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## THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY AND **AMERICAN SOCIALISM**

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Judging by articles I have seen in our party press I fear that American Socialists have been very greatly mis-led as to the nature of the Labor Pary of Great Britain. When I find Mr. Percy Alden interviewed as an English Socialist I confess to the some sort of bewilderment that I felt when discovering that certain European Socialist leaders were disposed to consider Mr. Hearst as the only American Socialist worthy of serious consideration. However pleasant a personage Mr. Alden is to meet, he personage Mr. Alden is to meet, he comes about as near being a Socialist as Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, or Congressman Burton, of Ohio. Politi-cally, he is merely the usual Liberal member of the house of commons, with the addition of the conventional Social Settlement attitude toward Social Settlement attitude toward labor. I think we fall into misunder-standings of English Socialism through the patronage of other distinguished visitors from King Edward's realm. A benevolent attitude toward the uni-verse in general does not constitute a man a Socialist in either intellectual understanding or spiritual courage. It is curious, in this connection, that nost American visitors get their knowledge of English Socialism en-tirely outside of the ranks of the English Socialist movement.

I have in mind three or four books which contain apparently authoritative statements of English Socialistic development; yet the authors of these books had never met, so far as I could make out, an actual English Sosialist. Just as curious is the gen-eral idea among the so-called radical wing of British Liberals and mem-bers of the British Labor party that American Socialism is to be found in American Socialism is to be found in the radicalism of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hearst. And stranger still is the number of English Socialists and semi-Socialists who come to America to study social conditions, make the rounds of Social Settlements, college class rooms and democratic politi-cians and then go home to report on social and industrial America without ever having come in touch with Socialists or the Socialist movement. I met one such just starting to America laden with letters of intro-duction from leaders of the British Labor party to divers Americans of

more or les note, but not one of these leters was to an American Socialist. Here was an English Socialist, or one bearing the Socialist uame at least, crossing the Atlantic to learn about American Socialism, yet depend-ing for information upon sources entirely outside of the Socialist move-ment, most of them loftily either de-tached from it or hostile to it, and some of them about as far removed from Socialism as King Edward is removed from St. Francis of Assisi.

moved from St. Francis of Assist. Though the British Labor party is admitted to the councils of Interna-tional Socialism on sufferance, it is in no sense a Socialist party; nor has it the remotest intention of becoming such. Indeed its most contemptuous the fundamental Socialist is in holds the l no sense a Socialist party; nor has it the remotest intention of becoming such. Indeed its most contemptuous attacks are upon the fundamental So-clalist doctrines and upon the men who have spent their lives in the ser-vice of English Scialism. The most of the Labor members of the house of commons are as little Socialist, in understanding or sympathy, as Mr. of commons are as little Socialist, in understanding or sympathy, as Mr. Bryan or Mr. Gompers, and they do not in fact demand nearly as much for the workers as Mr. Hearst's In-dependent League. I asked the chair-man of the Labor party what his events are sugged on the socialist party. Rest assured that the democratic politicians are sagacious to recognize that fact. In numerous places dur-ing the coming four years the demo-cratic politicians will come to the Soc-ialists with honeyed words, proposing party's program might be. His reply was that the party would not be ready for a program for twenty years. In answer to my next question: "What do you say to your people when you go before them as parliementary can-didates?" I received this answer: "We say that labor ought to have a larger representation in legislation than it now has." "But what for?" larger than it now has." I asked. To this question I could get no answe Th British Labor party is essentialmiddle class in character and as-ration. It is to no little extent tolerated by English capitalism and sometimes even welcomed as a pre-ventative of Socialism. With all its piration. membership there has never been a to Socialist speech in the house of comworkings upon its own ground, within its own constituencies and in its parliementary activities finds that the Labor party mentions not Socialism at all, or speaks of it apologetically, according to whom it appeals Even the very much diluted So-cialism of the Independent Labor party, with which the British Labor party proper affiliates, has no practical relation to the politics or policies of either party. Whenever and wherever there is an actual Socialist standing for elec-tion to parliament the Labor party either holds ostentationsly alouf or supports another candidate, or eagerly awaits the Socialist candidate's defeat. awaits the socialist cantoent flagrant ro say nothing of the recent flagrant examples of Bundee and Newcastle, in which instances the Labor party was vehemently condemned by even the Fabians, the candidature of Mr. Herbert Burrows furnishes a typical in-stance. When Burrows, whom stance. When Burrows, whom everybody loves and honors, who is anything but a Marxian doctrinaire, made his splendid Socialist campaign in the Haggerston district of London, only the Labor party held wholly aloof. Trade unionists, woman suf-rendicts exclass settlement workers. fragists, social settlement workers, Church of England clergymen, and all sorts of enthusiastic and unexpected effort, joined the Social Democratic party in its purpose to send this gracious and noble Socialist veteran to the house of commons. The streets of Haggerston were as if thronged with some vast and glad religious re-vival, and all London was excited as to the outcome, while capitalist money was poured out without stint to pre-vent Burrows' election. It is one of the things I shall never forget, that of seeing Hyndman and the old Socialist guard, surviving from the days of Marx and William Morris, speaking upon the same street corners and from the same platforms with women like Gertrude Toynbee and priests like Conrad Noel, all equally urgent for Burrows, and for the Socialist victory his election would mean. Worn and haggard men and women from the East London sweat shops spent their is what you call being free. What East London sweat shops spent their nights in the same service, and their earnings as well. It was one of the Unes when a Socialist where a sociality the service have times when a Socialist works with times when a Socialist works with elation in his soul, and with the light of the new earth in his eyes. If has the liberty to enrich himself by ever there was a time when anyone pretending to sympathize with the Socialist emancipation of the worker

should be held forever inexcusable for his absence it was this time of op-portunity, with such a man as Burrows to match it. Yet they of the Labor party, and they only, held critically aloof, contenting themselves with reference to the antiquity and futility of the Social Democratic appeal 1 fear that at least part of the Inde-pendent Labor party's Socialistic professions are for fereign consumption, and have to do with the party's stand-ing with International Socialism rather than with any sincere or defi-

nite propaganda at home. Of course, it is not the business of a Socialist of one nation to interfere with the Socialist movement of an-other. Yet it is important that we American Socialists should knowthe truth about movements that are likely to influence us from abroad. No greater disaster could befall American Socialism than that it should be Socialism than that it should be molded along the lines laid down by the Labor party of England. We can only be so influenced by ceasing to be Socialist. A continuous dilution of principle, a mixture of primitive Methodist pietism with middleclass political cunning, will not prepare labor or the Socialist movement to deal with the naked facts of the capitalist world in which we live. That world may yet be plunged into an abysmal catastrophe; which catastro-That abysmal catastrophe; which catastro-phe will prove mankind's supreme op-portunity, providing there is a su-preme manhood to meet it. But it will not be a manhood made of the moonshine of benevolent evasion. To grapple with conlitions of blood and iron will require men and movements of blood and iron. This does not mean that we shall be lacking in love, in that great day; it means that we shall for the first time have the inlution. But in that frankly But it is only the Socialism declares itself, that gives no hostages that goes to the roots of the human struggle, nor shrinks from the dirt and the blood and the sweat that it finds there---it is only such a Socialist spirit and movement that shall know the mean-

ing of love and fashion the world for the fellowship of man .- Daily Call.

