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THE ISSUE

The issue in this campaign, so far as the working class is concerned is: Shall the working class control the powers inherent in the city government? The Socialist Party advocates the collective ownership and operation of all public utilities, including street cars, but calls the attention of the working class to the fact that if they are to receive any benefit from such collective ownership they must control the public power that operates them. This can be done only by electing working class aldermen to the city council.

VOTE THE SOCIALIST TICKET.

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

Theropy had its messenger of defeat. The Alamo and the crater of Jolo had none.

We are to build, at a cost of \$10,000,000, the "biggest" battleship and name her the "Constitution." The powers will now adopt Adm. Gen. Bell's little pleasure party: "To hell with the Constitution."

The new York Central Railroad Company proposes to increase its capital stock \$100,000,000. Capital must find investment and its owners have a sweet and trusting confidence that there is no limit to the ability or the willingness of the people to pay interest and dividends.

That jolly anarchist who does the editorials for the Chicago Chronicle says: "Men who are imbued with the true American spirit have no sympathy with Socialism." From his point of view he is undoubtedly right. We have no hope of the conversion of the Walshes and Heinzes, the Depews and Culloms, the Rockefeller and Armours and id genus omne.

Now that a majority of the Indians have been translated to the happy hunting grounds, there is little application of the laconic commentary. "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." But a happy epigram should not die and, rehabilitated, the old shawl travel with the new. "The only good Moro is a dead Moro" will now walk hand in hand with that pretty phrase, "benevolent assimilation."

Those workmen of St. Petersburg who elected a dog to represent them in the duma have a unique but accurate conception of the uses of that body. After all, they are only stealing our thunder. From Washington to the Golden Gate and back again to Rhode Island we have elected a breed of yellow curs and we find no legislative hall upon whose threshold one cannot might not be fittingly inscribed.

Joshua Strong, editor of Social Progress, says a prominent contractor in New York told him it was cheaper to kill men than to protect them. "Nine men are killed every day in New York," says Dr. Strong, "in accidents which are for the most part avoidable." Are conditions any better in Chicago? This is the system which the old political parties stand for. This is one of the reasons why a man who supports either of those parties is an anarchist at heart.

Ten men in a given industry receive \$5 a day and 1,000 men \$1 a day. The average wage is, therefore, \$3 a day, according to the shining lights among the government statisticians. The result is prosperity, as any one can see. Too much law for the starving wretch who steals a loaf of bread and too little law for the glutted wretch who steals a nation's birthright, makes a felicitous average of even-handed justice. What a blessed thing is the law of averages.

Following J. P. Morgan's visit to the Vatican comes the announcement that \$10,000,000 of gold funds will be invested in the United States. The possession of this sum does not incline us to the belief that that sanctified hump, another church, is following the example of lowliness and poverty set by Peter the Rocky. On the other hand, when we consider into whose hands this sum will be entrusted, we are obliged to acknowledge the display of a bland and childlike confidence which is truly touching in its simplicity.

The value of South African mining shares has shrunk nearly half a billion dollars in the last year, according to the London Mail. The mines are still there and are as valuable as ever. The stock values have fallen. Has there been a loss? If so, who bears it? The noble army of stock gamblers gives little heed to the wreck of its own making which street it way, but let others talk of an act of expropriation which shall burst some financial bubble, representing but a tithe of this amount, and the very heavens are rent with shrieks against the injustice which will be done to "widows" and "orphans" and "innocent investors."

PATENTS. Our modern factories afford us the sad picture of the deepest degradation of man—constant labor killing both body and soul, without joy or love, often without aim.—Richard Wagner.

A WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN.

Every Hall Packed to the Limit--Patterson Receives an Ovation from Every Quarter of the City.

