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MAY DAY CELEBRATION ASSURED

Seventy Delegates Attend First Conference—Twenty-seven Organizations Represented—All Unions and Progressive Fraternal Organizations Urged to Participate.

The call for a conference of Socialist and progressive labor and fraternal organizations to arrange plans for a monster May-day celebration in Chicago is issued by the Socialist party, was responded to by twenty-seven different organizations, which were represented at the first meeting by over seventy delegates.

The meeting was held at 55 North Clark street. Carl Strover was elected chairman and Wm. Linke, secretary. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the May-day celebration could and should be made a success in Chicago this year.

A committee of seven on arrangements was elected which will hold its first meeting on election night at Brand's Hall Tuesday, April 3.

The next meeting of the delegates to the May-day celebration conference will be held Thursday, April 12th, at 55 North Clark street at 8 p. m., when the report of the committee on arrangements will be presented and action taken.

Socialist branches and progressive labor or fraternal organizations that were not represented at the first meeting are urgently requested to have their delegates at the next meeting of the conference, which will be held April 12th.

May day is the universal holiday of the enlightened, progressive working people of all nations. It represents the highest and noblest aspirations of all men and women the world over who are battling to shatter the chains of political and industrial slavery from the limbs of labor in all lands.

Comrades and fellow workers, if you would understand what May day represents it is only necessary for you to let your minds recall the history of the struggle of the workers for a higher life the world over during the past twelve months.

Contemplate for a moment the tragic events that have transpired in Russia since last May-day. Think of the thousands of nameless and unknown in that church and czar cursed land that have fought, bled and died for the cause which May-day represents.

Watch that mighty procession in Austria that marched twelve deep, a million strong, in the cities of that empire and caused the throne to tremble and hasten to grant the manhood suffrage demanded. Recall those mighty protest meetings in Berlin and other German cities where the whole working population literally turned out in mass and marched in such splendid discipline that there was no use even for a policeman.

The events in France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries are no less inspiring. In England the labor giant has at last been awakened and has sent 53 working men to the Imperial parliament to demand recognition from the government.

Here in America we have witnessed the plutocratic rulers carry everything before them with a high hand. Judges are usurping legislative power and annulling every constitutional right of the people. They have suspended the writ of habeas corpus and imprisoned working-

men without a trial by jury. They have turned millionaire criminals loose on the dimmest legal technicalities. They have snubbed and humiliated the representatives of organized labor for merely petitioning that the laws that are already enacted be enforced.

All these and hundreds of other incidents should cause every worker to realize the importance and the privilege of celebrating in a fitting way the day that commemorates all that has been achieved by the struggling toilers of the past and prophetically looks forward to the final emancipation and triumph of the working class of all lands.

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Realizing that in this election the Socialist party cannot hope to achieve more than the capture of the municipal powers of government, we present the following municipal platform. First—We pledge ourselves to promote every movement which will provide healthier surroundings, increase the comfort, enhance the safeguards and insure more protection and leisure for the working class.

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BIG VICTORY FOR SOCIALISM.

The returns from the election of Tuesday, April 3, show a decided victory for Socialism throughout the entire city. There was an almost universal increase. Nine wards show a total loss of 834 votes and 26 wards show a gain of 4,722.

The following table gives the vote in the spring election for the past three years, and the per cent of total vote cast by the Socialists:

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The remarkable gain of the Socialists was beneath the notable feature of the campaign. In almost every ward the party developed new strength and in some of the Republican and Democratic wards polled votes which were unexpected even by the most sanguine Socialists. In the Eighth Ward the party candidate received a vote of 3,012, a gain of 347 over the Collins vote in 1905. In the Third Ward the Socialists were surprised by their strength, and in the Twenty-second Ward they added 233 votes to the total of last year.

The remarkable vote which the Socialists polled yesterday is significant, and Senator Steadman, a prominent member of the party, is beginning to vote as party men and are getting outside of local issues. They are voting their party ticket because of the party principles and not because of any M. O. A. M. O. or any other fancy of Dunne or any one else.

The following table gives the total Socialist vote by wards for the years 1904, 1905 and 1906, with the total vote of each year for comparison. It is well to note that the figures for 1906 are unofficial, and that there may be an increase, certainly no decrease. In other years official count has added to our total from ten to twenty per cent:

Presidential 1904. Total. 1905. Total. 1906. Total. First Ward 415 8,978. 165 9,060. 376 7,296. Second Ward 715 11,129. 286 9,167. 511 7,436. Third Ward 715 11,129. 286 9,167. 511 7,436. Fourth Ward 1,569 8,828. 433 8,336. 979 5,411. Fifth Ward 2,165 5,955. 421 8,456. 489 6,029. Sixth Ward 2,589 11,905. 315 12,457. 315 10,268. Seventh Ward 923 10,112. 419 13,707. 540 10,798. Eighth Ward 1,892 8,805. 765 7,839. 1,012 6,796. Ninth Ward 565 7,177. 481 6,518. 539 4,149. Tenth Ward 1,296 7,508. 960 6,790. 1,101 4,633. Eleventh Ward 1,368 9,136. 756 8,470. 969 6,322. Twelfth Ward 2,998 11,507. 1,691 10,511. 1,441 8,497. Thirteenth Ward 809 11,628. 353 11,031. 448 8,189. Fourteenth Ward 1,214 10,469. 511 9,836. 419 7,995. Fifteenth Ward 1,733 9,987. 1,189 9,220. 1,015 7,995. Sixteenth Ward 1,278 9,375. 729 8,492. 722 6,673. Seventeenth Ward 1,336 9,419. 419 8,892. 802 6,006. Eighteenth Ward 806 8,119. 348 8,021. 324 4,906. Nineteenth Ward 980 8,563. 472 8,450. 374 6,621. Twentieth Ward 801 12,771. 384 11,322. 326 8,259. Twenty-first Ward 1,296 11,851. 419 11,773. 526 8,191. Twenty-second Ward 1,153 9,236. 871 8,650. 1,406 6,733. Twenty-third Ward 1,277 9,444. 809 8,446. 1,213 6,733. Twenty-fourth Ward 1,172 9,975. 690 8,367. 1,017 6,065. Twenty-fifth Ward 1,172 11,944. 254 10,876. 603 8,024. Twenty-sixth Ward 1,213 10,967. 801 9,333. 840 8,024. Twenty-seventh Ward 1,910 11,732. 1,154 10,653. 1,572 9,349. Twenty-eighth Ward 1,169 11,944. 509 10,249. 645 7,729. Twenty-ninth Ward 2,282 8,622. 843 8,159. 802 6,965. Thirtieth Ward 1,819 11,529. 472 9,620. 508 7,712. Thirty-first Ward 1,816 11,943. 709 10,750. 1,395 8,985. Thirty-second Ward 1,213 11,994. 598 12,449. 645 7,729. Thirty-third Ward 1,213 9,987. 1,319 8,844. 1,204 6,645. Thirty-fourth Ward 964 8,187. 422 7,101. 488 6,645. Thirty-fifth Ward 1,164 8,659. 628 7,129. 632 6,518. Totals 44,824 263,076. 23,934 228,158. 27,139 209,887.