## BEWARE OF THE GIFT BEARERS By John M. Work.

In the recent campaign the Socialist Party met a severe test and met it iccessfully.

With capitalist radicalism running rampant, all other minor parties were

death But the Socialist party stood like a

It came out of the fight far stronger than it went in.

Who has the liberty to impose Debs received 109 votes in this upon the worker that kind of work county that will bring him the largest profits ?" "The employer."

"Who has the liberty to show the worker the door when he no longer needs him?"

The employer."

"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to send the old workers to die of hunger in the gutters, who, in their prime, built up his fortune?"

"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to starve the workers by locking them out when they ask for an increase in their cialist 4. wages?"

"The employer."

"Who has the liberty to use the police, the soldiers, and the judges to subdue the strikers he has driven from his workshops?"

"The employer."

"Friend, the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence have given all the liberties to the employer and slavery to the workman."-(Adapted from the French of Paul Lafargue.)

## SACRIFICING YOUNG GIRLS IN ROLLING MILLS.

In a Pittsburg foundry girls are employed to make simple cores for castings. A quick girl can make 10,000 a day, for which she receives \$1. According to the investigator who reported to charities on "Pittsburg Women in the Metal Trades", this work is carried on in clouds of drifting are set on trays, which the women carry across the room to the ovens. A loaded tray weighs from ten to 25 pounds. In an electrical factory in East Pittsburg 650 women are employed on piece work in winding coils for armatures. The fastest make \$1.47 a day. The work is so taxing that the employees give out readily. Only 25 have been in the factory four years. Three screw and bolt works in the same city employ 543 women. A bolt trimmer-to use one class of labor as an illustration-stands for ten hours before a machine. She feeds bolts to the mechanism at two-second wage of 96 cents. Bad conditions these for women to work under and likely to have an indirect effect in weakened and stunted children. Doubtless the employers feel that they

are not to blame, that they are forced by competition for cheap goods to hire cheap labor. If any one of them should hold out and refuse to use the methods of his competitors he would be forced to the wall. So it is up to organized society to take a hand and wages of the workers double every fix the rules of the game. Conditions for the employment of women and plain WHY it is that with all this children must be determined and en- marvelous machinery of production, forced by the State. Otherwise society is at the mercy of a demand for cheapness that sacrifices the future of poverty? the race .- Kansas City Star.

Teton County. Raymond, Mont., Nov. 10.

Chotcau County.

F. A.NYSTROM

Dear Comrades:-I am so far from tober, 1905, there were gathered tothe county seat that I have not heard gether in a bark, dingy print-shop in how many socialist votes were cast in Helena, a number of Socialists from my county yet. Two years ago there lifferent parts of the state, to discuss were three cast in my precinct and the advisability of the Socialist Party one man has moved to Conrad and of Montana owning a newspaper. there were four cast this year out of There were present John Powers of

Billings, Fred Kleese of Bozeman,

Hazlett, who had just arrived from an

organizing trip in Fergus county, Jas.

D. Graham from Livingston, a number

of Helena Socialists and others from

various parts of the state whose

names cannot be recalled at present.

At the meeting J. H. Walsh, then

owner and publisher of the Montana

News offered to give the party the

The matter went to a referendum

vote and the membership of the party

by a vote of ten to one decided on

gone over in detail and it was de-

cided at the conference that it would

be a good thing for the party to take

Three years ago this month the first

issue of the News as a party owned paper was issued. Since then the News has grown and developed and is

known all over the country, having taken its place as a socialist paper

During the life of the News it has done considerable service to the cause

the party taken over the News than

we were called upon to fight a vicious

primary law which had been passed by a republican legislature and signed

carry on, so thorough was the educa-tional work done by the News on the

primary law, that the law only became effective in a few counties. Papers all over the state copied columns from

the News on the primary law. Two years ago, the governor of the state in

his campaign speeches for the democratic party condemned the primary law, which he as governor had signed

and his arguments were, word for word taken from the columns of the

News. The last session of the legis-lature unanimously repealed the pri-

was printed, the entire franchise grab

franchise grab was defeated by

An eight-page special edition

both

an

Livingston

Scarcely had

News and its plant.

over the News.

of national importance

of the working class.

35 votes. Republican 25; Democrat 6; So- Jesse Selby from Fort Benton, Mrs.

GAINS IN WYOMING.

## We are happy to report that the

vote for Debs shows an increase over 1904 of 144 per cent and that of Morgan for congress over that of two years ago of 51 per cent, and the gain on our legislative ticket shows a gain of 141 per cent over two years ago. being this year 1,254 votes for the

We have also elected a road supervisor in District 11 and a justice and

We are also happy to report that the courthouse ring is broken, a democrat being elected treasurer by 162

THE WATCHMAN CO.

## MODERN MACHINERY

Let me name a few of our great inventions and what they are accomp-lishing, and you explain why the dust. As the cores are finished they laboring man does not benefit by them:

One man and two boys do the work of 1,100 spinners One cotton printing machine and one man do the work of 1,500 men.

One horseshoe machine does the work of 200 men A nail machine does the work of 1.200 men

A modern sawmill takes the place of 800 men.

One man by machinery does the work of 1,100 in making pottery. In loading and unloading ships by machinery in Toledo, or any dock, by a democrat governor. So suc-cessful an agitation did the socialists 2,000 men are displaced. Mr. Owens of Toled Toledo invented

machine which it is claimed will do the work of 50 men in making bottles. A needle machine turns out 260

needles per minute. Sheets of tin are fed into one end bolts to the mechanism at two-second intervals—16,000 times a day—for a complete tin cans are droped out at

the rate of 38,000 per day. One child can operate the machine A bread making machine will mould 20,000 loaves per day.

Three men with machinery turn out 250 tons of steel billets in eight hours. These are but a few of the many inventions and about the same inrease exists in all branches of production.

mary law and there was not a socialist member among the lawmakers. In the spring of 1906 the socialists of Livingston called on the News to fight a large franchise steal in that These figures are taken from census regorts and can be verified.

The late Mr. Gladstone tells us that by the aid of newly invented machin-ery, our capacity to manufacture is doubled every seven years. Do the

## FACTS OF THE FOUNDING AND WORK OF THE NEWS

On the night of the 6th day of Oc- | oughness of these reports is too widely known throughout the country to need any mention here.

The News was the only socialist paper to have a reporter all the time at all the Federation trials and the only socialist paper to have a cor-respondent at Goldfield during the trouble last winter. The editor of the News did not con-

fine her work to the News alone but sent reports to eight or ten struggling socialist papers scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, even sending reports to the Chicago Daily.

