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RACE HATRED CANNOT DISPLACE CLASS STRUGGLE

Tillman and His “Nigger” Cry Will Not Stop the Stock Yards Voters from Carrying Their Struggle to the Ballot Box.

The stock yards strike is not yet ended. It will end only when the class struggle ends. It will end only when the food makers of Packingtown own and control the things with which they work, and enjoy the product of their toil and skill.

The battle is raging to-day fiercer than ever before, but to-day it is the capitalists who are in a panic before threatened defeat. The slaves have grasped new weapons. They are no longer fighting with pitiful pennies against mountains of dollars. They are appealing to the ballot box, where men not money counts. The masters who have so long wielded governmental powers in the interests of plunder know that their defeat is certain here, unless some means be found to divide the laborers and set them once more fighting each other.

When the word went throughout the country that the slaves of the meat barons were joining the rebellious hosts that are rallying beneath the banner of the Socialist Party there was panic in the councils of capitalism. Local politicians were appealed to but they are helpless to stem the tide. Worn-out issues no longer served to deceive and divide. Labor fakery, when they sought once more to play the part of decoy steers to lead blind laborers into Republican and Democratic shambles, suddenly found that the eyes of their former dupes were opened; that they no longer trotted meekly to political slaughter.

RACE HATRED AN ISSUE.

During the strike a horde of debased, bestialized blacks had been bought in the labor market and shipped into the yards as hogs are shipped for the killing floors. The story of their brutal debauchery has already been told in these columns. Naturally the laborers whom these disgusting products of capitalism had been used to displace felt a bitter hatred against the negro scab. But those who damned the “nigger,” are beginning to look behind the black weapon with which they are struck to see the man that wielded, the brain that planned and the class that profited by this use of the negro. The Socialists had been pointing out the fact that it was the class struggle and not the race struggle which must be waged if labor would be free. The workers of the yards are grasping this fact and by thousands are preparing to strike both Republican and Democratic oppressors at the point where the strike is sure to win, the ballot box.

PITCHFORK TILLMAN TO THE RESCUE.

But it did not suit the political and industrial rulers of this country that race hatred should die out. Every division in the ranks of the toilers weakens their resistance to oppression, extends the term of their slavery, increases the profits of their exploiters. So it is that extreme efforts are being made to fan the dying embers of race hatred. The better to do this they have imported that precious product of little capitalist domination in South Carolina,—that cross between Southern chattel slave owner and Northern wage slave exploiter, Ben Tillman. In 1896 Tillman came to Chicago eager to speak for the Democratic party, but his crudeness and ignorance were so notorious that the Democratic managers feared to use him, and he found every hall closed to his efforts. Now he is welcomed back. Now he can be used. Now it is hoped that the workers of the yards are such crude fools that they can be deceived by this buffoon whose every speech has for its text “damn the nigger,” whose solution of the labor problem is the whip, the noose and the stake, and the height of whose brilliant intellectual repartee is the question, “Would you let your daughter marry a nigger?” This is the man who is now to appeal to the stock yards workers in the hope that he may deceive and divide them and set them once more to fighting among themselves. If they will but fight over the question of the color of their skins the capitalists may skin both alike. If negro worker and white worker can be turned loose upon each other there is no danger of either securing freedom.

WHY DOES TILLMAN COME?

A few weeks ago the laborers of the stock yards were in desperate need of every particle of assistance and sympathy they could secure. They were fighting for life, for themselves, their families and generations yet to come. Where was Tillman then? He should be asked by a thousand voices at every meeting he addresses where he was when the strike was on, and why he did not speak to or for the stock yards workers then. Ask him whose money is paying him now, that he should come here to raise the race question and set white worker against black. Ask him what interest August Belmont, McCarren, Clark, and the money lords who are contributing to the Democratic party campaign fund, from which his salary is paid, have in sending him to the yards at this time, other than to divide and enslave the workers to whom he talks. These men who own both Republican and Democratic parties have seen the rising wave of intelligent discontent that is starting in the stock yards, and which threatens to sweep them with their ill-gotten gains out of our social system. That is why Tillman is sent here. That is the sort of dirty work in which he is engaged.

WILL THE LABORERS OF CHICAGO BE SO EASILY FOOLED?

Are there any of the workers of this city who cannot see through this trap? Are there any so foolish as to bite at such a miserable bait? Let the workers of Chicago attend his meetings and send him back with the word that our eyes are opened to our slavery—that we know him for the tool that he is. Tell him to go back with his negro-hating gospel to the State from which he came. Tell him that even there his reign will be short, for the rising tide of Socialism is sweeping on even toward the “black belt.”

Tell him that the workers of the stock yards have joined hands across all lines of nationality, and creed, and race and color, in a common battle for freedom. Tell him that in our social warfare of to-day we recognize but one dividing line, and that is the line that divides the workers from the shirkers, the makers from the takers, and that we propose to wage the battle along that line until those who create the wealth of the world shall own the things with which they work and enjoy the product of their toil.

A. M. SIMONS.

CAMPAIGN WAXES WARMER! CAPITALIST POLITICIANS WORRIED

Organizers Having Big Meetings and Arousing Much Enthusiasm and Interest—Outlook Good for Auditorium Meeting—State News.

The Socialist campaign in Chicago and Illinois still waxes warmer and warmer, and the outburst of sentiment among the workers for Socialism has got the capitalist politicians to guessing and created consternation in their ranks. In the Stock Yards district the workers are so strongly imbued with Socialism, and so earnestly and steadily persist in their declarations to vote the Socialist ticket, that the politicians there are frantic in their efforts to find some means whereby to stem the Socialist tide, and lead the workers there back once more into the old party shambles.

They have secured the services of “Pitchfork” Tillman, who will put in five days in the district, probably telling the workers there that as the negroes were used to break the strike, and as the Democratic party is “agin the nigger,” therefore the white workers should vote the Democratic ticket.

We announced last week that a second branch would be organized in the Twenty-ninth Ward, but it did not materialize, as Organizer Larsen discovered it was a scheme being engineered by some politicians, one of whom was a Democratic precinct captain and also election judge. What their object was is not clear, unless they meant to get into the party and then have the club endorse Democratic candidates. Instead, much to the disgust of the aforesaid politicians, they were organized into an educational club and will be supplied with speakers each Friday night.

If you have not secured your Auditorium tickets do so at once. The better-priced seats are going fast, and if you don't hurry up you will secure nothing but a 15-cent ticket.

We have now some window hangers to advertise the Auditorium affair, beautifully printed in two colors, and so plain they can be read across the street. Call and get some and put them up. Do this at once!

Five hundred Chicago Socialists per week were donated to Local Peoria to assist them in the splendid work they are doing there. They have a canvasser constantly in the field making a house to house canvass, and are sending speakers to various towns in that neighborhood. Altogether they are under heavy expense, and so the committee decided to assist them to the extent above mentioned.

Comrades, if you have money on campaign subscription lists which you have not turned in, do so at once, as we wish to get out more leaflets. Hustle up this week!

The first batch of leaflets ordered by the committee is now being distributed. One hundred and fifty thousand have been sent to the various locals in the State.

To offset the work of Senator Tillman, whom the Democrats are bringing to put in a week at the Stock Yards, the committee has ordered 20,000 special leaflets for distribution at Tillman's various meetings. These leaflets will contain a series of questions addressed to Tillman, and are expected to largely neutralize the latter's work.

Owing to the lockout at the Pullman shops, the boys in the Thirty-third Ward are unable to purchase the literature they wish to distribute, and as the sentiment is good and the field a fertile one, the committee donated to them 1,000 Chicago Socialists per week until the close of the campaign.

THE CAMPAIGN IN THE STATE. Comrade Simons makes his first report as follows from Rockford: “Had a fine crowd last night. The Rockford comrades are a lot of good, clear-cut Socialists and hustling workers. They will do their share in piling up a good vote in Illinois this fall. Collection, \$9.27. How is that for a starter?”

Brower writes from Jacksonville: “Had good meeting at Barry; collection, \$3.98. Wm. Borthwick is one of the finest men I have ever met—a business man of rare ability, an earnest Socialist and a gentleman. They will organize at once. My meeting at Pittsfield was good; had a large audience and a running debate with two ministers, one lawyer and three laymen.”

But on account of the intense heat we left the hall and held our meeting in the street, where we had a good crowd. After the speech, which was well received, Comrade Brower answered questions for nearly an hour, and although there was some hot shot poured into him from all sides, he answered all, and the questioners came up and shook hands and thanked him for leading them into the light. The speech has caused much excitement, and I think will cause more honest investigation than anything that could have happened, as it is admitted by all who heard the talk and the manner in which he answered the questions that Comrade Brower is certainly an able man, and they have a far different conception of Socialism than they had previous to hearing the speech.”

Brower's meeting at Quincy was successful. The meeting was not held in the City Hall as advertised. When the boys arrived at the hall to open up they found the janitor sitting on the steps, and he demanded \$5, so at Brower's request they refused it and took the crowd to the city park and held the meeting there, the comrades agreeing to send the \$5 thus saved to the campaign fund. The Quincy record for street collections was beaten, \$4.46 being taken up. In writing of this meeting Comrade Stewart says:

“Comrade Brower held the audience spellbound and so interested that they did not move as he expanded to them the philosophy of Socialism. He pictured the two old parties as representing a side show at a circus, with Teddy at one side and Parker at the other calling on the people to enter their respective tents and receive four more years of exploitation, prostitution and the militia pointing their bayonets at the breasts of the workers when the latter demand a little more of their product. The truths uttered went straight to the hearts of the workers of Quincy, and aroused them as nothing has ever done before.”

