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THE LIVING ISSUE.

Headlines and "Featured" Articles in Daily, Weekly and Monthly Papers Recognize Socialism as the Paramount Issue—Socialism is a World-Wide Issue.

The one subject that is really alive and attracting the attention of the reading public these days is Socialism.

There is scarcely an edition of any daily or weekly paper or monthly magazine that one can pick up these days but what he will find that the articles that are "featured" bear either directly or indirectly on the world-wide burning question of Socialism.

When Secretary Root speaks to the Southern people the newspaper headlines announce that he raised "a warning cry against Socialism."

When Secretary Shaw passes through Chicago on his way to Iowa he is non-committal in talking to the reporters except that he is at liberty to say that his "health is good" and he is going to take a shot at Socialism and show how it would "destroy individual incentive and wreck civilization."

The monthly magazines whose circulation is increasing by leaps and bounds deal almost exclusively with the social and economic problems that the Socialist press and platform speakers have been calling attention to for two or three decades.

Sociological articles and Socialist fiction now occupy the first place in such popular weeklies as the Saturday Evening Post and Harper's Weekly.

The Post of July 21 and Harper's Weekly of July 14 both published Socialist articles which would be entirely satisfactory to advanced Socialist readers.

They quote the following from the article in Harper's Weekly by Sydney Brooks: "The politicians are always the last people to see what is going on under their noses."

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SOCIALISM AND THE FAMILY.

Two Thousand People Gather at Walton Place to Hear This Subject Discussed by Walter Thomas Mills—The Speaker Demonstrated How Capitalism is Breaking Up and Destroying Homes and Sending Women and Children into the Sweatshops and Mills and onto the Streets—Socialism Alone Stands for Conditions that Will Make Real Home Life Possible for the Working Class.

For several weeks past Comrade Mills has been delivering a series of Sunday evening lectures on Socialism to ever-increasing audiences at the corner of Walton place and Clark street.

The subject was announced at the previous meeting. We have had some large audiences at Walton place before, but the audience which gathered last Sunday night was the largest in the history of our agitation at this famous forum.

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"But how are Socialism and Capitalism related to the family? The family may be injured by so lowering the character of the people that they become incapable of supreme and lasting devotion to any principal, or purpose or person, and as the family involves supreme and lasting devotion as the ruling relationship between one man and one woman, together with the children that spring together, as the result of that supreme devotion, anything which renders the people incapable of such a devotion disqualifies them either for creating the family or for maintaining the family life."

"Capitalism snatches the children from the school house and the fire side and the playground and thrusts them into the factories. It compels the penniless workers, both men and women, to depend for their ability to be employed upon the personal will of another. All this leads to the ignorance, degeneracy and servile dependence which make high character impossible. It is an old truth and it is eternally true that personal virtue and slavery cannot exist together. Capitalism is responsible for this condition."

"Again there is no fewer than two million of people in America who ought to be married, and who, because they dare not assume the responsibility of giving life to a child they may not be able decently to clothe and feed and educate, they are crucifying their own lives in behalf of a life which can never be. To suffer for the sake of those who are, or are to be, heroic. But to sacrifice the best in one's own life for the sake of those who, because of this very sacrifice, can never live, what shall we say of such a sacrifice? It is this sacrifice, it is this infamy, it is this impossibility to build the home which capitalism thrusts upon the multitudes by compelling all workers, whether men or women, to earn rent, interest and profit for those who do not work, before they are permitted to earn a living for themselves and families. But this condition makes the family impossible. This is capitalism. Socialism will put the fire side within the reach of every man and woman, physically and mentally capable and wise enough to desire a home."

"From every point of view Socialism is the friend of the family, it is its only dependence. It is false to assume that the fruits of toil must be taken from those who do the labor and given to those who do not labor or the family must fall. It is impossible to have a family without raising those dependent upon him. Capitalism does not make war against the workers only, but most directly and most inexorably it wars against the wife and child of every man who toils."

"Capitalism is cracking. It is almost break-o'-day. Individuality in capitalism! As well talk about ice plants in hades or orange groves at the North Pole. Nothing is grander than the contemplation of the impending awakening of the working class of the world. Every well regulated railroad now has a religious department. Piracy and piracy in beautiful alliance. Anything to cover the crimes of capitalism. Gov. Haywood of Colorado in jail in Idaho? Not much? The very hour his election is announced the jail doors will fly wide open, if not before."

Advertisement for the Eighth Annual Excursion Socialist Party Picnic at Elliott's Park on Illinois Central Railroad. Includes train schedule and ticket prices.

PROLETARIAN POINTERS.

By Eugene V. Debs. The Socialist vote this fall should be heard around the world. Capitalism is cracking. It is almost break-o'-day. Individuality in capitalism! As well talk about ice plants in hades or orange groves at the North Pole.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. BRYAN.

Wilshire puts some pointed questions to W. J. Bryan and renews his challenge to debate. The New York Sunday Sun of July 20 printed the following open letter to Mr. Bryan by Comrade Wilshire, challenging him to debate the paramount issue, "The Trust Question."

What a magnificent tragedy is being enacted in Russia! The background seems to be hell itself in eruption. There can be but one outcome. Russia may bleed, but the Czar will die and the nation will live. Cheers for the Group of Toils, the Russian proletariat and the Social Revolution!

John Sharpe Williams, the Democratic minority leader of the House, is reported as saying that if Bryan insists upon the public ownership of railroads in the Democratic platform he will lose the support of the solid South, the Southern Democracy being opposed to government ownership, because it would interfere with the existing "Jim Crow" arrangements in which negroes ride in pig pens and steer stalls. Great reason this is for opposition to public ownership, and Northern Democrats should lustily endorse it.

