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BOX! SOAP BYE.



LD Soap Box, you and I have been good friends for many years gone by. We have stood in the street together, in fair and cloudy weather, through good report and ill. But other friends, the comrades of a common cause, have decreed that you and I must separate; that I must consign you to the

"younger men of the movement," as if I had grown old!

I must occupy the platform and the stage, so they say. I innocently inquired, "Why not both soap box and platform?" The only answer was, "Custom has determined that one man can play only one role." So I bow my head and submit. To the care of younger (?) men I tenderly commit you, dear old Soap Box. I shall be seech of them a gentle care of you, for you have been a comrade of the cause. No more shall we stand upon the highway together. No more "Soap Box Talks" from me. But when I give a platform lecture many a time it will be that same old talk you used to hear, dear Soap Box. Only the occasion will be changed.

Yes, I submit. But in my heart there is rebellion still. Custom has decreed! What custom? It is the servility of a snobbish age that decrees some parts ignoble and others noble. I submit, but I rebell. And when the red and glorious sun of the co-operative commonwealth has risen, and we are holding the grand jubilee of labor's deliverance, others may speak and sing and shout indoors if they like. My jubilee will not be within the narrow walls. I shall be with you, dear Soap Box, in the open air and under the canopy of heaven as of old.





THE STREET CAR STRIKE

is still unsettled, although negotiations forget its wrongs and re-elect the same are on which are expected to lead to an bunch of incompetents. agreement. The strike is now over five weeks old, during which time not a the injunction was so sweeping in charerty all the protection at his command.

The fact of the matter was the company had no desire to operate its cars. It well knew that public sentiment was with the strikers and that consequently operation of its system with non-union men (?) would mean a greater loss to it than a complete standstill.

Evolutionary Socialism has prepared the way for revolutionary Socialism. The evolutionary process is completed. hailed the Northern Securities decision The long stage of socialistic production as a death blow to the trusts, will be through which the world has passed has interested in knowing that the lawyer reached its climax and socialistic distribution has become an absolute necessity. This will require a revolution at with the firm of New York lawyers which the ballot box. Revolution is the fruit handles J. P. Morgan & Co.'s legal of evolution. The bud grows slowly, business. Et tu Brute! but the blossom bursts in a day.

Cornell University. He says he is growing old and will probably not need it steady' to suit certain dispositions and after next Christmas, but if he should temperaments." Right you are brother. he will pay rent. Did it ever occur to The prosperity that consists of a steady you that every laboring man is actually doing that very thing, not only as to his republican preachments from well-padskull, but as to his entire body. That his ded editorial chairs. It would tax the soul may inhabit his body the working- imagination of Dante to conjure up a man is compelled, under the existing system, to pay to the capitalist fourfifths of the product of his labor.

As we go to press the street car strike ficient time for the outraged public to

The only effort made during the past wheel has turned except on the third two weeks looking toward a settlement day after the strike when an attempt of the strike was the action of the was made by the company to operate Trades and Labor Congress at a special the cars with imported strike breakers, meeting. A number of business firms which culminated in a small sized riot were placed on the unfair list, including and a sweeping injunction. Although the Hotels Julien and the Merchants and the Nutwood and Johnson liveries, these acter as to practically prohibit everybody having succored the unfair Union Elecfrom even looking at any of the com- tric Co. A call to the unions of the city pany's property in an unfriendly tone of for an assessment to assist the strikers voice, and no effort was made by the financially was also issued, and all busistrikers to have the injunction dissolved, ness firms using light or power of the yet the company never attempted to op- Union Electric Co. given a week's time erate its cars, alleging that the mayor in which to discontinue the use of same. had refused it proper protection, al- This had the effect of arousing the though he had repeatedly assured the business men of the city, who held a company that he would give its prop meeting and appointed a committee instructed to endeavor to bring about a settlement. This committee has had several conferences with the company and the strikers, but have refused to divulge any developments and whether they will be successful remains to be

It might be well to again call the attention of the strikers to the fact that they are enjoined from re-entering the The city administration, having bound buildings, power houses and car barns itself hand and foot in granting the com- of the Union Electric Co. "until the pany a charter dictated at its own sweet further order of our said district court in will, was as impotent as a new born the premises." Czarism in "free" babe, and as far as they were concerned America looks ridiculous, but there are the strike might last forever-or rather other things about this wonderful sysuntil about a week before the next tem that would be equally funny if they municipal election, which would be suf- were not so tragic in their consequences.

> Those guileless anti-trust individuals we were going to say idiots-who who assisted Attorney General Knox in this famous case has taken a position

In discussing strikes the Dubuque Mark Twain has donated his skull to Times says: "Prosperity is the main grievance. It has made the job 'too job is not the beautiful thing pictured in worse inferno than that implied in the "steady job." Give us a rest. The working class has a right to be lazy.

In pumbers there is strength.

That is to say, at the ballot box.

A dishonest man is the noblest work of capitalism.

Forging fetters for themselves-workngmen who vote capitalist party tickets.

Thus far it has not been declared unconstitutional to demand the union

Protected industries-union wrecking and strike breaking with militia and Gatling gun.

Some men are born fools, but the maority become such through listening to republican and democratic campaign speeches.

At a special election for congressman in the Seventh Kansas district the Socialist vote increased almost 200 per cent over that of last fall.

