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HOW DID CONLEY & MACTAGUE **GET THEIR BONANZA FARMS?**

Farmers Feared Roving Convicts-Stockraising, Farming, State Prison Supplies-All Industrially Handled by Convicts-Why is **Billings Anxious to have Convict** Work on Public Road?

FEUDAL BARONS OF **DEER LODGE VALLEY**

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Wax Rich and Powerful while Convicts do the Work and State Pays the Bills. No Bids Called for to **Supply Prison Contracts**

The records of Powell County show miles away from the penitentiary, owthat the firm of Conley & McTague ing to convicts roaming at large robare assessed for thirteen thousand bing the camps. The farms owned by four hundred acres of farm land in Conley & McTague are all farmed by the vicinity of Deer Lodge. This does the convicts and have been for the not include all the land farmed by past eighteen years or more. The the above firm. A representative of convicts take care of all the live stock, the News in maing the investigation plow the fields, sow the seed, harrow

tana is the farm of Conley & McTague convicts built the barns, stables and COUNTY COMMISSIONERS located in the vicinity of Deer Lodge. sheds to house this fine blooded stock. Here can be seen the finest horses Convicts groom and care for them in tha can be seen anywhere in Montana winter time. The state of Montana and as fine thorough bred cattle as or the convicts get nothing for all this one will see in any state west of the labor performed.

Mississippi are to be found on the The courts of Montana sentence ranch of Conley & McTague. The dis- men to serve a term of years at the play of live stock at the last State Fair state prison at Deer Lodge where they held in Helena last Octber which was must spend a certain portion of their exhibited by Conley & McTague, was lives creating wealth for the firm of the admiration of all visitors. The Conley & McTague and we call this fine thorough bred horses and cattle Justice. This is Convict Chattel Slavare all attended to by convicts. Con- err

victs raise and harvest the grain, al-| What a Graft! It can be truly said falfa, and hay that feed the stock, that Justice in Montana is blind.

The Bunco Steerer is again active in Deer Lodge in an attempt to do his master's bidding. This time the master class of Deer Lodge are directing their attention to disrupt-

PASS RESOLUTIONS

Moss and George of Billings Said to be Active to Legalize Convict Labor and to Secure it for Beet Fields

At a state meeting of the County | an endeavor to legalize convict labor, Commissioners of Montana recently and it was also rumored that it was held in Billings, a resolution was pre- desired to secure convict labor in the sented in favor of having convicts beet fields for the benefit of the branch work on the roads of the state. This of the sugar trust that is located at resolution was adopted by the County Billings.

It would appear that the monied Commissioners in convention assembled and the commissioners recommend- interests of Billings envy the graft

that the firm of Conley & McTague owns and controls through lease forty from the penitentiary to the farms thousand acres in Powell County, where they irrigate the fields the Some sources of information give a whole day long. Some of the crews still greater acreage, but the most re- have had as many as thirty-eight men. liable data we could get, was the form- A convict cook accompanies each irer figure. Most of this land is in the rigating or harvesting crew to the rich Deer Lodge valley within forty farm and prepares the meals for the miles of Butte and twenty miles from convicts. The guards who are em-Anaconda, therefore being very close ployees of the state, superintend the to a market for farm produce which job of the convicts and Conley & Memakes the rich agricultural land very Tague get the profits of the harvest. valuable. The farm of Conley & Mc-Tague joins the boundary lines of the was let by contract, Conley & Mccity of Deer Lodge and is within a Tague worked the convicts, made stone's throw of the prison walls. The them raise the vegetables consumed firm of Conley & McTague, we were by the convicts and all the time the informed, bought out sixteen farmers firm of Conley & McTague were rewho were to all appearances, compar- ceiving top notch preces from the atively well to do, until their farms state for caring for and feeding the were surrounded by convicts working prisonres. for Conley & McTague. In fact, it is generally stated in Deer Lodge today oners and convicts raise all the vegethat when Conley & McTague wanted tables consumed in the penitentiary. to buy a farm they put convicts to The state pays Conley & McTague for work all around the neighborhood of this stuff, yet the prisoners raise the this farm they desired to purchase. garden truck and Conley gets \$3,000 The convicts roamed the hills day and a year from the state for acting the night, farmers had articles stolen and part of warden of the penitentiary. they lived in constant dread of depredations being committed by the state prison with food, no contracts convicts, or injury and insults being ar e let, the farmers in the surroundcommitted on their wives and daugh- ing neighborhood don't get a chance ters. After living such a life for a to sell their product to the state to few months with convicts everywhere be consumed by the convicts. Conley surrounding them, the farmers would & McTague sell the farm produce to sell out at any figure offered them. In the state that is used in the prison; fact the farmers were forced to sell they have no competitors; they have their land, they were practically as complete a monopoly as the Stanevicted by the Feudal Lords of Pow- dard Oil ever had. And the greatest ell County, the Barons of Deer Lodge graft of all is that Conley & McTague Valley, in order that farming by con- do no farming, but the convicts, the victs might be extended and money state prisoners, do all the work, raise made for the barons. The extent of their own grub and the great state of the territory farmed or covered by Montana foots the bill and the people convicts working for Conley & Mc- of Montana are thus grafted upon.

