

And now Mr. Gompers is of the opinion that the unions must "go into politics" after all. But the idea of going into working class politics and electing workingmen on a working class platform don't seem to have reached his mind yet. He only wants the workers to ask the politician where they stand on the "Anti-injunction bill," the eight-hour law, and the referendum and initiative. The workers know from experience that the capitalist politicians will promise anything before election. They want the workers' votes, they want to perpetuate their power to rob the workers. If Mr. Gompers has any sincerity in advising the unions to use their political power in their own interest he will advise them to vote the Socialist ticket this fall. A million votes cast for the Socialist ticket and principles will bring more results than all the promises that ever were or ever will be made by capitalist politicians to secure recognition for the laws that workers are interested in.

If the sixty thousand men and women in Chicago that are "laid off" and on strike will just let the gray matter in their heads work a few hours per day on the problem of how the workers can buy back ten dollars' worth of their labor's products, with about two dollars, which they receive in wages, they will then be able to understand the unemployed problem, and know that it is here to stay until the working class become intelligent enough to look after their own interests by electing their own class to power with the avowed purpose of taking possession of the wealth producing plant which their labor has created and keeps in operation. When they do this, the product of labor will belong to its creator, and the unemployed problem will soon be solved, and with it most of the other problems that are looking for a solution. It is the mission of the working class to usher in the next social stage men must live under.

"THE ISSUE"

Labor has produced food, clothing, fuel, books and all other useful things in abundance. Shall they be permitted to use them?

The capitalist parties, by their actions, say no. The Socialists say yes. This is the only issue in this campaign and the only one there ever will be in any future campaign that the workers will have any real interest in until this one is solved.

Six hundred million bushels of wheat "in sight" in the United States this fall. Over two billion bushels of corn about to be harvested. Everything that can make glad the hearts of human beings already produced in abundance. And yet, think of it, working people, you who produced it, whose labor made it all possible—created it all, are suffering because you are unable to get at it for your own use.

Do you not think it is about time for you to appoint a commission to investigate into the law of cause and effect?

FRENZIED FINANCE.

Thomas W. Lawson, in Everybody's Magazine, is showing up in an interesting and graphic style just how the big sharks have been eating up the little sharks. His story is creating a great sensation and makes good reading for the little sharks who have been fleeced out of the wealth that they themselves had exploited from labor. The working class is not shedding many tears over the predicament of the little exploiters. Some of these few days the workers will own the trusts; then the big sharks and the little sharks will either do some useful labor or quit eating.

"LABOR UNIONS IN POLITICS."

After years of petitioning and lobbying at Washington and the various State Legislatures, with no other result than being made a tool of by scheming politicians in the interest of the exploiting class, Mr. Gompers at last wants unions to go into politics.

Years of experience seems to have driven the truth home to the minds of Mr. Gompers and his colleagues that it is absolutely necessary for the unions over which he presides to take political action if they are ever to be treated with anything but contempt.

The action taken by Mr. Gompers is not likely to worry either the politicians or the capitalists in whose interest they are employed. His method is to send certain questions to the various candidates for political offices to ascertain just how they will vote on certain measures in which union labor is interested, namely, "The Anti-injunction Bill," the "Eight-Hour Bill," and "Initiative and Referendum in Municipal, State and National Affairs."

That Mr. Gompers is either wilfully or ignorantly preparing to waste more

of the time, money and energy of the American union men in a vain attempt to get something out of the capitalist class by supplication and promises is quite apparent. That the politicians will promise almost anything before election in return for votes is well known, and that they will break their promises and obey the dictates of the capitalists when any attempt is made to improve the condition of the working class is also well known by sad experience.

So far as the initiative and referendum is concerned the workingman who has kept informed of what has happened and noted the net result of what has been gained where that has been tried will not be very enthusiastic in his attempt to secure the right of the initiative and referendum. The people by an overwhelming vote in Colorado (40,000 majority) voted for an eight-hour day for the miners in Colorado, but they made the mistake that Mr. Gompers and the Federation are about to make—they elected capitalist politicians instead of class-conscious working men to carry out their will as expressed by the ballot, and the result was that they not only failed to pass the eight-hour law, but when the miners attempted to enforce an eight-hour rule at the mines by a strike the full force of the State government of Colorado was sent against them.

Here in Chicago on two occasions the people at the ballot box have declared for municipal ownership of the street railways, but they elected Democrats and Republicans to the City Council and Carter Harrison Mayor, and they are proceeding to give the streets of Chicago into the hands of the corporation for another term of years.

It is all a ruse to mislead the workers once more from the real issue, which is Capitalism vs. Socialism. Surely Mr. Gompers has begged, pleaded and bootlicked with the capitalist politicians long enough. It is now up to the rank and file of the trade unions to teach him a lesson by voting for a working class party to take control of things in the interest of that class.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING NOW?

