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In the beginning we find the following gem of thought, "All men are created equal" and are endowed "with certain inalienable rights; among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

All men are created equal." This may be true. But do they live equal? De they die equal? The child of the poor is born in a hovel surrounded by misery and poverty from his first moments. There are three chances to one that he will not survive the first year, and even if he does there is a life of misery before him, dangers of sickness tenfold as great, temptations to crime and prostitution a thousand times as great as for the child of the rich. If he safely passes all these perils, a life of drudgery is before him, ended by an early death, which is often to be considered a boon since it saves the victim from the poor house. Usually this poor person has not even a claim on heaven, never having belonged to any church, and knowing little or nothing about religion, which have an are created equal."

How about the child of the rich, surrounded by all comforts and protections which paternal love and money can furnish? He grows up in comfort and security and receives an excellent education. His life is a round of pleasure singled perhaps with as much work as is necessary to health. Unless killed early by excessive luxury or riotous living, he can live to a ripe old age, honered and loved by every one as a pillar of society and the church. If he gives morey to charities and churches, when he dies he has even a very good claim to a reserved seat in heaven.

"All men are created equal."

It is a phrase which did well enough in its time, but which new, like most phrases, has become a lie. The reason? The struggle for existence has changed earliey since the days of Jefferson and Paine. All that was needed in those days was to give every individual a chance to fight it out f

me and projection of the life of those whose lives are worth something in a capitalist sense.

There is no protection for those who have no property whatever. The life of the miner who goes down into the bowels of the earth, several hundred feet deep, for less than a dollar a day, receives scanty, or no protection.

To illustrate, at the time of the mine disaster in Pennsylvania a few weeks are, when about two hundred people were entombed, the mine owners turnished the projection of the relief expedition and for the widows and orphams. The rest had to be raised by public charity. That is all the protection the law gives the workingman.

Tet under the protection of the law the sugar trust made one hundred and the nillions profit last year. The Pacific Railway Company, a thievish combine of the first water, has the protection of the law. Jay Gould stole railways under the protection of the law.

Truly, the people learn slowly in this country. Phrases work wonders, last sow it seems as if the masses were only born for the purpose of creating wellth enough for our sugar kings, railway kings, pork kings, etc., to buy Empean princes for their daughters.

We live now in the "era of prosperity." and most of our workingmen have well and enough to eat. They have forgotten the industrial crisis of '93 to '97.

The werage workingman is like the Irishman whose roof leaked, and who on min days always made up his mind to mend it. But when the weather cand, and his wife asked him, "Pat, why don't you fix the roof?" he answed, "We are dry now. Why should I fix the roof?"

Again the phrase reigns supreme. Fireworks, Fourth of July orations—"all man are created equal."

But there is another industrial crisis coming, and we shall have another rate limitation of how nonsensical, under the capitalist system, is the phrase, "All men are created equal."

we hear so much about our blessed liberties and the Constitution of the United total the what respect is the Constitution of this country better than the contains of Switzerland, for instance? And wherein is the effect of machinery unon be makes of the people in this country different from Germany, for example? The many of the m

affing things to the bottom, the laboring class is worse off in America than in the control of the capitalism has full sway, while in Europe the capitalist class at reton not only with the laboring class but also with the remnants of fendal and with the monarchy.

Milwaukee, July 1.

Some of the moves that go on every tay in the business world are so downight flendish that one is forced to the exact that this is a nation of universely the second of the spectable. There are 5,679 children under 16 years of age in the factory prisons of Wisconsin, but of their very bones "researchaion that this is a nation of universely the second research to live in luxury and to shine in "so-ciety" and in politics.

What a swindle all this great pros-

forts for their children or provide propstated, and then went in to take the
such of office. To-day the ruling class
lasts on making a regular coronation
display of the swearing in of the head
public servant," because it gives the
street toward those their own free ballots
lave put in power.

A government clerk works six and a
half hours a day and gets a vacation with
pay besides. A letter carrier works eight
hours a day and is not allowed to deliver a single letter after his work-day
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the big capitalists hire superintendat to operate their big industries while by go sporting round Europe, buying tiles for their daughters and living on

Goralistic and in the right direction. And if it would be a good thing for the street car boys, wouldn't it be a still better thing for the slaves in the factories, those fellows who are the salt of the earth, but who are the victims of the apitalistic politicians, actional fight for a place at the governal pie counter. It's a great they have for the people are a great the people are a great they have for the people are a great the people are a great they have for the people are a great the pe you noticed the Milwaukee daily papers these last two weeks?

are you noticed how their columns are
all of the quarrels between the two

ctions in the Republican party—page consider the piece at the great part of the piece counter. It's a great game, for the people are skinned they lose their heads wondering they lose their heads while the other. towd is going to whip the other.

today are the poorest. Those who in improve and in contempt for those we industrious, do no work. Say, thind of a crazy system are we livlest working people in th

raing cannibalistic commercialism. The whole thing will continue while there is a incentive to do wrong. When we have Socialism the doing of evil will no larger prosper a man, hence people will editivate their better natures, and cease their breath less anxiety to be busy, and their breathless anxiety to be busy, and then we constant to a previous of the simplicity and erudity to the symplicity and erudity and erudity that the great growth of America, yet great as it is to the eye and wonderful as it is to the eye and wonderful as it is, why do they tell them in the same breath that by diligence and economy that that the great prospect and the study of the old ways, the fact remains that with all this utilization of the vast natural riches of a great continent, there are the Socialists become the workingman it is, why do they tell them in the same breath that by diligence and economy they may be able to rise above labor?

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is over. He gets a two weeks' vacation with pay besides. We are giving this news for the benefit of the N. Y. Worker. it the big capitalists hire superintendia to operate their big industries while the period of the number of the benefit of the number of the number of the many superintendents, or men equally the number of the day is not far off the number of the number the people owned and managed it? It wouldn't be Socialism, of course, under prevailing conditions, but it would be Socialistic and in the right direction.

The revolutionary fathers of this country threw open the ports to the oppressed of all lands, and they came and brought with them more of the spirit of liberty than some of the descendants of those revolutionary heroes like. Hence we have the spasmodic efforts to shut off immigration on various pretexts. As every decent immigrant brings with him labor power enough to supply many more mouths than his own by his industry, all claims that he is a detriment to the country is poppycock.

I see a band called patriot for no cause,
But that they catch at popular applause.

—COWPER.

People used to imagine that it was the rich who enabled the poor to live and the capitalistic spouters would like people to think so still. To supply the wants of society industry is necessary, but through the capitalistic distribution of the product of that industry, by means and put tobacco users absolutely at its of the wage and profit system, society divides into the two classes, the workers and put tobacco users absolutely at its manufacturing competitors and put tobacco users absolutely at its mercy. If Socialists proposed a system in which such things were possible they would deserve to be strung up to content they are the people. that they are the people.

It costs a pile of money and drudgery the cobacco trust is trying to play and despair to keep the rich in luxury, the game of brigandage that makes the copie used to imagine that it was the Standard Oil trust a world power, that venient lamp posts.

From the Declaration of Independence.

NOTE.—All persons are hereby cautioned from causing this declaration to be circulated in the l'hillipine or other island possessions of the United States.—Ed. S. D. H.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the LAWS OF NATURE and of NATURE'S GOD entitle them, a decent respect to the opinons of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to

the separation.

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; We hold these truths to be self-evident, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL; that they are endowed by their creator with certain junalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these RIGHTS, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form as

To them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and inhappiness.



ALTGELD.

"We owe our country more than talk, We cannot discharge our duty by simply celebrating the glorious deeds of the past. Those nations which stand with their face toward the past are rotten at heart and are on the road to extinction. The law of disintegration and destruction never sleeps and only eternal vigliance can check it. Instead of an armed foe that we can meet on the field there is today an enemy that is invisible, but that is everywhere at work destroying our institutions. Born of vast concentration of capital in unscrupulous hands, corruption is washing the foundations from under us. The flag has been praised at champage dinners, while the very pole from which it floated was being eaten off by corruption and republican institutions were being stabbed to the vitals. A new gospel has come among us, according to which it is mean to rob a heuroost, but plundering the thousands makes us gentlemen.—Altgeld, in Chattanooga speech.



LINCOLN.

"It has indeed been a trying hour for the Republic; but I see in the near future a crisis, approaching that unnerves me, and causes me to tremble for the safety of our country. As a result of the war, corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power will endeaved to prolong its reign by working on the prejudices of the people till all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxious for the safety of my country than ever before, even in the midst of the war."—Lincoln, at close of war.

