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The Situation Reviewed by Our Standard Bearer

Never has the Socialist prospect been so bright in this country. We enter the campaign this year with the physical proportions, the mental equipment and the moral stamina of a full fledged national party. Our comrades everywhere are eager for the battle.

There is not a moment for bickering or hairsplitting.

Croakers to the rear! Socialists to the front!

Down with wage slavery! Up with the working class!

On with the class struggle! Hurrah for the social revolution!

The following press dispatch should be read by every worker who is not a Socialist:

"Indianapolis, June 29.—It was decided at the meeting of the Republican state committee to conduct a "jolly" department as an auxiliary of the Republican state campaign. The men in charge of this bureau will be the candidates on the Republican state ticket, nearly all of whom have enviable reputations as jolliers.

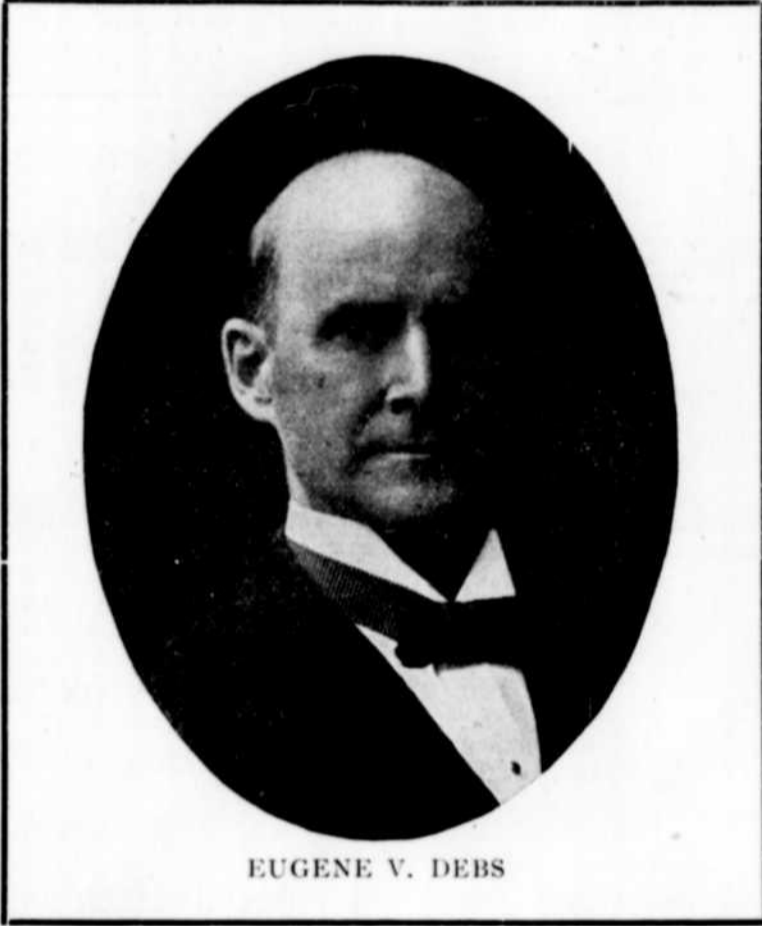
The scheme is an interesting one and if it works out in practice as it is planned in theory political committees in other states may establish "jollying" adjuncts.

The plan, as outlined at the meeting and agreed upon, provides that the state officials, who largely compose the state ticket, shall apportion the state among themselves. Each man is to make regular excursions into his particular district to jolly the Republican workers and see that the esprit de corps of the party is kept up in good shape. Speech-making will not be essential, but each candidate will be expected to carry a side-line of hot air that will enable him to cheer and encourage the party henchmen.

The "jolly," with hot air on the side, is a powerful argument in favor of the republican party and wage slavery. Workingmen who vote that way have been "jollied"

and "hotaired" by the republican politicians and flimflammed and frost bitten by the democratic politicians until their toes are out of their shoes and the seats of their trousers have jarred from their bearings, but they hold on like grim death. A diet of dried "jolly" with hot air gravy next winter may help them let go and fall in line with their class in the

16 to 1 democrats. The mine owners will be safe as they always have been with the democratic party in power, just as the cotton planters and cotton mill owners in the south are safe under democratic rule. Republican rule, democratic rule—it is all the same capitalist rule and working class slavery. The democratic politicians of



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struggle for freedom.

You have been "jollied" long enough, Mr. Worker! Stand up like a man and act like one on election day!

The workers of Colorado who vote the Democratic ticket this fall will be the real enemies, the arch-traitors of their class. Upon them the responsibility will rest.

The silver mine owners are all

Colorado are promising milk and honey to the deluded and terrified workers if they will only "down Peabody" and put some cheap democratic skate in his place to do the same thing over again, or go Peabody a few better.

The democratic as well as the republican members of the Colorado legislature betrayed the mine and mill workers, sold out to the

mine and mill owners, defeated the eight-hour bill and are responsible for the present strike and its countless horrors. They are the same foul gang in cahoots with each other and are severally and jointly owned, body and soul, by the plundering plutocracy.

The scheming knave who advises a workingman in Colorado to vote the democratic ticket to escape from Peabody is even a worse enemy than Peabody himself, or Sherman Bell.

The democratic party has no principles—it is for sale cheap and is dear at any price.

