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JACK LONDON STIRS CHICAGO.

Noted Author Addresses Two Thronged Meetings—Working People Flock to Hear Him on Sunday—And Chicago University Students on Monday—Revolution Was His Theme at Both Meetings.

Last Sunday and Monday were red letter days in the history of the Socialist movement in Chicago. The occasion was the widely advertised lecture by Comrade Jack London on "The Social Revolution."

At half-past 2 o'clock, the time announced for the lecture to take place, the West Side Auditorium was packed to the doors, standing room even being at a premium.

When Comrade London stepped on to the platform he was greeted with a perfect storm of applause. The meeting was called to order by Comrade A. M. Simons, editor of the International Socialist Review, who acted as chairman of the meeting.

Before the chairman introduced the speaker he explained that the Socialist party was about to enter into a political campaign and despite the fact that the audience had paid admission to the lecture, a collection would be taken up.

After the collection was taken Comrade London proceeded to deliver his lecture on "The Social Revolution," which he has made a study for years. He gave a brief history of the rise of the new world-wide Socialist revolutionary movement and how it differed from all previous revolutions.

Below will be found some of the striking points from the lecture. We are glad to announce to our readers that the lecture just as it was delivered will be published in full in Collier's Weekly in the near future.

The report of the London meeting at the Chicago university was written by Comrade Simons for the Chicago Socialist.

Jack London indicts Capitalism. The main count in the indictment of capitalism is this: The capitalist class has managed society and its management has failed.

by their absence, so conspicuous as to cause constant comment. Indeed it was hard to believe that this absence was accidental and more than one student suggested that the word had certainly been packed around for faculty and instructors to remain away.

Then began the lecture. Those who have heard Comrade London speaking on "The Social Revolution" know the power of the words that he has spun together in that now famous lecture. There was a ripple of applause when he began, but from that time until he finished not a sound of approval or disapproval was heard.

The opportunity is still here. The capitalist class has been tried and found wanting. There remains the working class, to show what it can do with the opportunity.

What has the capitalist to offer against this declaration? Employers' Associations, injunctions, civil suits for cleaning out the treasuries of labor unions, combination for the open shop, opposition to the eight-hour day, defeat of child labor bills, hired lobbyists and bribery in every legislature, Pinkertons, machine guns, professional strike-breakers—these are the things with which the capitalist class is attempting to dam the revolution.

Every broken strike in recent years, every injunction, every legally robbed union treasury is driving the working class over to Socialism. Show a workman that his union fails, and he becomes a Socialist.

A little over a year ago the teamsters had a strike in New Haven. To break up the strike nine of the leaders were arrested and thrown into jail. Debs called at the jail to see them, but was refused permission. His object was accomplished, however, for each one of the nine leaders came out of jail wearing a red button.

As a leader, Eugene V. Debs says. So far as this movement is concerned, there is no good capitalist and no bad workman. Every capitalist is your enemy and every workman is your friend.

The complacent upholder of capitalism says: "What is ought to be." The Socialist says: "What is, is, and it may not be what it ought to be at all."

Revolution is here, now. Stop it who can.

SOCIALISM AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY. You should have been there. It was well worth many days of tiresome apparently resultless labor for any Socialist to have been present at Comrade London's magnificent lecture in the intellectual stronghold of the Standard Oil last Monday afternoon.

Jack London's lectures in Chicago brought the fire of the capitalist press all right. Of course they did not attempt to answer him, but they did the only thing that was possible—they called Jack a lot of names and exhausted their billingsgate vocabulary in denouncing him.

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BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The shoe manufacturers meeting and resolving because the beef trust not only controls the leather market but contemplates the control of other raw material for shoes.

Win. E. Curtis says "the eyes of the commercial men and economists of the United States are fixed with interest on the material progress of Peru."

The city officials have unearthed two water pipes, through which, it is charged, Oppenheimer & Co., of 47th street and Ashland avenue, have been stealing water for several years.

A real desire to see the Russian people gain such measure of political liberty as will cripple autocracy and insure the proper conditions for capitalist industrialism, and a great terror lest some measure of economic liberty also result from the Russian revolution, are the factors which have produced some editorials in the capitalist press truly awe-inspiring in their irrationality.

