A UNIVERSAL OWNER.

I came to a mill by the riverside,
A half mile long and nearly as wide,
With a forest of stacks and an army of men
Toiling at furnace and shovel and pen.

“What a most magnificent plant!” I cried,
And a man with a snub nose on his face replied,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

I entered a train and rode all day
On a regal coach and a sight of way
Which reached its arms all over the land
In a system too large to understand.

“A splendid property this!” I cried,
And the man with a plate on his hat replied,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

I sailed on a great ship, trim and true,
From penmon to keel and cabin and crew.
And the ship was one of a monster fleet;
A first-class navy could scarce compete.

“What a beautiful craft she is!” I cried,
And a man with aki meg legs replied,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

I dwelt in a nation filled with pride:
Her people were many, her lands were wide;
Her record in war, and science and art
Proved greatness of muscle and mind and heart.

“What a grand old country it is!” I cried,
And a man with his chest in the air replied,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

I went to heaven. The Jasper walls
Towered high and wide and the golden halls
Shone bright beyond. But a strange new mark
Was over the gate, viz.: “Private Parks.”

“Why, what is the meaning of this?” I cried,
And a Saint with a livery on replied,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

I went to the only place left, “I’ll take
A chance in the boat on the brimstone lake,
Or perhaps I may be allowed to sit
On the griddled floor of the bottomless pit.”

But a leering hound with horns on his face
Cried out, as he forked me off the place,
“It’s Morgan’s.”

—Edmund Vance Cooke, in Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Impressions.

Wayne McVeigh, Philadelphia’s statesman and grocer, can take the data presented by our social conditions and after a certain amount of reasoning, arrive at the proper conclusion as well as any other man, even a Socialist. Before one of those aristocratic Greek-letter societies that infest our colleges and universities, he delivered himself of the following:

“It seems to me quite too plain for dispute that no single member of a weaker race can be killed; no hurt of such a race, however humble, can be burned; no one can be settled for special honor for his part in such pitiful warfare without its helping to light the torch which starts the fire by which some hapless negro is to be burned at the stake in our own country, not only in defiance but in contempt of law, and all such acts must surely be followed by greater insecurity for the surplus wealth which the contented class possesses.

“Now, it is at least quite possible that in the not distant future American politics may transform Mr. Webster’s warning into history, for our electorate is already beginning to be divided, and must, in obedience to the law of social evolution, continue more to be divided by that sharp cleavage which separates those who are contented with their lot from those who are discontented with their lot.

“Under whatever disguises, called by whatever names, inheriting or seizing whatever partisan organization, the alignment of two great political divisions of American voters will sooner or later struggle against each other for the possession of the government, which will inevitably be upon the basis I have named. The party of the contented will be arranged under one banner and the discontented will be ranged under the other, and that alignment will steadily develop increasing sharpness of division until the party of the discontent, being the majority, has obtained control of the government, to which, under our present system, it is entitled, and then it will be sure to remove the present system for the distribution of wealth, unless we have previously done so, upon bases wiser and more equitable than those now existing.

“The one party will be, under whatever name, the party of capital, and the other party will be, under whatever name, the party of labor.

“And true to his material interests, Mr. McVeigh wishes his hearers, members of the capitalist class by birth, to stir themselves into action that the cleavage between the classes will be less distinct: “Unless we have previously made provision for the distribution of wealth upon bases wiser and more equitable (than) those now existing,” tells his secret. The accent on the “we” solves the problem. Stripped of all the academic flourishes Mr. McVeigh learned the trick of using at Hartford, the proposition reduces itself to this: Socialism is the coming factor in American politics. The class whose ideal it is bound to become is so much stronger than our class, that when the fight narrows down into a struggle between the two classes for the possession of the government, unless we take advantage of our present position and inaugurate capitalistic Socialism, we shall lose.

“He is another John, preparing the way.
He is not the light—he is too busy with his grocery business to be the light. His anxiety is to arouse his hearers from their apathy and for each to be a prophet on his own account. He knows that the education of the working class as such is outstripping the education of the capitalist class. The economic necessity for working-class education being more keen and that class having more martyrs, the blood of our martyrs being the seed of our revolution, and the further fact that the working class is increasing in numbers while the capitalist class is decreasing, urges him on to beg the members of the Phi Beta Kappa to drop their drill and their discussion of neckties and get to work propping up the system that secures their special privileges.

