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"On to Washington."

You will note by the circulation statement that the total number of subscribers is now 290,921, so near to the 300,000 mark that most any other publication in the country would claim it.

THE Marshalltown (Iowa) Republican

says that if something is not done to give the public relief from the railroad extortion of \$116 per family per year the public will proceed to operate its own railroads!

DISPATCHES from Russia tell of great public gatherings being dispersed by the soldiers; in every large city the meetings indicate a state of unrest that may burst into revolution at any moment.

E. A. SPRAGUE, of St. Louis, has filed suit for divorce, charging adultery, and naming Geo. Morton, general passenger agent of the M., K. & T. railroad, who is now in Mexico.

A BIG case is on in Oregon, where a large number of republicans have been arrested for land frauds—swindling the government out of thousands of acres of its best land by means of perjury, forgery and bribery.

THE Labor Monitor, of Chattanooga, which serves the capitalists by misleading the laboring class, like Gompers and Mitchell, whines at the criticism of the Appeal, and asks what the Appeal has done for the laboring class.

THE Citizens' Industrial Association condemns the labor union because "by limiting the number of apprentices it is, therefore, responsible for the disappearance of skilled labor."

A CRITIC says that it is not logical that the more wages the worker receives the less profit for the capitalist, and that the interests of the two are not, therefore, diametrically opposed.

THE Socialists in the German reichstag opposed the government measure designed to protect the middle class merchants from the great aggregations of capital which are ruining the retail trade from the standpoint of the small traders.

RAISING A ROW.

The Socialist vote has caused a tempest in a teapot. The great intellectuals of the colleges have broken into print on politics! Capitalist professors see in the vote that the democratic party must organize on radical lines to prevent the growth and success of the Socialist party!

THE Troy (N. Y.) Press compliments Dennis Kearney for turning his back on Socialism. This brings up a memory of the past. Dennis Kearney was a drayman, a large, powerful man of tremendous voice, who scared the rich about twenty years ago by preaching against the private ownership of land in San Francisco.

THE Associated Press dispatches report that a Japanese syndicate is gobbling up the shingle mills of the northwest. Ah, there, Mr. Capitalist! If the Jap doesn't watch out he will find the sympathy of the American people withdrawn from him.

THE Boston Herald has fallen under the displeasure of President Roosevelt because its Washington correspondent told how the Roosevelt boys chased a Thanksgiving turkey around the White House grounds.

AND THEY ARE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS.

From Cleveland Daily Press. The rich men and corporations who buy legislatures and judges, as well as petty bribers of the constabulary, are anarchists, enemies of the republic, traitors.

"MASTERS AND SERVANTS."

Some people may question the statement that we have masters and servants in this country, but I assure you that such is the case, and I cite you as authority Mr. Percival DeWitt Oviatt, of Rochester, member of Parry's Industrial Alliance.

THE right to learn a trade, the right to exercise one's trade, the right to employ a willing servant or to enter the service of a willing master, the right to make the products where one may find willing buyers, the right to personal liberty, to freedom from physical assault and moral constraint—all these have been ruthlessly disregarded when they impeded the lines of this imaginary progress.

DON'T DISTURB 'EM.

Commenting on the statement of the daily press that there are many thousands of men out of employment in all the cities, men who are anxious and willing to work, a reader wants to know why it would not be a good idea to get up a petition to the president to set these men to building a railroad from ocean to ocean and from lakes to gulf.

ROOSEVELT PROSPERITY.

A reduction of 20 per cent in the wages of the kid workers at Lynn, Mass., has been made. Hurrah for prosperity!

Reduction of 65 per cent in wages in the Illinois steel mills is evidence of Roosevelt prosperity. Got what they voted for.

WHILE C. W. Post, the manufacturer of Postum and Grape-Nuts, was making speeches in New York denouncing the cruelty of the labor unions and their high-handed lawlessness, his deserted wife was securing a divorce on the grounds of cruelty.

THE Wasp, San Francisco, a kind of Police Gazette to pander to the vulgar rich, says: "Murders are many because our judges are elected instead of appointed!"

THE QUESTION OF INCENTIVE.

Will Socialism tend to kill ambition in the rising generation? Will not the young man say: "What is the use of studying to be an engineer when I can get just as much for work as a fireman or train boy," etc.—S. W. Meade, Bartlett, Neb.

Socialism will not kill ambition—it will simply change its channel of expression. For instance, when I was a boy I wanted to become a carpenter; I tried for a whole year to get to work in that occupation; my environment prevented that, and I have expended the same ambition in the printing business.

There is nothing worth living for in any case: nothing can ever occur during any day to repay me for the effort of arising in the morning, and I marvel at the delusion which can perpetuate human life through so much mental or physical suffering as most men and women must undergo.