The big campaign meetings that opened last Friday night at Scandia Hall have been a perfect whirlwind. Each meeting has broken all precedents. Standing room is at a premium. Republicans and Democrats cry apathy. The Socialists prove that there is none of this disease in their ranks. If they vote as they should look out for results on next Tuesday, April 3. Get out the vote. Fill each hall to overflowing in the balance of the meetings to be held. Read the list: The proletarian movement has taken on a new activity. Bring your friends. Get readers for the paper and applications for membership. The following is the list of meetings for this week:

- March 31--Kensington Turner Hall, Pullman, 8 p. m. Speakers, A. M. Simmons and Thos. J. Morgan.
April 1--Metropolitan Hall, Jefferson and O'Brien streets, 2 p. m. Speakers, Peter Sissman and Samuel Block.
April 1--Oakland Music Hall, 40th and Cottage Grove avenue, 8 p. m. Speakers, Chas. L. Breckon, Edw. Loewenthal and Louis Dalgaard.
April 2--Yondorf's Hall, North avenue and Halsted street, 8 p. m. Speakers, Seymour Stedman and Robert Sallied.
April 2--Lincoln Turner Hall, Dirersey and Sheffield. A. M. Simmons, Chas. L. Breckon and Otto Swanson.

The Patterson Meetings.

The following is the list of meetings, dates, halls, etc., at all of which Joseph Medill Patterson will speak. Each of the other speakers listed will address the assembled multitude, until the cry of victory shall pierce upon the banner of International Socialism.

Other Campaign Meetings.

The following list of meetings have been arranged by the ward organizations, and from every nook and corner of this great city will be something strenuous doing in these closing days of the campaign of 1906. Read the list over carefully. Urge upon your every friend and shopmate to be present. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will be held at 8 p. m.:

- THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1906.
Stern's Hall, Fullerton and Ward street. E. M. Winston and R. Sallied.
Algaard's Hall, 48th and Center avenue. H. W. Harris and Carl Strover.
Malcolby's Hall, 103rd and Cottage Grove avenue. North Pullman.
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1906.
Casino Park Hall, California and Division. T. J. Morgan and A. M. Simmons.
Wosta Hall, 122 W. Lake street. DeBate M. O. and Socialists.

VOICES FROM PRISON.

A Message from William D. Haywood. "If it requires my life's blood to give impetus to the cause of Socialism, I am ready and willing that it be shed. They may murder me by law, but there are a thousand Haywoods and Moyers in the Western Federation of Miners to take our places and push the work. The boys know I am innocent, my wife knows I am innocent, God knows I am innocent of the terrible charge, and that is enough. Please tell my wife to be brave; I will be with her soon."

A Message from Charles H. Moyer. "They can't make me suffer any more than I have already suffered. They can bound me all they want to, they can persecute me by day and by night, they can torture me till I die, but they can never say that Charlie Moyer renounced his principles or went back on the Western Federation of Miners."

A Message from George A. Pettibone. "Since they have dragged me into this trumped-up conspiracy charge I am willing to stay in jail a year, if necessary, until the truth is known. It is needless to declare my innocence. My family and my friends know that I am innocent of the infamous charge of conspiring to murder ex-Governor Steuenberg. I had nothing against him; why should I seek to take his life? Neither do I believe that Moyer or Haywood had anything to do with the assassination. If they hang me they will hang an innocent man."

BRAND'S HALL, ELECTION NIGHT. The campaign committee have rented Brand's Hall for Tuesday, April 3, to hear reports from the election. Watchers, unless otherwise ordered by their ward chairman, will report direct to Brand's Hall. Ward chairmen will arrange to send messengers and results of vote in their ward, so far as possible by wards. Letters have been sent to Milwaukee and arrangements will be completed to exchange reports on election night with Milwaukee. If you want to know officially and early the Socialist vote on election night then be present at Brand's Hall. The campaign was never more interesting than this year. Make a fitting close by spending the evening of April 3 at Brand's Hall.

THE SAME EVERYWHERE. "Degenerat," writing in the London Referee, says we shall not fight many more general elections in England on the old lines or with the old party labels. The two great parties fighting for the upper hand in swaying the destinies of the British people will be the Socialists and individualists or capitalists. He says: "The Socialists have practically got control of the capital, and the kingdom will also fall to them, unless the danger is speedily recognized and grappled with."

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HEARST ACTS AT LAST.