If a kind Providence would only remove the McVeigh’s and a few of the clowns in our own ranks who go blundering through the country teaching thinly disguised capitalistic theories, we could have the working class so well organized before the Hannas and others would wake up, that the struggle for the possession of the government should be short and decisive.

However, these utopians and ideologists must soon array themselves either with the working class or against it. And a few others with a pleasant intellect, whose souls are not above gush, must realize that the fight we are engaged in is not a love feast, and that the labor party or class must struggle to a finish with the capitalist party or class.

One of the present is to take the time to think and to feel a word he speaks is a way for different interest. A present is silver commerce, commerce, commerce.

The last word is for the man who has the truth, the one who begins the truth and the one who firmly upholds the truth and lives the truth. And last of all, the important trumpet is to be the head horn, and for the rest, we shall have a great deal of fun and a great deal of work.

Other people are of a mind, the world will see the light, and the people can realize them.

To the right of the picture, I see the picture, and the picture is obvious; to the left of the picture, I see the picture, and the picture is clear.

The right and the left, with a prim and proper trade, is a prim and proper union.
directness about the action that is surprising.
But when the horde becomes a group, comprising two or three trades, there is a conflict in the undercurrent of thought, when something new is up for consideration, and the chances are the horde thought will take precedence of the group thought and each trade will become the nucleus of what might be termed an independent opinion. This can be seen in operation by the platform speaker when making a speech. The simple horde with the intimate relations that must be sustained by members of one trade, must have particulars, while a combination of hordes, or a group, desires only generalizations and funny stories. The combination of trades will endorse the class struggle without hesitation, while there is just a suspicion of reluctance on the part of a single trade to endorse it. This shows the effect of the collective will; the group thought is superior to the horde thought and forces the acceptance of the generalization. There is one common ground for both horde and group; that is where the thought is constructive. Tell them humanity is marching towards a glorious condition, where the present warfare will be ended and all men shall be brothers, and the thought will cause them to be deafening. But hint at the means whereby this glorious condition is to be brought about and they become sullen. This shows where the politician and the labor leader both get their power. They never weary their victims with details. They simply repeat the claptrap phrases about rights and liberty, equality, etc., and the implication, "Trust in me and all these things will be added unto you," suits their hearers. It is an easy game to play, this game of leadership, if one wishes to debase himself. Yet it is the really the most serious problem of the day—of all problems for its existence and lazziness and together with it they compel them while they impose the difference of the single trade. There is more than the capital along as they to organize really as well be made. To come, to study it come they to be subject to that same capital's independent and absolute a reality. On the other you all you that, to avoid but chiefly the clever of your what it satisfied with
This will always groups have a way to get tools you and you will be thought to be the passage, that if people, was the essence of the sim-
ple horde. But when I repeated the same thing, by way of experiment, before a group composed of many unions, the thought that there would be a share for each union in the victory of any single union brought deafening applause. One can see here the simple psychological process of the same horde or group under different conditions.

The workers of Paris have really little to grumble about, according to the latest method of solving problems. This method involves considerable energy and imagination, though it is simplicity personified when in full operation. The problem solver merely does a little addition, then he divides the result of the addition by the number of people involved and he has the answer. It is becoming quite fashionable. The leader of the cult in this country is Mr. Carroll D. Wright. His methods are copied in all the leading capitals of Europe. He is called over there the poet of figures. Over here—well, never mind what he is called. Paris is the latest city to stamp his method of solving the problem of hunger within besieged gates, with the seal of official approval. Men with well-developed imaginative qualities were set to work gathering data to offset the immensity of human suffering and starvation that weak women and little children are indirect enough to voice, and the result is something that must make them forever hold their peace. Of course, it is not supposed the French men could produce a work equal in power and smoothness to the grand epic Mr. Wright gives us every decade. Nevertheless, everything considered, they did well. One can see their hearts were in the effort. Here it is, and is a complete answer to the cries of hunger aforementioned:

"This is an official average of what a Parisian eats and drinks in one year: Two hundred and forty-two eggs, 19.62 pounds of butter, 3.35 pounds of ready-cooked butcher's meat, 34.92 pounds of fish, 154.70 pounds of beef, 25.38 pounds of pork and 27.83 pounds of fowl and game. This gives a daily average of two-thirds of an egg, 380 grains of butter, 57.12 grains of ready-cooked butcher's meat, 695 grains of fish, 6.81 ounces of beef, 1.11 ounces of pork and 2.21 ounces of fowl and game."