For eight weeks during the Stock Yards strike when many thousands of men and women were idle in an endeavor to keep from sinking lower in the social hell, the capitalist press was filled with details of the suffering and distress of the families of the strikers. Day after day they ground out long editorials misrepresenting the cause of the strike. They shed great quantities of crocodile tears over the distress caused by the idleness of the strike. They heaped misrepresentation and calumny upon the union leaders, whom they accused of wantonly causing so much suffering. Their hearts bled for the hungry wives and children of the strikers. They were humanitarians; they at once became extremely altruistic. But bear in mind the packing plants were closed because the men refused to work. The capitalists were losing money, dividends were in danger.

THE SCENE SHIFTS.

The packingtown strike is a matter of history. Fifteen thousand scabs and strike-breakers are turned out of the packing plants to starve, to become hold-up men, to increase the already large army of thugs and second-story workers.

THE SCENE CHANGES ONCE MORE.

The great Pullman shops, where 7,000 men and women have been at work, are closed—7,000 men and women who did not go on strike to better their conditions were forced to hopelessly walk the streets. There are 15,000 women and children at Pullman who are now in a worse condition than the families at Packingtown were during the strike. Their physical and mental sufferings are more acute, they are not inspired by the knowledge that they are fighting for some great principle, some worthy cause; they are suffering because their masters cannot make a profit out of their labor, or have some ulterior motive for closing the shops.

The same conditions that exist at Pullman prevail in the districts around the plants of the great harvestor trust; there again tens of thousands of women and children are facing the coming winter with the grim, gaunt specter of want staring them in the face. The sufferings that are the natural result of non-employment is there in all its horrors. It was at the Stock Yards, it is at Pullman, with this difference: At Packingtown working men were resisting their capitalist exploiters—they were endangering profits.

ATTITUDE OF THE CAPITALIST PRESS.

Now, Mr. Working Man, whether you live at Pullman, Packingtown, the Harvestor district or some other part of the city or country where families are suffering for the common necessities of life, we ask you to do a little thinking while you are on strike and idle, or are idle because your boss has closed the shop and told you he can't buy your labor power any longer.

SOME QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT ANSWER.

Why has the capitalist press nothing to say about the sufferings of the unemployed and their families at Pullman, the Harvestor district and tens of thousands of others who are suffering as much or more than the families of the Packingtown strikers?

Why have their news columns no graphic accounts of the misery resulting from idleness where employers have turned tens of thousands of men on the streets? Can you not see that your masters are using every useful public institution, press, pulpit, college chair, etc., to mislead you into allowing yourselves and your children to be perpetually exploited, and when these means fail, then the courts; police force, militia, and United States troops are used?

When will you wake up? How much longer will you make palace cars for parasites to ride in and you yourselves ride on a freight car when you are forced to travel from town to town looking for a master?

When you have thought deep enough to correctly answer these questions you will be about ready to vote for a change in the system of distributing the products of labor. You will be ready to vote for Socialism. Until then you know what you have and what you can expect from the owners of the means of production.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

The party organization in Cook County has in the past undertaken many enterprises on a large scale and carried them through successfully. With the growth of the organization and its widening influence, there is no reason why each year should not be marked by a distinct advance in the character of its undertakings outside the field of politics. Heretofore the Entertainment Committee, which has done excellent work in behalf of our chief means of publicity—the Chicago Socialist—has been charged with managing a series of ventures in different seasons of the year, some of them being more or less hazardous because of the uncertainty of the weather. A canvass of the possibilities for raising the "sinews of war" for the coming year has, after due consideration, brought the entertainment committee to the conclusion that it will during the month of January next excel all other enterprises it has ever conducted. It will be on a scale of magnitude never before attempted, and yet at the same time be within the power of the comrades of the county and State, with co-operation and energy, to carry through to a most satisfactory result.

On its political side the movement here is making giant strides; thousands are drawn to the movement by the irresistible logic of events; the organization is growing as never before, and the result will be a large increase of the constituency to which we can legitimately appeal in our January carnival and bazaar. The purpose is to transform, with the aid of scenic painters and carpenters, a large hall, conveniently located, into an European village and, under the supervision of duly elected officers who will exercise the functions commonly belonging to such "important" officials, run the village for seven days and seven nights. There will be attractions for everybody—man, woman and child. There will be a stage entertainment for one hour every evening, after which the municipal court will assume the government of the village—and the fun will begin. There will be all kinds of stores and every description of goods on sale. There will be music every night and a ball on the closing night. There will be contests of various kinds and exhibitions by the Turners. There will be trials before the municipal court of persons against whom "serious" complaints have been entered, and you will laugh as you never laugh before. But this is only the barest outline of what will be going on for seven days and nights at the January carnival and bazaar. The program for each day will evolve as we go along, and the entire great season of enjoyment will be announced in the "Carnival Clarion," the first number of which will be published one week in advance of the grand opening and be continued each day thereafter until the close.

Now, the thing to do is to watch for the "Carnival Bulletin" in this paper every week. There will be fresh information on all sorts of points that will interest you. In a little while a meeting of Socialist women will be called—watch for that. Then there will be meetings of men—probably every week after we have voted, and every ounce of energy will be put into this great undertaking to provide ample funds for our press during next year and enable the local branches to conduct enterprises of their own for the work in their own localities.

