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A Serious Matter THE WAY IT WORKS Business! Business!

Is the Socialist Movement to This University Professor.

NO FATHERLAND, NO MOTHER-TONGUE. IT KEEPS ON COMING.

Louis and called "Commonwealth" has cantile capitalizations. The proce just made its appearance. The first number contains fifty-six pages of ist kills many. The collectivist, then, reading matter and twenty-three of is waiting for large capitals to ab these are devoted to an article on "The sorb the smaller. He will thus find Principle of Collectivism," by William erented for him a few millionaires on to be the Socialist programme paratory work will be done for him (as

personal liberty and native autonomy," italists by absorption grow fewer, the etc. Next week's issue of Missouri Sothe article by one of our correspond-since they can have nothing to say ents. Some of the statements made in about production, market or price. This complimentary, however, to Socialism, workers revolt by using the legal as they come from one opposed to it, means of sugrape which has been put sion. Following are extracts:

It is a party that mother tongue. It has cut itself free from all the prejudices of language and of traditional methods in government. It is even strong enough to-day to concentrate its forces in some con stitutional, elective community and by a single majority ballot to take possession of the machinery of govern

railways; telegraph lines, etc. We are occupied solely with the question of sen secretary. The committees were: abolition of private capital and the common ownership of all the means M. Hillquit. and instruments of production. The tendency of the broad Socialistic move-We are told that it is only by an ultimate reconstruction of society upon the basis of common ownership that all men will be enabled to receive a wage commensurate with their labor, a compensation due to them for the benefit which by their labor they be upon the community. It is seriously important, therefore, to under stand at the beginning and to bear cot. stantly in mind that in dealing with the collectivist theory we are dealing with a political theory of labor and not with a theory of idleness, anarchy, n.h.lism, dynamite or free plunder.

in face of this latest scheme for the amelioration of the condition of labor, all the old systems for the reconstruction of society, the systems of St Simon, of Fourier, etc., have passed into the history of theory. The next system itself is far from being clear, whether as to the details of method or of practically distributed results. However, its ivedemental principly, olidation and common owns star of all the recans and instruments of restriction, is clearly and unably announced. This principle, at least in partial expression, is found embodied as a political tenet in every ed to the people for their suffrage, it is the one point which is found in every Socialistic programme without exception. Paul IV. Cor. 29-21-2, etc., to Socialistic programme that is present-Socialistic programme without exception. And what is significant of its silent power is that it is recognized by governments the most antagonistic to it as a policy which may be legitimately presented to the people

"This collectivism has entered into the field to win-not by violence, but by the present conventional political means, that is to say by a majority of votes. Though collectivists feel that just now they cannot get this majority for the establishment of the social state, yet they are sanguine of ultimate success. They rely upon the enemy as their best ally in the destruction of the enemy. Under the conditions of industry which have been brought about by machinery and rapid transport they are waiting for the competitive system to run its course. Within fifty years the old-time conditions under which the tradesman owned his lot, his shop, his tools and the fruit our hat. When in the presence of some of his labor, under which he found his others our hands naturally drop on our own market and regulated supply to demand-have practically disappeared. Small proprietorships of peasant, me-chanic, merchant have given way to

A new magazine published in St. huge agricultural, industrial and mergoes on with giant strides. To use the expression of Karl Marx, one capital-

and then launches forth into a web-he could not do it himself) by the of argument to prove that Socialism trusts and monopolis, the 'inevitable will destroy 'a man's "individuality, outcome of competition. As' the capworkers must increase in number, and cialist will contain a lengthy reply to they must also increase in misery. the preface by the writer are very development must go on until the into their hands. But when they revolt it will be as a united, organized, dis-However much we may have hith- ciplined body, into which they shall erto despised this theory, it is time for have been formed by the very methods is to see that it is the tenet of the of the capitalist system. Then, as capmost widespread political party in the italists expropriated the many for the benefit of the few, the many will turn knows no fatherland, as it knows no around and expropriate the few for the benefit of all.

New York City Convention.

The City Convention of the Social-Democratic Party of Greater York was held last Saturday afternoon at the Labor Lyceum, 64 East 4th st. About one hundred and firty delegates were present, representing forty-nine subdivisions. The greatest crithusiasm "We are not considering here the ad- prevailed, showing a determination on vantages or disadvantages of certain the part of New York commules to municipal ownerships, as of water, make this campaign a memorable one. lighting, and passenger transport; or Comrade Morris Hillquit presided, with of certain pational ownerships, as of Comrade Warren Atkinson as vicechairman, Leonard D. Abbott was cho-

ultimate complete centralization, the | Platform-Algernon Lee, Job Harriman, L. D. Mayes, L. D. Abbott and

Ways and Means-Emil Neppel, Phil Schmidt, H. Slobodin, C. H. Springer, ment is to this, as to an ideal, a goal. Gerald Tushak, W. Atkinson and Wm. Keenig.

Comrade Abbott placed the name of Job Harriman before the convention for the Mayoralty nomination. Comrade Jonas presented the name of Ben Hanford, and Comrade Phillips nom-Insted Algernon Lee. The two other candidates declined in favor of Comrade Hanford, and he was unanimous ly nominated amid cheers and

Morris Brown, of Cigarmakers' 141, was then nominated for Comptroller, and Henry Stahl for President Board of Aldermen.

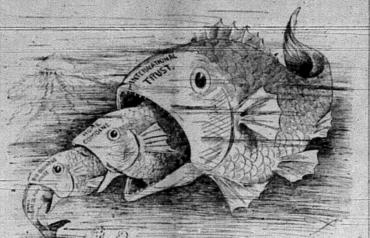
Alex. Jonas, Job Harriman and L. D. Abbott were elected a committee to

fill vacancies if necessary. Prof. Herron and Ben Hanford were then called upon for speeches, and both delivered fiery addresses that were redelivered fiery addresses that were revention then adjourned, with three for the Social-Democratic

A Socialist Preacher.

John J. Spot Charles, Mich., is no ordinary preacher. For some time he has been delivering sermons to his people from such Acts 4:32-7. great disgust of the goats in the flock, and when he hurled the Sermon on the Mount at them and informed them that it meant pure Socialism, the aforesaid goats, who were coal mine owners and their lackers, began to dance around as though possessed of the devil. Rev. Spouse brought matters to a head by handing in his resignation, but it was not accepted, and then he exhorted the Lord's Prayer, saying that the passage. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it-is done in heaven," actually meant what it promised. It was the last straw. The goats refused to longer contribute to the support of the pastor, and several with-drew and joined another church, where they would hear no more distressing sermons. The undaunted Rev. Spous next announced that he was going to secure a job, work ten hours a day, support himself and his family by his en labor, and preach for nothing. Here is a minister to whom we can doff watch and pecketbook.-Cleveland Citi-

Subscribe at once, fifty cents a year, tion putting an advertisement in an 50 cents.—The Workers Call.



Now, the Socialists have told you in the benefits. one thing that has come true; they This trust process is going to conabove picture had swallowed all the as the swallewing of the little fish by the enjoyment of life. the big one, and when the internation-

is no idle fish story. You know that into little concerns again. Now, you You realize that the small business paste this into your hat and see if it man is being swallowed up by the bir doesn't prove to be true. The trusts

the plans are now being laid for the poses. The trust is a good thing for international trust. The Socialists have the men who are in it; then let's all told you long ago that these things get into it. Let us have it owned colwere coming; so you see that Socialists lectively by the people. As it stands at are not such empty-headed fools as present it is nothing but a monarchy many people would have you believe in which a few men control and the They must have some knowledge of po- workingmen who perform all the lalitical economy and of a whole lot of bor are practically slaves. Let us transother things or they could not have form this industrial monarchy into an foretoid the conditions of to-day so ac- industrial democracy, in which every man shall have a voice and a share

can tell you, another. You hear Mr. tinue until there are only a few big in-Bryan and numerous other anti-trust ternational trusts running the whole men shouting about breaking up the Industrial system of the world. Then trusts. They leave you under the im- you workingmen will finally wake up pression that they intend to dissolve and vote to own and operate and manthese big trusts into the thousands of age those trusts yourselves. When you former small concerns again. What do that you will reap all the blessings would you think of the man who would that ought to flow from the wonderful tell you that after the big fish in the improvements made during the last others and digested them thoroughly You will only have to work a few he could, by the enactment of a law, hours each day to produce all you need little ones again? Well, the growth of the rest of your time you can spend in the trusts is just as natural a process the improvement of your intellect and

Think about these things, Mr. Workwallows the others it digests ingman. They concern you more than

labor in private life, who upholds the sapitalist system and who is elected to office on a capitalist platform cannot be expected to do otherwise than act in accordance with his training and beliefs, and Mr. Wells' opinion, ground into him by a life of business, is that the workingman needs a Lone and nothing more.