A shipment of American school books has been received at San Francisco from Japan, made by cheap labor and invoiced at 7 1/2 cents each.

What with Kansas boycotting the Standard Oil Company, which is the United States, and China boycotting the United States, which is the Standard Oil Company, and France boycotting Venezuela, which is the Asphalt trust, here is a heaven-born opportunity for some member of our federal judiciary to deliver himself of an international injunction to be based on the elasticity of the Monroe doctrine and enforced by the apostle of the big stick.

The packers are said to be straining every nerve to get the greatest possible quantity of their products into Germany before the new tariff law in that country becomes operative.

The resources of the trust companies of New York, on Jan. 1, 1906, are reported as \$1,312,759,139.

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the flawless fabric of a vision, leave not a sack behind."

Tom Lawson has, at last, finished "Frozen Finance"—in print; the real thing may yet finish him. As a contribution to economic literature his work is of no great value.

Lawson now promises to touch up the insurance companies—seriatim of course—after which an expected world is to receive his long-heralded "remedy."

One Frank G. Hoynes, president of the Real Estate Board, has gone on record as opposed to public ownership.

"First, because I believe the least government the best government." Why, the man's an anarchist! Not the ordinary reactionary Republican kind but one of the real thinking kind.

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"CRIME IN CHICAGO."

It has come to pass that the daily record of events in the daily papers of Chicago are largely made up of the records of murders, rapes, suicides, burglaries, highway holdups and other species of crime.

The hanging of Marx, Neidmeyer and Vandine does not appear to have had any deterring effect on these gangs.

The writer of this served on the jury a few weeks ago for two weeks in Judge Barnes' court.

It is useless to attempt to enumerate all the various kinds of crime that is epidemic in Chicago at the present time.

The press, the city authorities and large sections of the citizens appear to be becoming aroused to the fact that human life is more unsafe in Chicago than it is in the jungles of Africa.

In looking for a remedy it might be well to spend a little time looking for the cause of this social disease.

In considering the cause of at least a large part of the crimes that the outraged public is calling out for a power to put a stop to, the fact should not be overlooked that the Employers' Association for months last summer had their agents scouring the cities of America for the lowest type of human beings in the shape of thugs and ignorant, brutal negroes with which they flooded this city to secure leads to drive their teams during the teamsters' strike.

The city and county spent hundreds of thousands of dollars protecting these degenerates and pervers while they were serving the Employers' Association, but it is like pulling eye teeth to get the city "fathers" to spend a dollar to protect the lives and persons of our wives, sisters, mothers and sweethearts from these beasts that were brought here to break the teamsters' union and perpetuate the terror of struggling for a job.

That the bringing of the thousands of desperate characters from all over the country by our eminently respectable citizens who constitute the Employers' Association is responsible directly for the present epidemic of crime there is scarcely a shadow of doubt.

been a murder or burglary of an unusually brutal or desperate character that the police at once realize that it is five chances out of six that it has been committed by the members of one of these "gangs"—by boys from 16 to 23 years of age.

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PATENTS THOMAS J. MOROAN

COGS FOR CAPITALIST WHEELS.

The following is the address delivered by Thomas J. Morgan of Chicago, before the State convention of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association at the Madison Theater, Milwaukee, Dec. 27. It was the first time a Socialist ever got on the program. Needless to say the newspaper did not give the substance of the address.—S. D. H.

Which the full meaning of the word "educate" and the status of the worker's child forms the essential elements together with the original conception of those who formed the public school system, relative to the subject and the object of our education.

The question asked of us here to-day. You may ask, how was I, a working child, educated? My reply is: I was fortunate. As an medieval metal worker, constructing fixtures for castles, cathedrals, churches and public buildings in Europe, from architectural drawings, compelled to think out each mechanical problem, make all tools and appliances required, following out each part logically from A to Z with the stimulus of achievement in the structures which grew from my handiwork, into completeness and beauty of form and finish.