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Now for the fall campaign, the nomination and election of Congressmen and State Legislators. On to victory.

THE VOTE IN CICERO.

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WANHOPE ON IDAHO OUTRAGE.

Special Correspondent for Wilshire's Magazine Thinks Miners Will Not Hang—Describes Character of the People Who Will Be Jurors.

Comrade Wilshire has forwarded to us the correspondence he has received from Comrade Joseph Wanhope, who is in Idaho to report the Moyer-Haywood case for Wilshire's Magazine. We have Comrade Wilshire's consent to publish so much of it as we have space for and consider would be of interest to the Chicago Socialist readers.

Writing from Caldwell, Idaho, March 23, Comrade Wanhope says:

Have seen nothing yet that would make me change my opinion that this case will end in a fiasco. It's a pretty rank deal and it gets worse the more you hear about it. I don't feel much uneasiness about hanging the men, though the mine owners think they are getting shaky. These big protests from the industrial centers are having their effect, and the Socialist press in circulating by thousands in the region, and that it is disquieting the enemy is demonstrated by the snarls

RICH MAN TELLS WHY HE IS A SOCIALIST.

Wm. Cross Lloyd Answers Journal Editorial.

The following letter was sent to the Chicago Journal by Comrade Lloyd in answer to the attack in its editorial columns on himself and Comrade Patterson for deserting their own class and uniting with the Socialist party.

Chicago, March 26, 1906. To the Editor of the Chicago Daily Journal: Yesterday evening my attention was called to your editorial on "Pampered Socialists Grandiosa," and I desire to trespass on your courtesy to answer same.

In the first place I want to deny ever having advocated a violent revolution or violence for any purpose in connection with social reform. I have met many Socialists and read much of the propaganda of Socialism, and it seems to me that the Socialists are the most peaceful people on earth, for the main aim of the Socialist is to organize the working class into a political party so as to secure their aims peacefully through the ballot box.

There are two classes in the world today. One the property owning and practically non-producing class, and the other the large producing and non-property owning class. Two separate and distinct classes growing up in America. The one degenerate through luxury, idleness, unrestrained power and tyranny over others; the other degenerate through poverty, overwork, insufficient food, vile tenements, insufficient clothing and no education. The evil qualities of both these classes daily become more marked.

The Socialist does not wish to destroy the government. He seeks to convince a majority of his fellow members of the working class that it is necessary to vote together in their class interests to secure control of that government. This done, he proposes to operate that government in the interests of the working class, and in as much as one per cent of the people own more than the other ninety-nine, and as the country is absolutely controlled in every way by less than one hundred men, the working class is synonymous with the people.

What I WILLIAM BROSS is cognizant of what is going on in the world today, I do not think he will grieve for the actions of WILLIAM BROSS LLOYD. To my grandfather, as Lieutenant Governor of Illinois, belongs the proud honor of being the first to sign the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, signifying by that act the acceptance by the State of Illinois of that amendment. By this amendment the Republican party abolished the chattel slavery of the blacks. WILLIAM BROSS was a prominent and active member of the Republican party and a vigorous abolitionist. Any man with such a history, realizing as he would the conditions of today were he alive, would be a Socialist, for the Socialist party aims to abolish the wage slavery of all men, white as well as black, yellow or brown. This wage slavery is today a horror beside which the chattel slavery of yore pales into insignificance. A chattel slave was property, and a man takes care of his property, and sees that it is maintained in good condition. He feeds and carries his horses; feeds and clothes his slave, but he cares not one jot whether his wage slave is fed or not. He doesn't have to. As long as the wage slave maintains his efficiency he will employ him, and if through starvation, bad housing or exposure to cold he becomes unable to stand the pace, why, he is thrown on the scrap heap, for there are plenty more to take his place.

Industry today is largely parasitic. That is, it does not support those it employs by even so low a standard as that of mere working efficiency. Industry today draws its profits from the life blood of the working class. The gradual physical degeneration of the race here, in

England and elsewhere, as shown by examination of army recruits and many other tests, conclusively demonstrates this fact.

In primitive society men worked for themselves; worked directly for their food, clothes, houses and other necessities of life. That is to say, they hunted, fished and tilled the soil and need ask no man's permission. Today a man, as of old, must work to live. To-day he cannot work for himself and directly get his food and clothes. The hand and the machine, the instruments of production and distribution are owned and controlled by a small class whose self-interest causes them to act as a unit. Men must have work to live, and to get work he must secure the consent of another. There always has been, and while the capitalist system of production lasts there always will be a large body of unemployed. These men will take a job for what they can get, and wages consequently tend to drop to the level of subsistence. Practically the owner of the land and the machine has the power of life and death over the working class. Such power always produces tyranny. I am against such power. The Socialist party is against such power, and when I found that out I said there may not be many of you, but count one more. I am with you.