THE president recommends that the greenbacks be retired and bank notes substituted. That will give the banks an interest on \$346,000,000 more of their notes, that are printed by the government and furnished them for nothing, except the cost of looking after the accounts.

LETTER, the leader of an armed rebellion against the state of Illinois, declares that the country is full of unemployed men. It might be well for Roosevelt to consult his partisans before writing another message about the contented American laborer who has plenty of work.

Palatial Homes for Dogs;hovels for the Children.

The two million and more child workers in the United States will be very glad, indeed, to learn that a part of the wealth which they create is to be used to build a string of palatial "dog hotels" from New York to San Francisco, where the rich can house their dogs while they revel in luxury only equaled by that lavished on the canines.

resting rooms, a shampoo parlor, a notion store, a modiste's salon—in short, everything which tends to make a dog's life luxurious is at the disposal of the patrons of hotel bow-wow. An infirmiry is connected with the hotel, and several skilled physicians, as well as three competent nurses, are in constant attendance.

"BULLY TACTICS" OF CAPITALISM. RICH STRANGLING THE POOR.

You will remember some weeks ago the Appeal printed the news that under her recent charter Los Angeles, Calif., had an election that recalled a corrupt councilman and elected a successor to him in the person of Dr. Houghton. The city was so corrupt that the people couldn't stand for the effects of their beloved system.

It was obtained before a jury of unionists and has no foundation of fact whatever. As to the situation in Zeigler, a ruffian mob is trying to terrorize the community, and as long as that condition lasts the militia will remain. Work is going on steadily in my properties, however, and nearly three hundred men are at work underground. There is no difficulty whatever in obtaining labor, for the country is full of unemployed men, and plenty of them do not belong to unions.

CONGRESSMAN CAMPBELL, of this (Third Kansas) district, has had himself interviewed in Washington and expresses himself apprehensively concerning the growth of Socialism. He says all good men should make war on it! Good. But Campbell didn't say a word against it during the whole campaign. He was afraid to open his mouth. He was afraid to meet our candidates in debate.

HETTY GREEN, the miser millionaire, says the Lord helps her make money! There is no use bucking such a combination. Might as well let the dealer rake in all the chips. Ye gods! what is done in the name of the poor and lowly Jesus in these degenerate days!

AN EXCHANGE says that Socialists are idlers; that the vote represents the men out of a job—probably from choice. Most of the plutocrat papers insist that Socialists are inveterate workers—that they campaign all the time and never fire. Consistency, where art thou?



Built by Workingmen; Enjoyed by the Rich

CHICAGO.—For the privilege of lunching exclusively in the presence of millionaires, 300 Chicago men will pay \$300 initiation fees and heavy annual dues for membership in the new Midday Club, to be opened January 1, 1905.

THE NATION CONTINUES TO ENJOY NOTE-WORTHY PROSPERITY

Theodore Roosevelt

"There is no difficulty whatever in obtaining labor, for the country is full of unemployed men." - Joseph Leiter, coal magnate and Roosevelt partisan.

THE BREAD LINE.

From the New York World. Capt. Henry has his finger on the pulse of poverty which nightly comes to his door in a long line of poorly dressed, hungry men.

would have gone back to the end of the line and come along for a second portion. Any man here has the privilege of repeating and we never refuse the second hand-out.

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looking for it, but somehow there doesn't seem to be enough work to go around.

"In the last month I've slept in the park and in doorways a dozen times. I have been forced to beg for nickels and pennies, and if it hadn't been for these and an occasional glass of beer, with free lunch, that they bought me, I'd have starved.

HE STOLE BECAUSE HE WAS STARVING.

From Tacoma News. After tramping about for three days without a bite to eat, and with another night coming on cold and drizzly, H. Wagner saw some sausages hanging in a window and he broke the glass and helped himself.

He is not an ordinary tramp. He has no vicious appearance and his hands show the effect of labor. He claims he has never yet "bummed" a ride on the cars, and that he had rather steal than beg.

I wonder how many American citizens sat down and read carefully the president's message? A very small percent, I ween.



Where the "Bread-Liners" are Recruited.

"The Passaic Print Works, of Passaic, N. J., closed down Saturday, for an indefinite period. It was stated at the local office of the company yesterday that conditions did not warrant an accumulation, and that it would be better for all concerned to suspend operations for the time being."

THE COUNTRY IS ENJOYING NOTE-WORTHY PROSPERITY.

From Philadelphia North American. That the favored city contractors are not the only ones to be benefited by the construction of the new Southern Boulevard is attested by the crowd of men, women and children who throng the site from early morning until darkness puts an end to their labors.