COLLINS GOES TO NEW YORK.

John Collins, our State Organizer and Candidate for Governor, has been spending a few days with his family resting up a little after his long and successful trip throughout the State.

On Thursday he started for New York, where he goes to assist the New York comrades in their campaign for three weeks. He will then return to Illinois and keep his "hammer" going until election day.

All who have heard Comrade Collins know that the sound of the trumpet will be a clear one.

Every Branch in Cook County and Illinois should have the Convention Photograph in its meeting place. We send it for one dollar and two names for the list.

The map of every nation on earth was changed in the nineteenth century.

THE COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM.

BY WALTER THOMAS MILLS, IN THE "STRUGGLE FOR EXISTENCE."

The Culmination.—Capitalism has a world-wide existence. All other forms of the organization of industry and commerce have been crowded out of existence. World-wide consolidation cannot be prevented. This culmination is inevitable. It is the purpose of this chapter to show that the final collapse of capitalism is as inevitable as is continued growth and final consolidation under capitalism.

Surplus Products.—Capitalism, under machine production, produces more goods than the capitalists can dispose of among themselves and their employees. The capitalists take all the goods from the market which they can use or are willing to waste. The workers take all the goods from the market which their wages will pay for.

It was recently stated, in the United States Senate, by Senator Hanna, that American production will have to be lessened at least one-third, or the foreign market must be held for American goods. This means that American workers are producing very largely in excess of what the American workers are able to buy, over and above all that their employers can use or are willing to waste.

If the workers of this country are doing this, it is also true that the workers of all countries are doing the same. If the accuracy of Senator Hanna's figures be denied, it will not be denied that the workers of all countries are all the time producing largely in excess of all that the workers of all the countries are able to buy, over and above all that their employers can use or are willing to waste.

The Foreign Market.—By means of the foreign market the attempt is made to dispose of this surplus, by the employers of different countries trying to sell to each other this surplus, which the workers could use, but cannot buy, and which the employers claim, but cannot use. To whatever extent the foreign market relieves the overstocked market of one country, it must at the same time increase the overstock or stop the industry of some other country which was before producing the same goods for the same market.

Losing the Market.—If there are increased sales for any one country, it is because it has captured the trade and closed the shops of some other country. And so the struggle for the foreign market, wherever trade shall finally go, means destruction of industry for the losers in the conflict, and ultimate monopoly and world-mastery for the industrial victors.

Purchasing Power.—But this is not all. Each such victory helps to destroy the purchasing power in the world-market of those countries whose shops are closed, and hence makes smaller, at the same time it monopolizes this market for the victors. Whenever the world-trust shall come into complete control of the world-market and continues to produce more than its workers can buy, where, then, will it dispose of this surplus which the capitalist claims, but cannot use, and which the worker has produced and needs, but cannot buy? If the remedy shall be to produce less, then more workers are displaced and there will be still fewer to buy, and hence, a larger surplus than ever. Then capitalism will be able to clear its shelves only by closing down its shops. Hence the only final and logical outcome of the world-trust is to end the relief which may come to the industry of any one country by destroying the industry of some other country.

The world-market is already the one market of the world. The business of supplying that world-market is rapidly becoming the business of a single combination by the process of competition and the necessary consolidation resulting from the combination of some, and the destruction of others, of the competitors.

Commercial Suicide.—Whenever a part of the competitors are in a world-wide combination and have destroyed all other competitors, then the combination must proceed to destroy itself or abandon capitalism. For what can the handful of men, who may be in that final combination, do with 30 per cent of all the products of all the earth, products which the employers cannot use; products which the workers cannot buy; and which cannot any longer be sold outside the trust-controlled territory, to the profit of those not in the trust, because, at last, all the world will be within the grasp of the one international combination "and there are no other worlds to conquer?"

The Collapse.—Therefore, the culmination of capitalism will insure its collapse, because production under capitalism now depends on the foreign market to dispose of its surplus; and the foreign market can last only so long as the international competitors are engaged in the process of destroying each other. When that war is over, and foreign relief is no longer

possible, then, as Senator Hanna correctly contends, under capitalism, there is no other alternative than to lessen production. And this process once entered upon, can find no stopping place short of the complete collapse of capitalism, which has itself evolved the process of its own destruction.

Again, the culmination of capitalism will be its collapse, because, when the one trust has bought the earth, it cannot any longer re-invest its earnings. The Rockefeller alone are buying up the world's productive property at the rate of two millions a week, but they are only one large stream. All the ten thousand industrial and commercial currents are flowing hourly into larger and larger streams and will at last come to the one great sea. The earnings of the trusts are going to buy the stocks of other corporations or the certificates or bonds of other trusts. The whole world's resources are being taxed to the uttermost to complete the purchase of the earth by a single syndicate.

