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You have Socialist Votes in Your Community November 8th, Didn't You? Have you Done Anything towards Getting Them to Read Socialist Literature? You know that is Necessary. Get After Them to read the Chicago Socialist Every Week. It gives an Education in a Year's Reading and Does it for Fifty Cents. Or, we will send you five yearly Subscription Cards for Two Dollars. They can be had if you go after them. Send us Two Dollars and have a supply of Cards on hand. Make yourself known as the Chicago Socialist man in your community.

A SOCIALIST DAILY PAPER.

General Announcement and Call for Co-operation in Its Establishment.

To all organizations and members of the Socialist Party and all trade union and other associations in sympathy with the Socialist movement, and to all persons that vote the Socialist ticket or are otherwise favorably interested in the advancement of the Socialist Party—Greeting:

In response to a general demand by the Socialists of the Middle and Western States for the establishment of a Daily Socialist Paper in Chicago, an informal conference of party members was held at the Illinois State Headquarters November 13th, 10 a. m., at which it was unanimously agreed: 1st. That the time had come in the development of the Socialist movement of the United States for the establishment of the Socialist paper for the Middle and Western States.

2nd. That the City of Chicago was the most advantageous location for its publication, and that immediate steps be taken to provide the means of publication.

3rd. That the only practical form of organization capable of managing and carrying on such a publication is a publishing association organized under the law.

4th. That the organization of such a publishing association should be made contingent upon the completion of a list of 25,000 subscribers for the Socialist Daily.

5th. That the agreement of this conference as above set forth be presented to the Cook County Central Committee of the Socialist Party for its consideration before any further steps be taken to establish the Daily Socialist Paper.

At the regular meeting of the Cook County Central Committee of the Socialist Party held November 13th, 1904, 2:30 p. m., the proposition to establish a Daily Socialist Paper presented by the conference held at the State Headquarters November 13th, 1904, at 10 a. m., was unanimously endorsed and a committee of nine, composed of the undersigned members of the party, was elected to prepare a statement for publication in the party papers and to be sent to the party organization; said statement to be first presented to a mass meeting of the local members of the Socialist Party for approval, and to supervise all the preliminary steps necessary to secure subscribers for the paper, stock for the publishing association and its organization.

As a meeting of this committee elected as above stated, held November 18th, at the State Headquarters, the following was adopted:

1st. That it was necessary before issuing the paper to secure a list of 25,000 subscribers, each subscriber contracting to pay at the rate of three dollars per year in installments of not less than twenty-five cents, the first installment to be paid on the receipt of the first issue of the paper, by the subscriber.

2nd. That, with the call for subscribers for the paper, the Socialists of the United States should be invited to become members of the publishing association to be organized under the law, by subscribing for at least one share of stock, each share to be of the value of ten dollars.

3rd. That the amount of the capital stock of said association shall be not less than thirty thousand dollars, to be issued in shares of ten dollars each, making the possible membership of the association three thousand.

4th. That each shareholder in subscribing for stock shall pay twenty-five cents in advance on each share of stock said shareholder subscribes for, the amount so paid to be used to pay the preliminary expenses of organizing the association. The balance of the amount subscribed for, to be paid in installments called for by the Directors of the incorporated association.

5th. That the following forms for subscriptions for the paper, and for subscription to the stock of the association be approved and issued.

6th. That the organizations and members of the Socialist Party, the Trade Unions and other associations, and all persons in sympathy with the Socialist Party, and with this movement to establish a Daily Socialist Paper, be hereby requested to subscribe and secure subscribers for the paper, and to subscribe and secure subscribers for shares of the capital stock of the publishing association, by signing the accompanying blank forms in ink, the names and addresses in each case to be written in full and as plainly as possible, and to mail the same to James S. Smith, State Secretary.

State Headquarters, 163 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill.

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FORM FOR SUBSCRIPTION FOR SHARES OF CAPITAL STOCK.

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to subscribe for ___ shares of the capital stock of a corporation to be organized for the purpose of publishing a Socialist daily newspaper, in Cook County, State of Illinois, and I hereby agree to pay the said company for each share the sum of ten dollars in such installments as the directors of said company, when elected, may call for, hereby authorizing and empowering James S. Smith, of Chicago, for me and in my place, to subscribe my name as such shareholder on the stock subscription book of said company after the license for the opening of books of subscription to the capital stock of said corporation will be issued.

In furtherance of the proposed object and to defray the preliminary expenses of the organization of said corporation, I hereby advance twenty-five cents on each share for which I agree to subscribe, provided, however, that no further payment is to be made by me on such subscription until said corporation is legally organized.

FORM FOR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE DAILY PAPER.

Date....., 190..

I, the undersigned, hereby order and subscribe for a Daily Socialist paper for a period of _____ months, for which I promise to pay at the rate of three dollars per year in monthly installments of twenty-five cents; the first payment to be made upon the receipt of the first issue of the paper delivered at my address.

Signed.....

Address.....

City..... State.....

In response to a call for a mass meeting of Socialists and those in sympathy with the project for establishing a daily newspaper, Uhlich's Hall was filled last Sunday afternoon, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. J. B. Smiley was elected Chairman. Thos. J. Morgan reported for the provisional committee of nine, the recommendations of the committee being (Continued on Page Two.)

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SOCIALISTS GAIN IN ITALY.