The peerless chicanery of the "common people" comes dangerously near making himself ridiculous when he opposes Socialism upon the ground that it extinguishes "individuality," and supports the capitalist system in which the twenty-six millions of workers who produce all wealth, Mr. Bryan's included, are wage slaves and can only work when permitted to use their masters' tools, and then only on condition that they turn over most of what they produce to their masters.

A day or two ago a comrade at Oklahoma City handed me the following clipping from the State Democrat of Lawton, Okla., of July 21, captioned, "Strange Mystery"—"Unearthed is a Case of Corned Beef Opened at Fort Hill."

STREET MEETINGS.

SATURDAY, AUG. 4. 924 and Commercial avenue, 8 p. m.—Barney Berlin. Belmont and Lincoln, 8 p. m.—Samuel Block. 47th and Ashland, 8 p. m.—C. E. Kirkland. Mohawk and North avenue, 8 p. m.—M. E. Eldridge. DeKoven and Halsted, 8 p. m.—G. H. Fraenkel. Chicago Heights, 8 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. 71st and Cottage Grove, 8 p. m.—J. A. Trout. Blue Island, 8 p. m.—Nels Anderson. 111th and Michigan avenue, 8 p. m.—A. W. Manow. 63d and Halsted, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons.

SUNDAY, AUG. 5. No meetings because of picnic. MONDAY, AUG. 6. 53d and Fifth avenue, 8 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. 43d and Princeton, 8 p. m.—Joseph Ambrose. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8. Belmont and Sheffield, 8 p. m.—George Koop. Congress and Center, 8 p. m.—G. F. Fraenkel. 52d and Halsted, 8 p. m.—J. Mahlon Barnes. FRIDAY, AUG. 10. Aberdeen and Madison, 8 p. m.—Good speakers.

THEY WERE NOT WORKING MEN. One day last week a lot of young millionaires were arrested for running their automobiles at an illegal speed. When they were brought before the justice they were found guilty. Whereupon the judge asked them how much they thought he should fine them. They suggested five dollars and the judge agreed to it.

It is but small consolation to most of us that Senator Beveridge has the pen with which the meat bill was signed, as we not only have to pay the cost of inspection, but the high price for meat that the Beef Trust will charge us to make up the expense of cleaning up their establishments. These capitalist laws always have a string to them that helps pull shovels into trust coffers.—Exchange.

For twice the price—50c—you wouldn't miss the picnic at Elliott's Park. For a train on Illinois Central.

SOCIALISM VS. REACTION.

Hearst's "Independence League" Shows Its Hand—Would Perpetuate Exploitation by Small Vampires—Stands for Interest of Middle Class—Call It "Americanism."

Last week we published the letter of J. G. Phelps Stokes resigning his membership in the "Independence League," giving as his reason for doing so that he was convinced that the Socialist party alone had diagnosed the social disease correctly and proscribed a remedy that would reach the cause of our social ills.

The Executive Committee of the Independence League has replied to the letter of J. G. Phelps Stokes in which he tenders his resignation from the league. The reply was made public to-day, and is as follows: "Dear Sir—In behalf of the League we accept your resignation. We thank you for your earnest work done in behalf of municipal ownership during the campaign last fall. The Independence League membership, in common with all your fellow-citizens, recognize and admire your sincerity of purpose and honest desire, repeatedly demonstrated, to be of service to your fellow men."

"You express your belief that existing evils can be remedied only by Socialism. The Independence League believes that they can and will be remedied by Americanism."

"What is Americanism? The Independence League speaks of the 'Ideals of the fathers.'" Now the ideals of the fathers were very nice, but they were by no means "American" ideals. They were high sounding phrases imported from France.

"The Americanism" of Hamilton is too well known to need any comment here. All students of American history know that Hamilton exhorted all of his superb ability to inaugurate a system that made it easy for the property owning class to exploit the actual users of the property.

"This is 'Americanism.' It is also international capitalism and Hearst and the 'Independence League' proclaim that they desire to perpetuate it. Americanism is only another name for capitalism, and the fruits of capitalism are prostitution, mental and physical child slavery and general poverty for the great mass of the wealth producers. So-called Americanism is international, and makes its appeal to the working class of the world to rise in their united strength and abolish slavery in every form and transform all mankind into decent human beings."

So far as the workers are concerned the reply of the Independence League to Mr. Stokes will reveal to them that all the Hearst reformers have to offer them is a larger number of small vampires sucking their blood instead of a few large ones. There is no such thing as Americanism. There is only Socialism and capitalism. Workingmen, take your choice.

SATURDAY'S PRIMARY HOW TO VOTE.

Considerable confusion seems to exist in the minds of the comrades respecting the fact of two ballots being handed the voter at next Saturday's primary. One is the "Delegate Ballot," which serves to elect delegates to the various conventions, at which the nominations for the several offices to be filled will be made. This ballot is furnished by the party.

THE STRUGGLE IN COLORADO. Comrade Arthur Morrow Lewis will deliver a special lecture Monday evening at 7:30, at the corner of Clark and Chicago avenue. His subject will be "The Coming Struggle in Colorado." Comrade Lewis will be in the city, speaking at various points, until about the middle of August, after which he will proceed to the battle ground in Colorado by way of Kansas City, Mo., and Oklahoma City.

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THE GHOST OF YOUTH.

AN ECHO FROM THE PAST AND A DREAM OF THE FUTURE.

By William Hard in the Saturday Evening Post.