was informed from reliable sources and in the summer great crews of convicts are taken every morning When the caring of the convicts

> At present the state feeds the pris-No bids are called for to supply the

Tague can best be understood when Not only farming is carried on by and boys for a trade, Charles F. Rich- postion of introducing training into George, two of the leading Citizens' The principal objection to working we state that families were not safe the convicts, but stock raising as well. ards of New York City, originator of the last grades of the grammar Allance men, when that organization the convicts on the public road is that to camp at Rock Creek Lake, sixteen The finest stock farm in western Mon- the National Society for the promo- schools.

and weakening the Trades & Labor Assembly, hoping by this means to be able to make an attack on the Retail Clerks' Union.

The Trades & Labor Assembly is the central body by which all the unions in the community federate and act in unison, listen to each other's grievances and from which the mutual help and co-operation of all pass to the organization that is in trouble or in need of the strengthening power that comes from numbers. When any organization leaves the central body, the men involved are easily defeated when attacked, and the central body is also made weaker by the loss. At present in Deer Lodge an effort is being made to have two organizations withdraw from the central body and form another council. There is no need for such actions, as the greatest harmony exists between all the unions in Deer Lodge. The only reason for dismembering the Trades & Labor Assembly, is to weaken the organizations that the grafters may more easily beat down and break up the Retail Clerks' Union.

The unions of Deer Lodge, with one exception, are composed of veterans in the labor movement, aggressive, militant, thoroughly imbued with the spirit of unionism. With the unions standing united as at present it is impossible for the enemies of labor in Deer Lodge to defeat them.

Any man who proposes that any union withdraw from the central body should be branded as a traitor, regardless of the reasons advanced by him. The object aimed at by such an advocate is to further the interests of the grafters of Deer Lodge.

Union men of Deer Lodge, beware of the man who would weaken your organization at this time. The Bunco Steerers are abroad in Deer Lodge at present. By their acts ye shall know them.

Want Industrial Training For All

in the United States demand that industrial education for rich and poor alike should be democratic. This conclusion was reached by many prominent leaders of working men and industrial educators, addressing the American Federaiton of Labor's committee on industrial education.

Suggesting that European countries the lack of industrial training.

that Conley & McTague have got and ed the same to the "Good Roads Congress" which meets in Billings next want the graft divided up.

Of course the monied interests are

July that they take action towards in favor of exhibiting the convicts to getting a law passed that will legalize the convicts working on the roads of the general gaze of the public by working them on the roads of the the state.

It seems that the efforts to legalize state and exposing tht unfortunates convict labor in Montana are all orig- to the ridicule of the rabble, just the same as convicts were treated a few inating in the vicinity of Billings.

When the convention of the Mon- generations ago, when the punishment tana Federation of Labor was held in for crime was to chain a criminal in some public square and let the chil-Billings, August 1908, the same resodren of the community pelt him with lutions that were adopted by the county commissioners, were presented to rotten eggs and decaying vegetable the Federation convenion soliciting matter, about the same as they do in labor's endorsement of working the China at the present day.

It is only poor men that get into convicts on state highways. the state prison, men who steal a The delegates to the Montana Fed eration of Labor convention refused bronco, or a few dollars, or have not to endorse the proposition, and the money enough to appeal the case to a judgment of the convention was, that higher court on a legal technicality. it would be a bad precedent to estab- The rich thief that steals the land in the vicinity of Billings and in eastern lish.