Monarchy is sometimes hinted at. It is the effort to place capital above labor in the structure of the government. I bid the laboring people beware of sur-rendering their power, for their liberty will be lost.—Lincoln, 1865.

Preamble to Constitution of the United States.

We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution of the United States of

up the gaunt hands of epidemics that clutch the darlings of the very class that is responsible for the slums.

Socialism, or collectivism, means th public or collective management of all the means of production, of land, of ma-chinery, and of the raw material. In it-self it has nothing to do with morals or religion, but indirectly it has a great deal to do with them, for it proposes is state of society in which true morality can be followed without loss to the citi zens. At present the business man wh does not try to get ahead of his com-petitors, or who is not glad when a competitor goes down to ruin, will him-self not succeed,

The capitalist class is forced to find oreign markets, or go to smash. The foreign markets, or go to smash. The working class, which is the buying class as well, does not get enough in wages to buy back what it has itself produced What a crazy old system it is, after all

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tem of society "feeds the shirker at the expense of the worker." The workers live in hovels and the shirkers ride about in glistening carriages and eat table d'hote dinners. It is by means of the profit system that the trick is done.

Poor semi-civilized Aguinaldo, representative of a half-developed and brutal civilization, about the meanest thing Admiral Dewey was able to say about him was that he had the human failing of liking loot. That's terrible, when the fellow accused is a mere Filipino. But how about it when the looting is done by the higher races? How was it when China was invaded by our Christian troops? Did anything that wasn't riveted down escape? Nixy. Just read the following from the dispatches, and think meanwhile of that horrid Acquirallo.

meanwhile of that horrid Aguinaldo:
"San Francisco, Cal., June 25.—Loot
for which the Chinese government has buy back what it has itself produced. What a crazy old system it is, after all, when we take a square look at it!

The struggle for existence becomes sharper every day. The man who feels secure to-day may to-morrow lose his job and then feel the real insecurity of his position in society.

July 4 is the date on which civil rule. China the Chinese government has recovered to-day by United States customs officials. Included in the plunder are five imperial jade seals of the Chinese government and ten priceless sacred tablets of jade, on each of which is engreated the story of the region of an emperor. These tablets are expected to stand forever in the sacred temple of China and are not duplicated. They are hina and are not duplicated. They are is to supplant military rule in the Philippines. This is just a play to appease them both because of their age and the the people in this country who want this sentiment connected with them is very

In a free country there is bound to be two sets of people for a good while to come. One is composed of men who want a change, and the other, made up partly of men who have "interests" to protect, wanting things to remain as they are. In this country the first class are the Socialists, the other the capitalistic twins, the Republican and Democratic parties. Wherever the Socialists become strong, the two old parties combine, which proves our contention.

If all the human blood spilled in wars did not soak into the ground but collected and formed an imperishable lake, ever spreading as the fresh quarts and gallons of human gore were added by the gods of war—a glistening, sticky, clotting sea of life-fluid spilled in order that certain fiends may rule or certain evintries can crush weaker peoples, would it wake the stupid millions up to the enormity of the wholesale murder-game called war? We wonder. With such a gruesome sight to confront them,

As has been well said the present sys

must be poor, true brotherhood among the people of the world becomes impossi-ble, the difference in conditions of living produces differences in culture and this produces castes, and the preachers keep on pounding away in their pulpits and try to make people believe that we are try to make people believe that we are all equally the children of creation and that it is to the poor man's interests that there should be rich men. In 1776 they tried to start off this country so as to have people equal. But the political equality they gave them was not enough, for it was soon clear that industrial equality must also be had before the people could be equal in station. Gradually this demand for an industrial equality has grown strength so that to-day we have the national organization of Social Democrats. The fathers of the country did wisely, however. They gave us the people in this country who want this country to stop owning another people. It will mean nothing. If you doubt it, baggage of Lieut. John B. Schoeffel, 9th try did wisely, however. They gave us used the Declaration of Independence in public.

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THAT "SPIRIT OF '76."

BY THOMAS J. MORGAN.

The "revolution" of 1776 was one of a series of expressions of thought which from time to time light up the path of progress and reveal the revolutionary process by which man advances; how the mind first questions and then denies the truth and justice of established opinions and institutions; how it next defies authority and develops the physical power necessary to overcome it, and when this is accomplished, how, new opinions are formed into institutions which are in turn overthrown as thought rises to higher planes.

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The expression of the thought of 1776 was formulated in a Declaration of Independence; the day it was completed was afterwards set apart as a day on which to celebrate and keep fresh in the minds of succeeding generations the fundamental proposition it contained and the circumstances under which it was given to the world.

From the first of these annual celebrations the physical features of the revolution was given most prominence; the pomp and circumstance of glorious war, overshadowed the creative thought: later the military significance was lost, and all the original importance of the day is now hid away, and in its place we have the roar of the Chinese cannon cracker, and the fizz-boom of the skyrocket.

rocket.

To the American Socialist the revolution of 1776, its Declaration of Independence, the preamble to its constitution and the original Fourth of July are gifts from the past, which accepted and rightly utilized, should prove of inestimable value to the Socialist movement.

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The anti-Socialist has no use for these historic expressions except to misrepresent and pervert their meaning, and to this destructive work all the evil influences are bent, which are generated in the struggle for human existence, wealth and power; influences which are the same as those which created pagan gods to frighten the ignorant savage and barbarian. Those influences are now busy with education, literature, art, science, religion and patriotism, creating new gods in the name of "individual liberty" and on the theory of the "survival of the fittest," a revival of paganism which repudiates the fundamental proposition of human equality.

Socialists are of necessity required to expose this modern deception; to make it known that these new gods are but a reproduction and multiplication of all the "Royal Georges" who ever reigned and ruled by the "grace of God," and whose bluster of the survival of the second of all the days in the year the Fouth of July should be most valued by the Socialists can command the attention and the sympathy of the American people, and from the fundamental proposition of the Deciaration and the specific statement of the preamble can prove the logical evolution of the Social Democracy as the inevitable successor of this republic.

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The Declaration of Independence advises toleration, patience and reason as necessary to the advocacy of new relations and institutions; it sets forth the fundamental proposition of human equality in relation to all the essentials of life and liberty; it legically couples with this proposition the right of self-government, and the duty of changing all forms of government and adopting others till those forms are found which accomplish the purpose desired. Tais purpose is specified in the presamble of the Constitution to be "to establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, to promote the general welfare, and to secure the blessings of liberty for all."

This declaration and preamble constitutes the organic law of this republic, a foundation on which the Social Democracy may legally build its co-operative commonwealth. To this fundamental law all private interests and possessions, all constitutions, and all legislative and judicial acts and decision are subordinate; in this law individual claims, divine or otherwise, are merged in the indisputable right of all the people to the equality and ilberty found and secured by the establishment of justice and maintenance of the general welfare.

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With these instruments, with this law, interpreted and applied by Socialists, public attention can be commanded, the public heart and conscience can be reached, and capitalistic misrepresentation can be silenced or be transformed into open repulation of the Declaration of Independence and defiance of the law it declares. A most desirable transposition, in which the Socialist changes from a seeming enemy into a defender of the law; the capitalist changes from a seeming enemy and avowed enemy of the law. A change sure to come as the Socialist party grows, a change that will come the quicker and easier if the Socialists will accept and use the gifts the revolution of 1776 offers them and link them with the promise of Social Democracy every Fourth of July, and on every other suitable occasion.

Chicago, Ill., June 29.

Under the capitalist system, labor-saving machinery is the enemy of the man with a job. Many a willing worker has been driven into the highways and made an outcast by it, while the callous people at large have talked about there being work enough for men who were not lazy, or have occupied their minds with singing realists. lazy, or have occupied their minds with singing psalms or going to the races. Workers displaced in one field of labor have gone to other fields looking for work, only to find men being displaced there through new machinery. The laboring class has had to bear its froubles alone—it got no sympathy from even the no sympathy atone—It got no sympathy from even the well-fixed folks who courted fame by sup-porting various charities and looking hu-mane. It is a good thing the workers are not vindictive, or the callous class might have a terrible reckoning in store.

L. Z. Leiter, the Chicago cormorant, who bought his daughter a title for cold cash, or, rather, bertered her for the sake of getting some "royal" blood into his family, has a country seat at Delavan, Wis., and has just had a tombstone placed over the grave there of a pet dog It's tough enough to see such men in pos-session of fabulous wealth fleeced from the workers who have produced it, but when poodles get tombstones and work-ers go to the Potter's field——

In order that some may be rich, others

When society owns the factories and other forces of the production of wealth, so that no private capitalists can grab the bulk of the wealth produced by the partnership of man and machine, we will for the first time have industrial peace, and health and plenty for the masses. Don't be so stupid as to keep longer from voting for this world-hungry change.