Social Vote Doubled—Number of Socialist Deputies Increased.

Radical Capitalist Parties Almost Wiped Out.

The cable dispatches published concerning the election in Italy stated that the Socialist elements representing the extreme left were badly defeated, and that even the Socialist leader, Ferri, was not re-elected. The mails from Europe tell an entirely different story. The following is a translation from the Berlin Vorwarts of Nov. 9 containing a special telegram from Rome:

Rome, Nov. 8.—The general election of Nov. 6 is over. Four hundred and fifteen out of the 508 districts have so far reported. There have been elected in these districts 255 government candidates, 39 members of the so-called constitutional opposition, 23 capitalist radicals, 26 Socialists including Turati and DeFelice, and 12 capitalist Republicans.

A second balloting will be necessary in 60 districts; in 23 of these districts Socialist candidates will make a strong fight against the combined forces of capitalism and at least nine or ten more Socialist candidates will be elected, making a total of 35 or 36 Socialists in the next Chamber of Deputies. In the last term of the Chamber the Socialists had 33 Deputies.

What is more important than the election of several more candidates is the increase of the Socialist vote. Avanti, the Socialist daily organ, reports in its issue of Nov. 8 that 301,000 Socialist votes were cast, while at the previous elections the total Socialist vote was only 162,000. This means a doubling of the Socialist vote. The American capitalist press published telegrams announcing that Signor Ferri, the Socialist leader, was defeated. Now the fact of the matter is that Ferri was elected three times in three different districts, which means that in two districts second elections will have to take place, because Ferri can accept the mandate of one district only.

The radical capitalist parties were almost wiped out the political map. In former years these so-called radicals co-operated with the Socialist parties whenever important questions came up in Parliament. During the recent general strike these radicals showed their true capitalist nature by openly declaring themselves against the strike movement and severing their former relations with the Socialists. This brought about their political defeat. To a certain extent the political situation in Italy resembled the presidential campaign in the United States.

The reason why the Socialists did not elect more of their candidates may be found in the fact that in former campaigns some of the Socialists were endorsed by the capitalist radicals, while at the last election it was a clear-cut fight between Socialism and Capitalism.

For the first time a clear line was drawn between the Socialist movement and the radical capitalist parties.

The clericals made a desperate fight against Socialism in Milan, where two Socialists, Comrades Turati and Cabralini, one clerical and one conservative, were elected. This will be the first clerical in the Chamber of Deputies, which goes to show that the Vatican is getting into politics even in Italy, where the Pope had enjoined the Catholics from taking an active part in political campaigns.

DAILY PAPER—NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of all persons who have pledged subscriptions for stock in the daily newspaper project, Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, at 55 No. Clark street. At this meeting the preliminary legal steps toward organization will be taken and those who have signed for stock should be present.

JAS. S. SMITH.

JOHN COLLINS' \$2.00 HATS.

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

WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

Neither Congress nor a territorial legislature, nor any human power, has any authority to annul this vested right.

This was the positive "deny-it-if-you-can" message which President Buchanan sent to Congress in 1859. He was talking about the sacredness of private property in black men and women.

He was upheld by the Supreme Court!

Back of him stood the American people, who had, by their votes, in overwhelming numbers, endorsed this opinion.

In 1844, when the anti-slavery sentiment first developed, the Democratic party—representing the dominant political thought—had a large plurality of votes. After years of agitation against that party and its polities, it steadily increased its adherents, until by the year 1856 it secured an indorsement by a larger vote than given to any political party or presidential candidate up to that time.

This gave the slave-holding aristocracy confidence—and it maintained, even up to the very eve of its overthrow, an air of haughty indifference to the changing economic conditions.

But it reckoned without considering the great social forces at work. It overlooked the fact that society is no solid crystal, but is constantly changing.

The new order had outgrown its old clothes.

One morning Madam Democracy woke up and found a new man in possession.

Yes, there was some slight disturbance, but the new man, whose name was Capitalism, made good.

Society has continued to progress.

The Republican party, the political expression of capitalism and the open advocate of wage slavery, faces a situation analogous to that which confronted the slave-holding aristocracy just before its overthrow, and at a time when it considered its position secure. It had perfect reason to feel secure, because it had the votes, the Supreme Court and the law-making machinery of government.

To-day the Republican party is stronger, politically, than ever before. It will at the polls this year receive a larger vote than ever before in its history.

This vote of confidence, as it were, will breed arrogance. Arrogance breeds dissolution.

Events move quickly—unconsciously society is progressing—great problems are pressing for solution.

We have outgrown the capitalist bill and tucker.

Society feels the impulse of a vigorous young manhood.

We want more room—more air—better clothes—a better time.

And what's more, we're going to have 'em!

The campaign of 1904 is to the Republican party what the campaign of 1856 was to the old Democracy—it's the beginning of the end.

There is every reason to believe that as great changes can be made in the social structure during the next four years as were made in the four years between 1856 and the election of Lincoln.

I want to register my confident belief that the Socialists of America can elect a Socialist President in 1908.

We can lay the foundation for that glorious consummation during the present campaign and in the four years to follow.—F. D. W., in Appeal to Reason.

NOTICE.

All Holders of campaign lists will confer a great favor by sending them in at once, with whatever amount may have been collected upon them, as this office is again compelled to carry on the necessary work with the meagre income derived from the dues and any further contributions would be very welcome.