This work was given free gratis to be socialist press, although a number the of them sent a few dollars, amounting in all to about \$10.00. While this work was a heavy finan-cial drain on the News and a physical strain on both the editor and man-

ager, yet the effort was well worth the energy spent.

A foundation was laid for a socialist associated press service in this coun-try and based on the experience gained try and based on the experience gained during the Federation trials the Mon-tana delegates to the National con-vention succeeded in having adopted plans for a socialist associated press bureau to be operated by the National office and it now lies with the Na-tional executive committee to put the plans in operation. plans in operation. An associated press bureau will be

of great advantage to the socialist movement in America. The German socialist party has one already in op-eration and finds it of great benefit to the movement. Last month in Brussels, Belgium, at a meeting of the International Socialist Bureau, with with representatives present from all the countries of Europe, plans were laid for an International Socialist Press bureau, whereby news items could be telegraphed every socialist paper in Europe from the International head-quarters in Brussels. If the National

Executive Committee will put in oper-ation the American Socialist Associ-ated Press bureau, we would be able to be in touch with the International press bureau of Europe and get the

news instantly, without waiting on capitalist agencies for it. It will be seen that the work ac-complished by the Montana News force is of far-reaching effect and of some value to the future of the move-

Has the News been a benefit to the

Has the News been a benefit to the movement? In reviewing the past, the answer must be, Yes. Every effort made to sustain the News has been well spent and is work that should never be regretted; a foundation has been laid for future work that must be built upon. In some quarters it is said that the News has been a drain on the party organization. Conditions and results

organization. Conditions and results gained prove to the contrary. While the socialist party organization is not the best in the country, yet it is a long way from the foot of the list.

At the National convention Montana had the largest percentage of delegates of any state pro rata of its pop-ulation and the percentage of socialist votes cast in this state is as high as any other state. Moreover we will never win any important victories until our local press is strongly de-veloped. The socialists of Montana have their paper and that is more than most states have. The party and its press must grow together. The party must support the paper during a crisis and in turn the paper 111 of str. on in a crisis, the one must help the other. The stronger the organization the stronger the paper. The larger the circulation, the larger the organiation If there have been any sacrifices made to support the News they have been borne by a few. With the ex-ception of two or three locals the party in Montana has not been drained inancially to support the News With the exception of a few locals the party has been under no strain to keep the News alive. Such being the case it should not be hard on the organization to give the News a little upport now The socialists of America do not know what sacrifices mean. Look back across the ages at the struggle of the proletariat and see what our ancestors suffered to secure what liberty the race now enjoys. Their backs bared to the lash of the tyrant, willingly placing their heads on the block to receive the downward stroke of the headsman's axe, or stretching the hemp of the hangman. Think of the life's blood that has drenched the earth that the worker class might obtain more of life. Shall we then re-fuse to give up if necessary a few lux-uries in order that the good work shall go on and that the culmination of the struggle for working class emancipa-tion shall be reached ? We give our lives to make surplus wealth to the idle rich. We suffer, we lose limbs, we die in order that the capitalist class may live in luxury. Hhen shall we refuse to contribute to our own salvation? Shall we be unworthy salvation ? Shall we be unworthy children of noble sires ? Has the Montana News been of any value to the Socialist party and the working class ? Yes ! Has the News ever been false to its trust and the working class ? Has the News been a drain or drag on the party ? Shall the News go down now with its history of splendid achievements? No ! No ! No !

taking over the News from J. H. Walsh on condition that the party assume the mortgage on the plant which amounted to \$550. The necessity of having a socialist paper to fight the battles of the working class, carry on a work of propaganda, create interest in local affairs and the party work in general was

constable in Hilliard precinct.

majority.

## highest man.

an alliance in order to secure the offices

prepared for them Be And turn them down cold.

We want the ofices, but we don't

ant to commit suicide to get them. The democratic party would have een dead before this if it had not given itself a new lease of life every little while by swallowing some other organization, such as the grange move ment, the greenback party, the knight

of labor, and the populist party It wrecked and ruined all of those organizations

It would wreck and ruin us if y allied ourselves with it. Wherever the comrades are so weak and unwise as to form such an alliance, if there shall be any such places, the Socialist movement will be wrecked and the painstaking work of building it up will even to be done all over again have to be done all over again.

Any political organization which stands for the continuation of the capitalist system of industry is our deadly Whenever it seeks an alliane enemy. with us, it does it for the purpose of running a dagger into our vitals.

Don't forget it. Don't be fooled by smooth words. Turn them down cold.

Socialist Party stands for no omprimise.

## THE WORKINGMAN'S LIBERTIES.

"Fellow worker, they tell us since the Revolution and the Declaration of

Independence all men have been free.

Are you yourself free?"

- "I ! I am sure that I am free !" "Let us think a little; who grants
- ou the right to work?"

"The employer."

"Who fixes the day upon which you shall work?"

"The employer."

- "Who fixes your wage?"
- "The employer."
- "Who sells the produce of you toil, and pockets the profits?"
- "The employer."
- "Who grants you or refuses you
- day of rest?"

"The employer."

"So, then, to have no right to the produce of your labor, to submit to the will of your employer from morn-

ing to night, to be unable to work, that is to say to be unable to eat,

## GERMANY

An investigation having shown that the number of unemployed in Frankort-on-the-Main was greater than it had been for twenty years, Counselor Dittman, in the name of the Socialist faction in the Frankfort city council, made the folling proposal: "First—For the purpose of alleviat-

ing the great amount of unemploy ment which is to be expected during the coming winter, the following measures should be taken:

'(a) All municipal work should be advanced as far as possible and preparations made for emergency works sufficient to take care of those now out of work.

'(b) An immediate extension of the measures for the proper care of homeless men

"(c) The vote of a special fund of \$10,000 for the purpose of feeding poor school children.

"(d) The granting of money to trade unions to be used by them for the immediate relief of their unemployed members,

Second-As a means of permanently meeting the question of unemployment and its effects the following measures should be taken:

"(a) The establishment of a fund to be raised regularly by taxation for the carrying on of work during the winter months, which fund is to be allowed to accumulate during the more prosperous years so as to form a permanent available fund for emerncy work

"(b) The creation of a municipal insurance system which should take up the investigation of the best methods of meeting the problem of unemployment.

"(c) Co-operation with the im-perial government and parliament for such a reform of the present work-ingmen's insurance as should bring

about national measures for the meet-ing of the unemployed question." After a long debate, participated in by all of the Socialist members, it was almost unanimously decided to take up these measures for further consideration and immediate action.

## SOCIALIST VOTE IN MADISON COUNTY.

Frank J. Mabie, 52; Hiram J. Platt, 49: Herman Schnick, 52; Lewis J. Duncan, 51; Harry Hazelton, 48; F. L. Buzzell, 49; H. L. Maury, 52; Arthur T. Harvey, 51; C. M. Parr, 48; John Powers, 50; Paul H. Castle, 50; Etta Lyons, 45; Andrew D. Peugh, 50; Jesse Gilchrest, 48; Joseph Billings, 45. dren in the United States.

seven years?

out today.-Men and Mules.