In Massachusetts, with its cradle of liberty, Faneuil hall, its Plymouth rock and its graves of illustrious opponents of imperialism and slavery, the statistics show that the average workman is unable from the salary he receives to support a workman's family at its average cost. The working class is a perpetually bankrupt class. The bargain the workman is forced under competition in the labor market, to make with his employer, is a mighty umbusinesslike one.

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ly being found out.

The "respectable class" is at it again, this time in Scattle, where Debs has just been holding monster meetings. These "respectables," the capitalists, thought the agitators would hurt their chances The hardest working people in the world to-day are regarded by the rest of the people as social inferiors. Did you ever stop to think why?

"respectances, the agitators would hurt their chances of controlling the politics of the people and consequently the law-making power and the pie of office-holding, and so they resorted to the old trick of getting certain labor fakirs to get up an opposition tain labor fakirs to get up an opposition meeting—and in the name of Socialism, too, mind you. Well, the outcome was funny. The fakirs had an audience of two hundred, AND DEBS HAD TWO THOU-SAND.

> We are Socialists because we see that we are socialists because we see that under the present system a world intended to be beautiful and homelike for all, is full of evil, full of injustice, full of despair, full of vulgarity, full of degradation, full of rich loafers and overworked poor. It is full of strife, decep-tion and rascality. In place of it we want a system based on brotherhood and co-operation, in which it will not people to be mean, and low, and selfish.

attempt by the Betterment League The attempt by the Betterment League of Milwaukee to get public playgrounds for the children is deserving of much more success than it will probably attain to. In these days of sordid, besotted commercialism, to use up good real estate in playgrounds is regarded as a waste of good money-making material.

It is either work for capitalism or starve. All the avenues of money-making are now held by the monsters called trusts and corporations. The big capitalists are the logical winners at the present stage of the game. They can crush a small business man who is in their way as easy as if he were an egg shell.

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ARE NEWSPAPER EDITORS HONEST

Considerable interest is being stirred up by a question recently raised by the Atlantic Monthly as to whether "a news paper editor can be an honest man, especially as a certain editor of a suc cessful city newspaper sent that maga a long confession to the effect that he had found it impossible for a news paper editor to adhere to the line of truth and honesty. Even without this testimony the fact that the question has been raised is itself a sad commentary or capitalistic stewardship in the important field of dealing in news.

The editor that makes the confession writes that somewhere in his scrap bool is his first editorial in which he au-nounced, with blare of trumpets, his "mission." "Without fear or favor, serving only the public The —— will be at all times an intelligent medium of news and bow the knee to no clique or fac tion, keeping in mind the great imperish able standards of American manhood - will champion not the weak not the strong, but the right. It wil give all the news all the time. It wil serve only the higher interests of the city and will be absolutely fearless." "But that was six years ago," sighs the writ-His ideals got badly shattered by actual contact with the business world, for he found there was no morality in The biggest advertiser forced him to suppress the news of a certain defalcation, the paper was obliged to print sensation, often untrue news, be cause its business rival did. It was case of self-preservation, of printing the things that would sell papers. The public good, be blanked! And then he found must give in to the capitalist politicians and become the mouthpiece for their games and their hypocracies be cause unless his paper got the city print ing and certain official advertising, it could not live out the year. "They bought me with the public printing." he "They says, sadly, and he adds, "There is no particular future for me. The worst of is I don't seem to care. The gradual falling away from the high estate of my first editorial is a matter for the student of character, which I am not. I have my own home, a place of honor in the community, the company of the great I have enough to live ou, enough to en tertain with and to travel a little, and I carry enough insurance to enable my family to live without me and laugh a

starvation." . But if certain other American editors followed this lead and gave truthful testimony, some far worse things than the above would be revealed. The modern capitalistic newspaper cannot be honest with the people and is almost always in a general consuracy against the true interests of the people, especially the working class.

A TIMELY CALL TO PATRIOTS.

the roll of honor of the subscribers to "Trade Union Secretaries' Fund, and it will amount to a muster roll of istic army.

The honor of heading the list goes a Minneapolis comrade who sends in his dollar under the name of "Daily Bal-lot." Judging from the name he must be an accomplished voter, just the sor of material needed to checkmate the capitalistic repeater! We wish there wer

For the benefit of those who may no know of the "Union Secretaries' Fund," we will state that it is proposed to raise a fund large enough to send the Herald regularly to the 15,000 and over union secretaries of the United States and Canada, for a period of a little less than a year, i. e., for eight mouths or thirtythree weeks. There are other papers that could be used for this purpose, but we claim there are certain reasons why the Herald is the more suitable. One is that it is the official organ of two large labor federations and is gotten up men active in the labor movement Dudley Field.

Josah Quincy said in 1774: "To complain of the enormities of power, to expostulate with overgrown oppressors, hath in all ages been denominated sedition and fact the actual organized Socialist vement to kindle actual enthusiasm in breast of a man who has the real rit of unionism in his make-up. The rail extracts a company of the control of the control of the control of the complete. The complete of the control of the control of the complete of the complete of the control of the con which inspires confidence among organ ized workingmen. Another is that the paper is a party paper and while a glimpse of the actual organized Socialist spirit of unionism in his make-up. The Herald extends to such men not only spirit of unionism in his make-up. The Herald extends to such men not only an invitation to become a Socialist, but to become also a member of the party that is bending all its strength toward bringing Socialism about. We want our converts to get in the ranks. And we may remind you that the Herald is pe-

culiarly in the right in all this as it was esponsible for the present day attitude of the Socialists toward trade

So send in your dollar, and mind you don't delay. Make it a patriotic duty. Make this year's celebration of Independence Day mean something in conluct as well as in thought.

Make a dollar sacrifice for the great ause. Don't be a Sunshine Patriot, as they used to call them in 1776! And send it TODAY.

DID GOMPERS MEAN WHAT HE SAID!

The trades unions are the naturally historically developed organization of the wage earners. They were not born in the brain of any particular man. They are the growth of our industrial condition, and they will continue to grow and gain in strength, fight the battles for labor's rights and secure labor's final emancipation, and this, too, in spite of the antagonism of the capitalist class, or the false and the foolish in the ranks of labor.—American Federationist.

Re says the American Federationist.

class, or the false and the foolish in the ranks of labor.—American Federationist, President Gompers' paper, in the course of a rather warm comment on the Denver convention of the Western labor unions, in which it charges the Western unions' declaration for Socialism with being an initation of De Leonism. But in the portion we have quoted above there occur some remarkable phrases, coming from a man who still advocates the splitting of the labor vote at the ballot box. What can he mean when he says, "And secure labor's final emancipation?" Emancipation from what? Manifestly, from wage slavery, from the wage system, under which the workers (there being always more men than jobs) have to bid against each other for employment and thus accept little more than a living wage for their work, while that work in the aggregate produces the vast wealth of the country upon which millionaires and billionaires grow fat and arrogant and feel contempt for the rights or the comfort of their fellow men. There is no other emancipation possible. So, therefore, Mr. Gommers is making use of is no other emancipation possible. So, therefore, Mr. Gompers is making use of a revolutionary phrase. If he means it—and we make no question of his intentions—then he puts himself in the same position as the organization he is criticising, which also declares for the emancipation of labor term its clarate teasure.

The Denver Alliance says the following definition of Socialism by Prof. Mills is the best it has seen:

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First—The collective ownership of the means of producing the means of life.

Second—The democratic management by the workers of the collectively owned means of producing the means of life.

Third—Equal opportunities for all men and women to the use and benefits of these collectively owned and democratically managed means of producing the means of life.

Let us set the Alliance right. It isn't Socialism that the above defines, but Social Democracy. Social Democracy is Socialism, but Socialism is not always Social Democracy.

Lieutenant General David C. Coates of Colorado, who was formerly a Silverite, has come out flat for Socialism, and is now a member of our party. In answer to a general inquiry he said to a reporter of the Rocky Mountain News:

reporter of the Rocky Mountain News:

"Yes, I sent in my application about a week ago, and on Sunday night was made an active member of that party. I shall be found fighting for those principles. I admit that I have been advised against it, and have heard much talk about political errors, but I mean to take the stand and to stick to it. I am more anxious than anything else to do some good in this world, and believe in a man following his convictions, first of all. I have believed in socialism for years, as the only means of elevating the working classes to a place of independence and to that position they should rightfully occupy. Having taken this stand long ago. I shall not turn back from it now, and onot want to. I would far rather retain my convictions than to hold any office."