Mayor Wells Inaugurates a Reform == Cutting' Workingmen's Wages.

FIFTY DOLLARS A MONTH ENOUGH FOR ANY ASSISTANT JANITOR.

without wavering. ness" Mayor is not to be doubted. But led out, were paid \$35 per month each, do not understand though they are getting new object less salaries to each of the three addition sons on that point every day from the janitors. MR. WELLS DCCLARED Democratic Mayor, A man who is in THAT HE CONSIDERED \$36 PER "business" is, as a general rule, a man MONTH SUFFICIENT WAGES FOR who employs laborers, and one of the ANY ASSISTANT JANITOR. In-first principles of his business is to closed in his veto to this bill was the play the laborers just as little as they draft of an ordinance prepared under will accept, Mayor Wells is "dead on" his direction providing for a force of to all the little tricks of business, and twelve jaffitors at the City Hall, with man in the proper style. When he per month each, Such a measure, he promised a business administration he knew he could fulfill his promises. As tional expense to the city would only recently reported in these columns, ener employed at the City Hall for evertime the Mayor promptly vetoed it on the ground that a public servant should not mind doing a little overtime work for the good of the public. In this matter he was only consistent with his platform and record. A man who is engaged in the exploitation of

A bill passed the House of Delegates and City Council the other day to add three Janitors to the City Hall force at a salary of \$60 per month. Whether the janitors were needed or not is immaterial here. What we wish to call attention to is Mr. Wells' "business" instincts, which always keep him true to the interests of his class and make him look upon the working class with contempt. The bill was vetoed by the Mayor, for the following reasons stated in the morning papers:

"Every department of the city gov- force of janitors at the new City Hall ernment must be administered on ap-proved business principles," said the called attention to the fact that ap-Democratic platform during the recent proval would saddle upon the city an campaign, and Mayor Wells is evident-additional expense of \$180 per month ly determined to carry out that plank or \$2,160 a year. The janitors at the That he is a "busi- Courthouse and Four Courts, he point

how to fleece the working- salaries uniform for all janitors of \$50 wrote, could be passed and the addibe \$5 per month or \$60 a year.

The workingmen of St. Louis will no doubt be delighted with the eagerness of the Mayor (whom they elected) to cut down the wages of the members of their class, their fellow-workingmen We hear no rumor of Mayor Wells having his own salary reduced from five thousand to the difty dollars a month he thinks sufficient for a common workingman. It is only the la borers (the janitors who are doing all that is done to keep the City Hall clean), whose wages must be cut. The business men of the city pay the taxes to support the city government, and they don't want their burden increased. If it is necessary to have twelve men employed instead of nine in order to get more votes for the political machine it must be done by cutting the wages of the men already enployed. Verity, Mayor he was "business"

If the workingmen of ? learn anything by object lesson, will be convinced before the prese Mayor's term is out that the thing for them to do is to efect a Mayor who does not believe that fifty dollars a month is enough for any man. and they will go to the polis and elect

SHOW YOUR UNION CARD

It Will Admit You to the Fourth of July Picnic at Rinkel's Grove.

Well, we're going to have a jotty Workers' International Union. time next Thursday at Rinkel's Grove. City Central Committee, S. D. P., R. 5800 Easton avenue. The jingo celebraportant truths were proclaimed, as a nected, and will not accept the invita-Thursday, and while they hear the tempt to celebrate this greatest of all Declaration of Independence discussed days to the American citizen. they will also consider plans for emancipating themselves industrially.

The indications are that a monster rowd will attend the Social Democratber of mions have taken the pains to including speeches, songs and athletic formally notify the Central Committee that they will attend the picnic. Many take it as a special favor if everyone of them desired that a parade be arranged, but as the distance to the and help to give three rousing cheers grove is too great and the time was for international Socialism. rather short, the idea was abandoned. The members of Team Drivers' Union. No. 170, were much disappointed when they learned this. They had decided to parade, 300 strong, with a number of Boats, and had ordered 200 badges pecially for the occasion. In addition to the many unions that have formally, notified the Secretary, word been received that in practically all the unions that have met since receiving the circular letter the sentiment was unanimous for attending.

Here is a sample of the letters re

Local Union No. 1 of the Tobacco

St. Louis, Mo., June 23, 1991.

Murphy, Secretary: Dear Sir-Yours of June 4 received ests will make much noise and con- and read at last meeting of our local. sume enormous quantities of fireworks, and I am instructed to state that we will not participate in either of the but it will not attract the trade union-ists of St. Louis. The trade unions of that it would be a sacrifice of union St. Louis are not going to march with principles to have anything to do with the enemy. They remember the Fourth anything with which such a squad of of July, 1776 as a day on which im- assassins as the posse comitatus is conday on which the political liberty of tion from them on these grounds. But American workingmen came in sight, in connection with your invitation we but they are not going to be carried deem it the part of wisdom not to take away by the screeching of an eagle into part in the parade, but will attend your the belief that all's well to-day. They restivities, and tender you our best will gather at Rinkel's Grove next wishes for a grand success in your at

> Yours for Liberty, THOS. J. SANDEFUR.

Recording Secretary. The City Central Committee has arranged a programme for the day, contests. MISSOURI SOCIALIST will of its readers will attend this picnic

Cimplimentary tickets can be secured at this office. Members of trade unions will be admitted free upon showing

With this issue MISSOURI SOCIAL-IST completes the first six months of its existence. As a number of subscriptions will expire every week hereafter we urge our readers to renew promptly in order that they may not miss a single number. Things are getting interesting now, and you want to keep right up with the procession.

Thirty-five cents a year in clubs of ten outside of St. Louis.

A Workingman's Celebration 4th of July / At Rinkel's Crove, 5858 Easton Ave. Social Democratic Party. Games of All Kinds. 8 Prizes for Ladies. Do Not Make Any Other Engagement for the 4th. Complimentary Tickets can be had at Headquarters. ROOM 9, 22 NORTH 4th STREET. American newspaper, running some-Honorarium. thing like this: Press dispatches from London report

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the appearance of the following advertisement in the London Times of June

chaperon for his daughter during a his daughter for a term of three three months' visit to England, Honor-

withal to enable the "gentleman" to Usual honorarium, \$150 per diem. Come early and avoid the rosh. contempt for aristocratic titles, which is not shared by their exploiter. There must be something radically wrong titled afistocracy are useless parasites. you will discover not only many tisement. It would be rather difficult ularly every week for the period of one to imagine the "gentleman" in ques- year for the small "honorarium"

WANTED 260 laborers immediatly

to -produce by amounting to \$25,000 so that the ad-"An American gentleman desires the vertiser may secure the services of an English lady of title as English lady of title as chaperon for

months. Job will last at least until the It is very probable that most of the mental amilifications required from wage slaves who supplied the where- applicants, but muscle indispensable

Never saw an advertisement worded in this manner, did you? No. Well with the idea that the members of a try a pair of Socialist spectacles and when a shrewd ...merican capitalist similar to the above, but also the fact values the "services" of one of them that you were not able to read before (and a woman at that) for 2 months procuring these valuable g .sses. Make enly, at \$25,000. A great deal also de-pends upon the wording of an adver-paper. You can have one delivered reg-

Apply X. Y. Z.

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have it sent to you. Do not refuse the inside of a book on Socialism. it, but read it carefully, as it contains food for thought.

system, this, which furnishes such an with whom Fr. McGrady has aligned Incentive to work.

The Public Ownership Party gate Troll for voting to give away franchises. While they are about it, why don't they condemn all their representatives for voting to pay for rlot

We are informed that the men who "represented" the Public Ownership Party at Kansas City were not elected by the membership of that party at all, but simply took it upon themselves to talk for their thirty thousand voters. Fine set of delegates to draw up a direct legislation platform.

A tenement house at \$14 Morgan st. burned last Monday, and eighteen perstory by the tames. One woman was killed in jumping from a third-story speaking, window and others were injured. Un For a m der Socialism people would not have to live in such fire traps, but then the tenement house owner's incentive to wealth would be gone, you know, and that would be terrible. Workingmen and live in such miserable barns themselves. When they learn to build for themselves, instead of their masters, they will not have to leap for life from third-story windows.

Judge Jenkins of Milwaukee has is- der one tota ued an injunction against striking to the strike in the injunction; the Comrade Kober kept on addressing thest all business from all but one of each taking any action from doing any thing which will in any way tend to use damage to the Vitter or See the joke? No? Well, here is where comes in: When the workingmen put Socialist Judges in office the Socialist Judges will go by precedent, and they will just restrain Mr. Capitalist from taking any action or doing any-

A Blind Priest.