Prosecutor Hawley is indignant over the proclamation of Gov. Gooding, declaring his belief in the guilt of the accused men, and that he would be pleased to have a delegation of labor men come here and see and interview Orchard.

OPPOSES GOVERNOR'S ACTION.

After a stormy interview with the Governor, Prosecutor Hawley gave out this statement:

"The evidence which the prosecution will introduce in the trial of these men will be known after a jury has been empaneled and the trial begun, and not a minute before. If I continue to be at the head of the prosecution, this includes the confessions made and all other evidence on which we expect to secure convictions. The attorneys prosecuting the case will allow nothing to interfere with the proper performance of their duties, and no confessions will be published through any committee or other body appointed for that purpose. I have said repeatedly that this is a matter that must go to the court and jury, and it is time now for the evidence to be made known when it is given from the witness stand."

PETTIBONE TAKEN TO BOISE.

George Pettibone is to-day confined in the county jail in this city. He was brought here from Caldwell jail by two deputies and one of the counsel for the prosecution. Although the State's Attorney and the Governor would have the public believe that he was immediately put in the same cell with President Moyer, who is, according to the best of authority, in solitary confinement, it is positively known here that he did not even see Moyer and that Moyer was never informed of Pettibone's presence in the county jail.

CALL BOMB CORROBORATION.

Orchard, in his confession, told of the placing of a bomb in front of the home of Supreme Court Justice Goodard of this county, and said that a search would reveal the bomb. The bomb was found, and this is one of the alleged corroborations of the confession upon which the prosecution places much stress.

Mr. Richardson, however, declares that he will prove that the bomb was not planted by Orchard, but by men in the employ of the mine owners, and that this is part of the conspiracy to convict the men. He asserts that he will prove by competent testimony that men now in the employ of the State resorted to similar methods to procure convictions in other parts of the State and in other States.

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Have you secured a set of the new account books for your organization yet? They are just the thing and greatly simplify the work.

State Secretary Smith reports that there is a growing demand for party dues stamps from many parts of the State.

Comrades Collins and Brower are holding successful meetings wherever they go, and report that the boys in the State locals are preparing to put up energetic campaign of education preceding the coming elections.

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THE SOCIALISTS AND THE REFORMERS AT NOROTON

By Morris Hillquit in the New York Herald.

After the somewhat sensationally reported "conference" at Noroton, in which several Socialists and a number of reformers of various brands took part...

and to control and shape our mode of life, our morals and our government, our politics, our press, our pulp and schools...

"You ask me to explain the difference between the position of the Socialists and the other social reformers at the recent Noroton gathering. I do not know how I can do it better than by citing an illustration which I used on that very occasion, an illustration borrowed from pathology."

"A number of physicians are called into consultation on a grave case. The patient suffers from spells of coughing, headaches, high fever and eruptions on the skin, his appetite is poor and he is losing weight and color..."

"The gigantic trusts and monopolies which have developed within recent years, the commercial dishonesty revealed by the gas and insurance investigations, the periodic crises and chronic strikes and lockouts are proof of the pathological condition of our industries..."

"The Socialist, on the other hand, sees a clear connection and necessary interdependence between these evils. He regards them all as mere symptoms of one deep-rooted disease of our social organization and does not believe in curing the mere symptoms without attacking the real disease..."

SOCIALISM AND THE RICH.

J. Bruce Glasier in London Labor Leader.

Our labor members who go to Parliament for the first time will have a new and strange experience. They will be brought face to face night and day with the richest men in Britain.

A somewhat terrible ordeal, truly, for those labor members who possess Socialist imagination at all! There in front of them and filling the opposite benches above them, are the men who own well-nigh half the industries of the country—the great shipping, iron, coal and cotton magnates, the capitalists par excellence against whom for years at street corners, on market places, and in halls, the Socialist members have flung their words of fire and amid so much applause!

Soon, however, our young Socialist neophytes in Parliament will discover that these capitalists whom they have often described in terrible diatribes are by no means such grim and inhuman monsters as their deeds might imply them to be.