Brower made a deep impression on the unconverted at Pittsfield. Comrade Troutner says it is common talk on the streets, and every day since then it is being discussed on the streets. “To hear some of the Democrats talk you would think they considered the Socialist party their chief opponent rather than the Republican party. The sentiment for Socialism throughout the county is amazing, and if Brower can come back again he will set the place afire.”

Brower did not hold his meeting at Macomb, as the comrades there had made no effort to advertise the meeting or make any preparations whatsoever. It is to be hoped this will happen nowhere else and that the boys at Macomb will take a tumble to themselves and do better in the future.

At Alton the boys had engaged the Union Labor Hall, but as only a few showed up Brower held his meeting on the street and had a good crowd, but the collection was poor.

Comrade Block continues to hold good meetings, having from 300 to 500 auditors at each point. He speaks very highly of the work being done by Comrades Polquin, of Mattoon; Sievers, of Kankakee; Miller, of Ridgeway; Hart, of Sheldon; Pickens, of Watseka; Mueller, of Danville; Apenatus, of Westville; Happersett, of Paris, and Jaugherty, of Toluna. These comrades not only attend to meetings in their own towns, but assist at the meetings in neighboring towns. Block says: “At every town where I have spoken so far the comrades are active, earnest, intelligent men, who are doing a great deal to spread the Socialist philosophy and interest their fellow-workers in the Socialist movement.”

In reference to Comrade Block's meetings the following report comes in from Comrade Polquin, of Mattoon: “We were more than pleased with Comrade Block's speaking at Charleston. It was the first Socialist speech in that city and I am certain did a great deal of good. The next night at Mattoon fully 500 listened to him, applauding frequently, everyone seeming to be much pleased with his talk. The next day some complained because Block did not hit ‘King Teddy’ hard enough.”

A crowded house greeted Block at Lincoln. He reports that it is wonder-

ful the interest shown in Socialism by the workers of Lincoln and every place he speaks at. He thinks a good local can be organized at Lincoln. The Daily News of that place gives a quarter of a column to a report of Block's speech and as an introduction says: “Samuel Block, an attorney of Peoria, and candidate on the Socialist ticket for Attorney General, addressed an audience of workmen in Forester Hall Saturday night on the subject of ‘Socialism.’ While Mr. Block's audience did not number a great many it was composed of thinking men among the laboring class who will discuss and disseminate the teachings of the Socialists. Mr. Block was listened to attentively and seemed very sincere in all of his statements bearing on the issues of the party.”

At Decatur Block's meeting was held at the Christian Temple, which the comrades have secured for all the meetings. There was a large attendance, and a good impression was made.

Comrades Brower and Block held a joint meeting at Springfield to a big crowd. Complete reports are not in yet, but Block says a policeman tried to stop them, but failed, as the boys there had a permit from the Chief of Police.

At Spring Valley the following ticket was nominated: Representative, Henry Watts, Spring Valley; Clerk Circuit Court, Charles Parson, Ladd; State's Attorney, Wm. James, Spring Valley; Coroner, Wm. Heutman, Dalls; Surveyor, John Latosky, Spring Valley.

Writing from Herrin, among other things, Comrade Dial says: “The future of Socialism grows bright here with every passing day.”

Comrade Ehlert writes from Carpentersville that they had National Organizer Saltiel there recently. The speaker was an hour late and many of the crowd had gone home, but those that remained heard a fine speech and were well pleased.

Comrade Cooper writes that things are moving along fine in St. Clair County, and if they can have another speaker or two, especially at East St. Louis and Belleville, things will hum there.

“We are having a regular Socialist revival here,” writes Comrade Underhill, of Kewanee. “We are taking in new members at every meeting.” The meetings held there by Collins and Brower seem to have had great effect.

“A debate was held at Peoria recently between an S. L. P. man and Dr. Knopf-nagel,” writes Comrade Caultkins. “They distributed that old chestnut, ‘What is the Difference?’ and I immediately went around after them and distributed our national platform. We had the crowd with us and the Doctor made them look like 300 cents.”

An Italian local has been organized at Joliet with twenty members, through the efforts of Comrade Jacobson. They are earnest men, but need “nursing.”

A local will be organized at Witt shortly and Comrade Jaynes already has twelve applicants for that purpose. “Socialism is booming in Moline,” writes Comrade Welzenbach, “but it is hard to make individuals converted to Socialism realize the necessity of organization. The Republican campaign here is on the bum; their speakers don't draw; their torchlight procession the other night was a fizzle. As for the Democrats, they have not been heard from yet.”

If you knew that the deficit could be covered every week provided one hundred comrades would get down to practical work and send in two new subscribers a week for the paper, would you be one of the hundred? We are not asking you alone to do this, because that will not cover the deficit; we ask you to be one of a hundred, every man of the group to send in two new subscribers.

THIS IS REGISTRATION DAY. Remember, if you don't register you can't vote. Let every working man in the State see to it that his name is on the voters' list.

You may register any time Saturday, Oct. 8, between 8 a. m. and 9 p. m.

The second registration day will be Oct. 18, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. See to it that your name is on the list.

AN OPEN LETTER.

From a Working Woman Who Can't Vote to Workingmen Who Can.

Editor Chicago Socialist: A little over a year ago a copy of your paper was put into my hands at a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, to which I was a delegate.

I became interested in Socialism, and I wrote to your office and secured some books and pamphlets. It was not long until I came to understand my condition as a member of the working class and the hopelessness of ever very materially improving it while the profit system lasts. By a combination of circumstances I happen to be a member of a trade union, and work mostly with men and draw the same pay as the men do. Personally, I am better off than most of the women workers whose lives are being literally coined and ground into profits.

But we women can't vote, and the men can. We are powerless to remedy the conditions—even though we understood them and knew that through the ballot the working class might emancipate themselves. Therefore, I make this appeal to the men of my class, both union and non-union, to study Socialism. I know if they will do it they can no longer waste their votes and throw them away by voting to perpetuate their own slavery.

I have put into the hands of every man in our large establishment, which employs over 300 people (about 90 men and 200 girls and women), the little campaign booklet written by Ben Hanford, “What Workingmen's Votes Can Do.” I did not give any to the women, because they can't vote, but I have got some of them to thinking and working for Socialism, which means justice to the workers—both men and women.

Now, my brothers, you who have the ballot, let me ask you—all who read this—to think of the awful conditions and hopeless future that confronts our sisters and daughters so long as this hellish profit system lasts. And don't forget that it is your votes; you of the working class, who are perpetuating and making possible not only the enslavement of men—strong men—but the responsibility for the hopeless condition of labor for hundreds of thousands of helpless women and children rests upon you—don't forget—on you working class voters!

Now, I can't vote, but for more than a year I have been doing what I can in my own quiet way to enlighten my fellow workers, both men and women, how to bring about a condition of affairs that will enable the working class to live like human beings. I know this will only be when society collectively owns the tools and the opportunity to work; and things are no longer made for profit, but for use. When that time comes there can't possibly be want, fear and degradation starting in the face any man or woman who is willing to do useful labor.

Brothers, in and out of the unions, in the mills, factories, railroads, and, above all, in those murderous department stores, where women and little children are made to keep smiling or starve, or go to a worse life, while a greedy lot of capitalists grind their last drop of blood into profits and dividends and leave them physical wrecks in so short a time, will you not by your votes and manhood put an end to this awful, ungodly, inhuman, beastly system at the earliest possible moment?

The Socialist party is organized and already in the field for this very purpose. It offers you an opportunity to use your political power at once. Again I ask and appeal to you to save yourselves and your helpless sisters and daughters, who cannot vote, from this monster, which is devouring us and making life hideous for us while we live. Will you do it? Will you do it? Brothers, will you do it? We can't. BERTHA SMITHERS.

A Victim of the Profit System. And now it comes to pass that Barney Cohen has declared through the press that unless trades unionists meet the capitalist class on the political field the unions are doomed. One by one these labor leaders are getting their eyes opened. Sammy Gompers and John Mitchell ought to be coming out of the trance pretty soon.

Judge Martin, of Green Bay, Wis., in issuing an injunction, decided that “to place a firm on the unfair list” or “don't patronize” is conspiracy. Some of these days it's liable to be conspiracy to think.

If you want freedom you must work for it. If you want the full value of your labor you must abolish the wage system. The capitalists will not do it for you.

DEBS' MESSAGE.

Comrade Debs Predicts Great Gains for Socialist Party.

Persecution of Organized Labor by Employers Drives Workers to Socialist Party of Their Own.

Prospects Bright All Along the Line.

(By Telegraph to the Sunday Post-Dispatch.)

Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 1.—That the Socialist party is a factor of increasing importance in the present campaign is becoming more apparent every day. Such meetings as the Socialists are holding are not only unprecedented in third party movements, but the leaders of the old parties have become positively alarmed and find themselves compelled to revise their calculations and put forth the most strenuous efforts to resist the encroachments of the Socialist propaganda.

The rapid rise of Socialism is not surprising the Socialists themselves. Since the last National campaign an unceasing propaganda of education has been carried on in every part of the country. Millions of leaflets, tracts and pamphlets, translated into every language spoken by the working class, have been systematically distributed. A score of Socialist papers, aggregating 2,000,000 readers, are now published, while hundreds of speakers, both men and women, are canvassing the country in the interest of the Socialist party and its candidates.

