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ONWARD MARCH OF THE A. L. U.

The receipts at headquarters for the last quarter are the largest for the corresponding quarter in the entire history of the organization.

The demand for A. L. U. organizers on the sunrise side of the Mississippi is unprecedented and it has required not a little firmness on the part of the national officers to resist these requests.

tion circles is the most caustic commentary on the rottenness which has developed under pure and simple go-it-alone methods.

FLOATEN ON CLASS STRUGGLE

The American Labor Union Journal:

Last month a few anarchists who were elected last spring on a Citizens' ticket (composed of both republicans and democrats) sought to suspend the United States constitution and the constitution of the state of Colorado.

A member of the city council, who was acting as mayor pro tem, and who is a republican, became alarmed for the welfare of his party over the Socialists speaking to the workmen who are now on strike.

We appealed all cases to the county court. The first case called was Philip Veal. He pleaded his own case and to the consternation of the Citizens' alliance the judge discharged him.

Then the unions here sent for Attorney Eugene Engley of Cripple Creek to defend us. He is a Socialist and was attorney general during Governor Walte's administration.

They feared that if they were told of their rights and told how to get these rights that they would become dangerous to the interest of these parasites, and hence the steps were taken to stop the speaking.

The expense in defending the persons arrested was over \$400, while it cost the city over \$1,500.

Assistance is needed and I want to ask all who can afford to send, if only 10 cents, to do so, either to O. M. Carpenter, secretary of the Miners' union, or M. J. Sullivan, secretary of the Federal union.

Never before, perhaps, were members of the American Labor Union, members of the Socialist party and of the S. L. P. put in jail together and arraigned in court together for the same offense.

We proved ourselves not guilty if

WANTS THE STATE TO STEP IN

The members of the Central Labor Council of Anaconda met on Monday of last week and at the risk of a blue card discharge for many of them they passed resolutions calling for an extra session of the legislature to enact a law empowering the state government to take charge of and operate through a receiver any properties which may be closed through litigation.

Whereas, A perpetual legal controversy between rival corporations in this state, for supremacy in political and industrial matters, has long been waged with a spirit and a determination worthy of a better cause; and Whereas, Such warfare is detrimental to the best interests of the community and the welfare of the whole people; and Whereas, As a result of this fight for possession of the natural resources on which depend the comfort, the happiness and the prosperity of the people of the state we are threatened with a suspension of operations on the part of one of these corporations; and Whereas, Such suspension would result in much distress and suffering and would be in the nature of a great public calamity; therefore, be it resolved, by the Central Labor Council of Anaconda, That we hereby call upon his excellency, Joseph K. Toole, governor of the state of Montana to convene an extra session of the legislature for the purpose of passing a law to compel the operation of industries that are closed on account of litigation, by the appointment of receivers for such properties, or otherwise, to the end that no man, or set of men, and no corporation may be able to visit upon an innocent people such a calamity as now threatens us; and be it further:

COAL STRIKE THREATENED

Another fight to a finish is on in Colorado. This time it is the coal miners. The companies involved are the Victor Fuel Company and the Colorado Iron and Fuel Company. The latter is a Rockefeller company.

port comes from the working class, who pull the chestnuts out of the fire for these perfumed gentlemen and then shiver and starve while the fight for the spoils goes on between the two. The working class are many, the capitalist class are few, but they have been able to stay upon our backs by keeping us divided and pitting us against each other.

Resolved, That we deem this action of Samuel Gompers as absurd in asking us to beseech the representatives of another class to betray the interest of that class; and be it further resolved, That the secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to Samuel Gompers, to the Coopers' International Journal, to the Central Labor Union and the labor exchanges.

SOME HOT RESOLUTIONS

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 26, 1903. Whereas, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has petitioned Local 21 of the Coopers' International Union of North America, to intercede with our representatives and senators in congress from Nebraska, in behalf of an eight hour labor day and an anti-injunction bill now pending before congress, in order to better the condition of the working class; and

Whereas, The material interest is the motive that impel men to action; and Whereas, The material interest of the working class is to get more of the wealth they create, and the material interest of the capitalist class is to get more of the wealth that the working class create, thus making their interests diametrically opposite; and

Whereas, The democrat and republican parties both advocate a wage system under which the wage workers produce wealth and then receive only a part of the wealth produced in the form of a wage, while the capitalist class receive the major part of the wealth created by the working class, by which process the working class are exploited, thus, by advocating the wage system, the demo-

crat and republican parties represent the interest of the capitalist class and oppose the interest of the working class; and

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FATHER McGRADY IN BUTTE

A splendid and wildly enthusiastic audience stood up and cheered Father Tom McGrady as he made his way to the platform at the Butte auditorium on the evening of November 1. Never before in the history of Butte has an admission fee been charged at a political meeting.