Fraternally,
 Jas. S. Smith,
 State Sec'y.

NOTICE.

"Mother Jones" will speak at a mass meeting at Kensington Turner Hall, Kensington avenue, Saturday evening, Dec. 3d, at 8 p. m. Come and bring your friends.

OUR STRIKE.

The Ballot is the Weapon—Class Consciousness the Force.

We strike you with an idea that strikes at the wage system.

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"Engineering the deal" means a great deal to the working class. Fire up!

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Working class tactics will soon be quite sufficient to work the tactical class.

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The man who lost his vote by voting for Debs will soon have a chance to find it.

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Now that Roosevelt has swept the country, it's up to the workers to get the dust.

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Wonder if any one has accused the Socialists of breaking up the Democratic home?

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"When you are in Rome, do as the Romans do," means that the Romans will do you.

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Football is an elegant illustration of the competitive wage system. Whose political football are you?

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While pondering over municipal ownership some men may accidentally break into a new set of brains.

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If you can't pay the rent take a little interest in the private profit system.

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"Socialism Turned Down Again" will look right well, in the capitalist press, when it turns up.

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Under a capitalist regime the hardest kind of work is looking for work.

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Capitalism divides the workers, but Socialism will unite them so they can divide the work.

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Can it be possible that those who say "you'll never see it in our time" expect to die so soon?

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A class-conscious strike at the ballot box means "to the woods" with arbitration.

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Every man is a political equal of his fellow-man at the ballot box.

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If you can stand on an equality at the ballot box, why not in the mill, mine and factory?

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The capitalist class look down on Socialists because they do not realize we are to be their superiors.

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Think of a system that puts a premium on property and a discount on human life!

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Socialists are no more responsible for the class struggle than doctors are for disease.

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In your warm moments study Socialism and in your cool ones help to make it good.

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It requires strength and courage to swim against the stream, while any dead fish can float with it.

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Beware of labor leaders; they lead to the slaughter. We are not going that way.

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Some people are so afraid of discontent that they would rather walk while others ride.

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Man has been called a tool-using animal, which is about the same as an animal using tools.

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Let us hope that Parry and his usociation will furnish food for the brains of union men.

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Our mission for the next four years is to eradicate so you will be able to vote right next time.

A PEEP BEHIND THE CURTAIN

A Few Extracts from "Frenzied Finance"—"Legislature Is Bought and Sold as Are Sausages and Fish at the Market and Wharves."

(Thos. Lawson in Everybody's Magazine for December.)

To make a good Socialist it is necessary to understand capitalism. Thomas Lawson in his last installment of "Frenzied Finance" throws considerable light on that subject. We print below just a few extracts from the rehearsal of the personal experience of Mr. Lawson, one of the inner circle of "High Finance."

It should be instructive to workingmen to note how much fun, excitement, pleasure and pain these gamblers have scrambling for the products of their (the workers') labor. But in all the chapters of weird midnight intrigue by these bold and unscrupulous robbers referred to by Mr. Lawson the men whose labor actually produced it all are never mentioned nor thought of. It is simply a battle of the robbers of all grades fighting among themselves for possession of the property exploited from the class which produces all things.

There are some eloquent passages throwing considerable light on the "good man" policy of electing public servants so strenuously advocated by the mugwump press.

It is very doubtful if even Mr. Lawson can exaggerate the rottenness of capitalism. Every student of existing conditions knows that "to get the other fellow's money" the capitalist class will stop at nothing. Little children's lives, woman's honor, a whole community's welfare, any and every thing will be sacrificed to the god of profits. Capitalism knows no decency, no humanity, no mercy when profits can be squeezed out of the working class.

When once the workers awake to a realization of the injustice of the present system they will make short work of the class which Mr. Lawson's articles are throwing so much light on.

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Editor, A. W. Mance; Business Manager, A. S. Edwards; State Secretary, J. S. Smith; C. L. Streckou, County Secretary.

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WILL WE HOLD OUR VOTE?

From many sources one hears the query: "Do you think we can hold the large Socialist vote of Nov. 8 in the spring election?" We do not predict that we will, but we see no good reason why we should not only hold our vote of Nov. 8, but should increase it.

as the capitalist system of production for profits lasts. The well-meaning philanthropist, Hull house worker, settlement house hobbyist and all other reformers are helpless to do anything but relieve a few individual cases by their well-meaning condescension and charity.

The education of the workers along the lines of the class struggle, to understand the capitalist system of production, and the necessity of abolishing it and replacing it with a sane system of co-operation is the only remedy.

A few millionaires and faddists may find an outlet for their better feelings and energy relieving some of the distress that the very system that made them millionaires created.

Mr. Hunter's book will be most useful in pointing out the actual conditions of labor in this country; but it is the mission and work of the Socialists to show the working class the only possible remedy—i. e., abolish the competitive wage system and give all an opportunity to produce wealth and retain the value of the full product of their toil.

THE VALUE OF WATCHERS.

The full value of watchers at the polls is little known to the party members, neither does the individual watcher at the polls know just how important a personage his watcher badge makes him.

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BOOM THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST. The comrades are urged to remember that while the agitation for a daily is under way they must not forget the weekly is here, and its maintenance is the most important question.

A SUGGESTIVE ADVERTISEMENT.