Down and out with them both! They are rotten and ill-smelling and ought to be buried deep and forever.

Here is another press dispatch that should delight the heart of every workingman:

"Munich, Bavaria, June 25.—Albert, the reigning prince of Thurn and Taxis, is an ardent sportsman, and is said to be an adept in every known sport. But he has other tastes for which the tailors, haberdashers, shoemakers, hatters and perfumers should make him their patron saint.

"The prince puts on a new suit of clothes every day. To his critical eye a coat once worn is in rags. Each of these garments is perfumed with attar of roses that costs not less than \$96 an ounce. In a year his serene highness wears about a thousand cravats, two hundred and fifty pairs of shoes and an uncountable number of gloves and hats.

"In a word, compared with the prince, Beau Brummel was a tatterdemalion."

"This perfumed parasite believes that workingmen are disgusting animals and they agree with him. Only workingmen who have sense enough to become Socialists are opposed to princes who produce not enough to feed a mosquito, yet have a new suit every day and squirt perfume at themselves that costs \$96 an ounce. The poor princes are not to blame. The workingmen force them to it and they can't help themselves. The workingmen who set up and worship princes who wear 365 new suits of clothes a year while they themselves are pantless, vote the republican-democratic reversible ticket. Socialists are workingmen who have cut loose and propose to make princes of themselves and their class.

Father Sherman and other pious tools of capitalism are ceaselessly frothing about Socialism, because it will "break up the family and destroy the home." The Terre Haute Tribune-Gazette of June 30 has this item with the caption, "One Divorce in Five:"

"The report of the state statistician shows that during the year 1903 there were 837 marriage licenses granted and 176 divorces in Vigo county."

The present marriage institution is the reflex of the economic basis of capitalist society. The Dollar mark is its coat of arms. Financial consideration is the controlling factor in matchmaking. Pure love stands little chance against a fat pocketbook. Economic dependence accounts for one divorce in five marriages. There are thousands who are utterly wretched, but would die before being divorced in public, and there are thousands of others who "don't get along" because they were married on the merchandise basis and their souls were not in the deal for a moment.

Honor bright, as Colonel Ingersoll used to say, what percentage of marriages in present society are truly ideal and fill the lives of husband and wife with pure and perpetual joy? Do they amount to ten per cent?

The idea of Socialism polluting such an unclean institution! Capitalism has defiled the marriage relation; Socialism will purify it

and make it holy.

Then again: The annual reports of the city magistrates of the city of New York show that in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx, New York city, there were sixty thousand four hundred and sixty-three (60,463) evictions during the year 1903.

This is how capitalism preserves, inviolate, the sanctity of the family and the sacredness of the home.

And if you want to know some of the results of capitalistic methods of family and fireside salvation go to the redlight district and count the houses of shame.

The hypocrite who defends the capitalist system of profit-gouging and at the same time pretends to feel concerned about the homes and families of the working class, should be stood on his head a moment that the thirty pieces of silver, the price of his perfidy, might roll from his pockets and accuse him of the prostitution of his trust.

Precisely what difference there is between the republican and democratic wings of the capitalist party may be seen in President Roosevelt's appointment of Paul Morton as secretary of the navy. Morton has been a life-long alleged democrat, but is admirably fitted for a republican cabinet.

In 1888 Morton was general passenger and ticket agent of the C. B. & Q. The engineers and firemen went on strike. Morton was the company's press agent and won promotion by becoming the most notorious liar in Chicago. Some verses went the rounds of the press at the time, describing "Paul Morton's Reception in Hell" as follows:

"We have looked for you, Poll,
Every one of us knew
That the champion liar
Of the C. B. & Q.,
Who, when he opened his mouth,
A hundred lies flew,
Couldn't miss hell, for the title he wore,
As understood by our philological class,
And as the devil him repeatedly swore,
Means Grand Prevaricator and Trivial Ass.
Say, how did you come, Poll, by underground cab?
And did you bring with you a C.,

liar as you
Has bothered the devil and the rest not a little,
Because we behold in you something that's new:
The combination of liar-lickspittle
Could only be furnished by the C. B. & Q."

Sixteen years have passed since the C. B. & Q. strike in which Paul Morton played the star role and won his honor (?), but it is still known among railroad men as "The Great Scab Route." Engineers and firemen are not allowed to organize under penalty of instant discharge.

Yes, yes, Paul Morton, the scab-in-chief of the C. B. & Q., is eminently qualified for President Roosevelt's cabinet and ought to get the solid union labor vote for Roosevelt and the full shop and open dinner pail.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

The Labor's Condition

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

Said the miner 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 sinning
In wanting to sleep and to eat;
Oh, it would be so grand
To be able to stand
Another 12 hours on my feet."

Said the child in the tenement shop:
"Don't send me to play, if you please!
I'd rather be sewing and stitching, you know, in
This hotbed of filth and disease;
For sweatshop, you see,
Is far dearer to me
Than the birds and the blossoming trees!"

Hughes Asks Questions

When is a member of the Citizens' Alliance not a member of the Citizens' Alliance? When he joins an employers' association.

Sentimentalists, opportunists and Utopians: For lessons in class consciousness address Workingmen, care of Bull Pen, Victor, Colo.

The flimsiest argument against Socialism becomes a strong one in the mind of the man who does not understand Socialism.