AN OPEN LETTER TO JUDGE HOLDOM. My Dear Sir—I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kind help to the workmen's cause by bringing home to the Union Printers the fact that there is a fierce class struggle on between the exploiters and the exploited.

masters than the all too short day of 8 hours. The bosses are American citizens and entitled to protection. Do your duty, Judge Holdom; do not shrink—don't let the cry of the exploited slave disturb your serene dignity. What if, that workmen do not live as long as masters, that they do not last as long as masters, what of it, that the 10 or 12 hour day makes it high impossible for them to elevate themselves, read and find wholesome recreation; it is not your concern, there are plenty of them—let them die young, others are ready to be used—and the supply is not to be exhausted so quick; so don't mind the cruel fate of the working class—it is of no consequence. The business interests of the country are at stake.

THE SCRAPEGOAT. By Kate Richards O'Hare. For many years my father was connected with one of the largest wholesale houses in Kansas City, and as I often visited him at the store I made many acquaintances among the employees.

When an unsophisticated country customer comes in for a bill of goods, the damaged stock goes in his order. If he accepts them all right; if he kicks, the scapegoat gets a cussing and his discharge; the customer gets some jolly and a little discount and all goes on as before with the clerk always on hand to work off shop-worn goods on unsuspecting customers.

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The Legal Committee have so far completed the task of effecting an organization under the name of the Commonwealth Publishing Society...

A resolution will be submitted at the next County Committee meeting recommending the selection of three trustees to hold in trust for the party a sufficient amount of stock...

I, the undersigned hereby subscribe to the number of shares set opposite my name, to the capital stock of the Commonwealth Publishing Society...

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SOCIALIST SAENGERBUND. The Socialist Saengerbund arranges a prize concert at Brand's Hall, 162 N. Clark street, on Saturday evening, Feb. 10, 1906.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts—Due stamps, \$76.25; delegate dues, \$2.75; emergency fund, \$2.75; literature sales, \$2.95; Jack London lecture, \$159.80; loans returned on Auditorium and N. S. Turner Hall, \$26.30; balance on hand last week, \$56.25. Total, \$321.05.

THE EMERGENCY FUND.

The returns on the emergency fund this week were very light, only \$2.75. At this rate we will have some lively guessing about how to handle our case in the courts.

JACK LONDON LECTURE.

The financial account of the Jack London lecture, given last Sunday at the West Side Auditorium, is as follows: TICKETS. Tickets sold at headquarters, \$173.09; Tickets sold at Auditorium, 146.75.

RUSSIAN FUND.

The following is the amount turned over to the National Secretary for the Russian Revolutionary Fund as a result of the meeting held at North Side Turner Hall on Monday, Jan. 22:

PRIMARY DISTRICT BOOKS.

The blank book supplies for primary districts are now on hand. All organized districts can get same and begin doing business right.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

Sunday, Feb. 4—2:30 p. m., 285 W. Chicago avenue. Speaker: E. M. Winston. Sunday, Feb. 4—8 p. m., 3517 State street. Speaker: J. Mahlon Barnes.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, ATTENTION!

Notice is hereby given to all members of 24th Ward Branch to attend the regular meeting of the branch on Monday, 8 p. m., Feb. 12th, 1906, at 620 Diversy boulevard.

There will be held a grand entertainment and agitation meeting of German speaking Socialists and sympathizers of Lake View at Social Turner Hall on Thursday, Feb. 15, 1906, 7:30 p. m.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD.

The regular meeting of the 25th Ward Branch will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at 10:30 p. m., in Lincoln Turner Hall. The discussion of last meeting will be continued.

THIRTY-SECOND WARD, ATTENTION!

There will be an important business meeting Monday night, Feb. 5, at the Neighborhood House, 67th and May streets. The matter of nominating a candidate for alderman must be attended to at this meeting.

FIFTEENTH WARD DIRECTORY.

Ward Committee meets Fridays, at 705 N. Oakley avenue, P. J. Riordan, Secretary, 776 N. Oakley avenue. 1st Dist. meets Mondays, 776 N. Oakley avenue; P. J. Riordan, Secy.

SUNDAY DIVISION MEETINGS.

Each of the seven divisions will meet on Sunday, Feb. 7, at 2 p. m., unless otherwise noted. Div. No. 1—C. E. Kirkland, organizer; Lincoln Turner Second Hall, Sheffield and Diversy avenues.