Comrade T. McGrady recently received the following remarkable communication from a priest, who did not sign his name. It is remarkable for the ignorance it shows on the part of its author and indicates what we will

"Ferndale, June 20, 1901.

"Rev. T. McGrady:

"I see from the Socialistic Bureau that you srow represent that Body of Criminals, as I read a speech which was perported to have been spoken by you and representing Social Anarchist-ic Criminals of to-day And will say that I am thoroughly grieved to learn that you have already taken such a downward, as you are a Roman olie Priest belonging to our mother church and given charge of which should occupy your whole time and Instead of doing so it seems you have began to aid what I believe to be

Missouri Socialist a worldty disgrace of the lowest type and to filustrate its dangerous progress will call your attention to the 7th and 10th Commandments of God which are Contrary to such a platform known a Anarchistic As our Lord spoke very Emphaticly on that subject commanding under pain of mortal sin and Helline not to take away nor Covet our

Neighbors Goods. "As you know that the Roman Cathask you as Priest of such Church to continue faking charge of Souls alone and not aid something which Every Honest man has reason to believe will No Cents Honest man has the Robbery Murder, Disgrare and ruin.

"As your Speech has driven Catholies from our Door here I am s will not Give another of its kind

The writer of the above deserves a good roasting, but we will content ourmonday evening preceding the issue is which along are to appear.

The fact that a straif article is published does not commit Missourm Socialism to all donkey of himself with fewer words applicant expressed thereis.

Contributions and items of news concerning the labor movement are requested from our readers. Every contribution must be accompanied by the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication but as an evidence of good with make the world a fit place to live in. Perhaps the good priest does-not remember that the one he professes to follow was nailed to a cross between two criminals and was treated as one himself. The unknown author of the above epistle is now occupying the same position toward Fr. McGrady as those becamed toward Jesus, who If you are receiving this pases placed the crown of thorns upon his without having paid for it, you may brow. It is safe to say that the writer, rest assured someone has paid to or such ignorant gush has never seen

He is very anxious that Fr. McGrady should "continue taking charge of souls alone," but our comrade is not \$125,600,000 in dividends are to be the kind of a man to rest easy while paid in New York on July 1. How the the bodies of men, women and children workingmen who produced it should are being ground into profit for the capitalist. If this priest was able to see through his spectacles, he would A bookkeeper grew despondent be- see that a few men have not only covcause out of work and threw himself | eted, but taken away the goods, wives beneath the wheels of a moving train and children of the millions of toiling on the levee the other day. A great proletarians and that the Socialists himself are only seeking to restore the stolen plunder to its rightful owners.

Right of Free Speech.

What's the matter with 15th and Franklin? The Agitation Committee were holding a rousing meeting on that corner Sunday night and all was going on well, Comrade McCaffery had just finjshed a speech, in the course of which he depicted the deplorable condition of the free American working-nan having to send his children to the factory when they ought to be at school or at play. Comrade McCaffery's remarks must have aroused the ire of me of the little capitalists in that neighborhood, and they sent two big policemen, who came up and Comrade Kober, who was then address ing the neeting, if they had a permit On being cold that the S. D. P. speakers never ask for permits, but stand on their Constitutional right of free sons were imprisoned in an upper speech, they promptly told the speaker that he would have to discontinue

"Keep right on speaking" came from one side of the crowd. "Let them arrest you" came from the other side. At this juncture of the proceedings Comrades Davis and McCaffery stepped up build fine mansions for their masters to the police and informed them is good plain English that the only way they could break up that meeting would be by arresting the whole crowd, for, said they, "Socialists are very jealous of their rights, and we will rot in jail before we will surren-

Our friends, the bluecoats, now saw machinists that has some new frills they had got themselves in a mess, and quently recognized when at different on it. There is not a single reference began looking for a way to sneak out. men are not restrained from striking, crowd, and the police, seeing they could they are simply "restrained from not bluff us, concluded not to interfere. R. MURPHY.

From National Secretary.

Comrades-As the time of the con vention is drawing near, the N. E. C. is anxious to close up all its accounts so as to make as complete a report as possible to the convention, and in or thing which will in any way tend to der to do so the comrades are requestcause damage to the working class. ed to see to it that their Local settles. See? at once its indebtedness, if any, for int. Delegate stamps, for the asessment of 10 cents per member levied last Febrary, and all comrades are requested to pay up their dues to date. Comrades, don't fail to attend to these matters at once.

All secretaries of Locals and State committees are notified to forward to the National Secretary the names of clegates elected to represent them at have to contend with in some quarters: the National Convention immediately after their election, so that a complete list may be on file to be used if necessary at the convention. The attention of all secretaries is also called to the semi-annual reports which they are requested to fill out and forward to the National Secretary before July 15, so that the membership of our party at the present time can be included in our report to the convention. Prompt attention in all of the above matters will oblige, yours fraternally

WM. BUTSCHER. National Secretary

Workingmen, vote for Socialism.

Its Propaganda,

What pushed me on toward classconscious Socialism? The scoffer believes the collectivist reaches the classconscious stage by reading and hear. ing dogmatic essays and speeches in one & Apostolic is the only true ing dogmatic essays and speeches in reach our standard of clearness isologic for the church Authorized by our Lord him advocacy of it. Whether the scoffer times muldyness) of newaliting self in the Year 23. Therefore, I will is more injurious than the dogmatist is questionable. Some of us probably consider the arrogant dogmatist responsible for the scoffer. However that may be, experience tends to prove that most Socialists have arrived at the class-conscious stage in spite of the authoritative dogmatist. They were lead irresistibly onward by their experience, their observation and their own interpretation of facts, concerning the economic strife which made evident to them the existence of a class

> In some respects we might compare a large number of Socialists with the capitalist party workers-that is, not to say that their ideals, principles, or are comparable, but the reasons calling forth their activity are identical is there any reason that activity should be relaxed among Socialists the day after the result of the past season's hat hees made known through the medium of elections

We have been spasmodically active in the past; if we continue taking interest in our movement only at election tirks, or when something of unusual importance takes place in the local, or branch, as, for instance, conventions, or election of officers, etc., only to reapre into inectivity again then our centribution toward our eman spation is: indeed, trilling.

This condition is not so muca due to any tack of appreciation by the taactive contrades of the overwhelming Tinnee in season and out of season, of the cause; by, has in great been due to a lack of proper organication. Some meta of organizing our branch work so as to have responsible duties open to every member at all times is needed. Many comrades have now and then idle hours ometimes days, which they could give the cause without loss if only they knew where their services could be applied effectively.

No branch whose workers meet only once a month, or 12 times in 365 days, is at any time during the year in fit condition to receive this "now and then" help. Such a branch is merely a "now and then" affair itself. Its meetings barely suffice to keep its m militant members acquainted. When we begin to save to the cause all the wasted hours of our present method we will very likely find some of the sent problems disappear. To gather in all the hours which comrades can give to the cause requires two meetings each week. Don't call yourself militant unless you do this much for yourcause. One of these weekly meetings should be the branch meeting held at its regular meeting place. As our branches are the only source in their respective localities for propaganda work it is plain that the matter of first importance is to care for the agitation and spread of Socialism in the branch's territory. Make that among your first orders of business leaving the dry, routine business to the last orders. Then your members who leave at 9:30 will have imbibed your most important affairs. They may join your squads on Sunday morning and canvass the ward and nine times in ten the very com rade who won't sit through the dull business part of the branch meeting will stay to learn the work mapped out for Sunday morning and join the squad at the place appointed. I believe all Socialists will agree to the disastrous effects, upon new members, of our "business meetings. This was fretimes our local attempted to eliminate month's meetings an Pagain by dividing each meeting into a business and agitation meeting. All our past experience seems to prove us to have been seeking for something better-some thing which might work the for result, viz.: crowded halls to greet all our speakers, a rapidly growing membership, etc