Marked with the latest stock quotations, the tape came curling out of its glass case and lay coiled on the floor like a lithe serpent, straggling the office in its folds. Strains was a famous charmer of this serpent, but as it wound itself about his arms and slid through his hands on this particular morning he looked surprised and baffled. "Terrible thing, this tape, is it not so?" he said. "It is a snake you say it looks like? There is something in that. My friend Rhinegelder, that I used to know in the gymnasium at Breslau, he has collected all kinds of snakes in South America and in other places. And Rhinegelder has made researches into the languages of the snakes. He has found out that this snake he would want to eat. And it is the biggest snake in the world. And it talks all right, eh? But Rhinegelder never got caught by it. Some day when I go back to Breslau and Rhinegelder is come back, too, I will tell him about it. But he is now in Java. "There is a snake there with a pink stomach that is not in any museum in Germany. And Rhinegelder had to go and look for it, because there is another great scientist called Fimlein who is likewise looking for it, and they pass by in the jungle where there are no other white men for three hundred miles, and they will not speak the one to the other, but just go by in silence as if they did not see themselves, because they are both great scientists looking for that snake. "There is nothing which I can do today. I can just look at the tape and see how the markings on it are changing. "Five points of this morning for Traction! That is the way with this snake, eh? It gets a new coat too often. And let me tell you, it is this writing business that is making me the trouble. This writing business is bad for the real business. Who will buy the stocks when the Herald is printing all those articles about the directors? Cannot the editor see that articles are bad for business? "I know how it is. I wrote an article once myself when I was in Germany. But that was when I did not know so much as I now know. "I know that fellow that is writing those articles in the Herald. He is a Socialist. I know it. He wouldn't write that way if he were not a Socialist. He don't care what he does to business. "A thousand dollars I lost yesterday. It is not pleasant. I tell you, the only thing for people to do is to give every Socialist ten thousand dollars. Then they would write those articles that upset everything. That is what I do to them, eh? That will fix them. I will subscribe to the fund if somebody will give me the fund. I know what these Socialists are. You think I do not, but I do. "You think I know nothing but this stock market. I know it, but I was more lively than you. I used to know these Socialists over in Germany. They were where I was over there. I knew many of them in those days. I was a young man then, and I was very adventurous. I do not know many Socialists over here. Very few Socialists come to my office. "But if you say I do not know the Socialists, you are mistaken. Karl Marx, he has written a big book. I have read him. Yes, that is right. You need not laugh. And you must not go talking about it. But I have read him. I am telling you as friend to friend. "Oh, there were great days when I was at the gymnasium and at the University at Breslau. That is in Silesia. And there are books there. It is a minute newspaper every two or three minutes all day, so you keep on reading the same thing over and over on a different page. There are books over there and poetry. Did you ever read poetry? I was for Heine. Had a bet with Zimmer in those days that for every coin of beer he could drink in a week I could repeat one poem from Heine. I would have won the bet, but if I had made it with any one except Zimmer. But it was not for my wife now when she plays Schubert and sings the poetry with the music. I would not even know 'Du Schones Fischermaedchen.' You pretty fangled! How does that sound now? But in Breslau it was beautiful. "I was a young man then. And I used to think. I used to think all the time. There is great pleasure in thinking. "You cannot do much thinking when you are looking at the ticker. To think, it is necessary to have a free mind and to sit down at the table with two or three other young men and drink just a little beer and be talking. Seven or eight steins. You must not drink enough to be stupid. Seven or eight steins and some friends. That is when you can think. It is a great pleasure, let me tell you. Then you can have sentiments. "Yes, some of my friends were Socialists. Why do you laugh some more? You think I could not have sentiments? Well, you are not right. "Let me tell you, I was not always a good business man. When I was young I was a student. I will tell you more. I myself, was interested in Socialism that time when I was reading Karl Marx. It was not in the curriculum, but I was interested. "And if you say I could not have sentiments, I will tell you I used to do something besides reading Karl Marx. I used to go and hear Hebel talk. That's what I did when I was young. "No, I was not a member of the Socialist party. Why do you ask me that? But I was only 20 years old and I was full of life. I was able to dream in those days. There was twenty or thirty of us, young fellows, all reading and thinking and talking about everything. Think about everything! Talk about everything! "I remember how the library used to be, all dark and damp with mould on it, and just a little twinkles of lamps and a little, little man with a great big bush for a beard. He used to carry the books and he looked like a little robin in a cave—just like Mini when you go to see Siegfried. That's what he looked like. And then in the evening we would sit and talk about what we had been reading. "Zimmer was a funny man. He was an Anarchist. He had a beard, too. But such a nice, gentle, fluffy beard! Not like a bush. More like a seaweed. And he would never cut it. Never! "He believed in simplicity. He was an Anarchist. "Manners should be simple," he said. He made a calculation with tables once, showing how much time was lost in Germany by eating beads and how much the money was that was wasted. If he had stopped doing it, it would have been a good thing, eh? "Well, Zimmer would never be a Socialist. He said it was too much; too much governing, too much machinery, too much

MAN AND MULE.

By Eugene V. Debs.

Have you ever looked searchingly into the large, lustrous, knowing eye of a mule while he looked into yours? If so, you cannot fail to have observed a twinkle with an intimation in it that he knows you and has his opinion about you, although he may not be able to express it in language you understand. The fact is, as I suspect, that the mule knows man better than man knows the mule, and I have often wished I might have the transcript of a mule's mind, or understand his tongue, that I might know just what the mule thinks of his human master. That the opinion would not be a flattering one I am quite convinced. For the mule has not one simple reason to look upon man as his superior. Quite the contrary, there is not a crime known to the catalogue that man has not perpetrated upon the mule. Of all the domestic animals that serve man it is doubtful if there is one not even excepting the horse, that has been of greater usefulness than the mule, nor is there one that has been more patient and submissive under the harsh treatment inflicted upon him in return for his useful and laborious services. I have been led to these reflections by the masterful book of Prof. J. Howard Moore on "The Universal Kinship," which should be read by every seeker after truth and light, and to-day, as I saw a brutal human lash a starved and wrought mule, I said to myself, if that mule were not as far above that man in heart and soul, in sense and conscience, as popular human ignorance supposes him to be below him, he would have but murder in his heart and hoofs, and kick his brutal tormenter into kingdom come. The mule is not only the most servicable, but he is also the wisest of animals, and the fact that man regards him as dull and stupid is due to man's ignorance of the mule's wisdom, and when the average man who is called a mule resents the epithet, he again reveals his stupidity, for if he were but wiser he would know that he had been flattered and not insulted.