A man who unwittingly walks into a trap is to be pitied, but a man who deliberately votes shackles on his own limbs deserves only contempt.

19,000 persons own all the real estate in New York city. Eight years ago it was in the hands of 27,000. Merely another instance of "benevolent assimila-

The disfranchisement of the negro in the South and the property qualifications necessary to suffrage in some states are forerunners of the eventual disfranchisement of the entire working class-if they don't watch out.

Yes, Prof. Smalley, the blood of some capitalists is so red that their complexions assume the same hue-particularly the complexion of the proboscis. And some of them are officers of temperance societies at that.

Another thing that has not yet been declared unconstitutional is an amendment or change of the constitution. But then the judges may have been too busy killing labor laws. Give the poor overworked devils a little more time.

The capitalist may have blood that is superior to that of the laborer, as Prof. Smalley says, but if true, the fact remains that its richness and deep, dark blue color was secured at the expense of the pale and anemic blood of the work-

Those labor skates who would warn the trades unions against the Socialists with loud mouthings of the old adage, "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts," might do well to take their own advice to heart his Civic Federation colleagues.

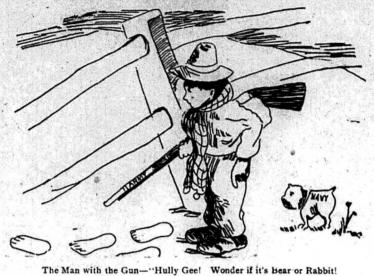
Production for profit means over-pro- by." duction at ever increasing intervals. Production for use means prosperityprofit of some bloated bondholder.

we place that "trust" of Missouri legislators who organized to sell their votes at "trust" prices? This may be the "greatest government on earth," but its greatness, like that of every other capitalist government in the world, consists largely in the infinite variety of its sessed of the ballot, and numerically

Like Achilles, who was invulnerable in every part but his heel, so capitalism is invulnerable except at one point-at the ballot box. Possession of the political power is capitalism's greatest strength. The working class must deprive the monster of this power if they ever expect to free themselves from its

dress lest they should discover their numbers and power. The capitalists of thieves. Whenever a labor union is today do not find this precaution necessary in the case of their wage slaves, though heaven knows they all look alike concerted howl by all the lickspittles in slaves of ye olden time to be credited tracts and the never ending doom that let us see what we shall see!" with more sense than the American workingman?

Capitalism Gunning for Socialism. Will He Need a Larger Army and Navy?



Propaganda

Mine eyes have seen the coming of the Spirit of the Age. Whose sword is Education, whose victory is Peace; Whose beneficent intention shall the curse of war assuage The truth is marching on.

Mine ears have heard the message whice re-echoes from above-The watchword is Fraternity, whose Plenty shall increase When the force of jealous rivalry capitulates to love As truth goes marching on.

My lips shall plead the promptings of the one unfailing voice-My conscience shall not falter by reason of defease; For the strife of good and evil is determined by the choice As truth goes marching on

My heart is thrilled with fervor by the grandeur of the cause; Whose goal is perfect knowledge; whose aim shall never cease. Till the race shall find a heaven in the Harmony of Laws As truth goes marching on.

My soul shall stake its freedom on the universal truth: That life is sempiternal, and death renews the lease-That the Love of True Fraternity shall find eternal youth As truth goes marching on.

-Robert Bielby.

In the freedom of all is the only possibility of freedom for each.

Scrap-iron in more than one sense of the word-the modern battleship.

A system that offers no other incentive to work than the necessity of escape from starvation can be abolished none too soon.

Comrade A. W. Ricker, associate editor of the Appeal to Reason, says: "I always read The Iowa Socialist the first of all the papers that come to my desk. It is a bright paper and well edited."

The admonition of the G. O. P. press to look about us and see our unparallelled prosperity always reminds us of the request Mark Twain made of the in their dealings with Mark Hanna and innkeeper who lighted his bedroom with a small sputtering candle "Now give me another candle to see the first one

in the full meaning of the word-for all is so mum when the Socialists score a lag in the rear, comrades, but push to and not merely for a few as at present. victory, draws on its imagination to the front. Everybody push. Under Socialism things will be produced manufacture news of the movement. for the use of the people, not for the The Clinton Daily Advertiser alleges the twenty-third ward branch of Milwaukee "has been stricken from the In what category, good or bad, should membership for holding anarchistic tendencies.'

> Without the ballot or any political rights to aid in the achievement of their purpose, the revolutionists of the past were compelled to resort to force. Posstrongest, as ten to one, the working class can achieve its emancipation from wage slavery without appeal to violence, whenever they so desire. "Ye are many; they are few."

Nothing is sacred to capitalism. Another strike of the anthracite miners was threatened because some of the operators refused to live up to the award of the commission. Now comes a bunch of Denver employers who refuse to In ancient times the slaves of Rome honor the general agreement under were not permitted to wear a distinctive which the great strike in that city was ingman against a typical capitalist sersettled. There is no honor among suspected of having an inclination to break a contract or agreement there is a enough in their cheap clothes. Are the the country about the sacredness of conawaits those who break them. Go to, ye hypocrites.

This is the month of the college graduate. Alas, that the dreams and ideals of so many of these bright young men and women must be dispelled because of this damnable system of capitalism.