At the last session of the Montana Montana has his case tried before an legislature a bill was introduced dur aristocratic, labor union hating judge, ing the last part of the session, pro- who usually fines the rich man for viding for the employment of convicts stealing forty thousand acres of land, upon state highways, and to allow the \$500.00 and sentences him to spend state to contract the convicts out to twenty-four hours in the parlor of the the several counties through which sheriff of Lewis & Clark County the road would pass. This bill passed where the prisoner can pass the senthe senate without a dissenting vote tence in chatting with his friends, but the house by an almost unanimous smoking some fine cigars and drinkvote rejected the bill when it was ing fine wines. The rich criminal placed by them on its final passage. runs no chance of going to the peni-The social and industrial conditions, tion of Industrial education, argued The bill was championed by Billings tentiary, it is only the poor that it is that the committee should fight for a people and it was introduced toward desired to work on the state high-

> plan that would relieve the American the end of the session with the hopes ways. school boy of the confusing plight of that it would become a law before or- This proposed plan of working the not knowing what to do when turned ganized labor could protest. The bill convicts has a nice graft attached to away from school. He declared more was defeated only through the active it as one can see. The convicts will than one-fourth of the boys left the work of the labor lobyists at the state have to be moved all over the state public schools in New York before capital and the opposition that the and this will give the railroads a good graduating , because they "were sick labor unions made against the pro- rake off to the tune of \$300 for every of it". This, he regarded as due to posed law.

were far ahead of the United States President James Duncan of the islature it was persistently reported some one in boarding the convicts in in the matter of fitting young girls Federation, strongly endorses the pro- at the state capital that Moss and the different parts of the state. was strong in Billings, were active in

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SOCIALISTS AS LABOR LEADERS.

The Socialist party is not something apart from the general labor movement. It is the political expression of that movement. In British Columbia, when the coal miners are fighting for better conditions they know that the socialist members of the local par liament are fighting with them. To be sure the same thing is supposed to be true everywhere. But in some way the socialist party in most localities has lost direct touch with the class struggle."

The above is from a recent article from Comrade Simons. It is remarkable how the great labor struggles of the world are beginning to look to the socialists to formulate and systematize their struggles. The socialists have been tht brain, the system, and the enduring power of the Swedish struggle. But in Sweden there is no such a thing as a union man who is not a socialist.

The murder of Ferrer has aroused the most vehement protests from the working class all over the world these great demonstrations being uniformly led by the socialists.

The socialists of igland formed and are shaping the policy of the great Labor Party.

In 1908 a conflict came up between the organized peasants of Parma and the associated land-owners want anyway. The proprietors imported scabs and protected them with armed hirelings locked out the peasants and did everything possible to bring them to complete submission. But the peasants showed such solidarity that the

over the state. It is an admission of with infinite sacrifices and hardships, lassitude, lack of interest and collapse that the cause of workers might have that must be confronted as a condi- a voice and an expression-in order tion, and not merely contemplated as that they themselves may have more

This party laxness is in striking

contrast to the socialist sentiment and

convictions that exist throughout the

prevail largely all over the country.

under which labor struggles.

What is the matter?

For shame!

luxuries

BERNSTEINISM TRIUMPHANT.

working class and especially through When the German Socialist congress out the ranks of organized labor in Montana. The socialist sentiment is tremendous, but labor is disgusted laws, the bourgeois press had hoped with the socialist party. And in this it does not differ from conditions that is stronger than ever.

There are prospects of a great vic-The matter is that the socialist party is not dealing with practical issues. It is not stepping into the harness and caused all members to feel the great responsibility resting upon them, and helping labor pull its load. It is not the "Marxists' and "Revisionists" have attacking the abuse and disabilities alike striven to promote harmony. It A great surprise to international so spends its time theorizing over the cialism is the fact that the Revision opinions of some one who never has ists are in the majority, and the Ger

anything to do with labor. man socialist party has decided to get Organized labor is restless under into line with the English Labor Par this horse play. It wants political class action. The socialist party is ty and the French socialists, and be come a parliamentary force. Bebel failing utterly as a political organization in Montana. But labor is de- took part with the Revisionists. The termined to act politically in Montana point of controversy was in regard to and the result will be that a labor a bill to raise financial supplies for party will be formed in Wyoming and the government by a tax on the rich. Another point carried by the Revis-Montana. The unions are talking of this everywhere, and questions are lonists was the policy of action to im continually being asked as to the mo- prove the condition of the working dus operandi of the British Labor class whether it be by a working arrangement with the Liberals in the Party. It is surprising how anxious the unions especially are for informa-Reichstag or otherwise.

Thus we see that after many years tion on this subject. of attack and misrepresentation the If a labor party is formed in Moncontentions of Bernstein are becomtana it yill be a real one this time. It will be no Heinze decoy duck. It ing the guide of the German socialwill be a labor party financed and democracy. The busy workers call it the policy of the new as opposed to controlled by labor.

Now if this should happen it will be ways that are antiquated and no longa horrible menace to the plans of the er get the desired results. And the capitalists in Montana. It will be a situation that has forced this revolufruitful flocking ground for the poli- tion in tactics is the same cause in both Germany and England-the war ticlans in Montana. The labor committees would have to hedge them- scare-Dreadnoughtism-the governselves at every point to keep from be- ment demand for an increase in the ing gobbled by unscrupulous labor budget-England and Germany going

men, who would get in to deliver to an enormous expense to be equally them hand and foot to the capitalists. ready to clutch each other's throats. The better way would be for labor So grim necessity, war and death

to pick up the socialist party and make disturb the equilibrium of even the it over. Its platform and conditions most placid socialist theories, and the of protection are such as labor would materialist conception of history is exemplified in the making.