A CHILD OF THE MASSES.

By Isadore Kaytetz in The New York Worker.

The factory is the pulse of modern society. The large unpropertied class, the class of the toilers, comprising the greater part of humanity, must live, and to get the means of life it must work. It not only must provide a subsistence for itself, but for the rest of the world. A necessary complement of the factory is poverty. Where there are factories, there also is dirt, disease, squalor and misery. The workers get as wages just enough to subsist on and sometimes not even that. No particular individual or class of individuals is to blame for these conditions. There is a labor market just as there is a market for any other commodity and the supply in that market is always in excess of the demand, so that a man must sell his labor power at the prevailing price or go idle. Then again, inventions and improvements are made in machinery, which simplify the methods of production and throw large numbers of men out of employment, thus swelling the ranks of the army of unemployed and making competition for jobs keener. In a small factory town of one of the New England States, a town of several hundred families of laborers employed in shoe factories and cotton mills, there lived a sturdy Scotchman with his wife and five children. Andrew Ferguson was his name. His children ranged in ages from 1 to 12. Andy, as he was known among the factory hands, was a large and powerful man. He was employed in a shoe factory and had great influence over his fellow laborers. He had just those qualities which would have made him a leader of men, if he had had the advantages of a good education. An improvement had just been made in the machinery of the factory which threw about fifty laborers, including Andy, out of employment. Andy came home and broke the news to his wife, then leaving her with words of cheer, he went away in search of a job. That afternoon Andy's 12-year-old boy, Jerry, as he was called by his schoolmates, burst into the poor but well kept home, full of the boyish gladness which comes from a heart that is free from care. "Good afternoon, mother"—then he stopped short, for his mother was weeping. "What's the matter, mother, anything happen to the baby, is he sick?" "No, my son, father is out of a job and the rent is due to-morrow; besides there isn't a morsel in the house." "Oh, now, come, mother, that ain't nothing unusual. Besides, ain't I big enough to go to work and earn some money? Jim Dowling, he's my classmate, you know, his father owns the cotton mill and I know he'd give me a job." "But, my dear boy," answered the mother, "you are not strong enough to work in the cotton mill." "I ain't, eh?" retorted Jerry in an injured tone, "why, only this mornin' I knocked the stuffin' out of the biggest feller in school for bullyin' little 'Dutchy,' the last boy?" "You know, Jerry, there's what they call a 'compulsory education law' and a 'child labor law' and you won't be allowed to work." "Who cares for laws? Laws won't feed you, mother, nor my brothers and sisters," answered the little philosopher. And it came about that Jerry left school and got a job in the cotton mill among about a hundred other boys ranging in age from 8 to 16. The sanitary conditions, or rather the unsanitary conditions there were beyond description, and the poor little fellows, who should have been expanding like flowers in the cheerful sunlight, were dwarfed and stunted in stature, hollow-chested and hollow-eyed. When they coughed, which was very often, their puny frames shook convulsively. Slowly but surely, the healthy color left Jerry's cheeks, the luster left his eyes, his chest became hollow. He lost all his former cheerfulness of manner and took on the resigned air of an old man who had become insured to the hardship of the world. He, too, began to cough, and slowly, but surely, the deadly disease, consumption, began eating away at his very life. Finally it reached such an acute stage that he was confined to his bed. He kept on sinking lower and lower. The factory physician gave words of cheer to the anxious parents, but in his secret heart he knew the not far off result. He had been in attendance of hundreds of such cases and he knew what the outcome invariably was. One afternoon Jerry's former teacher, a kindly little woman named Miss Cannon,

are not, as a rule, unhappy. They are not ashamed; they are not keen to become independent; they are not bitter or discontented. They have passed over the line which separates poverty from pauperism." Mr. Hunter tells us that there are in the United States no less than ten million people in poverty. He also says that there are four million paupers, of which the number would be swelled if we should add to it all those other paupers, those human parasites whose living depends upon the products of other men's labor. But why linger upon the extent of poverty and pauperism, the conditions which produce drunkenness, misery, vice, crime, disease, death? The great Chicago Tribune seems to take pride in showing that there are "only about 200,000 paupers in a population of 85,000,000 people." Where is the much vaunted ethics of capitalist civilization? Where is the "spirit" of the meek and lowly Nazarene which capitalism is constantly preaching from its pulpits? Observe the prosperity of this great nation. Over two billion dollars' worth of labor's products are exported annually. About 80 per cent of the world's cotton is grown here. Our iron and steel production as far back as 1890 amounted to 40 per cent of the world's total. We produce one-third of the world's coal supply. Our petroleum makes up one-half of the world's total output. Our railroad and marine traffic is greater than that of any other nation on earth. All this vast wealth, and yet we have great masses of poverty-stricken, miserable, diseased people, paupers. I quote from Ludlow's "American Pauperism" the following: "The smallest class of wealthy property owners receive from property alone as large an income as half our people receive from property and labor." This is the cause of poverty, of pauperism. It is the "private ownership" of property in the "means of production" that enables one class to live off the fruits of the labor of the other class. Let us abolish this "private ownership" and with it will go all rent, interest and profit, the things which rob the worker of the value of the product of his toil, and keep him in poverty, reduce him to pauperism. No Socialist will ever brag about the fact that we have "only about 200,000 paupers." So long as there is one pauper, one worker in poverty, we will have something to fight for, something with which to condemn the existing social institutions. It is for this cause that we ever repeat the words of our beloved Marx: "WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS, YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN." Yours for the Revolution, MAURICE E. ELDRIDGE.