The state convention of the Socialist party of Iowa will be held at Des Moines on July 4. Under the amended constitution every branch in the state is entitled to as many votes as it has members in good standing and may send any number of delegates. The purpose of the amendment was to permit a larger attendance. It is to be hoped each branch will take advantage of the new section and be represented by a large delegation-the whole branch if possible. The enthusiasm of large numbers at the convention will be reflected in a largely increased vote at the election in the fall. Iowa is one of the few states which will elect governors this year. These states will be watched with interest by the whole party. Let lowa give It is remarkable how the press, which a good account of herself. Let us not

> Rev. Dr. Kellogg, one of the editorial writers and correspondents of the National Economic League challenged the Socialists of Seattle, Wash., to a debate on Socialism. The latter promptly accepted after having been assured by A. H. Mattox, manager of the National Economic League, that Mr. Kellogg was one of the league's authorized representatives. The debate will take place Sunday, June 14, at the Grand Opera House, Local Seattle having selected Comrade A. G. Seibert to represent the Socialists. The Seattle Socialist says of

> "He is a workingman, a bricklayer working at his trade, and he will illustrate the proposition that workingmen have brains enough to understand and state scientific truth, while his clerical opponent will illustrate the kind of intelligence which capitalism has trained in theological schools to defend the present order of things. A typical workvant! Nothing could be better. A workingman who never had any schooling to speak of, who has earned his own living since he was 11 years old and a preacher who always writes after his name, 'D. D., Ph. D.' Good! Now

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less will be subject to revision on receipt of later information.

As to President Roosevelt, considered apart from the policy he represents, the Socialists of Dubuque express the keen-American race. As an orator, we can ing he were a Socialist. As a politician, well-any man who can conceal battleships in a Grand Army boquet is a world winner and needs none of our advertising. The Socialists stand first, last, and all the time for peace. So does President Roosevelt. So does the Czar of Russia. So does Emperor William. So does everybody in fact, when they are not otherwise engaged. The only difference is in the various methods of insuring that desirable end.

The War Lord of Germany and the strenuous man of peace seem to have approached the question from the same point of view, only Wilhelm, by reason of his divine license to do as he pleases, is not so bashful as Theodore and instead of advocating the hushed voice, boldly proclaims the mailed fist. He is opposed by the full strength of the Socialist party in Germany. The same opposition will be exerted in the United States, though by reason of the present status of the party it necessarily cannot as yet act as a deterrent with the weight of influence which obtains over the water.

Still it is to be hoped we can scare up discussion of the Monroe doctrine upon Krupp arguments as opposed to Harveyized steel, which would almost inevitably the Gats after 'em. result from the policy of Roosevelt and the Kaiser if left unchecked.

armament is at any rate consistent with

tablished the Peace Tribunal at The series of short weight tobacco stamps. Hague. It only remains to convince the wounding their sacred dignity.

The United States is eminently fitted order colonies upon your Uncle Sam. for seconding the Czar's proposition. By reason of its natural strength of internal resource the United States would be independent of the world at large, even if ingman who will take the trouble to it did not have any navy at all. Still study the subject in the plain black and every nation would have a certain share entail a greater expenditure than is aland the safeguard of increased coast and Of course the peace without war proposal is looked upon as Utopian by the fire-eating element, but it is noticeable peace as a principle without the means that Andrew Carnegie, who has the rep- of enforcing it, but that is no reason utation of being one of the shrewdest why the United States should assume a men of the present day, has backed his tentatively aggressive position with a faith in it by contributing one and a half "big club." Millions upon millions will millions of dollars to the erection of doubtless have to be expended upon inbuildings for a permanent tribunal in struments of destruction before the na-Holland. Certainly this is not much, tions will be assured of the utter folly It would not buy half a battleship, but and uselessness of competitive annihilastraws show which way the wind blows. tion, and seek each their appointed

"big club" business, who is to assure us operative harmony which is already that it won't go off when it isn't loaded. dimly foreshadowed by Socialism. In

The Dubuque Globe-Journal credited | bluster" contingent won't get to handing itself last week with the statement that out trumps when suit's called for, by even the Socialists did not seem inclined Jingo! If it is to be a game of bluff, the to criticise the plan for a large navy as United States will have its work cut out to stack up with England. The British The Socialists had not been heard taxpayers are already loaded down to from at that date and probably the item the guards, but it is safe to say they will was inserted absent-mindedly but doubt- fly the red rag on every pound of scrap iron in the universe before they allow any other nation to take the lead in naval affairs.

While on this tack it may be as well to point out how fallacious is the idea est admiration. As a man, manly, both that a big navy is conducive to peace or physically and mentally a fit type of the prosperity. Great Britain has for more than two centuries maintained a navy a not pay a greater compliment than wish- all times more than equivalent to that of any other nation, and at the present time equalling the combination of any two. If an able-bodied navy is a peace harbinger, England ought to be in possession of the peace which passeth all understanding. But the lamentable truth remains that she is notoriously in hot water all the time, and the nationa debt looms up with a significance which would paralyze Croesus to dream of.

> The size of a navy is not half so near he crux of the problem as the policy which is back of it. The Federation of Switzerland has no navy at all and no salt water to float one if it did have it; yet it sits on Mont Blanc and enjoys the concert of Europe with as much unconcern as if it owned the battleship Ore-

On the other hand a republic of about the same calibre in South America will tear up the placid waters of the whole torrid zone in the endeavor to achieve national glory with a half decked mosquito destroyer and a converted washtub.

