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THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN OF 1906.

By Seymour Stedman.

Within a hundred years this city has sprung into life with a greater area than the State of Rhode Island, and with almost as many inhabitants as the United States had in 1776.

The Indians, too, would come and go. They were strong of limb, and brawny, and many of them glided into four-score and ten years of age without the aid of patent medicines, surgeons, landlords or trolley cars.

A few years has brought wonderful changes and great material improvements. Wealth now is easily produced, material wants might be as easily satisfied.

Now what shall we (you) do about it? There are a few who propose a change and vote for it. They propose that the notice of crime, anarchy and disorder shall be destroyed, for without reward they must vanish.

They propose a house rule charter for the government of Chicago that shall permit the people of this city, without restriction, to rule and govern themselves.

With this power to order our lives, we shall, first, supply our material wants and necessities. How shall this be done with the least expenditure of labor? Clearly, by organizing industry in the most effective way, so that all may have an opportunity to work, and receive the full product of their labor.

The city should own and operate the saloons, and then there will be no incentive to sell adulterated liquors, no individual profit in sales to drunkards or children, for by eliminating profit from the liquor traffic you destroy one of the great incentives for the sale of liquors.

Open the schools, without cost, for meetings, to the people and workmen, for the adult needs education as well as the youth.

The city should own its slaughter houses; (baladest operates its slaughter houses); furnish meat at cost and exclude infected meats.

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The Buncosed Buncosers, or Clipping the Golden Fleeces, is the title of the latest Wall Street success. Hodap Hank, the robber chieftain, sailing from his lair at 26 Broadway, is the heavy villain, while Frowzout, Gus, the bad man from Butte, appears as a victim of misplaced confidence.

It is understood that anything which appears in the daily press must be taken care of, and when the Tribune publishes a portrait which appears to be a composite of Cesare Borgia and a French cook, conceived by Dante and done by Reubens, and passes it off on us as a likeness of the Secretary of the Navy, it is imposing on our credulity a little too much.

Arnour meets the charges made by Upton Sinclair in "The Jungle" by a denial in toto, so far as they apply to the packing interests in general and those of the Armour Company in particular.

The United States Steel Corporation is planning to absorb a number of the largest independent steel companies in the country, including the Republic Iron and Steel Company, the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the Sloss-Sheffield Company and others.

Princess Ena pays \$100,000 for the inestimable privilege of becoming a Romanist and getting a kingdom in the National Register is Plus X. As for the king, many an American girl has paid more for a simple English nobleman.

A few nights ago Chicago bank clerks enjoyed listening to a lecture by the president of the Washburn-Wick National Bank, in which Socialism was "grilled."

Andrew Hamilton, gentleman in waiting and lobbyist in ordinary to their exalted highnesses, the Lords-Grafters of the Insurance Trust, has so far recovered his health as to be able to return from Europe.

Joseph Medill Patterson has tendered his services to the Socialist party in this campaign. The Executive Committee has recommended the acceptance of his services provided an application for membership in due and proper form is received before the series of meetings shall have been finally decided upon.

The committee is much in doubt as to how many of the appended list of halls may have already been engaged. It is expected that each ward will at once on reading this list, notify headquarters if any of the halls mentioned have been secured, or any other suitable ones at or near the dates named, which might thus be coupled into the plan.

FOR A MAY DAY DEMONSTRATION.

The Socialist party of Cook county has addressed the circular letter printed below to the various labor unions and progressive organizations and societies of Cook county.

All labor unions and other organizations that are in sympathy with the object sought to be obtained, as outlined in the following call, are requested to fill out the accompanying blank and forward the same to C. L. Brockton, Secretary Cook County S. P., 163 E. Randolph street.

In all nations there are certain days in the year which are set aside for the great commemorative.

In the United States we have the Fourth of July, commemorating the idea of human equality, liberty and the revolution which this idea has created.

With the passing of years this idea of human liberty and equality and the idea of the need of the organization of the working class has grown in all nations and from this growth has logically sprung another idea—the idea of the universal interest of the wage workers and the need of an international unity of the workers of all lands.

Chicago, Ill., ..... 1906. Dear Sir and Brother:—In compliance with your call for the election of a committee of three delegates from the various Trades and Labor Unions and other organizations of labor in Chicago for the purpose of forming a conference to arrange a suitable demonstration on the International Labor Day, we beg leave to report the election of the following delegation:

Name ..... Address ..... Union No. ....