There are two classes in society. The capitalist class and the working class. My economic status is that of a member of the capitalist class. I am a property owner and a non-producer, and yet I have become a Socialist and joined the working class in their struggle. I am a scab to my class and I am proud of it. This is the fact that causes the Journal to feel such bitterness, but although I am a scab and traitor to my class I feel that I am not a traitor to my country or humanity. My class is ruining the world. If their will is done to the end, it means social death. The deadly parallel between the decadence of the Roman empire and the American plutocracy are said to meet. One needs to be only a cursory student of history to see almost complete similarity of conditions, and these similar conditions always produce similar results.

Possibly it is the pampered luxury in which the Journal says I live that has given me leisure to see the trend of events; given me leisure to realize that I am a man and not a coupon cutter; to realize that my interest is as a man and not as a property owner. I am willing to admit that I am somewhat influenced by the miseries of the working class. Eighty thousand babies under one year old die in this United States of no other cause than poverty. They are helpless and have done nothing to deserve their fate. They are worth as much and have as much right to live as my little girl, whose red cheeks are a constant source of delight to me. Their death is due to the poverty necessarily produced by the capitalist system. Their death is only one link of the misery induced by that system on the working class. But enough of the miseries of the working class. I am not a Socialist because of my sympathy with them. I am a Socialist because my real interests are with Socialism, as a man and not as a property owner. Protected as I am by the wealth I own, I cannot be sure that some day some party may precipitate me into the working class, or my wife and children after my death. Under Socialism while willing and able to work I would have the certain knowledge that I could work and get enough to live on comfortably. I would have the knowledge that if rendered unable to work, I still could live comfortably. That were I to die, my wife would be able to live comfortably, or if my wife and I were to die my children would be supported comfortably and educated well until old enough to make their own way in the world. I prefer the certainty of a modest competence on the level plain, free from the danger of falling into any abyss and surrounded by my equals to a luxurious life and death struggle on the edge of a lofty precipice. I do not care to eat meat from lumpy jawed or tubercular steers from the stock yards, or sausage with human hands mixed in by the cutting machinery. I do not care to eat adulterated or poisonous foods. I do not care to buy sweat shop garments made in smallpox, scarlet fever or diphtheria rooms. Any day I may be held up or killed, or that or something worse may happen to my wife or daughter, done by some one made criminal or insane by the poverty and degradation of our present system. I do not like to contemplate any of these things and am, therefore, endeavoring to destroy the capitalist system of production under which this condition is necessarily produced. These are but a few of the considerations which have moved me to become a Socialist. I cannot feel that the Journal's editorial evinces a clear understanding of Socialism. I trust the Journal will study the subject and feel sure if they do so with an open mind, they will join with me and Comrade Patterson in an effort to destroy the horror which is today called civilization.

WM. BROSS LLOYD.

The United States Senate has become a byword for knavery, but when the Hon. "Bills" Mason condemns it it would seem that the last word had been said. Mr. Nathan Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, was in Chicago recently. As he did not intentionally consign all Socialists to immediate and perpetual party death, he has no doubt, heard solemnly condemned by the Chronicle and should really be on his guard against the depraved and demagogic anarchists who run that lurid daily. Mr. Haggood has come west to investigate and hear. He says that our prominent men are more broad-minded than those of New York. Is it possible? We know the domestic breed, of course. But had supposed the New York strain to be equally hard-bitten. It would be interesting to know just what they talk. Mr. Haggood also says Joseph Medill Patterson's ideas are right, but he mixes up Socialism and reform, that he and Mr. Patterson call it Socialism and Mr. Haggood calls it reform. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet, but where loaves that rose of yesterday whose faded petals and withered fragrance hold so potent a charm for Mr. Haggood? Reforming the old parties would bear a strong resemblance to those processes by which putrescent animal matter, chemicals and spices are skillfully blended to make the embalmed beef for which our Packingtown is so justly famous. None of the ingredients are lacking and the political chemists would turn out an equally satisfactory product.

For all practical purposes a man who loots up another man and robs him of 10 cents is just as big a criminal as if the 10 cents were \$10,000.—Tribune.

cannot last nor harmonize much longer. Civilized man, male or female, must eventually own and operate industry and administer social institutions co-operatively, or else the houses of the workers will sooner or later turn into houses of ill fame, disregarding all family ties; and the future of man's progress intellectually will spell retrogression and not progress.

BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The proposed reduction of the wage scale of the Superior and Circuit Court Judges from \$10,000 to \$7,000 a year, shows the inherent tendency of the competitive system to reduce the standard of living to the bare subsistence point. The Judges are rumored to have held a preliminary meeting at which tentative steps were taken for the organization of a union, and they will, if necessary, exercise the right of free-born Americans to combine for the protection of their interests. Everyone knows that \$400 a year is enough for an ordinary coal miner and the average shop girl's simple wants are fully met by her generous stipend of \$6 a week, but to expect to fill the hungry paunch of a hardworked jurist on a pittance of \$7,000 a year is preposterous. We predict the struggle will be brief, but decisive, and the Judges will win their strike. The sympathy of the public will be with them in their efforts to free themselves from the intolerable conditions of grinding poverty. The police force will, for once, be on the side of justice and the noble army of scabs will not be opening here. Fencing and picketing will be permitted, if necessary. The sacred right of government by injunction will be suspended. Mandamus proceedings and other heavy artillery of the law will be unwittingly aligned on the side of the ill-clad and scantily nourished wage slave. Gaze, oh workers of the world, and in this rift in the cloud of oppression, behold the promise of that brighter day when the laborer shall be worthy of his hire.

Congress will pass a public building bill carrying \$20,000,000 and our able legislators will once more return to the bosom of their constituencies, serene in the consciousness that 80,000,000 simple and childlike people will in their thankfulness for this magnificent raffle of 25 cents a head forget to ask further account of the stewardship of their rulers. Great is the power of the pork barrel.