The accessions this year are accelerated largely by the hostile attitude of the capitalist class toward the trade union movement. The persecution of organized labor in Republican Colorado and anti-boycott law in Democratic Alabama, the uniform decisions of the courts against labor, the use of soldiers to protect capitalist property and crush organized labor, the breaking of the strikes in the packing trades, the textile strikes and other industrial strikes, the defiant declarations of the Citizens' Alliance and the Manufacturers' Association have all combined to drive workingmen from both the old parties with the determination to build up a party of their own and meet the capitalists on the political battlefield where they outnumber them a dozen to one. This is one of the principal causes of the exodus to the Socialist party.

New York is the leading State in the revolutionary movement of the working class. The Empire State this year will poll an enormous increase and possibly cast as large a vote as was cast in all the United States four years ago.

Other industrial States will follow with corresponding increases. Massachusetts and New Jersey, in the East; Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin in the Middle West, and California, Oregon and Washington on the Pacific coast, will make a phenomenal showing, while all other States will develop such an increase over four years ago that the returns will be a revelation to the whole country. As to the pivoted States it is difficult to fathom in what manner or to what extent the results will be affected.

The Republican workingman fields as rapidly as the Democratic workingman to the logic of Socialism. It is a question of economic self-interest, and the working class are driven by the logic of events to independent political action; as capital concentrates labor is forced to organize, and as its efforts fall on the economic field it rallies on the political field, and thus the capitalists themselves are promoting the political organization of the working class for the overthrow of the wage system and the inauguration of co-operative industry as the basis of the coming republic.

In estimating the probable showing of the Socialist party we do not venture to use figures. We leave this to the leaders of the parties that must figure out in advance the apportionment of the spoils. It is sufficient to say that when the smoke of battle clears from the political battlefield in November the whole world will know that there is a national Socialist party in the United States.

Are you going to “save your vote” this year, as you did in 1900, by throwing it away?

JOHN COLLINS' \$2.00 HATS

Represents the idea, backed by the merit. Union made from our factory to your head. Full styles. Southwestern corner Madison and La Salle streets.

\$2.00 CUREY HATS. \$3.00.

Full styles now ready. Comrades should go to this store for their head wear, 97 E. Madison, northwest corner Dearborn street.

Oh, that fall dinner! Mr. Workington, out of a job, how do you like this Republican brand of prosperity?

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next regular meeting of the C. C. C. C. will be held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9, at the hall, 55 North Clark street. All delegates should be present. A. S. EDWARDS, C. S.

The capitalist class is riding its special privileges to death.

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ILLINOIS STATE TICKET.

Governor—John Collins, Chicago. Lieutenant Governor—J. H. Brower, Elmhurst. State Treasurer—A. S. Tibbitts, Rockford.

Presidential Electors: Frank Bohman, Chicago; Paul Pierce, Chicago; C. Lorentz, Chicago; G. J. Sinselaar, Chicago; Dr. I. Sissman, Chicago; John Birkhouse, Chicago; C. J. Charbonnet, Chicago; Otto Besenack, Chicago; W. Linke, Chicago; C. Kennedy, Evanston; W. B. Hiltner, Elgin; C. L. Dewey, Rockford; P. F. McFarland, Freeport; T. E. Gaffin, Rock Island; Geo. C. Sandburg, Canton; H. Calkins, Peoria; Mrs. Saborg, Normal; Alfred Miller, Danville; Max Thode, Matteson; P. H. Castle, Chambersburg; T. E. H. Hartz, Springfield; F. M. Elmer, Glen Carbon; W. G. Winter, Golden Gate; Charles Furrell, Cairo.

Court Ticket: State's Attorney—Seayour St. Amant. Recorder—James P. Larsen. Clerk of the Superior Court—Chas. W. Greene. Chief of Circuit Court—John T. Caulfield.

CHattel SLAVERY VS. WAGE SLAVERY.

Mr. Workingman, did you notice that cartoon in the Daily News of last Tuesday? It vividly portrayed the difference between the chattel slave and the modern wage slave.

It had on one side a happy, white-headed old negro smoking his corn-cob in front of his cabin, situated among the flowers and trees, spending his old age among the domestic animals and the birds—that was chattel slavery.

The other side of the picture showed a modern wage slave thrown out of employment because he was over 55. Supposing he went to work at 15 (as most boys do), and worked the pace that kills until he was 35—that is, twenty years? Well, from a capitalist's standpoint, we can't blame them for "scrapheaping" him—the truth is, twenty years of work in a modern factory, under the fierce competition among workers to-day, will sap and undermine the health of the best and most temperate of men.

DOGS DINE WITH 400.

Editor Chicago Socialist: I came into Marshall Field's store this a. m. to look in the Tribune for some kind of a position which I very much need, when I came across the enclosed article, and it made my blood boil to think of an entertainment for brutes—costing all that money—when there are so many human beings suffering, starving and sorrowing. If the dogs were benefited or even appreciated the entertainment, that would be a little different, but to spend all that time and money for dogs—it is appalling; and it makes me ask why so many have so much and others so little. I have been reading the Appeal to Reason, loaned me by a friend, and I am thoroughly converted to Socialism and would like to do something for the cause. To bring ideal Socialism about means work and hustling; men can vote, but women can do but little, especially when battling with poverty. I became so indignant that I felt I must write, calling your attention to the article, hoping you will make it the subject of an editorial in your most worthy paper. Very truly yours, DOROTHY ROGERS, Chicago, Ill., Oct. 1, 1904.

COURT DECISIONS.

If anything more was needed in the way of example to show that capitalist courts will always interpret the law against the workers, the decision of a Pennsylvania judge just rendered in the case of an engineer charged with criminal negligence furnishes that proof. The testimony in the case shows beyond question that the train crew had been on duty for twenty-two hours without intermission. The court ruled that being on duty until they were physically exhausted was no extenuating circumstance to relieve them of the charge of criminal negligence, where life was sacrificed by their sleeping on duty.

The court ruled that "no man had a right to work on a railroad unless in fine physical condition, and if he fell asleep, no matter from what cause, he should discontinue work, even though he should lose his position,

rather than jeopardize human life by continuing on duty.

Now, Mr. Workingman we are not railing at the decision of this judge. It is just what you should expect from an agent of the capitalist class. Supposing that the working people of Pennsylvania had secured the passage of an eight hour labor law forbidding railroad corporations from working train crews more than eight hours out of 24, and the railroad had raised the point of its constitutionality and it had been heard before the same judge whose opinion is quoted above. Have you any doubt, judging from past court decisions (from Judge Parker to the Supreme Court of the United States and the different States) that this same judge would have said, "that an eight-hour law is 'unconstitutional'?" The truth is the workers are between the devil and the deep sea. The laws of the land are interpreted against them, both coming and going.

The only right the workers have left is the right to strike, and they must do that peaceably or "officers of the law" will throw them in the bull pen. But what is the use of kicking? Is that not just what the working class has voted for in the past? When the workers want this order of things changed, then and not until, then will it be changed. For the remedy for this condition of affairs, study Socialism.

THE COMING CONFLICT.

It is claimed on what is considered the best authority that all the leading manufacturers and employers of labor have signed an agreement and forfeiture of \$5,000 not to use the union label on any of their products and to refuse employment to union men. THE AGREEMENT IS TO TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AFTER ELECTION. Apparently the far-sighted men in the employers' associations succeeded in putting off the beginning of the general attack on organized labor until AFTER the Presidential election, when they hope to be in a position to deal unionism a death blow—labor having again surrendered itself, bag and baggage, to the political hirelings of its greed-crazed masters.

Those who viewed the Dick military law and its all but secret passage by Congress with complacent indifference MAY THEN BEGIN TO SEE ITS SIGNIFICANCE. It is admitted on all sides that the so-called labor problem is THE problem of the day. Its solution in the interest of the workers means the end of exploitation of labor by the capitalists.

The latter know this far better than the workers. They have given the problem more study. They are preparing to solve it in their own way and in their own interest. And their way and their interest is not in the interest of the workers. The influence of the far-sighted Mark Hanna's counsels in favor of a conciliatory attitude by the capitalists toward the labor unions, with its consequent fuddling of the issue in the minds of the workers in a cloud of "identity of interest," passed away with him, and other counsels now prevail in the employers' associations. They have declared a war to the knife and have already begun the battle in Colorado. They have laid their plans well, and the fact that the general engagement has been postponed until after the election shows that they fully realize the value of political power—a lesson that labor has yet to learn, perhaps in the bitter school of experience. Will labor learn before it is too late that its powerful organization in the industrial field—which is the mightiest weapon it has ever yet wielded in its defense—must be supplemented by a mightier organization in the political field, capable of meeting the new conditions?

Knowing that such an organization is in existence, standing ready to battle for their cause, will the labor unions continue to be misled by their misleaders, or will they join hands with their brothers in the international Socialist movement and solve the labor problem in their own way and in their own interest? Answer at the polls next November.

THE MIGHTY ATOM.

Of course, Mrs. Lehr's Pomeranian traced the head of the table. The seven were placed in high chairs, and behind them were seated their mistresses, who were assisted by five butlers in serving the delicate menu. Veal cutlets formed the first course. The dish was delightful. So frankfurters were served next. At last came salads, ice cream and chocolate.

At last directly to honor the host, a birthday cake was brought in. On it was delicately frosted the following inscription: "THE MIGHTY ATOM. THE PRIDE OF ALLEIGH. THREE YEARS OLD." Three lighted candles illuminated it. Cigarettes were on the table, but the dogs have not yet been educated down to them, and they soon sought the splendid drawing room. There their good breeding even could not hide the fact that they were bored. So Mr. Lehr hit upon a splendid scheme to enliven the scene.