A recent newspaper illustration, labeled "Russian Autocracy," depicting the Czar and half a dozen courtiers huddled together on a fast-disappearing patch of ground in the midst of encroaching waters, aptly represents the condition of the working class to-day, not only in regard to a foothold on the land but also with respect to the ownership of the tools necessary for its cultivation, and to manufacture its various products into suitable food, clothing and building material to furnish the means of shelter—the three essentials for physical preservation. With Socialism, individualism, religion, atheism, all extremes combined, and principles that will establish liberty and justice, outlined in pamphlet, Use "Natural Law," Sent first class for 10 cents silver and stamp, M. S. Box 692, San Francisco, Cal.

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SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES

STATE NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL

NATIONAL PARTY NOTES.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is the report of business transacted for month of July, 1906, for Cook county:

BIG VOTE AT THE PRIMARY.

The old party papers have much to say about the size of the vote that is going to be cast at the primary of next Saturday.

Twenty-fifth Ward.

The regular meeting of the Twenty-fifth Ward Branch of Aug. 5 will be omitted on account of the picnic.

SEVENTEENTH WARD, NOTICE.

Comrade Walter Thomas Mills will deliver the first of his series of four lectures Saturday evening, Aug. 11, 8 o'clock, at the corner of Erie street and Center avenue.

THE UHLICH'S HALL MEETING.

The Uhllich's Hall meeting, Sunday, July 29. About two hundred comrades were in attendance.

ADDRESS DELIVERED BY COMRADES PRONT, OLSON, LARSON, KIRKLAND, DALLAZ, OWEN, BENSINGER, RODRIGUEZ, FRAENKEL AND SIDKIND.

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THE COUNTY ELK DECLARED TO BE THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT DENNEEN HAD PILED AN EXPENSE UPON THE TAXPAYERS OF ILLINOIS OF AT LEAST ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Everywhere could be heard the hope that the Socialists would attack this law in the courts, and loud were the declarations that it should quickly and forever be put to sleep.

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realize the full force and effect of organization. It has seemingly never occurred to him that the only reason why the minority have ever controlled the majority has been because the minority was able to organize its forces as to use the majority for its ends, while at the same time it has shouted patriotic mouthings and prosperity preachments with telling effect in deluding the burden bearers.

The new primary law has been a great burden upon the party and has made many a comrade sit up and take notice. He has far clearer ideas in the State of Illinois about the question of organization than he possessed sixty days ago.

Big things are ahead for the State of Illinois in the Socialist party organization. Every coal mine, mill and factory and farm is filled with men who are carrying on a splendid propaganda.

Local secretaries in organized States should return these subscription lists with two-thirds of the amount collected, to their respective State secretaries or on before Aug. 5.

ONE DAY WAGE FUND.

Local secretaries in unorganized States should return lists with one-half of the collection to the National office.

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Washington, by unanimous vote, expelled F. O'Rourke for accepting nomination for Congressman on a ticket other than the Socialist.

The Third Congressional District of Kansas has nominated Fred D. Warren for Congress, and among other resolutions passed the following:

Whereas, Congressman P. P. Campbell of this Third Congressional District of Kansas has been quoted as saying that Socialists should be suppressed before they become so strong that it will require bayonets to suppress them; and

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SOCIALISM AND THE HOME.

Bishop McFall of Trenton, N. J., speaking at the opening of the annual convention of American Federation of Catholic Societies at Buffalo July 20, took advantage of the occasion to misrepresent Socialism as usual.

If he was reported right in the press dispatches, he opened his speech with the statement that "The stability of this nation rests upon the American home" as a text and then proceeded to attack the Socialist movement of the world as the enemy of the home and human-society.

Now we believe that Socialists unanimously agree with the bishop that the stability of the nation and society at large rests upon the home.

The Socialists also know, what Bishop McFall seems to overlook, that "the home" whether it is in this nation or any other one, is very largely if not entirely dependent upon the ability to obtain the material necessities to maintain a home.

The bishop said: "Socialism would stretch out her foul hand upon the property of our people." Ye gods, to imagine a man who claims to represent the spirit, person and teaching of the Galilean carpenter agitator for human justice, talking like that at this time when the very air breathed by this nation is reeking with the stench of financial and social scandals revealed by only pin prick investigations.

The bishop forgot to mention the horrors of the massacre of thousands of helpless women and children by the fanatical followers of Czar and priests in Russia and he'd his hands up in holy horror because Gorky, the Russian Socialist, is (according to the church rules) a little irregular in his marriage relations.

The bishop swallows the great Russian camel—war, murder, raping Cossacks, Black Hundred massacres and all in one gulp, and then strains at Gorky and other knats.

Maxim Gorky and his heroic wife are in this country pleading the cause of the millions of soul, body and spirit crushed inhabitants of the Russian empire. They are trying to the utmost of their ability to arouse a world-wide public opinion that will put a stop to the robbery by the Russian peasants and city workers which

HE CAME TO REST, BUT—We have often read and heard of Arthur Mervin Lewis as a Socialist lecturer and agitator and literature distributor and salesman. But it was not until the past week that we have had the opportunity to see him in action. Comrade Lewis arrived in the city a few days ago from Kansas, intending to take a few days' rest before entering the campaign in Colorado.

Now Chicago is noted for a variety of things, but it has never had much of a reputation as a place to rest. No Comrade Lewis soon found himself in the hands of a bunch of militant Socialists, who hustled him on a street car and never stopped until they had landed him on one of our improved soap boxes.