The Bankrupt Trusts.—It is sometimes said that the trusts are overstocked and are bound to fail. Corporations have been overstocked, but no "crash," due to such causes, has taken us backward to the smaller enterprises, but always forward to the larger ones. Nothing could happen which would hasten the coming of the final trust more than a general financial crash among the trusts. At the present rate of consolidation, the day is not far off when a sufficient portion of the productive property of the world will be in the hands of a single combination to make that combination practically the master of the earth. With even 10 per cent of the annual product of all countries available for use in the purchase of the rest of productive properties of the earth, it will be a short road which will lead to the end of this means of re-investment for the earnings of the trust.

Played to a Finish.—A handful of men cannot consume or waste one-third of the world's products. When they can neither use nor re-invest their profits, the uninvested profits must accumulate in the vaults in the same way that the unsold goods will accumulate in the store-houses. Having bought the earth, the end of the buying business, so far as productive property is concerned, will be at hand. Capitalism will have made the earth a single great machine for making profits, and then, because it will have already bought the earth, it will have no use for the larger share of the profits. In the game of trade, the most successful gamblers of them all will have won all the stakes; they will have cleared the table of all its "counters" and its cash; will have ruined all competitors; will have "cinched" every chance; will have "loaded all the dice"; there will be no one either able to bet or willing to take any further chances in this "braced game" of trade. So the game of capitalism will cease to be played, simply because it will have been played to a finish and the gamblers, for sheer lack of victims, "will adjourn for the night."

Compulsory Idleness.—Again, the culmination of capitalism will be its collapse, because the world-trust cannot employ the workers of the world. When the final combination has its store-houses full of goods, which it cannot sell, and its vaults full of profits, which it cannot invest, and the workers of the world shall depend on this one trust for employment—a trust which can neither re-invest its profits nor sell its goods—what then?

If capitalism is to remain, the best it can do is to limit production to the volume of goods which those in the combination can use or waste, and which will provide an existence for the workers employed in producing the goods. Under capitalism, any production beyond this will be aimless and useless, and such a limited production could employ only a small fraction of the workers of the world. What workers would be so employed? It has been seen in the preceding chapter that it would be the workers in those countries where raw materials are cheapest, access to the sea most direct and labor most helpless. That would mean that capitalism would last longest, farthest away from the greatest centers of the world's activity, for there raw materials cost most and labor is best organized. When the final trust comes it will collapse. It will collapse first where the workers are best organized and where society is most advanced. It will not need to collapse in all places in order to utterly collapse in most places. And the places of its earliest collapse will be in those countries where, when capitalism cannot any longer employ labor, labor will be best prepared to employ itself. But labor once perfectly equipped and self-employed anywhere will rapidly extend the new order of things everywhere.

The Class War.—The evolution of capitalism, beginning with the creation of the economic class war, by the earliest form of capitalism, slavery, and the continuance of this class war under serfdom, and its full development and final struggle under modern capitalism, argues the collapse of capitalism with equal certainty. Through all the centuries of civilization, under the economic domination of capitalism, in its many forms, this bitter economic war has lasted on and on—barbarian against barbarian, the victor against the captive, the master against the slave, the lord against the serf, the employer against the employee, or the warrior, victor, master, lord and employer against warrior, captive, slave, serf and employee—the one an ascending sequence of increasing power, the other a descending sequence of increasing servitude. Each succeeding relation has grown out of the preceding one as an economic evolution in the interest of the master class.

But to-morrow the masters will be few in number. They will largely own the earth, but they cannot use it. They cannot re-invest their earnings, they cannot sell their goods, they cannot employ the workers and they will not have the force to protect the titles which they have secured by force. The economic class war will end because of the evolution of capitalism under the domination of the master class will have created a new class of masters, whose growing power capitalism cannot prevent, and whose strength no power on earth will be able to withstand, and whose welfare cannot be secured, unless capitalism shall cease to be. The economic enfranchisement of the working class means the disappearance of all other economic classes, and the collapse of that age-long capitalism, based on the appropriation by one class of the products of another class, will be inevitable and final.

Benevolent Feudalism.—It is sometimes admitted that the trend of things is distinctly as is here indicated, and then it is denied that the final collapse will come. A new feudalism, "a benevolent feudalism," is to prevent all this. Not only has this been contended for, but there seem good reasons to believe that it has been definitely proposed and steps undertaken to realize that result.

It is asked if great capitalists could form a world-wide combination to take charge of the government, as well as the industries of the earth, and could so operate the governments that they could enforce such industrial activities as would provide for the personal comfort of all the workers, and thus, by making "the full dinner pail" always certain, could not, then, such a condition of dependence between the well-fed workers and their acknowledged masters be established that the masters would provide directly for all who would submit to their paternal care, all that could be carried in a "dinner pail" and starve or imprison all others, and then use or waste in private gardens, hunting grounds and personal services for the masters all the life values of all the people not required for the comfortable support of the workers themselves. The greatest strength of this suggestion is in the fact that in the culmination of capitalism the final group of surviving capitalists will be forced into a single combination. When they have made the last great bargain and have bargained for the world itself, that will surely include the governmental powers along with the rest. Then, why will not the surviving capitalists choose to use these powers of the state together with the world's resources, which the final trust will control, in order to provide, at least, a comfortable existence for all, rather than consent to the universal collapse here pointed out?