BLOODY SUNDAY ECHOES.

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ORGANIZE SINGING SOCIETY.

A Scandinavian Socialist singing society with 22 members was organized Monday night at Seventeenth Ward headquarters, 265 W. Chicago avenue.

SCANDINAVIAN SOCIALISTS, ATTENTION!

Two great Socialist meetings will be held, one at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, Feb. 3, at Aurora Hall, corner of Huron street and Milwaukee avenue; the other Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, at 3 o'clock, at American Hall, corner of Wells and Division streets.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The next meeting of the Central Committee will occur on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 2:30 p. m., at 55 N. Clark street. Delegates please take notice.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The next session of the Executive Committee will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p. m. Members, kindly be sharp on time.

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To secure a return of unused manuscripts postage should be enclosed. The fact that a signed article is published does not commit The Chicago Socialist to all opinions expressed therein. Contributions and items of news concerning the labor movement are requested from all workers. Contributions should be sent by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

Editor, A. W. Maney, Business Manager, Louis Delgaard, State Sec., J. S. Smith, C. L. Brecken, County Secretary.

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AN ERROR CORRECTED.

A typographical error in our report of the "Bloody Sunday" meeting last week made the report read that a collection of \$140 was taken up to assist the Russian Revolutionists. It should have read \$131.00. The collection taken at the German meeting should have read \$104.00 instead of \$100.00.

After Mr. Gompers had only wanted to tell Mr. Gompers that the printing only received what the "pure and simple" trade union men voted for when Judge Holdom failed the officers of Typographical Union No. 16 and raided the union treasury to the extent of \$1,200.

If the union men of Chicago do not become Socialists in the near future it will not be because Judge Jesse Holdom is not doing his utmost to push forward the Socialist propaganda. Just imagine the stupidity of the capitalist class in urging that the officers of the "peaceful" printers be sent to jail. Their blindness is almost beyond comprehension.

The Chicago Chronicle says that the language used by Jack London in his lecture last Sunday at the West Side Auditorium, was extravagant. If we remember right the most "extravagant" language used in that speech was a quotation from one of the Chronicle's editorials. Though Mr. London's lecture brought forth a long editorial from the Chronicle there was no attempt in it to answer his scathing indictment against the failure of the capitalist to be able to even feed their slaves.

Comrade Jack London appeared to be entirely at home among the Chicago "That Note." There was something about the ring of his speech that is in perfect harmony with the revolutionary notes that have been so often sounded from the soap box on the street corners of Chicago. There were no apologies, no uncertainty or veiled language as to what the Socialists aimed to do. He plainly told the capitalists that they had made a failure of governing the world and that the proletariat intended to overthrow them and put them to work if they intended to keep on eating. Of legal and hypocritical phrases he used none and he showed his absolute contempt for bourgeois "vested rights," sophistry and morality. The burden of his theme was ten million men, women and children are slowly starving in the midst of superabundance and over production, and that to feed and properly educate these people the Socialist movement had ordered vested rights to step out of the way. But says some one, "that is revolution." All right, replied Jack. What are you going to do about it? Get out of our way; we are marching ten million strong and our recruiting officers are just getting wise to their job.

Mr. Gompers made a great grandstand play last Sunday in defying Judge Holdom, but Jess soaked the Typographical Union and its officers just the same. It does not appear to have occurred to Sammy that it was the votes of his pure and simple people that placed Holdom and all the balance of the Employers' Association's tools where they have the power to raid the union's treasury and send their officers to jail without a jury trial at their sweet whim. Never mind. A few weeks in jail will probably open the eyes of the officers of the Typographical Union as to the value of their own votes.

Emil Otto, Chicago, landed five yearly subs this week. He never forgets that the Chicago Socialist is in need of new subscribers.

Remember our first prize is a \$300 piano. Go in and win.

Comrade L. J. Rawlins remits \$2 for subs and informs us that he is going after the scalps of the unemployed.

Do you want that four-year scholarship? If so join our Prize Contest.

Comrade Van Middleworth, Chicago, landed a few scalps of the unemployed last week. Come again.

