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IN THE SPIRIT THAT CONQUERS.

What is the proper spirit in which to do work for Socialism? How can we best help on the battle for human rights, for the abolition of...

Do not publish this letter entire, only the part about the meeting. For the encouragement of the comrades, if possible, without...

What Social Democrat is not the better for reading such cheering words?—what true worker but cannot get still greater inspiration from...

MORE OUTRAGES ON TOILERS!

The manufacturers of Racine, Wis., as a result of their recent organization of a branch of Parry's...

Check No. Racine, Wis., 1903. I am occupying a position as... in the Foundry Department of the...

Do you notice the clause: "I hereby agree not to unite in any concerted action to change any of the conditions during 1903-04."

Who will protect the workers from the cruelties of capitalism? They form unions to get the protection which comes from concerted action and the capitalistic courts...

Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota, at a G. A. R. campfire the other day, said: "We like to call this the golden age of the American people, but I call it the age of greed and graft."

turn to Socialism. The plutocrats like to quote his dictum: "The liberty of each is limited alone by the like liberty of all," which they turn to mean that so long as you allow others to try to skin you, you can skin others to your heart's content...

Of course there is nothing in that indictment by the grand jury in Nebraska of U. S. Senator Dietrich. Who ever heard of an U. S. senator doing anything crooked!

In a letter just received from Father McGrady by The Herald, he says: "I would never be anything else but a Socialist."

A boy who stole 95 cents was sent up for one year the other day. He belonged to the working class. Captain Carter, in the engineer's service on government work at Charleston three years ago, stole over two millions.

And now some of our truly philanthropic labor skimmers are rushing into print over a great scheme to abolish the slums. They propose to colonize the slumites on farming land, and presto!—the great problem is solved.

We print herewith a copy of a new form of contract that the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. is trying to force the molders to sign.

!!!! Merry Christmas!!!!

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—"High finance" has entered into Santa Claus's business. Realizing that with a demand for but 50,000 Christmas trees and 80,000 on hand they would lose money, wholesale dealers here combined interests and early in the morning had thirty carloads of spruce pines taken to the outskirts of the city and burned.

Read the above dispatch over carefully. Shows you how much reality there is in the claim that Christmas time is a time of good deeds and good will. Probably many of those who destroyed these trees were men of good intentions and who would feel insulted if they were called by harsh names, and yet, business is business, and they are ruled by it.

All over the country the tender-hearted labor skimmers are winning newspaper praise by providing the poor with Christmas dinners. What a mockery it is! If there were no labor-skimmers there would be no poor—and to stretch the poor's stomachs on Christmas day is only to make them feel emptier and fatter than ever the day after!

Peace on Earth! But the newspapers will continue to tell us of suicides, murders and crimes innumerable superinduced by the capitalist system.

Because this paper objected to the Milwaukee school board employing Prof. J. C. Monaghan as a public lecturer, Monaghan having gone about the state slandering Socialists by calling them free lovers, the Milwaukee Sentinel charges the editor with being against free speech!

It is said that certain prominent Toledo people are under investigation charged with having a plan to establish a house for immoral purposes. These capitalists are so playful and innocently naughty, you know—but what would society do without them!

Remember, good people, you are poor "because you do not live within your income," so bear in mind that Christmas trees and presents are luxuries! And strangest of all, it is often the merchant who is heard to make that claim about the working people not being saving enough, and yet he is just the man who would howl loudest if the working class stopped buying anything above the barest necessities!

The politician on the eve of an election tells you that you are a sovereign citizen. You are nothing of the kind. In the present system you are simply labor power, merchandise, bought in what they call the labor market as if you were hair, hide, bone or any other commodity subject to the law of demand and supply.

The Great Game of Politics.

EUGENE V. DEBS' CLARION CALL TO THE WORKERS OF AMERICA.

(From an Address delivered to an Audience of 15,000 People at the Chicago Coliseum.)

STAND IN YOUR PRESENCE this afternoon a Socialist, class conscious, revolutionary, uncompromising. I have little time and no use for what is commonly called reform. You cannot reform rottenness. The only reform of the capitalist system which is possible is overthrow and destruction.