And, therefore, we may quote here a saying worthy of some acceptance—it is the comment of the great Scottish iron-master, made many years ago to a Socialist at the conclusion of a Socialist lecture:

"If you could give me complete Socialism to-morrow—the Socialism of William Morris—you might take from me all I possess."

"If only we could do that, we could be magicians indeed! But we are no miracle workers; we are only ordinary men, the products of evolution, like the

capitalists themselves. There is no magic that we possess, or know of, that can surpass the might of the law of social progress that made them and us what we are. We cannot bring Socialism as a dream in a sleep. We must toil and fight for it—fight these very men!

What else have we sent the Socialists into Parliament for but to begin the task and the battle of Socialism against the power of privilege and monopoly which these men cling to desperately? And fierce that fight will yet be, with flashing eyes and accusations that will cut like swords.

Only when we have brought Socialism quite out of the region of dreams—when we have created enough Socialism to assure the rich that they will gain more than they lose by Socialism, can we hope that many, except the idealists, among them will rank themselves on our side.

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 Stamp Account—On hand last week, \$4; purchased, 400; total, \$444. Sold, 390; balance on hand, \$54.

FOR THE SPRING CAMPAIGN.
 The campaign fund limbered up a little this week, but something great should be doing in the next few days. The expense is going on at a lively rate, and the obligations are hearily growing larger. Handle in the lists, comrades! See your friends and shopmates. Get every penny in sight. Our campaign is making splendid headway and a big vote is surely coming to the Socialist party. Help to close up the campaign with a clean balance sheet. Help to get affairs in splendid shape for this fall's campaign. One more heroic lift. One more tremendous concentration, and the proletariat will come to power. Our cause is moving on in a splendid way, and many sacrifices and much hard work promise to bear rich fruit in the very near future. Remember, it takes cash to pay printing bills.

THE CAMPAIGN FUND.
 The following is the list of donations to the campaign fund from all sources for the week ending March 25, 1906:

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Balance collection, 29th Ward.....	7.01
Total.....	\$92.78

WISCONSIN NOTES.
Capitalist Press Describes the Methods of Milwaukee Socialist Propaganda.
 Sixty thousand pieces of literature were distributed, from house to house last Sunday morning by the Social Democrats of Milwaukee. This means work, but it is the sort of work which has built up the Wisconsin movement.
 "Literature," says the Milwaukee Free Press (Republican), "is the life of the Social Democratic campaign, leaflets, pamphlets, books, newspapers. And this literary campaign is one of the marvels of the Social Democratic method. Two years ago, when Victor Berger was the candidate for Mayor, 600,000 pieces of literature were distributed throughout the city. This year the distribution will reach the same amount. But how they do it, and how they meet the expense of it, is the most interesting feature of it. On a Sunday morning twenty-five or thirty Social Democrats of some ward will meet in a barber shop, where 5,000 pieces of literature, printed in English and in the foreign language which the ward seems to demand, have been sent. The ward is divided among the fellows who come here and the literature is all distributed within two hours. This is done early in the morning. The meeting in the barber shop takes place at 5 o'clock. The interest and the devotion to the cause portakes of the Jesuitical. The literature is paid for out of the campaign fund raised by the Social Democratic fair, and taken in collections at the various meetings. Each branch, of which there are thirty-nine in the city, pays the expense of publishing its own literature. And every Social Democratic leader swells with pride as he boasts of the fact that his party is not under the obligation to any business interest or any business man and that no contributions are received from such sources." As a sample of the Social Democratic campaign literature, the Free Press quotes, "A Few Plain Pointers for Plain Working People by a Plain Man," from the pen of Comrade Berger, "the Martin Luther of the Socialist movement. It was Mr. Berger's intention that this editorial should sizzle," the Free Press continues, "and it does—one of the features of every Social Democratic meeting, of which there are from two to five every night during the campaign, and from two to five every week during the year, is the table of literature at the back end of the hall."
 A committee of franchise promoters and an old time Populist opponent of Socialism of rather shady record, called a meeting in the Twenty-first Ward of Milwaukee for the purpose of attacking the Social Democrats. The ex-Populist was asked so many hard questions that at the end of half an hour he was very glad to get out of the hall. The audience remained and listened to Social Democratic speeches, which were loudly applauded. Resolutions endorsing the conduct of our Social Democratic Aldermen were passed amid the greatest enthusiasm. Thus the success of a boomerang for the enemies of Socialism.