Why not order five of our yearly sub cards for \$21?

Comrade C. L. Blossing comes to the front with four subs for The Chicago Socialist.

If you will give the Prize Contest your undivided attention in all your spare time for the next three months you will succeed in landing a very valuable prize.

Nineteenth Ward Branch, Chicago, takes \$2 worth of yearly sub cards.

Third prize, a lady's or gent's gold watch, valued at \$40.

Comrade Sitkaun, Chicago, is on the winning line pounding away at the unemployed with solid shot in the form of copies of the Chicago Socialist.

Fourth and sixth prizes are watches valued at \$30 and \$25 respectively.

Comrade Hudson, Dean, Mont., sent in his remittance accompanied with the name of a new subscriber. If the comrades would only send in one sub. per week we would soon have a very large list of new subscribers.

Fifth prize, a suit of clothes valued at \$25. Do you want it?

Comrades of the 20th ward, Chicago, are doing good work for our paper. Five yearly subs this week is the contribution for the success of the paper.

Comrade Leon Ribertz, Chicago, subscribes for one year and got two of his friends to do the same. Come again, Comrade.

Send your order for subscription cards at once. We need the money.

Three hundred dollars in consolation prizes. Do you want one? If so dig in.

The Railroad Rate Bill. To a delegation of alleged railroad employees who called upon the President, Nov. 14, 1905, to protest against any such reduction of transportation rates, as would compel a diminution of their wages he replied: "There has been comparative little complaint to me of railroad rates, a whole being very high; the most serious complaints that have been made to me have been that they are too low as regards certain big shippers; the complaint is about the difference—the difference of treatment between two users of railways." He went on to explain that he thought it more likely that the low rates would be increased than that the high ones would be reduced; hence that railroad employees need not fear any diminution of their wages. The third and apparently this far forgotten party—the consumer—may yet be heard from—probably somewhat as follows:

A million mosquitoes inhabit the swamp at the foot of the hill; They pump you very high with their lancets, they drink of my blood to their fill.

I said to the swamp owner, "Is there no plan you or I can pursue As an adequate means of protection against this insatiate crew?"

The swamp owner answered: "Both parties are equally blameable; hence there is no need of forbearance and no former ethical sense."

"As the interests of men and mosquitoes I've proved it again and again! In every respect are identical, you have no cause to complain."

"Since they are a boon and a blessing (which every one knows to be true), 'Tis wicked for you to get angry because they phlebotomize you."

"I am righteously angry," I answered; "some scheme of relief must be planned to protect me from their blood-sucking, and their poison is more than my system can stand."

He answered: "What you have called poison is really the source of your health; The principal cause of your present prosperity, comfort and wealth."

"However, we'll let a commission (composed of you and me) decide. How much of your blood shall be daily abstracted through holes in your hide?"

"And when it is clearly determined just how much the traffic will bear, We will see that each hungry mosquito obtains his proportionate share."

"Fair play to the strongest and weakest, No favoritism; how better can any one ask for than that?"

"I acknowledge," I said to the owner, "your plan, I can easily see, is fair as between the mosquitoes—but where is the 'fair deal' to me?"

He answered: "Since God has intended—at least, if He doesn't I do—that you are to scratch for a living, mosquitoes must live upon you."

I ventured the final suggestion: "Suppose that some-covered frogpond completely with dirt from the neighboring hill."

"When you had in that way abolished the pestilent place where they breed, 'Tis evident there would no longer be any mosquitoes to feed."

"That never would do," said the owner; "that baseless Utopian scheme is the outcome of hysteria—a brainless enthusiast's dream."

I answered: "My victims are getting tired of that kind of talk; I am thinking of taking possession, ourselves, of that swamp, by and by."

"And then, let me solemnly warn you, on this day, you can safely depend—The business of heading mosquitoes will speedily come to an end."

WHY A SPECIAL NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The referendum for a national convention of the Socialist party is a question of the membership for action. It is worthy of remark in this connection, that with one exception, all referendums from the national office, of transportation rates, they have contradicted each other, have been approved by the party membership. The exception was the Wisconsin vote defeated a referendum dealing with Wisconsin rates. Therefore it appears that the sending out of a referendum is ordinarily a concession to the party press and by the members. So much depends on the result of the pending referendum that it is not to be wondered that the arguments will be thoroughly discussed in a timely press and by the rank and file before it is passed.