The following are the resolutions passed by the Trades and Labor Council:

HELENA UNIONS' ACTION

Resolution.

Whereas, It is asserted by the declarations of its by-laws, that the Citizens' alliance now being organized throughout the United States, is organized for the purpose of combating all efforts of labor unions to secure for their members what is their just right and due, and to destroy all organizations of those who toil and produce; and

Whereas, The members of organized labor have at all times been the steadfast patrons of the home merchant and the home manufacturer, contributing to the support of these to the extent of their earnings and affording them aid and assistance against the encroachments of the stronger forces of the mercantile combinations; and

Whereas, It is apparent from the organizing energy employed and the methods adopted, that practically all middle men of the United States who transfer the necessities of life from the manufacturer and wholesaler to the consumer, will be within this organization in the immediate future; judging from the by-laws of the alliance and the declarations of its members, the most radical methods will be employed by the alliance to disrupt and destroy the labor unions, even to taking measures

HIS TURN NOW. People Have Looked "Jaded" Long Enough—Now William Can Try It For a Time.

Malcolm Clark, writing in the Hearst papers, says Emperor William's splendid appetite is gone, his face wears a jaded expression and his nervousness is very apparent.

The recent Socialist successes are said to be responsible. Indeed it is said they have changed the whole character of the "war lord" on many points. Where he was formerly disposed to bully he would now cajole. Strategy appeals to him more than formerly and he has been exasperated to the highest degree by learning there were Socialist spies in court.

An Archaic Wonder. Hamilton, Mont. Federal No. 109 desires to advertise an elderly man with chin beard, who bears the name of Frank Craig. Craig's stay in Hamilton was very much shortened by his positive refusal to join the union at that point.

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food all day, he held a reception of nearly an hour's duration. He expected to visit Fergus county, where had a number of engagements, but was taken ill and compelled to quit.

He has announced his intention of retiring from the lecture field at a very early date and Sunday's lecture was, perhaps, the last opportunity which a Butte audience will have to listen to this profound scholar and peerless orator, who has shown his maphood through his willingness to meet all consequences for opinion's sake.

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Scabs Steal Ore. The Cripple Creek mine owners are beginning to discover how false was the economy and how ill-advised the arbitrary course which led them to part with the services of valuable men for the toughs and thugs who have taken their places.

Declared Unfair. The Silver King Mining company has been declared unfair by the Trades & Labor assembly of Park City for the following reasons:

First—It has ignored all our communications and importunities for a nine-hour day.

Second—It refused to meet a committee of the Carpenters' union for the purpose of arbitrating the question in dispute.

Third—It filled the places of the striking carpenters with non-union men.

And, furthermore, we declare that through its arrogant and arbitrary actions in its refusal to meet or arbitrate with the carpenters it is injuring and jeopardizing the interests of the whole community.

PARK CITY (UTAH) TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY.

Pacific coast linemen have brought the company to terms and are back at work.

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVIEWED BY CLARENCE SMITH

August 13 commenced a series of weekly contributions by the secretary-treasurer, reviewing the newly proposed constitution, which will be voted upon by referendum of the membership of the American Labor Union in December, 1903.

ARTICLE VIII.

Article eight relates to the American Labor Union. Section one reads: "Section 1. The American Labor Union Journal shall be the official publication of the American Labor Union."

Following is section 2: "Sec. 2. It shall be published weekly. There are arguments for and against both the weekly and monthly publications. For instance, the weekly has a decided advantage in its value as propaganda work, as the newspaper can be produced more cheaply than the magazine. Again, if there is truth in the statement that agitation is of value at all, it must be admitted that a weekly agitator is better than a monthly agitator. On the other hand, the magazine is more serviceable and attractive for advertisers, and in the matter of revenue from any publication the advertising department is of great importance. In the case of the American Labor Union Journal the matter of service outweighs that of profit, and the weekly publication was decided upon."

In fixing the subscription price at 50 cents a year, section 3 confirms the rate prevailing at present. The remarkably low price is possible only because of the great circulation of the paper. The section reads: "Sec. 3. The subscription price shall be 50 cents per annum."

Section 4 provides that departments shall be established in the official journal as follows: "Sec. 4. There shall be established in the American Labor Union Journal such departments of an editorial, literary and technical character as will make it readable and instructive."