No Class Suffrage.

Miss Mary MacArthur, secretary of

But we fear our advice is wasted. The socialist party has become the rallying ground for so many freaks, freakism, and dead ones, that it looks

The same report is coming from all to sell their linotype, got together County Commissioners

Pass Resolutions. (Continued from Page 1.),

they compete with free labor, and the unemployed problem is great enough at the present time. Moreover, the most of the road work is done by farmers in the fall and early part of the winter. When a man is trying completed its twentieth annual con- to get himself a home through the ference since Bismarck's anti-socialist homestead method, the struggle for existence is very keen for the first few that the party would be split by con- years, until a few crops have been tentions, but the unity of the socialists harvested and his stock has increased. Homestads at the present time are usually a long way from centers of tory at the next elections which has industry where work can be easily secured, and the only thing open for a homestcader is work upon the roads. and revenue from this source has saved lots of families from destitution, when crops have failed or when the homesteader had little money to commence with.

> There is little hope of the bill becoming a law, legalizing the working of convicts on the road, as long as organized labor is awake to its interests, as the power of the referendum will be invoked, and the law submitted to a general vote of the people before it becomes operative.

SOUTHERN TEMPERANCE.

What is behind this overwhelming temperance move in the south? Has the southern planter lost his taste for whiskey? Has he suddenly become "good"? Did anybody ever become "good' anywhere?

No. What is behind southern temperance is-the negro. Bad whiskey is really a dangerous thing for the bad negro to get hold of. The negroes increasing so rapidly that the are south is scared. As long as they were in slavery and drinking could be reg ulated the south saw no menace in whiskey. But it is afraid of the free negro, especially when drunk. Hence southern temperance zeal.

SOCIALISM WILL BE TRIED.

President Fallieres of Farnce is still labring under the delusion, common most of the superficial critics of to socialism, that the institutions of socialism are something that can be tried and ejected from history. In recent interview he stated:

entific. "I have made up my mind that th as though the labor political wave the British Women's Trade Union coming election will be largely in fav-



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strike could neither be broken nor the crop be saved. The industrial work- ers supported the strike of the peas- ants, and called a general strike. In order to relieve the strike, 3,000 of their children were sent to other dis- tricts to be cared for. Women join- ed in the strike, communistic soup	arx—Value, Price and Profit. arx and Eengels—The Communist Manifesto. orris and Others—Socialist Songs with Music. pargo—The Socialists.	Vandervelde—Collectivism and In- dustrial Evolution. Work—What's so and What Isn't.
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receive enough advance orders for the same o meet the expense of publicawill have published, provided he can tion. The title of the book is "The Distribution of Wealth".

The comrade says that the locals and friends need not send any money with their order until notified that sufficient orders have been received. But it is the opinion of the News that the comrades will be willing to do a well-deserved and necessary deed, and bey, 3780 N. St., San Diego, Cal.

guarantees, or restricts, your own personal liberty; protects, or jeopardizes, your health, your home, your happiness; regulates the food you eat, the clothes you wear, the books you read, the amusements you enjoy; in fact permits or prohibits, your every act, you would feel a serious obligation to inquire into the nature of such authority over you

| Perhaps, if you paused to think that law will never represent the highest intelligence or morality, since ignorance and immorality, you would perceive that whenever intelligence that." and morality predominate over ignorance and immorality, the trend of clvilization must be upward, and you would search for such factors.

A London company advertised for two men, 3,000 answered, and in the ism, ch?

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> befure how manny things a woman is used for. Bedad! if Marg'ret an' Agnes w'u'd come back this day I belave I w'u'd give them both the franchise. If I had to. I was r'adin the papers that over in Englan' the women are goin' on the sthrikeag'inst the min. They are intherruptin' the political spaches with ques-

Englan'. Well, I belave if I was over there, an' in the female parthy, I w'u'd ask the min: "If a woman is good enough for a queen, why is n't intelligence and morality must always she good enough to vote. An' a be averaged at the ballot box with pueen's husband not a king at all, of physics or chemistry. They are but only a married man. Answer me

> A young Chicago girl kills herself and leaves behind a letter giving as a reason, "I am so nearly starved". She adds, "let the state bury me, if I were

crippled the state would be obliged to care for me." Yes, the capitalist state will bury its victims, but a socialist riot to secure a hearing, several were state would care for its living; which injured. The prosperity of capital- do you prefer? Which do you vote for?

rayson is that Marg'ret is away on a they are rising. It takes some time ent cost of living, intermittent emvisit. The house has got itself all to equip factories, procure materials, ployment, etc., there still remain inequalities of wages, though not so Labor cannot be transferred in- great as is commonly supposed. Such

After making allowance for differ-

stantly from a country or an industry as they are, competition tends to elimwhere wages are falling to one where inate them.