DELGATE'S CREDENTIAL. THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Bro. .... has been duly elected to represent the ..... Union No. .... for the conference meeting to be held at North Side Trades Union Hall, 53 North Clark St., on Thursday, March 29th, at 8 p. m. Fraternalty yours, CHAS. L. BRECKON, Secretary.

Chicago, Ill., ..... 1906. Dear Sir and Brother:—It is hardly necessary that I should go into details respecting the fact and utility of incorporating a company for the printing of the Chicago Socialist and the setting up of a commercial job printing plant, in which all the party and campaign work could be done.

THE NEW PRINTING PLANT.

The sale of stock for the new printing plant is progressing nicely, but it is necessary to do two things. First, close up the sale of stock, and second, distribute the ownership over as wide an area as possible.

Dear Comrades—It is hardly necessary that I should go into details respecting the fact and utility of incorporating a company for the printing of the Chicago Socialist and the setting up of a commercial job printing plant, in which all the party and campaign work could be done.

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CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

Fifteen Big Meetings Proposed by City Campaign Committee

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Whereas, the Socialist party, in harmony with the Socialist parties in other countries, indorse the economic organization of the working classes, and urge, by resolution, that all party members join the economic organization of their trade or occupation; and

Whereas, the Socialist party, in harmony with the action of the Socialist parties of other countries, has never assumed to condemn or to recommend any particular branch or division of the economic organizations and thereby place the Socialist party in conflict with any part of the economic movement of the working class; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby advise our party members to vote against all propositions and referendums for the amalgamation or union of the Socialist party with any other political organization or party.

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LET HEARST CONSIDER.

New Zealand to-day has about everything the municipal ownership people are clamoring for in this country.

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# THE FOLLY OF PHYSICAL FORCE.

By Seymour Stedman.

The breaking of the law, the reckless and venomous overworking of the constitutional safeguards of American citizenship by the Colorado officials, side by side with the infamous and brutal conduct of the Idaho officials and operators and the twenty years' battle of the mountain pioneers against Eastern greed, culminating in the arrest of Haywood et al., is well calculated to arouse the most intense and impassioned philippic. It struck a spark in Colorado Debs, and a veritable volcano burst into action. His appeal charges every fiber of one's soul and quickens the impulse and spirit of revolt—a revolt coupled with physical force.

Colorado Debs calls for a million men "to face them (capitalists) with guns," a "special revolutionary convention of the proletariat at Chicago." Here is the gulf.

To do what? To protest—GOOD, to encourage physical force—FAILURE and disaster. Physical force for what? To destroy? If so, to destroy what? Buildings, stores, railroads, farms? Surely not.

The State must be the vantage point, the capitalist government with all its resources, credit, arms, munitions of war, and the PRESS—the thought suggests its faculty, the faculty, its folly.

Do guns grow like mushrooms? Can you gather ammunition from either?

Will you seek a commissary department from Mammon found on trees? Can a machinist drill troops in a day? Will expert engineers, draftsmen, skilled armament men fall like dew within a few days?

Chicago is at the feet of Fort Sheridan. Fort Sheridan and Chicago are at the mercy of one first-class battleship. Every city on the shores of the Great Lakes are but straw stacks before an ordinary cruiser. New York City and Tripoli and all seaport cities are mere help-logs.

The talk of physical force is vain and trivial; it may lead a few mobs, courageous souls to the gibbet, and more to death on the barracks or mountain side. It can do so—infinitely worse. It can give the CAPITALIST CLASS AN OPPORTUNITY AND AN EXCUSE to limit or disfranchise the propertyless class.

The implied or actual threat of violence can do no good. Blotting (for that is all it could be) would be a monstrous blunder. THE ONLY CLASS THAT CAN APPEAL TO ARMS SUCCESSFULLY IS THE CLASS THAT IS ARMED; neither can physical revolutions be made by philippics, though they stir up in fervor the inspired Idealist. A play at force will be challenged successfully by the capitalist class. Comrade Debs, in passing the anarchist card, says: "Twenty years

ago passed with educational influences upon the working class." Observe how great the change! Judge Joseph E. Gary presided at that trial in October, 1886; in the fall of 1905 he is re-elected overwhelmingly to the bench, because he was the judge who pronounced the death sentence upon Parsons, et al., and this election took place in the very proletarian city of Chicago where Comrade Debs proposes a revolutionary convention of proletarians.

In Colorado the miners, in conjunction with a large middle class, were unable to seek Adams as governor. In Idaho the miners do not control a single State official. The Socialist who talks of a spontaneous uprising is playing unwittingly a trump card for capitalism.