The general secretary-treasurer's department, provided for by section 5, will be of value to the general membership, as it will furnish them with information that might otherwise reach only the general executive board or local offices, or at best be read at local meetings when only a part of the membership attends. The section follows: "Sec. 5. There shall be established a General Secretary-Treasurer's department in the American Labor Union Journal, in which will be published notices of assessments, reports and other documents emanating from the General Secretary-Treasurer's office, and the publication of such notices in the said department shall be legal and sufficient service of such notice upon all national, international, state, district, city or local unions and general and local officers and members of the American Labor Union."

Sections 6 and 7 properly come together, and we will read both of them before considering them: "Sec. 6. All proceeds derived from the publication of the American Labor Union Journal, such as subscription fees, advertising rates and revenues from other sources, shall be turned into the general fund of the American Labor Union. "Sec. 7. All disbursements or expenses connected with the preparation, printing and publication of the American Labor Union Journal shall be paid out of the general fund."

Perhaps the most important reason for combining the Journal fund with the general fund is that it will afford the membership a simpler system of checking the entire receipts and disbursements than if they were required to check to two separate reports from headquarters. Another reason would be that in time the Journal is certain to become a revenue-producer for the organization, and when that time comes the advantage, if any, will be with the general fund. In the meantime, if there should be a shortage in either the general fund or the Journal fund, it could be made up from the other, and thereby avoid the necessity for an assessment.

Section 8 guards against the illegal use of the name and prestige of the American Labor Union for private or local gain, and is a wise provision. It also prevents the embarrassing situation that might otherwise of a paper professing to represent the American Labor Union, pursuing a policy directly contrary to the principles, policy and best interests of the organization. The section reads: "Sec. 8. No general officer of the American Labor Union (except the General Executive Board and executive officers of national or international unions) local officer or member thereof or any union united therewith, shall issue any local paper, representing the American Labor Union or any of its departments or unions."

The management, editing and control of the Journal is provided for in section 9, which reads as follows, and is so plain as to require no discussion or criticism: "Sec. 9. The American Labor Union Journal shall be managed and edited by the editor thereof, who shall be selected by the General Executive Board and shall serve at their pleasure. His compensation shall be fixed by the General Executive Board. He shall exercise full control over the American Labor Union Journal, shall make it conform in policy to the principles of the American Labor Union and decisions of the General Executive Board, and shall have power to appoint and employ staff, assistants, clerks and such help as may be necessary to conduct the Journal and shall fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board."

This ends article 8, and next week we will study article 9, providing for the revenues of the American Labor Union, and the manner of their disbursements. Fraternally yours,

Clarence Smith,

General Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

No less than 387 children died from lockjaw this year as a result of the use of toy pistols and cannon crackers on the Fourth of July. Human life is very cheap in this commercial age, but surely at its lowest figure it is worth more than is implied by this indiscriminate sacrifice to the barbarous god of noise. A parent who permits his child to arm himself with these engines for the destruction of little innocent lives should be prosecuted to the limit of the law when injury results or death ensues, for the parent is usually responsible for the injury or death.

The British government has appointed a commission to inquire into the alleged physical deterioration of the working class. The subject was brought up in parliament on the statement of the secretary of the board of education, which declares that 60,000 children now attending the schools are physically unfit. The director of the army medical service reports that one out of every three offered recruits is unfit, yet the standard has been lowered there several times in fifty years. Insufficient food, hard work and miserable lodgings are having the effect of dwarfing the man. The people produce enough, but it is taken from them to support the nobility and the capitalist class.

"Why is the country full of recruiting officers; is a war impending?" asks an exchange. The most probable answer is that it is for the same reason that the Dick military bill was passed, to entrench the corporations against the growing discontent of the penniless masses who show occasional signs of unwillingness to starve to death quietly.

Denied a holiday on Labor Day by the teachers of the Haywards, Cal., school, the pupils "walked out" in a body from every room in the building. There was only one scab, and the whole teaching staff played the part of the militia, escorting him home to protect him from possible violence on the part of the "strikers."

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ALL THINGS TO ALL MEN.

A Trinity in the Labor Movement Whose Sole Ambition is to Stay on Top.