Since declaring for the Socialist party

Since declaring for the Socialist party Comrade Coates has been beset on all sides "by pothouse politicians of various degrees of prominence and influence." we are informed by a Denver newspaper.

The printing press isn't always a liberator. When Admiral Dewey gave Aguinaldo a printing press just after the battle of Manila Bay, Aguinaldo immediately used it to issue a proclamation as to the freedom of his people-but they are not free yet!

"Time was when it was thought that the 'hewers of wood and drawers of wa-ter' could work seven days in a week and twelve to sixteen hours a day."—Union Boot and Shoe Worker, Boston.

The benevolent Milwaukee street railway thinks so yet.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The patriotism of peace requires greater courage than the patriotism of war. "A state of poverty obscures all the virtues of liberality and munificence."—Ad-

dison.

During the past nine months 8197 Japanese and 1017 Chinese Immigrants came to this country.

"Life every man holds dear; but the brave man holds honor far mor precious—dearer than life."—Shakespeare.

A nation with colonies is kept busy. Look at England! She's like wan iv th' Swiss beliringers.—Dooley.'

The freest covernment comput long endure.

The freest government cannot long endure where the tendency is to create a rapid ac-cumulation of property in the hands of the few.—Daniel Webster.

The United States produces about 34 per cent. of the manufactured goods of the world. Great Britain ranks second with 15 per cent., Germany with 12 and France with 11 per cent. "The gravitation of sin to sorrow is as certain as that of the earth to the sun, and more so-for experimental proof or the fact is within reach of us all—nay, is before us all in our own lives, if we had but eyes to see it."—Prof. Huxley.

Prof. Adolph Wagner of Berlin counted it as one of the good features which re-sulted from the purchase of Prussian pri-vate railways by the state, that their stocks could no longer be used as formerly, merely for speculative, that is, gambling purposes.— —Lorimer.

-Lorimer.

One thing is certain, the state should keep and exercise control over every corporate franchise. A franchise is a privilege that the possessor enjoys beyond the rest of the citizens. For that reason it should never be irrevokable. In other words, it should be a cardinal maxim that there can be no private property in privilege.—David Dudley Field.

we simply advise him to study the question—Pueblo (Col.) Courier.

"And now comes the N. Y. Evening Post and wants to have Gen. Smith shot for his barbarities in the Philippines. Gen. Smith wishes to shoot Filipino children, the Evening Post. The fundamental sin at the bottom of it all is the desire to kill somebody. And who is this sorry specimen of the tribe of Smith! He was once somebody's innocent baby. He was lured away from the paths of usefulness by us, the American people, and tangit by us all the most scientific and efficielous methods of slaughter. Then we filled him with hatred of the liberty-seeking Filipinos and sent him over there to express that hatred in bis actions. And now are we to be vexed because he has become a litt'e more of a savage than we intended? Fiddlesticks! He is our own handlwork and we must answer for him. Smith and his deeds are the natural fruit of War. Down with War!—Whim.

HAVE WE GONE BACK ON THE DECLARATION?

The anniversary of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States is upon us, and will, no doubt, be celebrated in the usual foolish fashion; the mode of celebration almost making us wish that the Declaration had never been

The persons who make the most empty noise at this noisy period, are usually those who know and care little or nothing about the reasons for the celebration; and the orators of the day will do little to enlighten them. Spread eagle speeches about liberty, and the glory of the nation, as well as about the greatness of the orators themselves, leave the people in the dark about the real significance of the anniversary.

The establishment of the independence of the United States was an event, the importance of which should not be decried.

It taught the world a lesson which has borne great fruit in its progress towards democracy. It gave the people of the United States an opportunity to progress towards the goal of liberty, and started them on the road to it.

But the goal still lies far ahead, and little has been done in the last hundred years to reach it. Indeed, it sometimes looks as if retrogression instead of progression had

taken place. Since the beginning of the Nineteenth century, the people of the United States, apparently satisfied that they had obtained their independence of the rule of Great Britain, have devoted themselves almost entirely to money getting, and this demoralizing pursuit of wealth has, to a great extent, crushed their aspirations towards greater liberty, and reduced them into mere worshipers of wealth, and even sycophantic toadies and vassals to the men who possess great wealth, no matter by what means they may have obtained it. For King George the Third, the people have permitted to be substituted as their rulers the Morgans, Rockefellers, Carnegies, Vanderbilts and Crokers, who hold the means of subsistence of the people in their control; and for the sturdy farmers of 1776, who braved the snows of Valley Forge and the guns of the British troops, to establish their right to free trade with the whole

guns of the British troops, to establish their right to free trade with the whole world, we have a race of cringing clerks, dependants, wage slaves and parasites, who must obey the will of the Commercial Princes of today, or lose their means of livelihood.

The existing form of government in the United States may have been fairly suited to the small communities of the Eighteenth century. But the nation has outgrown it. It is too unwieldy for the people to have much part in its management, and so has arisen a class of men, miscalled politicians, who give their whole time to and get their living from the management of so-called politicians; so that politics are used to the people, and the moneyed class rules the politicians; so that politics today means only a scramble for office by men who seek to use their offices merely to betray the people at the behest of the real plutocratic rulers, the great owners of the means of production and distribution.

tion.

It remains to be seen whether there is enough of the "spirit of '76" remaining among the people to issue and establish a new Declaration of Independence, which shall declare that the people of the United States "are and of right ought to be forever free and independent" of industrial as well as political kings and rulers; that the land and the means of production and distribution belong to the whole people and are to be administered by all for the equal use and benefit of all; that the people are absolved from all allegiance to the Commercial Princes of today, and owe allegiance only to the broad principles of humanity.

Chicago, June 28.

THE "PATRIOTIC" CITIZEN.

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FATHER HAGERTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

Socialism is in the air. It has conquered the ranks of labor and permeated the schools of learning.—Portiand Oregonian. The development of the consolidation idea renders all protest against ultimate Socialism futtle and foolish.—St. Louis Mir-

It is said the Union Traction Company lost a case in court the other day. Something wrong. Didn't the jury need the money:—Bramis feonoclash.

money?—Bramis Iconoclash.

Denmark, a monarchy, is insisting on a
vote of the inhabitants of St. Thomas, to
ascertain if they consent to a sale of the
islands. America, a republic, does not care
whether they consent or not. Which country stands for the principles of '76?—Ernest
Crosby.

Crosby.

It does not establish the fact of a man's honesty to prove that he only steals or robs a little or part of the time, or to show that his victims still have something left, or that his stealing or robbing actually benefits a lot of people.—Saginaw Expo

nent.

At no time in the history of the United States has there been such a social unrest as at the present moment. There are more strikes and more men out than at any other period. If this is one of the signs of prosperity please give us the other thing. But even this is not without its benefit. The laboring people are everywhere being forced to the conclusion that they must capture the political power of the state, and they will make great progress along those lines this fall.—Labor News, Cheyenne.

Record.

We meet some rattie-brained numbskulla who coolly tell us they "don't believe in Socialism" and before they have said a dozen words it develops that their ignorance of Socialism is as dense as the darkness of a gallery of a coal mine a mile deep with the lights all out. There are very, very few who have even a partial knowledge of Socialism who will tell you they don't believe it a good scheme. This class confine their remarks to saying that it is impracticable. With this man we have no quarrel, he is on the way and will arrive, we simply advise him to study the question.—Pueblo (Col.) Courier.

"And now comes the N. Y. Evening Post

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SOMEWHAT ACADEMIC

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Material conditions form the fundamental basis of human existence. When these become common property, free to all, and abundant for all, they will cease to have that importance they now possess; the sordid struggle for mere material things will disappear; free play will be given to man's higher faculties, and the struggle, competition, or emulation between man and man will be for the realization of his highest conceivable aspirations. With his mind freed from the dreary cares now imposed by the perpetual struggle for daily bread, man will bend his thoughts on nobler things. Absolute master of the material circumstances of his life, his will must dominate and be no longer dominated by them, and such opportunities of existence, such scope for mental and moral gratification, such ideals and aspirations, will open up before him as are at present inconceivable.—The New Catechism of Socialism.

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ent inconceivable.—The New Catechism of Socialism.