The Republican party is in absolute power in the interest, as we are told, mainly of the working class, the producers of wealth. The Democratic party is not only dead, but in an advanced state of decomposition. But it will not be permitted to disintegrate entirely. It still has a mission. The time has come to shove in a Democratic administration because a panic is due, and the panic must of course fall upon the Democratic jackass, and then we will hear the old stereotype cry, "That is what you get for turning out the Republican party. Give us eight years more of Republican rule." But there is an ever-increasing number of workmen in this country who can no longer be deceived.

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At this point it is pertinent to ask, what is labor power? Labor power is human energy. Labor power is life or as sacred as life itself. Looking backward over the past forty years we read of the auction block and the slave pen. We see a human being with a throbbing heart and an immortal soul; we see him placed upon the auction block in public, his teeth inspected and his body examined to see if he is sound. He is then torn from his wife and children and sold to the highest bidder. We stand aghast as we contemplate the fact that this auction block existed for 200 years upon American soil.

You expect to reform such a system. I ask you how? You punish crime, but you produce it a hundredfold. We Socialists do not propose to mend this system; we propose to put an end to it, and that is the reason we are appealing to you this afternoon, not to accept our philosophy unthinkingly, not to subscribe to our principles without investigation. We are appealing to you to preserve your mental integrity, your moral rectitude; we are appealing to you to think for yourselves.

The workingmen are beginning to realize that if they would emancipate themselves from the degrading thralldom of the ages they must unite upon the economic field and upon the political field, but above all things they must unite. The solidarity of the working class is the supreme demand of the hour.

There are some so-called leaders of labor who favor solidarity upon the economic field, but who are opposed to it upon the political field. They are not in fact union men. They lack the vital, essential principle of true unionism. They lead the working class backward, not forward. They are in alliance, active or passive, with the capitalist class.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said the other day that he had read Socialism in two languages. He had better have understood it in one. He is opposed to politics in the union. He knows very well that when politics comes into the union he will go out of the union. He and Mark Hanna will solve the labor question if you workmen will let them alone, but when it is solved in their way it will not be solved in your way.

The capitalist press united in pronouncing the coal strike the greatest victory ever achieved by the working class. It is true that their wages were increased 10 per cent. It is also true that their living expenses increased from 15 to 20 per cent. The board created by the commission made Carroll D. Wright, the National Labor Commissioner, umpire. Every single solitary question submitted to that tribunal was decided against the striking miners with but one exception, and that but a nominal exception.

The corporations are in absolute control in those coal fields, bleak, barren, desolate beyond the power of language to describe. There is an army of 150,000 human beings, miners of coal, in a state of abject slavery, from which there is no escape under the capitalist system. I have been in those mines again and again and I know whereof I speak. I have heard the echo of the pit that sounded like muffled drums beating funeral marches.

Last week at the convening of the Eleventh Reichstag in the city of Berlin 81 Socialist members were missing at the opening ceremonies, because under the regulations they would have been obliged to "Hoch der Kaiser." These 81 Socialists stand for "Hoch the working class."

Well, Merrie Christmas, anyway. Some of you may be feeling merry!

The study of society in the light of the socialistic philosophy is a fascinating pursuit. It is an endless study and can be carried on with a clear insight. Every social problem ceases to be a problem when viewed in the light of our principles. No wonder Socialism finds its disciples in all ranks, among the wage workers, professional men, educators, and the men of the cloth.

Let the Christmas bells ring out upon a nation of people, a few of whom are over-fed, and the rest under-fed, harassed and in debt up to their throats! Yes, ring out, Christmas bells. Make the people forget the hell they are living in!

Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.

IT IS FITTING to consider the prospects, tendencies and agencies which make toward the accomplishment of the high ideal embodied in the song alleged to have been heard by the shepherds of Galilee, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men."

War under capitalism may not be as crude as in the middle ages, but it is more intense. War is the inevitable result and constant accompaniment of the competitive system of production and distribution. Commerce and trade are simply exchanges in which one party (the "business man") lives and thrives off the product of others—trying to buy cheap and sell dear.