If a person could not be satisfied with this amount of food every year he must be very good. Of course, one is not bound to eat it all up and say his share of the meat consisted of bone and another will interfere with the symmetry of the poem by insisting that his share of the fowl consisted of the feathers, but such things must be in a city of so many divergent views as Paris. The school of Carroll D. Wright and the sociologists does the best it can. Aggregates alone can be dealt with. If one member of the group gets a little more than his share, it never appears in the report, and the report is everything because of its influence on the election.

J. R. (in the field)—There was no intention to detract from the goods that might be accomplished by the "Appeal to Reason," only a desire to head off the evil. Mr. Wayland has a circulation of 300,000 or more. The total Socialist cast in this country last year was 34,000. Taking the amount of propaganda into consideration that was done by other papers, magazines, meetings, etc., it is sufficient answer. His own utterances and the points in the platform is further answer, if one is needed. There is no desire to emulate De Leon in this office, but there is an insane desire to get at the truth.

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FREDDY: A Tale of the Sweating Den.

In a cellar-room in one of the houses at the back of Hester street, that most crowded human warren in the world, Francesca was sewing as if for dear life, though it was not yet day. In the height of fever, lay her boy, flaxen-haired and beautiful as an angel of light. Sometimes his eyes would wander to where he lay, but her busy fingers stayed not. Stitch, stitch, stitched—his stick, even movement of his mouth seemed to keep time with the boy’s painful breathing. Sometimes he moaned, but she only stitched faster and pressed her lips tighter than before.

"Mammie, ma, mammy—Never, never—" he gasped. "I’m big enough. I’ll take—take—" she answered, ready to press the needle hard enough to pierce the boy’s tender flesh.

"Yes, Freddy, dear," she answered with a strained voice, "some day." Then she bent to her work as if to retrieve the precious moment that the words had taken. There was a fierce light in her eyes, a light as of some terrible passion. Perhaps she was thinking of the rich young merchant who had betrayed her and left her to struggle alone for her child—his child, and hers.

The boy spoke again presently. "Mammie," he said, "I’m so hungry, please give me something to eat." The brave woman dropped the rich vest for a moment and sat down by his side. "Try to wait only a little longer, dearie," she said, as she pressed her lips to his fevered brow. "Mammie will soon finish this and get nice food for Freddy." Then she went back to her work, her eyes telling of a sorrow in her heart too great for tears.

When she again gave a sigh of relief. The boy was asleep and a furry sun ray played lovingly with his flaxen curls. Moving noiselessly around the poorly furnished, badly lit room, she folded the finished garments and hastened out into the busy street.

"It’s well you’ve finished them on time," said the gaunt old sweater, when he had carelessly examined the work, "or you’d never get another job from me." Then, turning to his clerk, he called out, "Pay this woman seventy cents," and went to attend to another woman.

Seventy cents! For that paltry sum she had toiled for thirty hours. She thought not of that, however, but only of how much it meant—food for her boy, perhaps his precious young life. She watched the money eagerly and hurriedly out without waiting for more work.

"Lazy devil! off to get drunk, I suppose," murmured the young clerk.

Back through the streets Francesca hurried, without even noticing the few people she knew. Hope was born afresh in her heart as she entered the gloomy room carrying the food, the small bottle of cheap wine and the few grapes on which all her scanty earnings had been spent. "Poor little fellow, he is still asleep," she said, "he will wake soon." But when hours had passed Francesca knew that he would never wake again; Freddy was dead. Then she thought of the rich young merchant and prayed that God would avenge the terrible wrong she had suffered.

Drifting Toward Socialism.