When Messrs. Thos. I. Kidd, James Duncan and John B. Lennon, of the A. F. of L., were in Butte some time since they carefully concealed their opposition to Socialism, and Mr. Lennon, in particular, declared that the A. F. of L. was not opposed to united political action on the part of the masses. When questioned regarding the politics clause in the A. F. of L. constitution he answered that it only applied to partisan politics. On being challenged to name a single political principle that did not become partisan the moment it was adopted by a division of the workers, he changed the conversation by declaring that he had been a Socialist for seventeen years, but that the working people of the east were so densely ignorant that it was impossible to do anything with them. This was his excuse for his pure and simple attitude, and he was supported in this by Thos. I. Kidd. With much glee they told of the ignorant foreigners who started a small-sized riot on hearing that McKinley had been shot. They had never heard of any president other than Mitchell, and jumped at the conclusion that it was he who had been killed. James Duncan, on being hard pressed in an economic controversy, turned tall and fled, while the crowd shouted after him: "So that is the A. F. of L. answer to argument." The impression gained from these men was not of an encouraging nature. Their words and actions seemed to say in most unmistakable terms: The labor conditions of the east are frightful; through my official position in the A. F. of L. I have managed to rise above these conditions, and I am determined to stay on top. If the workers of the east demanded Socialism I would be a Socialist, but they are too ignorant to demand anything for themselves, and I am not taking any chances on my position through trying to lead them. Contempt for the workers and fear of want seemed the predominant notes in their personal utterances. These men will shape the destinies of the A. F. of L. at their next convention. Workers, how do you like them? M. G. O'M.

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The International Co-operative Federation, an orthodox secret order formed for the purpose of lynchng strikers, has come to light in Cincinnati.

News Notes from the Field of Labor

TOLD BY CORRESPONDENTS

STATUS OF NEW UNION.

Reply Made by Secretary of Musicians' Organization to Certain Criticisms.

The following statement has been given out by the secretary of the recently organized Alameda County, California, Musicians' Union.

"It has come to our notice that the various unions represented in the Federated Council have seen fit to discriminate against their members being or becoming members of our union recently organized.

"We are a union in every sense of the word, with charters from the state of California, from the International Musicians' Union of Cleveland, Ohio, and the American Labor Union of Butte, Montana.

"We were forced to this from the refusal of the Federation to give to the musicians of Oakland what they have given to every other craftsman of this city and county.

"The men who now oppose us are the same men who for years failed, and it is unbecoming of them now that we are meeting with success to fight their own people in their own proposition.

"Let it be remembered that the American Labor Union, which is gaining strength on this coast very fast, discriminates against none, not even

musicians, and they will gladly give charters to any and all unions, and if the Federated Council or unions discriminate against us or our members there may be other unions started other than the musicians under the protection of the American Labor Union. Such things have happened before.

"It might be well to investigate this, as there are always two sides to every story. It is not a very good idea to jump to conclusions too quick, especially for a small parcel of men as against a greater number. Majority rules in all cases, and right is might.

"Hoping the Federated Council and unions will investigate this matter, I am, Respectfully,

"W. H. RAMSEY, Secretary Alameda County Musicians' Union, 414, Eleventh Street, Oakland, Cal."

B. C. ELECTIONS.

O'Brien Scores Some of Those Who Assumed to Represent the People.

Now that the British Columbia elections are over and as this is the first time for the Socialists of British Columbia to have candidates in the field, we ought to carefully review what we have gone

through, so that in future elections we may benefit by past experiences.

We had 13 candidates in the field. Some were nominated by the Socialist party of this district and in some of those districts they received the indorsement of labor unions, and others were brought out by labor unions, who in their convention adopted Socialism as the only working class politics and nominated their candidate and placed him before the electors on the Socialist platform as a straight Socialist candidate, and I say they have a perfect right to do so. The workers need their industrial organization now more than they ever did, but they must use this industrial organization for their political emancipation. Just so the capitalist uses his industrial organization (the trust) for to hold political supremacy, but what are the qualifications in order to properly represent such labor or Socialist organization in convention, or as a candidate for the legislature. I say the mere fact of a person being a good talker and being class-conscious is not a proper qualification. I find that most of the capitalists are class-conscious and many of the class-conscious working class only recognize the class struggle insofar that they know that they are in a class apart from the great property owning class, but it by some hook or crook they should become one of the great property owners, they would then recognize the class struggle as the capitalist now recognizes it. He or she to be qualified to represent the working class must be a student of econo-

mics, they must know that to become a great property owner assures them nothing for the future, for with the exception of a few, any of the great property owners may tomorrow find themselves property-less. He or she who understands economics knows that what was a dream, a theory, a utopia to the great thinkers in the days of feudal and serf slavery and even in the early days of wage slavery, is to us a scientific fact.