A New York magistrate has sentenced a 14-year-old boy to three years in the reformatory for stealing a penny. First breed your criminal and then, send him where the scamp will be indubitably imprisoned. If some of our magistrates were to receive proportionate sentences for the thefts to which they have been accessory we should have to get a fresh grip on our conception of what is meant by eternity.

Undue attention is being given to that Minneapolis man who stole \$300,000 worth of bonds, opened a brokerage office, disposed of them and got away. If all bonds which represent stealings were taboed it is to be feared that many a hardworking broker would be compelled to go out of business.

War on the "great white plague" is to be carried on with renewed vigor and there is much heralding of the great things which are to be accomplished. It is estimated that there are always from 15,000 to 20,000 cases of consumption in Chicago and the discovery (sic) is made that the death rate from the dread disease in the tenement districts is appalling. We are told the Illinois State Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis is "thoroughly aroused." This will be taken by the intelligent in a Pickwickian sense. No doubt some of these people are sincere and will accomplish something by dint of attention to sanitary improvement in the slums, but it would be a safe bet, even for one of our sure-thing financiers, that no steps will be taken to prevent the disease by abolishing the conditions which make it and its breeding place, the tenements, inevitable. It is an unkindly suggestion, but knowing the hearts of those human byways who uphold the system which curses the world with this terrible plague, one cannot help wondering if the same lively interest would be taken if the danger of contagion were confined to the dwellers in the slums.

Presume that Senator Dewey would resign his seat in the Senate before this act is fulfilled and he is still in retirement. The absence from his place of this noble man and valiant defender of individualism is a sad blow to the producers of the nation, but we must learn to bear with resignation the decrees of fate.

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It may be true, illustrious sage, but that leaves the inference that trial before our courts is not a practical purpose. A suspicion lurks that there is a difference there and that the punishment would be apt to fit the crime in inverse ratio to the size of the theft.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Springfield, Ill., March 27, 1906. Editor Chicago Socialist: To further the sentiment in favor of Socialism here I am now occasionally writing an article for publication in the local press. These articles have appeared so far in the State Register, which has the largest circulation of any of the daily papers in this city. I hope to get something more in this line in some of the other local papers soon, likewise something in the country weekly papers, of which there are a number published in Sangamon county. We have now several applications on hand for membership in our local here, and are expecting a number more soon from workmen who have heard some of our speakers. Some of these prospective members, I think, will be good active workers, who will be willing to do their part in blazing the way for the co-operative commonwealth. We feel sure here that the sentiment in favor of Socialism is growing very fast, much faster than our ability to organize those who are thus affected into the Socialist party. When we post Socialist bills here now they are seldom disturbed; only two or three years ago they would likely not be allowed to stay up 24 hours. Foolish prejudice is giving way and Socialists are becoming recognized by more than ordinary intelligence. In circulating the petition for the Socialist ticket here I found more Socialists than I was expecting to find, and many of these are doing something in a quiet way to further the cause. I took the paper into one of the hotels here where there is a considerable number of regular boarders, and readily secured several names, but finally came to a large, portly man, who hesitated to sign the paper, but soon became the object at which a companion sitting opposite him directed his shafts of ridicule, who assured him that it took a man of brains to be a Socialist. He was not long in adding his name to the list when he found the Socialists had such warm friends.

While we Socialists have only a partial city ticket here, consisting of Assessor and Supervisor at Large, the other candidates being ruled out when it was too late to circulate separate papers for them, as it was declared to be necessary by the "authorities," we hope to show a fairly increased vote for the offices named, and intend to get out a full county ticket and do more active work when we can have open air meetings. We expect to be able to show a greatly increased vote at the November election. In the meantime I hope we may be able to "spread the light" more largely by increasing the circulation of literature among the people who are now groping in the dark.

Benton Harbor, Mich., April 2, 1906. Editor Mance: I am very glad to say that Gertrude Hunt's meeting held in the Bell Opera House here last Sunday afternoon, was the largest, if not the most successful, Socialist meeting ever held in Benton Harbor. Mrs. Hunt surprised everybody. Our local is trying to arrange for another meeting next Sunday afternoon, if we can secure the same speaker, and we feel assured that Mrs. Hunt can crowd the theater.

The collection was \$17.50. We have a full city ticket in the field, with Comrade Southworth for Mayor, and stand some chance of winning out. We have had Mills, Debs, Mother Jones, Wanhope, and expect to have Stedman, Simpson, Morgan and Hanford this spring. We conducted a Socialist column in our Republican daily here, and are arranging to have a big meeting in June, when we will offer three prizes, five ten and ten dollars each, for the best thesis on Socialism, the contestants to be from the high schools of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. The Chicago Socialist keeps even pace with the growing movement. Yours for the Revolution, HENRY E. ALLEN.

Canton, Ill., April 2, 1906. Dear Comrade:—The meeting at Canton addressed by May Wood Simons was a decided success. Mrs. Simons is an eloquent speaker and we can give her our heartiest recommendation. We had a packed house with a paid admission. It shows that the people are beginning to take interest in Socialism. The meeting paid for all expenses and netted us a neat sum for future propaganda. We are going to have Comrade Ben Hanford with us next June. Socialist enthusiasm runs high in Canton. Fraternal, S. F. BAKER, Secy.

Eighty-five years old, but still in the fight. Bloomington, Ill., March 26, 1906. Dear Editor:—Wishing to renew my subscription for the Chicago Socialist, you will find one dollar enclosed, 50c for paper and 50c for leaflets you offer. Would be glad to do more for the Socialist cause than I can, but owing to my advanced age, being 85 years of age, makes it impossible for me to do much. Please change my address from McClean County coal shaft to Fred Houser, 709 S. East street, Bloomington, Ill. Sincerely yours, FRED HOUSER.