Henry M. Jones, in the "Indianapolis Typographical Journal," in writing of the labor conditions in Great Britain says: "It is believed by labor leaders and union men in the United Kingdom that the people should own gas and water plants, traction lines and other public utilities. In many instances of such ownership over there, and they are carried on to such advantage that they augur well for a general application of the idea in the future." This is true not only in Great Britain, but throughout Europe, and in the United States the same conditions are inevitable. Socialism solves the labor problem, and all that is required is for working men to study the subject, and this is being done—"Social Democratic Herald.

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We desire to replace the industrial aristocracy of oil kings, coal barons, steel princes, railroad emperors, financial monarchs, etc., with an industrial democracy.

Comrade Chas. H. Vail will speak in Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday, July 31st, and in the Academy of Sciences on Thursday, July 29th. Tell your neighbors not to miss this opportunity of hearing one of the ablest and most eloquent exponents of Socialism.

The Social Democratic Proposition for a $3,500,000 Palace of the People makes Carnegie's $750,000 library look rather small. The favorable mention which everybody makes of the Palace, its wide advertising in the press and the inherent excellence of the idea, should induce every comrade to circulate with renewed vigor the petition which will cause the Palace to be voted to a referendum vote. Call at "Advance" office to get new petition blanks and leave old ones.

Have you heard the new word? When a man went out on a plundering expedition upon the high seas in former times, he was called a pirate or a buccaneer. But since the advent of J. Pierpont the fellow who goes about and gobbles up everything is said to be on a Morganerian expedition. The Standard (revised) dictionary will read: Morganer, v., t., to acquire everything in sight; to get possession of and appropriate anything by a rapacious, insatiable and complete manner.

One of the constant dangers of the working-man's life is the loss of employment. Sometimes the boss can no longer hire with profit the laborer. At other times the conditions, wages and hours of labor are such that the workingman must quit until the boss is forced to do somewhat better. In either case, however, the workingman suffers, as out of work means loss of wages, the stoppage of income upon which he lives. To provide against this the Social Democratic Party has initiated a proposition for the employment of the unemployed resident citizens. It is proposed that the city shall employ all citizens of two years' residence, two years of age, earning $6 a day, on eight-hour day. The beneficial effects of this on the working-class can be easily appreciated. For instance, the striking machinists are now consuming funds saved from their own and their fellow-workingmen's earnings. Were such an ordinance as this the Social Democratic Party proposes in force, these men would be earning their two dollars a day right along for an eight-hour day of labor on useful public enterprises. Thus they could hold out until the final resting place of Mr. Irving M. Scott's soul would become a skat-ing-rink for their descendants. Such an ordi

nance would be a most powerful weapon in the hands of workingmen seeking to better their conditions. Circulate the petition, which will place this matter before the people on November 5th.

ON THE EVE OF BATTLE.

We wish we knew what the results will be of the conference that takes place Thursday, July 11th, between General Schwab, the leader of the American Medical Association, General Schaeffer, the leader of the army of Organized Labor. Will it be a battle or will it be an armed truce? One thing is certain, however: General Schwab, representing, of course,Epemeralism in America, will simply figure in this way: Business is booming just now. A prolonged strike will cost us so many dollars. On the other hand, concession to the union demand will be so-and-so much more expensive than non-concession. Accordingly, therefore, on whichever side of the account the loss will be the smaller, on that side will he determine. If, as appears improbable at this writing, he decides in favor of a continuance of peace, we may feel well assured that it will only last long enough for the U. S. Steel Corporation to arrange its forces and dispose of its stocks so that the Amalgamated Association may be speedily and thoroughly destroyed. General Schwab was one of the able leaders who helped General Frick win the battle of Homestead when the forces of the Amalgamated Association were broken up and driven out of the Carnegie works. That he will continue the warfare upon them until he drives them out of all the other works in which they have a foothold in a foreign country is a foregone conclusion. The question is, Just when does he prefer to give battle? For the workingmen the question should be. What is the vital, vulnerable point of this hostile force? The Social Democratic Party answers. Use your overwhelming millions of men at the ballot-box. Unite there, and strike at the laws which give your enemy property rights in the only means whereby you earn your living. Get control of the government which your enemy now uses against you, and take as your own and operate for your own benefit the industries which you used to be the toil, but which have been taken from you by the property laws of the land. Vote for Socialism!

POVERTY.