England with a navy whose noble proportions strike a sympathetic chill to the heart of every taxpayer on the globe is bearded and abused, according to her enough sentiment to head off a heated own account, by all the snuff-colored tribes of the earth who possess latitude the high seas and the incidental question enough to get out of range, and the relative to the penetrating power of work of annexation is so beastly tedious, don'cher know, when you have to drag

Russia, with a very fourth rate navy, is pursuing the same policy-only she The proposition of the Czar for dis- prefers chunks to islands-with the greatest success at a much less expendthe policy of autocratic Socialism which iture. Russian diplomacy is a fine art, the Russian ministry is credited with independent of the navy. It consists of having already to some extent inaug- secret treaties and binding promises of urated. The general sentiment of reciprocal concessions which were never opinion seems to regard the good faith known to be fulfilled, but for some ocof its sponsor, viewed as a nation, very, cult reason it has elongated the map of very doubtfully-for Russia has a past, the empire across several streaks of There does not seem to be any doubt of longitude. The United States with a the Czar's motives personally, but a not navy whose moderate tonnage is offset like a crowd of vultures around any spot ill founded fear that his advisers may by its marvelous efficiency, has abanhave several cold decks about their per- doned its initial policy and by conquest sons of which he is in blissful ignorance. attained the nucleus of undying fame Thus far, however, the latter method and never-ending trouble which is com- in progress. seems to have been productive of the memorated in the hearts and pockets of greater results. It has at any rate estits citizens by a seemingly perpetual in the near future anent that corollary

Spain with a navy whose terror in- pansion,—but, in conclusion of the imnations that they are really civilized, spiring reputation consisted mainly of mediate purposes of this article, we reand no doubt two of the little ones can high sounding names and paint has got iterate to the proletariat the necessity of Fairbank, S. E. Moore. be scared into going there to settle their rid of a great deal of expense and worry grievances and establish a precedent by converting its Quixotic flotilla into a which the big fellows can follow without submarine Armada, and incidentally un- lican agitator, or a democratic agitator loading 114,000 square miles of bad

These remarks as to the uses and abuses of navies are colored, but the dry facts are obtainable by every workwhite. We feel convinced that reflecof police work to do, but that does not tion and comparison will lead to the conclusion that the security of this nalowed at present for naval purposes, tion lies not in the development of the it. That's Socialism. navy, but in the never ceasing effort to harbor defence would not look quite so render itself the absolute master of the suspicious as an addition to our fleet. situation by producing the wheat for the could they pay rent? If they owned all

The world is not ready as yet for If the United States is going into the place in the world's work with that co-

States should be, "Millions for defense, out not one cent for aggression." Irrigate the wast expanse of arid land in the West; drain the tremendous area of swamp land in the South. Invest the immense amount of potential energy represented by a navy in a sound business proposition where all generations to come will reap the benefit. A navy becomes obsolete in the course of ten to twenty years, and it is all to do over again; and the successful evolution of the submarine type is liable at any moment to render the \$3,000,000 beauties a memory of the past and a floating monument to folly.

With an adequate system of coast defence and a policy which confines its "brag and bluster" to home consumption there is little to fear of other nations. We will venture to say there is not an empire or monarchy in the world which could be induced to accept the United States on any consideration but the absence of its 80,000,000 constitutional sovereigns. A blockading fleet would soon experience that change of heart which ever accompanies an empty stomach, and an invading army would hesitate quite a while to take a trip in a live volcano and experience the direful fate of the missionary who never re-

So much for peace and prosperity, and now for the probabilities. In conning the list of nations we are struck by the fact that the larger the imperialistic tendency, and the larger the expansive proclivities, the larger is the demand for a navy. We are immediately beset by a haunting suspicion. Can it be that the rosy dove which hovers so lovingly over the "peace club" is a whitewashed

We instantly require every dear republican to cross his heart and swear he never thought of using 110 ton latch keys to open the door in China, while Jim Hill competes with the British tramp marine for the oriental transportation business and lobbyizes our guileless congress for subsidies to foot

We require him to declare on his honor that appropriations will not be expended in the construction of swamp gunboats for the proper care of the Filipino and for his conversion to the doctrine that the propagation of cholera germs and army scandal for yourself is not half so remunerative to the capitalist as the propagation of hemp and tobacco for somebody else.

We require him to assure us that our hard earned money will not get its upper works blistered and its lower works scalded lingering around the boiling point in South America in a vain endeavor to prevent Grandmother Monroe's kids getting the spanking they richly deserve.

We require him to state if our peace inducer will be run on the European plan, which masses its assembled navies where there is a dollar in sight, and is terribly conspicuous by its absence where a Jewish or Christian butchery is

The Socialists will have more to say of the navy question:-imperialistic exstudying out the question for themselves. Don't let a Socialist agitator, a repulsettle it for you. Place yourself in possession of all the facts available on the navy or any other problem and compare them for yourselves. That's education. When you have satisfied yourselves by this process that the means which you advocate to further the interests of humanity is productive of the greatest good to the greatest number, vote for it. And not only vote for it, but work for