Thus far the boulevard consists of giant ash heaps, paralleling Broad street, south of Skunk. From all over the city wagon loads of refuse have added to the growth of the proposed new roadway, and, ankle deep in ashes, a host of persons seek daily to add a little to their fund for the approaching holidays by ransacking the heaps for treasures.

Brass fittings and an occasional length of lead pipe are among the most valuable finds so far; but nothing with market value is overlooked. Tomato cans are carted away by the thousands, bringing \$3 a load from dealers in old tin.

Women have dragged to the dump dilapidated trunks and boxes, in which newspapers are packed, to be disposed of at a few cents per hundred pounds.

which they carry away in huge bundles, strapped to their backs. BOTTLES also are much sought for, having a value of one-half cent each—small, to be sure, but yet sufficient, when hoarded, to bring at least a ray of happiness into some home which is obliged to count carefully the pennies before the Christmas season.

LIFE'S LITTLE TRAGEDIES.

From Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Pathos, genuine and sincere, must be felt on reading the little note left by the bedside of a gray-haired German man who was found dead, with his son, in a tenement in New York city.

Compassion and sympathy are as a rule wasted on suicides. They are as selfish and cruel as their act, which is self-murder and no less. But the little note, "we never did anybody any harm," seems to be the mild protest and apology of one who had failed utterly to find even a corner in the world in which there was peace or comfort.

NO WORK—SENT TO JAIL.

From the Butte, Mont., Miner. Araconda, Mont., Dec. 7.—Despondent and weary with vain attempts to struggle against an unsympathetic world, two old men were brought before Police Judge McHugh this afternoon to see whether some means could not be provided for their support, at least until spring time.

George Westlake was the first one to receive the consideration of the court. Westlake is 72 years old. He is a fine appearing old man and his manner of speech shows him to have at one time enjoyed better than an average advantage.

A charge of habitual drunkenness was placed against him and he was sentenced to a term in the county jail, though it is more than probable that he was never under the influence of intoxicating liquor in his life.

The act on the part of the authorities was one of kindness for him, as in the county jail he will be provided with a good place to sleep and plenty to eat.

The Merchants' Manufacturing Company at Fall River, Mass., is evicting women and children from corporation houses.

timber during the winter, but the police authorities realize that he could not long survive such a task. "I'm old enough to die," said the old man, looking out of the window over the judge's head. "The earth has no need for such as me as the other ol' fellow."

THOUSANDS OF IDLE MEN.

New York, Dec. 7.—Charitable institutions in this city report that never before have they been called upon to assist so great a number of unemployed men. According to statistics at the Municipal lodging house in First avenue, nearly 40 per cent more idle men needed help in November than was the case a year ago.

month shows so far even a greater rate of increase. Bellevue hospital reports a similar state of affairs. Officials connected with the charitable organizations attribute much of the increased distress to the completion of the subway, not so much on account of the completion of the construction work, which, of course, threw men out of employment, as to the fame of the tunnel, which has attracted thousands to New York in the belief that they could at once obtain lucrative employment.

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on the \$2.50 per week allowed her by her church. The youngest child is not yet 16 months old; the oldest has yet to reach his 10th year. Four of the children are girls. Those who are able to attend school have been sent, although their shoes are worn through.

REACHED AGE LIMIT, COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Chicago, Ill., Friday.—"I end my life because I have reached the age limit, and there is no place for me in this world. Please notify my wife, No. 222 West 129th street, New York." Having summed up the cause of his despondency in this final message, James Hollander, fifty-six years old, shot himself through the left temple in his room at the Stafford Hotel today.

Hollander complained to his fellow boarders for two weeks past that "old age" was his only hindrance from getting employment. For years he had successfully represented a rubber company as a traveling salesman.

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HITTING THE CAPITALISTS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Richard & Co., incorporated, local bankers, closed their doors today and issued the following notice to their customers: "On account of financial embarrassment, no further business will be transacted by this company until further notice."

M. ROOSEVELT, your attention is called to the news items on this page. These items are taken from the daily press—from the papers which supported you and your policy during the past campaign.

Dare you go down on Broadway, New York, at 12 o'clock tomorrow night and tell those men in the Bread Line, as they shiver in the cold, that there is plenty of work for them—dare you do it?

DARE YOU GO DOWN ON BROADWAY AND REPEAT THE WORDS WHICH I HAVE QUOTED FROM YOUR MESSAGE ABOVE?

It is certainly gratifying to the Socialist to read in the capitalist press an intelligent discussion of the aims, principles and progress of the Socialist party.

So 16 years it has grown from a local party in a New York municipal election to a national party, with a following greater than any other "third party" in the field.