"Things are all right as they are." "This is the best possible system to live under." How often we hear it said! People, some people, wonder that we protest against the prevailing methods and criticize their iniquitous results. Something blinds their eyes to the real facts of the hardships and miseries the working man suffers; they are not so blind as those who will not see. They are hopeless until a change of condition causes a change of interest within them. But those who are seekers after truth, who wish to know the facts excepting their fellow-men; they have not far to go to find such conditions as to appall them if they have any conception of what might easily be the life of our brothers and sisters. It is so hard to get men to approach the problem in an attitude of plain common sense. The whole subject has been involved in such windy, grandiloquent circumlocution by politicians and verbose, obscure technicali

ties by the professors that when it is presented in plain simple language, a logical explanation made, and the obvious remedy suggested, the people believe that they are right. The whole proposition is not awe-inspiring enough. It is too simple—too good to be true.

The problem is in its simple statement this: We have a country of immense resources; machinery of marvelous productive capacity; men of ability and skill to manage and operate the means of producing and distributing wealth; immense stores of wealth created in surplus of what the population purchases. And yet, despite all this we have the great mass of the people toiling long hours, getting no more pay than they can use up to a few dollars of poverty; another portion of the community are prevented from working and suffer the direst poverty; while yet another portion becomes immoral or criminal because of the hard struggle to live. We Socialists say that this is utterly wrong; that when there exist the means of producing wealth and the men to use those means, there is no reason that those men should be forced to live criminal lives or lives of idle poverty—nay, more, when, as statistics completely prove, wealth is actually created today in abundance for all it is utterly wrong that want and hardship should be the lot of millions of our brothers.

With the abundant wealth produced each year in this country there is no reason for poverty. Improvement after improvement has been made in machinery and in manufacturing processes; the labor cost has been reduced to an incredible and to increase twofold the product of its toil. Never before in the history of the nation has such wealth been produced as now. And yet, with the advance of civilization, and, indeed, because of these improvements in the means of producing wealth, labor is displaced, deprived of its means of livelihood, ground down into penniless vagabondage. The labor thus displaced to increase the increased productivity of the machine enters into a fierce competition with the labor retained, and drives down wages. The result is that poverty is the general condition of the working class. The men that make wealth are poor. Before this age men were poor because they were unable to produce enough; now the working people are poor because the improvements in machinery are not capable to produce too much. If any there are who doubt the poverty of the people, let them go among the farmers and find out what mean, miserable lives they are forced to lead. Go in the working-class quarters of the cities and see there the toiling millions huddled and cramped together. If they wish to understand what such conditions mean they should read the papers and note the daily chronicle of those who commit suicide to escape life's misery, of the San Francisco who, before suicide, killed his corpse to any medical college that would give him tuition. Thus there reads the death-list of the victims of the heat in New York, and understand well that it was the working-class poor, who being always in the city streets, sun-scorched tenements; it was the poverty-stricken producers of wealth whose lives were sacrificed there and who, in the same place, are killed by the winter's cold.

Poverty is the result of the wholesale misappropriation of vast public wealth, the result of the total lack of publicscrupulousness, the result of vast wealth not reaching the poor. Poverty is the result of the fact that the poor are not receiving the share of the public wealth they are entitled to. Poverty is the result of the fact that the people are not receiving the benefit of the public wealth. Poverty is an evil, and is unnecessarily the condition of the mass of the people. We will not here trace it to its cause.
We simply point out this that poverty exists alongside of the greatest opulence. We suggest that it is this property of the few which is not only concomitant with but the cause of the poverty of the many.

**Capitalists in Session**

President Rockefeller called meeting to order. Sergeant-at-arms John W. Gates excused, having gone to Europe to learn to stop "wasting time and money" in Washington. Judge Gary appointed to position pro temp. Reading of minutes dispensed with. Credentials received from Cotton Duck Trust, Enquirer Trust, Cincinnati Lighting Trust, and delegates obligated. Credentials of an independent Texas oil combine rejected, being a dual body.

Temporary Business Agent Flint reported having stirred up the Indiana mine bosses to the necessity of combining, aided in amalgamating the lead combines; is helping the Copper Trust, which desires to raise the price on pennies; started a Cigar Store Trust for the Tobacco and Cigar Trust. Received.