The duty of the Socialist in the Haywood case is plain. Tell all the story of the Case of Adams.

How the operators closed their mines in the dead of winter to starve and freeze their workmen.

How they feloniously, in violation of the State law, brought in Pinkertons into the State and sent free from prosecution or punishment.

How negro troops at Wallace jailed the miners and assaulted their wives.

How in Colorado the miners appealed to the ballot to establish an eight-hour day and which paralyzed the law with "unconstitutionalism."

How the constitution was changed and a Republican-Democratic Legislature broke its pre-election promises and refused to enact an eight-hour law.

How General Bell took control with the shillbills, "to hell with the constitution," as his slogan.

How the writ of habeas corpus was strangled by a Supreme Court with a patriotic protest from a dissenting judge. How by this Supreme Court decision a governor became a despot with a military authority as unrestricted and irresponsible as that of the Czar.

When the Socialists have captured a State or two and are in full control of the militia, should the capitalist class break the law by armed invasion it may be necessary to fight in defense of the law and the constitution—made by capitalist, modified and changed by Socialist.

world is going to expect the right harvest. "Though you do not see this, Mister Mitchell, the world sees it. And if you do not soon see it you will find that the world has passed you by. The world is not waiting for you to get ready to harvest because you will hurt yourselves by the time you get ready. The world will be long gone before you get ready to harvest. It will be a hard or impossible matter for some people to catch up. Peace is a very good thing, Mister Mitchell. But peace at any price is a bad thing. Indeed, there can be no peace at any price. There can only be peace at one price. The price of complete justice for complete justice. The world is tired of proprietors and greed of trade unions. The world has got from the castles and the classes all that the world can get from discussion. Now it demands universal fraternity. Not a piece of fraternity in a trade union. Not a piece of fraternity in a proprietors' union. The whole of fraternity in a social system without inferiors and superiors. The whole of fraternity in a social system in which all this world belongs in trust to all the people of the world. The whole of fraternity. Do you not begin to see, Mister Mitchell?"

Science and a general diffusion of knowledge is preparing to drain the death dealing swamp of ignorance and when Socialism shall organize the forces of brain and brawn, ditches will be dug which will carry off the poisonous waters of private profit and with it will go the stank growth of a false priesthood, a medical profession which exists on misery and suffering, the adulterers, the prostitutes and all manner of growth that nourishes in human slime.

Man will stand erect in the might of a perfect method, woman will own her body, and owning will study and know it unashamed, knowing and owning she will call to her side only the fittest of men to be the father of her children. Children will come welcomed, desired, loved into being. Endowed with a strong body and a vigorous mind by the parents, assured of security in the means of life by the State, boy and maiden will be taught the sacredness of human life, that the wages of sin is death, that there is no sin but ignorance and that happiness means right living, right thinking and right relations with our fellow-men.

## GORKY ON THE RUSSIAN SITUATION.

The following letter was written to a comrade in New York by Maxim Gorky, the noted Russian writer and revolutionist:

### MAXIM GORKY'S LETTER.

My Dear N. . . . You in New York live so far away and in such a quiet country that you can hardly realize what terrible and stupendous things are now happening in Russia, and I, who have hardly time to clean my teeth, have no time to write you in detail.

In answer to your question I might say I never wrote, as you seem to think I did, for the periodical "A Son of the Fatherland." It was first of all a radical paper, then a Social Revolutionary one, and is now suppressed. In fact, all the Socialist papers are now suppressed. "New Life" was published twenty-eight days and then suppressed. "The Beginning" was suppressed after two numbers. "The Youth" was suppressed after its first number. "The Russian" was suppressed after its first number. "The Russian" was suppressed after its first number. "The Russian" was suppressed after its first number.

The reaction has now taken on the character of an insane anarchy. The prisons and fortresses are filled with prisoners and still arrests are being made en masse. Hundreds of innocent people are being executed but nothing will hold back the great revolution, and especially now because the present absurd actions of the government have so provoked the middle classes which have heretofore been the main strength of the government.

This is all exactly what I myself predicted in a letter written for America some time ago. Everything is now bearing me out. The rupture between society and the government is complete and reconciliation is impossible.

The European and American investors who are now purchasing Russian bonds are not only injuring the Russian people, but are injuring their own pocketbooks. In fact I can say with the greatest confidence that the money used to purchase Russian bonds will be absolutely lost, for the government will never be in a condition to redeem its obligations.

Russia is pillaged, burned up, ruined. The money furnished by the European buyers of Russian bonds merely feeds the pockets to set on fire our towns and villages. The whole country is under martial law and this gives the right to the Government Generals to do as they please, no matter how ruinous their actions may be to the people.