The basis of Socialism is economic, involving a fundamental change in the relation of labor to land and capital—a change which will largely affect production, but will entirely revolutionize the existing system of distribution. But, while its basis is economic, Socialism implies and carries with it a change in the political, ethical, technical and artistic arrangements and institutions of society which would constitute a revolution greater probably than has ever taken place in human history, greater than the transition from the ancient to the medieval world, or from the latter to the existing order of society.—Thomas Kirkup, M. A., in Encyclopedia Britannica.

What is the true basis of ownership?

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How then do we get any thing? There are three ways. We may create it by our industry; that is, it may be the product of our own labor. It may be given to us by someone who has created it by his ladustry, either as a free-will offering or in exchange for a product of our own; that is, it may be acquired by gift or purchase. Or we may take possession of it without leave. In the latter case, if we take it from a private owner, the act is called stealing; if from the public fund, it is called speculation.—Lyman Abbott.

What HORACE GREELEY Said:

"Society, as we find it, is organized rapacity. Half of its force is expended in repressing or resisting the jealousles or regueries of its members. We need universal justice based on science. The true Eden lies before, not behind us. We may so provide that labor, now repulsive, may be attractive; while its efficiency in production shall be increased by improvements in machinery and the extended use of natural forces, so as to secure abundance, education, and elegant luxury. To ALLL. What is needed is to provide all "Society, as we find it, is organized apacity. Half of its force is expended of natural forces, so as to secure abund-ance, education, and elegant luxury. TO ALL. What is needed is to provide all with homes, employment, instruction, good living, the most efficient inniements. News, Cheyenne.

The average increase in the rate of wages in the United States does not keep pace with the average increase in the cost of living. This is where the shoe pinches. Save as the laboring man may, he finds that his larger wages do not enable him as the years go by to lay up more money against the day of necessity. To increase the cost of living for the mass in order to pile up unearned wealth in the hands of a few is a wrong that may not be safely persisted in. Philadelphia Record. machinery, etc., securing TO EACH THE FAIR AND FULL RECOMPENSE OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT."

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Now Jonah had a little fund he wanted to invest in something that was safe and sound and paid large interest. "The man," he said, "to help me here is Ebenezer Block, an eminent financier, and a member of my flock."

To Ebenezer, then, he went, and took

To Ebenezer, then, he went, and took his little pile, and Ebenezer didn't laugh—he didn't even smile!—He said: "You've often stood my friend: I'll do as much for you. Invest your little fortune in the mines of Timbuctoo."
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"But, sir," the Rev. Jonah said. "you surely don't mean that? The Timbuctoo I think I've heard, is—what you call— 'wild cat!' ""They're selling," the finan-cier said, "just now at wild cat price; but don't you worry over that, just act on my advice.

on my advice.
"In that case your five hundred in a month will doubled be. To show you I'm in earnest, here's my written guarantee." The guarantee was written out, and signed upon the spot; "and now, good afternoon," said he, "and mind you keep it squat."

But ere a month had pased away, 'tis awful to relate, the Rev. Jonah Blends came back in quite a shocking state. "Oh, Mr. Block!" poor Jonah cried, "You have betrayed my trust. I come to you a ruined man; the Timbuctoo has bust!"

"That's true," the calm financier said,
"but'there, you need not weep; the promise that I made, of course, I'm quite prepared to keep," 'But, oh!' the Rev.
Jouah said, "the deacons of my flock have all invested thousands in that fatal 'wild cat' stock!"

"I know they have. I knew, of course, that you would tell them to; and part of what I got from them I'm going to give to you. They came like hungry wolves, of course, and bought up all I had. If saints will deal with sinful men, I think it serves 'em glad."

The Rev. Jonah volumes looked, but never a word did say, he sorrowfully took his check, and sadly turned away. But what the plundered deacons thought, poor Jonah hasn't learned; he went abroad quite suddenly and hasn't yet returned.—Mont Blong.

Horrors of Modern Warfare.

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Dr. Russell, the London Times correspondent, wrote from the battlefield of Sedan:
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Editor Herald—The revolutionary phrase met its Waterloo in Beigium. The balloon Revolution collapsed when it floated aging the first policeman's sword. Its gas was exhausted instantly and the unhappy crew left struggling in the net work.

The Socialist leaders simply deceived themselves when they thought to scare the forces of reaction into submission by the mere threat of a revolution. The walls of ancient Jericho may have tumbled over the aerial waves from Joshua's truspets. But the ramparts of modern capitalism are strong enough to withstand any force weaker than repeating rides and machine guns.

Fortunately the leaders in Brussels had sense enough to call the "general strike off, before great injury was done to the labor movement. No real social revolutionity could have wished for a repetition of the collaboration of the distribution of the soldier with distribution of the distribution of the soldier with distribution of the distributi

privileged classes, as for instance in this country.

The Socialists of Belgium never would have thought of a revolution, not even here made the threat, had the people the free and equal suffrage, "one man one vote," as we have it here. By means of a rational agitation and by the right use of the ballot they soon would be in a position to transform this monarchy into a social republic.

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In countries like Belgium or Russia, where the working people have only a partial franchise or no franchise at all. Socialist can be excused for using revolutionary and against and seeking relief in a violent resolution. In order to gain their aim the American Socialists have to carry on their rational propaganda and to revolutionist the people's brains.

One cannot force happiness upon the people. They have to want it first. To create the desire for a change of the press at system in the heads of the people, to cancate and organize and prepare the means of the class struggle on the economic and political intellected is the mission of the Socialist. "War is hell" and a civil war is worthen hell. It is easier and better to sto then hell. It is easier and better to sto then hell. It is easier and better to sto the bullets by the ballot than with human bodies.

Chicago, June 25. Chicago, June 25.

Where Capitalism Pinches.

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At a recent conference, convened by the National Housing Reform Council, and the Lancashire Federation of Trade and Labor Councils, held in Manchester, Engind, Councillor Thompson said there was no part of England where there was greater loss of life owing to the housing conditions than in the county of Lancashire, Peoplewere dying like rotten sheep, not only in the slums, but throughout the county, is one period of ten years, and these not exceptionally high years, they had in Lancashire a death-rate of over 21 per 100, which was worse than in any other county of England.

Liberty is the real mother of patrictism. The cirizens of America who love the last so much that they seem intent on monopolizing it all for their own benefit, may be ciever business men, but they do not sympathize with genuine patrictism.—Dr. Lorimer.

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The idea of fidelity to something is, in its inception, one of the noblest instincts the human soul.

To be true to a good thing through hardship and bitter opposition develops in an certain qualities that come to blossom not otherwise. But the lack of instincted discernment may lead our noblest passions far astray.

Patriotism has been called a noble passion, and it is indisputable that many odd men have died for it; but where it crosses the line that divides the provece of Love of Home from the province of Hatred of One's Neighbor it besme ignoble and destructive of morals. Patriotism today, as much as in any widd of the world's history is not love, but hatred—hatred of our fellows.

In the great world-brotherhood which is coming, there will be no place for his thing that men today call patriotism; this thing which—high-sounding hough it be—has been warped to foster the hatred of people against people; sople never separated by any barriers that Nature, or the Force called God, has

people never separated by any barriers that Nature, or the Force called God, has lecause the intellectual discernment of the masses is never very clear, crifty self-interest has been able to distort the idea of love of country into the idea of the national opposition of national interests. This is the subtle play which has always made it possible for elegant paupers called kings and shiftless lasses called "nobles" to involve whole peoples in their vulgar quarrels.

Does not one's heart ache for the poor pensant who during all the centuries has shouldered his pike or his musket and gone out to kill other peasants, leaving heart-broken women and children behind him; not because he hated the other peasant, not because the other peasant hated him, but because one king coveted he land or the mistress of another king, and because the pensant had been shooled in this tradition of "patriotism,"—the patriotism which Dr. Johnson called the last refuge of the scoundrel.

And today this tradition still obtains; it may be recognized in those men of Encland and America who, at the call of Tory politicians, the servants of commercial greed, have left their homes and their wives and children to kill other men in South Africa and the Philippines; men whom they do not know; who never did them any harm; and men who perhaps are also human, and who are loved by women and children.

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It is patriotism, more aptly called nationalism, which makes such stupidity possible.

The common people of the world never yet had a difference; they have only been made to believe they had.

The common people of England fought the Boer war, and now they and their children and their children's children will have to work to pay for it.

The American common people are doing the same thing. They are giving the lives of their sons, and a daily fraction of their wages to conquer a brave people who never did them any harm, and they will only gain a pension list to maintain as their share of the fruits of victory.