The 27th Ward has made a bold stroke in the right direction. In issuing a series of circulars for several meetings to be held, they attach to bottom of leaflet a blank subscription to the Chicago Daily Socialist and the Chicago Weekly Socialist.

Two million children under the age of 15 years are working in the mills, mines and factories, says William Curtis. Almost the same number of able-bodied men are out of employment looking for a master.

THE NEW YORK WORKER ON THE RESULT OF THE ELECTION.

For Second Place in 1908.

The election just past is a brilliant confirmation of the Socialist prediction—Mark Hanna endorsed it, but we made it first—that the fight of the future is between Socialism, representing the working class, and Republicanism, representing the capitalist class.

The Democratic party is an element of confusion. Its existence has blinded many of the people to the real issue. Multitudes of men who were disgusted with the Belmont-Bryan-Parker-Hearst hodge-podge voted the Democratic ticket because they thought it the only practicable way to vote against Roosevelt's Caesarism.

The field must be cleared. The Democratic party must go. This election has gone far to destroy its prestige. But old evils die hard. The snake is but scotched, not killed.

Now is the time for us to begin the campaign again—a campaign of organization and education in every locality and at the same time a big campaign from national headquarters.

Others ought to go into Colorado, now that the craze for the defeat of mere Peabodyism is over, to rally the workmen of that State for the defeat of capitalism itself.

In Illinois, where we have made such an unparalleled advance, strenuous work will be needed to utilize the present enthusiasm, to checkmate the schemes that our enemies are already elaborating, to consolidate our gains and secure a new advance two years hence.

In short, every State needs attention—Minnesota and Iowa and California because they have done unexpectedly well, New York and New Jersey because they have not done quite so well as they should.

Now—not next summer, but this winter—the Socialist Party must make its voice heard as THE champion of Labor, THE assailant of the Trusts, THE enemy of capitalism in all its manifestations.

While every local is doing its own work—getting our new voters into the party organization, educating its members in the fundamental principles of Socialism, training new speakers, and preparing for the city campaigns that will be upon us next spring or next fall—while all this is being done, our wonderfully efficient national office must be enabled to make the big campaign all over the land.

THE WORKER THEREFORE SUGGESTS:

First, that every party member who has fallen behind in the payment of his dues—and there are many—square up AT ONCE.

Second, that every party member send as liberal a contribution as he can afford, within a week, to National Secretary Mally, 208 Dearborn street, Chicago. A quarter will help. A dollar will help more.

Third, that every party member who is personally acquainted with an unaffiliated Socialist, especially one who has cast his first Socialist vote this year, do his best to get that man into the party organization this month.

If, before Christmas, the national office can be supplied with \$3,000 in back dues and contributions to the propaganda fund, and if the number of dues-paying members can be increased, by say, ten per cent each month throughout the winter—and this is expecting very little—we may be sure that such an off-season campaign will be made as we never saw before, with the result that the Democratic reorganizers will be foiled, the Republicans will recognize that they have a new foe to fight, far more formidable than the old one, and the Socialist Party will take its place as second party in 1908, or possibly in 1907.

Now, comrades, NOW! Will YOU respond?

You may yet learn that the man who has lost his home under capitalism is not so easily scared into losing it under Socialism.

They will not even shake the hand of the men who create the wealth they spend. Guess who.

When you go to feed how would that equal opportunity strike you?

A SOCIALIST IDEAL.

(By Ernest Untermyer.) The issue of Nov. 19 of the New World, a Catholic paper of Chicago, contains an article by John McIntosh, a professional crusher of Socialism.

Under the heading "What is Marxian Socialism?" this writer attempts to show that scientific Socialism teaches war against all forms of religion and that the co-operative commonwealth will be a hog-pen of sexual promiscuity.

Of course, he carefully omits all reference to the political and economic program of the Socialist party. To fairly represent that program would compel him to show why the working class should be less religious and less moral, when its members are in control of the economic and political power, as they will be under Socialism, or why they should be more religious and more moral under capitalism which excludes them from the controlling positions in politics and makes them the victims of a life-long hold-up at the hands of the exploiting classes.

In order to make his point, McIntosh uses the methods characteristic of that peculiar standard of morality and manhood which is the typical product of commercialism. In other words, he tears quotations from the works of Socialist writers out of their context and gives them a perverted interpretation. He picks out statements of Socialist writers which lead themselves to this "moral" method, but pretends not to find any sentence in the works of those authors by which his hypocrisy and mendacity would be clearly revealed.

The works from which he quotes are the following: "The Workers in Switzerland," an obscure work which he attributes to Karl Marx, and which, if actually written by Marx, dates back to a time in which he was not yet a Socialist; "The Communist Manifesto," by Marx and Engels; "Woman," by Bebel; and an article by Herron in the "Worker" of March 30, 1902. I advise the Catholic readers of this paper, and of the New World, to secure those works and see with their own eyes what else is written in them besides the statements quoted by McIntosh.

A glance at the Socialist platform of nearly every modern country will show that the Socialist parties are neutral in matters of religion. And a superficial acquaintance with the membership of any Socialist party will reveal the fact that it is composed of men and women of all creeds and of no creed. A perusal of the above named works will also show that no Socialist writer of any prominence has ever gone out of his way to attack any religion. But they have indeed pointed out the function performed by religions and churches in the development of human societies.