The Russian government reminds me of a donkey on a flower bed in the agony of death, struggling and destroying with his hoofs the beautiful flowers. The bourgeoisie of Europe may sprinkle perfume on the dying ass, but it will merely at best prolong the agony. When the end comes then whatever money, there may remain in the treasury, given by European bond buyers to aid the government in slaughtering the Russian people, will be seized by the people and used for the real benefit of Russia.

Oh! the rivers of blood that have been spilled. You in America would not believe the facts even if it should be told you. In all the whole history of man there has never been a government which has tortured its people as has the government of the present Czar. Perhaps the nearest approach in history was the slaughtering done by the kings of Assyria, but those kings slaughtered in the belief they were glorifying their gods. What the motive of the present Czar, Witte, Durnovo, Dubassoff and Company, is, no one can guess. (Gorky is referring to Durnovo, the Minister of the Interior, and Dubassoff, Governor General of Moscow.—Editor Waldman's.)

What do they wish? To pacify the country in order to bring about order? If so, let them allow the people to meet and they will soon bring about order. The events of the war, establishing the Douma was a farce. The people refuse to go to the polls. Nobody will register. In cities of several hundred thousand population only about one hundred register. Why? Because no freedom of speech or assembly is allowed. In the majority of our cities the local governors have made it against the law for more than three to walk together on the street. If you disagree, the policemen may shoot you, if they are now armed with rifles. In St. Petersburg more than seven are forbidden to gather together in one house. Is it possible to conceive of the Douma being of any good when the people have no freedom of speech, of press, or of meeting?

Your devoted friend,  
MAXIM GORKY.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO COOK COUNTY BRANCHES.

The following letter has been sent to all Cook County Branches by order of the Executive Committee:

Chicago, March 13, 1906.

Dear Comrades—Some weeks ago the I. W. W. by letter asked the Socialist party to cooperate with them in a meeting of protest against the action of the authorities in the arrest of Moyer, et al. When the matter was taken up by the Executive Committee it was found that the proposed arrangement was to be a joint arrangement of the I. W. W., the I. O. O. F., the A. O. U. W., the Jewish Band and S. L. P., and S. P., being invited to participate in the absolute discussion of all other trade unions or organizations. In view of the party's position in the matter of trade unionism, it was deemed wise not to comply with the request, and action was so taken. The letter of declination was printed in the Chicago Socialist, and a meeting was held at Ethel's Hall on Sunday, March 4, by the party.

The I. W. W. is now sending out circulars to its branches asking them to send delegates to a convention to be held Saturday, March 17. In view of the above

fact the Executive Committee deem it unwise for the branches to comply. This letter is mailed your branch in order that the matter might be thoroughly understood, and that the comrades should not be led into error through lack of knowledge of the facts in the case. Fraternally,  
CHAS. L. BROCKON, Secretary.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

Greenburg, Ind., March 9, 1906.  
Editor Chicago Socialist.

Dear Comrade—The following editorial, taken from the "Journal and Messenger," organ of the Haydists, is so good that I think you should have it. I had to copy it, as I had no means of obtaining a clipping. I personally assure that it is bona fide and under date of March 8.

A dispatch from Idaho shows that the Western Miners' Federation, which hired assassins to commit a large number of murders, was accustomed to kill the assassin at some convenient time to prevent exposure. This may account for Orndorf's turning State's evidence. He had learned that, as one of the assassins, he was himself marked for a slaughter by the officers of the Union. His testimony has enabled the officers to follow the clues, and to secure other confessions, as well as evidence outside the band of murderers. The Western Miners' Federation seems to be an organization very much like the secret assassins of Sicily and other parts of Southern Italy. Not many of the members of the Western Miners' Federation knew of every murder planned in advance. It was not necessary. Neither did all the members of Italian cut-throat societies know all the plans. In both cases the general policy was well understood. Probably most members of the Western Miners' Federation knew that murders and assassinations were carried out by the officers and a committee, and a large portion of the membership is probably guilty as accessories. No cost can be too great to stamp out a murderous band of thugs, and the arrests are exposing the foreign Socialists in Chicago and other cities in their real character, through their approval of the murders.