A communication was received from Emperor Wilhelm of the Rulers' Union, in which he complained sadly that the best people in Berlin were occupied on occasion by those he referred to them as being disloyal to his local organization. On motion a vote of sympathy was ordered sent to Brother Wilhelm.

Brother Hoffman, of the Politicians' Union, wrote that the Supreme Court had decided the constitution does follow the flag and don't follow the flag, as the case may be, and that the profundity of this decision made itself evident. He was a great triumph for the C. L. U., the people and prosperity. Received.

Brother Turner, of the Manufacturer's Information Bureau, sent a letter stating that the proletariat had discovered his spies in the labor organizations, and that he was compelled to lay low for a while. Moved that Turner be paid his regular salary while out of work. Carried.

Roll-call responded to as follows: Amalgamated Copper Trust.—Senator Clark is in Europe getting control of patent motor to manufacture copper bars, sheets, etc. Gold 8 to 10 cents. The standard is $500,000 a week. Prices, however, will be kept up and wages down, as Brother Clark, who is the friend of labor and Jeffersonian simplicity, is building a $500,000 house in New York to make work for the workingman.

Billion-Dollar Steel Trust.—Corporation now owns 75 to 80 per cent of the ores in this country and a like percentage of finished products. Desire to warn the public against giving land and money to fakers traveling about pretending to want to erect steel plant. Trust claims exclusive jurisdiction in such matters. Desirable to secure rails. Carried.

Coal Trust (anthracite).—Striking for more money by raising prices a dollar a ton and introducing economies, which will bring in addition of $50,000 per annum; struck in Chicago for reduction of account to dealers from 30 cents to 40 cents, and will hammer discount down to 30 cents in July and further later.

Coal Trust (bituminous).—Brother Hoffman has corralled the Mission district and the Hocking and Sunday Creek districts are also lining up. So is Indiana, and the billion-dollar combination is in a panic.

Humming Bird Trust.—Got together in Indiana and are making things hum.
On the way To Socialism.

The Steel Trust cleared $8,000,000 surplus over interest on bonds and depreciation charges for March, the first full month of operation. The steel-workmen are never afflicted with any surplus.

The Widener-Elkins syndicate, which controls the street railways of Cincinnati, as well as many other cities, is planning to get control of the Cincinnati, Newport, and Covington Traction Company, to be operated in connection with the Cincinnati lines.

It is credibly reported that the Toledo Traction Company has been sold for $50,000,000 to the Everett Moore syndicate of Cleveland, which has also got control of the Miami and Erie Canal, extending from Toledo to Cincinnati. This syndicate now controls electric traffic from Pontiac, Mich., to Cincinnati, a distance of 350 miles.

Morgan has obtained options on nearly all of the large coal mines in the Hocking and Sunday Creek valleys in Ohio. He will probably purchase them at his own price, as he owns the railroads that run through the districts. Rockefeller has secured control of several of the richest coal counties in Western Pennsylvania. A huge coal combine is imminent.

The Conemaugh Steel Company is a new corporation organized in Pennsylvania with a capital of $50,000,000. It is understood that the company was organized principally for the purpose of enabling the absorption of the Pennsylvania Steel Company and other smaller concerns. It is expected the Steel Trust will gather in the new corporation at an early date.

Ex-Governor Gogg of Texas, a millionaire, whom an ardent opponent of trusts, has purchased 15,000 acres of land in Texas and organized a trust, with a capital of $10,000,000, to engage in manufacturing iron and steel. He has iron mines said to be the richest in the world and will utilize oil for fuel, and expects eventually to throttle Morgan's billion-dollar combine.

Mr. John Dillon, of Boston, has perfected a camera of scientific construction, which, it is said, will completely revolutionize the whole system of lithography, and which is said to be capable of abolishing many of the annoying technicalities with which this art has to contend, particularly in the preservation of the beautiful atmospheric effects so necessary to a perfect picture from nature.

Edison states that his factories to manufacture the new storage battery will soon be ready to start. The battery will reduce the present cost of operating automobiles at least two-thirds. The new invention is the theme of general discussion, and scientific men are anxiously awaiting the practical application of the new power, which, it is claimed, will work wonderful changes in every branch of industry.