McIntosh and his ilk show by the facts of history that the statements of the Socialist writers are not based on truth. In attempting to do this, he will at the same time have to show that the writers who contributed to the knowledge of the Socialists were also mistaken. Among those non-Socialist writers, none have criticized religion and churches more severely than believers in those religions and members of those churches themselves.

If McIntosh wants to crush Socialism and save present day religions, he must first settle his account with the writers of his own church. Then he must arrest the wheels of evolution, and prevent a proletarian environment from producing proletarian thoughts. Unless he can do that, he will not accomplish his purpose.

As in the matter of religion, so in the question of sex relations, the most destructive work has been done, and is being done, by the present social system and by the writers of the bourgeoisie. If the Socialist writers had really said and done nothing else but show up the conditions of capitalist society, they would have done nothing worse than was done before them by the writers of bourgeois tendencies. Men like Ibsen, Hauptmann, Tolstoy, Meredith and others, who are not Socialists at all, have criticized the bourgeois family relations far more ruthlessly than any Socialist writer has ever done.

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A SOCIALIST DAILY PAPER.

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embodied in the foregoing announcement. A. S. Edwards reported for the committee on the response coming from city and country to the first announcement made in The Chicago Socialist, showing a widespread interest in the enterprise and the readiness of Socialists throughout the West to support it.

A large number present signed for stock at the close of the meeting, and over two hundred subscriptions to the paper were handed in.

The suggestion for a daily newspaper has met with a quick response. Those in Chicago who are engaged in forwarding the enterprise realize fully the magnitude of this undertaking, but with the active co-operation of comrades in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri, and the rolling up of twenty-five thousand subscriptions, there will be no insurmountable obstacles in the way of its accomplishment.

Comrades, to work! By our united efforts let us secure this adequate weapon in our warfare against capitalism—the daily paper.

Table with 2 columns: State/Region and Amount. Lists contributions from Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma Territory, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and various other items like 'Map', 'Index card system', 'Office desk', etc.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Of the Joint State and Cook County Campaign Committee, from May 1st to November 1st, 1904. Includes items like 'Income', 'On hand May 1st', 'Dues', 'Campaign fund', 'National contribution fund', etc.

COURT KILLS LABOR LAW.

New York Court of Appeals Finds Against Eight Hour Law. Once more the courts have demonstrated to the workers that they can expect no manner of relief for even a portion of the working class while the capitalist class interpret the laws.

Chief Judge Cullen takes the ground that the principle involved in this case is precisely similar to that in the action of The People ex rel. Rogers vs. Coler. The latter was the earliest case that arose under the labor law, and in deciding the courts held that the statute was unconstitutional in so far as it involves the "prevailing rate of wages."

REFERENDUM NO. 2. The attention of the branches is called to the result of referendum No. 2, official notice of which has been sent out, ordering the branches to pay each 25 cents per month to the county secretary toward expense of C. C. C. delegate meeting.

THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST. A Daily Evening Newspaper Devoted to the Interests of the Working Class and the Principles of Socialism.

Subscription form for THE CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST. Includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, and a section for the undersigned to order and subscribe for a Daily Socialist Paper for a period of... for which I promise to pay at the rate of \$3.00 per year, in monthly installments of 25 cents; the first payment to be made upon receipt of the first issue of the paper delivered at my address.

A PEEP BEHIND THE CURTAIN.

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after doctors, and the documents which were all ready awaiting execution were put aside in the confusion.

It must have been some time a little later, when I awoke to a brief interval of consciousness, that I noted a scene the memory of which invariably rises to my mind's eye whenever I try to mitigate or subdue my feelings of hatred and disgust for Addicks. The room was dimly lit; the two doctors were at the foot of the bed; Addicks, standing beside them, was looking fixedly at me. I caught his eye; doped as I was with opiates I saw the cold, calculating expression of his face, which told me as plainly as words that he felt it was all up with me, that my usefulness to him was at an end, and that without a thought for my interests or a scintilla of regret, he was calculating how to turn my death to his advantage.

BRIBING A LEGISLATURE.

That six months between May 1st and November 1st was the most crowded period in all my experience up to that time. Events of consequence tumbled over one another in startling succession. In exercising the historian's right to choose the order of setting them down I am puzzled as to which to give precedence. Shall I commence with the sensational bribery of the Massachusetts Legislature which occurred within this period, or the episode that was the exciting climax of that interval of trial? About this time, too, occurred the laying of the foundation of "Coppers" and Amalgamated, but that certainly requires a chapter to itself. However, as all are starry examples of what made "Frenzied Finance" possible, and as any one fits into my story as well ahead as behind the other two, I'll take them in the succession above set down.

The Whitney machine for the manufacture and moulding of legislation was complex but efficient. It achieved its wonders in broad daylight. Considering what it did and how it was done, the astonishing fact is that no outcry to speak of was ever raised at its performances. It was vastly bolder than Tammany and made fewer excuses for what it grabbed. But its chief engineer was a leading citizen, and his assistants all gentlemen of great respectability and admirable antecedents, and in Boston, social and civic dictions are shields behind which much may be concealed.