The spirit of nationalism not only enslaves the workers to the exploiters of nations, but it retards the progress of intellectual and spiritual life by isolating it from the warm, palpitating, universal life of the world.

We should love and reverence our native country simply as the home in which our life is to develop, among brothers and sisters linked to us by the family ties of a common language. The separate nations are merely the separate families of humanity, and even as no man can completely fulfill his duties as a taber who fails in the higher duty which he owes the state; so no man can rightly fulfill his duties as a patriot who fails in the higher duty which he owes the state; so no man can will constitute the state or commonwealth of the world—in outlines much as the American states constitute the American commonwealth. They will have a common need and a common destiny, and no one will be left to foment fictious differences. For such a unifying of the people will abolish all the useless lings and princes and "nobles" and their never-ending jealousies and covetous quarrels: quarrels which never are settled in their own blood as they should be if by violence at all, but by the blood of the common life whose ceaseless labor gives to them that very leisure in which they mature the schemes for its exploitation.

How noble, how kingly it is, to declare war against another people and then sead some ot

terests in which they do not share—he does not require courage; he may be, and often is, a coward.

It is only a few years since America was respected, and feared with a holy fear; eally a few years since she crossed the line into infamy. This American nation; this ist hope of human liberty before another cycle of block tyranny shall begin, has falled. Does it please the men who have destroyed American honor that the little republics of the world no longer look at us with trustful eyes? Do they like America, or a century the beacon light of human liberty—as she stands today dishonored with besidened integrity and. bedraggled garments at the gaming-table of base and vulgar European diplomacy?

The day of nationality is passing.

The exploiters of the world no longer have a country. A Fourth of July celebration in America is a silly thing. What America gained from the outside she has lost from the inside. The Americans, as a people, have forgotten what liberty is.

Capitalism is extinguishing nations for purposes of human exploitation, and down in the heart of the people Socialism is doing the same thing—but for human liberty. The workers of the world are beginning to see what "patriotism" really is. They are beginning to see the absurdity of wasting their lives and impoverishing their families by faiting battles not their own; battles waged in the name of patriotism by private pred. They are beginning to listen to such men as Toistoy and Kropotkin and Marx and George and to sak questions about equality of opportunity; questions dangerous and George and to sak questions about equality of copportunity; questions dangerous and George and to sak questions about equality of copportunity; questions dangerous and George and to sak questions about equality of conquest and turn the people to the same thing and the production of the production of the may they tremble; well may they refule in their impotence again to raise the fiags of conquest and turn the people to the set of the production of the may that the may they t

TWO CONFLICTING SYSTEMS-By Eugene V. Debs.

re are two social and economic systems which have been conflicting since beginning of society. Under one systems which have been conflicting since beginning of society. Under one system the few have enjoyed the fruits of earth and the masses have been doomed to serve as beasts of burden. The efficiency of this system believe, for the most part, and honestly, that a system check the few rule and the masses toil and submit in silence, is on whole a good system. It is a system, however, that has filled the world hunspeakable woe, and it is needless to say that it is under this system that now live. There is another system under which there is no favored class, no sall no silence and where the earth and the fullness thereof becomes the heit. perial priliges, and where the earth and the fullness thereof becomes the heritage of the common people. Under this system economic freedom will be established and the brotherhood of man inaugurated. I believe there is good in every human sent. I believe that people are naturally good, but they can be perverted unter the present industrial system. Greed is the dominating motive. You have got block down your fellow man under the present system in self-defense. Everything is fair in business, and business is war. Prof. Hertzka of the University of Vienna, estimates that the working population of Austria over 16 and unter 50 years of age could, under a condition of Socialism, produce the necessaries and the comforts of the kingdom at the rate of one hour and twenty minutes out per day. The Social Democrats propose that the machinery which is dong the work of the country shall become the property of the people. Machinery as designed to bless the world, but under the present system it takes work, and, beerfore, bread, from the worker.

A Cry from the Chetto.

stated from the Yiddish of Morris Rosenfeld by J. W. Linn.) caring of the wheels has filled my Raring of the water.

ars, he clashing and the clamor shut me in;

if, my soul, in chaos disapears,

anot think or feel amid the din.

ag and folling and toiling—endless toil.

whom? For what? Why should the

I work until the day and night are one.

he clock above me ticks away the day. Its hands are spinning, spinning, like the cal...ot sleep or for a moment stay.

It is a thing like me, and does not feel.

thros as tho' my heart were beating

there. My heart? I know not what it means, as clock ticks, and below I strive and stare, and so we lose the hour. We are ma-

can calls a truce, an ending to the sound, as is a battle had one moment stayed—bloody field! The dead lie all around: Their wounds ery out until I grow afraid. comes—the signal! See, the dead men rise.

They fight again, amid the roar they fight, and knowing not for whom, or of fight, they fall, they sink into the

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today fighting for their rights and the enforcement of the severeign principles of the Constitution of the United States? As Jonathan Mayhew in 1750, Samuel Adams in 1772, Patrick Henry in 1775 and George Washington in 1776 cried out against the wrongs of those days, so the Socialist is preaching the doctrines of human rights and night are one. It is a saway the day, spinning, like the moment stay, and does not feel. It is moment stay, and does not feel. It is more than the construction of the right of criticism of government. Does not that declaration say: "But when a long train of abuses and surpations, pursuing invaribly the same object, evinces a design to reduce them (mankind) under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government, and to provide new guards for their future security."

And to this declaration were affixed the names of men whose blood dyed red the pages of later history. They, too, were agitation brought a majority to see the right and when the bectaration of independence was issued the most bitter criticism and the most stringing sarcasm; but they knew they were right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and when the bectaration of independence was issued the most bitter criticism and the ropovide new design and the constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority of the constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a majority to see the right and constant agitation brought a major

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"Friend, do you own these cattle?" "And do you own the pasture?"

"Yes."

"Then, WHY DON'T YOU LET DOWN THE BARS so that the cattle can feed themselves?"

Said the owner: "I have as yet failed to see that letting down the bars would be a panacea for all the leanness these cattle are heir to. Instead of broaching far-away theories, do something practical; jump over the fence and help me pull some grass and feed it to the calves."

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ccused of using hard language. admit the charge. I have been unable to find a soft word to describe villainy, or o identify the perpetrator of it. He who, vhen he sees oppression, cries out against it—who, when he beholds his equal broth-ers trodden under foot by the iron hoof of despotism, takes his side with the former, at the imminent paril of his own safety-such a man needs no certificate to excellence of his temper or the sincerity of his heart, or the disinterested ness of his conduct.-William Lloyd Gar

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GENERAL NOTES.

There are 134 union barber shops in Cin-A co-operative bakery is to be started in Winnipeg, Man., as a result of the bakers strike.

The Brockton Co-operative shoe factory has begun work on a 25x50, four stories high, addition. The largest Barbers' Union in the United States is in San Francisco, having more than 1000 members.

Under Socialism when there is a surplus of coal the miners will go on a vacation instead of going on a strike.

Union workers of Dundee, Ill., identified with the Lutheran Church have been notified to quit their organization or leave the church.

leave the cnurch.

The Co-operative Shoe Factory at Brockton has demonstrated that co-operation can
succeed, and they are now about to enlarge
their plant to twice its present size.

Better a child should be ignorant of a thousand truths than have consecrated in its heart a single lie.—Ruskin.

Compulsory arbitration has been defeated by the British trade-union Congress, re-cently held at Swansea, Wales, by a vote of 676,000 against to 366,000 for. Ben Tillet favored the measure

The North American Trust Company of New York is promoting a glrantle com-bination of national banks of the country, which is to include one national bank in each financial center and state capital. In the year 1900 there were employed in the mines of the world 4,475,000. The three greatest nations in this industry are: Great Britain with 1,000,000 miners, Germany with 750,000 and United tSates with 500,000.

with 750,000 and United tSates with 500,000. Eight times as many men and boys are killed and injured annually in the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania as were killed and wounded in the American ranks in the Spanish-American war in Cuba.

With ninety National and International Unions issuing from two to twenty charters each month, and the A. F. of Labor issuing an average of two charters per day you can understand how the labor movement is growing.

A reversible button for all union men

A reversible button for all union men, one side to mean "I am working," the other to indicate "I am looking for work," is a suggestion that will be brought to the attention of the Federation of Labor.

It is rather remarkable that the man who can see a great objection to surren-dering his independence to the union can see nothing out of place in surrendering his body and soul to a boss.—Coast Sea-men's Journal.