We will not say that Comrade Lewis is the greatest Socialist agitator that ever struck Chicago, but in our opinion he is among the most capable along that line. But when it comes to distributing literature and making the unconverted pay for their own medicine we believe the palm belongs to Comrade Lewis. We have seen him in action at two meetings. The first was at the corner of North and California avenues. At the close of this meeting a collection of two dollars was taken up and fifteen dollars' worth of literature sold in less than fifteen minutes. At the second meeting where Comrade Lewis spoke, last Monday night, the literature sales amounted to \$21.50.

Comrade Lewis will remain in the city until about the middle of August. Next Monday evening, Aug. 6, he will speak at North Clark street and Chicago avenue on the subject, "The Coming Struggle in Colorado."

AN IDIOTIC CLIMAX.

It has come to pass that about all the stock arguments against Socialism have been knocked out and preachers, bishops and capitalist editors have only one answer to all Socialist arguments. When the Chicago teachers attempt to teach the public school children a new idea that strenuous defender of capitalism, the Chicago Chronicle, opposes it in the following language:

"As most of the teachers are Socialists and as Socialism is opposed to the family and the home, it is no wonder that the teachers wish to undermine the filial feeling."

The conduct of the teachers that brought forth the above from the erudite editor of the Chicago Chronicle consisted in informing the children that it is more dignified to say yes and no than it is to add sit and stand after them when they address their elders.

I have told as the Chronicle indulges in can have but one effect. It will result in even the most ignorant and prejudiced of its readers becoming disgusted. Even Chronicle readers have enough intelligence to know that it is the condition engendered by capitalism that is breaking up homes and causing millions of our class to live unnatural lives.

POLICE STOP OUR MEETINGS.

Some simple-minded people think it strange that the authorities in the different States and towns object to Socialists speaking on the street corners while all other organizations are permitted to talk without molestation. It is, however, not so strange as it may first appear. The

they sorely need for themselves before it will be possible for them to have homes worthy of the name.

No, dear bishop, Socialists are not stretching out their hand to grasp the property of your people. Socialists are doing their utmost to relax the grasp of the greedy hand of the capitalist system which has a tight and merciless grip on the throats and lives of your people, and in the large industrial centers is struggling to death what little home life they have.

Socialism will make it possible for the working people to have homes worthy of the name, not by stealing other people's earnings, but by permitting all to work and consume the equivalent to the value of their production.

Isn't it strange that out of the hundreds of thousands of divorcees and social scandals that are daily reported from all walks of society that the only ones that attract the attention of bishops and other old party politicians are those that the names of prominent Socialists happen to be connected with.

The reason for this policy on the part of the subsidized press and pulp is not hard to understand. It is not "morality," nor the lack of it in the Socialist philosophy that sets every religious and political fakir to howling that Socialism is a menace and a danger to our social institutions. The reason that the bishops and the other retainers of the capitalists fear Socialism is because it appeals to the intelligence and class interests of all workers of all and no creeds. The whole exploiting class and their retainers realize that once the mass of the working class get their eyes open to the truth of Socialism that they, like the copperheads of Alexandria, will be out of a profitable graft and will be compelled to go to work at some honest productive work if they expect to keep on eating.

Working men of all and no creeds, unite and by your united efforts bring about social and economic conditions that will make it possible for you to have real homes and raise your children under decent conditions. This is what Socialists, whether in Russia or America, seek to accomplish, and the only thing that stands between you and the full possibilities of life is your own pitiable stupidity and lack of class solidarity.

Socialist speakers attack the profit system and the class which commands the various police forces here, not by working but by taking the product of the workers in the form of rent, interest and profit. However, the attempts to suppress our meetings in the past have only served the purpose of advertising them and in most instances our comrades have won out in the end.

We have had but little trouble of this kind in Chicago this season. Our attention, however, has been called to the fact that the police in the Ninth Ward have stopped our meetings there and have even refused to recognize our permits, contending that we not only must have a permit, but also the permission of a certain percentage of the property owners in the vicinity where the meeting is held.

This is a new ruling, inspired no doubt by the old party ward heebers, who are afraid if the Socialists are allowed to speak the workers are likely to get next to their game.

This matter will be looked into at once. If there are any more instances of this kind the committee should report them at headquarters at once so that we may find out just where we are at.

Prof. Zenblin of the department of sociology in the University of Chicago delivered a lecture in his class room last week that has given the yellow journals a splendid opportunity to display terrible headlines announcing that the professor had attacked the very foundations of society. And yet, as a matter of fact, the professor only called attention to facts that all close students of social institutions were familiar with.

Prof. Zenblin simply demonstrated that marriage, like all other human institutions, is largely the result of the prevailing economic institutions, and that it is subject to change as the conditions change. What Prof. Zenblin said (not what the yellow journals said he said) on the marriage relations may be found in almost any Socialist work that deals with that question.

It is astonishing how many things they are learning at the Chicago university just now that Socialists have known for half a century. Prof. Small has discovered that "class interest" is the dominating factor in the evolution of society, and now Prof. Zenblin has made known to the world that economic conditions largely control the marriage relations and the modern home.

There is no longer any room for the pessimist in the world when even a Standard Oil professor is able to understand "economic determinism" and tell the truth about it to his students.

The Federation of Labor protests "against the employment in public parks of bands whose members are not connected with the Federation of Musicians." Let me see. We have had protests by wage earners against injunctions, arrest, imprisonment and hanging, yet the workers are still enjoined, arrested, imprisoned and hung. This would seem to prove the usefulness of protesting, without united action sufficiently strong to enforce them. But then, when the workers are firmly enough united to enforce their will, they will no longer protest to another governing body of men, for they themselves will be the governors and executors of their own laws for their own benefit.