How many union men in Helena know what sort of a settlement that committee made with the employers' association?

There is one Socialist argument that the capitalist apologists have never, to my knowledge, attempted to answer in a straightforward manner. It is: "To the worker belongs the product of his toil."

The capitalist press is fond of reciting that there are no classes in this country, and then in the next breath it condemns Socialists for "arraying class against class."

Any man with ordinary intelligence can by a little honest investigation become convinced that Socialism is either right or wrong; but to get a firm grasp on the economic principles which form the foundation of our social structure requires the profoundest study of a lifetime. This is respectfully dedicated to those wage-slaves of the daily press who know all about everything.

There is very little difference in the economic positions of the wage-earner and the farmer. The wage-earner competes in the open market for the sale of his labor; the farmer competes in the open

market for the sale of the product of his labor. They are both exploited by the same means—through their labor power. The capitalists leave them just enough wealth to enable them to live and work and raise children for the future slave market.

The labor fakir is the greatest of all fakirs. He is also the most numerous. You find him in nearly every labor organization. One kind of labor fakir wants the unions to stay out of politics and fight a political battle on the industrial field; another kind wants the unions to go into politics—on the tail of the democratic party; still another kind wants the unions to go into politics for themselves but they must not demand too much. All three subserve the interests of the capitalist class and delay the final triumph of the working class.

One of the most persistently rehearsed phrases in capitalist political economy is the one about the "reward to capital and labor." They do not mean this. They mean the reward, not to capital, but to the capitalist. Capital is an inanimate thing, and as such it can have no reward. Capital consists of machinery, land, materials, etc., and to say that a machine, or a piece of ground, or cotton in the field is entitled to a reward is absurd. But "capital," from its being a much misunderstood term, and from its character as an agent of production, is a good word to conjure with, and serves to obscure the real appropriating position of the capitalist.

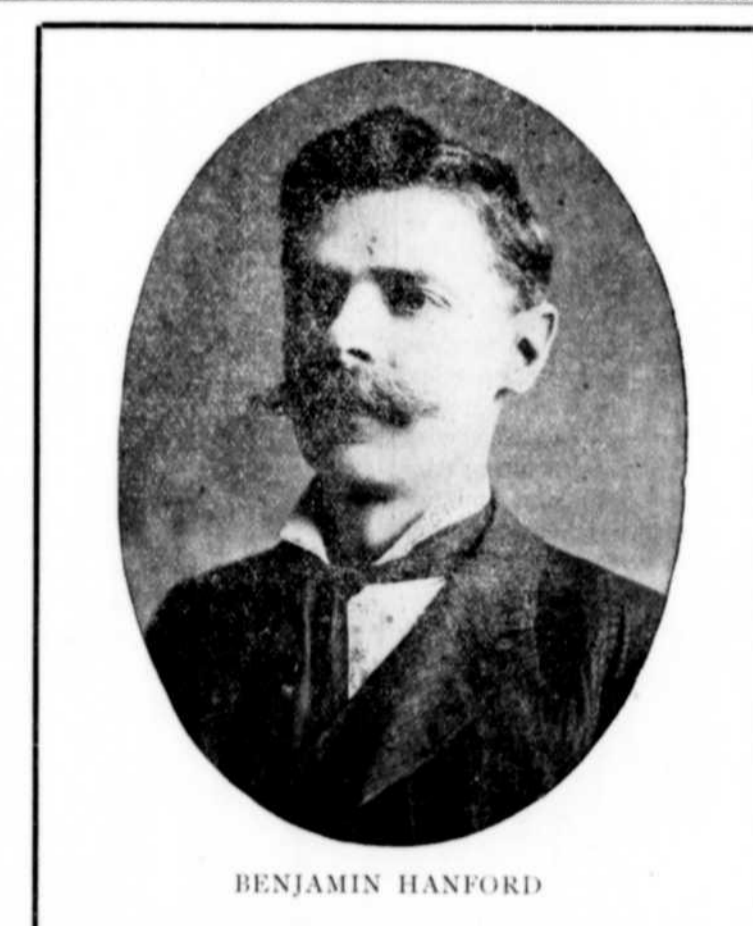
In the same way the idea of a "reward to labor" is fallacious. Labor itself is just as inanimate

as is capital—witness that the machine takes the place of certain kinds of human exertion. But labor is an expression of, and is controlled by, an intelligence that is in the form of a human being. So any "reward" resulting from the application of labor must accrue to the owner of the labor, or the laborer. The economic struggle is not between capital and labor, two senseless, inanimate properties, but between capitalists and laborers. The hinges capital and labor are merely the weapons with which the struggle is waged.

Socialism does not stand for all humanity. It stands only for those who work.

It is the application of human labor to natural resources that alone makes the earth habitable by men. Were the employment of labor in wealth production suddenly to cease, the great majority of us would be hungry within 48 hours; we would be dying like rotten sheep within a week, and at the end of three months the human race would be extinct. Next in importance in the maintenance of civilized society are the workers who produce the immaterial wealth which sustains our intellectual and moral life. Kings and their courts, interest-takers, landlords, and all other idlers could pass from the earth and cause no disturbance other than the tears of their lackeys—let the workers stop working for an instant and society is paralyzed at its root.