Several cats of nature not too brutal were introduced into the drawing room. "Mighty Atom" and his friends enjoyed themselves hugely chasing the cats under sofas and over chairs, until the dogs' owners feared their treasures might exhaust themselves. Then carriages were called and the entertainment, which was one of the season's great successes, ended.

grab game called competition. And so the middle class revolt is slowly spreading from State to State. It cannot be repressed even in the national campaign, so strong is the power of the class struggle.

A recent editorial of the Chicago Record-Herald notes this fact and says in its muddled bourgeois language that in those States "the battle has been waged within the dominant party at the risk of factional disaffection," and prophesies a great middle class awakening. But where is that great middle class party that could be regarded as the expression of middle class solidarity against the great capitalists? If there is one fact that proclaims the utter aimlessness and thoughtlessness of middle class action, it is their blind support of the Democratic party in one State and of the Republican party in another.

In order to become politically dominant, the middle class must have its own middle class party in national politics. Where is that party, and where is the middle class vote in national elections? Where will it be in the coming national election? It will be cast for the candidates of the great capitalists and the middle class heroes are everywhere urging their followers to vote against middle class interests by electing one of the corporation candidates. A sordid spectacle was never witnessed. And these are the men who hope to stem the tide of the proletarian revolution!

Without a party, without leaders who understand their own position in the social development of this country, without a consistent program and without any definite tactics to accomplish their aims, the middle class elements continue the headless policy that has characterized their class throughout the history of this country. Even when they were most determined, when they dimly recognized the necessity of class affiliation in politics, when in the Populist movement they gathered all the revolutionary strength they could master, they fell easy victims to the muddled leaders of their own class in the Democratic party. They were always outclassed by the politicians of the great capitalists, simply because their best weapon was the dollar, and the great capitalists have the most dollars. And now, after the St. Louis convention of the Democratic party, the last fragments of the great middle class movements are tossed about on the political billows, still dreaming of "reorganization" and the great day of the middle class revolution and victory which will never come.

True to their middle-class instincts, the defeated middle-class leaders are holding aloof from the rising working-class revolution, which is "too radical" for them, because it wants to abolish their profits along with those of the capitalist corporations. So they will not, and cannot, make a straightforward appeal to the class interests of the working class. They can only rely on the ignorance of those workers who have not yet become class-conscious. They can only fasten themselves like leeches upon the blindly struggling masses and try to convince them that it is better for a working man that he be exploited by a small capitalist than by a great capitalist, which, by the way, is by no means true. But they will never tell the workers that there is no need of any exploitation. Therefore the Socialist movement has nothing to fear from them. And the great capitalist corporation? Look at Colorado and read the answer.

MIDDLE CLASS DREAMS.

The leaders of the middle class elements who feel the iron heel of corporation rule are slyly intimating that "they won't do a thing" to the money lords after the "reorganization" of the two old parties. In some of the representative middle-class organs, such as Bryan's "Commoner," Louis F. Post's "The Public," and others such as the "Independent" of Nebraska, the idea appears sporadically that a great middle-class upheaval is gathering force and will sweep away corporation rule. Even in some Socialist papers we see momentary doubts as to whether the middle-class demagogue may not succeed in side-tracking the Socialist movement and forestalling Socialism by State capitalism.

These middle-class threats are harmless. Neither the great corporations nor the class-conscious working people have anything to fear from the champions of the middle class. Middle-class heroes do great things on paper, but in historical reality their deeds are not found. They bark a great deal, but they never bite. The club that tames them in a wink lies close by their side. That club is called profits.

True, the two party game not merely a clever device to split the proletarian struggle against all capitalist classes in twain. It also serves the corporation capitalists in their struggle against the middle class, and vice versa. A well-known captain of industry said long ago that he was a Democrat in one State and a Republican in another. And even if in any one State the control of the government shifted from one party to the other, a slight application of the profit club to the victorious politicians always sufficed to tame them. After the middle-class voter had won at the polls the corporation capitalist won behind the closed doors of the star chamber.

We Socialists who are standing outside of this swamp of capitalist corruption can smilingly point to the history of this country when the middle-class hero is swelling with noble daring, and say to him in his own words: "Thus it has ever been with you, and thus it will ever be." These words are true of the capitalist-minded middle class, but they are no argument against the Socialist revolt which proceeds outside of the traditional capitalist channels.

It is true, that Folk is leading the Democratic party in Missouri in a middle-class revolt against corporation rule. There is no doubt that La Follette in Wisconsin is leading the Republican half-breeds in Wisconsin for the same purpose. It is also apparent that a similar move is made by the Republican "friends of the people" in Illinois, especially in Chicago. With the advance of consolidation in corporation enterprises, an ever greater circle of middle-class people is thrown back upon its own meager resources and excluded from that great

mean what they say and are ready to back it up with their whole selves. And when the fateful hour of social emancipation arrives, when the middle-class dream will be shattered, the middle-class champions will stand on the side of the great corporations for profits and working-class slavery, and the only true champion of liberty for all will be the Socialist Party.

EVERY SOCIALIST READ THIS. Rock Island, Oct. 4, 1904. Dear Comrade Mance—It is going to be a close race between Chicago and the remainder of the State to see which will show the greatest increase in the Socialist vote this fall. Rockford and Rock Island are on fire with Socialism. They are talking it on the streets and in the shops and stores, and there is no complaint about "apathy."

In Rock Island they are talking about sending Comrade Hoenberg to the Legislature, and if they do he will help the other Socialist members that will be with him to make things lively. Everywhere it is only a question of how many laborers can be reached with Socialist literature and speakers that decides how many Socialist votes will be cast next November. The one urgent, pressing, imperative need at this time is more funds. The campaign, that has so far been carried on with such wonderful success, MUST not be allowed to falter and grow faint during the last two weeks. It will be then that the countless millions of capitalism will be turned loose to stop the efforts of our propaganda. If we allow our efforts to relax, thousands who have just begun to examine into and grow interested in Socialism will be led away just at the critical moment before conviction. I wish I could personally reach and talk with every Socialist in Illinois during the coming week. If I could do this I would say to everyone: "Take that subscription list for the State campaign fund and head it with every cent that you feel that the liberty of yourself, your family and your class is worth. Then take it to every workingman you know and tell him of the opportunity that now exists to strike a blow for freedom and a better society and ask him to help to the last penny he can."

I know that if the comrades realized the necessity and the opportunity they would respond with a lift that would place a compact body of fighting Socialists in the next Illinois Legislature and give the whole social body a long push toward the cooperative commonwealth. Fraternally, A. M. SIMON.

QUESTIONS FOR TILLMAN. What did you and your party ever do for the working class? What makes you think that the shooting, burning, and hanging of the Southern black workers would keep the negroes from taking the places of Northern white workmen? If the working classes owned the mills, mines, factories, and machines with which wealth is produced, would they need to fight each other for jobs? Who is putting up for the Democratic campaign fund which pays your expenses—laborers or capitalists? If the latter, for whom are you talking? Whose "nigger" are you, anyhow? If you and the Democratic party love the stockyards workers so much, why did you not say so when the strike was on, and they needed sympathy? Now, Mr. Tillman, when you answer these questions we will propound some more for you and your reactionary middle class to answer.

A weekly publication like the Chicago Socialist must always be receiving new subscribers to live. Do you want it to live? Then join the Subscription Corps of one hundred whose motto will be "Our Own Paper First, Last and All the Time; Success to All Others; Our Own First, in Reference to All Others." Comrades, join the Subscription Corps and boost the list.

THE COMRADE. The October number contains a comprehensive report of the proceedings of the International Socialist Congress at Amsterdam. The report gives the resolutions, as adopted by the Congress, some of the speeches before the Congress and in the Commission on Socialist Tactics, especially the speeches of Jaures and Bebel and numerous interesting paragraphs about men and matters at the Congress. A great array of quotations from English, German, French, Italian, Belgian and Dutch Socialist papers will give American Socialists an idea of the impression made by the Congress and the Pacific resolution upon the Socialists of the world. There is a large picture of the Congress in session, and a double page group picture of the International Socialist Bureau. Franklin H. Wentworth's Editorial Review of current events alone is worth the subscription price.

Socialists do not have to lie about the system or the man in condemning capitalism. The truth is bad enough. A system that robs the worker of four-fifths of his labor cannot last.

SOCIALIST CARNIVAL AND BAZAR

To Be Held January 22 to 28, 1905, in the Coliseum Annex, Chicago.

An important meeting of the Entertainment Committee was held Tuesday night at the Eighteenth Ward headquarters, West Madison street. There was a good attendance, and a spirit of co-operation manifested that augurs well for the success of the big event in January. At this meeting the committee definitely decided that "Socialist Carnival and Bazar" should be the official name of the undertaking. There were elected a Committee on Publicity, to have charge of the "Daily Carnival Clarion," superintending the form of tickets to be used for admission and the preliminary advertising, also a committee to meet with the Socialist women of Cook County, lay the plans before them and solicit their co-operation. This meeting will be held at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, in the hall at 55 North Clark street. It will be a meeting of the greatest importance to the success of this great enterprise. The committee already has assurances that many of the most active women in the movement in this county will attend; but it is desired that there shall be a general turnout; every ward and every branch organization, it is hoped, will be represented. The really active work of preparation for the carnival and bazar will begin on that day. Much of the work that can only be done by our devoted women comrades and friends will be subdivided at that time, and those who attend are particularly urged to come with all the practical suggestions to make the occasion a pronounced and unqualified success that may occur to them during the coming week.