Namely, the inevitability of the co-operative commonwealth labor and Socialist organizations must be careful in electing representatives. The man or woman who understands economics, even though they may not be able to speak publicly, are worth all the orators of the world who do not understand economics.

It is a fact that in this campaign we had candidates in the field who were wholly ignorant of economics and I have good authority for saying that in some of the union conventions, which nominated Socialist candidates, there were delegates, while they were members of the union, yet they were so little interested in the movement that if you asked them why they belonged to the union they could not tell you. They just joined because the other fellows did. Others of the delegates were so drunk that they were not responsible for their actions. Better to be short on delegates, or not have any at all, than to have such as these to represent you. Let us prepare for the Dominion election.

C. M. O'BRIEN.

LABOR EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

The union barbers of San Francisco refuse to assist the bosses to increase the scales.

The Bakers' International appeals to all union men not to patronize the product of the National Biscuit Co.

Henry D. Lloyd, whose death from pneumonia occurred recently in Chicago, was in his 60th year. He was a brilliant writer and an honorable man.

The candymakers of Chicago are on strike for nine hours. They ask

candymakers elsewhere to refuse to fill orders for these Chicago manufacturers.

The charter of the beef luggers of the Union Stock yards has been revoked because they refused to work overtime on the Saturday preceding Labor Day.

Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, declares there is a national paving trust, and he asks for legislative enactments that will enable the city of Chicago to do its own paving by day labor.

The peril of a packing house employees' strike passes when the men's demands are taken up by the employers for conference. The job press feeders are called out, and the railway firemen renew their move for higher wages.—Chicago Record-Herald.

John T. Morrow, of Great Falls, who assumed charge of the Green Consolidated in Mexico, intends to put the mines on a Mexican basis and expects to save much money thereby. It is needless to say that Mr. Morrow is a tenderfoot with no exper-

ience of our Mexicans on his native heath.

The executive board of the Chicago Federation of Labor have appointed committees to wait on the officials of the National Biscuit company, the McMahon Biscuit company and the candy manufacturers, all of whose employees are on strike or are locked out, and endeavor to make some settlement. Secretary Nockels was instructed to ask union co-operation with the cloth examiners and spongers in their efforts to organize the clothing manufacturing plant of Hart, Shaffner & Marx.

NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

STAY AWAY.

Virginia City Nevada, Is Full of Idle Men and No Work in Sight.

Storey County, Nevada, Labor Union No. 329 desires the American Labor Union Journal to warn all miners or laborers to stay away from Virginia City, Nev. The town is already full of men who can find nothing to do and there is no prospect of improvement.

Cut Sole Workers' Union.

No. 445, which is the latest local in the American Labor Union, organized at Lynn, held a brief meeting Monday evening, at which much business was transacted, and it was given out that while the organization was established only a month ago, it had a numerical strength of 130, and was growing rapidly. A large number of new members were admitted, and several applications for membership were received. A. W. Foster, organizer for the A. L. U. was present and made a very interesting address. A special committee was appointed to confer with cut sole workers employed in shops in Lynn, and endeavor to have them make application for membership in the organization.—Lynn, Mass., Item.

The Butte Street Car employees push through the routine work of their meetings in the most expeditious manner. A fine is imposed on members who are absent or tardy. As a consequence the meetings are well attended. The Journal man attended the last meeting of this union and although it was his first visit he was greeted with that hearty spirit of fraternity which warms the heart and is so characteristic of locals of the A. L. U. Meeting nights are the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p. m., except the semi-annual for election of officers, which is held at midnight, as is also all important special meetings.

The Catholic University of America, established at Washington, D. C., through Professor J. Kirby writes headquarters for copies of the constitution, by-laws, important public documents and back numbers of the Journal, also furnishing a subscription. The purpose, according to Professor Kirby, is to place this literature in the hands of the students in order that they may study the aims and learn of the work of the new trades unionism as represented by the American Labor Union.

The Denver Butchers' union has succeeded in bringing Swift & Company to time. This company has paid a fine of \$58.75 for employing a scab and the plant is again unionized. Campaign is again acting as business agent of the clerks and the union is going forward in good shape. The candy workers still have their hands full, while the engineers are getting on in fine shape. The Firemen's union has been sued for \$1,000 damages by the

Citizens' alliance. There are strenuous times ahead.