MRS. M. W. SIMMONS' LECTURE DATES.
 March 31—Stanton.
 April 1—Belleville.
 April 2—Collinsville.
 April 3—Glen Carbon.
 April 4—Monmouth.
 April 5—Kewanee.
 April 6—Galesburg.
 April 7—Rock Island.
 April 8—Moline.
 April 9—Freeport.
 April 10—Rockford.
 April 11—Elgin.

COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE.
 Next regular meeting will take place on the second Sunday in April, the 8th. All delegates take notice and be in your seat at 2:30.

WARD CHAIRMEN, NOTICE.
 Don't fail to get out your watchers' certificates and badges. See that every vote cast for Socialism is counted. Be vigilant.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD.
 The regular meeting of the Twenty-fifth Ward Branch will be held Sunday, April 1, at 2:30 p. m., in Lincoln Turner Hall. All members are especially urged to be present.

DISTRICT AND BRANCH BOOKS.
 Comrades, don't forget that at headquarters there is a full supply of sets of books for branch and district accounts. Get a set for your organization. It is highly essential that our party books are kept in a uniform manner. Get these books into service. Pay for them, if necessary, on the installment plan. The set costs \$2; out of city, \$2.50, expressage prepaid.

A cent and a quarter buys a nice gold plated Socialist button enameled in colors. Yes, I will go you one better. I will throw off the coat, and make it even quarter.—Conklin.

The Social Democratic Aldermen of Racine have also been having a lively fight on their municipal garbage plant proposition. One faction in the Council voted for the plant, the other for submission of the matter to a referendum. Our Social Democrats voted for both, thus making clear their stand for both principles of the Socialist movement, the referendum and municipal ownership.

MINNESOTA ITEMS.
 The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at a crowded propaganda meeting of Local Minneapolis Sunday, March 11, 1906:
 Whereas, The Mine Owners' Association and other capitalist organizations seem to have entered into a conspiracy to break down the Western Federation of Miners, and have used the daily press to inflame the public mind against the officers of the Federation, by accusing them of the most heinous crimes on the supposed confession of a self-acknowledged criminal; and
 Whereas, The capitalist press of the country has shown itself to be the willing tool of the mine owners, by publishing their side of the case alone; therefore be it
 Resolved, That all present at this meeting enter our emphatic protest against the public press for their biased attitude and their evident willingness to assist in the deceit of the reading public; and we call upon all laboring people everywhere to stand by our comrades in their hour of trouble, and use every legitimate means to support the Western Federation of Miners in the present crisis; and be it further
 Resolved, That we warn the capitalistic authorities against the consequences if they persist in carrying out their atrocious and diabolical plot.
 At the close of the meeting a goodly sum was raised to purchase for distribution a large number of the "Housing Edition" of the Appeal to Reason, so as to counteract as far as may be the evil accomplished by a servile press. Indignant meetings are being planned and held all over the State, and it is to be hoped this last dastardly attempt of plutocracy to destroy a large labor union of workmen will open the eyes of labor unions everywhere to the absolute necessity of voting themselves into the powers of government if they ever expect it to be run in the interest of the useful members of society, in place of being prostituted to the service of a parasite criminal class, as is now the case.
 J. E. NASH,
 State Secretary.

A PITIFUL MICROCOSM.
 A writer in "World's Ocean" rhapsodizes over "the luxuries of ocean travel." He ought to try a course in the steerage. Nowhere is the snobbery of social distinctions more manifest than at sea. With a pit of death yawning night and day beneath the feet, thrown together on a few planks tossed by wild waters, with the cycling horizon forever symbolizing equality, to have dress coats and sybaritic feasting in the saloon, and pig-at-the-trough scrambling in the steerage, is about as pitiful a microcosm of capitalistic society as one could well imagine.—Irishane Worker.