Corrupting a legislature is not something a man may do with a flip of his finger and thumb. However bold the operations the conveniences must be observed. When really large designs are entertained, the manipulator begins before the preceding election and has had his "lawyers" at work throughout the country, seeing candidates and ascertaining their feelings. So a certain percentage of votes are signed and sealed in advance, ready for delivery at the proper time. But there is always a crowd of new men who must be taken care of on the spot, and these must be approached with tact.

A few days after a vessel dropped anchor off the island of Jamaica; George Towle's body was carried ashore and buried, and Mr. Patch was escorted back to the ship. A few days later, with weights of lead to carry it to its last resting place on the ocean's bottom, the latter's dead body was dropped over the vessel's side. And somewhere floating the high seas is a venturesome sailor-captain and a crew, who when in their cups, "tis said, tell strange tales of gold and queer doings.

Simultaneously the members of the Great and Good Court of the old Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, received, none of them could tell from where, their promised vote-money in the form of a yarn that the "stiff" belonging to them had been delivered to George Towle, but that Towle had decamped with it to foreign shores, where he was living in luxury with Mr. Patch.

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keep 'em from being too proud," as he gently phrased it.

Subordinate to Towle and Patch was a long line of eminently respectable lawyers known all over the Commonwealth as "Whitney's attorneys." These men participated at nominations, orated at elections, and took care of the finer preliminary details. The first line of attack was composed of practical politicians of various grades—ex-senators or representatives, and local bosses, who were known as "Whitney's right-hand men." Below these were the ordinary lobbyists, the detectives, and runners, who kept "tabs" on every move and deed, day and night, of the members of the Legislature. This was the Whitney machine, and it worked together with that fine solidity and evenness which can only be attained with lots of practice and much success. In comparison with this competent organization, an average "Tammany Gang," a "Chicago Combine," or a St. Louis Syndicate would look like a broken-down snow-plough in August.

I was in my office taking care of the market. Of the stampede I knew nothing. Suddenly came the word: "The Whitney bill has passed on the Governor's recommendation." Both socks started to jump; then a halt, then—I didn't try to stop the decline, for I saw something terrible had happened. In a few minutes the news was on the street: "The charter was not worth the parchment upon which it was engrossed."

The bitter had been fatally bitten. The market closed with the tape and ticker freely, exultingly shouting "Ruin" with each tick and slip; and that night Whitney's headquarters was little better than a mob. Frantic men demanded money, money promised for votes, money they had promised for margins to the brokers before the stock exchange opened the next day, and swearing consequences to Whitney and Towle, regardless of the effect upon themselves.

Early next morning there came to my office two wild-eyed, desperate creatures, Towle and Mr. Patch.

How strange are the ways of Him who protects the sparrow from the wrath of the whirlwind, and strikes terror to the lion in his moment of victory. I had spent the night going over my accounts and those of which I had charge, and in addition to a quick, real loss of over a million dollars, I realized that the immediate future was so hung with dark clouds that I dared not anticipate what the day might mean to me and mine; but when I looked upon the big, powerful man, who had always seemed in any light in which I had heretofore beheld him to fear neither man nor God—when I looked and saw his plight, I pitied him deeply, sincerely. He carried a large traveling bag, and Mr. Patch two others.

"Lawson, for God's sake, don't do what they are all doing—don't upbraid me! I've got to get out into the world and be dead to all I know—family, friends, everyone. If I stay, it's State's prison or worse, and Whitney says I must go. I've got all the papers together, and Whitney has given me what cash he had on hand, and this check for \$10,000. Do me one last favor, get me gold for it. I know I have no right to ask any favors of you, but think, if you were in my place, I have a wife and children, and—and the great, strong man wept like a child.

I called my secretary, and in a short time George Towle with the \$10,000 in gold and the bags of "evidence" faded out of my life and into the gray mist of eternity."

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FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Receipts for national campaign fund during the week ending Nov. 25 were \$25.10, making a total to date named of \$9,009.47. There are still a large number of campaign lists out and reports should be made upon these at once, as the national campaign fund of 1904 will close Dec. 15. Every cent that can be secured is needed by the national office to clear up outstanding accounts. The national secretary is anxious to have the new year start with a clean slate.

A most encouraging sign is the increased emphasis placed upon organization by comrades writing to the national office since election. Almost invariably the letters strike the same note of appreciation of the added responsibility which the increased vote brings to all Socialists. A number of comrades back up their expression of faith with a contribution, as, for example, comrades living as far apart as Kansas, Maine, New York and Louisiana send in something to help keep the work moving. These contributions have been credited to the campaign fund.

Comrade Nicholson, secretary Twenty-third Ward Branch, Philadelphia, writes as follows: "I know we must work hard now to educate the people to Socialism in order to maintain and also increase our vote, otherwise we will go back. In order to do that we must have plenty of money, and of course I myself can't give much, but I can get others to give a little. So if you will send me a card that will hold 5 and 10-cent pieces I can return it within two weeks, and if 5,000 or 10,000 comrades will do the same the total would make a good Christmas present for the national office and help to place good speakers in the field." How many comrades will take the hint given by Comrade Nicholson and send a Christmas present to the national office?

The national secretary is compiling a list of the best Socialist speakers who will work during the winter under the direction of the national headquarters. Locals desiring speakers should file their applications at once, as this will facilitate the arrangement of tours and disposition of speakers.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

THEY BROUGHT THEIR FRIENDS.