"The A. L. U. and its journal is the beginning of the end of the A. F. of L.," declares F. Panlitch of the Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers of Brooklyn. His organization has been on strike for some time with good chances for success until Gompers came to town and attempted to knock the props from under them through his arbitration plan. The Sheet Workers could not see things in Samuel's light, however, and are still fighting.

"D. C. Coates has the Gompers' brigade on Queen street in Chicago," says T. S. Mahoney, organizer for the A. L. U. and president of the Street Laborers and Excavators' union, who has done so much to help the growth of the A. L. U. in the Windy City. "The day is coming," he continues, "when the A. L. U. will be the whole thing in Chicago." Mahoney is a union man who loves justice and scorns treachery, hence his delight at the approaching overthrow of greater unionism.

Brother Jantzen of Alameda, Cal., says if the Parry crowd do not take a tumble to themselves and stop praising Gompers the working forces will speedily begin to smell a mouse. In this event Samuel will be left without an organization. Brother Jantzen is not a member of the A. L. U., but he rustles suls for the Journal in an enthusiastic manner.

The more locals of the A. L. U. and W. F. M. there are," says Marion W. Moore of McCabe, Arizona Miners' union, "the quicker the working class can be educated to understand the position they hold under the capitalistic system and the sooner will the brotherhood of man become a reality."

Nelson, British Columbia, Steam Engineers and Electrical Workers' union, No. 342, A. L. U., report the death of a member, Brother Ayres, who was a much respected and well liked worker in the cause of unionism.

"St. Regis, No. 50, is making hay while the sun shines and incidentally making a whole lot of good class conscious working union men," says Secretary Rogers of St. Regis, Mont.

Lakeside union of Jaffray, B. C., is making preparations to build a commodious hall for meeting purposes. N. M. McCrank has been re-elected financial secretary and is hustling the good work along.

Brewery workers of Omaha Union, No. 96, subscribe for 10 copies of the A. L. U. Journal. The Brewery Workers are everywhere in the vanguard of progress.

Beginning with November the Railway Employees' Journal will change from a weekly paper to a monthly magazine.

The Pacific Musicians' union, No. 35, has elected Brother Townsend as correspondent for the A. L. U. Journal.

Billings Federal has changed its meeting night from Monday to Thursday of each week.

Owing to lack of organization, sales girls at Eugene, Ore., are working for \$10 per month.

Master builders of Pennsylvania are preparing to fight the unions.

Denver Bottlers and Bottle Beer Drivers' union gave a ball on October to which proved a financial success, netting them over \$100.

Through the similarity of the names people gained the impression that the Ripon Knitting works, located at Ripon, Wis., had filed a petition in Bankruptcy instead of the Racine Knitting company, operating at Racine, Stevens Point and Ripon. The bankruptcy of the Racine Knitting company in no way affects the Ripon Knitting works, they being two independent institutions.

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LESSON 12.

Origin of the Wage System.

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After a long time there were so many more people on the land that the lord who owned the land had more people than he needed to do his work.

That is where the wage workers came from. They ceased to be serfs because the power of the master was not worth exercising.

worker when he was needed and turn him out to starve when his task was done, than to own him outright--as under slavery--and so support him all the year round; or provide the patch of ground--as under serfdom--whereon he could support himself.

The Lesson.

- 1. The working man became his own man because no one else was willing to keep him alive for what he would do. 2. When the masters gave the workmen their liberty they kept the earth themselves.

Questions.

- 1. Why did the old tribes get to fighting? 2. Why did they have to fight in order to get more land? 3. How did the old tribes grow until they got too large for the land they had?

BOSSISM IN THE SCHOOLS

Institutions which exist because of an essential and permanent demand reflect inevitably the character of local conditions.

The public schools of Anaconda afford an example of a reaction against conditions which became unbearable in their pressure. The city owes its origin to the building of the largest smelter and refining copper plant in the world.

school system was immediately revised, on the plan of a smelter, having head bosses, sub-bosses, hands and tools. The teachers were no longer "IT." They were the hands, and the bosses took care of their heads while called superintendents and Hobsonized principals were made to be the tools.

So, after due deliberation the teachers proceeded to smash the whole system by unionizing and calling upon all unionized American citizens to safeguard them, and to stand between their children and the further introduction into the public schools of bossism, imperialism and all the other isms which are inimical to the best interests of the teachers and the children by exercising their God-given right of franchise, which they did, and for this crime American citizens are being persecuted, driven from their homes, deprived of the right to earn bread for their wives and little ones, hounded by hired Hessians and subjected to other forms of tyranny which would make the tyrants of old hang their heads for very shame.