Comrade A. Perceluis was elected secretary of the Entertainment Committee and Comrade A. S. Edwards receiver of donations for the bazar. The book of donations has been opened and all friends of the movement wishing to contribute, as well as comrades who secure donations will report the same to Comrade Edwards, at 143 Randolph street, giving name and address of the donor, as well as descriptions of articles donated. In due time a committee will take charge of the record for classification and inventory, and this committee will also be charged with the collection of all articles given, pricing the same for sale and installing them in the booths. It is desired by the committee that every nationality represented in the Socialist party of Cook County will make a distinctive national display, by putting on sale articles peculiar to the handicraft and skill of each, thus insuring a great variety of salable goods and adding to the attractiveness of the exhibit as a whole.

Next week the committee will have an announcement to make of great interest in connection with the plans, and this will be followed by others. The coupon admission tickets will be printed and put on sale for the first time on the night of election, Nov. 8. In the meantime there is work for everybody to do, and the committee again urges the comrades to remember that the purpose of the carnival and bazar is to provide for any possible deficits in the publication of the Chicago Socialist during 1905, thus leaving the local organizations free to conduct other entertainments for the direct benefit of their local work.

For the convenience of South and North Side comrades the committee decided to change its meeting place to some more central location. Information concerning this will be given next week.

FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS. The first issue of the Socialist Party official bulletin has been sent out from National Headquarters either direct to locals or through the State Secretaries. Each local secretary should see that he gets his share for the local members. The bulletin contains a lot of information of value to party members.

The reports from all the speakers traveling under the direction of the National Headquarters are of the most encouraging nature. This holds good no matter what part of the country the particular speaker may be in. There is no apathy in the Socialist campaign.

The October issue of the party official bulletin will contain a complete list of electoral and State tickets.

Party locals should take action looking to the placing of watchers at each polling place on election day, Nov. 8. Reliable comrades should be selected, and those who can stand on the ground all day and then watch the counting of the vote at night. An increase in the Socialist vote is generally conceded, and experience shows that the old party hacks who will have the counting in charge will not hesitate to defraud if the chance is given them. At least one comrade should have charge over each polling place, and he must be prepared to firmly uphold and protect the party's rights. And other comrades should be present to back him up if necessary.

The amount of campaign literature being sent out by the National Headquarters caused one of the overworked Chicago postal clerks to exclaim the other day: "You Socialists must be expecting to elect Debs President!"

The campaign lithographs of Debs and Hanford are going fast. Comrades write in and say they have succeeded in interesting workers in the party through these posters whom it was impossible to interest before. Every local should have some before the campaign closes.

THE GOD OF DISCONTENT. Some men kneel to the God of Gold, And some to the God of Fame, Some men bow at the shrine of Art, Some worship an ancient name. But I would place a wreath to-day On the altar where the fires Have burned since the light of reason woke To life all our best desires.

Here, on the ancient altar stone Of this God of Discontent, I'd lay a wreath of love to-day For the lives that have been spent In sorrow, pain and sore travail, In the service of the god Whose fires have lit each onward path That the feet of man have trod.—Robert T. Whitelaw, in the N. Y. Worker.

The Indiana State Federation of Labor turned down the proposition of going into politics, and the capitalist press pats them on the back for this wise move. When the working class enters politics that will mean the end of holding political jobs. Is it therefore, hard to understand why these leaders want politics eliminated?

John Spargo—Oct. 9, Minneapolis, Minn.; 10, Milwaukee, Wis.; 11-15, Chicago, Ill. John W. Brown—Oct. 9-15, Milwaukee, Wis. Comrade Brown returns to New York State to close the campaign after his Milwaukee engagement. M. W. Wilkins is under the direction of the State Secretary of Massachusetts. John M. Ray—Oct. 9, Mermentau, La.; 10-11, Jennings, La.; 12, Lake Charles, La.; 14-15, Longstreet, La. Ida Crouch Hazlett—Oct. 9-12, Allegheny Co., Pa.; 13, Millvale, Pa.; 14, Leechburg, Pa.; 15, Charleroi, Pa. Geo. E. Bigelow again resumed work at Yankton, S. D., Oct. 7. Enough dates have been contracted for to keep him busy in North and South Dakota until election day. Dates are arranged as follows: Oct. 8-10, Platte, S. D.; 11, en route; 12, Sioux Falls, S. D.; 13, en route; 14-16, Aberdeen, S. D. Geo. H. Goebel, after filling a number of dates in Wyoming and Nebraska, will work home to New Jersey as follows: Oct. 8, Peoria, Ill.; 10, Ridgeville, Ill.; 11, South Bend, Ind.; 12, Fremont, O.; 13, Ashtabula, O.; 14, New Castle, Pa.; 15, Butler, Pa. Comrade Dan A. White closed his work in Milwaukee Sept. 30, and spoke en route east at Cincinnati, O.; Wheeling, W. Va.; Ashabula, O., and Erie, Pa., beginning his work in Western New York Oct. 8. Chas. Pergler, Bohemian Arg.—Oct. 9-11, New York City, N. Y.; 12, en route; 13, Allegheny, Pa.; 14-16, Cleveland, O. Teofilo Petrella, of Nycark, N. J., Italian speaker, began his work in Chicago with three meetings, Oct. 5, 6, 7. Further dates are arranged as follows: 8, Chicago Heights, Ill.; 9, Joliet, Ill.; 10, Streator, Ill.; 11, Oglesby, Ill.; 12-15, Spring Valley, Ill.

Ben Hanford—Oct. 9, Indianapolis, Ind.; 10, en route; 11, Saginaw, Mich.; 12, en route; 13, Huntington, Ind.; 14, Peoria, Ill.; 15, Milwaukee, Wis. Franklin H. Wentworth—Oct. 9, Cincinnati, O.; 10, en route; 11, McMeekin, W. Va. James F. Curry closes his work in Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 9, under the direction of National Headquarters and goes back to Massachusetts to close the campaign. The continued illness of Comrade Chas. G. Towner made it impossible for him to fill the dates arranged for him in Indiana, and Mrs. Gertrude Breslaw Hunt has been engaged to

DEBS' GREAT TOUR.

Eugene V. Debs Continues to Draw Immense Audiences.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific Workers Are Joining the Socialist Standard.

Engene V. Debs, Socialist party candidate for President, continues his record-breaking tour around the country, arousing great enthusiasm and scaring the old party politicians by the size and character of his audiences.

At Pine Bluff, on Saturday, Sept. 17, he addressed an immense audience in the Courthouse square. Comrade Nelson writes: "It was a demonstration to be long remembered. Cheer and cheer interrupted the speaker as he landed his sledge hammer blows that roused the 'brother to the ox' from his hypnotic slumber."

Comrade Palmer reports that the Kansas City, Mo., meeting was "the biggest thing of the kind we ever undertook. Hundreds of young men made the statement at the close of the meeting that they would have the honor of casting their first vote for Debs." The Kansas City Times reported that 4,500 persons were present, and they cheered for several minutes when Debs was introduced. The Journal said: "The crowd was a tremendously enthusiastic one, and several times, both before and during his speech, cheers rang through the big building."

The Wichita, Kan., meeting was conducted by the capitalist press to be the political event of the season. The Wichita Beacon stated, "Socialists found it necessary to hang out a 'S. R. O.' sign at their first meeting of the campaign, held at the Toler auditorium last night. Eugene V. Debs, candidate of the party for President, addressed the meeting. He spoke to an audience that taxed the standing capacity of the auditorium, the stage, and put standing room at a premium. Evening trains brought delegations of Socialists from many of the near-by counties."

The Wichita Eagle said "the audience paid close attention to every word of the speaker and was very enthusiastic. At times the speaker was forced to wait for the cheering to subside before he was able to proceed." The press dispatches also reported the meeting to be "the biggest political gathering of the year, though both the Democratic and Republican parties had held rallies in Wichita."

From Wichita, Comrade Debs had to jump to Los Angeles, Cal., in order to reach there on Sept. 23. In response to a request from comrades at Albuquerque, N. M., he consented to speak at that point on his way through. Comrade Debs writes: "On arrival of the train a big crowd was there, and I spoke to them from a truck on the platform. The train stops twenty minutes, but the engineer had some trouble in getting the engine in working order and the train stopped there an even hour, so I got in a full speech at Albuquerque to a crowd of plutocrats and proletarians. The whole train joined in the crowd and the railroad men were full of enthusiasm."

Comrade Metcalf reports from Albuquerque: "Debs got here on time yesterday, 10:30 a. m., and spoke for nearly an hour from a baggage truck, while repairs were being made on the engine. Many of those present were old railroad men, who were visibly affected at meeting their old comrade. The striking machinists were 'in-juncted' from going on the station grounds, or they would have all been there. Debs said when he was here ten years ago the detectives shadowed him all the time to prevent him from organizing the A. R. U., and he was much pleased at his present reception. We presented him with a basket of native fruit, and were awfully sorry to see the train move out."

The Los Angeles meeting was a great success. Comrade A. J. Stevens reports: "We expected a large attendance, but the pavilion was filled beyond seating capacity, and it seats 4,000. The audience was largely workmen, with now and then a bonnet interspersed, and the most appreciative that ever listened to a Socialist speech. As soon as the chairman (myself) introduced Debs the audience cheered and cheered for several minutes. The Times (Gen. Otis' scab paper), which maligns Debs so five years ago, was very respectful this time, so much so that there was not a word in this morning's issue concerning his speech."