And inasmuch as the producer cannot get the full value of his product—the employer nowadays must make a profit—the producer is thereby constantly defrauded of the means to purchase back the equivalent of his product. Under such conditions there is, naturally, "over-production" in every civilized country and the commercial world demands of governments the extension of trade "peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must."

Trade and commerce are the incarnation of evil instead of good will. Trade and commerce are polite and gentle so long as its victims submit. They are merciless and bloody as soon as their interests are opposed. For the sake of commercial advantage the earth has been drenched with blood, whole nations have been wiped out or enslaved and "profitable vices"—like the use of opium among Chinese and of liquor among savages—have been fostered and forced in order to increase the foreign market.

When not at war with some outside nation the commercial warfare is unceasingly carried on at home and is breeding vice and corruption in our private and public life. Grafting is simply the guerilla warfare of commerce.

But war itself is always costly. And our industrial war costs us every day more than double as much as the war of rebellion cost day by day. It was figured out that the war of rebellion cost this country about a million dollars per day. The expense of commercial travelers and of advertising has been figured out by commercial journals to be about \$1,000,000,000 per year. But for the commercial warfare, one twentieth of this sum would distribute a better class of merchandise in a better way.

The war of rebellion ended in four years. The commercial war grows hotter and more destructive every day and will never cease until production and distribution are public functions.

As usual in war the non-combatants are the greatest sufferers. The quality of products are cheapened in order to maintain profit. Adulteration, imitation and fraud are resorted to, and the wages of the producing slaves are reduced to the lowest point in order to "compete." If the rival cannot stand pressure, he goes under and the successful commercial warrior is as proud of his victory as the savage Indian is of his "scalps." And the modern American has many scalps—he finally becomes a trust magnate, a captain of industry, a modern money king and a pillar of society.

Against this system of cut-throat commercialism stands the spirit of Socialism, combats the Social Democratic party. We appeal to the reason and humanity left in the race. We want to organize the nation and devote the energy now wasted in destroying each other, to the development of the boundless resources still latent in our common mother earth. And with all energy given to the increase of good things instead of the destruction of our neighbors, the darkness that has hovered on this earth for thousands of years will vanish and we will hear from millions of happy human beings, the exultant shout: "Peace on Earth and Good Will towards Men!"

Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota, at a G. A. R. campfire the other day, said: "We like to call this the golden age of the American people, but I call it the age of greed and graft." He said the whole thing grew out of disregard for law, and his statement drew forth great applause. But why should there be such growing disregard for law just at this stage of the world when it is our boast that people were never so enlightened, never so refined, never so full of good intentions? There must be some fearful impelling force for wrong back of the scenes. The churches, which claim to have charge of morals, all claim to be increasing in membership, and while there are growing numbers of poor people, who from the sharpness of the very struggle for existence might be looked to to fall victims to temptation, the puzzling fact remains that it is not the poor people who are concerned in all these graft disclosures, but the rich. The Socialists look on and smile sadly. To them the cause is plain, for graft is simply a thing born of capitalism, a thing that will of necessity disappear with the disappearance of the capitalist system. Capitalism has full sway. The pulpits belong to it, it has control of the reading matter which the people have to read, every city has its capitalist editors in control of the daily papers the people must take if they want the daily news. Capitalism has the courts, the police, the soldiery, the great lecturers—even the Chautauques must depend largely on capitalist speakers. With all this "educative" force, where is the moral result? The simple fact is, capitalism is not morality, by any manner of means. The capitalist system has developed to the point where it is becoming rotten. The boodle regime started in the first McKinley campaign, when a campaign fund of millions was used to debauch politics. Three million dollars was set aside to pay campaign speakers alone, and it bought men right and left to say the things to the people it wanted said. Such vast sums spent simply to get hold of office meant that a return would be gotten from those offices, and every office holder all over the land, big or little, was more or less contaminated by the desire to milk the public crib and to sell legislation. To borrow an illustration from Tom Reed, it would be as

Victor L. Berger

Merrie Christmas, says the Steel trust, and cuts its employees' wages fifteen million of dollars in order to pay the stockholders dividends. And it is generally understood that there is another cut coming. People generally get what they vote for in this country.