Justice. She bears no grudge in her hands. No gods bedeck her hair; Alone amidst the throng she stands. And whispers low her stern commands, To all who pass her there.

Men pass her by athirst for gain, Nor heed her whispered call. Grief heeds his wails with the air, And Molech crowns the modern Cain. Where gold is all in all. They heed her not, nor care to heed. The road to power they throng. And follow whoso'er it lead. Ah, wherefore will she vainly plead, Will man e'er right the wrong?

She stands alone amid the mart, But Molech proud Mammon's scorn. Defeat can never touch her heart, She's eternity is part. And calmly waiteth dawn. —Gus Anderson.

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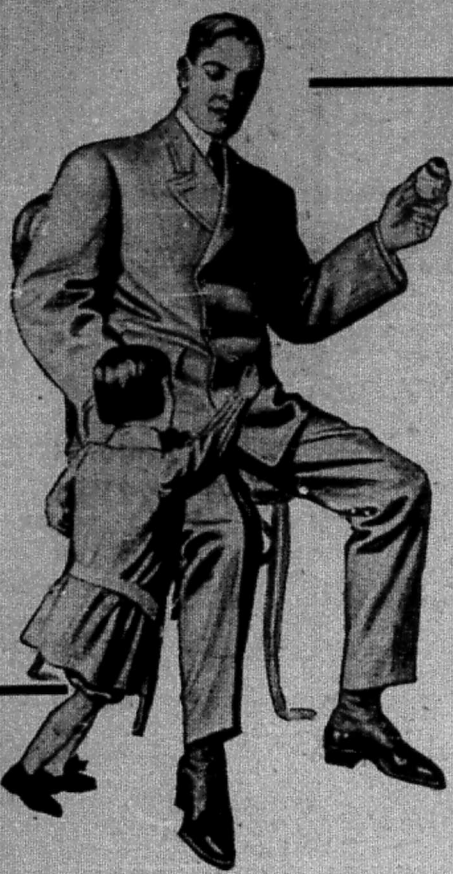
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SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN MEETINGS

The following table is self-explanatory. It shows the cost of hall rent, handbills, amount of collections, gross surplus, etc. It is estimated that at this series of meetings fully 30,000 people have heard the gospel of Socialism. Beyond a doubt this has been quite the most successful series of meetings ever held in the city. The attendance in each instance has been the capacity of the largest hall; the interest most intense, and the response financially all that could be desired. These meetings have demonstrated a new machine in the political field...

Table with columns: HALL, Rent, Bills, Collected, Gross, Deficit. Lists various halls like Scandia Hall, Saenger Hall, etc.

NOW FOR ORGANIZATION.

The spring campaign is over. The comrades have learned anew the value of organization. The very great activity carried on by the various wards has been successful to the degree that the organization work has been perfected. The comfort and ease of the campaign has been conditioned entirely on the discipline and completeness of detail. Still greater things are to be accomplished, and energy must not be abated one jot until the hour has arrived that in each one of the 253 primary districts there exists an organization; until in every precinct there is a captain; until every organization has a system that shall have detailed knowledge of every Socialist voter, and in all a system of bookkeeping and accounting that shall best that perfect knowledge that spells success.

The last meeting of the organization committee passed a motion calling on the division organizations to defer meeting again until after election. The date set for the next meeting of the divisions was Sunday, April 18, at 2:30, in their usual places. It is hoped that every delegate will be present on that occasion, and that thorough systematic effort will at once be inaugurated for the perfecting of the primary district organization. The several division organizers will at once see that their secretaries send out notices to all delegates, calling them together as above indicated.

The members of the organization committee will bear in mind that the next meeting of the committee will be held at headquarters on Thursday, April 22, at 8 p. m. Every delegate is urged to be present.

The one thing that has made modern capitalism so eminently successful has been its system of accounting. It has simplified and classified with such great care that no detail has been so infinitesimal as to escape being noted. At any time it has been able to tell to the fraction of a cent what an article costs to make; what the cost to put it upon the market; what the margin of profit. It is not only good business, but it is also the best of good sense. The Socialist party is the greatest political organization in the world. To make it successful it must keep books. These books must be as simple as possible and as explicit as necessary. They must care for every detail, and be kept in a manner that will reveal at a glance the exact financial condition of each member and tell the story of the transactions of the organization in a clear and concise manner. To meet all these needs the organization committee has had printed a set of books. These are now ready for delivery. They are finely and handsomely bound, printed on good paper, and will last for five years. There are five books in the lot—cash book, ledger book, minute book, district roster book and receipt book. The whole five books sell for \$2. or at a total cost of 40 cents a year. (Our city 50 cents extra for express.) The comrades are hereby urged to take this matter up at once and supply each district with a set of these books as fast as same is organized. The city organization will be greatly advanced by systematically doing its bookkeeping. Careful accounting lessens labor and multiplies efficiency. Order a set of books at once. Pay for them on the installment plan if necessary, but get them in service at once.

THE CAMPAIGN FUND.

The campaign fund made some real progress this week, and bounded ahead in a way that was indeed encouraging. The total income was \$345.87. Bills were paid aggregating over \$325, and still a fair balance is on hand. There remains about \$150 of printing bill to be paid, but it is expected that the returns on campaign lists yet out will take care of this. If the comrades holding lists will make a little extra effort to close in on their lists, the spring campaign will end out of debt. Splendid success in every way has attended every phase of this spring's campaign. It only remains to crowd on to still greater achievements. Victory is in sight. Let us get on to the goal—but get it your lists, close the ranks, and clear the decks for action. It is on to Washington this fall. The following is the list of contributors and amounts by each:

Table listing names and amounts for the Campaign Fund, including Frank Groth, DeWey Hall, Social Turner Hall, etc.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Regular monthly meeting of Central Committee on Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p. m. A full attendance of all delegates is urged. Matters of great party importance to be settled.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts—Due stamps, \$30.85; delegate dues, \$1.50; campaign fund, \$345.87; literature sales, \$4.02; balance last week, \$56.27; total receipts, \$439.11. Expenses—Due stamps, \$20; printing, \$228.27; postage, \$4.50; balance law case, \$86; hall rent, etc., \$21.15; supplies, \$6; secretary's salary, \$20; office help, \$2;

NATIONAL PARTY NOTES.