A heavy rain interfered somewhat with the San Francisco meeting on Sept. 24, and alone prevented an overflow. The Bulletin reported: "Before an immense gathering of 7,000 Eugene V. Debs made a stirring address last night. The speaker was frequently interrupted by applause. Just as the last sentence passed his lips the audience rose and greeted the speaker with a round of cheers."

The Examiner said: "An enthusiastic crowd of 6,000 persons gathered in Woodward's Pavilion last evening to listen to the campaign address of Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist candidate for President. The nominee spoke for two hours, holding the close attention of his audience. He was frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. At the close of his speech he was cheered for several minutes."

Ben Hanford, Vice Presidential candidate, has been addressing successful meetings in New York and New

Jersey. Arrangements for his tour are now completed. After the great Chicago meeting on Oct. 17, where he speaks with Comrade Debs, Hanford proceeds as follows: Oct. 18, Beloit, Wis.; 19, Superior, Wis.; 20, Minneapolis, Minn.; 22, Helena, Mont.; 23, Butte, Mont.; 25, Spokane, Wash.; 27, Seattle, Wash.; 28, Tacoma, Wash.; 29, Portland, Ore.

The last eight days of the campaign will be spent in California, beginning at Sacramento, Oct. 31, and closing at Los Angeles, Nov. 7.

STATE CAMPAIGN FUND.

For Two Weeks Ending Oct. 1, 1904.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes entries like 'Previously reported \$1,000.51', 'HALF DAY'S WAGE ACCOUNT', 'Cook County 11th W. Br.', etc.

ON STATE CAMPAIGN LISTS.

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Total \$1,547.25

JAS. S. SMITH, State Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS NOMINATES CANDIDATES.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 3, 1904. Socialist State Convention, Pain Memorial Hall.

Chicago Socialist: Dear Comrade—The convention was called to order by Comrade Chas. E. Lowell; 100 delegates present; full harmony; John Quincy Adams was nominated for Governor by acclamation. The following are the candidates: Lieutenant Governor, O. Bokelund; Secretary of State, Chas. C. Hitchcock; Treasurer, Herbert C. Bartlett; Auditor, Olva E. Fenton; Attorney General, John Weaver Sherman; also all the electors. Yours for Socialism, S. P. LEVENBERG.

UNIONS GETTING IN LINE.

The demand for Socialist speakers by trade unions has been on the increase for some time. Lately the demand has been unusually large. The trades unionists are fast awakening to the fact that they have neglected to use the best of all their weapons, the ballot, by not voting for men of their class and the abolition of the wage system. Last Thursday night Comrade Wiegand addressed Brass Workers, Locksmiths and Metal Pattern Makers' Union, No. 127, on the subject of Socialism. Greatest attention was paid when he had finished, the president of the union started the asking of questions. He wanted to know a number of things, the principal one being "How Are We Going to Obtain Possession." A number of other questions were asked by members on the floor, which shows that these men are seeking light and it is very apparent that the comrades who are members of that union have been doing some good propaganda work. Keep the ball rolling. The time is ripe.

REGISTER! There are two opportunities—Today, October 8, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. and Tuesday, October 18, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Make a note of it that you can register up to 9 o'clock. You must register in order to vote.

EVERYWHERE THE SAME.

Farmers, Miners, Railroad Workers and City Slaves All turning to the Rising Sun of Socialism.

C. L. Breckon Writes of His Three Weeks' Trip.

Waterloo, Ia., Oct. 3, 1904.

I have now given three weeks to the work in Iowa, and all the meetings have been characterized by an attendance and a spirit that is most decidedly hopeful and full of promise for both the present and future. Meetings in the mining camps of the State have been wonderfully good as showing the class-consciousness of the organized trades unionists, and his determination to vote his class into power by a straight ballot for the Socialist party ticket.

At Altoona, three days before I was in the city, the Republicans had one of their grand rallies. Brass bands and strong bandsoozers were much in evidence. When their meeting was finally called to order they had one lone miner in the crowd, and the boys told me that he was somewhat simple-minded. At the Socialist meeting, with little or no advertising save the quiet passing of the word by the comrades, the hall was filled to the door, and 99 per cent of the audience was miners, members of the W. F. of M. They shouted in a way that looked bad for this old competitive private ownership system, and contributed in the collection in a manner that said they were determined to aid in bringing in the co-operative commonwealth. Many men among them are most ardent workers for the cause, and day and night they labor with their comrades, while they are down deep in the bowels of the earth, to see that they shall come to a knowledge of the truth of economic determinism.

In Fraser, the comrades were greatly agitated. The operators have introduced a new mining machine which bids fair to cut wages in two. A strike was imminent. A member of the W. F. of M. had been on the ground for two or three days endeavoring to adjust matters and prevent a strike. This man is a Socialist, and knows what's what and who's who. The operators demanded that the men accept 45 cents a ton instead of 30 cents, the prevailing rate. The evidence that labor-saving tools were labor-destroying instruments, when owned by the employing class. The hearse had backed up to the door of each of these men's houses. They were in a fever of excitement. About this time a comrade was delegated to go over to the hotel and bring over that Socialist speaker. He came. The room was crowded with sturdy miners. The air was suffocating. A free Turkish bath was on tap. Stripped of coat, collar and cuffs, I tried to explain these things to those anxious men. How they listened, how they applauded, and when I made an appeal for membership in the class-conscious, scientific, rock-ribbed revolutionary Socialist party of the working class, thirteen men came forward to the altar. They did not kneel for prayers, but they placed their sturdy signatures on the application for charter. They threw quarters and halves and dimes into the hat. They bought literature like a country swain buys lemonade at the county fair and circus. They said that by their vote on November 8, 1904, they would come to the ownership of that machine and the entire load of production, and then own the product of their labor; that they would erase the word "competition" from the terminology of labor and write in letters of power and wisdom, might and science, and truth, the word "Co-operation." And they will. On the 16th day of September—my birthday—I organized a local among the farmers at Patterson, south of Burlington. The first name to go on the list was a farmer worth \$25,000, a former populist, and a man who sees most clearly that the workers of the world must be the owners of the world. I covered that schoolhouse blackboard with diagrams and figures illustrative of the economic truths of to-day. Those men were satisfied. The farmer joined hands with the city worker. The great working class in the city and country sees its historic mission, and is organizing itself to attain unto the powers of government. He only is fit to be free who himself shall strike the first blow. The farmer is pulling an even, or with the city worker. The co-operative "Commonwealth" is in sight. While in Southern Indiana, after riding fourteen miles across the stony highways of that part of the earth owned by John R. Walsh, of Chicago, I finally had the privilege of taking by the hand the secretary of the local among those farmers. Every hair in his head was as white as snow. He was 66 years old, but every wrinkle in his face spelled revolution and every sparkle in his noble eye marked the truths of the class struggle. Under his buggy seat was a stack of leaflets, and in his very soul was burning a consuming fire. As he drove across that country he had become a shining light. Under the trees I talked Socialism. Lying upon the grass with anxious faces were fifty sturdy farmers. They shouted for Socialism.

RALLY COMRADES FOR THE GREAT SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION!

DEBS and HANFORD OUR STANDARD BEARERS

Auditorium, Monday, October 17th

GET OUT YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Purchase your tickets at once, if you have not already done so. Every day lessens your chances for a seat.

That night a country store became a hall. It was packed to the doors. The women were there. Whole families were there. The farmer was there, and on Nov. 8 he'll be there.

Last Saturday at Fairbank, with a truck wagon for a platform and the sun for a shield, I talked for over two hours to a street full of farmers. Applications for membership were signed in good number, collection was splendid, and the Iowa Socialist was tucked away for future reading and study.

There is something doing. The whole working world is thinking "Socialism," talking, breathing and dreaming of industrial liberty, equality of economic opportunity. The only limit is our power to get out and tell them. You have the power in your keeping, com-

rades. Make another mighty effort to swell the campaign "fund." Get the people to subscribe for our papers. The working class must know the truth, and the working class must tell their class this story. You cannot put your money in a savings bank in the land where it will yield you so large a return as placing it in the campaign fund and literature for Socialism.

Ours is the fight of to-day. Tomorrow, the victory. Yours the glory of a part—a personal part—in this historic struggle. You are building for a better day. Dig deep and lay well the foundations. Capitalism is tottering to its fall. Yours shall be the triumph. The slaves are coming to their emancipation; the workers of the world are uniting; they are losing their chains. CHAS. L. BRECKON.

ant will abolish the class struggle and make the interest of all identical. It will be the business of the Socialist party, when in control of the state, to carry out to completeness the legislative task of transforming the privately owned tools into collective property. When this has been accomplished classes and class antagonisms will be abolished. In the new order there will be but one class—humanity, and the golden age too long dreamed of will be a realization on earth.

VOYE FOR HUMAN FREEDOM. All who desire a better social order and a higher state of civilization should cast their ballot in the coming election for the candidates of the Socialist party. We propose the abolition of this capitalist system and the substitution therefor of the co-operative commonwealth. In the new order co-operation for existence will supplant the present barbaric struggle for existence and society as well as the individual would take on an unimpeded development. Socialism would transform and ennoble humanity. It would furnish the only condition wherein the higher life of service and brotherhood can be realized. We ask all who believe in or desire the better way to join in its realization. Every vote cast for Socialism brings nearer the day of human freedom.

SOCIALIST FUNDAMENTALS.

BY CHARLES H. VAIL. Author of "Principles of Scientific Socialism," Etc.

We need to distinguish between Socialism as an ideal—a future state of society—and the Socialist movement, which is an effort to realize that ideal. As this effort must be carried on within the confines of the present class system, it possesses several characteristics which are well marked and of the utmost importance.