RUSSIA.

What thrills of hope and despair the sight of mention of Russia sends vibrating through the minds and emotions of wide-awake revolutionists every time they see or hear it mentioned these days!

As we go to press this week the cable dispatches from that land of hope and heartbreak announce great tidings to those who believe that the people will rise in their might in defiance of the Czar and autocracy and possess themselves of at least some semblance of liberty and control of their own destinies. For more than a week the censored press dispatches had stated that the autocracy had succeeded in "establishing order," and that confidence in the autocracy had been restored in the money markets of the world. Just as these statements were beginning to show favorably on the stock tickers and Russian securities passed in their downward course there was an explosion in the form of the following cable dispatches Aug. 1.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—Kronstadt is cut off from communication with St. Petersburg. Both the telephone and telegraph lines were severed during the night. It is feared that the revolt begun at Sveaborg is part of a gigantic plot to seize the three great fortresses of Russia—Sveaborg, Kronstadt, and Sebastopol. Kronstadt is only about thirty miles from St. Petersburg, and a successful revolt there might imperil the Czar and his family in Peterhof palace.

Helsingfors, Finland, Aug. 1.—The fight between the mutineers and the loyal troops was waged during most of last night. The cannonade was heavy, the firing of the guns furnishing an awe-inspiring spectacle to the thousands lining the points of vantage on Observatory hill.

A mutiny is reported in the warships at Kronstadt, and news of the revolt here has caused great excitement here.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1, 2:25 p. m.—The greatest excitement prevails here as a result of the startling news from Sveaborg and there is the deepest apprehension regarding the situation at Kronstadt, as there is little doubt that the rising of the garrison of the "Gibraltar of the Baltic" is a premature attempt to execute a widespread military conspiracy, which involved the seizing of the fortresses of Sveaborg, Kronstadt and Sevastopol as bases for the revolting Black Sea and Baltic fleets.

Helsingfors, Aug. 1.—Sveaborg is entirely in the hands of the mutineers, who now have in their possession every kind of armament.

Early to-day the loyal minority seemed to command the forts on Nicholas island, which was engaged in a duel with Sandhamm's formidable masked batteries.

At 10 o'clock this morning they were still exchanging broadsides at ten-minute intervals. The victims transported to Helsingfors numbered less than fifty, of whom fifteen are dead, but thus far the number of killed or wounded in the Sveaborg hospitals has not been ascertainable.

There is another dispatch which tells a gorgeous story. It is short, but it speaks volumes. It says: "The wives and families of the officers on duty in the fortress at Sveaborg were sent ashore by Gen. Laining and were not molested by the revolutionists."

Can any one imagine a woman or child being willfully harmed by Socialist Revolutionists? That is the tactics of the Czar, grand dukes and their allies, the Christian (?) Black Hundred.

Who can tell what will transpire before another issue of the Chicago Socialist goes to press? All we know and all we can know is that over there in the dark our comrades are engaged in a life and death struggle for liberty and justice. Time alone will tell us the whole story. But we know that we will never have cause to blush for the conduct of our brothers who are fighting that battle. Comrades, chip in for the Russian Revolution! Try Fund.

HARNESSING THE SUN.

The latest scientific speculation is concerned with the possibilities of a direct tapping of the power force working in the sun rays. Says Mr. Henry S. Pritchett, "writing in the Windsor Magazine: 'The sun delivers on Hampstead Heath, free of charge, four times enough energy to warm and light London and supply all its manufacturing, street railroads, and other consumers of mechanical power.'"

On the broad, sunlit plains of Arizona the sun delivers an equivalent of mechanical energy which, expressed in horse power, would seem almost infinite. A small part of it would suffice for the whole world's work." That may quite easily be true; but the working classes of the civilized world may pray that the tapping of that almost infinite supply shall be delayed until it can belong to the whole community. We shudder to think of its falling into the hands of a Rockefeller or a Carnegie. Without Socialism even sunshine can be turned into a curse for the workers.—London Labor Leader.

LABOR IN POLITICS.

Robert Bandlow, in Typographical Journal.

"Will Labor Be a Factor in Politics?" When the editor presents to his readers a subject of this character I see in it an invitation to give expression to my views. "Not in partisan politics, not in politics as it has grown to be the field for graft, not as the professional takes to politics for the furtherance of some pet personal or corporate scheme, but in honest governmental politics, of the people, by the people, for the people."

Have you, dear reader, ever seriously contemplated that there can be no other politics than "partisan politics"? Political activity is always based on the desire to strengthen the position of such who engage in the game, and who seek to enforce their economic advantage by legalizing schemes that afford to them protection of the privileges they have manipulated in their favor. Is not this proposition tentatively accepted by the editor in the following paragraph?

"Capitalism, fostered by Congress and Legislatures, encouraged by grafters and shielded by the courts, has assumed such gigantic proportions that workmen must combine to stem the tide. The injunction, in its enforcement against all efforts of labor to secure recognition, as invoked by corporate capital and applied by corporation judges, must be modified. Government by injunction must go."

Indeed, government by injunction must go, and will, the moment the working class drops the maudlin sentiment that there is identity of interests between the toiling masses, whose collectively accumulated wealth is constantly passing into the hands of the comparatively few. Yes, the time is ripe for the laboring people—the producers—to be guaranteed the full equivalent for toil performed, which will put a stop to the amassing of vast fortunes by those who neither sow nor spin, but reap and enjoy without end.

There are but two factors in our present day society to be reckoned with—those who exploit and those they are exploiting; in other words, the capitalists and those allying with them, and the laborers. The power of the government is used in behalf of the exploiters, with the consent and support of the majority of the exploited, and the political issues always revolve around the interests of the possessing class, guaranteeing them full protection of their possessions—the surplus value created by the working class.