Gulick, director of physical training

but valuable.

the book

overwhelming majority, although the Now my dear reader will you corporations had newspapers and had paid as high as \$500 to certain Livingston men to work for the success of the franchise our increased knowledge in the arts at the polls. The socialists of Livingston followed and sciences, we still have in this free America, millions of people in abject It is because there are not

city.

this victory up had the News print questions on the local situation, flooded the city with copies of the only in America, but in all countries, two classes of people. ONE CLASS News and on election day elected one socialist alderman and only lacked a that OWNS all the machinery, does that OWNS all the machinery, does no work, and yet receives all the good things. The OTHER CLASS makes all the machinery, does all the work, and has nothing but a living. THE few votes of electing a second over the combined opposition of the two old parties.

The members of the Livingston rich who own all the tools and other means of production, upon which the local gave the News credit for victory and were emphatic in their declarations that if the same work was done all over the state that there worker depends for a living, OWN THE MAN. The man is finding that ould be socialists in every city coun-

cil in the state. A bad case of lethargy took hold of the Livingston socialists and the ad-HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN. vantages gained were not followed up. In spite of the fact that over a The next big fight that the News took up was in June 1996. The Citihundred cities in this country have a regular system of medical inspection The Citizens' Alliance was vigorously organiz-ing in the state, and was carrying on in the schools, the first book on the subject to be published in this country an aggressive and effective campaign in Billings, in which place the unions were being worsted. The News secret has just been issued. It is entitled "Medical Inspection of Schools," and is the joint work of Dr. Luther H. service secured the inside information of the workings of the Alliance and the New York school, and Leonard P the names of its members in various

Ayres, formerly general superintend-ent of the schools in Porto Rico. The parts of the state, In one issue of the News the name book is published under the auspices of the Russel Sage Foundation. The and business of every member of the Billings Citizens' Alliance was printed publication gives a great deal of inforand the city of Billings flooded with copies of the News. This kind of publicity was not enjoyed by the members of the Alliance and resulted nation which is not only interesting. Few people realize that medical inspection in the schools is national in in a large number of withdrawal cards scope in England, France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Japan,

eing issued by that organization. Since then there has been no active work done by the Cltizens' Alliance in Montana to amount to anything. The fight that the News made on the Alliance attracted so much attention that the capitalists all over the state

telegraphed banks in Helena to secure extra copies of the Montana News dealing with the Alliance, and the agents of the Standard Oil company in Helena came to the News office and offered five cents apiece for five hun-dred copies of the edition of the News which contained the write-up and

which contained the write-up and names of the members of the Billings Citizens' Alliance. The supply was exhausted, the forms destroyed and the Standard Oil agent could get only tion is and does, its history, its status abroad and at home, and the means

thirty copies of the Montana News. The News has taken up other fights for unions of Montana, too numerous to mention.

Recently two Citizens' Alliance men were overheard on the streets of Helena speaking about the News. One of them said: "It is a pity that we could not get the News out of town." The other replied, "That would do no good. No matter where it would go it would keep up the fight, it don't confine itself to one community but everywhere there is labor trouble it takes up the fight and it The only

The last stroke of work done by the News was in sending its editor to re-port the trials of the Western Federation officials in Idaho and the thor- juvenile institutes.

With heads uncovered, swear we all, To bear it onward till we fall, Though cowards flinch and traitors sneer

We'll keep the News flag floating here. ONE WHO KNOWS.

Considering the result of Tuesday's lection from the most unbiased view point, there appears to be no future for the present democratic party and its antagonistic elements. The long threatened dismemberment seems to have arrived. There will be a n alignment of parties very soon and out of the disintegration will come a more clearness of vision in American politics than has been known since the disappearance of the old whig party and the rise of the present republican party, whose mission was to abolish chattel slavery.

The new party, the party of the fu-ture, will abolish wage-slavery.

### Prisoners

There are 102.329 prisoners in thepenitentiaries and 23,786 children in-

extensive bibliography of medical in-spection yet compiled is a feature of is not afraid to speak up. The way to fix the News is to kill it.

Illegitimate Children. There are 63,801 illegitimate chil-

book by Gulick and Ayres. Educators, physicians, social work-ers, and all who are concerned for the welfare of children will find in it To

boards of education the chapters on administrative methods and legal status will be valuable, while librar-ians, school authorities and students of social subjects will not fail to note with satisfaction that the most

much of value and interest. superintendents and members of

## permissive one, Vermont a law requir-ing the annual testing of the vision and hearing of all school children, and Connecticut one providing for such tests trienially. Despite the genuine importance of the movement as indicated by these significant facts, the onlysource of in-formation as to what medical inspec-

and methods it employs, is this new

Argentine Republic and practically so

in Germany. In the United States over 100 cities and more than 300 towns

have more or less thorough systems. Massashusetts has a compulsory medi-

cal inspection law, New Jersey has a

## MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA.



tific interpretation, sees advocates and realizes a broader, nobler, truer art than any historical epoch has ever conceived. But Medill Patterson's book needs no apoligies and no compromise criticism because he is a Socialist. The

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book stands on its own merits. The story is remarkably well told. The lust. handling is firm, true, with no wearying diffuseness. And Comrade Pat- thundered. "Hear what I have to say terson has solved the problem of putting the bare, bald, ugly facts of capitalism's utmost social results into a book, and making an interesting you fear I might interfere with your story, a strong story, and doing a most wonderful class protest work at Her words volleyed forth.

Potter?" inquired Blanche with bitter-"And you pay admission, don't "Well, its you and other men that make girls wear tights. Girls don't wear 'em for the fun of it, but because you men pay 'em to, and they've got to have money to live You pay a girl six or eight dollars a week in a store to stand up all day and sell goods till she's ready to yell at night she's so nervous, and you offer the same girl eighteen a week to wear tights and dance and sing in a chorus. Do you wonder that those that can should choose the chorus? Let me tell you LEWISTOWN. MONT. ont thing, Mr. Man. If I had it to do over again. I'm damned if I'd ever go into store work at all-I.d light out straight for the chorus. We women 've got to do what you men want us to, to live anyhow-and it seems you like us better in the chorus-you pay us three times as much for showing our legs as for selling your wives hardware-I'm sick of all this bunk about the chorus girl-Let me ask you one thing. Which is the decenter proposition, the girl in the store who is working for her living-and working hard.

headed row who comes night after night to look at her-and tempt her This is equal to Shaw in its power

The foil to the nauseating capitalist

mess is Sylvia, the young girl thrown on the world alone, but who develops true ideals out of her struggles and lives a noble life to the achievement of a high purpose. Patterson's portrayal of her character, for the opportunity it presents, is the weakest in the book. The outline permits of a highly developed and artistic execu-However, she is strongly enough sketched to bring out the coarseness, the disgusting inferiority of the best that the ideals of capital-

"Even if now before men we cannot own that we are all in all to each other, perfectly married, yet in the

"Oh, don't say that we can be married as truly in the sight of God. So many men have said that." she broke ont, half hysterically.