A report from Europe says J. Pierpont Morgan contemplates the formation of an American watch combine to kill off the importation of Swiss watches and materials. It is said that the combination will include the Philadelphia Watch Case Company of Riverside, N. J., and the Standard Watch Company of Lafayette, N. J., as well as other concerns. The Swiss manufacturers intend to fight the contemplated trust.

ADVANCE

According to the New York "Sun," the most outspoken capitalist paper in the United States, less than one billion dollars ($1,000,000,000) of capital was centralized in that country during the first five months of the present year, and it is estimated that close to $300,000,000 entered combinations since the "Sun" issued its figures. These vast sums do not include the immense transactions involved in the taking over and absorption of independent competitors by the hundreds of trusts already organized.

The Yorkes syndicate has obtained control of the Louisiana underground railroad, and will introduce electricity as the motive power of the road. The syndicate is composed mostly of American capitalists. The profits from American labor are not being used to exploit European labor, just as the profits from European labor have been used by European capitalists for the same purpose here. Capitalism is international, and only an international movement can overthrow capitalism. Vote for Socialism!

A Pious Fraud.

If the oratory of the pulpit were taken seriously, it would immediately put a quietus on those preachers who have developed the habit of denouncing "materialism" in their sermons. Our daily papers teem with accounts of such sermons, preached by highly paid clergymen, all over the land, whose salaries are dependent upon the "materialism" of the wealthy members of their congregations. These denunciations have usually about as much effect as the barking of a yellow dog. It has upon the preacher, the face of the one who has paid most attention to material things, as regards their accumulation, are always the most influential persons in any church, and the very people whom the average clergyman takes the greatest pains to conciliate, knowing, as thousands and millions of other wage-servants know, that the means of subsistence depends upon their favor. The denunciation of "materialism" or "worldliness," as it is sometimes called, is a sort of pious fraud that imposes neither upon the preacher or his wealthy supporters. It is a doctrine that is simply the pernicious consumption of people who possess little or nothing, and who have small hope of ever being otherwise, as it gives an opportunity of assuming the "virtue" of spirituality and "other-worldliness" to the fellow who lacks material possessions.—Worker's Call.

Although the war in the Philippines is considered over, our war expenses are still running along at the rate of over $10,000,000 a month for the support of our army, and over $5,000,000 a month for the navy. In addition, the capitalist class is paying out over $10,000,000 a month for pensions. In the month of April, that class spent $10,102,731 on the army, $5,272,678 on the navy, $10,107,122 on pensions and $4,655,122 on interest on the national debt—$30,227,443 for one month. These expenses out of a total outlay for all the necessities of the government of $41,668,245.

Eugene Smith, a New York journalist, has figured it out, after going into the matter carefully and studiously, that the annual cost of crime in this country, footed up the enormous total of $800,000,000. But what is called the crime is traced to its causes. The causes are in the capitalist system. Over every penitentiary should be this inscription: "Home of the victims of capitalism."—S. D. Herald.

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Correspondence.

Women Suffragists in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 4, 1901.

Editor ADVANCE:

A few weeks ago, I attended a special meeting held under the auspices of the Women's Suffrage League of Los Angeles, June 24th—I was requested by the local suffragists to introduce Mrs. Muler of England, who is making a tour around the world for the purpose of arousing women everywhere. She opened the forenoon session with an introductory paper on "Nationalism and the Spirit of Freedom." With it she unfolded the evil results of false modesty and the conventional attitudes of female society. Following her paper was read on "Public Morality," by Mrs. Stern; "Causes of Nervous Prostration," by Dr. Knecht; "The Punishment of Crimes Against Women and Children," by Miss E. Kenny. Discussions at intervals developed a number of valuable suggestions. Miss Muler closed the program by presenting the primary need of the hour, and the final remedy of the evil effects in modern society.

The afternoon session opened with a paper quite unique by Mrs. H. M. Salyer on the subject, "How to Win the Husband," Mrs. Salyer explained, with effective words, the fact that so long as the minds of the people are kept in utter darkness by careless talk and subterfuges, both wife and husband completely was a fruitless effort. However, she will try to make the world more conscious of the threats to their families, and to live a more conscious life. She received with marked enthusiasm.