Inner Circle Unable to Keep the Peace, Disguise its Crimes or Defend Itself.—The reasons why this will not be done are many and conclusive. First, it would mean that when the final trust comes the capitalist "leopards will change their spots" and cease to lie in wait to destroy each other. There is no reason to hold that they will not continue their strife which will make the final trust, within the final trust, an ever-lessening self-destructing "inner circle" inevitable, until all shall collapse together.

Second, Under the final trust, the fact of exploitation will be so clear, the exploiters will be so few, their victims will be so many, that compromise on any terms will be impossible. Third, The workers could not be made content with a "full dinner pail." They have contended for that because they did not have it. Give it to them and make its possession secure and they will make a fight for more, and now having full stomachs, will increase the fury of their demand as they are stronger to make demands.

It should be remembered, when the great estates in ancient Rome attempted to improve the lot of their slaves so that more slaves could be gotten by birth, when conquest could provide no more, how quickly the effort to improve the slave destroyed slavery. It should be remembered, when the English landlords found that too many serfs were taking advantage of their right to go, the landlords attempted to keep their serfs by improving the lot of the serf, how quickly serfdom ceased to exist. When capitalism shall once sincerely try to improve the lot of the workers, that will be the end of capitalism.

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If the final trust keeps on its way of capitalistic production and exploitation, it must collapse. If the final trust tries to keep the peace and perpetuate itself by offering the workers half a loaf, they will proceed to demand and to take possession of the whole bakery itself. And, hence, again, the culmination of capitalism will be its own collapse.

Summary.—1. The culmination of

capitalism will involve its collapse for the following reasons:

(a) Capitalism depends upon a foreign market in which to sell its surplus products. The culmination of capitalism will make all markets into a single world market and make an end of the foreign market.

(b) Capitalism depends for the investment of its profits upon larger and larger purchases of the world's productive property. The culmination of capitalism will come when the final trust shall have bought a controlling interest in the earth. The profits can not then be re-invested, and the profit system must collapse.

(c) Capitalism can continue only so long as the workers shall continue to consent to its existence. The culmination of capitalism will make impossible any rational provision for the existence of the working class under capitalism. Without the consent of the working class, capitalism must collapse.

2. The creation of a benevolent feudalism as the culmination of capitalism will be impossible, and for the following reasons:

(a) Because the struggle for mastery among the masters will continue until all collapse.

(b) Because of the impossibility of longer concealing the infamous nature of capitalistic exploitation from the knowledge of those exploited.

(c) Because to grant satisfaction to the present desires of the workers will create new demands, with added power to enforce them, until they will have demanded and obtained all there is of the earth and its resources for all mankind.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN NOW GETTING VERY WARM

is trying to organize an Italian local. He reports the Italians as much interested in the movement, but will not join the English local, owing to not understanding the language.

Comrade Sievers, of Kankakee, reports much interest manifested there in Socialism, and states that Kankakee will do her share in the general increase of the Socialist vote. Arrangements were being made for the Block meeting on the 22d.

Comrades Jaynes, of Witt, sends in a request for an organizer to visit there and organize. He thinks a local with twenty-five members can be started.

Comrade Koos, of Aurora, writes that the comrades there were well pleased with the speech made by S. Goldbarth on the 10th. They want him again. They are delighted with the fact that Collins and Brower, candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, will both be at Aurora on Oct. 15. They have secured the City Hall and will have a big rally.

The Socialists of Edgar County are preparing to form a county organization. Comrade Huppert, of Paris, states that the workers there are beginning to grasp the reality of the class struggle and a big awakening is in evidence. The Block meeting in the Twenty-seventh will be held at the courthouse yard. Comrade Brooks delivered the Labor Day address and made a deep impression.

Comrade Polquin, of Mattoon, reports the workers there as getting their eyes opened and much sentiment is being aroused. They are making arrangements for the Block meeting at Charleston on the 28th, and at Mattoon on the 29th, and for Brower and Collins on Oct. 20. The Mattoon Journal recently contained the following:

"One familiar with the situation says that for the first time in the history of politics of this section the Socialists will put a county, legislative and Congressional ticket in the field of Coles."

"The Socialists all over the United States are showing marked activity this year. There are quite a number of followers of the doctrine in Mattoon, and they have been anxious to vote their sentiments for several years. They think this is the year to get action."

Comrade Norman E. Martin writes from Lincoln that arrangements will be made for the Block meeting there Oct. 1. He says the boys there need a good deal of stirring up and it is hoped Block will do it.

Comrade Marlett of Joliet sends for ten tickets for the Debs-Hanford meeting at the Auditorium on Oct. 17. The boys at Joliet want a speaker for every Saturday night, as they are holding good meetings and the sentiment is increasing very rapidly. Comrade Marlett expects shortly to organize locals at Lockport and Plainfield. Comrades from Joliet go out to these cities and distribute Chicago Socialists and other literature. They will do the same at Wilmington.