TWO CLASSES EXIST. The capitalist system presupposes the rending of society into class divisions—the propertyed and non-propertyed. The owning class, having possession of the means of livelihood—lands, factories, railroads, mines, etc.—are able to keep the non-owning class in a condition of dependence and servitude. The laboring class is absolutely dependent upon the capitalist class for an opportunity to exist. Being unable to employ themselves, they must seek employment at the hands of others, selling their labor power for what it will bring in the competitive market. Their labor power is a commodity like beads or cabbage, which must be sold upon the open market. The ideal of every laborer should be to achieve his emancipation from this condition of servitude. This can only be accomplished by freeing himself from capitalist dependence.

LABORER MUST OWN HIS TOOLS. To secure this end he must himself become the owner of the tools necessary to his existence. But the tools to-day have become gigantic instruments of production, costing many thousands of dollars and operated only by the combined labor of many. The days of homespun and individual production are forever gone. The individual laborer can no longer hope to own the instruments necessary to his livelihood. The change in the method of production has given rise to a special class—the capitalist or the owning class. The individual laborer could not acquire sufficient wealth in several lifetimes to begin to own these gigantic instruments. Not only does the cost prohibit his ownership, but the character of the tools themselves makes it impossible that all that use the tools should individually own them. The tools to-day are social; that is, they are co-operatively used. If one man owns these tools, even though he be a laborer, it would necessarily preclude the ownership upon the part of all others who must use the tools or starve. But the character of the instruments suggests the solution of the problem and the way of labor emancipation. The tools being social in character, should be socially owned. Individual ownership was proper in the day of individual use. But when the method of operation is socialized the ownership should also be socialized to correspond.

SOCIALISM OR SLAVERY. Private ownership of social tools means the private appropriation of the product of social labor, and the dependence of man upon man for an opportunity to live. The great instruments of production are not operated by those who use them. Modern industry has given to this possessing class the most perfect mechanism for wealth production that the world has ever seen. These owners allow the laborers use of these tools on condition that they (the workers) will give up to the idlers the lion's share of the product produced. Ownership is the secret of capitalist power—they own that which is necessary to the worker's existence. The laborers to be free must themselves own these requisites to life. While it is impossible and undesirable to destroy modern methods, reverse

the wheels of progress and return to the days of small industry, and also impossible for the workers to own individually these great instruments, still these instruments can be made the collective property of all the people. This is the only way by which the laborers can secure control of their economic interest. It is Socialism or economic slavery.

LABOR MUST EMANCIPATE ITSELF. We cannot expect those enjoying special privileges to willingly relinquish their advantage. They naturally desire to perpetuate a system that enables them to live in idleness off the labors of others. It is evident that if labor is emancipated it must emancipate itself. The Socialist movement, then, which stands for labor's emancipation, is based primarily upon the working class. It recognizes the great fact of the class struggle and seeks to enlighten the workers concerning their own interests; in other words, make them class-conscious. This class-consciousness means a consciousness of one's own interests as a member class, also a consciousness that his interests can only be subserved by advancing the interests of the class to which he belongs.

THE BALLOT IS THE KEY. He also cannot realize that control of political power is necessary to any class which would permanently improve its economic condition. To solidarity in the economic field must be added solidarity in the political field. To unite in the industrial struggle and divide in the political is the height of absurdity. In fact, the ballot box is the key to the whole situation. The class that is supreme there is supreme everywhere. While the workers have the number to gain this supremacy, they have been deceived by the master class into voting themselves into continued subjection. Were the working class to unite into a class conscious political party, victory would at once be theirs. The hope of the capitalist class is to keep them divided and arrayed against each other. As long as the workers look to the masters for guidance, they will be led like sheep to the shambles. The Socialist party, which is a party of the working class, proposes to master the public powers and administer them in the interest of the producing class. Just in proportion as this party gains supremacy will labor's condition improve. The complete triumph of this party means the abolition of all class rule and economic dependence.

DIFFERS FROM FORMER REVOLUTIONS. Herein the coming revolution differs from all preceding changes. In the former revolutions class superseded class—the class below overthrowing the class above—but the continuance of private ownership resulted in establishing a new despotism. But the working class supremacy will completely abolish all dependence, because the tools of production now being social the working class cannot emancipate itself without socializing the instruments. When the instruments are collectively owned the cause of all dependence and servitude will disappear. Thus while as militant our cause is chiefly identified with class, as triumphant it is identified with humanity. SOCIALISM AND A SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. Here is the distinction mentioned in the beginning of this article, between Socialism and the Socialist movement. The Socialist movement is based upon the class struggle. Socialism triumph-

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After due consideration the Executive Committee is of the opinion that all street meetings should close at 10 o'clock. All communications relating to street meetings should be addressed to Jas. P. Larson, City Organizer, 163 Randolph Street.

Complaint has been made to the police department that Socialists' meetings are blocking the passage at street corners and thereby preventing passengers from getting on and off the street cars.

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 8, 1904, 8 P. M. 21st and Rhodes Av. (2d Ward). Speaker—E. Heryns.

37th and Wentworth Av. (3d Ward). Speaker—Mat Whalen.

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18th and Blue Island Av. (9-10th Wards). Speaker—G. J. Evans.

Wood and Cottage Grove Av. (14th Ward). Speakers—H. J. Wiegand and A. Healdike.

Milwaukee and Paulina St. (16th Ward). Speaker—Jas. O'Neal.

Milwaukee and Center Av. (17th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels.

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North and Western Av. (25th Ward). Speaker—Geo. Koop.

47th and Cottage Grove Av. (25th Ward). Speakers—M. Bartlett and R. H. Chaplin.

63rd and Halsted St. (31st Ward). Speaker—Dr. Geo. F. Slater.

60th and Halsted St. (32d Ward). Speaker—Eugene Conroy.

111th and Michigan Av. (33d Ward). Speaker—J. J. Hunt.

48th Av. and Lake St. (35th Ward). Speaker—R. M. Stangland.

Harvey, Ill. Speaker—W. C. Benton.

Chicago Heights, Ill. Speaker—Walter Huggins.

Maywood, Ill. Speaker—W. E. Clark.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 1904, 8 P. M. 25th and Waller St. (4th Ward). Speakers—Mat Whalen and R. H. Chaplin.

25th and Archer Av. (5th Ward). Speaker—J. Swinberg.

71st and Cottage Grove Av. (7th Ward). Speakers—B. Beety and R. H. Chaplin.

Maxwell and Halsted St. (9-10th Wards). Speaker—H. J. Wiegand.

20th and Robey St. (11th Ward). Speakers—A. Healdike and A. A. Henry.

Madison and North Av. (15th Ward). Speaker—Walter Huggins.

Speaker—H. J. Wiegand (2:30 p. m.). California and North Av. (15th Ward). Speaker—Geo. Koop.

Eric and Center Av. (17th Ward). Speaker—R. M. Stangland.

10th and Halsted St. (21st Ward). Speaker—A. W. Mance (6:30 p. m.). Walton Pl. and Clark St. (21st Ward). Speaker—W. C. Benton.

Berry and Clark St. (25th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12, 1904, 8 P. M. 20th and Waller St. (4th Ward). Speaker—J. Swinberg.

47th and State St. (5th Ward). Speaker—Mat Whalen.

21st and Paulina St. (11th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels.

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Madison and North Av. (15th Ward). Speaker—R. M. Stangland.

Arling and Clark St. (25th Ward). Speaker—Geo. D. Evans.

Evans, Ill. Speaker—J. W. Bartels.

HALL MEETINGS. SATURDAY, OCT. 8, 1904. Riverside, Ill. Speaker—Thos. J. Morgan.

SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 1904. Wolds Hall, Wols and Chicago Av. Speaker—Geo. Koop (2:30 p. m.).

Mohberg's Hall, 56th and Aberdeen St. Speakers—Ernest Lutermina and B. Beety (2:30 p. m.).

Social Turner Hall, Paulina and Belmont Av. Speakers—Thos. J. Morgan (English) and A. Blumman (German), 2:30 p. m. Ada Hall, 48th and Ada St. Speaker—A. W. Mance (4 p. m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 14, 1904. Workmen's Hall, cor. 12th and Waller St. Speaker—John Spargo of New York (7:30 p. m.).

SATURDAY, OCT. 15, 1904. Clifford's Hall, Halsted and Englewood Av. Speaker—John Spargo of New York (7:30 p. m.).

SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 1904. Krawczykowski Hall, 48th and Throp St. Speaker—A. Blumman (4 p. m.).

Hartendorfer's Hall, 664 S. Halsted St. Speaker—Geo. D. Evans (2:30 p. m.).

Globe Hall, 63d and Ashland Av. Speaker—Mat Whalen and A. W. Mance.

HALL MEETINGS. Notice—T. J. Morgan will speak at a Socialist mass meeting to be held at Germania Hall, 2311 Wentworth Avenue, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 16. All welcome. Come and bring your friends.

SCANDINAVIAN MASS MEETING. There will be a mass meeting of all West Side Scandinavians held under the auspices of the 17th Ward Scandinavian Socialist Club, Saturday, Oct. 15, 8 p. m., at 256 West Division Street. All West Side Scandinavians are invited to be present. Political issues of the day will be discussed. Come and bring your friends.

John Spargo, of New York, will speak at Teutonic Hall, 53d Street and Ashland Avenue, Tuesday, Oct. 11th, at 8 p. m. Freehold welcome. Come and bring the unconverted.