A movement to consolidate all the marine labor interests on the Great lakes will be started in Chicago next Sunday, when a marine labor council will be formed. It is expected the total membership will amount to 25,000 men.

The Danish Shipping Federation open-ly declares its intention of breaking up the organization of its employes and has announced that it will in the future engage no more members of labor unions

engage no more members of labor unions.

Germany people are discussing the big profit made by the two companies controlled by the Standard Oil Co. in the Fatherland. They cleaned up 38 and 44.5 per cent. in the year, and now all the little "spiesbürger" want to get in with Rockefeller.

"Poverty and the British Rule in India," is the title of a recently issued book. "Prosperous British India" is the title of another recent book. Yet there is nothing incongruous in these seemingly contradictory titles. British prosperity means starvation for someone always, just as any other capitalist prosperity.

The net income of the U. S. steel trust for the first quarter of its fiscal year is announced as \$40,000,000. Great is prosperity. The wheels that are going round so briskly give anxious livings to the workers and millions to the fleecers. But as long as the people are busy the way in which the product is distributed cuts no figure!

no figure!

The Gas Belt Labor News tells its readers that one James E. Truesdale, a "life-long union man," has been nominated for Congress. Now, before we agree with the News that this is a great victory for labor, we would like to be informed what party he will serve, if elected. The News does not state, and this is important.

The employing printers of the serve.

The employing printers of the country are assessing themselves to create a fund of \$100,000 to enable them "to make a successful stand against what, at any time, they may consider an unjust demand or a strike on the part of their employes or of the typographical organization of the country."

"The great question of the future is money against legislation. My friends, you and I shall be in our graves long before that battle is ended; and, unless our children have more paties and courage than saved this country from slavery, republican institutions will go down before moneyed corporations. Bich men die; but banks are immortal and railroad companies never have any diseases. In the long run with the legislatures they are sure to win.

"As the land in England in the hands of thirty thousand has ruled it for 600 years, so the corporations of America men to govern; and unless some power more radical than ordinary politics is found, cal than ordinary politics is found, if republican institutions here depends upon a successful resistance to this tendency. The only hope of any effectual grapple with the danger lies in arousing the masses, whose interests lie permanently in the opposite direction."

Deal With Organizations.

The cost of labor is one of the principal items that enter into competition between business men. No one can deup tils. Then is it not a decided advantage to deal with an organization of labor that guarantees to the business man that his competitor is paying the same wages as he does? And, besides, there is not a union in existence which places their minimum wages above what a man can support a family upon comfortably. Union wages are always reasonable wages.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

What the Fleecers are Doing.

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These men have enough ability, and more than enough, to solve ne problems of production and distribution, if they could be interested in the welfare of humanity, as they are interested in the size of their bank accounts.

It is some comfort to think that although they are robbing the people now and have no other thought, they are doing good to future generations in spite of themselves. They are combining the great industries, simplifying production and distribution. They are hurrying on the day of wrath, of justice, of national confiscation, which will take from the industrial pirate his stolen wealth and turn over to the people the control and ownership of public necessities.—New York Journal.

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fer, deceased.

Whereas, an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of Anna Margaretha Kupfer, deceased, late of the city and county of Milwaukee, has been delivered and deposited with the above named court; and whereas, application has been made by Christ Kupfer and Edward Kupfer, praying that the same be proved and admitted to probate, according to the laws of this state and that letters testamentary be granted thereon according to law to said Christ Kupfer and Edward Kupfer.

mentary be granted thereon according to low to said Christ Kupfer and Edward Kupfer.

It is ordered, that said application be heard before this court at a regular term thereof, to be held in the county court room at the court house in the city of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of September, A. D. 1902, at 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon the rafter as the same may be reached on the calendar.

And it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three weeks successively, once in each week, in the Social Democratic Herald, a newspaper printed in said city, prior to said hearing, and by serving a copy of this order personally on Albert Froede, the guardian ad litem of the minors interested in said estate, at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

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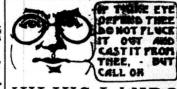
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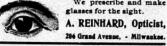
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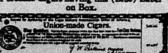
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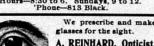
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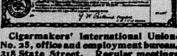
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Notes from Yankee-land.

The Cleveland Citizen has a new dres The Ontario Socialists cast a total of 2000 votes at the recent election.

Comrade Carl Thompson is touring Colorado and having big meetings. Lieut.-Gov. Coates of Colorado has formally joined the Socialists.

Oklahoma Socialists held their territo-al convention June 21 at Oklahoma

Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth of Chicago has gone to Denver on a speak-ing trip.

National Secretary Greenbaum now employs an assistant secretary and four stenographers.

The Colorado state convention was held at Colorado Springs July 4. Report next week.

port next week.

C. D. Bailey of Dexter, Mo., formerly prominent in the Populist movement, has come out for Socialism.

The New York party state convention was held on July 4 at Labor Lyceum, New York city. Report next week.

Scattle Socialists are sticking up posters with cartoons on them to catch the idea of the resigned wage slaves of that city.

California has fifty branches. A mon-ster picnic was held at Long Beach near San Francisco on July 4 with Comrade Walter Mills as speaker.

Waiter Mills as speaker.

The Industrial Socialists of America is the name of a new organization with headquarters in San Francisco. It has a paper called Labor Capital.

Comrade Mila Tupper Maynard is holding Sunday afternoon classes in Socialism in the Charles block, Denver. The classes will continue for five weeks.

While in Clargiand the other day Com-

clases will continue for five weeks.

While in Cleveland the other day Comrade McDermut of Chicago stated that there was a possibility of Comrade Stedman's election to the Illinois Legislature.

The Social Democrats of Ohio, nineteenth congressional district, held their convention July 4 at Akron. Comrades Max Hayes and Robert Bandlow spoke.

Workers of New Hampshire earn on an average of \$6.85 per week, according to the Labor Bureau of the state. Now we can see where all the millionaires can feet

The Wage Worker of Detroit prints a group of the Michigan state candidates with Comrade Walters for governor in the center. They look like a band of thoughtful fighters, all right.

The Seattle Socialist charges Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco with begging for the nomination for governor of California from the Republican party, although he was elected mayor by labor votes.

The Socialists of New Castle, Pa., are after the capitalist politicians of that locality and are trying to force one Senator Brown to a debate. Debates are pretty hard things to get these days, if it is a Socialist that does the challenging.

The Central Trades and Labor Union of St. Louis has elected a campaign committee of five to work in conjunction with the campaign committee of the Socialist party. Comrade H. B. Dunn, editor of the Misouri Socialist, has been of the Misouri Socialist Misouri Mis

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The congressional county and city conventions of the Saginaw, Michigan, comrades was held July 4.

Comrade W. E. Walter, candidate for governor, is touring Michigan. He was in Grand Rapids last week.

Comrade Gaylord of New London, who will join Comrade Berger in a trip through the state, is an accomplished singer. Our comrades will do well to call on him for a song during their meetings.

The south side comrades in Milwaukee are plotting to get after the large number of people who were not members of the party, but voted our ticket in the sprin. They are going to get a lot of them in line.

Comrade Coates and Editor O'Neill of

Comrade Coates and Editor O'Neill of the Miners' Magazine spoke at Telluride, Co., July 3, on the occasion of the dedi-cation of a monument to John Barthell, who was shot by armed thugs during the mine troubles a year ago.

H. G. WILSHIRE, of Wilshire's Magasine, will speak at West Side Union Park, on the evening of July 9, under the auspices of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Owing to the manner in which he has been able to arrange his dates, Comrade H. Gaylord Wilshire, editor of Wilshire's Magazine, will reach Milwaukee July 7, instead of the 9th, as at first announced, so that two extra meetings will be arranged for him, for which watch the daily papers. On the 9th he will speak under the auspices of the State Federation of Labor, as previously announced. On June 23 a meeting of Socialists in tion of Labor, as previously announced.
On June 23 a meeting of Socialists in Newark was broken into by police with drawn revolvers and seventeen were marched to jail. It was a sequel to the efforts of the police to break up the open air meetings. The meeting was held by the Essex county branch of the party and the action of the authorities aroused great indignation. A protest meeting was held on the following Sunday, at which speeches were made by Comrade Meyer London and others. The thing will be remembered on election day.

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Across the Herring Pond.

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The Socialists in Switzerland got another cantonal legislative seat at Thun the other day, making sixteen in all. We acknowledge the receipt at this office of the report of the tenth annual conference of the Independent Labor party of England, held at the city hall, Liverpool, in April.

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barty of England, held at the city hai, Liverpool, in April.