Did Local St. Louis reach 'something better"? No! Nor will it ever be reached while we go on with method of rolltical party building which is best compared with the absurdity of building a house by begin; ning with the roof. We have vague ideas of what organization as a term aplied to a political undertaking signifies. It is not saying too much when I assert that we have absolutely no or ganization in the strict sense of the word: "To constitute in parts, each having a special function, act, office; or Some of us in the past berelation." tieved a ward organization was accomplished when we invited all known Socialists and sympathizers to a public meeting and organized a ward branch, "Organization", accomplished we then simply came to the branch meeting quite regularly at first, but gradually the new members staid away, the meetings became dull and dreary and finally, unable to realize our own guilty parts, a scapegoat, probably a speaker—sometimes an editor or writ-er—would be brought up his writings, or speeches dissected all for the lack of something important to do. There

weekly meetings to indulge in "rankling" tactics. As the writer lays no claim to moulding its work (the branch being formed before I attended any meeting) he need not allow his mod; esty to keep its name unannounced. It is the 17th Ward branch, scarcely six weeks old, with a membership of "Instead of "discussing the various

abilities of editors and speakers to

reach our standard of clearness (some

erful odds of capitalism let us concen-

trate our thoughts on the construction

of the only weapon we need to use along with the truth. Let us construct

an organization. The 17th ward ex-

ce in the brief space of 5 or 6

within, say, one year, an organizzation in every ward and precinct. Think what this will mean when we want to advertise a big meeting thoroughly, or refute "last moment lies," or obtain signatures, etc. Any Local so organized will quickly rise superior to a hireling press; it will have its own means of communication. Those of us who were compelled in the past to grin and bear it when the hireling plutocratic press ignored not only our national speakers, but European Comrades of high repute will appreciate this result of the minutest possible division and organization of Local St. Louis. But there are other good rethose who take an actual part in the construction of this organization. If in the movement, then movement. the Socialist movement of our age is one of them. Besides nothing is so educating to the laborer in the human vineyard as the close contract and askitchen. Organize your Sunday mornquent members, of sympathizers whose names you can obtain by many methods and from many sources; you should get the address of every Missouri Socialist subscriber In your ward, go to the secretary and obtain trial and political debauchery. all addresses of "shop list" signers belonging to your ward. Every time you of human life, can only be remedied have a street meeting, or hall meeting by the establishment of the Co-operaregister all friends. Once started you will find your names increasing in geometrical progression. The writer has tion of everything, do Socialists hope found more real inward satisfaction in doing this work than any method of agitation heretofore engaged in and older comrades will agree that in our past groping for effective propaganda methods be has done his share toward devising novelties in that line, of various descriptions. The reason is sim-ple: The result of all agitation whether from canvassing or street meetings, or large central meetings can be collected and saved to the movement; without a perfected organization, results from all public speaking is mostly lost. Suppose we had taken a register at the last Debs meeting of all sympathizers . and followed it up on the following Sunday with several squads of canvassers in each ward, who could foreon the roof of our structure and ignoring the foundation. It is in the foundation work, comrades, that you will find immeasurable joy. Organize weekly, daily, hourly, L. E. H.

For Socialism.

Resolutions of Western Federation of Miners.

The following are the resolutions Miners and the Western Labor Union true, but we are none the less agreed on at their convention in Denver.

"Whereas. The capitalist class is in oduction and thereby controls the Republican, Democratic and Populist parties, to further its political and industrial aims; and.

Whereas the working class has nothing in common with the capitalist class, either politically or industrially, and, therefore, the working classes can not expect to derive any benefit from affiliating with and supporting parties that favor the capitalist class; as has been proven in the past; and;

Whereas, we the working class, by reason of being the real producersoof wealth, and by reason of numbers, should be the masters, both industrialby and politically, and in our hands lies the destiny of the nation; therefore,

"Resolved, that we take such steps, politically, as to separate us as a political body from all parties controlled by the capitalist class; and, be it fur-

"Resolved. That the incoming executive board put forth every effort to assist the working people of the different states in furthering and establishing the political movement as above outlined.

The capitalist papers in the West 'denounce this action-which will help to attract the workingmen to. the Socialist standard raised by these progressive, organizations. while the resolutions do not specifically mention the Social Democratic Party. It is well understood that this movement is what the men had in mind. great increase in the Social Democratic vote may be expected in all the mining states of the Far West.

Stay Away

From the Detroit Conference, Says Comrade Herron.

"Superior" Plans Not Needed by Socialists.

Considerable discussion has been chether Socialists is in striving against the power mined recently as to a should attend the conference of social and political reformers at Detroit. The general opinion seems to be that Socialists have nothing in common with the reformers who will attend the conference and that it would be unwise weeks demonstrates that we can effect to meet with them. The following letter by Comrade George D. Herron. states the position of our party clearly ond concisely:

I have been asked to say a word

about the relation of Socialists to the

National Conference of Social and Po-

litical Reformers to meet at Detroit

feel somewhat embarrassed in advis-

ing upon the subject, because of the

fact that I was a member of the com-

mittee that called the original confer-

ence at Buffalo two years ago, and be-

cause of the very high esteem in which

I hold my noble and faithful Comrade

the last four days of this month.

Meserole, who is secretary of the consults which though will accrue only to ference. Yet I have been thinking a great deal as to what attitude Socialists should take toward this conferever the world had a revolutionary ence, and I have come to see, or to movement which depended much for its these two that the participation of movement which depended much for its thick i see that the participation of our waiting to make terms with the rapid culmination upon the fraternity Socialists therein can only result in movement. There are a dozen men between the great mass and the active danger to the integrity of the Socialist It seems to me that the greatest menace which today confronts the cause of Socialism in the confusion between the reform spirit and the revosociation with the proteltarian on lutionary spirit. The world is full of Sunday mornings in his backyard or reformers, who think to remedy the evils of an exhausted and morally ing squads, have your list of delin- bankrupt civilization by mending some of its effects. There are as yel few who see, with any clearness of purpose, that a capitalistic civilization cannot be mended-that it can only be ended its fearfully increasing indus wholesale prostitution and destruction

tive Commonwealth Not by the re-

form of anything, but by the revolu-

for a freer and nobler world. Now it is the utter failure of social reformers to see this that disturbs me as to the possible outcome of Socialist participation in the Detroit conference The conference will be largely made up of "socialistically inclined" people, who after all have nothing but respectable and middle-class notions of life and society, and who do not understand the first principle of the Socialist revolu-Their ideas of "reforming socie tion. ty" are largely such as have been furnished them by the church, by the Democratic party, and by anti-trust and anti-monopoly agitation. I have had a great deal of experience this kind of good people, and I think I know what to expect of them. I tell the result? But we've been building know, too, that the more or less con scious purpose of some of the chief members of the Detroit Conference is to utilizze Socialist sentiment to or ganize and perpetuate in a new party the so-called radical wing of the Democratic party and its deservedly defeated leaders. In the influence of these good people, and in the influx of Demlocratic politicians, I see only disaster to the integrity of the Socialist move

There are some very earnest and no ble men in the Detroit Conference who feel that it is time we should "get together on essentials. But Socialists cannot possibly talk with men about essentials." Socialists are together. dopted by the Western Federation of We have our party differences, it is the International Socialist Program, complete possession of the means of and the adouter which is essential; istic or public ownership programme by the Detroit Conference will only serve to still further complicate and aggravate our problem of unity at indianapolis.

MUST DRAW THE LINES

Nothing is more urgent than that Socialists make clearer than ever this distinction between the Socialist revolution and the reforms proposed for the perpetuation of capitalistic industry and government and its corrupt middle class society. The whole capitalistic system is filled with apprehension as to the future, and a capitalistic church is fighting for self-preservation. We shall find an increasing number of social reformers in the field sent there in behalf of the ruling class interests. We shall sion see "social reform" organisations with such "social reformers" as Chauncey M. Depew and Bishop Potter at their head. Nothing will be left undone by the self-interest of the ruling class to deceive the working class and "the common people" as to the real issue. Pulpit and press will he full of the talk of peace between capital and labor, but it is time for Socialists to proclaim anew that there can be no peace between capital and labor save the conquest of capitalism by the working class. A capitalistic civilization and a Socialistic civilization are mutually exclusive of each other in the very Generis of their forces; and between these forces there can be no peace, but only war to the end of capitalism.

The prominent promoters of the Conference do not wish to adjourn this year without political action. Their It clubs of ten to readers utside of thought is to commit the Conference tant work to transact at each of its thirty-five cents a year. to what they feel to be the "essentials of Socialism." Socialists know what end in one way.

this means—a public ownership party, or a mongrel Socialism, practically un-der the leadership of "Socialistically inclined" leaders of the bankrupt Den. ocratic Party.

If five or six hundred Socialists could be at Detroit and capture the Conference, this plan might be prevented but the attendance of any sufficient number of Socialists is out of the ge tion. On the other hand, our attent. ance there will only serve to accomplish the very end which we would seek to avert. And the conference lead. ers are depending entirely upor presence of Socialists to carry out their plan. From the very best of motives, they would use Socialists, and those with "Socialist tendencies," fo launch a social reform or public ownership

WILL NOT TRY TO ATTRACT "SE. PERIORS. I confess that I am thoroughly tired

of trying to upite with men who call themselves Socialists, and yet unconsciously feel themselves superior to the struggles of the Socialist movement and this is just what it comes to is the last analysis. The Detroit Conference will be made up, in large parc of people of "Socialistic tendencies" who yet feel themselves too good to go down into the Socialist melting pot and share in the struggles and disgraces. Let these people go their way; for all our dealings with them will only result in disaster to the integrity and revolutionary spirit of the Socialist propaganda. If they are Socialists, why don't they come to us like men take their place among the comrades, withtaking part in this Conference who could do more for the Socialist move ment, by simply taking their place as comrades in the ranks, than they could by a thousand such confernces, k is true that we have party troubles and storms among ourselves; but let these men prove their Socialism by taking part in these troubles and storms, until we are through with them, and not complicate the situation by bringing new factors of troubles and compromise into the unity problem. It is time for those who are Socialists to prove it by joining the Socialist moven and for those who are not Socialists to distinctly understand that they cannot use Socialist sentiment to further "superior" plans of their own.