I have rubbed up against this liar before. I did so again. I wrote him the following letter:

"Read over again your editorial comment on the evident conspiracy—which can be proven by absolute facts—to railroad innocent men to the gallows, beginning in the current issue of the 'Journal and Messenger,' with 'A dispatch from Idaho,' etc., and then we read in the Good Book, 'and the case opened. His friends and 'snake.' In all ages from Balaam's time down the asses have continued to speak. Unlike Balaam's ass, however, the ideas expressed have usually been such as would be expected from an assine source. Your case is no exception to the general rule. No comment is necessary. Misrepresentation demands correction. Argument against a proposition deserves to be met by counter-argument for it. But for pure assine stupidity and ignorance the best antidote is wide publicity. In your current editorial the ignorance of the writer is so apparent that even a wayfaring man, though a fool, is in no wise in danger of being misled thereby. It speaks for itself. It is evident the writer cares no more for facts than for knowledge.

Your editorial will receive wide circulation, which will assist in promoting the second evidently bid for a contribution of 'tainted money' from the Baptists' patron saint, Javlin D.

"The instigators of that Western conspiracy ought to concede its value well up in five figures.

"Very truly yours,  
"A SOCIALIST."  
Fraternally,  
C. Y. EDKINS.

Editor Chicago Socialist—I am glad that the "crime of youth" does not prevent a hearing in your paper. In my opinion the matter of opposing the platform as regards collective ownership is more important than you seem to indicate. It involves all that collectivism can do at present. If prohibitionists were divided, one party advocating local closing until their laws came into power, such difference would seem more than a mere detail.

Take Mr. Kaplan's argument, intended for the negative, but really containing no negative. "It may not retard, but neither does it benefit the proletariat as a class," although he has just admitted that it would raise wages, reduce fares, and shorten hours. This is all that can be expected from a change from private to collective ownership. No one can expect good wages in one industry to help the slaves in another. Other industries must also become collective in order to get the benefit. Therefore, a "little ballot" cast for municipal street cars, will retard no cause, but will benefit the street car workers, and the Socialist vote will not thereby be reduced.

## "EDUCATIONAL."

A number of the comrades living on the West Side have expressed a desire to join the club which I have proposed for the purpose of developing the "speaker" talent, of which the party is in such great need and which undoubtedly exists in an undeveloped state in many of us. Those comrades who have expressed their desire and all others in any part of the city who are interested in this matter may consider this a call for an organization meeting, Tuesday evening, March 20, at 8 o'clock, at Eighteenth Ward headquarters, 228 West Madison street, corner Aberdeen. The work of this club should be the most pleasing and the most helpful of anything ever attempted by the comrades in Chicago. The need is apparent, and more wonderful still are the resources of its judges.

The general inference is that the employers' association were afraid to put the "peaceful printers" in jail after their servile tool, Holston, placed them in their hands. Who can have anything but contempt for the kind of justice that the capitalist courts and officials are doling out? The printers should have either been sent to jail or set free. The courts hadn't the courage to do either.

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## THE MOYER-HAYWOOD CASE.

There has never been in this country a criminal law case which has been weighted with so much importance as the one now pending in the State of Idaho, where the officers of the W. F. of M. are held on the charge of murder.

It is not merely that an attempt is being made by the great mining interests to railroad a few innocent men to the gallows under the guise of law, but the fact that it has revealed to the world as nothing else could do that there is a fierce class war in existence in this country that must go on until either the working class triumph or is completely enslaved.

The workers from the East to the West and from the Canadian border to the Gulf are lifting their voices in protest against having these representatives of the miners judicially murdered. They are not only protesting against these outrages by mass meetings and through the labor press, but are giving liberally from their scanty wages to provide a defense fund to defend the kidnapped officers of W. F. of M. in the courts.

On the other hand, the capitalists, through their subsidized press and pulpit, with the power of unlimited money, are using every method known to prejudice the minds of the American people and convict the accused men before the trial.

Every plausible lie spun together by hired detectives and servile capitalist newspaper correspondents is printed under glaring head lines, and every statement of the defendants' side of the case is suppressed or distorted by the "blue pencil," so that it means nothing.

The Socialist party, through its national and local organization and its weekly press, is doing all that is within its power to reveal to the public the inequities and desperate character of these outrages.

The national executive committee of the party has issued a call to all its locals to hold protest mass meetings and raise funds for the legal defense. Many of our papers have sent special correspondents to the scene of action, so that at least those who can be reached by our weekly press will know the truth of what the capitalists are attempting to do.

The Silver Bow local of the W. F. of M. have played the entire \$50,000 in their treasury at the disposal of the defense and have pledged their full \$50,000 more if it is necessary. The Silverton local has raised five thousand and other locals are doing the same thing.