Bear these facts in mind, you peddlers of aristocracy, and dare to deny that the working class is the only class that has a right to be.
T. P. HUGHES.



BENJAMIN HANFORD

B. & Q. scab?
We've a place for your soul, Poll, a 2x3 cell,
The smallest that's made for the inmates of hell.
Down here, Poll, we have classification,
Something after the style of the C. B. & Q.,
Every liar's assigned to some particular station,
But just where to place such a

Said the college professor with glee:
"They think I'm in earnest, but pshaw!
I'm boss of a college, and that's why my knowledge impresses the rabble with awe.
But I'm out for my health
And honor and wealth,
By working my graft—and my jaw!"
—Boyce's Weekly.

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- For Lieutenant Governor— John W. Frinke, of Deer Lodge.
- For Congressman— J. H. Walsh, of Fergus.
- For Chief Justice of Supreme Court— C. M. Parr, of Silver Bow.
- For Clerk of Supreme Court— John Peters, of Carbon.
- For Secretary of State— H. Lynch, of Fergus.
- For State Treasurer— Erik Olson, of Cascade.
- For State Auditor— W. C. Phelps, of Lewis & Clarke.
- For Attorney General— E. O. Jackson, of Silver Bow.
- For State Superintendent of Public Instruction— Mrs. R. Anna German, of Silver Bow.

Those of Montana who have any fear of seeing a repetition of the Colorado trouble in this state can avoid the same by electing the Socialist ticket.

The Socialist vote of Montana this fall will be a surprise to many. In fact a large vote for that party means more good than the election of either one of the old parties.

The fellow who is desirous of not "throwing his vote away" can relieve himself of this troublesome thought by voting the Socialist ticket. It is the only ticket in the field that a vote for, means a vote for principle.

Socialism appears to be the fear of both old political parties. About the next national campaign and the democrats can fuse with the republicans. Both old parties belong in the same tent, and Socialism will force them together in a few more years.

It was with sad regret that the many readers of the Seattle Socialist learned last week that the paper was near the rocks of bankruptcy. The Socialist has been one of the best publications in the country and it would be a blow to the cause to see it go down and out.

The bob-tail union labor outfit that has been pushed into the political field is to assist in electing the democratic party to office, that the labor fakirs may get a good job and that the rank and file may be kept busy petitioning a body of office holders who have betrayed the laboring class at every turn of the road.

The Iowa Socialist, under the head, "To Be or Not to Be," tells a story that sounds as if the paper was on the ragged edge and would soon suspend if not more liberally

supported in the near future. Possibly if it is one of the sentimental kind, and which the writer is led to believe it is, the cause would be just as well off without it as with it. The Iowa Socialist published an article a few weeks ago relative to the "impossibilists" by Windy Wills of Windy Kansas, which scored the editor of the News and all other western Socialists, and judging from this it is one of those eastern wish-wash papers and has no place in the revolutionary Socialist movement. He thyself to the populist newspaper graveyard. And peace be to the ashes of the sentimental opportunism, Hearts Chicago American Programmers and populist fusion advocates!

Socialist Papers Make a Mistake

The Socialist press is using too much space at the present time over the Colorado labor trouble. This is not, in a scientific sense, a Socialist row; it is the row of unions which are unscientifically grounded, and which can only be settled through the scientific application of the ballot.

The laboring class of Colorado, which are the large majority of the population of that state, voted \$7,000 strong for Governor Peabody, and when they voted for him as the representative of the republican party, they should have known what they were voting for. If they did not, then they have had an opportunity to learn since, and we now await their vote this fall to see how much they have learned.

Looking at the matter from a scientific standpoint, the Socialist press is placing itself in the same position in regard to this matter as does the laboring and trades unions after electing old partyites to office, and then begging, by petition, for something they want.

Roosevelt is right in not sending the troops to Colorado. Cleveland was morally wrong in sending them to Illinois, but he was class conscious and did just what he was elected to do. When the laboring mule awakens from his lethargic sleep and elects his own class to office, then he will not be bothered by circulating and signing worthless petitions to men who consign them to the waste basket, while they present their leaders (labor fakirs) with diamond mementoes and debauched banquets.

Unions have been organized for sixty years and yet they have never made a move or effort to employ the unemployed; unions are a nice thing for the fellow with a job, but how about the fellow out of work? Unions for this reason and many more are not scientifically grounded, and assist on the one hand in perpetuating the anarchistic condition that now prevails in Colorado.

The Socialist press cannot afford, as the party of the laboring class, to bob-tail itself to an organization that is not scientifically right to start with. And again, how much does the labor organization do for Socialism. Two of them have declared for Socialism, and their membership scabbled at the ballot box repeatedly. Let the unions, which are a natural product of the economic condition, conduct their own affairs, but let the Socialist press spend its space in telling how to get out of this trouble, in place of deploring over the serious trouble of a class who have voted the damnable conditions upon themselves.

Opportunists Are Weak Ones.

The revolutionists, or impossibilists are sure putting the opportunists in the shade on the argument over the late Chicago platform. It's a cinch that the next national convention will be of a different kind than the last one. That "American expression of Socialism" has at least served to spur the Socialists to an interest that can develop in nothing but good for the advancement of Socialism. With the exception of the disruption in Chicago no harm can come to the proletarian movement, but it is a deplorable fact to see paid spies in Chicago getting control of what purports to be the Socialist machinery.