I have therefore come to feel that we ought to stay away from the Detroit Conference, to have no part or let in it, and to warp all Socialists over the country against being in any wise mixed up with it. I have asked the conference authorities todrop my name from the programme and from their general committee. I feel that our only safe course is to completely withdraw from any participation in the confer-

GEORGE D. HERRON

The "Socialist Party." Asheville, N. C., June 20, T901,

To the Editor Missouri Socialist: Dear Comrades-As Chairman of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of North Carolina, I write you by authority of our committee to congratulate you on your proposed action in holding a State Unity Convention on July 27, before the National Convention shall assemble. In our view this is a step in the right direction, for as you wisely say, no one can tell what may happen at the National Convention. There are many contingencies that may occur which might give a set back to unity between the two or more factions of the Socialists in that con vention.

But with a compact State organiza-

tion in every State in the Union we will have easy work before us in getting together in national affairs. Look at the present Democratic and Republican factions of the capitalist parts. Their very existence depends on splen did State-organizations, and from the delegates sent from each state the national policy is formed, so that there is unity. Socialists, on the other hand have started just the other way. They have formed some three or four astional Socialist parties, no one of which has as yet been willing to combine with the other. This is not only foolish, but it is destructive. We must set together under one name and one bayner. I am glad that you people in Missouri have been compelled to adopt | 300 name Socialist Party. We have volustarily adopted that name in this State. though our movement is not yet six months old, and we hope that all Socialists everywhere will agree to adopt the same name. This should be the aim of the National Convention at Indianapolis as well as to unify all the different divisions of the Socialists of this country. I do not like labels-Demeerat or labor; but I do want to see Socialism triumph, and I want that triumph to come through the Socialist Party. Good State organizations will do more to realize this than any one thins that I can think of, Good luck to you J. W. SUMMERS.

Socialism is coming to the front as topic of public discussion. The capitalist press is forces to mention it it is finding its way into the publis and into the schools; the magazines are being opened to articles on th subject and every day we see evidences of the inroads it is making. The commencement exercises of the St. Lems University held last week ware devoted to a discussion in sectology and Socialism was the theu e of several di the graduates, some d claring against it, and one boldly championing it. victory is half won when we force the enemy into a discussion and that part of the battle is almost finished The argument has begun, and it can only

Wage-Labor and Capital.

By CARL MARX

(Continued from Last Week.)

We have thus seen that even the ost fortunate event for the working iass, the speediest possible increase of neital however much it may improve the material condition of the laborer. annot abolish the opposition between is interests and those of the bour-gols or capitalist class. Profit and ages remain just as much as ever in averse proportion.

When apital is increasing fast,

ges may rise, but the profit of capi-will rise much faster. The actual position of the laborer has improved, hot it is at the expense of his social position. The social gulf which sepa-rates him from the capitalist has wi-

Finally, the meaning of fortunate onditions for wage-labor, and of the nickest possible increase of produc-re capital is merely this: The faster working classes enlarge and extend hostile power that dominates over em, the better will be the conditions der which they will be allowed to lar for the further increase of bourdominion and for the wider ex on of the power of espital, an ntchiedly to forge for thems he golden chains by which the ves the golden chains by which argeois drags them in its train.

But are the increase of productive apital and the rise of wages so indisciply connected as the bourgeois conomists assert? We can hardly believe that the fatter capital becomes ore will its slave be pampered The bourgeoisle is too much enlight and keeps its accounts much too to care for that privilege of the feudal nobility, the ostentation of splendor in its retinue. The very condion of bourgeols existence compel it to keep careful accounts.

We must therefore inquire more losely into the effect which the in-rease of productive capital has upon

With the general increase of the productive capital of a bourgeois society a manifold accumulation of labor force takes place. The capitalists increase in number and in power. The increase in the number of capitalists increases the competition between capitalists. Their increased power gives them the means of leading into the industrial battlefield mightier armies of laborers fur with gigantic implements of

The one capitalist can only succeed in driving the other off the field and taking possession of his capital by selling his wares at a cheaper rate. In order to sell more cheaply without ruining himself he must produce more cheaply, that is, he must heighten as much as possible the productiveness of labor. But the most effective way of making labor more productive is by means of a more complete subdivision of labor, or by the more extended use and continual improvement of machin-ery. The more numerous the depart-ments into which labor is divided, and more gigantic the scale in which nachinery is introduced, in so much the greater proportion does the cost of production decline, and so much the more fruitful is the labor. Thus arises a manifold rivalry among capitalists with the poject of increasing the subdivision of labor and machinery, and keeping up the utmost possible progressive rate of exploitation.

Now, if my means of a greater sub-division of labor, by the employment and improvement of new machines, or by the more skillful and profitable use of the force of next section of the force of the for of the force; of nature, a capitalist has discovered the means of producing a larger amount of commodities than his competitors with the same amount of direct—if he can, for instance, spin a ones, which, though more expensive produce more cheaply, instead of waitthat his competitors take to spin half ing till competition has rendered them a yard-how will this capitalist pro-

ing his own sale. But the need of in-train an uninterrupted and extreme creasing his sale has increased in the creasing his sale has increased in the subdivision of labor, always advancing same proportion as his production. The subdivision of labor, always advancing with gigantic strides of progress, and more effective and more expensive with gigantic strides of progress, and the production which he has a continual employment of new macalled into existence enable him, of chinery, together with improvement of course, to sell his war s, cheaper, but the old they also compel him to sell more But t wares and to secure a much larger market for them. Our capitalist will therfore proceed to sell his half yard cotton cheaper than his competitors The capitalist will not, however, sell is complete yard so cheaply as his competitors sell the half, although its entire productio, does not cost him more than the production of half costs the others. For in this case he would gain nothing, but would only get back cost of its production. The centin gent increase in his receipts would re-suit from his having set in motion a larger capital, but not from having bor which capital introduces and conmade his capital more profitable than tinually increases compels the laborers that of the others. Besides, he gains to enter into this kind of competition ends he is aiming at if he prices his goods a slight percentage lower than his competitors. He drives them off the field, and wrests from them, at any rate, a portion of their sale, if only he undersells them. And, finally, we must

But our capitalist does not find his privilege very lasting. Other rival capitalists introduce, with more or less rapidity, the same machines and the same subdivision of labor; and this in

troduction becomes general, until the price of the yard of cloth is reduced, not only below its old, but below its.

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new, cost of production.

Thus the capitalists find themselves relatively in the same position in which they stood before the introduction of the new means of production; and if they are by these means enabled to offer twice the product for the same price, they now find themselves compelled to offer the doubled amount for less than the old price. From the standpoint of these new means of production the old game begins anew. duction the old game begins anew.
There is greater subdivision of labor,
more machinery, and more rapid progress in the exploitation of both. Whereupon competition brings about the same reaction against this result.

Thus we see how the manner and means of production are continually renewed and revolutionized, and how the division of labor necessarily brings in its train a greater division of labor; the introduction of machinery a still larger introduction; and the rapidity of progress in the efficiency of labor a

still greater rapidity of progress.

That is the law which continually drives bourgeous production out of its de and compositionality to Infon sify the productive powers of labor for the very reason that it has already intensified them—the law that allows it no rest, but forever whispers in its ear the words, "Quick march!"

This is no other law than that which, canceling the periodical fluctuations of business, necessarily identifies the price of a commodity with its cost of

However powerful are the means of production which a particular capital-ist may bring into the field, competition will make their adoption general: and the moment : becomes general the sole result of the greater fruitfulness of his capital is that he must now, for the dred times as much as before. But as he must dispose of, perhaps, a thousand times as much in order to outweigh the decrease in the selling price by the larger proportion of the products sold ince a larger sale has now become nec essary, not only to gain a larger profit, but also to replace the cost of produc-tion; and the implements of -production, as we have seen, always get more expensive; and since this larger sale has become a vital question, not only for him, but also for als rivals, the old strife continues, with all the greater violence, in proportion as the previously discovered means of production are more truitful. Thus the subdivision of labor and the employment of new ma-chinery take a fresh start, and proceed with still greater rapidity.