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the same time. He has employed the - art that hides the art.

"The "Little Brother of the Rich" Yale by pure mental and physical su- pated doll-women. \* \* \* \* periority and by the same high signs of prowess becomes an associate of better without you. You should be young men of the aristocracy of plutocracy, by the friendship of whom he is enabled to obtain favorable business connections that give him a "hanger-on of capitalist "high society," iHe is a young man nobly formed and planned vitiated by the very conditions through which he attains sucveess under capitalism. His achievements form a hook on which to hang the characteristics of our most highly edeveloped capitalist life, with its insensate greed and robbery, its morbid and useless waste, its functionless men and women, its human vultures preyting on each other, its inane, artificial, vitiated females, its alchol-soaked

natural love, effort and ambition submerged, in an idiotic treadmill that some few may have power and drive the rest.

"The sun and the wind touched the bosom of the earth to her awakening, crops sprang forth abundantly to the tillage of millions of men and horses and machines; grimy gnomes toiled of exposure." in the dark underground to bring fuel to the light; keen-witted and resourceful railronders guided their lightning caravans across continents; children of five years spun clothing for the race; and the two and one-half hundred young aristocrats of the handball club guessed about the prices of stocks, in the happy compact with fate that if they guessed wrongly they need but draw a check against bank accounts which had descended upon them freeiy and copiously, like manna from the days of their minorities; and that if they guessed aright they might still employed man in search of work hardfurther extend the wide boundaries of their superfluities of luxury and brighten the eyes of their lights-oflove with pearls, diamonds, furs, menservants and high-stepping horses."

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swept away, you and those like you. \* \* \* Social position! To whom does society owe position? To we who give it education and recreas chance to become an associate and tion and thought and happiness; or to can swindle it out of?"

> "But Sylvia," he made one last efyou-"

the door. Oh, you BEAST!" her voice | ions, commentaries, expositions, etc. rolled out, "GO!"

It may add to the interest in the work to know that its author, Joseph Medill Patterson, is the young Chicago millionaire who declared himself a Socialist three years ago, and has and lust- driven males, all noble and aided the Chicago party and the Daily Socialist to such a great extent. Because of his zeal for the great cause his annual income has been cut from \$20,000 to \$2,000 a year, and he is

> earning his own living by literary and other sort of work.

## A WORD FOR THE TRAMP

of a certain workhouse in Devonshire get into touch with the tramp at close conclusion that the tramp is more sinned against that sinning. He states, moreover, that the treatment the most valuable part of my library." which is meted out to the genuine unens him against a return to the ranks of indutsry. It is interesting to have the statements which have been made Lewis St., Helena, Mont. time and again by Socialists confirmed by an independent witness.

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## The Harlot's Marching Song

By Joyce Kilmer

When arc-lights gleam in fevered streets and mock the glare of day. A mighty army comes from camp to march along Broadway, A host of women-some are wan, and some unearthly fair. They scatter through the busy town and seek for plunder there

Each is a soldier, tried and true, sworn knight of good King Lust; Each does her sovereign's bidding well, as loyal soldiers must It seems to me that this brave band that nightly plods along, Is chanting loud, that all may hear, this goodly marching song.

"Oh Master Manufacturer : O Master Financier If you would see what made you rich, look at your victims here. We girls worked in your factory and happened to survive. Most of the kids you killed, you know, we're all that are alive.

You took our youth and innocence, our sight and blood and health, And made them into merchandise, and so you got your wealth. You starved and wrecked and ruined us, but this job pays right well, And since we've worked for you, kind sir, we're not afraid of hell ?

O Master Financier, you have a lovely daughter there We know she's good and innocent-as pure as she is fair, But make her work at three a week in that big mill you own, And leave her there a year or so, and see to what she's grown !

Perhaps she will have died by then, some lucky devils do; But otherwise she will have left and looked for something new. That something new that children find who know your tender care, Is very old, it's our rich trade-our bodies are our ware.

Then from the crowded tenements, where women are for hire, In filthy dance-halls, reeking stews, I heard a ghastly choir, From painted faces, splotched with sin, from weak and rotting tongues, This chorus rose, and floated high, on breath from putrid lungs.

"O Master Manufacturer, how goes your Sunday-school ? Go tell the kids that God is love, and teach the Golden Rule. We girls once tried to work for you; you drove us to this trade, So tell your Sunday-school about the harlots you have made

## National

Kentucky Will Have 5,000 In Kentucky it is estimated that our party has polled 5,000, being an increase of about 10 per cent.

## Arkansas' Socialist Vote.

The Arkansas vote is about 7,200 as against 1,900 four years ago-a gain of nearly 300 per cent.

The Montana Socialist Vote. Reports from Montana put the Socialist vote here at 6,000.

**New Hampshire Official Vote** The official count in New Hampshire shows 1,228 votes for Debs and Hanford, an increase of 138 over the vote cast for them in 1904.

Socialist Vote in Virginia

Of the 137,555 votes cast in Virginia, 1.104, Debs 254, Watson 106, Hisgen 52 and Gilhaus 25.

### Socialist Vote in Oregon.

Oregon gives about 6,800 votes. This is 400 less than we had four years ago. It is not certain, however, that the official report will not show a better result.

## Our Vote in Texas.

Texas correspondents estimate the Socialist vote in that state at from

Comrade Rev. George W. Slater, No 3009 Lasalle St. Chicago, has undertaken to reach one million colored voters with his pamphlet entitled "The Cat's Out.'

Much enthusiasm is manifested all along the line by the locals and party members. Requests for speakers are being received and many locals are starting winter lecture courses for the propaganda of Socialism. "Organization" is the big word in the Socialist vocabulary today.

Another revolutionizer is announced.

After a number of years experimentng, H. A. Kuhn, president of the Pittsburg & Westmoreland Coal Co., is now operating in a satisfactory manner a machine that can dig and load a ton of coal in a few minutes. A test of the machine demonstrated the fact that it does the work of men, makes its own road and clearances, delivers the coal Bryan had \$2,948, Taft 52,579, Chafin it cuts and works without the necessity of blasting. It is so formed that one man can operate it, and cuts coal from

the vein as though it were a knife passing through cheese. The coal is cut into blocks of almost uniform size and passing back is broken up and delivered into cars without further handling by man. The principal dif-

ficulty in the operation of the invention is the necessary speed on the part of the men who handle cars to receive 20,000 to 25,000. If the official count the broken coal as it is passed back

## Women's Clubs

## GRAFT IN HOSPITALS.

There are different methods used in the game of graft. It is seldom that we hear, or not at all, of the fine shrewd manner in which hospitals are conducted conducted.