Debs and his followers got 87,514 votes in 1900. This year he got 600,000, it is estimated, showing a seven-fold increase. The other Socialist branch, the Socialist Labor party, had nearly 40,000 votes in 1900. It has not grown greatly. This indicates that Socialism is leaving the distinctly labor field for the broader field of general politics.

With all your strenuous bravery, with the record of San Juan Hill to your credit, I say that you dare not do it. Not that the men would harm you physically. Oh, no! They are law-abiding citizens; no charge is made against them except that they are hungry, and that in their ears rings the cry of the starving babe at the mother's breast!

Dare you cross the threshold of that stricken family, Cooper, 835 Eleventh avenue, New York City, and tell him that the country is prosperous, and that there is plenty of work for him?

Dare you knock at the door of Jas. Hollander's home, No. 222 West 129th street, in the richest city on the face of the globe, and tell that widowed mother that there is plenty of work for all able-bodied men, while she is reading the last message from the man who had sworn to love and protect her, that "I end my life because I have reached the age limit, and there is no place for me in the world?"

Surrounded as you may be by secret service men, detectives, Gatling guns, and all the prestige which attaches to your office, you dare not face that weeping wife. The words would strangle you!

The third element—capital—is to them a means by which labor is exploited. Their class has the labor, they propose to get the land, and at the same time take over capital, so as to prevent further exploitation.

Dare you go to Fall River, Mass., and face that crowd of law-abiding men and women and little children who are battling against the corporate greed of the Masters of the Mills for enough return for their labor to keep life in their bodies, and tell them that noteworthy prosperity abounds?

As the children of these work-wearied men and women are thrown into the streets by the hired men of the landlords, do you dare face them with the words from your message, "that labor is contented and prosperous?"

You have lived during the past three years in a glamour of brazen prosperity—a prosperity that enables the idle rich to spend millions on poodle dogs and dresses of exceeding richness; you have been made to believe that the prosperity which has come to the trader class extends to the toiling millions.

There is no mind, matters, and no pretense that the Socialists and those whom they believe to be their exploiters can be friends. The gauntlet is thrown down. No compromise is asked; none tendered. It is to be a battle without quarter until the proletariat is subjected absolutely to the capitalist class.

Distinctly a Class Movement. Democrats and republicans hire or organize audiences to fill their halls, or attract them with brass bands and torches. Socialists pay admission to hear political speakers, and crowd the halls under such conditions.

Dare you face them with the words from your message, "that labor is contented and prosperous?" With all your boasted frankness and directness of speech, you do not, because you know from the evidence of your own eyes that American labor is not contented, is not well housed, is not well fed, and that the burden is becoming so intolerable that many are seeking suicides' graves rather than continue the unequal struggle.

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Thus the people will take them over, and thus gain industrial freedom. Socialists argue that political freedom and industrial abolition cannot abide together. The man who controls one's wages can control one's political action.

They figure seriously in the politics of Germany, France, Italy and Belgium, and have a pretty firm foothold in other European countries. Will they become a future force in the United States? It is not necessary to assume the gift of prophecy to forecast the chances. To begin with, Socialists have in full measure the enthusiasm which is the dynamic force in all movements of the sort.

But I care not whether you heed the cry of the distressed! Hedged as you are by the limits of capitalism, you could do nothing—you are as powerless to help these miserable humans as is the czar to furnish bread to the starving millions in his empire.

But there is a listening ear. It is the ear of the awakened proletariat—of the millions of propertyless wealth producers—many of them without jobs and their families suffering for that which they have created in lavish abundance.

There's a half million of them registered now—and your supporters tremble. Well may they, because these outraged men and women, tasting, as they have, political freedom and the good things of life, will never be content to remain the servile slaves of the Masters of the Bread.

This is no idle boast—you have only to turn to the records of the late election to read the truth of what I say. Play your little game of hide-and-go-seek with the trusts—talk prosperity when there is no prosperity—your play time is nearly ended and the proletariat will come into his own.

Embracing all reforms, the Socialist cannot be put out of business by the consummation of any reform. He hopes to win by evolution amounting to revolution. The Socialist flatters himself that he has put himself in harmony with the essential scheme of advancing civilization, and if civilization continues to advance it must mean the triumph of Socialism.

HITTING THE CAPITALIST.

Buffalo, Dec. 5.—As a result of the run started last week, the doors of the German Bank were closed by order of Frederick D. Kilburn, State Superintendent of Banks, and the run on the German-American Bank was renewed. This bank had on deposit \$5,000,000.

FRED D. WARREN.

....DISCUSSING SOCIALISM INTELLIGENTLY....

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