And thus, whatever be the power of the means of production employed, competition does its best to rob capi tal of the-golden fruit which it produces by reducing the price of comand, as fast as their production is cheapened, compelling, by a despotic law, the large rsupply of cheaper prodnets to be offered at the former price. Thus the capitalist will have nothing by his exertions beyond the obligation to produce faster than before, and an enhancement of the difficulty of employing his capital to advantage. While competition continually persecutes him with its law of the cost of production, and turns against himself every weapon which he forces against his rivals the capitalist continually tries to cheat competition by incessantly introducing turther subdivision of labor, and replacing the old machines by new

Let us now look at this feverish agiconcentration of capital bring in their with gigantic strides of progress, and

But how do these circumstances, inseparable as they are from the increase of productive capital, affect the determination of the amount of wages?

The greater division of labor enables one laborer to dosthe work of five, ten, twenty; "it therefore multiplies the competition among laborers, five, ten, or twenty times. The laborers do not only compete when one sells himself cheaper than another, they also compete when one does the work of five ten, or twenty; and the division of la-

with one another. Further; in the same proportion in which the division of labor is increased the labor itself is simplified. The special skill of the laborer becomes worthless. It is changed into a monot remember that the price current always stands cither above or below the cost of production, according as the sale of a commodity is transacted at a favorable or unfavorable period of bustoss. According as the market price of a yard of cloth is above or below its former cost of production, the percentage will alter in which the capitalist. The production of the capitalist will alter in which the capitalist. who has employed the new and proficable means of production, exceeds in it costs a man to make himself master its sale the actual cost of its means. the actual cost of its produc- of it so much the lower must its wages sink, since they are determined, like

pleasant, in that very proportion competition increases and wages decline. The laborer does his best to maintain the rate of wages by performing more labor, whether by working for a greater number of hours, or by working harder in the same time. Thus, driver by necessity, he himself increases the evil of the subdivision of labor. So the result is this: the more he labors the less reward he receives for it; and that for this simple reason—that he com-petes against his fellow workmen, and thus compels them to compete against him, and to offer their labor on as wretched conditions as he does; and that he thus, in the last result, competes against himself as a member of the working class.

Machinery has the same effect, but in a much greater degree. It supplants skilled laborers by unskilled, men by women, adults by children; where it is newly introduced it throws the handlaborers upon the streets in crowds: and where it is perfected or replaced by later improvements and more inventions, discards them by slightly slower degrees. We have sketched above, in hasty outlines, the industrial war of capitalists with one another; and the war has this peculiarity, that its battles are won less by means of enlisting than of discharging its indus trial recruits. The generals, or capitalists, vie with one another as to who can dispense with the greatest amount of his soldiers.

The economists repeatedly assure us that the laborers who are rendered superflous by the marhines find new branches of employment.

They have not the hardthood direct ly to assert that the laborers who are of labor. The facts ery out too loud against such a lie as this. They only declare that for other divisions of the laboring class, as, for instance, for the rising generation of laborers who were just ready to enter upon the defunct branch of industry, new means of employment will open out. Of course that is a great satisfaction for the dismiss ed laborers. The worshipful capitalists will not find their fresh supply of exploitable flesh and blood run short, and will let the dead bury their dead. This is indeed a consolation with which the bourgeois comfort themselves rather than the laborers. If the whole class of wage-laborers were annihilated by the machines, how shocking that would be for capital, which, without wage-labor,

ceases to act as capital at all. But let as suppose that those who are directly driven out of their-employment by machinery, and also those of the rising generation who were expecting employment in the same line, find some new employment. Does anyone imagine that this will be as highly paid as that which they have lost? Such an idea would be in direct contradiction to all the laws of economy. We have already seen that the modern form of industry always tends to the displacement of the more complex and the higher kinds of employment by those which are more simple and sub-

How, then, could a crowd of laborers, who are thrown out of one branch of industry by machinery, find refuge in another without having tocontend themselves with a lower position and

The laborers who are employed in the manufacture of machinery itself have been instanced as an exception. As soon as a desire arises and a demand begins in an industry for more machinery it is said that there must necessarily be an increase in the number of macnices, and therefore in the manufacture of machines, and there tore in the employment of laborers in, this manufacture; and the laborers who are employed in this branch of industry will be skilled, and, indeed, even educated laborers.

Ever since the year 1840 this conten tion, which even before that time was only half true, has lost all its specious color. For the machines which are employed in the manufacture of machinery have been quite as numerous as being highly educated, have only been able to play the party of utterly unskilled machines themselves. .

But in the place of the man who has been dismissed by the machine perhaps three children and one woman are employed to work And was it not necessary before that the man's wages should suffice for the support of his wife and his children? Was not the minimum of wages necessarily sufficient for the maintenance and propagation of the race of laborers? There is no difference, except that now the lives of four times as many laborers as before are used up in order to secure the support of one laborer's family.

To repeat our deductions-the faster productive capital increases the more does the division of labor and the em ployment of machinery extend. more the division of labor and the employment of machinery extend so much the more does competition increase among the laborers, and so much the

more do their average wages dwindle And, besides, the laboring class is recruited from the higher strata of so-ciety, or sise there falls headlong into it a crowd of small manufacturers and small proprietors, who thenceforth have nothing better to do than to stretch but their arms by the side of those of the laborers. And thus the forest of arms outstretched by those who are entreating for work becomes ever denser and the arms themselves grow

That the small manufacturer cannot survive in a contest whose first condition is production on a continually increasing scale—that is, that he cannot comes more unsatisfactory and un- be at once both a large and a small manufacturer-is solf-evident. That the interest on capital declines

in the same proportion as the amount of capital increases and extends, and that therefore the small capitalist can no longer-live on his interest, but must join the ranks of the workers and increase the number of the proletariatall this requires no further exemplifica-

Finally, in the proportion in which the capitalists are compelled by the causes here sketched cut to exploit on an ever increasing scale yet more gigantle means of production, and with that object to set in motion the mainsprings of credit, in the same proportion is there an incerase of those earthquakes: wherein the business world can only secure its own existence by the sacrifice of a portion of its wealth, its products, and ever its powers of production to the gods of the world below-in a word, crises increase. They become at once more frequent and more violent; because in the same proportion which the amount of production, and therefore the demand for the extension of the market, increases, the market of the world continually contracts, and ever fewer markets remain to be exploited; since every previous crisis has added to the commerce of the world a market which was not known before, or had before been only superficially exploited by commerce. But capital not only lives upon labor. Like a lord, at once dis-tinguished and barbarous, it drags with it to the grave the corpses of its slaves and whole hecatombs of laborers who perish in the crists. Thus we see that if capital-increases fast, competition among the laborers increases still faster, that is, the means of em ployment and subsistence decline in proportion at a still more rapid rate: and yet, none the less the most fortunate conditions for wage labor lie in the speedy increase of capital.

(The End.)

A PROPHECY.

Written by Chas. Fourier, 1825

He Saw the Trusts Coming-A "Commercial Feudalism."

Circumstances are tending toward the organization of the commercial classes into federal companies or affiliated monopolies, which, operating in conjunction with the great landed interest; will reduce the middle and laboring classes to a state of commercial vassalage, and, by the influence of combined action, will become master of the productive industry of entire nations. The small operators-will be forced, indirectly, to dispose of their products according to the wishes of these monopolists; they will become mere agents orking for the mercantile coalition We shall thus see the reappearance of feudalism in an inverse order, founded on mercantile leagues and answering to the baronial leagues of the Middle

Everything is concurring to produce this result. The spirit of commercial monopoly and financial speculation has extended even to the great; the old nobility, ruined and dispossessed, seek distraction in financial speculations. The descendants of the old knights ex cel in the mysteries of the Ready Reckoner and in the maneuvers of the stock market, as their chivalrous an-cestors excelled at the tournaments. Public opinion prostrates itself before the bankers and financiers, who in the capitals share authority with the government, and devise every day new means for the monopoly and control of industry.

We are marching with rapid strides toward a Commercial Feudalism, and to the fourth Phase of Civilization. The philosophers, accustomed to reverence everything which comes in the name and under the sanction of com-He might go on selling half a yard at its former market price; but that whole world, and we shall understand would not have the effect of driving his opponents out of the field and increase. accumulation, and concentration of capital bring in their ed in producing machines, instead of praises. Its debut will be one of brilmerce, will see this new order spring up liant promise, but the result will be an industrial inquisition, sucordinating the whole recole to the interests of the affiliated monopolists.