And this in a so-called free country! J. H. SHWEND, CHAS. BECKENS, A. V. BARRETT, Educational Committee of Trades and Labor Council, Deer Lodge County.

HANFORD QUILTS.

Owing to Ill Health He Abandons Tour and John Brown Takes His Place.

The cancellation by Ben Hanford of his Western tour, through ill health, has called into service as his substitute John W. Brown of Connecticut, who will, beginning November 9, take up the tour where Hanford left off and complete it.

Brown is one of the ablest speakers the Socialist and trade union movement of New England has produced. He has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters for 15 years and an active Socialist for six years.

Brown stamped the entire state of Connecticut for the Socialist presidential ticket, Debs and Harrison, in 1902 and the following year was a delegate to the Indianapolis convention, at which unity was consummated and the present Socialist party became a reality.

for the Socialist party in Massachusetts and, by special request of the state committee, his services were donated for one month to that state by the National committee for the exciting campaign of 1903.

Brown is a magnificent specimen of physical manhood, six feet four inches in height, and a presence which makes him a powerful platform speaker. Herebefore his work has been confined almost entirely to the Eastern states, but his entrance into the national field is bound to increase his value and power as a Socialist agitator.

Brown's dates in Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico are being arranged direct by the national secretary, and in California, Oregon, Washington and Montana his arrangements will be made by the respective state secretaries.

More Free Men.

The railroads of the East have already begun the work of retrenchment prophesied some time since. The Pennsylvania will reduce its force from 5 to 15 per cent. Twenty-five hundred men are off in shops and offices of the New York Central; every railroad in the country will follow suit.

KAISER BEGINNING TO LEARN.

Social Democracy Has "God's Anointed" Guessing--They Are pressing the Immediate Demands.

Among the dozen parties which constitute the German reichstag, the Social Democratic is the best organized, says the New York American and Journal. It already possesses the largest funds, it has the most capable organizers, and is imbued with real enthusiasm.

The propaganda is now conducted all over the empire unceasingly by 120 newspapers, by able speakers at large and small meetings at trades union and public assemblies.

Already the railways are owned by the various states which compose the empire, and several coal and iron mines are also worked by the community. The Social Democrats desire that all other property should likewise be owned by the people.

The immediate aim of the Social Democrats is to reduce the taxes on food, which yield \$70,000,000 a year to the revenue, and keep up the price of all home-grown food; to secure greater political rights; to democratize legislation, which is solely in the hands of the kaiser's ministers, by himself appointed; to democratize the army, and to secure a maximum working day for the artisan and the laborer.

Evidently the kaiser is beginning to recognize that such an organization must be met with diplomatic measures.

A WORD FOR DAD.

We happened in a home the other night, and over the parlor door saw the legend, worked in letters of red: "What Is Home Without a Mother?"

Now, what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, grabs his dinner pail and wipes off the dew of the dawn with his boots, while many a mother is sleeping.

If there is a noise during the night dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs to find the burglar and kill him. Mother darns the socks, but dad buys the socks in the first place and the needles and the yarn afterwards.

Dad buys chicken for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after every one else is served. "What's home without a mother?" Yes, that is all right; but "What is home without a father?" Ten chances it is a boarding house, father is under a slab, and the landlady is the widow. Dad, here's to you; you've got your faults--but we miss you when you're gone.--Ex.

Comrade E. B. Ford, of Farribault, Minn., requests that the following note be sent out to the Socialist press: "The capitalist district judge of this section and his capitalist clerk of the court have published a ruling in the local capitalist press here which is to mean that no Socialist in this (Ross) county will be granted naturalization papers, as they hold that Socialists are anarchists."

Benjamin Franklin Adams, a lineal descendant of old American Revolution stock, spent six days in the workhouse in Washington, D. C., for sticking up Socialist placards. He had a license, but the judge very angrily ignored it.

The United Tinplate manufacturers of South Wales, controlling four-fifths of the firms of that trade, locked out from 20,000 to 30,000 workers who wanted more wages. The workers have given up the struggle and accepted the old terms.

Father Thomas McGrady has declared his purpose to withdraw from the lecture platform at the end of the present tour. He will take up the practice of law.

The Socialists of Michigan are forming a Pioneer Association. The object is historical as well as in the interest of party effort.

Montana Socialist Party State Organizer P. J. Cooney reports six new locals as a result of last trip.

A CAPITALISTIC LOVE FEAST

Corporation Mutual Aid Society Meets in Chicago and Advises on "Getting Together" Again.