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In the early days of Socialist agitation | doing nothing, and that fictitious bills in this country it was the custom of speak- for travelling expenses were frequently ers and writers to refer to the postal system as an example of government ownership and to build thereon a Socialist argument. When the press and speak- Porto Rico. His charges also throw ers began to point out the difference between government ownership and Socialism, and to criticise the government ownership advocates for their attitudes to reduce expenses by cutting off the it raised a storm of protest from those who did not understand the difference. The difference is this. Government is to suspend all the radical papers in the always directed in the interest of the country in the interest of economy. dominant class. The capitalist class is now the dominant class in this nation and all laws are made for the benefit of this class, and all government functions investigation. An investigating comare used for the benefit of this class. We find that the postoffice is of that number, and investigation now on show, defrauded the government." But why that the capitalist class have been using change officials. The capitalist governthe postoffice simply as a great "graft." To begin with, the postal officials are simply political pets chosen without regard to fitness, and wholly for their subserviency to capitalism. Then the railroads are made the beneficiaries of millions of dollars in carrying the mails exists for the sole purpose of fostering that are given away simply because the capitalist class control the government Give us no more government ownership as a means of exploiting the people. At Washington the investigation shows ernment already owns too much, and it that the officials have used their power to hold up "get rich quick" concerns, of tyrannizing the people. Government and make the managers stand and deliver. Under this system all men are trying to get money and they are not choice about their methods. Congress is a mart where legislation is bought and sold like any other article of merchandise. Public officials are surrounded by the capitalist environment, and what can we reasonably expect but that they will attempt to make the most of their opportunites? The disclosures for the week are made by Seymour W. Tulloch, formerly cashier of the Washington city distributed. Public officials will be postoffice. He alleges and backs his statements with the facts that shortages be recalled at any time as the Socialist of \$30,000 to \$40,000 were frequent, party can recall its present officials. Inand have been going on since 1899. He involves Senator Platt in the charges, and tells how the senator "worked" all and tells how the senator "worked all poor. Peace and plenty will flow as the employes into patronizing a bonding naturally from Socialism, as want, misinstitution of which he was a part. He ery, theft and murder flow from capitalshows that men were paid salaries for ism.

presented and paid. He shows how the public has been defrauded in purchases of furniture, particularly for Cuba and some light on the mail box frauds. Now while all this was going on the economical Madden has been moving mightily mailing privileges of certain Socialist and new thought papers. He has tried Great is capitalism. Great in its hypocrisy, its fraud, and its tyranny. Of course nothing of value will come of the mittee is misnamed. It should be called "a committee to exonerate all who have ment would still have the appointment of them, and would they be any better? And would democracy be better than republicanism? Capitalism is just as good as it will ever be. Business is business, and a business administration the interests of the capitalist class. under capitalism. The capitalist govuses the things it owns for the purpose ownership of railroads would mean more government tyranny. We must take the government away from the capitalist class and put it in the hands of the working class before assuming control over any more government functions. The working class will make laws in the interest of their own class and the result of these laws can be nothing else than Socialism. Under Socialism, there will be no incentive to rob or steal, for the things that are produced will be fairly elected by vote of the people, and can stead of shooting our surplus into the foreigner we will distribute it, and there will be neither the very rich or the very

Vice Versa

One day, after awhile, the foreman of the Daily Times Printing Establishment of Blanktown sat in his office looking over some editorial proof sheets. The foreman was president of the Blanktown arbitrate? If you are not satisfied you section of the Typographical Branch of the Federated Employes' Union of America.

There was a timid knock on the door, and upon the foreman's saying "come in," General Otisky, the millionaire owner of the Times establishment, en- of other establishments in the city. The Said the college professor with glee: tered, respectfully removed his hat, and department store employes allow their

"I have been delegated by the Owners' Union of Blanktown to present to you some grievances-"

"Now, now, General," interrupted the foreman, "let me tell you once again, and for the last time, that I will not recognize the Owners' Union or any delegate thereof. If you, as an individual, have any grievance, I will listen to vou.

"Well, then," said Otisky, "I find that I cannot live decently upon the fifteen dollars per week that the employes allow me as owner of this establishment, and I ask for an increase to eighteen dollars per week, and a reduction from twelve to ten hours' work per day."

"No, General, that cannot be done. The business won't admit of it. Our union has just raised the weekly salaries of employes-that of printer's devil from \$75 to \$100; the typesetters and pressmen from \$150 to \$200, and my own from \$200 to \$300, and made a reduction in all employes' working hours from five to four hours per day, and with these necessary changes, due to present prosperity, we cannot grant your re-

"Won't you submit my case to arbi tration?" asked the General, eagerly.

"No, General," responded the foreman, "there is nothing to arbitrate. The Baer truth is that God, in His infinite wisdom and tender mercy, has the employes and sharing more equally wirtual slavery. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the de-"No, General," responded the fore-

placed the management of this establishment in the employes' hands, and by the Jumping John Rogers, we, the employes, as true Christian gentlemen, are always infallibly right and just, and, therefore, how can there be anything to are perfectly free to sell out. There are plenty of needy non-union capitalists on the street corners who would gladly buy you out and own this establishment for a much less income than you are getting. You are much better off than the owners Than the birds and the blossoming trees!" owners only \$1.98 per day, and that is to be reduced to \$1.93 on the first of the month."

"But the cost of living is so high," said the General, mournfully, "rump steak is fifty cents per pound now."