However, all this is not dangerous because of the fact that there is no show of electing, but when the time arrives that possible victory is in sight, then the organiza-

tion must be under the strictest control of the revolutionary comrades.

Opportunism or sentimentalism stretched to a fusion condition will wreck the movement. All this discussion on the platform assures us that the next convention will not be composed of intellectuals, lawyers and editors. This is a mistake for the party to elect men of the above stripe to attend a national Socialist convention.

Twenty editors at the last convention was at least nineteen too many; one could have done no harm. Fifteen lawyers at the same meeting was at least fifteen too many of that class. Let us make a study of this proposition and see that our next national convention is composed of more wage workers and fewer bourgeois intellectuals.

Opportunism Blinds Herron

The following letter appeared in the last issue of the Iowa Socialist:

Dear Sir: May I call the attention of your readers to the fact that the whole document, or manifesto, of the Omaha comrades, concerning the national platform, is based upon obvious misinterpretation of the first clause of the platform. The clause in question reads as follows:

"The Socialist party, in convention assembled, makes its appeal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the only political movement standing for the program and principles by which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only political organization that is democratic, and has for its purpose the democratizing of the whole of society."

It certainly ought to be perfectly evident that it is the Socialist party that is referred to as the defender and preserver of the idea of liberty and self-government, and not the American people.

I have no wish or intention to take part in any of the controversy regarding the platform, and my devotion to the Socialist movement is not in any wise dependent upon its acceptance or rejection of any particular phraseology. I only wish to call attention to the fact that a discussion to be intelligent, or worth while, must not be based upon a manifest misconstruction of the thing that is discussed.

Faithfully yours,

GEORGE D. HERRON.

There is probably not another Socialist in the United States, other than Comrade Herron, who has got so tangled up in the Omaha article. The Omaha manifesto is absolutely correct and it seems that no one should be mistaken on it. We all understand that the first clause that makes an appeal to the American people is an appeal from the Socialists, but the ridiculous part of the clause is the finish, which says:

"Preservers of the idea of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born." Judged from materialistic Socialist conception of history, this nation was not born in the idea of liberty. If it were born as Comrade Herron would have us believe it was, then the Socialist party is altogether wrong in its attempt to show that the proletarian is today a wage-slave. He is not, he is an "American citizen." Bosh!

Don't think that Socialism will come by electing a Socialist. Such a mistake is a serious mistake and should not be made by the class-conscious Socialists. Comrade Wilshire in his magazine has pointed out this particular fact time and again. In his advocacy of "Let the nation own the trusts," he hits the nail on the head, but it appears to not be understood by many of the comrades. Revolutionary steps of the economic condition will force Socialism, and that power of force is pushing at the present with a wonderful momentum. There is a condition existing yet among the farmers that makes them feel as if they were more properly members of the bourgeois, or middle class, and nothing but the economic condition which will force them to the ranks of the proletariat, or the

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wage-worker, can bring them to a class conscious realization of their real condition. The wage slave who receives \$3 per day for eight or nine hours labor is far better off than the farmer who toils 14 hours per day to raise potatoes to sell on the market of competition. A few more years and the farmers' condition will be wonderfully changed. Statistics show us that farm tenantry is greatly on the increase.

Father Dorzynski, of Milwaukee, who has probably never taken his papers out, just previous to the city election in Milwaukee, at which the Socialists polled such a tremendous vote, advised his parishioners to vote as it was their plain duty, it would be immaterial as long as they did not vote the Socialist ticket. With the assistance of the surplice and sacerdotal hypnotism, he delivers himself as follows: "I am radically opposed to Socialism, and had no hesitation in telling my congregation, that any one who voted the Socialist ticket and endorsed its platform, by so doing paced himself outside the pale of the church. He practically excommunicates himself, since Socialism stands for a reversal of all things today, including the church. I am not enlisted in the ranks of the democratic or republican party, but am fighting the enemies of both."

The asinine mouthings of these alleged vice-gerents of Christ, in the interest of capitalism, is becoming so flagrant that even the most superstitious are awakening to the fact that the church is being used by the money changers to perpetuate human exploitation.

Do you know that the laboring class is composed of queer individuals? They never vote for their own interest. You can go among any tradesmen and organize them into unions and with few exceptions they will stay faithfully by their pledges, supporting their order in strikes, lockouts and boycotts, but when it comes to voting for one of their own class to hold public office where some good could be done—they assert their free American right" and vote for the other fellow. Union 364 days in the year and on the 365th day.

Well, W. J. Bryan says that he will support the democratic ticket. It has been believed for some time by many that he was a fakir and now there came but little doubt of it. With a Cleveland man as presidential nominee and who declares himself or the gold standard, Bryan, the hot air bag, bows the knee of subservency to the Wall street gang and gets in the band wagon. The Bryan fakirs are a disgrace to the old Palmer-Buckner leaders.

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Begging in Place of Voting Right

The Associated Press on July 12 gave out the information that eleven miners were deported from Victor, Colorado, on the departure of the first train after their arrival. Synchronously there appears a press dispatch stating that the central labor unions in Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, Pennsylvania, with a total membership of 225,000 men, principally miners or allied workmen, appointed a committee to wait upon President Roosevelt, urging an investigation into the Colorado labor situation. The committee was turned down, being informed by Secretary Loeb that a personal interview with the president was impossible and suggested that they wait upon the national chairman of the republican party, Mr. Cortelyou, with their troubles.