There was a much larger attendance at the second lecture of Professor Raymond's course, being delivered at Assembly Hall, Northwestern University Building, corner Dearborn and Lake streets. The subject of the second lecture was St. Petersburg. The importance and meaning of the official life of the Russian Empire as it appears in the capital of the great empire which is occupying so much of the world's attention just now was most vividly portrayed, both by the stereopticon views and the word pictures drawn by Professor Raymond.

Next Saturday evening, Dec. 3, the subject of Professor Raymond's lecture will be Vienna, the capital of Austria. All who can possibly do so should attend. Any one who attends one of these lectures will be sure to take in the balance of the course.

SOCIALISM IN THE CANADIAN ELECTION

The Liberal party has been returned to power in Canada on a program of state capitalism.

The Socialist party entered Dominion politics in British Columbia this election for the first time.

In Vancouver district, John T. Mortimer received about 1,300 votes out of a total of 6,000.

In Nanaimo district, Comrade Fen-ton was defeated by Ralph Smith, Liberal, by only 400 votes.

In Victoria, Comrade Waters received 350 votes. In the Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay districts, where Ernest Mills and Jas. A. Baker are the candidates, the election comes on Nov. 22 and the Socialists will without doubt poll a big vote. Both these comrades are members of the Western Federation of Miners, Comrade Baker being on the Executive Board of that organization for the British Columbia district.—The New Time, Spokane.

ROCKFORD NOTES.

Mr. Editor: I am glad to see the Chicago Socialist is urging the necessity of education and organization in every issue since election. Nearly a month before election the Swedish comrades here in Rockford organized a class for the purpose of studying Socialism in that language. The only Socialist books we can find in the Swedish language are the Communist Manifesto and Socialism—Utopian and Scientific, by Engels. These two books will be our text-books and in addition we are taking up American history and government. We have over thirty members enrolled and more coming. All young men.

The English-speaking members, notwithstanding to be outdone by their Swedish comrades, selected Comrade Schmus to direct the local in the study of municipal government and parliamentary law and usage.

Rockford Socialists expect to elect some aldermen in the spring election, and we are taking time by the forelock and getting in shape to intelligently direct our actions when the time comes for our comrades to shoulder responsibility. With greetings to the comrades throughout the State, I am yours fraternally.

CHAS. G. BORGREN.

CHILD, OR MOTHER LABOR, WHICH?

In a long letter to the Chicago Record-Herald, Wm. E. Curtis tells of a national organization to rescue the 2,000,000 child wage slaves of America. Last week Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman was quoted in the Chicago daily papers as saying that mothers should not let their children go out and earn the living. Jane Addams took issue and gave as her position that the mother's place was at home with the child. Judge Mack, of the Juvenile Court, in deciding the case of a boy, indorsed the position of Jane Addams, condemning Mrs. Gilman.

"You never see your mother from the end of one week to the end of the next—why should I let you go home? When you come home from school your mother is at work. She gets home at 2 o'clock in the morning and you are asleep or loafing. When you leave the house in the morning she is asleep. You must go back to the parental school, where you will be safe."

William Fisher wept when Judge Mack uttered this sentence. His mother wept, too. Why they wanted to live under the same roof, although they never saw one another from the first day of one month to the last day of the next, is one of the problems which Judge Mack declares only the human instincts can solve. But they did.

ANSWER FOR MRS. GILMAN. This case disposes of the theory advanced by Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman that every mother should go out into the world and work. The judge declared, "Miss Addams was right. Every other boy who comes into this court has gone wrong because he was deprived of the mother's influence through the necessity of working."

Mrs. Fisher is a janitress. Willie is a schoolboy. Willie's school hours are from 9 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. When he goes to school his mother is sleeping. When he goes home from school his mother is on her knees scrubbing the floor of a downtown office. When she goes home in the early morning hours Willie is in bed or loafing in the streets. He is usually not in bed.

"It would be a splendid idea to have every lad deprived of the mother's care. It would result in a belt of reformatories and corrective institutions surrounding Chicago. Any number of boys have gone wrong because their mothers are engaged in the industrial struggle, because they have to be away from home working at the critical period in the boy's life. Jane Addams is right—the mother is—the mother's place is in the home.

Which shall it be? The one attacks child labor. The other objects to the practice of mothers going away from home to earn the living for the children. Neither suggests that both should remain at home. Neither seems to be able to see the fallacy of both their arguments. If the mother is needed with the child, either she and the child must work, or both must stay at home.

But the capitalist system needs both the labor of the mother, who ought to be at home with her children, and also the labor of the children, who ought to be at home with their mothers. How, then, can the Judge's action be explained? Was he rushing to the aid of the capitalist system in a tacit support of child labor. To be sure, he does not do so in a direct way. He attacks the theory of Mrs. Gilman, who said mothers ought not let their little children support them. But, perhaps, the Judge did not act deliberately. Maybe he is so blinded by the system of private ownership of the earth that he cannot conceive of a solution to the problem that would let both mother and child stay at home.

His work being among neglected children, Judge Mack has become lopsided. He sees the necessity of the mother remaining at home with her boy. Jane Addams is in the same class, according to report, said the mother ought to go out and work for the child. As a matter of fact, they are all wrong. The child needs its tender years for growth and development. It also needs the mother's care. What is the solution? Judge Mack knows the solution or he is too ignorant to discuss the subject. Mrs. Gilman and Jane Addams know the solution. They know that both mother and child should have an opportunity to stay at home.