New and rapidly growing trades they are rising. Habit tends to keep ly like the wild Indian, an' let the men where they are. Also, it takes for a time pay relatively high wages rain an' wind do the scrubbin' and time and money to migrate or to learn -e. g., at different periods, stenography, electrical work, automobile Finaly, the competitve flow of capi- work. In new and rapidly developing minute 't was gone. An' no one there tal and of labor is retarded by the in- countries all trades for a time pay complete information of all concerned, relatively high wages-e. g., Rocky send the money without anxiety as to back an' p'int her finger at it fer me. Workingmen do not always know Mountain States now as compared when they could get better wages by with New England. After a few years changing residence or occupation. the supply of wokers catches up with and up 5 cents. Address G. W. Wood- has been annexed to everlastin' space, Buyers do not always know when or the demand and wages fall toward

where they can buy cheapest. Sellers the general level.

sit here by the sand pile till all are usually better informed, but even Young men just beginning as wage Perhaps, if you realized that law hours av the mornin', an' I niver their information is incomplete. This workers go in larger proportions into element counts for least among large those trades where wages are highest. capitalists and for most in retail trade This tends to reduce wages in those trades by increasing the supply of laand in the labor market. Economic Laws are Statements of bor power and to raise wages in other

Tendencies .--- If we should insist on trades by diminishing the supply. our economic laws as absolutely cor-Above all, improved machinery rerect statements of facts, we should be duces the need for physical strength confronted with many specific facts or special knowledge, so that ill fed which contradict them or seem to do and untaught men, or women and ions there is no answer to, an' are so. We admit these real or apparent children, can do the work which formerly only well fed and trained gittin' arrested fer it, But that is in exceptions, noting that taken altomen could perform. Thus the develgether they are small in comparison opment of capitalism tends always to with the bulk of economic phenom- reduce the proportion of workers who ena to which our laws apply strictly, get relatively high wages.

> Our economic laws do not pretend to be mathematicaly exact, like laws true as general statements of facts say that there is overproduction of and as statements of actual tendengoods when large numbers of persons

> cies, which are only partly counter- are insufficiently fed, clothed and acted or retarded by forces noted in housed? the preceding paragraphs. Inequality of Wages .--- It is especially the law of wages that is contested, of prosperity or a period of depres-

and we must consider its application sion? How? in greater detail.

an industrial depression upon the con-1. Wages differ considerably in difdition of the working class? What ferent countries. This is due partly are its principal functions in the deto differences in the price of the nec- velopment of the capitalist system?

Questions for Review.

1. In what sense is it correct to

2. What effect does the opening of

new foreign markets have with refer-

ence to the prolongation of a period

3. What is the ultimate effect of

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MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA

LOCAL DEPARTMENT

To you Lovers and Workers for Liberty

The Montana News is again being ublished, although not a party owned paper, yet the News will work to the interests of the party in every way and will in no wise hinder the development of the movement, but in every possible way work with all the forces at its command to make our party a success in the political field without making any compromise of for robbing his roommate. principle.

To start the publication of the News again is an undertaking that is full of difficulties, and heavy handicaps. The debts of the past are facing us and the creditors of the News when t was a party owned paper are still zek. "I couldn't live on that. I tried looking to us for payments, and this is very embarrassing in a business, to get other work, but failed. I was

While waiting on the postoffice to grant the Montana News mailing priv- in debt and almost resperate. My ileges we had to deposit \$20.00 as a guarantee each week before the paper could go to its readers. A consignment of paper amounting to \$100 plus freight is now in transit from the east and this, with the spending of \$1,-500.00 in paying party debts in the seven months, together with legal expenses that we incurred while protecting ourselves in the courts where we whelmingly tempted; that's all. I've were dragged by creditors and wreckers of the Old Montana News, has only got one suit and that isn't paid our present available cash on hand ather low.

We do not ask for donations, but we want your good will, and your as sistance in building up our circulation to 10,000. At present our circulation is only 3,550, a reduction of sixty per cent since last August. However, the circulation is on the increase as one hundred and eighty new it all." names were added to the mailing lis last week, and present indications are that one hundred new names wil be added this week, over and above the number expiring.