The National Executive Committee, all members being present, met at headquarters at 10:15 a. m. Thursday, March 23, and adjourned to 6:10 p. m. Friday, March 30. The minutes of the meeting will appear in full in the March issue of the Official Monthly Bulletin.

Action of the National Executive Committee for the defense of Meyer, Haywood, etc. The committee would recommend that the first of May celebration, wherever practicable, be also made a protest meeting, and that the co-operation of all labor organizations be invited, and that parades with transparencies be utilized as a means of publicity.

Recommend that the National Office prepare a uniform poster for use of such meetings, containing portraits of Comrades Meyer and Haywood, and a brief statement of the facts in the case, leaving space for date and place of meeting.

We would urge upon the Socialist press the necessity of taking up this matter actively and publishing not only full statements of the facts, but also editorially urging action by the members.

Subscription lists should be circulated in addition to collections taken at the meetings and all funds forwarded to the National Secretary of the Socialist party. Copies of all resolutions adopted should be sent to the Governors of Idaho and Colorado, and to the President of the United States, and that the National Secretary prepare a list of available speakers for publication in the Socialist press for the use of locals for these protest meetings. Adopted. The committee also submitted the following resolution:

Whereas, The success of the conspiracy against the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners depends upon the acquiescence or silence of the working class of the United States, and is possible only because the powers of government are still in the hands of the capitalist class; therefore be it

Resolved, That we consider the most effective means of defeating our comrades and of preventing the repetition of such outrages, lies in the growth of the organized Socialist movement and the threat and possibility which such a movement carries of the capture of the powers of government by the workers.

An invitation has been extended to Comrade August Bebel of Germany to make a tour of the United States.

The first business at the morning session of the National Executive Committee, March 30, was to instruct the National Secretary to forward the following telegram:

John Mitchell, President United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis, Ind.

National Executive Committee, Socialist party, in session, declares sympathy with efforts by coal miners to better their conditions and recommends support of party membership to carry strike just inaugurated to complete success so that solidarity of labor be strengthened and extended. J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

The National Secretary was instructed to call attention in the Weekly Bulletin to the fact that Section 3, Article 11, of the national constitution requires that all propositions for referendum be presented without preamble or comment.

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are:

James H. Brover—April 8, 9, 10, Corsicana, Texas; 11, 12, Sealy; 13, 14, Hallockville.

E. E. Carr—April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, New York.

John Collins—April 8, Omaha, Neb.; 9, en route; 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Wellfleet, Mass.

St. John, Mass.—Pennsylvania, under the direction of the State committee.

Ben Hanford—April 7, Camden; 9, Wilmington, Del.; 10, Rogersford, Pa.; 11, Pottsville; 13, Shamokin.

Gertrude Breslau Hunt—April 9, 10, La Porte, Ind.; 11, 12, Mishawaka; 13, 14, Goshen.

Arthur Morrow Lewis—April 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, Bisbee, Ariz.

Guy E. Miller—April 8, Charlotte, N. C.; 9, 10, Waynesville; 11, 12, Asheville; 13, 14, Tennessee, under the direction of the provisional State committee.

John W. Slayton—April 8, en route; 9, Dayton, Ohio.

M. W. Wilkins—Connecticut, under the direction of the State Committee.

John M. Work—April 8, Mount Vernon, Mo.; 9, Cabool; 10, Van Buren; 11, en route; 12, Aquilla; 13, Bloomfield; 14, Poplar Bluff.

A lecture tour is being arranged for Comrade A. H. Flonter of Colorado through Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

Applications should be filed at once for dates for organizers Alex. Halonen (Finnish) and Fred Martinek (Bohemian).

J. MAHLON BARNES, National Secretary.

AS COMRADE SIMONS VIEWS THE RESULTS OF TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

The encouraging thing about the Chicago vote is the remarkably regular growth which is shown in practically every ward. Such a vote as this is the kind which has always been the ideal of the Socialist movement. Had the party concentrated its strength in a few wards it is probable that two or three aldermen might have been elected, but such a result would have been infinitely less effective than the strong, healthy growth spread uniformly over the entire city.

We are now in a position where at the next election we should be able to place ten or a dozen men in the council and have behind them a strong enough organization to render their work effective. Two things are absolutely essential to secure this end, and to these things the strength of the Socialist party should be devoted during the coming months. The first of these is at least a quadrupling of the membership of the Socialist party. An extension of precinct organizations with at least five members in each precinct will give us between five and six thousand members.

Nothing less than this is incapable of doing effective political work, and is too narrow a foundation on which to build a democratically controlled proletarian organization. The next most essential thing is the improvement and increased circulation of the Chicago Socialist. This paper should be the leading Socialist paper of the United States. It must prove the foundation of the first Socialist daily in the English language. For this purpose it must have fifty thousand subscribers within the city of Chicago.

Neither of these tasks are beyond the possibility of accomplishment by the Socialist party of Chicago, yet their accomplishment means not simply that Illinois and Chicago will continue to occupy the foremost place in the Socialist movement of America, but that the next legislature and city council will have enough Socialist representatives to adequately defend working class interests. A. M. SIMONS.

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A FORWARD MOVE.

The aldermanic campaign of 1906 is over and the results canvassed. It is generally conceded by the press and old party politicians that there never was a campaign in Chicago when party lines were so nearly obliterated and the battle fought so entirely on personal or local issues.

We have hardly had time to weigh the results of Tuesday's election, but at the time of going to press the general expression heard from the veterans in the party, who have been through many campaigns, is that the results are highly satisfactory.