Unless it can be plainly shown that it is absolutely necessary for the present and future welfare of the party, it is not to be held in a national gathering, the convention should not take place. The Socialist Review of New York, in its issue of January 27, editorially, that a convention is not a necessity to warn the people against false reform.

Comrade, Johnson and "such movement" which, are largely represented the active membership of the party, who can be depended upon to meet an assessment for convention expenses. It would be preferable to expect that all dues-paying members would pay the heavy national convention assessment besides the dues which would naturally make the burden all the heavier for those who would have to pay for the delinquents. Not long ago the principal cause of your present prosperity, comfort and wealth.

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE.

The following are the amounts paid in by the various Divisions at the rate of 25c for each primary district.

Table with 2 columns: Division Name and Amount. Includes First Division (\$10.75), Second Division (\$6.25), Third Division (\$6.25), Fourth Division (\$6.75), Fifth Division (\$9.25), Sixth Division (\$6.25), Seventh Division (\$6.25), Total (\$42.25).

PEOPLE EAT POISON, DAILY.

R. M. Patterson, assistant State food commissioner of Illinois, has prepared the most novel menu ever given to the public. It shows that the unsuspecting consumer, in these days of food adulteration, gets forty doses of chemicals and colors per day, or 14,000 doses in a year.

To illustrate what people eat from day to day Mr. Patterson submits the following menu:

- Breakfast: Sausage containing coal tar dye and borax. Potatoes. Baker's bread containing alum. Butter containing coal tar dye or borax. Canned cherries containing coal tar dye or salicylic acid. Pancakes containing alum. Syrup containing sodium sulphate. This gives eight doses of chemicals and dyes for breakfast.

DINNER: Tomatoes containing coal tar dye and borax. Cabbage and canned beef containing saltpeter. Corn scallops containing formaldehyde. Catsup, coal tar dye and borax. Canned peas, salicylic acid. Vinegar, coal tar dye and sulphuric acid. Potatoes. Bread and butter, alum and coal tar dye. Mince pie, boracic acid. Pickles, copperas, sodium sulphate and salicylic acid. Lemon ice cream, methyl alcohol. Coffee. This menu gives sixteen doses for dinner.

The Chicago Tribune editorially apologizes for this condition of affairs and says after all poison in small quantities may not be harmful. What the Tribune really means is that if this poisoning of the people's food were stopped it would curtail profits and dividends.

It has been moved, seconded and carried by a unanimous vote of all the Chicago "What Nots" that Jack London is with us to the end for the social revolution. There is a general feeling among all the Socialists of Chicago that Jack is our kind of people. If we knew how to say anything more appreciative of the splendid work he did for the cause, he was in our midst we would say it, but we don't; besides, words are such stupid things that they can never express the real feelings of comradeship.

Tickets 25c for vaudeville and ball, can be secured at the office of the Chicago Socialist or from party members.

SOCIALIST PAPERS AND THE LABOR UNIONS.

Editorial Chicago Socialist: Some comrades, I suppose, signing himself "Socialist," asks me to explain through the Chicago Socialist why the press of the Socialist party is so friendly to the Gompers unions that are opposed to Socialism, and so bitterly opposed to the Industrial Workers of the World that is in favor of Socialism.

I would rather have "Socialist" had signed his or her name, "Socialists," as a rule, are open and above board and little given to anonymous letter writing. Still, the writer may have good reason for remaining unknown, and so I am asked as requested.

Strictly speaking, the Socialist party has no press. The papers published in the interest of the Socialist party are owned by party members, but not by the party; and they are not necessarily the exponents of party policy, nor is the party in any way responsible for their attitude.

Therefore, the Socialist papers that oppose the Industrial Workers do so purely on their own account as personal publications, and not in any sense as the party press, any more than the Socialist papers that favor the Industrial Workers do so as party papers.

The party, as a party, has no press, and the party, as a party, is no more committed to the American Federation of Labor than it is to the Industrial Workers.