Comrades at Spring Valley will prepare for Brower on Oct. 8 and will also assist at La Salle on the 10th, writes Comrade Watts of the former place. They have already secured a hall at both places, and have big hopes of the meeting.

Socialists of St. Clair county met in convention at Marissa on the 10th and nominated the following ticket: Representative, Jas. M. Cooper, Marissa; Circuit Clerk, E. C. Reagan, East St. Louis; Sheriff, J. L. Destree, Belleville; Recorder, Geo. W. Boswell, Belleville; Coroner, J. M. Hill, Marissa; Surveyor, Wm. A. Exbridge, Belleville. Comrade Cooper reports that the nominees are all clear-cut Socialists and enthusiasts.

Socialism is making rapid progress in Deatur, according to word just received from Comrade Easley, who states that the Wabash shops are full of workmen who are beginning to understand their class interests, the machinists being especially aroused. Arrangements are being made for the speech of Sam Block on the 30th.

Comrade Daugherty writes from Tolono that arrangements were being made for a big reception to Comrade Block on the 21st at Champaign. They had secured the assistance of the Carpenters' Union, which was working to have all the unions attend.

The boys in Rock Island are putting up a hot campaign there, writes Comrade Shipman. Brower spoke there on the 21st and we are waiting for news of the meeting.

Comrade Dial writes from Herrin that there are a great many in that county who will vote the Socialist ticket this fall. Socialist sentiment is spreading rapidly and in time a good movement will be organized.

The boys at Sheldon made good arrangements for the Block meeting on the 23d, got out dodgers and advertised it well. Report of the meeting had not been received at the time of this writing.

STATE CAMPAIGN FUND.

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Balance, Sept. 1st JAS. S. SMITH, State Secretary.

DOTS AND DASHES OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

BY HENRY WIEGEL.

If you don't believe we are becoming a warlike nation, observe the style of military helmets now worn by the park policemen.

Mr. Redmond declares that home rule for Ireland is near. We have heard that for a good many years now. What the working class of Ireland really wants is the right to use not only the land, but also the tools, machinery, factories and transportation lines without giving up the larger part of the wealth they create to an employer, whether he be an English lord or an Irish capitalist.

The Republican and Democratic ward heeled and politicians are grumbling because their usual easy money around election time is not forthcoming. As the trusts and corporations control whoever is elected on the old party tickets, it makes no difference to them what species of wolf gets the office; therefore it's useless for them to throw away money.

Mr. Workman, which are you most interested in, street car franchises, and municipal ownership of street cars, or food, clothing and shelter for yourself and family? A few would-be reformers and alleged friends of the working class are working you up into a high state of excitement over municipal ownership, which you won't get after all their spouting. The Socialist party, when in full control, will give you food, clothing, shelter and the right to have employment. The ownership of the streets and the car lines as well as all other necessities of life, goes with the Socialist program. Then why should you waste any of your time, money or energy in chasing municipal rainbows? Get into the Socialist bandwagon and become a member of the party.

Capitalism makes beasts and savages out of civilized men. A Russian and a Jap were found dead on a battlefield embracing each other, but not as lovers would. The Jap's teeth were sunk in the Russian's throat, and the latter had his thumbs in the Jap's eyes, having tried to gouge them out. There is no danger of the Czar or the Mikado getting so close together and testing their personal strength. Why should they, as long as they can get the working cattle to kill themselves for their masters?

The school board don't want aged teachers to receive pensions unless actually unfit for still making their living. Navy and army officers have no such restrictions, but then that is capitalism for you, and under this system school teachers, people engaged in a useful occupation, are not to be classed with those engaged in the game of slaughtering human beings.

Crime is rampant in Chicago. With 25,000 men thrown out of employment through the closing down of many large plants and the turning loose of the thugs and cutthroats used as strike breakers, with cold weather coming on, what else could be expected? Under Socialism there would be no unemployed problem, which is now the cause of most of crime committed. Next November you will have a chance to show whether you approve this system. A straight Socialist vote is the proper protest, followed up by joining the ward branch and becoming an active worker in the cause.

A test is going to be made of an Illinois statute. The arrest of the president of the Goss Printing Co., in order to give the Employers' Association the opportunity of testing the constitutionality of an Illinois law which provides that employers advertising for help shall be compelled to state whether or not a strike is in progress, will result in the law being declared unconstitutional, the same as the anti-injunction and the eight-hour laws throughout the United States. But, after all, what's the use of going to that trouble? It has been virtually a dead letter anyway. Or, perhaps Sammy Gompers might "question" candidates as to whether or not they will vote for its repeal.

The winner of the pennant in the National Baseball League plays a series of exhibition games with the winners of the pennant in the American League, and the players "cop the dough." But as the National League is supposed to have more to lose on its reputation by losing the series, it is alleged the officers of that body are buying off the star pitchers in the New York National team to keep them out of the game. Under this system there are few things not reached by the rottenness of capitalism.

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A HARRACK, Secy. You cannot win the esteem of one man through the abuse of another.