But the enemy has millions where the workers have thousands, and added to their money they are, owing to the ignorance and stupidity of the producing class, in full possession of all the public powers. The governors and judges, sheriffs, and jailers are all the paid puppets of the Standard Oil interests.

To make the workers' case more hopeless, outside of the few Socialist weekly papers and a few weekly and monthly labor papers, they control the public press.

That the Socialist party will leave no stone unturned or no man unrighted that it is within its power to reach the action of the Socialist press in sending out special correspondents and the following circular from the national headquarters, which has been sent to all locals of the party, gives abundant evidence.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., March 9, 1906.

To the Locals and Members of the Socialist Party—To the Working Class Not Yet in Jail or Restrained by Injunctive—Greetings:

The class war is on in America as in Russia. By a foul conspiracy of the capitalist class, Comrades Chas. H. Moyer, Wm. D. Haywood and Gss. A. Pettibone, of the Western Federation of Miners, have been kidnapped and secretly transported from home and friends, denied the usual civic rights and are held in separate and solitary confinement.

The Governors of Colorado and Idaho have tried them and found them guilty; every big and little detective, including the decrepit McFarland, has convicted them; the latter boasted they would never leave Idaho alive. The capitalist press having already tried and condemned them, calls upon all labor organizations to denounce them as criminals.

THE ANSWER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY TO THE CONSPIRACY. The following motion was passed by

unanimous vote of the National Executive Committee this day, March 6th:

"That the National Secretary be instructed, immediately upon the adoption of this motion, to issue a call to all locals of the Socialist Party to hold public indignation meetings and to take up collections at such meetings to assist the Western Federation of Miners in defending its officials.

"That the Socialist Party locals unite with other labor organizations, wherever possible, in the holding of indignation meetings so that the protest can be made as unanimous and effective as possible."

Protest meetings should be called with all dispatch, allowing only time for proper arrangements to assure their being of a character worthy the cause. Take a collection at the meeting and appoint committees to gather funds. Act at once.

We must look behind the screen of law and tear the mask of respectability from these capitalist conspirators and reveal them for what they really are: Adept in small thievery as in grand larceny, skilful in purchasing a confession as in packing a jury; as smooth a set of pirates as ever cut a throat, stole the widow's mite or robbed the school house, the playground and the cradle, to coin from young blood, shining shekels.

The laws are administered by the capitalist class by the consent of the unawakened working class, and they deal out two kinds of law, one for the working class, one for the employing class, the former equipped with seven-league boots, the latter with leaden shoes.

The reason for this capitalist murder plot is not far to find.

Certain "gentlemen" own the storehouse of nature containing precious metals. The Western Federation of Miners prevent them from owning the workers who alone create the value of all property. Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone advocate the Socialist program. The collective ownership of the means of production. The conquest of the public powers by the working class.

While capitalism is permitted to retain power, it will demand its revenge and claim its victims.

This nation must be ruled by the working class or enslaved by the capitalist class.

Under any, under all circumstances, each vote for capitalism endorses its every crime.

Fraternally submitted,  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SOCIALIST PARTY.  
J. MAHLON BARNES,  
National Secretary.

Make all remittances payable to J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary.

There is talk in some quarters of attempting to bring about unity between the S. P. and the S. L. P. So far as Chicago is concerned there is as a matter of fact no S. L. P. to unite with. As a party here they passed out of existence long ago.

If every Socialist in Chicago will do his whole duty between now and Election Day there is no reason why the Socialist party should not break into the City Council with about a dozen aldermen. Comrades, push our literature into the hands of every workman in Chicago during the next three weeks.

Remember that there are only a few weeks between now and election day. If you are a Socialist it is only necessary to call your attention to the fact that you are expected to bundle to put our literature into the hands of the unconverted to have you do it.

Some reliable statistics just published reveal the fact that there are some 60,000 homeless men living in the city of Chicago. How many homeless women there are the report does not say, but it is more than probable that there are half as many homeless women. And yet the defenders of the conditions that breeds this state of affairs fear, or rather pretend to fear, lest Socialism will break up the home.

"Republicans Seek Campaign Issues" is a headline in an evening paper. Yet a little patience, gentlemen. Several nice ones are a-coming. Do you not sniff the midnight air? It's blowing your way. Directly you will be seeking cyclone belts more solicitously than issues.