It is no doubt hard for those who do not understand the Socialist movement to understand how the Socialists can figure out that they have won a victory when all they have to show for all their hard work is a few thousand more votes than they had the year before.

Under a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States just rendered the railroads of Michigan will have to pay back taxes to the estimated amount of \$7,000,000 and annual taxes hereafter to the amount of \$1,500,000, as against some \$283,000 heretofore. It may follow from the decision that a State can make the railroads pay heavy taxes, but as the roads can get back most of the money from their patrons the people of the State are not likely to gain much by the operation.

The above is not from a Socialist paper, but from the Chicago Chronicle. However, it unintentionally makes a strong argument for the collective ownership of the railroads.

While the capitalists continue to make issues of minor affairs, such as municipal ownership and operation of street cars, or which particular portion of society shall bear the expense of increasing the police force, the property owners or the fellow who buys a can of beer, the Socialists succeed in convincing an ever-increasing number of working men that the real issue is how to get possession of the means of life.

This is the issue that we have kept constantly before those we have been able to reach during the campaign that has just closed.

An analysis of the vote on the little ballot shows that the inhabitants of the silk stocking wards and the dwellers in the cheap lodging house and saloons have some kind of an affinity between them, for they both voted largely against the city owning and operating its street car system.

A working man who thinks that the issue of an election is whether he shall ride in his work on a municipal owned street car, or a corporation owned street car, is an easy mark for the capitalist politicians. But once let him understand that the issue to be decided by the vote of his class is whether he shall have the full product of his toil or consume living in a condition of wage slavery, and election day has a new meaning to him.

How long will it be before we will be able to make the issue and compel the capitalist class to fight a real battle in a political campaign, instead of the sham fights that the workers engage in when the issues are made by the capitalist class? How many times more will "immediate" municipal ownership of street cars be the issue in the Chicago elections?

Now that the heat of the campaign is over, we invite you, Mr. Working Man, to write it down and tell our readers just how much you could have been benefited if your party had won a victory at the polls, if you are a Democrat or a Republican. Why, all they are after at best is to change ownership of the cars. You have to pay your piddled ride in to the place where you must market your labor power.

What do you say to the suggestion that we make the issue next time?

PRIMARY LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Just as the Chicago Socialist goes to press, the newspapers are again printing all kinds of rumors that the Illinois Supreme Court is about to hand down a "sweeping" decision declaring the new primary law unconstitutional, as contained in the writ of mandamus

brought against the Election Commissioners by the Socialist party some months ago.

It is also rumored that Governor Deussen is contemplating an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of passing a new primary law that will serve his interests better than the old one, which will again come into operation if the court decides in favor of the Socialist contention.

There is scarcely a doubt that the primary law passed by the last legislature is class legislation so rank and with purposes so patent that even a capitalist court will hardly be able to twist it so it will fit the constitution, which declares there shall be no class legislation, no matter how useful it might prove to the Republican machine.

Whatever the decision may be when it is handed down, the discussion it is bound to provoke is sure to make a lot more good Socialist propaganda in the public press. And it behooves every Socialist to hold himself in readiness for immediate action to take advantage of any opportunity it may afford to further our cause.

All things seem to be working together these days to hasten the day when the "paramount" issue in every political campaign will be Socialism vs. Exploitation.

The Inter-Church Conference was less moved by this impending crisis than that at Rochester. Its getting together was more numerous and prolonged, but that was all. It was right after the elections, when, as you recollect, men heard the voice of God speaking through the people as it had never been heard before. The earth was still trembling with it. The layman who spoke had much to say about the "awakened heart and conscience of the people" and the "new impulse toward civic righteousness," but all that got entirely by the reverend clergy, white-headed within and without. Their latest news on any subject is dated 1850.

The Clergy Behind the Times. Apparently they could not discern the signs of the times. If they saw at all, they saw only that the evening sky of a dying day shines redly through the gloom. They wish not that it promises that the morrow shall be fair, fairer than earth has ever seen before.

The Chicago American is printing some good editorials on the stupidity of working men in America not going into working class politics. The main fault with those editorials is that they are not finished. They need just one paragraph added to them to tell the workers that there is already a working class party in the field, and that it is not necessary for Messrs. Hearst and Quinn to attempt to organize a new one.

Discussing the probable effect of the coal miners' strike on business, the capitalist press show that if the strike is prolonged that the miners will be on the verge of starvation. Nothing was said about the operators being likely to get hungry. They have performed no labor. Why is this? For an answer to this question, study Socialism.

There is one point in Mr. Bryan's article on Socialism and Individualism in which Mr. Bryan and all Socialists will agree, that is, that he, Mr. Bryan, is not a Socialist. We have been trying to get our esteemed contemporary, the Chicago Chronicle, to see this for a long time, but it does not yet seem to grasp the point.

The beauty about the Socialist vote in Chicago last Tuesday was the fact that it showed a healthy normal growth throughout the city. It showed that our past efforts have educated at least 30,000 men up to the point where they can't be sidetracked by any side issues, such as municipal street cars or "big" cheap flats of beer.

The result of the vote on the little ballot last Tuesday has left immediate municipal ownership in a worse tangle than ever. It looks as though the long suffering public will have to bump along on the dilapidated old cable cars hanging on straps for another decade or so at least.

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If the coal miners win their strike how little they will gain after all. What a pity the workers can't see the necessity of going after the full product of their toil.

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"THE GATHERING OF THE CHURCHES"

In the April number of "Everybody's Magazine" there is an article written by Eugene Wood entitled "The Gathering of the Churches." There has recently been two religious conferences held; one "liberal" at Rochester and one quite orthodox at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

Mr. Wood was detailed by the editor of Everybody's Magazine to attend these conferences and give his impressions of them, just as they struck him, to the readers of that magazine.

The article is too long to reproduce in the Chicago Socialist, but we call attention to it and urge our readers to secure a copy of the April number of Everybody's Magazine and read it.