"ECONOMIC DETERMINISM" DEMONSTRATED.

has been condemned in the most scathing terms possible. Such condemnation is probably concurred with by all refined and respectable persons who look upon the matter from a sentimental point of view.

"Sentiment is here in conflict with what the public calls 'worldly greed,' but what the managers call 'business sagacity.' What the ultimate outcome will be is a matter of deep concern. It is not the function of the psychologist to decide upon the merits of the case."

"The American is primarily practical, but secondarily sentimental. Those of us who condemn the managers of this playhouse will do well to consider the question from their point of view. What would we do if we had a great sum invested in the building and were called on to pay thousands of dollars annually for ground rent?"

"The Northerner opposed slavery on sentimental grounds. The Southerner was of as high a type of civilization, and yet the sentiment of the case did not appeal to him. The part which financial interests play in determining our sentiments is well known. The public at large has no financial interest in the playhouses, and for it the question is one of mere sentiment. The managers have large financial interests at stake; these are for them sufficient to deaden sentiment."

It may look at times as though more sentiment is in control of the affairs of men, but on a closer and more perfect understanding of all the factors involved it will be found that men act as their material interests dictate, according to their enlightenment. The working class in their struggle for liberty and justice is no exception to the rule.

FEDERATION NOTES.

At last Sunday's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor a resolution from the Ironing Memorial Association opposing the reopening of the Troop theater was read and referred to the executive board.

Then some doctor tried to advertise himself through the Federation, but the reading of his letter was stopped. Then came a communication from President Gompers calling upon the Federation to aid the Referendum League in forcing political candidates to promise to do numerous things which, by their political affiliations, they are already pledged not to do.

Of course, no more was needed to start the Socialists.

Logically, vigorously and plainly were their objections stated.

If those who favored the communication had been able to offer any reason, except that, like a flock of sheep, they must follow the bell weather, the vigorous opposition would have made their silence impossible.

But despite their silence in the discussion, pure and simple won by a large majority when it came to a vote, and the communication was referred to the legislative committee.

In commenting on the matter the usually dignified Tribune cavorts in high glee because the Socialists, while occupying the only logical position, could not muster a majority of the votes.

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After due consideration the Executive Committee is of the opinion that all street meetings should close at 10 o'clock.

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Complaint has been made to the police department that Socialists' meetings are blocking the passage at street corners...

Chairmen of meetings will please take notice and remove the above objections to our street work.

Second Ward Branch meets every Tuesday night at 2015 Cottage Grove Ave.

The Twentieth Ward Branch meets every Monday, 729 W. 2nd St.

The Nineteenth Ward Branch, at regular meetings held Sept. 20, decided to adopt the proposition recommended by J. M. Crook...

The meetings of the West End German Branch (Twenty-third Ward) are held every Sunday morning at 70 Willow St.

Thirty-fifth Ward open-air meetings corner 48th Av. and Harrison St., Sunday, 3 p. m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 1904, 8 P. M. 51st and Rhodes Av. (24th Ward).

Speakers—C. W. Benton, 37th and Westmoreland (5th Ward).

Speakers—Mat Whalen, 29th and Wallace St. (4th Ward).

Speakers—G. W. Evans, 18th and Blue Island Av. (9-10 Wards).

Speakers—H. H. Chaplin, 12th and Ashland Av. (11th Ward).

Speakers—Henry J. Wiegert, 12th and Kedzie Av. (12th Ward).

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Speakers—J. M. Simons, 17th and Western Av. (17th Ward).

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Speakers—Dr. Geo. Slater, 17th and Belmont Av. (25th Ward).

Speakers—A. W. Massey, North and Western Avs. (28th Ward).

Speakers—J. J. Meyers and Sam Robbins, 45th and Loomis St. (29th Ward).

Speakers—R. H. Chaplin and Len Einton, 53d and Halsted Sts. (31st Ward).

Speakers—J. W. Bartick, 62th and Halsted Sts. (32d Ward).

Speakers—Geo. Koop, 11th and Michigan Av. (33d Ward).

Speakers—J. Sinsburg and Mark Bartlett, 12th and 46th Av. (34th Ward).

Speakers—E. M. Stanzland, 48th Av. and Lake St. (35th Ward).

Speakers—A. Healdike, Chicago Heights, Ill.

Speakers—A. Harreck, Hervey, Ill.

Speakers—Walter Huggins, Maywood, Ill., Halford St. and 5th Av.

Speakers—V. E. Clark, Unity Lodge, I. A. O. M., 134, 162 S. Wood St., 829 P. M.

Speakers—J. M. Simons, Iron Molders Union, No. 372, I. M. T., Friedman's Hall, Grand and Western Avs.

Speakers—A. S. Edwards, SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 1904, 8 P. M.

Speakers—Geo. Koop, 29th and Archer Av. (5th Ward).

Speakers—Mark Bartlett and A. A. Henry, 71st and Cottage Grove Av. (7th Ward).

Speakers—Mat Whalen and H. H. Chaplin, Maxwell and Halsted Sts. (9-10 Wards).