We know people are underpaid for we know people are underpaid for their services and some of these are nurses. Firstly, nurses have a three year term which could be very easily reduced to one-third that time, learn all that is absolutely necessary for a nurse to know, but instead, the girl in realing must put in a lot of time training must put in a lot of time which gives the hospital proprietors a chance to have work done for almost nothing

Secondly, the small amount of money given her each month is not called wages, but the education she receives is for services rendered. So with only the small sum of \$4.00

a month the first year in training (excluding 3 months probation) and a little more the second and third years, the nurses are expected to furnish their own uniforms, both for indoor and outdoor use, also wearing ap-parel such as might be neccessary, for what little the girl might have had when she first entered the institution would never stand through three years' wear. Not only clothing but medical books must also be had, and with an income of \$4.00 per month it is a difficult matter to get along, but the hospital authorities are real generous and let the nurses run an account with them, paying off a an account with them, paying off a dollar or two each month and at the close of three years allow the girls to work it out by giving them \$35.00 a month, while if they could get out of the hospital and do private nurs-ing they could pay it off in less time, for trained nurses never receive less for trained nurses never receive less than \$25.00 per week. But instead, these hard worked slaves must remain with them until these debts are paid.

If only these girls could see how much is asked of them for so little pay In fact, the wages in comparipay . son to their labor, is no pay at all. There are tricks in all trades and

so are there tricks in the professional world. For example, when a patient has what is called a "special nurse," she must pay the hospital \$25.00 for nurse's service(still this girl called a nurse might hardly have completed her probation period), and the nurse is not generally aware of the fact that the patient pays for her service, and in one particular case mentioned, the patient offered \$25.00 to the nurse, which surprised her greatly no doubt, but the nurse thought it a mistake and decided to turn the money over to the superintendent and it so happened that the head nurse (or superintendent) came in this very room and told the nurse to see her in her office, then the girl was given to understand that the patient must be answered in as w words as possible regarding anyshe should happen to ask. thing and that she, Miss Superintendent, should always be referred to by the So this poor nurse, who had slept for seven days and nurse hardly nights, had her eyes opened to this graft. She saw for once that swindle is in every kind of an institution and felt her blood boil when she saw that the nurses, whose services have to be had in every hospital, could easily de-mand better pay if they had a better understanding of the situation. Among these girls one would be surwhat a "make-believe they know, sort of set they are is astonishing. Another case can be related of how hard hearted this work makes one.

In a ward where several women lay, one of them had to be taken to the that operating room for the amputation of a limb which could not be saved and this patient cried most pitifully, which caused the other patients in the ward to weep also. The nurse in charge The operation is because. of the ward was affected by the cries of the patients as well, but before The remainder of the work is pracmany moments had passed the head nurse of the floor (each floor has a tically automatic. The machine is head nurse in charge, this honor being generally given to the nurse longest in service) appeared upon the operated by electricity. The Pittsburg & Westmoreland Co, has spent more scene and this nurse in charge of the ward was given to understand that than \$1,000,000 in equipping its various mines during the last few years, such softheartedness would never do in such work. It would take a heart and the aggregate output is about of stone not to become affected by scenes sometimes witnessed, but tears 2,500,000 tons annually .--- Cleveland must never be seen in the eyes of a During the past week six requests It always impressed me, from childhood until recent years, that one en-gaged in the occupation of a nurse would be sympathetic, loving and kind to any unfortunate one and would have a willing heart and hand. for employment as National Organizers have been received, among them being two clergymen, one traveling salesman and an ex-president of a but to my disappointment, it is hardly so. The dollar is looked up to and it is always in the mind of the would-be trained nurse that some day she will large national labor organization. The State Secretary of Connecticut trained nurse that some day she will get a nice salary. No thought is ever given to how much good they do for the helpless. The dollar, yes, that plays the biggest part! And that they must have for a big debt is always to be remembered. So like any other laborer, these strugglers plow along, duties all seconds over little reports the vote of that state as follows: Debs in 1904 had 4,543 and in 1908 gets 5,096, a gain of 553. A con-Vassiliev, who was stitutional convention has been called for Sunday, Jan. 3d, the place of holding same to be decided by referendum. giving all, receiving very, very little for time spent in learning and suffer-Local Philadelphia has established ing, but their brains do not seem to a circulating library and school of inform them that they are taken advantage of, and should one try to explain how they are exploited, they turn away and call you a "kicker." social science. The library consists of works on modern science and so-In another case a nure used a little too much alchol on a sore back of one ciology, European and American history, politics and Socialism. Anyone of the patients and was reprimanded paying an entrance fee of one dollar for this, also punished by having her two hours for rest taken away from may become a member under similar her. Nurses work from seven to seven when on day duty, and two conditions and restrictions of the pubhours each day are given to nurses for rest and when punished severely, lic and mercantile libraries. Headquarters are at 1305 Arch Sstreet. these hours are taken away for an entire week. This not only angers Classes have been formed for the study the girl, but overworks her strength The rules of hospitals give one to un-derstand that eight hours of rest must be had in order to be fit for work each day. That is where they break the rule. By this punishment the nurse not only exhausts herself, but Organizer William McDevitt of Lodoes not do justice to her patients cal San Francisco reports as follows: Then there is the night work that each nurse gets her share of. From "Local San Francisco went into the seven p. m. to seven a. m. the next day and until ten she may have her campaign of 1908 with a debt of \$700 hours for studying her lessons. A course of lectures goes with the Lecture season opens up pasons. Oct. 1st and ends June 1st, and this means three to four lectures a week. Night nurses and nurses on "special duty" get their pointers from the duty" get their pointers from the nurses attending the lectures. The nurse on "special duty" has the worst end of training on account of having hardly an hour for herseif. She is confined in the hospital both sian press day and night until the patient can take care of herself somewhat, then the nurse gets a few hours to go out doors or put in the time on her lessons These are some instances and facts of hospital life. How much pleasantprietors and nurses. I might also

HERVE GETS OVATION

International

When Gustave Herve, editor of "La Guere Sociale," who was released Saturday after having served nine months of a two year jail sentence for brutality his exposure of the of the French troops at Casablanca last year, arrived in this city he was met by an enormous crowd of friends and sympathizers and accorded a veritable ovation.

The general opinion is that the gov-ernment has resolved to, change its tactics in fighting anti-militarism and will try to use reason instead of force. It is practically certain that the

charges of insults to army officers re-cently brought against Marchal, Martini and Grandjouan of "La Guerre Sociale," will be dropped at once.

A potent factor in bringing about A potent factor in bringing about this change of front has been the biting criticism by Jean Jaures' daily, "Humanite," and the constant agita-tion carried on in behalf of Herve and other multimet persons

### Hungary.

other political prisoners.