Speaking of protest meetings, the one held by the German societies last Sunday to protest against the curtailment of drinking beer and wine when and where they please was a record breaker. It is estimated that there were over 40,000 people at this meeting. The attitude taken by the German societies toward the action of Mayor Dunne in refusing longer to issue special bar permits for dance halls has placed the city authorities in a peculiar position. If they do issue special permits for the dance halls they are damned by the preachers and officious reformers, and if they don't they are damned by people who think they themselves are the best judges of what, where and when they shall eat and drink. So there you are.

The United Mine Workers' convention at Indianapolis voted \$5,000, on motion of Delegate Hay of Illinois, to the defense fund of Moyer and Haywood. President Mitchell spoke in favor of the motion and declared his firm belief in the innocence of the men. No incident in the history of labor's struggle in all the past has so solidified the working class in America as this Idaho outrage.

One of Russell Sage's friends says the old man isn't actually worth more than about \$50,000,000. No wonder Russell feels that it is necessary for him to squeeze the pennies.

CAPITALISTS BECOMING DESPERATE.
 A letter from Bisbee, Arizona, to National Secretary Burns, states that under the leadership of the Citizens' Alliance backed by the saloonkeepers and proscribers, the town of Bisbee, Arizona, is making its bid for fame by trying to break up the union and Socialist organizations.
 Comrade Clark, organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, was compelled to barricade himself in his room to prevent violence at the hands of thugs, who followed him day and night, and he was finally requested to leave the hotel, and at least, temporarily compelled to leave the city.
 A Finnish local of the party was organized with twenty-four members in February and every charter member has been discharged from his employment in the mines, which means they must leave the locality.
 In the pending city election the Socialists have nominated candidates and are making a vigorous campaign. The local comrades are being assisted by National Organizer Slayton, who will fill dates from the 18th to 27th of March.
 Advice just to hand indicate that every comrade who is taking an active part in the present campaign will have to leave Bisbee in search of work after election day. The mine bosses have threatened to shut down the mines if organized labor gets a foothold in Bisbee.

CIGARMAKERS ELECT OFFICERS.
 The Cigarmakers' International Union have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
 Perkins, 10,133; Knickrehm, 9,655; Ganz, 2,500.
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SAD, SAD.
 The little six-year-old daughter of Comrade Walter Thomas Mills died last Sunday morning after an illness of several weeks. This was the third child that Comrade Mills has lost within the past year. Of the four beautiful children that brightened his home there is only one left.
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Mr. Gompers has realized his humiliating condition, has threatened to take organized labor into politics. But Mr. Gompers has been converted to the independent political action policy...

Thinking men and women, in and out of the labor organizations, have taken that action long ago and already have a well organized labor party...

A letter to the Chicago Evening Post—one of the most authoritative spokesmen of the capitalist class—demonstrates about what the Washington authorities think of Mr. Gompers' threat to organize an independent political union labor party...

Politicians of both parties in Washington are fast-bitten in the belief that the ordinary American workman is one of three things politically—a Republican, a Democrat, or a Socialist.

INSPIRING MEETINGS EVERYWHERE.

The series of Socialist campaign meetings announced to take place throughout the city in last week's Chicago Socialist and now in progress are proving a huge success.

While the old party politicians and the capitalist press are bewailing the apathy and lack of interest of the voters...

At South Chicago last Saturday night the crowd was so large that the hall, the largest to be obtained, could not hold half the people...

The collections that are taken up at these meetings are more than paying the rent and advertising expenses.

The wage workers of this city appear eager to hear the gospel of Socialism and flock to our meetings by the thousands whenever they are announced.

And not only are the meetings where Comrade Patterson, the late Commissioner of Public Works, speaks well filled, but dozens of others where there is no attraction but the announcement that there will be a Socialist meeting with good speakers...

What does this all mean? Are the people actually getting next to the gates and coming to realize that the Socialists have the only message worth listening to?

Let us see something in life better worth living for than grinding the souls and bodies of helpless men, women and children into dividends and profits to gratify their passion and greed.

Comrade Patterson, though only a recruit in the Socialist movement, has already done splendid service for our cause. He is thoroughly familiar with the way the capitalists play the game...