"Steak!" cried the foreman, "oh! I see the cause of your discontent; you are living beyond your means and indulging in luxuries not justified by one in your station. Look over the back numbers of the Times and you will find many articles telling how nicely people with small incomes can live high on simple vegetable foods, without any meat. One article demonstrates that a man can work hard and retain perfect health on five cents worth of oatmeal per day. Why, General, if you will only acquire habits of thrift and economy, and forego all the enjoyments and pleasures of life, you can be putting money in the savings bank every week."

Otisky disconsolately turned to go-"Stay a moment," said the foreman, picking up one of the editorial proof sheets," I see that in this editorial you have covertly introduced some Socialistic nonsense advocating the idea of owners turning over their property to the employee and sharing more equally.

must stop all this agitation and strife against the non-union capitalists. You must remember that this is a free country, that the constitution guarantees that even the largest owners and greatest capitalists have the inalienable right to freely accept the very lowest income that a full and free competition enables their employes to cut them down to. And, if necessary, the full force of the army and navy of the United States will be called forth to enable every capitalist, be he millionsire or humble billionaire, to accept the lowest income he can get, and to physically, mentally and morally starve himself, his wife and his babies, without let or hindrance from any discontented and strife breeding Owners' Unions. Well, General, it is after one o'cleck. Besides neglecting your own work you have kept needs to country, that the constitution guarantees the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will about the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of production, are alike political ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political party, distinct from and opposed to all arties formed by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its of the transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the propertied classes. While we declare that the development of the utmost important for the working class to be overthrow of the capitalist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its office in the representation of the stransition of the utmost important production. neglecting your own work you have kept me here several minutes beyond my regular four hours' time today, and I shall have to credit myself with overtime and dock you accordingly. I must run down to the 'Elite' restaurant and get a nice little lunch, and then get out my automobile and take a little spin in the fresh air. I just want to add, General, that although your complaints are very annoying, I have none but the kindest of feelings towards you. Your interests are very dear to my heart. I am constantly trying to find out cheaper ways for you to live, so that you can adjust yourself to the cut in your income which we soon intend to make. Return to your duties, be faithful and diligent, consider your employes' interests rather than your own, and when you pass in your checks and go to the hot place, as, of course, you will, in consequence of your discontent and ingratitude, I assure you that you will have a much happier time than you are having in this world. Say, General," added the foreman, as he stepped forth from his dingy office into the outer sunshine, "isn't this a gloriously beautiful California day? When you get through your work here onight write up a little poetry on the ineffable beauties of nature,' the 'unspeakable blessedness of living,' etc.: put a lot of religious fervor into it, and we will print it in 'the Sunday edition.' -Ginger in Wilshire's Magazine.

Long Hours and Hard Labor

"No man can work too hard or hours too long if his health will permit."—President Eliot.

Said the miner deep down in the earth-And he laughed at the humor of it-'It's a joy and a revel to work like the devil

As long as my health will permit; And, although it's a loss Of delight to the boss, He doesn't seem jealous a bit!"

Said the girl in the thundering mill, With a smile that was grateful and sweet: It's so pleasant—this spinning. I fear that I'm

n wanting to sleep and to eat; Oh, it would be so grand To be able to stand

Another twelve hours on my feet!"

Said the child in the tenement shop: "Don't send me to play if you please! 'd rather be sewing and stitching, you know, in This hotbed of filth and disease;

For sweatshop, you see, Is far dearer to me

I'm boss of a college, and that's why my knowl-

Impresses the rabble with awe. But I'm out for my health And honor and wealth, By working my graft-and my jaw."

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SOCIALIST PLATFORM

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The Socialist party in convention assembled, geaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

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Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of the livelihood and poverty and misery of the working class, and divides so ciety into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disapprearing in the mill of competition. The Socialist party in convention assembled,

cease endeavoring to stir up discontent struction of whole races is sanctioned that the capitalists may extend their co-

As such means we advocate:

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2. The progressive reduction of the bours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the

share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be collected from the revenue of the capitalist class, and to be administered under the control of the working class.

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4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, credit to be used for that purpos in order that the workers be secured the full product

of their labor.

5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books,

clothing and food.

6. Equal civil and political rights for men

and women.
7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall sentatives by their constituents.

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Previously reported\$430.51 Secretary Graham, of Local Living-

ston. Mont., writes: "Comrade Mabie. sending donations to the organizing fund. We will try to send some more at our next meeting."

have crippled the mail service for the Comrades, get in touch with the state past week, and those failing to hear from their correspondence to the national your town. Remember that routes are office might as well consider their letters made some time ahead so get in at once. lost and write again. The lecture work of Comrade John C. Chase has been mail as a result of the floods.

The work of agitation and organization is being increased in every state in spirit. Here's to them. the nation. Vermont, Alabama and Arkansas have recently perfected state organizations and started out with bright prospects. Within the week the national office has received most encouraging reports from Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota and Missouri.

Colorado has adopted a modification of the Michigan and Ohio plans. Comrades Ida Crouch Hazlett and Chas. Oliver Jones were elected state organizers and a systematic effort will be made to get the working class into the party in every part of the state.

Illinois has been laid out into divisions, and Secretary Smith writes that Comrade Collins will probably begin his work in the division composed of Kane, Kendall, Dekalb, Lee and Whiteside counties, with headquarters at Elgin.

Secretary Lipscomb, of Missouri, has issued a special letter to every local in the state urging the comrades to prepare for the campaign of 1904. Jas. A. Slanker, one of the comrades from Joplin, will begin the work of organizing, and the workers will be increased until the entire state has been reached.