ALDERMANIC NOMINATIONS. The following are the Socialist Aldermanic candidates that have been nominated in the different wards of Chicago:

- 1—Fred Schell 19—Robert Daniel
- 2—W. C. Benton 20—Chas. McKay
- 3—J. Dalgaard 21—A. W. Mance
- 4—David Walker 22—Andrew Latin
- 5—F. G. Wellman 23—Robert Saitel
- 6—M. J. De Muth 24—Fredin Marsh
- 7—A. R. Hyatt 25—A. G. Swanson
- 8—Thos. J. Vind 26—L. W. Hardy
- 9—H. M. Silverberg 27—Carl Strover
- 10—Henry Whites 28—Sam Robinson
- 11—Wm. Lewis 29—Frank Groth
- 12—Henry Hansen 30—John Vanderhoff
- 13—J. J. Zessop 31—Aaron E. Henry
- 14—O. Greenwald 32—H. H. Vandenbark
- 15—A. Nicholson 33—E. G. Grubitz
- 16—Chas. Hallbeck 34—H. E. Matton
- 17—A. Lewson 35—Alfred E. Trier
- 18—E. B. Cope 36—H. W. Harle

## A MURDEROUS PRESS CONSPIRACY.

There have been numerous instances in the past proving the atrocious character of the American press. But in no previous instance has the evidence of a national conspiracy been so complete as at the present time, in the attempt to judicially murder Moyer, Haywood and the other members of the W. F. of M. now in the penitentiary at Boise. Immediately on the announcement of their arrest the newspapers began to hint of a terribly incriminating confession by Orchard proving the guilt of the arrested men. But it would not do to circulate the whole story at once. This would not work up the proper sort of "public opinion." So a few meager details were given and much hinted at.

Then came long descriptions of a life-sized colored sort, of the Molly Maguires, and praise of the wonderful ability of McFarland. These were accompanied with moralizing editorials on the general wickedness of union men and the responsibility of the W. F. of M. All these took their guilt for granted. Not one of them mentioned any of the facts that went to show the scaly character of the evidence that had been manufactured.

Now the Chicago papers are publishing, as fresh confessions, whole pages of stuff that appeared in the Denver papers nearly two weeks before. This would never have been done with any other event. Nothing is so sure to bar a "scary" from the columns of a daily paper as proof that it has previously appeared elsewhere.

Yet the Chicago Record-Herald published nearly a whole page of "news" as a "special telegram from Denver" that had appeared in all the Denver papers a fortnight before. This was not by accident. It does not indicate that the Record-Herald has been imposed upon by a shrewd correspondent in the West. It is a blatant proof that all the "news" concerning this latest outrage against the labor leaders of the W. F. of M. is manufactured at some central point and is fed out carefully, in the manner that will best arouse prejudices against the men whom it is proposed to murder.

So it is that the latest "news" contains, as a part of the "confession," the story of the wrecking of a train by W. F. of M. men, although McKinney, who made the original "confession," was forced in open court to admit that he was hired by the Mine Owners' Association. The same is true of the Independence explosion. When the W. F. of M. offered \$5,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the man who was responsible for that explosion and suggested that Orchard was the guilty man, the mine owners and their agents could not find him. Neither did they make any attempt to capture him and gain the reward. Yet a single newspaper in America printed the story of how the bloodhounds went to his home although they all knew it, and the Socialist papers repeated it over and over. Now they all print the bloodhound story, but claim that Orchard was in the employ of the W. F. of M. Does it sound reasonable that if this was true, the "Miners' Magazine" would have been the only paper in Colorado to suggest him as the murderer, to tell the story of the bloodhounds and to offer a reward for the capture of the murderer? Yet these stories are an integral part of the "confession" of Orchard, and it is a principle of the law of evidence that if a witness lies about one thing all his testimony is discredited. Every paper that printed it knew he had lied about the railroad wreck and the Independence explosion, yet not one of them suggested such a thing.

If there were even a semblance of justice in Idaho Orchard would be held for perjury as well as murder, and his "confession" would have given him a sentence in the penitentiary, instead of probably opening the road to wealth and power, if he shall succeed in assisting in the murder of innocent men.

This whole matter is turning out to be a tremendous touchstone, testing men, papers and organizations. It is well to watch the actions of all such at this time, to know who may be depended upon in the hour of need. One of the first to fail by the wayside has been Hearst. Here was an opportunity such as comes to but few men in a century. His tremendous powers of publicity gave him, as to no other individual, the power to save the lives of these men. The one thing that those who are conspiring to murder them fear is publicity, and the aroused working class which that publicity would cause. This publicity Hearst could have given. He has boasted of his high moral standard, of his fearlessness, of his love for labor, of his championship of justice. But now, with cur-like cowardice, he cowers and crawls and repeats the lies that photo-story is serving up for the remainder of the capitalist press of America.