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We have always predicted that the moment that the Socialist party reached the point where it stood in chance of winning at the polls the Democrats and Republicans would unite to save the privileges of exploiting the workers.

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When the capitalist editorial writers write about Socialism they are compelled to say something. Their old dead, sophisticated phrases of Thomas, nevertheless, notwithstanding, etc., that serve as right

A SIGNIFICANT HOWL.

There is a little would-be yellow newspaper in Chicago, known as the Chicago Journal. Last spring it supported Mayor Dunne and municipal ownership; at present it is denouncing Mayor Dunne and doing its utmost to foment the streets of Chicago over to the traction corporations.

Bearing the above facts in mind, no one was much surprised to read the editorial that appeared in that would-be-it could yellow sheet last Monday night, headed "Pampered Socialist Grandsons," in which Joseph Medill Patterson and William Gross Lloyd were accused of being all that was bad in society because they have affiliated themselves with the Socialist party in this city...

In the editorial mentioned Mr. Patterson is compared to Benedict Arnold for betraying his class and is accused of covetously advocating the use of bombs and dynamite against organized society.

There is not much to be said of the Journal's editorial very accurately expressed the feeling of a large portion of the capitalist class towards these young men, when they consider traitors to their class; but which the more "respectable" capitalist newspapers could not afford to express.

Comrade Patterson read the editorial mentioned to a large audience in Maglewood opera house and replied to it as follows:

"In this newspaper article I am taunted, jeered at and accused of being a traitor to the social structure in which providence placed me, the social stratum known as the courts of rich men's sons or grandsons," he said, his voice quivering.

"I will ask you whether it is not a fair interpretation that the writer of that article, by his assertion that providence placed me in a particular station in life, does not prove to the world that here in Chicago to-day, among the writers molding public opinion, we have, at least one person who proclaims and upholds the divine-right theory of industrialism, made ridiculous a few short years ago by one Baer of the coal trust?"

There is also another thing for which this editorial is remarkable—its clear and palpable recognition that the class-conscious struggle, which it pretends to denigrate, is already under way.

What else can be meant by the expression that I have been guilty of a traitorous desertion of a special social structure? That one sentence gives the whole case away, if I may use a homely phrase.

It means that class-consciousness is admitted as existing among the wealthy, and as always having existed among them, but that it is too good a feeling to be permitted to spread to the producing and toiling poor.

They say that I am in favor of confiscation. But confiscation is not confiscation when it is restituted. To make restitution is justice, not robbery.

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We are wondering if that rebuff that Teddy and Cannon gave Mr. Gompers will give him of pleading, begging and whining and going to the representatives of the capitalists, slavishly supplicating for favors, or will he continue to the catspaw of the Standard Oil's civic federation?

There was one dispatch printed that would indicate that he had one spark of manhood in him. It stated that Mr. Gompers said that there was only one thing left for the workers to do, and that was to go into politics and elect men to the public offices from their own class to look after the interests of the workers.

That is what the Socialists have been telling the workers to, these many years, but Sammy said it wasn't necessary. Experience and economic development are causing even pure and simple Sammy to see some things.

Labor produces all wealth. Why does labor get so small a share of what it creates? For the answer to this question read the Chicago Socialist.

Bring your unconverted friends to one or more of the big meetings. You can reach people that no one else can reach.

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Well, didn't Teddy wipe his feet on Sammy's whiskers?

Well, didn't the court "soak" it to the packing magnates? And didn't we tell just how it would turn out?

And President Roosevelt didn't even consider it necessary to be civil to Mr. Gompers and his pure and simple delegation. He just told him to go way back and sit down.

From now until election day there should be no sleeping Socialist. Every spare moment should be spent in getting our leaflets and propaganda literature into the hands of the voters.

You can't put Ogden Armour and the other meat trust magnates in jail for breaking the law, but you may fine the trusts they represent not exceeding \$75,000. Just imagine what a punishment that will be to the Armour Packing Company!

Watch the next number of the Federation for the long weeping, wailing, whining editorial lamenting the way labor is being treated by the governmental authorities.

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