Chicago comrades estimate from unofficial returns that their vote in the recent judicial election will foot up about 8,000.

The Western Federation of Miners, by a vote of 112 for and 21 against, have again declared for political action and for Socialist principles and the Socialist party.

"I do not agree with Mr. MacCartney in all his views," said Mr. Long, former secretary of the navy, at a recent banquet of the Rockland Commercial Club. "but I respected the man for his sterling qualities. He was working for a principle which he believed to be right."

Ohio Notes

has passed and the work is being taken up now with more vigor than ever before. Dayton was selected as headquarters for the next year, W. G. Critchlow was re-elected secretary, the arm and torch was adopted as the official emblem and a full ticket was nominated for the fall campaign which is headed by Isaac Cowen, of Cleveland, for governor. There were exactly 78 delegates present, which, together with the visitors, made the total list over 100. The report of the state secretary showed a very large increase in organization, there being at the present time 1700 dues paying members in the state which are divided into 48 local and 35 branch organizations lothree times the amount of one year ago.

marked with sharp debates and all the delegates were thoroughly alive to every question that was presented. Resolutions were adopted expressing sympathy over the death of our Comrade Mac-Cartney and for the Jews connected with the recent outrages perpetrated in Russia. Copies of the official minutes will be made as soon as copy is received from the secretary of the convention and same will be sent to all the papers. As a whole the convention was the most notable gathering of Socialists ever held in the state and the comrades all express satisfaction with the results achieved and are now going to work for the fall campaign with the maximum amount of energy. Hurrah for a solid front to the enemy this fall!

Frank P. O'Hare has just finished his tour in the state and it was a successful one from every point of view.

Prof. Geo. R. Kirkpatrick and Howard H. Caldwell, both speakers of well known ability, are now working in the state with success on the opening nights. of Chico, has been cussing us for not These able men will be kept at the work continually and hope to be able to reach every organized point in the state and many others where the unattached Floods and washouts in this section comrades will make the arrangements. secretary at once and have a speaker in

A new Socialist local has been formed at New Philadelphia. This local starts seriously retarded by the non-delivery of out with a large membership and are going to double it within the next few weeks. They surely show the right

> The comrades at Wauseon have held their first open air meeting and they write that it was the greatest success imaginable. Everyone in the town is now talking Socialism and they want more speakers. Good, keep it up.

Iowa Notes

Socialist state convention at Des Moines July 4. Are you going? Comrade Tangborn fires in a club of five from Correctionville. Correct.

"The cause is growing here and the whole laboring class is being innoculated. It will 'take' bye and bye," writes Comrades Edw. J. Rohrer, of Sigourney.

"He has been here. Who? An agent how dangerous the Socialist move was getting," writes Comrade Jacobsen, of Des Moines. "His report will cause Marcus Hanna to make an early descent upon Wall street."

No effort should be spared by any locality to be largely represented at the they are lews. state convention to be held in Des ever known. Come one, come all!

The next meeting of Local Des proletariat in Russia. Moines will be a most memorable one. Thirty delegates to the state convention will be elected and the precinct selected where the \$100 campaign tent shall first be pitched. The comrades propose to hold meetings every night during the summer and fall months. There are numerous Socialists all over the city waiting to be discovered.

"The arrival of good weather has had the effect of reducing the attendance at the meetings of Sioux City local," writes "Krank," "yet a few of the faithful always show up, and with a good The state Socialist convention for 1903 sprinkling of outsiders last Sunday's meeting proved to be a very interesting

> Mrs. Martha Brown read a very interesting paper before the Sioux City club Sunday afternoon on the subject of Woman and Socialism.". This paper will be published in The Iowa Socialist in Lithuania, regions where the Jewish next week. It's great.

Comrade J. C. Smith has been elected local secretary for the Sioux City local duced. to fill out the term made vacant by the resignition of Comrade Shank.

Comrade J. J. Jacobsen, secretary of Local Des Moines sends in another club of four.

Comrade J. W. Wilson is now running at large in the Eleventh district and recated in 41 counties. This is about ports progress in the work of making be a crime, for it is not against a race or Socialists. He meets with very kind re-

others very rough. The more educated This government is aiming at the exterand well read people are eager for more light, while the less educated are still afraid of dynamite. Last week he held meetings at Rock Rapids, Little Rock and George. Monday and Tuesday of this week he will be at Lester and Lockwood. The Sioux City Socialist Lecture Bureau, J. C. Smith, secretary, has charge of the Eleventh district work and will be glad to send speakers to any place upon request.

Organized labor memorial services at Sioux City June 7 proved to be a great frost, at least for the speakers who had prepared lengthy "back pats" for the 'much loved laborer." The ball game at the park proved to be of more interest to the worker who is looking after a breath of fresh air once a week and a little life on the side, than a hot room filled with inharmonious vibrations from the wind pump of some worn out politician, trying to make a bluff at paying tribute to the dead. The laborer is fast finding out that there is something alive ahead that is going to demand his attention and the dead are being left to bury the dead.

Local Notes

At the last meeting Dubuque local decided to buy five shares of stock of The Iowa Socialist Publishing Co.

The young men of the local have a scheme on foot with which they hope to swell the exchequer.