> It is no longer to the Muses nor their votaries, but to traffic and its heroes that fame now consecrates her wisdom, of virtue, of morality; all that has fallen into contempt, and incense is now burnt only on the altar of commerce. The true grandeur of a nation its only glory, according to the econo mists, is to sell to neighboring nations more clothes and calicos than we purchase of them. France, always infatuated with novelties, inclines before the follies of the day, so that now no one can think or write except in praise of august commerce. Even the great are slaves to this mania; a minister who wishes to become popular must promise to every village—"un. Commerce immense et un immense Commerce"; a nobleman journeying through provinces must announce himself in every town as a friend of commerce. traveling for the good of commerce. The savants of the ninetenth century are those who explain to us the mys teries of the stock market. Poesy and the fine arts are disdained, and the Temple of Fame is open no longer except to those who tell us why sugars are "feeble." why soap is "firm." Since philosophy has conceived a passion for commerce, Polyhymnia decks"the new science with flowers. The tenderest expresions have replaced the old language of the merchants, and it is now said, in elegant phrase, that "sugars

advanced. Formerly, pernicious maneuvers like monopoly and speculation excited the indignation of writers; but now these schemes are a title to distinction, and France announces them in a Pindaric strain, saying: "A rapid and unexpected movement has sudden-ly taken place in soaps"—at which words we seem to see bars of soap leap from their boxes and wing their way to the clouds, while the speculators in soap hear their names resound through the whole land. Whatever commerce touches, were it only a stock certificate or a quintal of fish, the philoso phers speak of it in sublime style and in accents of delight. Under their pens a cask of rum becomes a flask of rosewater, cheese exhales the perfume of the violet, and soap rivals the whiteness of the lily

NEWS OF THE MOVEMENT.

Socialists of Minneapolis and C. Paul will give an excursion July 21.

Comřade Chas. H. Vail is now making a lecture tour of the State of

Socialists of Nebraska will hold a State convention on July 3 at Omaha.

Comrade Samuel Levin of Newark is out speaking for the Social Democratic Party. His tour includes Mount Holly, Burlington, Salem, Vineland, Millville, Bridgeton and other places. He reports good picetings and a great demand for literature

Nearly \$1,000 has been subscribed by Texas Socialists to the fund for a State paper. The Comrades everywhere are learning the value of their press. The last six months have seen wonderful progress along this line.

Cleveland, O., June 24.—The branches of Cleveland will vote on a proposition to maintain a State organizer and es tablish a State organ in Ohio. Headquarters of the State Committee has been changed from Cleveland to Dayton. Mayor Johnson refused to debate with Comrade Wilshire The Republicans nominated one solitary trade unionist on their county ticket. How they do love organized labor!

With National Organizer Vail in Washington J. Stitt Wilson in Oregon, Comrades Anderson. Roche and Murray in California, Origo and Geiger In New York, Spargo in Massachusetts, Levin in-New Jersey. Leon Greenbaum among the trade unions of Illinois, and a host of other speakers moving around so fast that we can't keep track of them, it does seem that some-thing's doing in the way of agitation for a better day.

The Protest,

Said the great machine of iron and

Lo, I am a creature meant for good, But the criminal touch of Godless greed

Has made me a monster that scatters need

And want and hunger wherever I go. I would list men's burdens and lighten their woe.

would give them lessure to laugh in othe sun. If owned by the Many-instead of the

If owned by the People, the whole wide earth

Should learn my purposes and know my worth; would close the chasms that yawn in

our soil Twixt unearned riches and ill-paid toil.

No man should hunger, and no man labor To fill the purse of an idle neighbor,

And each man should know when his work was done, Were I shared by the Many-not owned

by the One. I am forced by the few, with their greed for gain.

To forge for the many new fetters of Yet this is my furnose, and ever will portance of having as large a vote rep-

To set the slaves of the workshop free. God hasten the day when, overjoyed,

That desperate host of the unemployed Shall hear my message and understand And hall me friend in an opulent

-Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The semi-annual election of the Cen tral Trades and Labor Union at Walhalla Hall Sunday afternoon resulted as follows: President, Geo. Meinz; vice president, C. P. Connolly; treasurer, S. Levy; financial secretary, H.

Roenge; sergeant-at-arms, W. Schil-

C. T. & L. U. Election.

lig: trustees, Messrs. Murnburg. Deltrich and Calderwood. The "Labor Temple" proposition was

discussed, and it was decided to take no part in the move. Stationary Eners, No. 2, was rensured for tributing boycott circular bearing the

Th. as a third party organized in Missouri is neither fish nor fowl. ephemeral existence will represent that rapidly diminishing class who are squeezed out of competition by large capital and yet who depend still for their existence in squeezing the working class through the wage system. You exploitation is not mentioned. This places this last dying gurgle of the middle class among the would-be capi-talist parties as a side show for the are languid"—that is, are falling; that resurrection of Bryan.—San Diego Chieftain.

Official and Party News.

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MEETINGS OF THE COMING WEEK.

Sunday evening, 20th-15th and Franklin; open air meeting; speaking. Monday evening, 1st—City Central committee, at room 10, 22 N. 4th.

Tuesday evening, 2d-Dewey Broadway and Shenandoah; 7th, 8th and 9th Wards; open air speaking and business meeting.

Tuesday evening, 2d-15th and Cass ave., Gaus' Hall; busin ss meeting 16th Ward branch. Thursday, 4th Picnic at Rinkel's

Grove, no one excused. .

Friting evening, 5th 17th Ward branch at 2511 Benton street.

Sunday, 2 p. m., July 7th—Meeting of local at Druid's Hall, 9th and Mar-

Sevententh Ward Branch admitted four new members Friday evening.

Comrade Dunn addresed-a meeting of Team Drivers' Union, No. 170, last Saturday evening at St. Louis Hall.

The Socialist who does not attend the picnic next Thursday at Rinkel's Grove will have to have an extraordi-

The City Central Committee decided at its meeting Monday evening to use only such Socialist literature for propaganda as bears the union label of the printers.

On Sunday, July 7, at 2 p. m., Local St. Louis will meet at Druid's fall, 9th and Market streets. This will be the most important meeting held for a long time. Delegates are to be elected to the National Convention, officers of the party are to be chosen for the ensuing term, and the regular election tion of editor and board of director dure falls on this day also. Every memlori will be expected to be present.

The 7th, 8th and 9th Ward Branches met Tuesday evening at Dewey Hall, Broadway and Shenandoah. An open air meeting was held on the street until 9 o'clock, then the members adjourned to the hall and held a business session. It was decided to adopt the methods being used by the 17th Ward Branch, and each member will start out next Sunday morning to visit parties whose names will be supplied by the city sec-The members are enthusiastic and believe they can increase their membership to one hundred within three months. As Missouri Socialist has about four hundred readers in the three wards covered by this branch, the plan looks easy enough, and all the members have to do is to hustle a lit-

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The City Central Committee of Loral St. Louis wishes all members to onfer with the Secretary, and those members who are still in arrears for dues, to be square on the books by July 1. As it is only members who are in good standing who will be allowed to sign credentials for delegates, it - is hoped that comrades will see the imresented on the floor of the convention as there are members in our local.

The Secretary will be at headquarters every day until July 10, to receive dues of members pet connected with any ward branches. We hope memers will take advantage of this and give our delegates to the convention the full vote of the local. CITY CENTRAL COMMITTEE, ~

R. MURPHY, Secretary.

The Central Labor Union of Boston has adopted the following resolution: Whereas, Experience has taught that it is the purpose of the ruling class (the capitalistic exploiters) to use the military organizations and national guard to maintain the bresent enslavement of the laboring class, and to maintain the unjust decisions of the courts in injunction cases.

Resolved. That it is the sense of the Boston Central Labor Union that no member of a labor organization should be a 'member of the military organizations known as the national guard or any other military organization officered by men commissioned by any state or government; and recommend that affiliated unions embrace the afore-mentioned clause in their constitution and by-laws.

Don't fail to attend the Social Demo-cratic picnic at Rinkel's Grove on the Fourth of July.

Excursion for the benefit of Missouri Socialist and the Arbeiter-Zeitung, to Montesano Park, Sunday July 14, Tickets, 25 cents. Now ready.

AUSTRIA. .

In Le Mouvement Socialiste for June 1 R. Hilferding writes a short article on the political situation in Austria. He shows that though the number of Socialist deputies has decreased, yet that Socialism has not lost any supporters. But in Bohemia and Moravia there has been a great increase in the votes east for local candidates, and The Christian Socialists were badly defeated. The Socialists are well organized and are perfecting their organization, and, as they clearly know what they want, they work for it. How hard this work is may be gathered from the following fact: Thanks to the iniquitous suffrage, 5,000 persons of the rich classes elect 85 hembers of Parliament and 5,000,000 only elect 72 members.

