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Editorial Announcements.

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A. M. SIMONS, Editor.



The Socialist Vote.

Table showing election results for the Socialist Vote in the United States from 1892 to 1898.

Copies sold last week 13,750.

DESTRUCTIVE OR CONSTRUCTIVE.

One of the old stock objections to socialism is that it is destructive, not constructive. This is generally raised by the same set of people who talk about evolution instead of revolution and who want something right off.

But unfortunately this position is not confined to this class. Many of our own members offer the same objection. They become dissatisfied with the apparently slow progress of the S. L. P., and demand that it take up specific measures and cease attacking the work that others are doing.

Let us then examine this position closely and ascertain if there is a point here which we should adopt, or if the position taken at present by the S. L. P., and the international socialists of the world is indicative of a weakness in their philosophy.

There yet remains the position to be considered that the socialists should be able to say exactly what their candidates would do if they were elected. This objection has been partly answered above, but there remains some things still to be said.

With regard to a definite question of the present moment, the socialist never has any hesitation. When he is asked what position he would take on any question of the future, he must in the great majority of cases admit that he can only tell when the occasion arises.

But when asked for such a proposition, these constructive philosophers either fall flat or else they advocate some one of the multitude of middle-class reforms that are today deluding the workers into continued slavery.

itself a middle class action. The small business man and more highly paid of the proletariat, who generally associate with each other, although their interests are opposite at bottom, have only lately been hard hit by economic development. Hence they are in a hurry to find a "remedy."

Let us look still closer at what is meant by the terms destructive and constructive as applied to social movements. We are to-day in a transition stage, or, since it may truthfully be said that the same is true at any time, we are in a period of more than ordinarily rapid evolution.

To drop the figure and approach this question from another point of view. We are today living under capitalism. The capitalist class is the ruling class. They have control of all the means of social government.

There is no alternative, as the paper that "opposes trusts, monopolies and combines" is surely not socialist. We incline to the belief that the circular is more to be relied upon than the editorial columns of the Appeal, and will take his word for what we always knew that the Appeal to Reason had no connection with socialism.

An automatic switchboard for telephones is now on exhibition in Chicago by which the subscriber makes his own connections, is insured quick service and absolute secrecy, and the telephone girls are sent to look for new jobs.

In response to requests from persons who have been subscribers to one or more of the papers that have been lately absorbed by The Workers' Call, to have one of the papers which is coming to them sent to some other address, we would say that since we receive no remuneration for such subscriptions it will be impossible for us to do any additional bookkeeping, such as would be demanded by such transfers upon them.

enough to be able to take a clear scientific position upon. This is that the next great step in social progress is to come through the overthrow of the parasitic, capitalist class, who will then use the powers of social control in their interest exactly as the present ruling class is using them in its interest, and, finally, that the first use the workers will make of their power will be to take possession of the instruments of production and distribution and make them the common property of all.

Do you notice the way the half a dozen out-door meetings the single taxers are holding in Chicago are advertised by the capitalist press, while the socialists have been holding from twenty to thirty such meetings every week all summer, and no paper has as yet noticed their existence.

Those who are accustomed to look upon the Appeal to Reason as a straight socialist paper and who have been advocating its circulation from that point of view, will be interested in the instructions that it sends out to its agents. We take the following from a little folder that is being sent out to all those whom it is hoped may be induced to act as solicitors for the above sheet:

"Do not use the word 'socialism' except with socialists. It frightens some people. Say the paper is an advocate of public ownership, that it opposes trusts, monopolies and combines, and presents startling statistics."

France, Belgium, Italy, Germany— which will be the first to carry the red flag to victory? It looks as if the next few months might settle the question. And America— must she lag ever behind?

Henry E. Wood, an Expert Accountant, Found Starving. Henry E. Wood, who is said to be an expert accountant, was found nearly dead from starvation yesterday in a basement at 363 Burling street.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

The following clippings and headlines taken from the capitalist papers of July 1st may be of interest as showing the nature of the prosperity which the "people" are said to be enjoying at present.

DIVIDENDS OF \$150,000,000 DUE TODAY.

Enormous Increment From National Prosperity to Be Distributed Among Capitalists and Investors in Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

(Special dispatch to the Times-Herald.) New York, June 30.—One hundred and fifty million dollars in the shape of dividends payable tomorrow is to be distributed among capitalists and investors in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago and St. Louis, according to a Wall street authority.

MINERS BATTLE AT FREDONIA

Union Men Driven Into the Woods and Their Houses Burned.

FIRE FIVE HUNDRED SHOTS

Dollars for the capitalists and bullets for the workers; but let us proceed.

STRIKE OF TIN-MILL WORKMEN.

Fifty Thousand, It Is Believed, Will Be Idle This Morning.

FILLING PLACES OF STRIKERS.

Packers Alarm the Skilled by Employing Unskilled Workmen.

NO STRIKE AT HOMESTEAD.

Discharge of Union Men, However, May Lead to Trouble.

The Picnic.

Next Sunday is to be The Workers' Call picnic at 123d and Michigan Ave.

BOOKKEEPER DYING OF HUNGER

Henry E. Wood, an Expert Accountant, Found Starving.

Are YOU still hustling for subscribers?

Any comrade knowing the address of Danish or Norwegian socialists should send their names and addresses to this office, that they may be sent copies of the socialist paper, "The Arbejderen," the organ of the S. L. P. in those languages.

THE SINGING FESTIVAL.

A Gathering of Socialist Singers From Many Cities.

On Saturday and Sunday last the Arbeiter Sangerbund of the Northwest held its festival in Milwaukee. There were about 2,000 attendants from the northwestern cities, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Sheboygan, Cleveland and Davenport, all well represented.

Chicago was chosen as the city where the central executive should be located and also as the place where the next convention should be held. About 300 delegates attended this business session and took part in the proceedings.

Italian Comrades, Attention!

Comrade Dino Roudani, a well-known agitator in the socialist movement of Italy and condemned by the government of that country to sixteen years of imprisonment for his activity in the movement, has arrived and is about to go on a tour through the United States wherever it is possible to agitate and to organize Italian workingmen in the socialist movement.

Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin State Committee has established a fund to be used in carrying on the socialist agitation throughout the state.

Bundle Orders.

We would call special attention to the rates for The Workers' Call in bundles, which are as follows: (Not change of rate.)

Single bundles of 100 or more, 50 cents per hundred.

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