The ever increasing attendance at the weekly branch meetings makes the necessity of a larger hall more and more apparent. There was a large attendance at the last meeting in spite of the absence of a large number of the old guard who attended a special meeting of the Trades and Labor Congress of which they are also members.

The debate on the proposition: "Resolved, That three hours' work per day is sufficient to supply the world with the comforts and necessities of life" was postponed until the next meeting.

Comrade Staheli entertained the aspects of the street car strike.

Comrade Gorum, globe-trotter, was a caller at the office of The Iowa Socialist

Smoke "The Iowa Socialist" 5c cigar Best cigar in the city. Give it a trial.

From the International Bureau

BRUSSELS, May 20, 1903. To the Laborers of All Countries:

The press has brought news of the massacres of Kichineff. For two days robbery, murder and abominable atrocities were committed without the Rusfrom the republican party to investigate sian authority or its legal agents, so prompt at intervention when it comes to an uprising of workingmen, or students, or when it is a question of confiscating the liberties of the people of Finland, doing anything whatever to protect these unhappy people whose only crime is that

No one familiar with the proceedings Moines July 4. It is imperative that of the government of Nicholas II can every branch is represented, and that a fail to see in these unhappy events an co-operative effort be made to institute attempt at intimidation and at the same the most vigorous campaign Iowa has time a vengeance against the Jews for the revolutionary action of the Jewish ern Pacific railroad and be in Little

> Russian absolutism seeks to stir up race and religious hatred to appease the general discontent and to obtain a pretext for drowning in blood a population which, struggling for its own liberty, threatens the existence of the govern-

honorable people against this odious part of the state will be arranged. We appeal to all laborers and to all

Deeply moved by the thought of the of the agents of the czar, stirred with rebellion at the thought of these execrable acts, we address to the civilized world one last appeal in the hope of duced to attend hall meetings. The preventing the renewal of these out-

We also would give warning of new scenes of slaughter which are impending. In southern Russia, in Poland and population is very dense, it is feared that the events of Kichineff will be repro-

WORKINGMEN! if governments will neither speak nor act do you speak and act! If there remain in governments no more pity, nor human sentiments, make your protest heard and express your indignation!

WORKINGMEN! Your silence would a religion that czarism is directing its The sessions of the convention were coptions in some of the towns and in blows, it is above all against a class!

mination of the class-conscious prole-

Speak, agitate for yourselves! Let your voice rise to denounce these crimes against humanity. Let your memory UNION MADE preserve the martyrs of the people. International Socialist Bureau,

V. SERWY, Secretary.

Correspondence

Letter from Colorado

ASPEN, Colo., June 2, 1903. Dear Comrades: I have just returned from Denver, where I attended the meeting of the state committee of the Socialist party of Colorado. The state constitution was recently amended by referendum vote, so that the state committee is now formed by one representative from each organized county. This was the first meeting of the committee thus formed. Seventeen counties were represented.

Socialist affairs have been in a tangle in Colorado for some time, but after some vigorous debates on the floor of this meeting, the old differences were laid aside, and a plan of aggressive action, similar to the methods now being employed in Ohio and Michigan, was adopted with substantial unanimity. Two directors of organizers were elected to assist the state secretary in touring speakers. Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett was chosen to start work at once on the eastern slope, and Comrade Charles Oliver Jones on the western slope. These workers mean the success of any good plan, and the work in Colorado is certain to move forward now.

The pressing demands of the work in Colorado will prevent Comrade Jones from touring Nebraska and Iowa as he expected to do not long since.

While the state meeting of the Socialists was closing, the conventions of the American Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners were opening. These are the progressive labor bodies branch with a paper on the humorous of America. An affiliated series of propaganda meetings was held in the Tabor Grand Opera House and the Coliseum. The invited speakers were Comrades J. Stitt Wilson, Walter Thomas Mills and myself. These were assisted by local speakers and members of the labor unions attending the conventions.

Mrs. Strickland, our boy and girl and myself will soon be ready to present a Socialist play which we have been preparing this summer. We shall expect to render this occasionally in connection with my agitating and organizing work. We hope to reach Iowa in early fall.

> Fraternally, FREDERICK G. STRICKLAND.

Organizing in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 1, 1903. To the Comrades of Minnesota, greet-

Our lecture van, in charge of Comrades Guy E. Etherton and Geo. I. Martin, of Kansas City, left this city May 23 on a tour of agitation and organization. They will follow the North-Falls during the state convention of the American Federation of Labor; then to Brainard and across the state, following the Northern Pacific railroad to Norman and Polk counties; returning to Minneapolis along the line of the Great Northern or the "Soo" railroad. This trip will probably take about three months, after which a tour through the southern

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turers have not yet been and open up new fields. It can stay as long or short a time at each place as circumstances will warrant. Special efforts will be made to organize locals of the party whereever possible. Comrades Atherton and Martin will act in their official capacity as state organizers.

As to expenses: The comrades will receive \$10 a week each and \$5 a week allowance for keeping the horse and for other incidentals. Their salaries are less than are paid for common labor, and their willingness to work hard night and day for the cause of humanity should be thoroughly appreciated. They will meet part of this expense by selling literature and taking collections,

To comrades and sympathizers throughout the state: We ask your hearty co-operation and generous contributions to enable us to keep that wagon in the field all summer.

To local secretaries: We ask you to kindly endeavor to collect all subscriptions already made to the state organizing fund and circulate subscription cards for that purpose. Cards can be had on application.

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