Letters of encouragement are coming to us each day, especially from labor unions and men active in the anks of organized labor. Orders and ernment by the workers would do juspromises of job work have come o us from three, states outside Mon- tice to those that do the work. tana during the present week. The aggressive forces in the Labor Move ment recognize that a paper that will fight the battles of organized labor is necessary and are willing to give all their support to the Montana News as it has been tried and not found wanting in the hour of need.

Before the Socialist Party can be a factor in Montana politics there must be at least 15,000 subscribers to socialist papers. At present the subscribers to socialist papers in Montana do not reach 5,000 or about seven and a half per cent of the voters. Therefore the greatest need of the socialist movement at the present moment is subscribers to socialist papers and until the people are reading socialist papers we cannot expect them to vote the socialist ticket.

The Montana News is going to take prominent part in organizing, educating and marshalling the press of the working class in the Northwest for political and economic action to the end that a constructive movement have it. Wishing you success, I am be built up that will bring immediate benefit to the working class and combat the aggressions of the non-producing class on the workers.

Believing that you are in favor of a paper being firmly and securely es tablished in the Northwest that will represent the interests of the toilers in the age-long struggle of liberty, we hope that you will give all the as sitance in your power to maintain such a paper.

We need two hundred new subscriptions each week. Will you help to secure the same? We need your help. The cause is yours as well as ours. All our time is given to the cause. Will you give a little of your time?

Yours for Working Class Freedom

MONTANA NEWS.

Faithful Comrade Dead.

Debt of Honor

There still remains a debt of \$700 contracted by the Socialist Party of Monana while it owned and was publishing the Montana News. The State Committee has done nothing to liquidate this debt, and the creditors are looking to 'hose who are at present running the News for their money.

nected with the movement in Montana, died at the home of his mother in Darlington, Wisconsin, on the 25th of January. He was buried with socialist honor, a socialist clergyman officiating, and the socialist button on his breast, on January 28th. Comrade Cragg's home had been at Lewistown for many years. For over twenty years he had been associated meetings at Great Falls and Butte, the non-union man will leave the with the labor movement in Montans. The Anaconda meeting was good al- ranks of the unorganized and become He was one of the most active work- so, but there was not sufficient time a union man.

time that Heinze was apparently

working in the interest of the work-

ing men of Montana. Since that time

moter of liberty and justice, and a

tried and true adherent of labor and

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Exploitation of Gevernment Employes.

The dealings of the government with those in its mail service are about as brutal and heartless as could be expected by a government run by brutal heartles capitalists, whose only God is Greed, and who build their own luxuries on the miseries of their slaves. John Rezek, a substitute mail carrier, was recently arrested in Butte

"The government paid me \$2.50 a day for about half the time," said Relandlady told me to get some money and pay my board. I've never been in trouble before, and I was overfor. 'That's how extravagant I am.

When you make \$30.00 a month, you can't live very high even if you spend

Nice tale that for those intrusted with the responsible position of carrying the mails of the people. A gov-

Dear Comrades:-Enclosed find 25 and a social revolution inevitable." cents for my sub for six months to the

I have been a socialist for a long time but did not like the News, but I think it has improved so much and is doing such good work that I must You:s for the Revolution

C. C. BRADSHAW.

A subscriber from Glenburn, N. D., shall enable women to vote." writes us that the postmaster there

ordered the News discontinued with- adelphia, chairman of the committee out his consent. If the Glenburn having this work in charge, report postmaster thinks he can defy the that labor union generally through regulations of the U. S. government out the country have co-operated in regard to the News he is welcome that the socialists are securing many show his perversity. to try it. The News is under the protection of the U.S. government, and Party has not responded to the appea

faithful and ardent socialist ever conmatter has already been reported to

News.

quencies to this office.

Revolution by Aeroplane.

The above is the up-to-date heading of a front page article in London Justice". The writer says, "Two streams of tendencies flow on toether. They are the tendency towards ever and ever more potent mastery of nature by the inventor, and he tendency towards the ever more potent mastery of invention by social-

We are concerned to point out how the arrival of the new physical power makes yet more imperative that reorganisation of society which, heaven knows was already plainly enough called for by the aeroplane. Society really MUST protect itself from itself when it comes to the sudden recognition that navies and armies of the amiliar type are, or are apparently, oon to be obsolete. We must become ocialists, or soon we shall be living for nothing but to kill each other The old joke about the inhabitant

of the Scilly Islands getting a living simply by taking each other's washing gives place already to a ghastly irony regarding those, who, in the future, are told to live for nothing but death The possibility of war in the air must Woodworth, Mont., Feb. 3. eventually render all war impossible

uals."