This, of course, was disregarded. Now if the wage-slaves of Lackawanna county would appoint a committee, whose duties it would be to supply the union men within their district with Socialist literature, and ask that they put their limited brain cells to work studying the economic question, the union politic would probably realize why Roosevelt spurned their entreaties. They voted Roosevelt into office with a plurality of 365,000. What stupidity! For forty years these "pure and simple" union men have been at this kind of sham work. What is there to investigate? The labor situation in Colorado is known the world over. The wage slaves of Colorado voted their enemy, Peabody, into power and now they are getting what they voted for. Roosevelt is in the same class as Peabody—hand in hand with the plutocrats. He is class-conscious. That is why he has not sent national troops into Colorado to suppress capitalistic anarchy. Cleveland was also class-conscious. He sent troops into Chicago when he thought the capitalists' interests were best subserved by so doing. How long will the working mule dupe himself?

What did the investigation amount to in the Coeur d'Alene district some years ago? Obviously the "pure and simple" union men of Lackawanna and Luzerne counties, Pennsylvania, are in need of a general awakening as to their real condition.

Bell-Peabody Murderers

Denver, July 7.—W. H. Morgan, assayer and president and general manager of the Grouse Mountain Gold Mining Company, was found dead today in a lodg-

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ing house in this city. He had committed suicide on July 2 by taking poison and then shooting himself. He was one of the first parties deported from Cripple Creek. Letters left by him show that he had been threatened and driven to desperation. One letter, apparently from the dead man's wife, is as follows:

"Dear Will: I saw Gen. Bell tonight to let me get some groceries, and he said he hoped Denver would soon be put under martial law so he could search for you. He said he would fix it so no union man could vote at the next election. He talked awful to me. Now, dear Will, please stay in hiding, and do not let this horrible man and his soldiers get hold of you, for they will never let you get away. I hope to God this terrible thing will soon be settled in some way so you can return to your home again. I do not see why innocent men should be made to suffer. You say you are discouraged. Brace up and write soon. GAY."

The above illustrates to the reader, to a certain extent, the anarchistic condition in Russia, where Citizens' Alliance Peabody has ruled with the sword, disregarded the courts and branded himself as a murderer of the lowest kind. W. H. Morgan, the man who committed suicide, made two mistakes: the first, he killed the wrong man; and second, the world will have but little sympathy with the man who ends his own life while a dear wife and little ones are depending upon him for support.

But Morgan is not to blame for the murder of himself. That blame rests upon the shoulders of Gov. Peabody, and Peabody must stand some day at the bar of judgment to answer to this atrocious crime as well as to many more of a similar nature.

When, oh, when, will the laboring people awake from this lethargic sleep and place men of their own class in these political positions that justice may be meted out to all?

The resolution of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor to aid the Western Federation of Miners is a suspicious one. Adopted after the cowardly act of Sam Gompers in hiding at the critical moment, and the perfidious course of the A. F. of L. in Colorado, had been expressed by the Socialist Labor Party, which aroused working class indignation against the A. F. of L., the resolution is a tub to the whale. It only serves to recall that on November 14, 1903, the A. F. of L., in convention assembled in Boston, in a resolution pledged its moral and financial support to the Western Miners, even going so far as to appropri-

ate \$1,000 in conformity therewith. Yet in June, 1904, the president of the A. F. of L. cannot be found to utter a word and protest while those miners are being shot in the back. At the same time its members in Colorado are exempted from the military proscriptions of General Bell and praised as models worthy the support of bull-penners and the emulation of the working class. Look out for the A. F. of L. History repeats itself quite often among the Gompers' crew of labor traitors.—Weekly People.

The Iowa Socialists in state convention adopted the same state platform as adopted by the comrades in Washington. Montana adopted the same after inserting a clause including the public ownership of land, which removes the single taxism. The platform says on this point: "Ownership of the machines, the mines, the factories and railroads gives to the capitalist class control over the lives of the members of the working class. Why the ownership of the land question, in the future to be the most important of all, is left alone entirely is not easily understood. Why, Socialists the old populist party declared for the public ownership of the land, and that party was a bourgeois movement, which strained every effort on the 16 to 1 point that their wheat might be raised from 50 cents per bushel to \$1.00, without a word of raising the farm hand's wages a single cent. Such platforms are not Socialist, and such errors must be avoided in the future. The above action is in conformity of thought of a farmer the writer was talking with the other day, the farmer claimed to be a Socialist and believed in the government taking the railroads, mines, telegraph, telephones, etc., etc., without end, until it came to taking his farm; then he was not a Socialist. These views are not Socialist, and are too narrow for the Socialist party to entertain.

The reports say that the democrats are well pleased with their national convention; well, no one else is displeased; the organization was controlled by the same power that controlled the republican convention—King Dollar.

The state committee of the Socialist party of Montana will meet at Butte July 25, at which time arrangements will probably be made to open the campaign in a vigorous style.