17TH WARD NOTICE—SPARGO AT PANIA HALL. All Socialists in the 17th Ward are urged

to advertise the mass meeting to be held at Dania Hall, 251 West Chicago Avenue, Wednesday evening, Oct. 12. Comrade Spargo is an able exponent of Socialism and present social and economic conditions. You can't do better than urge your neighborhood friends to come out and hear him. Admission free.

THIRD WARD, ATTENTION. There will be agitation meetings at our headquarters, 3345 State Street, Saturday night at 8 p. m. Also Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. Comrades should bring their unconverted friends to these meetings. There will be good speakers.

25TH WARD. Twenty-fifth Ward Branch meets first and third Sundays at 10 a. m., in Lincoln Turner Hall, Diversey Avenue near Sheffield. Next regular meetings will be held on Oct. 16 and Nov. 6.

NOTICE. Gertrude B. Hunt will speak in Indiana as follows in October: Knox, 9th-10th. South Bend, 14th-15th. Elkhart, 16th. Laketon, 17th-19th. Huntington, 20th. Butler, 21st.

NOTICE—16TH WARD. Readers of the Chicago Socialist and others who are interested in the success of the Socialist party and residents of the 16th Ward will please send name and address to Charles Hollbeck, 508 N. Robey St., 16th Ward captain.

COMRADES, ATTENTION! We have on hand at this office some beautiful window hangers, 14 by 22 inches, advertising our great Auditorium meeting Monday, Oct. 17. These cards are to hang in windows and other convenient places, where large numbers of people can see them. We ask that as many of the comrades as can do so will call at this office for them and see that they are placed where they will do the most good.

ROCK ISLAND NOTES. All readers of the Chicago Socialist of the Tri-Cities are invited to attend Debs' meeting, Oct. 14th, at the Illinois Theater, beginning at 8 o'clock.

REGISTER! There are two opportunities—Today, October 8, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. and Tuesday, October 18, from 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Make a note of it that you can register up to 9 o'clock. You must register in order to vote.

Readers of the Chicago Socialist in the Sixteenth Ward who are interested in Socialism are requested to send their names and addresses to Charles Hollbeck, ward captain, 508 North Robey Street.

A VOICE FROM THE SOUTHERN FARM. Comrade Jackson of Kentucky Writes of His Experience Among the Chicago Comrades.

Farmers Fast Becoming Socialists. Editor Chicago Socialist: Early in September I came to your city for no other purpose than to see how the Socialist movement was progressing and to post myself regarding the packers' strike. I did this at the request of farmer Socialists. When I returned I reported to our farmer comrades that I found our city comrades all right.

Our enemies, the politicians of the two old parties, tell the farmers that the Socialists of Chicago are all anarchists, and the farmer should have nothing to do with the movement. This was doing our movement great harm. We farmers, in our isolated position, have not the chance to keep posted. Like the city people, "where one blast from the bugle can call ten thousand men." But we are beginning to realize that our only salvation from wage slavery is in Socialism. We save many large landowners here who are radical Socialists. Let me say to the downtrodden slaves of the city, that in the final battle the farmers will be with you. Be of good cheer. Capitalism, like chattel slavery, is digging its own grave.

Since my return I have spoken at several places, and everywhere the good news that our cause is growing is gladly received by the farmers. I expect to speak almost every day from now until the election. And the day after the election take up the fight for 1908. I was astonished at the good work being done in your city. Such work, such self-sacrifice and enthusiasm, no other cause ever had. When I stood before the La Salle Club and looked into the faces of those earnest young men, my hope was renewed.

Bless the La Salle Club. Men of different races and nationalities, ye are our comrades in humanity's battle. City workers, organize. Trade unionists, keep up your organizations, but join the political movement—the Socialist party—and take possession of the law-making power, and then all the means of production. In the coming battle the farmers, as at Concord and Lexington, will be shoulder to shoulder with you.

I was a Kentucky Federal soldier in the civil war, and how any old soldier in that war can still vote the Democratic or Republican ticket and perpetuate a worse slavery—wage slavery—than chattel slavery—I cannot see. My father was a slave owner, and when I met my father's old slaves they say, "Massa George, you say you

set us free, but fo' God, I is worse off than when I belonged to your father." It's so. Socialism will set the slave free. GEO. M. JACKSON.

HELP WANTED. All Socialist women in Cook County (whether affiliated with the party or not) are urgently requested to attend a meeting to talk over plans for the Great Carnival and Bazaar. Meeting will be held Sunday, October 16, 2:30 p. m., in the hall at 55 North Clark Street. By order Entertainment Committee.

STATE PLATFORM. THE SOCIALIST PARTY, ADOPTED AT PEORIA, APRIL 18, 1904.

EXHIBIT E. The Socialist party of Illinois, in convention assembled, declares its aim to be the organization of the working class into a political party with a view to voting the political power into the hands of the working people of this state and using this political power for the purpose of transferring the productive forces of Illinois from private to collective ownership and transforming production for private profit into production for common use.

Under the present system of production, the great mass of the people can only acquire the means of existence by selling their labor power, and thus their own persons, to the capitalist minority, who own the land and the machinery of production and distribution. With the progress of industrial development, the economic antagonism between these two classes is reflected in politics and becomes the main issue which overshadows every other issue. This is the only issue which is of vital interest for the working class, all other issues being merely means of deceiving the workers in the interest of the capitalist minority.

In the course of the last two decades the great capitalists have secured full control of the Republican party and are now making great efforts to control the Democratic party, which had so long been partially in the control of the middle class. But this struggle between these two capitalist camps is carried on solely for the purpose of deciding whether the great capitalist or the small capitalist shall have the privilege of appropriating the greater share of the product of the working class. The workers must not be deceived by the patriotic, sentimental and humanitarian phrases by which the two old parties seek to conceal their real purposes.

Both the great capitalist and the middle class have now outgrown their social usefulness. The great capitalist class leads a mere parasitical life. The capitalist minority of the middle class is no longer an essential factor in social production, while the majority of the middle class are in practically the same position as the mass of the proletarian workers, who have no other means of existence but the sale of their labor power. They cannot live unless they sell themselves to some master, and they cannot find a master unless they produce profits for him. But this proletarian class is the essential class in modern production, and therefore it should rule in society and control the product of its labor.

Owing to the introduction and perfection of modern machinery, the concentration of industries in trusts and the ever-increasing tendency toward female and child labor, there is a continually growing army of unemployed, able-bodied men, who depress the price of human labor power, prevent the working class from reaping any appreciable benefits from the increased productive power of society, and generally have no other alternative but crime or starvation. The home and the family of the workers are thus destroyed, their individual development arrested or reversed, their social and political status lowered, their opportunities for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are thus diminished or totally denied, and they become outcasts in the very society which they have helped to make rich beyond dreams.

The economic development which has brought about these conditions continues to its logical end—that is, to the control of the means of life in the hands of a few great corporations and the absolute economic dependence of the mass of the nation on these capitalist masters. To the extent that this development proceeds, also grows the arrogance and lawlessness of the capitalist class and the tendency to establish a centralized and oppressive government. The whole machinery of government is set in motion to fight every step of the working class made in the direction of better conditions. The labor organizations are tied hand and foot by injunctions and by the confiscation of their treasuries. Spies are paid to enter the unions and disrupt them. Rival unions are organized by the capitalist class to prevent the bona fide labor unions from ameliorating their condition. Labor leaders are hoodwinked or made traitors to their class. Slugging committees, Pinkertons, police, militia or regulars are employed to overawe strikers and protect strike breakers. Unorganized workers are disfranchised or bullied at the ballot box. The army and navy are increased and militia laws are passed for the purpose of placing the entire military force of the United States at the beck and call of the capitalist president in Washington. While this is done under the guise of protecting the nation against foreign foes, it is really aimed at the proletarian citizens of this country. And when all means fail to break the solidarity of the organized and unorganized work-

ers, martial law is declared and the military despotism tramples on the rights of the working class and even defies the courts. The state of Colorado furnishes an object lesson in this respect. This will gradually become the condition in every state where the working class leaves the political power in the hands of the capitalist class.

The issue thus resolves itself down to the question: Shall the proletarian majority or the capitalist minority rule? In this issue the Socialist party is the only political party that stands uncompromisingly on the side of the working class. All other political parties, no matter how radical some of their leaders may seem, stand for the interests of the capitalist minority. The proletarian majority can win in this struggle only by constituting itself as a class in the Socialist party and capturing the political power for the purposes named above—that is, the inauguration of Socialism.

The coming of Socialism does not simply depend on the economic development of the capitalist system of production, but also on the intellectual and political self-consciousness of the working class. The Socialist party can improve the conditions of the working class only to the extent that the working class supports this party. So long as the Socialist party is a minority party it can, therefore, use only what political power it may have acquired to secure such amelioration as may be outlined in the instructions given by the party to its elected candidates.

But a minority party is easily defeated or obstructed in parliamentary activity. Only when the Socialist party will have the majority of votes, not alone in the state of Illinois, but in the whole nation, can permanent relief come to the majority of the toilers in the cities and on the farms. To accomplish this the Socialist party urges the proletarian workers of both sexes and of all occupations to unite politically and vote for Socialism.

CAPITALISM. Capitalism, in spite of the fact that it has almost conquered nature, enormously increased the productivity of the worker and created a system which can produce wealth far in excess of the wants of every human being, falls utterly and absolutely to provide shelter fit for human habitation for a large majority of that class of citizens which does the work, its slaves. Socialists and others who have constantly pointed out this contradiction have been classed as "alarmists," and their statements treated as exaggerations when considered at all—Wiltshire's Magazine.

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