Labor Unions for Woman Suffrage

Six hundred thousand names hav been enrolled on a pettition to con gress which reads, "We, the under signed, citizens of the United States over twenty-one years of age, hereby petition your honorable body to sub mit to the legislatures of the differen states for ratification, an amendmen to the National Constitution which

cialist ranks and in a year Nothing Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, of Philwas left of the organization." Surely this statement is not a criticism of the "Intellectual", however, much it may have been intended to signatures, but that the Prohibition To my mind it proves nothing ex-

the inspector. The News has had | The Mon ana News is going to be little trouble with the postal service, a factor in helping to advance the and only at one-horse offices where labor movement of the Northwest. the government employee gets an idea See that you fellow workers, both that he can run the town. Glenburn union and non-union, subscribe for subscribers kindly report all delin- the News. By reading the News each week the union man will become

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....HISTORY-History of Socialism.-Kirkup 2.25 History of Socialism in the United States .- Hillquit 1.50 \$15.15

COMPLETE SET \$11.00, DELIVERED FREE.

The Leaders and the Led. By Robert Hunter.

socailist agitation began to feel sick

and weary of the wasteful, fruitless

methods and the narrow tactics of the

party and began to preach alliance

with other parties. ""The result was

a split" the writer says, " in the so-

cept that Roumania never had a so-

cialist movement. And that is a fact.

The early "Socialists" were nearly

all professors, teachers, students and

lawyers. The peasants were too ig-

norant and oppressed to organize in

telligently and the factory workers

were too few as capitalism had hard-

ly developed in Roumania. The only

workers interested in socialism were

will one day leave us perhaps to go A comrade sometime ago in a letter into a liberal cabinet, but he can de to the Call brought forward the fol- no harm." And that is absolutely true. A lowing case to discredit the Intellect-

great party eventually reaches the point where all its leaders could be-In Roumania an "Intellectual tray it and do it no harm. named John Nadejka after ten years'

They might be proletarians or "Intellectuals", it would matter not.

chief leaders of the British Labor

Party, "He is a Liberal at heart. He

The party would use them so long as they served the party and when they ceased to serve the party they would be brushed aside.

When the working class comes to know what it wants when it organizes democratically and intelligently to get what it wants no man will have cunning enough or power enough to turn it aside.

And until it reaches that stage it is not really a party, it is only a group of idealists and hero-worshippers without independence or intelligence. Marx, in "Revolution and Counter-Revolution", says, "When you inquire into the causes of the counter-revolutionary successes (of 1848) there you are met on every hand with the ready reply that it was Mr. This or Citizen That who betrayed the people, which reply may be true or not accord to circumstances.



To pay the debt is an exceedingly heavy task and is handlcapping and worrying us considerably. \$500 must be paid as soon as possible, and we are asking individual socialists and locals to loan the Montana News any sum that they may feel disposed and able to advance.

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Balance to get\$463.00 ticket was in the field, and too late to ly to his exposition of the situation need to take the other advertising



By Tryem Helper.

C. Downhour, Ovando, three subs. "A Friend", Minot, N. D., \$1 or Montana News debt.

Margaret Palsgrove sends \$5 for job work and subs.

Painters' Union of Butte sends for 50 copies. Labor in Montana looks to the News as fighting its battles. Bricklayers and Stonemasons of Missoula subscribe for 15 copies of the News.

John Gloyne of Deer Lodge orders a copy of the "Mills of Mammon", as does also Local Anaconda.

Cigarmakers of Butte take the Montana News, and put an ad in the News for the Blue Label.

If you are a true socialist you will know that it is your duty to help strengthen a working class press. You can get two subs to-day if you try.

Send in your job work NOW.

ers in the Knights of Labor in Mon- to advertise it.

tana twenty-two years ago, and was James Connolly, editor of "The at one time District Master Workman Harp", the organ of the Irish Socialfor Montana. He was a strong figure ists, now published in Dublin, Ireland, price. We are going to make a specin the Cascade County labor move- is now touring Montana. We have ment eighteen years ago when Neihart not got all his dates, but he speaks wa a flourishing city. He was State at Deer Lodge on the 7th of March out their commercial advertising. The Organizer for the Knights of Labor for and Missoula the 9th.

a number of years. He was active in endeavoring to organize the first Labor Party in Montana in 1890. Said before the Civic Club at the Auditor- at times. We would rather give the party was sold out by a candidate re- jum Wednesday night. He had a signing at the last minute, after the good audience that listened attentive- you buy enough books, we will not

fill the vacancy. He was an active in "Barbarous Mexico". He is on his populist, and an ardent middle-of-the- way to Washington to assist in preroader. He was one of the most act- senting the case of the political reive workers in the Labor Party at the fugees to congress.