The solution is, that the working class must own the instruments of production and distribution and administer them in the interest of all the people. To secure this position, the working class must first get control of the government.

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Local Rockford of the Socialist Party of Illinois, ordered, through its literary agent, a copy of Walter Marlon Raymond's novel,

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A PERSONAL WORD

The C. C. C. C., having chosen the undersigned as secretary of the Cook county organization, he wishes just a word with the comrades. Never such need of organization and co-operation in Cook county as now.

COOK COUNTY UNDER PRIMARY LAW.

The Cook County Central Committee at its meeting on Sunday, Nov. 27, declared that the Socialist party in Cook County should operate at the spring election under the primary law.

ATTENTION!

Wards 16 and 35. The Fifteenth Ward Comrades issue a call to the Branches above that comprise the Twenty-third Senatorial District to assemble on Friday at 8 p. m., December 2, 1904, in Bohle's Hall, 541 N. Western avenue, to assist in electing a new committeeman for this district to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

SECOND WARD

The Second Ward will have a grand rally meeting at 2918 Cottage Grove avenue on Saturday, Dec. 3. John Collins will be the speaker. A big attendance is urged. Make this meeting a hummer. Speaking begins at 8 p. m. sharp.

TWENTY-SEVENTH WARD

The Twenty-seventh ward will have a meeting at Mittag's Hall, corner Belmont and Albany avenues, Thursday, Dec. 8, at 8 p. m. Speaker, A. W. Mance. The public cordially invited.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, ATTENTION.

There will be a meeting of the Twenty-fourth Ward Branch of the S. P. at 620 Diversey boulevard. Every workman in the Twenty-fourth ward is invited to attend. All old members please attend. R. Oge, Secretary.

SOCIALIST SPEAKER WANTED.

As we wish to continue our meetings through the winter months in Joliet we will be in need of quite a number of different speakers. We wish to hold these meetings at least twice a month, they will be held on Sunday afternoon, so that any speaker that will come here, if he don't care to stay over night in the Stone City, he can come down in the morn-

ing and return in the evening. The comrades in Joliet will always pay the expenses of the speaker. The fare on the Rock Island Ry. or the C. & A. Ry. on Sundays is \$1.00 round trip from Chicago to Joliet, so any speaker willing to speak in Joliet whenever we can arrange for a meeting will please address N. G. Marlett, Secretary of Local Joliet, 111 Ridgewood avenue, Joliet, Ill., or to the State Secretary, Jas. S. Smith, Room 27, 163 Randolph street, Chicago, Ill.

LECTURES UNDER AUSPICES OF SEVENTEENTH WARD BRANCH.

A. A. Wigness Will Talk on "Origin of the Human Race" Next Friday. The third of a series of popular lectures given under the auspices of the Seventeenth Ward Branch, 256 West Chicago avenue, will be delivered by A. A. Wigness on the "Origin of the Human Race," Friday evening, December 10. On Friday evening, December 17, the monthly "smoker" will be held. The subject of the first lecture of the series was, "What Will Be the Incentive Under Socialism?" delivered by A. Nicholson, followed by a general discussion. H. Sundry Hansen delivered a lecture on "Astronomy," Friday, December 2. Future lectures will be announced from time to time.

The comrades of the Twenty-third Ward announce that they will give family socials on Saturday evening, December 10th, at No. 70 Willow street, corner Burling. All Socialists and friends are invited to attend.

BOX SOCIAL.

The ladies of the Twentieth Ward will give a box social at "Twentieth Ward Headquarters, 943 Harrison street, Friday night, December 16th, for the benefit of the Twentieth Ward Branch. Admission 10c, box lunch 10c. A good entertainment will be provided. Come and bring your friends.

FRUITS OF CAPITALISM.

Ten thousand people killed! Killed where? In the Russian-Japanese war? No. Killed, murdered on the railroads of the United States during last year. Read this telegram from Washington: "The Interstate Commerce Commission has completed its annual bulletin, showing the number of people killed and hurt for the year on the several railroads in the United States. There were 9,984 people killed, more than double the loss of life in the war with Spain, and in excess of any year previously. Of those hurt there were 78,247, most of whom received more or less serious injuries."

A member of the commission adds: "The railroads are certainly killing them. The increase annually is regular, and is growing with the extension of the railroads and the population. We have received reports from England, which are as remarkable as the killings here. Approximately the English have less than 50,000 miles of track to our 200,000, yet they do a greater per-mile business than we do. They haul more passengers than we do, yet there was not one passenger killed last year."

The Interstate Commerce Commission figures that 78,152 persons have been killed on railroads in the United States during the last ten years. Think of that awful slaughter of human beings by soulless profitmongers who never display the slightest feeling in the matter when great wrecks are announced.

So long as the railroads are run for profits and it is cheaper to kill people than to adopt safety appliances and up-to-date protection for passengers and employes, this state of affairs will continue.

SOCIAL NOTES.

The comrades of the Third ward gave the first of their regular Saturday night entertainments and dances. There was a fairly good attendance and all present enjoyed the refreshments, dancing and also listened to a short address by Comrade Jack Woods of London on the general proposition of Socialism. Comrade Woods has a style all his own and can even make economics interesting and entertaining at a dance.

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