Then followed an address by Miss Fulton on "High Ideals." I am sorry to say they were too high for me, and no materialist, I judge, could ever reach them. The manuscript by Mrs. McGinnis, on "Ideal Freedom in Married Life," made marriage appear like a beautiful dream; which, no doubt, it should be, but the means to make it such, will first banishing from the earth the heartache of riches and poverty, and the oppression of the world seemed to bear more resemblance to the ideal marriage in its harmony and security. Then came an address by Mrs. Fink on "The Spiritual Phases of Marriage." Her sentiments were expressed, still I could not help but think that ideas fit only for spiritual life must clash against the actual life, and bring about a general discussion, and it was my privilege to bring the audience before the real thing, viz., the material phase of marriage life and society in general. Much to my surprise Mrs. Clara Colby, editor of "The Woman's Tribune," who presided as chairman, gave me full sway for about twenty minutes, during which there was ample time to present the economic, the material interest of that vast army of women and men, the wage-earning class, showing them the consequences of overwork—of work performed in a false light, of which is an adulterated, in consequence of our competitive system, the interaction of the Misses of poor worker to marry because the home is an essential necessity for family life. Hence, by developing the causes of poverty, such as lack of production, physical and intellectual—the thoughts of the audience turned suddenly from mere effects to the very causes of the struggle. But so long as women in the dependent and man the provider, that so long as finances in marriage relation, marriage cannot offer sexual freedom to either man or woman, was received with general understanding.

I made it further clear to these Women Suffragists that, as wage-earning women, our hopes are not directed toward suffrage alone, but the whole of it, as the sweet gentle woman, in the capacity of economist, the wage-earner and consumer, political, by buying votes and discharging her help should they refuse to vote for candidates favored by women who do make the most efficient products, and the candidates of Woman Suffrage that the hopes of the wage-earning woman rest within that party which gives to woman equality, economic, social and political, viz., the party of the Socialist forces which are gaining strength day by day over all the civilized world.

With great satisfaction one could observe that the Socialist views expressed were so strong and true, that even the sturdy Republican of the ranks of the Suffrage League has been shown the cold shoulder by these women of the well-to-do class.

Miss Muller, in closing the meeting, acknowledg- ed that the Socialist school offers a wide field for women's activity and it would be a good thing to have all women converted to Socialism.

Let us hope that Miss Muller will keep faith to the broad idea and noble principles for Social- istic on her tour around the world and arouse more women to take the bold step and sound the bugle for economic freedom for both men and women. The human race is composed of both, and both must stand shoulder to shoulder in order to move the wheel of social evolution. It is woman's duty to rise in rebellion and break the shackles of hy- povery and conventional lies.

Said meeting was one effort; others will follow.

With Socialist greetings,

Frances Nade.

ADVANCE.

Entertainment in Oakland:

Oakland, July 8, 1901.

Editor ADVANCE:

Dear Comrade: Oakland Local, S. D. P., will give their third quarterly entertainment on Sun- day evening, July 16th, in the Big Hall, 419 Thirteenth street, near Broadway, at 8 p.m.

The following program will be rendered and those who have enjoyed them in the past will be sure to take pleasure from this one.

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Make It Warm for Middle Class Explorers.

Long Beach, Cal., July 6, 1901.

Editor ADVANCE:

I thought it would be in order to write a few lines to let you see that Local Long Beach is still in the living. Though few in number the Comrades here are fully determined to do their share in the emancipation of the wage slave.

This not only very promising for Socialist propaganda, the permanent population being purely middle class or people with middle class aspirations, who are only hanging on to the skirts of the tourists, and who exist by charging several dollars to people in ignorance, is also quite a build- ing bloom here, and everybody imagines they are going to become rivals to Rockefeller, Carnegie, etc. However, judging by the signs of the times, their illusions will very soon be dispelled; so keep right on with our work and know that the seed sown is not lost. We have had Comrade Holmes, City Organizer of Local Los Angeles, with us for the last few days. He has been holding very impres- sive street meetings, showing the class-struggle between the workers and the capitalists, telling the workers that they must of necessity go in for class politics, and that the only party that represented the workers was the Social Democratic Party. Any of you or any of you are talking about who would vote for it. The speaker was listened to with close attention, and frequently applauded. They were the most successful meetings we have held, and consid- ering the place, we had good crowds. We intend to have more meetings in the near future, and keep things warm for our middle class explorers.

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