The old saying that the laboring class cannot be united is fairly exemplified in the two organiza-

tions of the S. L. P., and practical this factional strife is contagious to the coming real conflict when the laborers will be standing with one solid, united front demanding the same thing—the full product of their toil. It reminds one of the churches of the present day: all have a separate and different creed, but all aiming at one point—heaven. Socialists should experience by the example set and profit thereby.

Socialism Is Irresistible

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott of New York has the following to say as regards the irresistible advance of Socialism in America:

Socialism in this country I believe to be irresistible, and I believe that it ought not to be resisted. Herbert Spencer wrote 50 years ago that Socialism could be prevented by nothing but civil war, bloodshed and despotism. I do not agree with this. I believe that this, like every great question, will be debated by the American public and settled without bloodshed.

You may rightly think that it is easier to settle this question on the platform than in the factory. The real solution has to be made in the factory.

The organization of labor is just as necessary as the organization of capital. The question is, shall it be organized by plutocracy or democracy?

The peril to America is not in the greatness of the organization, but in the direction which it will take. We as a people must control both organized capital and organized labor. A government of the people must control the necessities of life. It is just as necessary to prevent crime in corporations as it is in labor unions. Men are of more value than money, and we must find a way to prove it.

There are 19,000 stockholders in the Pennsylvania railroad company; there are 19,000 employees of the road. The owners are organized. Why should not the employees be organized?

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a union and place its direction in the hands of their most competent men, just as the rich man and the poor widow pool their money and place it in charge of directors.

Government of the people must prevent monopoly in the life necessities by law and regulation and must prevent crime in corporation or in labor unions. Law must be alike enforced for the rich and the poor, the employer and the employee.

The church is fighting Socialism, but that is nothing new. In the days of slavery the church existed and reconciled itself to the slave condition; after freeing of the slaves the church fell in line with the new conditions; so now, they will fight Socialism because it will destroy the graft party of the church and make ready the establishment of Christianity in place of churchianity. And following as it has about a decade or more in the rear of progress and civilization it will conform to the new Socialistic condition after once established.

More attention must be given to getting Socialist literature to the farmer of this country. He is the man that is needed in the Socialist movement. The laborer who becomes a Socialist is chased from place to place looking for a job until seldom he has a vote. The farmer is a permanent fixture and is sure of his vote. This is what we need. The day of strikes is past, so far as any good can be done for the laboring class. The farmer is no more than a laborer.

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The Class Fight

BY A. T. HARVEY
LEWISTOWN, MONT.

The capitalists, who rule this country and play politics, like the late Jay Gould testified—in republican districts they are republican and in democratic districts democratic—have reason to be well pleased with the nominees of the two old parties. Because the candidates are members of the capitalist class, so whichever wins the rich will rule.

The musicians and clerks of Colorado who basely deserted their brother union men in the hour of danger, are now, we are pleased to note, taking another lesson in the class struggle. Having proved themselves cowards and traitors to their class, the rich have given them a token of esteem by increasing their hours of labor. The Citizens' Alliance will, like their president, Parry, continue the persecution until even the cowards will fight. If twelve hours a day will not force them to it, fourteen or sixteen, with a good reduction of wages, will, and the frenzied struggle for liberty by such men may yet build "Caesar's Column."

We are aware that our rulers have decided the constitution does not follow the flag, and even at home is in a shattered condition, particularly in Colorado, but American business methods lose no time in useless discussions on the propriety of following American conquest. The good business men of Guam, Philippines, established a scale of prices for the necessities of life just like our trusts. Sad to tell, Gov. Stone has ordered them to reduce prices or go to jail. This misguided man will soon learn that he is to rule in the interests of the rich, and will have to change his tactics or Teddy will call him home.

The farmers are becoming very much interested in Socialism around this section; the greatest

obstacle to the growth of the movement is ignorance of our principles; they still believe the capitalist lie—that Socialism would take their homes from them.

That other hoary old lie about dividing up is still told with success, and the farmer sees visions of his wealth divided with the idle and worthless. He does not stop to think that just the system today—the lazy and worthless inhabitants of Fifth avenue wallow in wealth produced by the toil of the farmer and other laborers, while those that produce it eke out miserable existences of worry and want, slaving long hours in the broiling sun, that the rich may bask in shady retreats at our American summer resorts, or idly drift amid the ice cooled fjords of Norway.

When the farmer understands Socialism, and the great benefits he would enjoy in common with all laborers, a mighty and triumphant host will carry forward our revolutionary standard.

How the dear republicans love labor and support law and order. At a banquet in honor of Peabody, the notorious, of Colorado, Speaker Cannon and a host of good, respectable senators, ambassadors and congressmen made speeches in honor of Peabody, the Colorado murderer, and thanked God he restored law and order in Colorado. It is right for the rich to support this man Peabody, as he is a good friend to them; but for the workers to support this man or any of his friends is the rankest folly. The rich have a pleasant phrase for every crime: it is restoring order in Colorado, to drive men away from their homes and out of the state, to imprison them in bull pens, tie them to telegraph poles, shoot them in cold blood, blow them into fragments, rape

their wives and daughters, or mutilate in a revolting manner, unworthy of savages, those who have dared to maintain the rights accorded them by the constitution.

But the working class vote this rich class into power, and expect them to prove traitors to their class by benefiting labor.