The Socialist party, in general terms, commends trade unionism, but expresses no partiality to any particular organization. Its policy is that of strict neutrality. A member may, therefore, with equal consistency, belong to the I. W. O. of A. F. of L. or to no union at all, as he may elect, so far as the party is concerned.

That in the present attitude of the party, and it cannot be twisted in favor of any particular organization, and any attempt to do so is very apt to result in trouble.

As to the reason for certain Socialist papers opposing the Industrial Workers, that is their own personal affair. I may question their consistency, but not their right to pursue any policy that to them seems proper. If they were party-owned papers, it would be different.

"Socialist" must have heard of the law of economic determinism. The law was discovered by Socialists, but Socialists are no more exempt from it than was Newton from the law of gravitation.

The papers in question oppose the Industrial Workers because a majority of their union labor subscribers belong to the American Federation of Labor.

In due course of time they will all be supporting the Industrial Workers of the World. Yours fraternally, EUGENE V. DEBS, January 18, 1906.

The railroads of the United States kill 21 people every day.

The number of miners killed in the United States is nearly treble that in France and about double that in other European countries.

For every five men killed by accident in the United States there are only three in all Europe.

The remarkable fact brought out in the article from which the above statements were taken is that the United States leads the world in the invention of accident preventing devices but adopts fewer of them than any other country in the world. In this country of rule supreme, human life don't count.

If anything is known as to crime and punishment, it is that punishments have little or no effect to lessen crimes. Were not this the case, the sea of blood that has been spilled, the ocean of tears that has been shed, the wails and sighs and sufferings of the endless train of victims that has ever been moving onward to gallows and block and prison pen, long ago would have banished crime from the world.—Clarence Darrow.

THE WORKING CLASS WEAPON.

Organization is the most important weapon of the proletariat, and nearly all its great leaders are also great organizers. To the money of capital, and the weapon of the military States, the proletariat has nothing to oppose save its economic indispensability and its organization. That its intelligence grows with these and through these needs no proof.

The social revolution requires high intelligence, strict discipline and complete organization of this great mass, and these must exist simultaneously with aid be indispensable to economic life if it is to attain strength to overcome so extremely powerful an opponent. We may expect that it will only succeed when these peculiarities are developed in the highest degree and also that the victory of the proletariat and therewith the social revolution will not come before not only the economic but also the psychological conditions to a Socialist society are present in a high degree. This does not mean that mankind should be stung nor that we should need to wait so very long for its psychological ripeness.—Karl Kautsky.

Three extra judges are going over to the criminal court to attempt to catch up with the criminal cases that are on the docket. They are going to start in on ninety murder cases. The capitalist editors, professors and preachers tell us that society would go to the demeriton howevers if the Socialists got control of the government. Well, things can't get much worse than they are in Chicago at present, where murder, rape and robbery are rampant.

A first class show for 25c at Second and Third Ward vaudeville at Federation Hall, 3952-54 State, Saturday evening, Feb. 3.

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THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

The fact that a signed article is published does not commit The Chicago Socialist to all opinions expressed therein. Contributions and items of news concerning the labor movement are requested from all workers. Contributions should be sent by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

Editor, A. W. Maney, Business Manager, Louis Delgaard, State Sec., J. S. Smith, C. L. Brecken, County Secretary.

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AN ERROR CORRECTED.

A typographical error in our report of the "Bloody Sunday" meeting last week made the report read that a collection of \$140 was taken up to assist the Russian Revolutionists. It should have read \$131.00. The collection taken at the German meeting should have read \$104.00 instead of \$100.00.

After Mr. Gompers had only wanted to tell Mr. Gompers that the printing only received what the "pure and simple" trade union men voted for when Judge Holdom failed the officers of Typographical Union No. 16 and raided the union treasury to the extent of \$1,200.

If the union men of Chicago do not become Socialists in the near future it will not be because Judge Jesse Holdom is not doing his utmost to push forward the Socialist propaganda. Just imagine the stupidity of the capitalist class in urging that the officers of the "peaceful" printers be sent to jail. Their blindness is almost beyond comprehension.

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