Commenting on these conferences Prof. Goldwin Smith, of the Toronto University, says: "This anxious gathering of the churches shows that they believe a religious crisis to be at hand. It is also a social crisis."

That our readers may get some idea of the impression made on Mr. Wood's mind by what he heard and saw at the conferences we print a few selections from the article. Judging from passages like the following Mr. Wood is not far from the Socialist's philosophy in his mode of seeing and thinking.

An Imminent Crisis. Hark to this that follows from Dr. Crapsey: "We are living to-day in the midst of a great dissolution. We are standing by the deathbed of a great religion."

The Rev. Dr. Strong in closing said that he had been making investigations himself, and he had found that the hundred richest men in the United States who had the greatest influence in the financial world are almost without exception orthodox church members.

Here, at this rate, more came out of the bag than was put into it. What has this assumption that Mammon is immoral, no matter how orthodox it may be; what has this statement that this is an "age of dissolution," and that "we are standing by the deathbed of a great religion," to do with finding a common ground of unity of all faiths? What has it to do with federating the churches, and trying to get the scuffling sects at home to show the same table-manners that they do in the missionary field, where they do not all grab for the same piece at once, but carve the turkey so that it will go all around? Very much, very much indeed to do with it.

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but graft? What are profits but the difference between what a man earns and what he can live on, that difference going to his employer as a tip, a gratuity, a bribe—graft, if you please? And this employer must enter into "open and honorable competition" with others in the same business. Tell me, you American merchants and manufacturers whom Dr. Gladden praises so, how is it with you? Is it "After you, my dear Alphonse," or is it "Dog eat dog"? You know well enough what you hate to do and yet what you've got to do or go out of business. You've no illusions about "open and honorable competition." Is there such a thing? Tell me, honestly now.

No Taint on Money.

It would be comical if it weren't so pitiful to note how a man, an educated man at that, can live in the twentieth century and think in the eighteenth. And all the rest of them were just the same as Dr. Gladden. They prattled away about the money that these rich men give, just as if Rockefeller had a wagon back up to the door, and the driver got out his book and said: "Sign here," and then delivered package after package of dollar bills and bag after bag of money. It never crossed their minds that it isn't money he gives. That isn't where the cause comes in at all. There's no taint on money. Where the wrong comes in is that Rockefeller makes the college or the church or the charity share his own guilt as an oppressor and a robber. Coal becomes scarce from whatever cause; then Rockefeller raises the price of oil without giving anything more for twenty cents a gallon than he did for fourteen cents a gallon. The six cents a gallon (country goes day by day to pay for teaching Hebrew. It isn't money he gives, but the continuing receivership of stolen goods.

The past age (so nearly past that we may say "it was") was one of the fiercest competition. We saw, if our "moral teachers" did not, that it was too fierce to last. It took too much out of body and soul. Commercialism had to be. It was inevitable, but it is not eternal. Nothing human is. In our industrial noage we thought, just as Dr. Gladden seems to think, that competition kept down prices. We know now that in the price of everything we buy is the cost of preventing the other fellow from making the sale. That cost has to be got back somehow, and the only way to get it back is to skimp wages (either by reducing them in figures or in the power of purchase) and to scamp wares, grinding up white rock to mix with prime flour, so that those who ask for bread may get a stone.

MEETINGS FOR PROPAGANDA.

Friday, April 6—Pritikin's Hall, Halsted and Maxwell streets, 8 p. m.—Speaker, F. H. Dineo.

Sunday, April 8—Chicago Heights, Ill., 2:30 p. m.—Speaker, W. E. Rodriguez.

Sunday, April 8—250 West Chicago avenue, 2:30 p. m.—Speaker, Adolph Harrack.

Sunday, April 8—2517 State street, 8 p. m.—Speaker, Samuel Block.

Monday, April 9—Neighborhood House, 67th and May streets, 8 p. m.—Speaker, C. E. Kirkland.

Saturday, April 14—Harvey, Ill., 8 p. m.—Two big halls. Speakers, J. M. Patterson, Wm. B. Lloyd, A. M. Simons and Chas. L. Breckon.

WILL KEEP RIGHT ON.

The Thirty-second Ward Branch will continue to hold agitation meetings every second and fourth Monday nights at the Neighborhood House, 67th and May streets. C. E. Kirkland will speak on April 9. Business meetings will be held on the first Monday night of each month. Comrades in the ward please take notice.

JEWISH COMRADES, ATTENTION

Comrade Abe Kahn, editor of a daily and weekly Socialist paper in New York City, will be in Chicago the first and second of May, and will speak twice while he is here. The place of the meetings where Comrade Kahn will speak will be announced in a later issue of the Chicago Socialist.

They have indicted a lot more trust magnates. This time it is the sugar trust that will demonstrate once more that you can't bust the trust nor treat their managers and owners like the "cheap" criminals. Just watch some prototype of Judge Humphrey ponderously and learnedly declare that for one cause or another they are "immune" from looking from behind prison bars. You can't bust the trust, nor send them to jail, as for five thousand dollar fines, that will deter their growth about as much as a \$1 dog license would keep a dog lover from keeping his pet.

The Socialist party has the only remedy for the trust problem. It does not advocate busting them. It knows that can't be done in the very nature of things. The only remedy is for the nation to own the trusts, and the trusts control about everything worth having these days.

If your union or branch was not represented at the first meeting of the May day conference, don't fail to have it represented Thursday evening, April 12, at 55 N. Clark street.

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"EDUCATIONAL."

The "Speakers' Club" meetings have been changed to Thursday evenings. Comrades, get in to this club at once. We are going to "make Rome (Chicago) howl" this summer. Every week the club will hold open air meetings and the best speakers will be put upon the dear old "soap box" to tell the brother workers about the "revolution." We will invade every ward in the city and the "splendid" returns from Tuesday's election will give us a mighty prestige with our brother workers who are not yet "conscious" of their "class interest."

MRS. M. W. SIMMONS' LECTURE DATES.

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