Surprising to Unionists.

he has been one of the strongest sup-It was a surprise that was handed porters of the Socialist Party, and it to the union men that were gathered was one of his chiefest delights to at the mass meeting at the auditorium in Helena to hear National Organizer

The Socialist Party has lost a strong Howley speak on Unionism and the friend and heavy financial supporter Switchmen' strike, when Bishop Carin William Cragg, and his many roll launched into a eulogy of the open friends have lost a sincere and true shop, and made a hero the scab. It comrade. May he rest in peace. He was amusing to see those hard, battlwill long be remerbered in Montana ing union men hold their breath when as a true friend, a capable and honthese sentiments were dropped down orable business man, a lover and proupon them.

> We are not surprised at the bishou fighting socialism, but in a dioces where organized labor is as strong as it is in Montana we were not preparer

for a representative of the churc There are a large number of scab coming out flat-footed with a diatribcigars sold in Montana; if you smoke, against the closed shop, where his benalways demand a union made cigar from a union made box. Union ciefactions are dependent on these same gar makers are generally socialists. union men.

See to it that you employ only social-The bishop will have to look to jus ists by demanding ac union made tice to labor if he wants their confidence.

Comrade De Lara reports good vancing the interests of his class and

Any books advertised in the News will be sent postpaid on receipt of they did. jalty of our book department. The larger socalist papers are all cutting Nwes has always advocated this as correct policy, and it was only the Comrade De Lara spoke in Helena need of shekels that caused us to vary space to advertising literature. 11

Are you tyring to get subs for the News? Only 50 cents, and you will help save all the good work that has been done here.

SOCIALISTS WANT A FARM.

A couple of socialists who wish to better their condition would like to locate a homestead or get hold of some cheap land in Idaho, Montana or Washington. They would be pleased to hear from any socialist who knows of any good land open for settlement, and are willing to pay for the trouble in securing the information. Address:

> Homesteader. care Montana News,

Helena, Mont.

Order your Job Work NOW.

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in Bread and Pastry made by the MISSOULA BAKERY A. F. Liedke, Prop. Corner Locust & Jackson. Telephone 354 Blk, Missoula, Mont.

Russian refugees.

The party was chiefly middle class led by middle class leaders. It was built up by a few brilliant self-sacrificing men who represented the spirit of the Rank and File, otherwise they could not have led the party where

Nearly all of those old leaders and most of their following are today opposing the rising socialist organization. But they are not to blame. They led the majority of the party as it ought to have been led.

The Roumanian Socialists at that time were middle class revolutionists and they did exactly what middle class revolutionists of every other country have done. When they saw a chance to get into power they turned their backs upon the workers. But why is it that middle class "Intellectuals" can lead the party to destruction in Roumania while middle

class "Intellectuals" are powerless to injure the party in other countries? Is it not because the party itself in those other countries is controlled

by the workers, represents the interests of the workers and is sufficiently intelligent to cast out false leaders?

Did Miller, Briand and Viviani lead the French party astray? Did John Burns lead the English party astray? Could any middle class "Intellectual" or working class apostate today they cannot defeat them. lead the socalist parties of Europe

astray? One could name a thousand middle class "Intellectuals" of greater ability than John Nadejka in the European movement who are utterly powerless, even if they had the desire, to do harm.

Liebknecht once said of one of the German leaders. "He is not a socialist. He ought to be in the Liberal or Conservative party, but lee him alone he can do no harm.' Hardie said recently of one of the

But under no circumstances does it xplain Anything or even show how it came to pass that The People allow themselves to be thus betrayed.

And what a poor chance stands a political party whose entire stock in trade consists of a knowledge of the solitary fact that a Citizen so and so is not to be trusted.

"No man in his senses will ever believe that eleven men, mostly of very indifferent capacity either for good or evil, were able in three months to ruin a nation of thirty-six millions unless those thirty-six millions saw as little of their own way before them as the eleven did.

A real working class party can use orators, scientists, writers and use them so long as they serve its interests and forward its aims. Should one or all of them betray the party they will simply be brushed aside.

When the workers know their interest, men like Nadeljka or Mortzum, will be used so long as use is in them and when their use is at an end their desertion will cause as little comment and concern as John Burns occasioned in England or as Millerand, Briand or Viaviani occasioned in France.

When the workers know what they want and are determined to get what they want leaders may help the, but

Perhaps, if you paused to think that the laws under which you live, and which control the whole environment of your life, are the direct or the indirect results of the averaged opinions which are put into the ballot box, you would incline to study the questions which pertain to the right of voting.

Send your Job Work to the News.