The Hungarian government is doing everything in its power to crush the suffrage movement by means of spies, agents, provocateurs, and terrorism of the worst possible kind. It is supported in its action by the bourgeois press, as for instance, the "Alkotmany," which urges that the whole Social-Democratic Party organization be smashed up if it is discovered that secret meetings are held in its offices, and that the same fate be meted out to trade unions when any weapons or any 'seditious'' leaflets are found in their offices, that every "seditious" number of the "Nepfzava" be confiscated, and that at demonstrations every disturber of the peace be expelled from the capital; in fact, that the most brutal Cossack methods be adopted. And the police are but too ready to adopt them. On the Sunday before last they made a wild attack on a peaceful suf-frage demonstration. Revolver shots were fired at the police from among the crowd, doubtless by agents-provocateurs, upon which the chief of police posted up a notice forbidding all street demonstrations. Eight

Socialist meetings were forbidden on October 8, and those persons who had been arrested were brutally ill-treated in the police cells in order to extort confessions from them. The police arrested the secretaryof the Machine Workers, Karl Payer, for

having distributed revolvers amongs the crowd at a street demonstration on Thursday, and suggesting to them to shoot down the police.

The minister of commerce has or-dered the suspension of the activity of the Union of Railway Workers, be use it has sometimes disobeyed and criticized his orders, and has refused to hand in a list of its member

### Socialists Let Labor Party in.

Brussels. -The International So-ialist Bureau and the International Journalists have finished their annual meeting at the Malson du Peuple in this city.

The International Bureau, unanimous vote, decided that English labor party should be admitted in good standing to the Bureau.

This proposition was put forward in a resolution by Karl Kautsky, editor of Die Neue Zeit. It read as follows: "In consideration of the resolutions of past International Congresses, ac-cepting all the organizations which take up their stand upon the ground of the class struggle and recognize the need of political action;

"The International Bureau declares at it admits the English Labor English Labor Party to the International Congresses because without explicitly accepting the proletarian class struggle, it is practically engaged in that struggle; thanks to its own organiza



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verifies these estimates, it will sho from the machine. carried on by the turning of a lever. an increase of 600 per cent or more.

Citizen.

Kansas Vote. Debs 12,420.

New Jersey Debs 9.587.

Delaware

Debs 240 as against 146 in 1904.

Local San Diego Cal., admitted 142 new members last week, making a

membership of 550 all told.

The latest report from State Secretary Bell of Texas shows that 148 charters have been issued between March 1st and Nov. 1st.

State Secretary Krueger of Washington reports the election of Emil Herman and Arthur Jensen, address Box 52, Seattle, as National Committeemen for Washington.

State Secretary Geo. B. Kline of West Virginia reports the expulsion of Jack Rubensthall by Local Sistersville, Nov. 15th, for voting the democratic ticket.

Comrade Sumner W. Rose of Biloxi, Miss., who toured the south for the party during the campaign, is soon to issue a book entitled "The South for Socialism."

The returns from the state, which are now nearly all in, show a fair gain of the various subjects and the courses in the straight Social-Democratic vote will start on Friday, Nov. 20th. Comof Wisconsin. While the Debs vote of rade Simon Libros is librarian and 1908 was only slightly larger than the secretary. Debs vote of 1904, when Debs ran over 4,000 votes ahead of his ticket, the straight Socialist vote this year was 3,692 higher than in any previous year.

and came out with a surplus in the A lecture course for the Wisconsin locals is now being arranged. The 10- treasury of over \$500, all debts having cals entering into this arrangement been paid. During the campaign the will take one lecturer every month, membership increased from 300 to either for a single lecture or for two more than 500. Literature sales for or three in one town. That the comthe months of July, August, Septemrades throughout the state are ripe ber and October, amounted to over for this work is proved by the \$250-the best record ever made. promptness with which they responded The sales for September and October to the proposition. One local voted to reached \$700. From seven to ten suggest this plan to the state head- street meeting are now being held quarters before they had learned that every week, and prospects for solid it had already been adopted by the and progressive organization are board. The comrades have earnestly brighter now than ever before. Our resolved to begin the campaign of vote of 4,513 is only about 700 less er this task would be if it were not the dollar that plays such an import-1910 at once and to so educate and or- than the combined vote of 1905, 1906, ant part both with the hospital proganize that we shall double our mem- and 1907 (two city elections and one bership before another election. state).

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tion, it is independent of the bourgeois parties and places itself in consequence on the ground of international Social-The resolution was violently opposed

by Hyndman, the English Socialist, by Madame Roussel on the part of the Guesdists, by Roubanovitch and the delegate from Bulgaria. But it was passed with only four votes against it. The presence of the representative of the Armenian Socialists of Constaninople and of the first delegate from Bulgaria caused genuine satisfaction o all the delegates. It was decided that the International

Press Bureau of the Socialist party should meet annually. It was further voted that International Socialist news should be sent to the Socialist press of the world through the present German Central Bureau, which is he best or-ganized of the Socialist press bodies.

"Nail the lies of the capitalist press on a board where all the world can see their falsity," was the keynote of the speeches at the meeting.

given up to

Russia

Russia by Switzerland, is now in one of the "secret" cells of the prison at Pensa. It is a dark, damp cellar, and as it is overcrowded the air is abso-Pensa. It is a dark, damp cellar, and as it is overcrowded the air is abso-lutely pestilential. Vassillev is half suffocated. He is never allowed to walk in the prison court and has not once been allowed a change of linen. The place is swarming with vermin. He may have neither books nor letters. Vassilliev and his wife wished to make their marriage legal; but even this has up till now not been allowed, and she is not allowed to visit him until the marriage be blessed by the church His mother is allowed to visit him a rare intervals, but can get no news o him between her visits, except that he attempted to take his life by hanging himself, but was prevented in time. The above is taken from a lette

of the unfortunate man. A few days ago the session of the

court-martial in Saratov came to an During three months it had conend.

demned 40 people to death, most of whom have already been executed. On October 6 three prisoners in Kiev were to be executed. They managed to procure poison which they took a few days before One of them, a woman named Prissjaschnuk, died, but her two companions were "saved" by the prison doctor after much trouble in order to be executed "officially" the following day. Rus-sian justice is now satisfied.

During the month of August (old style) 148 death sentences and 88 executions were registered in the Rus-

South Africa.

A Socialist Literary Society was formed in Germiston four months ago, and we have already a membership of 50.

### Education and Drunkenness.

Only \$3 per year for each child is spent to educate it, while \$17 per year is spent to keep its father drunk.

Any Prize Competitor who fails to get one of the above prizes is entitled for his efforts to a copy of

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A great many people are in the habit of subscribing for the News and having it sent to some friend. In such cases the person to whom the paper is sent should be notified that it is paid for, otherwise it is left in the postoffice and eventually ordered dis-continued.