I regret to see that at least one Socialist paper seems to be more interested in gathering votes than in championing the cause of the workers, and has up to the present time displayed a cowardly silence on this matter. We hope that some manhood may be found among its managers before it becomes hopelessly stamped as unworthy of a place in the ranks of the working-class press.

It is time for cool fearlessness, that shall not lose its head, that shall plan its course of action undeterred by threats of capitalism. The man or institution that draws back in this crisis should be marked beneath as unworthy of confidence. There must be such an expression of solidarity and intelligent activity as will at once break the conspiracy of the press and prevent the culmination of murder.

A. M. SIMONS.

### A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Benton Harbor, Mich., March 10, 1906.  
Editor Mance, Chicago Socialist:  
The "Members' Referendum Ballot" is issued by the National Executive Committee Feb. 20, is perhaps the best option that has yet been given to illustrate the practical working of the referendum in the matter of law making.

More than a hundred propositions are submitted on this ballot for the vote of "Yes" or "No." The arrangement of the ballot is so good and the matter so clearly and succinctly stated that the whole forms an unanswerable argument for the superiority of this method over any other I have ever seen proposed for just and righteous lawmaking. Would it not be a splendid means of propaganda for each local to be provided with extra copies of this ballot to present to the local teachers, editors, ministers and other influential citizens as an object lesson in just and practical lawmaking? Would it not appeal to them as no other argument that the Socialists after all are neither a lot of "pundits" or "visionaries"?

HENRY E. ALLEN.

### LIFE AND LABOR.

Here on a languid deck how tranquilly we float!  
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each to each!  
Who blames us all for idling, on an idle boat?  
Fools, stand and watch one moment in the stokers' hole!  
—Arthur Stringer, in Everybody's Magazine.

## "THE JUNGLE."

The Jungle Publishing Company announces that the first printing of the book was exhausted within five days of publication. All the copies ordered by the Socialists have now been shipped and should have been received. The poster of the book is a stunning affair. It is being widely called for. It shows a ravenous man crouching upon a beef skull, with a background of factory chimneys in the distance. The newspapers of the country are giving elaborate reviews of the book. The New York Times Saturday Review of March 3 devotes a page to what it describes as a "dispassionate examination." It says that "Mr. Sinclair, in 'The Jungle,' has given to the world a close and striking, and, we may say, in many ways a brilliant study of the great industries of Chicago." But it finds the Socialism in the book unconvincing, and thinks it wouldn't work; therefore, it concludes: "We say, 'The Jungle' with the conviction that it is not, after all, a great and epoch-making work."

The ultra-conservative Springfield Republican is of the same opinion, but it is much impressed by the revelations of the packing house methods. It says: "The Jungle puts into concrete form the common charges that have been becoming unpleasantly frequent in recent years, as to the decline of honor, not to say common honesty, in American business. A shoddy civilization fed on garbage—such is the American that the trusts have created—as Mr. Sinclair pictures it. It is an appalling picture, too revolting to be given here even in outline. The rest of the 'literature of exposure' is pale and commonplace by comparison."

The Brooklyn Eagle also quotes a couple of columns of the revelations, and describes "The Jungle" as an "epoch-making, powerfully written work."

In a review in the Louisville Times, Charles Dobbs describes "The Jungle" as "A great book, a genuine work of genius," and declares that "It is a very great glory to have written it." He says that "There is no power on earth that can prevent its being read." The following is the opening sentence of his review:

"Since Ida Tarbell began her baiting of the Standard Oil Company, and Lincoln Steffens assumed to put in print what all practical men of affairs know about the 'Shame of the Cities,' there has been a bewildering flood of the 'literature of exposure,' but even the most passionate protests of reformers and victims which we have read heretofore, sink to the level of cheap sensationalism compared with the awful picture painted by Upton Sinclair in his great book, 'The Jungle.'"

Excerpts from a full page review in the New York Sunday World, "Out of the jungle has come a voice. It is not a pleasant voice. It is a voice that jars and shocks, and tears away the veil from the naked truth in a way that has never been done here in America before. You can't get any personal point of view in 'The Jungle.' It grips you with its chaos of social enormities. It is the raw, terrible story of the manner of a man's soul under the industrial conditions of the state of society he lives in."

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The Jungle is on sale at the office of the Chicago Socialist, 162 E. Randolph street. Price \$1.25. Every one should read this book. Call and secure a copy or send in your order.

There is one sentence in that Dalcympe report that will be recalled in by every citizen of Chicago who doesn't travel in an automobile. It reads as follows:

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