Can there be a greater partisan question than who shall own, and the right to be protected by the government in what is his own? It seems to me not.

How often I have heard that phrase, "We will stand by our friends and administer a stinging rebuke to men or parties who are either indifferent, negligent, or hostile, and, wherever opportunity affords, secure the election of intelligent, honest, earnest trade unionists, with clear, unblemished, paid-up union cards in their possession." We never forget in theory, but in practice we never keep in mind that the working class has the power to revolutionize, politically, this country the moment they acquire class-consciousness and refuse to become stool pigeons for capitalist parties who dominion the political functions and interpret all laws according to the class interests of the exploiters of labor.

Permit me to recall: "Material interests dominate men's actions," or "man is dominated by his material interests or what he conceives them to be." Voting with rats, scabs, duckies, etc., to place the possessing class in power, is synonymous with endorsing the injunction, open shop, sweating and child labor, and can only be nullified by the upbuilding of a class-conscious labor party. There will labor be a factor in politics, and only then.

LITTLE BUSINESS MEN GOING.

Some Observations by a Socialist Agitator.

One very apparent fact is easily noticeable regarding the average country town: That through the means of the interurban lines the smaller centers are made to pay huge tribute to the larger ones. For a five or ten cent fare it is possible for the citizen of the little country town to make a trip to the better bargain center of the larger town, and about all there is left for the smaller fellows is to hope that their trade next year will be better than it was for the past year. These same little towns are organizing booster clubs, by means of which they hope to get some factories into the town, and thus the consequent prosperity.

Running through the country press is to be seen at all points double headed editorials on "loyalty to home trade" and incidentally holding up to fearful scorn the citizen who will dare to order a bill of goods from a mail order house. But it is all a far cry on the part of the little business man to save himself from extinction. And it does no good. The citizen is forced from economic reasons to buy where he can get the most for his money. The mail order house can furnish him with all the requirements in this line. Recently there was displayed in an Illinois county seat town a placard showing how dreadfully some citizens had been misled in the purchase of a stove from one of these houses. The same placard told what values he got for his investment, by buying of the home dealer. The moral was pointed plain: Don't buy of the mail order house, even though it be cheaper, but keep the home merchant on earth, even if it costs more money.

It is a shame the manner in which the country towns are held up by the street fair men, etc. All over the State of Illinois there is ample evidence that the little fellows are rapidly being exterminated, and the average country town bears the appearance of the most abject poverty and decadence.

THEY ELECTED SOCIALISTS.

Bingham Canyon is a large mining camp in Utah, writes Lena Morrow Lewis. The town is seven miles long and thirty-five feet wide. The Socialists are in control of the town, and when I arrived there I found that the busiest men in arranging for my meeting were two of the policemen and the superintendent of streets and water works. The police touched off the red fire to draw the crowd. I made my headquarters at the police department office, where I found all the Socialist papers and National Bulletin on the officers' desks, and had it not been for the sign "Police Headquarters" on the door and the presence of two or three men wearing a star, I should have taken the place for a Socialist headquarters.

I asked the superintendent of streets and water works what they had been able to accomplish, and he said not very much, but enough to show the superiority of a working class administration over a business men's, even under the capitalist system. More taxation money has been collected under the present administration than under any other. If any favors are shown in the matter of water taxes, it is to poor widows or washerwomen.

A year ago July 4 there were 80 arrests and a large expense incurred through the riotous behavior of citizens. This year only three arrests were made for slight offenses and everybody pronounced it the most orderly and decent celebration ever held in Bingham Canyon! Jingo patriotism was a scarce article in Bingham this last Fourth.

A short time ago when the men were on strike the mine owners asked for special favors from the police and the chief replied: "If your lives are in danger we will protect you, but when it comes to doing anything against the workers in their efforts to secure better conditions we will not do anything."

When the working class elect men to represent their class then policemen everywhere will talk like this instead of arresting and clubbing Socialist speakers.—Exchange.

Japan. In quaint Japanese English Hikari reports as follows on the different currents of Japanese Socialism:

There are three schools, so to speak, of Japanese Socialism. The first is Nippon-Shakwai-To, Japanese Socialist party, to which we belong. The second is a school of Christian Socialism. Their organ is Shinkisen, the New Era. But they declare that they are not the same thing such as English Christian Socialism which seems to be no more than charity institutions. They are also Social Democrats. Only they strive to develop the spiritual side of Socialism. Mr. Abe, Mr. Kinoshita, Mr. Ishikawa and others belong to this. The third is Kokka-Shakwai-To, State Socialist party. Mr. Yamaji, a well-known journalist and historian, is its leader. He says that his State Socialism is not the same thing such as German Socialism in Chair which is only social reforms without any definite aim. He is also a Scientific Socialist. Only he applies Marx's ways of thinking to Japanese history. And he finds out that Marx's "dualistic" view of present society (Proletariat and Bourgeois) is erroneous. So he established a new political "trialism" (State, Bourgeois and Proletariat). This is the doctrine of State Socialism. But this is a stage of development of Japanese Socialism.

The Socialist party of Italy has 1,400 sections with a total of over 40,000 members, of which 110 reformist sections with over 5,000 members want by referendum to change seat of annual convention to be held Sept. 7, 8, 9, 1906, from revolutionary Rome to reformist center at Bologna, which has been twice the seat of convention. The referendum will probably be lost.—Arbeiter-Zeitung, Vienna, Austria.

Mr. Cadbury of the Meat Trust, in an interview in Kansas City is reported to have said that their business was virtually destroyed, European trade being cut off, and their present business was confined to South America, large quantities of meat being shipped to Buenos Ayres. Is it possible that we have no comrades in those countries to warn the people against such poison?

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