The comrades in Glasgow recently gave a banquet to their comrade, James Johnstone, at which the French Socialist, Raymond Lepetit, presided, and French, German and Russian comrades also took part.

The French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 442 to 11 passed a bill forbidding public and private employment of more than six complete days a week. The Milwaukee street railway company, which employs its men seven days in seven, ought to be glad it is running cars in free America instead of in France. In free America the workers can be skinned to a finish.

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Michael Davitt wrote a hearty letter to the projectors of the banquet to Queich of the London Justice, regretting that for reasons of geographical distance he would be unable to "join the many other friends and admirers in offering him a grateful tribute of thanks for the work he has done in his own manly, straighterward way for the treat cause of Soto a finish. forward way for the great cause of So-cial Democracy and the general uplift-ing of the working classes."

ing of the working classes."

At a meeting in Lincoln, England, called to condemn the ministerial educational bill, the Socialist, J. Dutton, moved the following, which went through with a whoop: "That in view of the fact that an enormous number of children attend our public schools in a starving condition, and insufficiently clothed, this meeting is of opinion that no alteration in our educational laws will be satisfactory which does not make adequate provision for the feeding and clothing of all children who may claim it."

The banquet to Harry Quelch, editor

The banquet to Harry Quelch, editor of London Justice, held June 5, brought out some happy and spirited responses. Herbert Burrows was toastmaster and Herbert Burrows was toastmaster and among the international celebrities who graced the festive board were Walter Crane, H. M. Hyndman, E. Belfort Bax, Pete Curran, Ramsey McDonald, Ben Tillett, A. E. Fletcher, Eduard Villant, Robert Blatchford, W. M. Thompson and others. Crane paid a beautiful tribute to the guest of the evening. The other speeches were filled to the brim with the spirit of international fellowship.

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The London Social Democrat publishes a halftone group of the members of the International Socialist Bureau, which has its headquarters in Brussels. Those appearing are Van Kol and Troilstra of Holland, Vandervelde and Anssele of Belgium, Singer and Kautsky of Germany, Pleckhanoff and Krytchevsky of Russia, Hyndman and Quelch of England, Mme. Wodjnarowska of Poland, Vaillant and Gerault-Richard of France, V. Serwy, the secretary, and Dr. Herron of the United States. The bureau was begun in 1900.

The Berger-Gaylord Tour.

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Windeld R. Gaylord, pastor of the Congregational church at New London, who is aiready known to Wisconsin audiences as a lecturer on the Social problem, has formally embraced Socialism and identified himself with the Social Democratic party. He has been secured to make an agitating and organizing tour of the state in company with Comrade Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee. Comrade Gaylord has been a student of Socialism for some time, and was formerly assistant to Comrade Carl Thompson, who is now touring the West for the party, when he was pastor of a church in Elgin, ills. The following are the dates so far arranged, and even these are subject to change:

Manltowoc July 16
Stockbridge July 16
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Fourier and Marx.

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Karl Marx's masterly analysis of the capitalist system, which only stands out as the more admirable by the utter failure of third-rate professors and publicists to pick holes in it, has secured from him such a position in the world of thought and in the history of economics that it is quite unnecessary to claim for him anything more than what he has so splendidly done. It is safe to say that his great work must be the basis for all future writers who wish to achieve permanent distinction in the field which he made his own. That is becoming, more and more obvious every day; even the Times, the leading capitalist journal of the world, having, as we pointed out last week, accepted and enforced the truth of Marx's pre-eminence being now unquestioned except by the ignorant or the more than ignorant half-learned, we somewhat regret the habit which Socialists have got into of talking and writing as if Marx had no predecessors. This is a mistake which he himself took good care never to make. True, he knew that he had made discoveries and that coming at the period he did he had been able to do really original work. But that did not lessen his admiration and appreciation of St. Simon, Robert Owen, and Fourier, as well as others. Now, it so happens that the first clear prognostication of the inevitable development of competitive capitalism into monopoly as an economic and social law was first made by Fourier at the time when Marx was 6 years old. He expressed himself quite unmistakably on this head, and his forecast, regard being had to the comparatively small development of capitalist industrialism in 1824, is almost worthy to be put side by side with Aristotle's famous dictum, "Slavery can never be abolished; except, perhaps, by the help of machines." The failure of Fourier's phalanstery projects and the miscarriage of his disciple, Victor Considerant's experiments in America have biinded many men to his genius.—Justice, London.

Socialist History and Portrait Gallery.

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The Socialist movement in America has a history of special interest and value. It has not yet been exhaustively written, but a little book of 133 pages by Frederic Heath, entitled "Social Democracy Red Book; A Brief History of Spcialism in America," should be read by every Socialist and have a place in the library of every student of socialism and everyone in the least interested in the great social, industrial and economic questions of the day.

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ready when you are, comrades. * If there was a huge and ugly rock in the path of progress and some of the people got at it and wczked till they got it started, could you resist the temptation then to lend a hand to make it roll rapidly? The battle for Socialism is just reaching that point. The ugly obstruction, capitalism, is just beginning to tremble and feel our onslaught. Now is the time to keep her rocking, each move getting her farther from her equilibrium. Can you resist, now, to send in your mite to the Union Secretary fund? * * Comrade Howard Tuttle, late candidate for mayor of Milwaukee at the head of the Socialist hosts, left this week for Marshalltown, Ia., to be gone several weeks. As usual, he took a grip full of literature with him. * * * This edition of The Herald will go to all corners of the country and take in Europe, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa. Watch our smoke! * * * Comrade Juster of New York got at his old tricks again last week and landed a nice string of new ones. The same mail brought more orders from British Columbia, with a neat little order from Canada. * * * Comrade Acker of Milwaukee laid in some Socialist fireworks this week. as being more patriotic and enduring than the kind the toy stores sell. Seven yearly subscriptions were in the bunch. * * * Colorado and the mining states in the West are keeping the mailing room busy, these days. It is good to see seed fall so fertile ground. * * * Saturday afternoons are growing to be regular reception days at this office. There is always a bunch of local enthusiats "just showmen say. And, say, the dictionaries are not all going out by mail, by any means. The bovs are after them like showmen say. And, say, the dictionaries are not all going out by mail, by any means. The bovs are after them like showmen say. And, say, the dictionaries are not land the big book as a premium. * * The business end of the office got the front windows last week and set out a tempting display of papers, books and other Socialist literature. Passersby

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meetings are use. E. V. Debs.

Omaha, Neb., June 26.—Editor Herald: I am already a subscriber but wish those friends of mine (names, etc., enclosed) to get a taste of the gospel of Socialism. I read or take three other Socialist papers, but the Herald is the only one that teaches the truth as I understand it.

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in one bunch. The twentieth man escaped! * * * Comrade West of Monet, Mo., doesn't seem to let opportunities to get subscribers slip, to judge from his list just received. * * * Comrade Miller of Indianapolis cut ten notches on his spear handle last week, and is still spearing! * * Remember! Don't be a "sunshine patriot." Remember that fund.

From The Mail Bag.

Equality, Wash., June 12.—Editor Herald: I consider the Herald one of the best Socialist papers.

W. R. Giles.

Vancouver, B. C., June 24.—Dear Herald: From now on I shall be on the road constantly until June next. You would be surprised to see what a large cortespondence follows me. I am making or closing up my dates in advance and as I am making a new point each day and some of them are far apart, the task is not easy. My meetings are very enthusiastic. V. Debs.

Omaha, Neb., June 28.—Editor Herald: I

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NATIONAL PLATFORM of the text of OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

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

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership ensables the capitalists to coutrof the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

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note by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and keep the workers dependent upon them.

Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the workers, and it divides society into two hostific classes—the capitalists and wage workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalist the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the working men to a state of intellectual, physical and social interiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

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The economic interests of the capitalist class and the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are for the workers. And the active force in bringing about this pew and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interests of the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which device of capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage workers. And the active force in bringing about this pew and higher order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interests of the capitalist system of private ownership of the instruments of the capitalist system of private ownership of the instruments of the capitalist system of private ownership of the instruments of the capitalist system of production, are alike particularly the capitalist system of private ownership of the instruments of the capitalis

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of the capital that the development of the capital that the development of the capital that the the capital that the the capital that the transition of Scialism also depend up the properties of the capital that the transition of Scialism also depend up the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

As such means we advocate:

1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all datastries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the reverse and combines of was an expectation of the transportation of the tradition of the transportation of the reduction of the transportation of the reduction of the transportation of the seaso of the capital of the hours of labor of the employes, and then to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor of proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of