\* **OUR PROMOTERS** By A. W. Harrack

Local Butte has come to the front with the most practical proposition for removing the indebtedness of the held two nights in Sand Coulee and Montana News which has as yet been conceived. She is promoting a "Montana News Thousand Dollar then into the Wyoming coal district. Fund". By the time this paper goes All the meetings had a full attendance to press all of the local secretaries of and everybody is well pleased. the state of Montana will be in possession of blanks bound in book form sent out by C. A. Smith of Butte, which blanks when filled out are signed pledges to pay to the Montana News one payment of Five Dollars on or before Dec. 31st, provided, that at least two hundred others have, by Dec. 15th, signed a similar agreement. The plan is to raise One Thousand Dollars. There ought to be no trouble to get 200 signers. The plan has met with very favorable response and pledges in possession of the Montana News office up to Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1908, are as follows:

Butte, Mont., 33-C. A. Smith, L. A. Van Horn, A. E. Cox, Hugh M. Mc-Manus, Ernest Kearney, Henry Geick, F. W. Utter, H. Hutchinson, M. Lourens, Mack Hendricks, A. D. Alterton, Pat King, R. C. Scott, A. M. Jennings, Henry Schmidt, H. S. Davis, J. B. Hesselbrock, Nels Olson, G. L. Bruno, Jos. Scharrer, Wm. Futzschke, Bruno Reichett, Frank Schubaurer, George Wutz, Henry Jemihen, William Krieger, John Ferrman, Alfred Ritzi, Henry Winterhof, Louis Heller, Gottfried Yaurb, Paul Stephan, Max Dothe

Helena, Mont., 18 .--- Carl Weiss,

< State Department 😪 Comrades, strike while the iron is Others who have joined "Our Promoters'" with cash donations since last week's issue are: Local Red Lodge ..... \$ 40.00 Local Great Falls..... 10.00 Jesse Selby, Great Falls..... 5.00 Mrs. Rae, Great Falls..... 5.00 Geo. W. Harris, Raymond.... 1.00 E. H. Carlson, Helena..... 1.00 Geo. Gotthardt, Helena..... 1.00 Total .....\$ 63.00 Previously acknowledged..... 313.05

Grand total.....\$376.05 Three Leaders in "Prize Contest". Fred Chuning Missoula.....20 points Herman Brown, Lewistown. 6 points O. Anderson, Stockett..... 3 points

## READERS, ATTENTION !

Any one desiring to be informed on the "Library of Original Sources", may receive full information from Manager Montana News, Helena, Mont., Box 908.

Stockett, Mont., Nov. 21, '08. Comrade Jahka Ranhola, a Finnish Socialist speaker, has just finished some good work in the Cascade county coal fields. Good meetings were also at Belt and Stockett. From there the speaker went to Red Lodge, and

A. ANDERSON.

## THE REVOLUTIONARY PROLE-TARIAT

Of all the classes that stand face to face with the bourgeoise today, the class in society and to impose its conproletariat alone is a really revolutionary class. The other classes decay and finally disappear in the face of modern industry; the proletariat is its special and essential product.

The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoise to save from of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but conserva-Nay, more, they are reactiontive. ary, for they try to roll back the wheel

of history. If by chance they are revolutionary, they are so only in view of their impending transfer into the proletariat: they thus defend not their present, but their future interests, they desert their own standpoint to place themselves at that of the proletariat4 The "dangerous class," the social tition, by their revolutionary combinascum, that passively rotting class thrown off by the lowest layers of old society, may, here, and there, be swept

John M. Shoepfer, Christ Voelker, revolution; its conditions of life, however, prepare it more for the part What the bourgeoisie therefore pro- profession. of a bribed tool of reactionary inthose of old society at large are al- able .-- Communist Manifesto. ready virtually swamped. The prole-Sullivan, Wm. S. Baker, M. J. Morris, tarian is without property; his rela-R. E. Davis, C. J. Croft, H. P. tion to his wife and children has no longer anything in common with the bourgeois family relations; modern in-C. A. Fisher, G. N. Cubbage, Fred dustrial labor, modern subjection to capital, the same in England as in France, in America as in Germany, has striped him of every trace of national character. Law, morality, religion, are to him so many bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush just as many bourgeois interests. the upper hand sought to fortify their already acquired status by subjecting society at large to their conditions of appropriation. The proletarians cannot become masters of the productive forces of society except by abolishing doing their duty in having every their own previous mode of appropriamember who is able to sign one of tion, and thereby also every other prethese pledges do so, and immediately vious mode of appropriation. They forward SIGNED BLANKS to the have nothing of their own to secure

and to fortify; their mission is to de-

duces and appropriates products. each year of diseases peculiar to their GRAFT IN HOSPITALS. (Continued from Page 3) add with the physicians, for many o them call at the hospital and take nurse to a patient's home, then make believe that she (the patient) has a trained nurse at her service, and for this the M. D. gets a big half of the \$25.90, the hospital the remainder, and the nurse must be grateful for being taken out onthe case. This is how it truthfully is in these medical institutions and when I think of how these places are looked up to, I feel ashamed, knowing how they are conducted. They deserve no praise or esteem. But this occurs in the capitalist system of today. In the future all this will be changed and better work will be done for hu-manity's sake and not for the love of

Jos. Bauer, C. M. Batch, Fred Naegele, H. S. Thurber, J. T. Taylor, H. Luehmann, Paul W. Koetitz, G. A. Willett, trigue. Chas. J. Tipton, Louis Arnold, James Taylor, Ida C. Hazlett, A. W. Harrack.

Belt, Mont., 7 .- A. Fischer, D. E. Nevills

Missoula, Mont., 5 .- J. W. Reech, Chuning, J. N. Woods.

Monarch, Mont., 5 .- G. H. Gorham, J. M. Rector, A Comrade, Anast Demopulos, Lawrence J. Frey.

Stockett, Mont., 3 .- O. Anderson, Stockett Finnish Local, 2.

Total, 75 pledges.

This is indeed a good showing, considering that it is but a little over a week since the blanks have been sent to the various locals throughout the state.

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### UNITED STATES STATISTICS.

### Death of Babies.

In 1902, 35,000 babies starved to death in the United States for want All the preceding classes that got of proper food and medical attention.

Race Suicide.

In 1850 there were 5.6 persons to each family in the United States, and in 1900 there were but 4.7 persons to each family. A decrease of 16.1 per cent in the past fifty years .- Page 66, 'Vital Statistics'', Census Report of 1900.

### Per Capita Wealth.

According to a report issued by the Treasury Department of the United States on Sept. 1, 1907, there was \$2,789,201, 620 in currency in circulation in the United States. Estimating the population in this country at \$0,000,000 persons this would make the per capita wealth \$34.86.

### Starvation Wages.

A recent report of the United States Census Department shows that in certain lines of industry the weekly earnings of children amount to \$1.84, of women \$2.26 and of men \$5.23. The figures which make up this report are secured from 123,703 establishments in the United States, 63 per cent of all manufacturing concerns having employees.

Child Labor in the United States. 1904-"In 1904 there were 1,752,187 children between the ages of ten and fifteen years at work in the United States, or 18 per cent of all children of these ages."-Bogart, "Economic History of the United States," page 441. Published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York .- Fred Schwartz. Book of Important Information.



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