Speakers—H. Ehrenpreis and Mrs. Lillian Forberg, 20th and E. Taylor Sts. (11th Ward).

Speakers—J. W. Bartick and J. Sinsburg, Madison and Western Avs. (13th Ward).

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Speakers—A. W. Massey, Walton Pl. and Clark St. (21st Ward).

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WARD NOTES.

The Seventh Ward Branch meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 355 E. 63d street.

SOCIALIST PARTY (7th Ward Branch). Public meetings first and third Tuesdays 8 p. m. at 355 E. 63d st.

The Sixth Ward Branch are having some very successful agitation meetings at 47th and State streets Wednesday night.

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Speaker—Jas. O'Neil, Noble and Erie Sts. (17th Ward).

Speaker—J. F. Nolan, Clark and Ohio Sts. (27th Ward).

Speaker—J. Dalgard, Clark and A. Line Sts. (25th Ward).

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Speaker—G. Y. Courtney, FRIDAY, SEPT. 23, 1904, 8 P. M.

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Some call it apathy, but it does not appear to be exactly that. The people are not indifferent, but they are not curious.

There is nothing they seem to be in doubt about. Apparently they have made up their minds, and need neither spellbinders nor documents to enlighten them.

"One of the Republican campaign managers, a man of long experience, explained the situation from his viewpoint. In 1896, he said, the country was suddenly confronted with a question about which it knew nothing and about which it wanted to know everything. That was the money question.

The result was the greatest educational campaign ever seen in this or any other country. The people were eager to listen and to read. On both sides the speakers had big audiences.

The printing presses of the country were busy turning out documents, and this literature was carefully read and studied by millions upon millions of voters.

"In 1900 there was another new question. The Spanish-American war had caused our country to drift into over-sea expansion and colonialism.

Colonialism was a new thing and the people wanted to know about it. They were only to a degree less eager than they had been in 1896.

"But in 1904 there is no new question before the American people. It can hardly be said with truth there is any real issue between the two parties.

There is nothing to be studied, nothing to be inquired into, nothing the people care to discuss. Four years ago and eight years ago, if you traveled on the cars or lingered about a hotel or went into a store or cafe, you were sure to hear people arguing about the questions of the day, often with heat, always with interest. It is not so now.

You rarely or never hear such talk. The people have not lost interest in public affairs, you may be sure, but there is nothing that stirs them up; nothing that starts them to arguing. What is there in the political campaign that a group of men in the smoking compartment could get up a discussion about? Occasionally you may hear men offering their individual opinions as to the character of the candidates for President, but there is not enough in that to produce much excitement.

Such talks usually run like this—I have heard several of them: The Republican says, 'Teddy is a thoroughbred and 'all right.' The Democrat remarks that he admires Teddy, too, but thinks he may be just a little too strenuous and that Parker would be a wiser President. The Republican asks what

and has always been, the question of bread and butter.

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A. J. NIELSEN, Organizer Sixth Ward Branch.

Twenty-third Ward Branch meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month at 185 Mohawk street.

NOTICE. 65d Ward Branch No. 2, S. P. I.

There will be a special meeting at Grand Crossing Turner Hall Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 3 p. m.

Ward organizers will please call at the office of the Chicago Socialist and get transparencies to be used at open-air meetings to announce our meeting at the Auditorium, Oct. 7.

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The President has done that the Democrat objects to, and his friend replies: 'Nothing; but we don't know what he is going to do next.' Then they both laugh and fall to talking about wheat or the 'Japs' or the St. Louis fair.

The effect of this attitude of the public mind is that this year there is so far actually no campaign for the presidency.

What little of a campaign there is may be found in newspapers, especially the Eastern newspapers.

Here in New York the papers devote many columns to national politics, but from reading the Western papers you would scarcely learn that there was a presidential campaign on in the country.

Both Republican and Democratic managers tell me they do not know what to do with their speakers. Both have long lists of orators on their books and arrangements made for sending the men out.

They offer their attractions to the State committees, but the State committees almost invariably reply: 'The campaign has not opened yet with us, and we have no need for speakers.'

It is about all the Republicans can do to make a good showing with such stars as Senator Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon and members of the cabinet.

Their meetings are neither large nor enthusiastic, and attempts to get the people to turn out to listen to men of less note have for the most part resulted in disappointment.

As with the spellbinders, so it is with the "literature." Both campaign committees have printed tons and tons of documents and organized elaborate bureaus to ship them, but for the most part they have had their labor for their pains.

From hundreds of State and county and local chairmen have come the report: 'Don't send any more documents. The people won't read 'em.' And what are documents good for without answers? It is not enough to lead the horse to water, you must make him drink, and this year the voter simply refuses to swallow the copious libations so carefully prepared for him."

It is true that there is absolutely no interest taken by the working people in old party politics or the fake and worn out issues, resurrected from the tombs of the past by the capitalist politicians to again hypnotize the workers into voting to perpetuate their slavish conditions.

It is true that the Democrat and Republican spellbinders are no longer able to pull the wool over the eyes of the workers and work them into enthusiasm by oratory, brass bands and cheap cigars.

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