Among the good, respectable business men who advocate business administrations there is the usual crop of rascals found out; the remainder of the class is still respectable, opposing Socialism, and attending church. The cashier of the First National Bank of Saratoga is away to fields anew, while his friends mourn his loss to the tune of three-quarters of a million. The bank of Goodland, Ind., has gone up the flue, and several hundred mourn the loss of \$200,000. Senator Sam Pratt has been arrested for stealing \$3,000,000; he is perfectly safe, and is now eligible for the nomination, on either of the old party tickets, of the highest office in the land. If he had been some poor man who stole a loaf to stay a hungry stomach, he would go to jail, but Pratt steals millions and is a senator. Another gentleman lawyer and millionaire of Hoboken, N. J., is in trouble for crimes against several little girls of tender years. He is, of course, very much opposed to Socialism, because it might destroy the home. But you can bet none of this bunch will suffer, as the rich, like the kings of bygone days, can do no wrong.

Movements of Socialists

National Headquarters, Socialist Party.
William Maily, Nat'l Secretary,
Chicago, Ill., July 2, 1904.

The following contributions have been made since last report:

Half Day Wage Contributions—	
Howard Smith, Chicago.	\$ 1.50
J. H. Brower, Elgin, Ill.	1.00
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C. Weber, Colgate, I. T.	1.00
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Total received to date. \$189.55
Local and state secretaries should see that returns on the subscription lists for the half day's donation to the national campaign fund be made at once. Do not wait until the entire amount subscribed on lists is collected, but send in whatever you have to either the state or national office, as the case may be. The money is needed now.

State secretaries are also requested to make prompt reports of all state conventions as soon as held, with the state and electoral tickets nominated. The national secretary is compiling a list of these tickets to be furnished to the Socialist press at least a month before election day.

State Secretary Latham of Texas reports the organization of three new locals within the past few weeks.

Orders for the national committee leaflet, "Who Is Responsible for Anarchy in Colorado?" have been received from Idaho, Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, Florida and Pennsylvania. Thirty cents per hundred up to 500, postpaid; five hundred, 60 cents, and 1,000, \$1, express paid by purchaser.

The Rhode Island Socialist party state convention held at Pawtucket on June 19th was successful. Full state and electoral tickets were nominated. Permanent

officers of the state committee elected are: J. W. Higgins, financial secretary; Frederick Hurst, recorder and corresponding secretary; H. F. Thomas, treasurer; Robert Webster, organizer; John H. Floyd, national committeeman. An active campaign is planned.

National Organizer M. W. Wilkins is getting things into good shape in West Virginia. He spoke at Huntington for three nights recently and local Secretary Barnett reports a number of new members for the local and says: "I think the Socialist party is to be congratulated upon having such an able speaker and organizer as Wilkins." Later in the summer Wilkins will go into Pennsylvania and pay special attention to the soft coal regions. Comrades in that district who would like to have him can address the national secretary.

The first Socialist party state convention of Wyoming was held June 19-20 and an organization was formed. State, congressional and electoral tickets were nominated. Louis Marquardt, Laramie, was elected state secretary. M. A. Bonham, Daniel A. Hastings and F. W. Ott will be voted upon by referendum for national committeeman. The constitution is submitted to referendum.

Harry M. McKee will begin work in July as national organizer in Kentucky, Tennessee and North and South Carolina. Comrades in these states who would like to have him should address the national secretary, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

Louis Gaoziou of Charleroi, Pa., will begin work as French organizer under direction of the national secretary during July. He will work principally in the middle western states. Comrade Gaoziou is also a good English speaker and can be used to advantage for meetings in both languages. Comrades where there are French workers to be reached can assist greatly in arranging this tour for Comrade Gaoziou by notifying the national secretary.

Charters in unorganized states have been granted to locals Newport, Marsden and Purcell, Indian Territory; Rome, Ga.; Sharpsburg, Md.; Maple Grove, Tenn.; Bingham Canyon, Eureka, Ogden, Mt. Pleasant and Park City, Utah.

National Organizer George E. Bigelow begins work in South Dakota at Vermillion on July 4.

William A. Toole will work during the first two weeks of July for the national party in Maryland and Virginia.

National Organizer George H. Goebel is dated in Arizona until July 5th, and he will enter California next day to travel under the direction of State Secretary Helfenstein.

Orders for the set of books prepared for locals and branches have been received at the national office from twenty-five states, New Jersey leading in the number ordered. All locals and branches desiring to keep their affairs in systematic shape should order before printing is placed.

Sending in a dollar to the national campaign fund, Comrade Catrell of Richmond says: "This was donated by the president of our union (Bricklayers), who has been a bitter opponent of Socialism, but the Colorado affair and the party press have taken the kinks out of his brain."

State Conventions.
The activity of the Socialist party can be judged by the number of state conventions scheduled to be held on July 4. So far as the national office is informed they were as follows: Colorado at Denver; Florida at Ocala; Idaho at Weiser; Indiana at Indianapolis; Iowa at Marshalltown; Nebraska at Omaha; Oklahoma at Oklahoma City; West Virginia at Wheeling.

Colorado Protest Meetings.
The response to the recommendation of the National Quorum that public protest meetings be held against capitalist outrage and tyranny in Colorado has been so unanimous and widespread that it gives increased confidence in the solidarity and compactness of the Socialist party organization in this country. Reports to the national secretary show that the various state secretaries acted promptly upon the telegram from

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