The National "Physic" Federation, of which Samuel Gompers, Mark Hanna and Grover Cleveland are shining lights, met secretly in Chicago for the purpose of devising means for bringing capitalists and laborers "closer together." It would seem that the Teamsters' union of Chicago had given an example of getting together that would satisfy the most exacting Federationist and win for A. L. Young the hearty endorsement of these industrial peacemakers.

Mark, is not in the interest of the working class. Therefore, it must be in the interest of the capitalist class. Mark is a capitalist and would be benefited by Socialism, presumably; but with that utter disregard for his own interests which characterizes every capitalist, he resists the temptation and says: "Get thee behind me, Satan. Socialism is not in the interest of the working class. I must warn them against it, even though I neglect the Civic Federation meeting and save Ohio for the Republicans."

Of course, with Hanna and Cleveland absent there was still Gompers left. Samuel is a host in himself in protecting rash men from foolhardy steps. The dispatches state that the meeting was largely made up of laboring men, and that some of them, unmindful of Sammys august presence, actually began to talk Socialism, but Sammy, who presided at the meeting, declared them out of order, insisting that they confine themselves to matters of vital importance, such as evolving hens from egg plants of causing water to flow up hill.

THE CLERICAL POLITICIAN

BY ADAM SKIRVING.

Rev. Van Aken, in his articles on "Socialism Against Property Rights," published in the workingman's friend (?) the Butte Miner, says: "Ambition and personal interest are so closely allied as to be inseparable. As long as a man is human, to do away, as Socialism would do, with personal interest, is to destroy ambition."

son to go without meals and sleep to perfect an invention? Men have died in garrets for the sake of their ambitions. Men have been burned at the stake for the sake of their ambitions. Men in jail have written some of our best books. Show me a great inventor and I will nine times out of ten show you a man who not only cared nothing for money, but a man, who, after spending a life in perfecting a machine, of some kind, died in the poorhouse, or close to it, while some individual who couldn't hit a nail on the head with a hammer reaped the reward of all his labors.

On the other hand, point out a millionaire and, almost without exception, you will point to a man who has no creative ability outside of an ability to fasten, with leech-like tenacity, to his fellows and absorb their surplus earnings. There are several kinds of ambition, Rev. Van Aken. Ambition to do good, ambition to achieve fame and ambition to get rich. The last ambition is the most shallow and is only promoted by the system under which we live. It is the ambition which we could do away with the least regret, but it can only be done when we live under a system that does not absorb all our time attending to the cravings of an empty stomach.

Gospel of Discontent.

In Butte the socialists have not been idle. Every night almost since the shut-down the soap box has been in active use and volunteer speakers have pictured the development of capitalism up to the present where it can only be met by united working class political action. If Butte workmen are not conscious of their class and the necessity of abolishing the wage system it is not the fault of the soap box brigade. The sentimentalist, the humanitarian, the profound scholar who takes up propaganda work of socialism because he thinks present conditions wrong, unquestionably does a great good in beating down the barriers of unreasoning prejudice, but it is the humble street-corner proletarian lecturer with the iron in his soul who most often emphasizes the basic principles of the socialist program, class solidarity and working class rights.

BREATHING STILL PERMITTED.

Almost Everything Else, However, Has Been Denied the Working Class by the Decision of a Chicago Judge.

One of the most drastic injunctions ever issued against a labor union was granted by Judge Holdom at the request of the Chicago typothetae, which sought to restrain members of the Franklin union of press feeders employed by Rand, McNally & Co. against whom a strike has been declared by the Franklin union. The order restrains members of the union from visiting the homes of the non-union feeders and from communicating with them in any manner, whether by word of mouth, by mail, signal or otherwise.

Another Union Sued--Next.

Two carpenters' unions of Rochester, N. Y., have been sued for damages for conspiracy and boycotting. The amount claimed is about \$50,000. It is the outgrowth of a strike during May of this year.

Thomas A. Edison has declared against union labor. His machinists struck for an increase in pay. Not satisfied with filling their places with scabs, he went through his plant and discharged every union member. Those who buy photographs in future will patronize scab labor.

Colorado and Southern switchmen have a grievance against the superintendent of terminals and the yardmaster at Denver. They claim that switchmen have been discharged on trifling pretexts to make room for B. of R. T. men. An effort is being made to run the C. and S. down and then dispose of it.

The employees of the New York Interborough Rapid Transit company refuse to submit to a physical examination and a strike may follow.

D. and R. G. telegraphers are asking for an increase of 15-2 per cent.