THE SWISS SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The reorganization statistics of the Swiss Party are just published and worthy of notice. The backbone of the Swiss Party is formed by the Grutli Verein, a society which is actually an old democratic association of about forty years and which early in the nineties was captured by the So-cialists and adopted a Socialistic programme. This has been hitherto in reality the only organization embracing Socialists from all parts of Switzerland. There has been, it is true, a so-called Social-Democratic Party, but it existed | 25, 1887, and now it has a circulation only in same otherwise there were in 20,000 cupies it has bad a trombjed only cantonal and local organizations. Now for many reasons, principally be cause it was more of a club or society than a party and the subscription was - the Grutli Verein was considered not sufficient for a national party - also there was the strong local bodies to consider. Now the question has been solved by making the new party. out of representatives of both. The executive is to consist of the executive of the Grutli Verein and six other members chosen by the other organiza-tions. Hesides this, there is to be a larger committee meeting once a year, consisting of the executive, the larger ommittee of the Grutii Verein and the secretary: representatives of the other organizations-one representative to 1,000 members; the editors of the party press and Socialist M. P.'s. Besides which will be the last authority in po-litical questions, and of the meetings of which and the place eight weeks' notice must be given by the executive. congres consists of the members of the executive and large committees, and of delegates from the Grutli Verein and the local organizations. It is also arranged that the metings of the conresegress and the larger committee are to guns e held at a date which fits in with milar metings of the Grutli Verein Ans to follow on from them, and the seat of the executive is likewise to be that of the Grutii Verein. Thus it is virtually the Grutii Verein with dele-

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hope much from the present one.

gates from the other organizations. It is to be hoped that it will work well.

It is well to note that comrades who

at one time were very pesimistic over schemes have changed their mind and

The next annual conference of the June 8 by the Socialist Democratic Fedheld at Birmingham on August 4 and 5. Plans are being discussed for publishing the London Socialis; weekly, "Justice," as a daily.

A farewell reception was tendered June 8 by the Socialist Democratic Federation and the members of the Communist Club, to Julius Motteler, the old German Socialist, who is about to return to Germany after a long period. A Socialist " w of Religion and the of banishment.

O. Liebert, in opening the procedings, said that although the police by their interference had prevented them getting the hall at the Ticofi Restaurant, they had not succeeded in preventing

the reunion taking place.

R. George, the oldest member of the Communist Club, said that r any of those present would very likely not know why Motteler was called the "Red Post-When, after the advent of the Anti-Socialist Law, all the associations of the German Party were dissolved, it was he who checkmated every move of the German Government organizizing a corps of intelligent men and women, who smuggled their newspaper, the Social-Democrat, every week into Germany with a promptitude which dumbfounded the authorities, including their great friend, Prince Bis-

To demonstrate the international character of the meeting. Comrade Lotz spoke in the name of the French sec tion of the club, B. Krafft in the name of the Hungarian section of the club and B. A. Jedrezejowski on behalf of the Polish Socialist Party.

B. Weingartz said that with Com-rade Motteler the last historic member of the club left them. Many prominent men of the Social-Democratic move ment had belonged to the club-Karl Marx, Engels, Ruge, Kincke.

Julius Motteler, in rising to respond had a very cordial reception. He-said they had bestowed a great deal of praise upon him, but he would remind them that he could not have won that praise without the co-operation of a great many other comrades who had fought as determinedly as he had. One individual was of little use, they had to act together if they wished to become a power. A General without soldiers was helpless.

Social-Democrats in every country should remember that they had no time to guarrel amongst themselves. Journal.

BEYOND THE SEAS. no time to exhibit vanity, and no time for fittle jealousies. We knew of only one Social-Democratic Party in every country. They did not want to have either Socialists, or Democrats, or Social Reformers, or men who called themselves Collectivists in economic and Democrats in politics; what they wanted was Social-Democrats, pure and They had no time to waste with hair-splitting wobblers, sophistical trimmers, or peculiar philosophers. Any section or individual that opposed the unity of the Social-Dem this threw out some Socialist deputies forces in any country must be fought with the same determination as any of the capitalistic parties. An uncertain friend was more dangerous than an utspoken enemy, and whoever was not with us was against us.

Although the struggle under the red banner of Social-Democracy required the sacrifice of many lives, nevertheless those who carried on the struggle felt always young in mind and in body, as they fought with the knowledge that the principles of Social-Democracy were not utopian, but scientific, and sure to win the day.

SOCIALIST PRESS IN ITALY.

The National Congress of Florence in 1896 instructed the party to start as

soon as possible a Socialist daily. After much trouble 140,000 francs (£5,600) was got together, and a company was registered as proprietors; this had to be done to give the paper a legal existence. The first number the Avanti was published on December

times, and has paid £1,200 in fines. But there has been a prosecution in every prosecution but one the acs acquitted. Once the mob, encouraged by the "respectable" prints. broke the windows of the printing press, and no one was prosecuted. But the paper is still alive, and now pays

The editor receives £10 a month, and the writers is each; the foreign correspondents receive f2 a month, except the Paris correspondent, who gets £6. The printers receive 5 to 8 francs a day

There are 62 weekly sapers belonging to the party, having an average circulation of 5,000 copies, and a datty is to be published shortly at Turin.

The Critica Sociale, of Milano, and the Asino (a humorous publication) are papers owned by private individ-

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NATIONAL PLATFORM.

Social Democratic Party of America.

tools of the capitalists class. Their pol-ficies are injurious to the interest of the working class. Thick can be served only by the tholition of the profit system. The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective power of the capitalist class only by constituting themselves into a po-litical party, distinct and opposed to all parties formed by the properties classes.

all parties formed by the propertied classes.

We therefore, call upon the wage-workers of the United States, without distinction of color, race, sex, or creed, and upon all citizens in sympathy with the historic mission of the working class, to organize under the banner of the Social Democratic Party, as a party truly representing the interests of the toding masses and maconiconsistingly wasting war upon the exploiting class, until the system of wage-slavery shall be abolished and the Coroperative Commonwealth shall be set up. Pending the accomplishment of this, our ultimate purpose, we piedge every effort to the Social Democratic Party for the immediate improvement of the condition of labor and for the securing of its progressive demands.

As steps in that direction, we make the following demands:

First-Revision of our federal constitution, in order to remove the obstacles to complete control of government by the people, irrespective of sex.

Second—The public ownership of all industries controlled by the monopoles, trusts and combines.

Third—The public ownership of all railroads, telegraphs and telephones: all means of transportation and communication; all w weeks, gas and electric plants and as public utilities.

Fourth—I public ownership of all gold, silver, beginer lead from, coal, and other mines, and all oil and gas wells.

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instead of local, and international, when possible.

Ninth-National insurance of working propie against accidents, lock of employment, and want in old age.

Tenth-Equal civit and political rights for men and women, and the abolition of all laws discriminating against women. Eleventh-The adoption of the initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of rescal of representatives by the volgra.

Twelfith-Abolition of war and the introdiction of international arbitration.

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In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of emonomic development has separated society into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution (land, mines, machinery, and means of transportation and communication), and the large and ever increasing class of ware-workers, possessing no means of production.

This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class the full control of the sevenment, me puping, the stateoff and the public press; it has thus made the capitalist class the stribut of the fate of the workers, whom it is reducing to a condition of dependence, economically exploited and oppressed intellectually and physically crippled and degraded, and their political equality rendered a bitter mockery.

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exploited and oppressed, intenectually and physically crippled and degraded, and their political equality-rendered a bitter mockery.

The contest between these two classes frows ever sharper. Hand in hand with the growth of monopolies sees the annihilation of small industries and of the middle class depending upon them; ever larger grows the multitude of destitute wage-workers and of the unemployed, and ever flercer the struggle between the class of the exploiter and the exploited, the capitalists and the wage workers.

The evil effects of capitalist production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises which render the existence of the greater part of the population still more precarious and uncertain.

These facts amply prove that the modern means of production have outgrown the existing somal order based on production for profit.

Himan energy and natural resources are waisted for individual gain.

Ignorance is fostered that wage slavery may be perpetuated. Science and invention are perverted to the exploitation of men, women and children.

The lives and liberties of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

Wars are fomented between nations indiscriminate slauchter is encouraged the destruction of whole Preces is safethened, in order that the capitalist class may extend its commercial dominion abroad and enhance its supremacy at home.

The introduction of a new and higher order of society is the historic mission of the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or atmail conflicts, are interested in uphologing the system of production. The Democratic Republican, and all other parties which do not stand for the compile coverries of the explandation and all other parties which do not stand for the compile coverries of the explandation and all other parties which do not stand for the compile coverries of the explandation and all other parties which do not stand for the compile coverries of the explandation.

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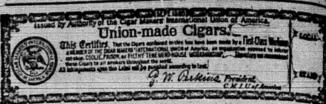
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