Head at the theater: The object of life is to try to skin everybody and keep your own skin! Correct.

Eugene V. Debs

Additional editorials on last page.

Books on International Socialism. DRIVEN TO FORM UNIONS.

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BLOOD-MONEY!

The Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Slicer, pastor of All Souls' church, New York, in a recent address in Cooper Union, under the auspices of the People's Institute, denounced millionaires "who try to do good with ill gotten gains by endowing colleges, hospitals and libraries."

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What International Socialism Demands:

- 1. Collective ownership of public utilities and all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations.
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3. Reduction of the hours of labor and progressively increased remuneration.
4. State and National Insurance for the workers and honorable rest for old age.
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Herbert Spencerism in England Gone to Seed!

Right in England, where the Manchester school, with Herbert Spencer as its prophet, boomed the laissez faire—"let alone"—doctrine as a national policy, building up

great fortunes for the few under it and impoverishing the many, right in the home of laissez faire, we say, the result of laissez faire vampirism is beginning to show up most alarming results, and the "great" British statesmen are getting uneasy. They are getting uneasy and at the same time, true to the instincts that move them, seeking to make political capital out of it.

Under the "let alone" policy—which is simply simon-pure capitalism—the working classes of England have deteriorated, and as England is a predatory nation and the home of the British empire, and fighting is required to maintain empire, the problem of having to select soldiers from a debilitated working class is decidedly embarrassing and suggestive of increasing future difficulty. By the usual process of selection, the strongest men are drawn into the army with the weak residue left to carry on the work of helping support them, as well as the other parasitic classes.

Carlyle, with his accustomed bluntness, translated the let alone policy into the vernacular in this wise: "Each man for himself, and the devil take the hindmost." Naturally, such a scramble has been a man-crushing one. The Manchester school the world over have been the most logical of capitalists. Their philosophy was based on the competitive scramble and calculated to justify it. Under it the competitive wage system was moral, the extraction of profits out of the workers was moral, buying cheap and by cunning and selling dear was moral, and the success of one man through the downfall of the many was justifiable on the ground that those who fell were presumed to have had an equal chance and to have lost fairly and by their own unworthiness to succeed. Even the pulpits were ready to insist that it was merit that came in a winner and that those who failed were the unfit.

Well, the capitalist system has been piling up the "unfit" in England until it has come to pass that out of every five men of fighting age examined by the war department, only two are found to be fit for military service!

It presents the anomaly of an imperial nation draining the blood of just the class it must depend on to do its fighting!

The factory system has been sucking their blood. They are the victims of slow starvation, too stupid to see why they are starving or the political way out.

It presents a problem, the full force of which has not yet struck the thick-witted British "gold-heaper," although his statesmen are beginning to vaguely sense it. It is being bandied about in the campaign over Chamberlain's tariff proposal, not with any suggestion of relieving the condition already existing, mind you, but as a protest against making it any worse by putting a tariff tax on the food the common people must buy.

Last week Sir John Gorst made a speech at Edinburgh against the food tax policy, in which he said that twenty per cent of the people in the towns and cities lived in a state of poverty, and as the town population makes up three-fourths of England's population, the full significance of this is apparent. He quoted statistics to show that the remaining one-fourth, the rural, farming class, was scarcely better off, the average wage of a farm laborer being \$4.44 a week (many getting as low as \$2.64), while the average cost of food for a man, wife and four children was \$3.24 a week, leaving but \$1.20 a week with which to pay for rent, fuel, clothing and all other necessities of living! Already only two out of every five men were fit for military duty, and if the food tax made matters worse, where was the imperial army of the future to come from? Not only the physical condition of the men had to be considered, but that of the women as well, for an imperial race demanded that their offspring should be "sane, strong and vigorous." All this, you will observe, is brought forward not to show the people that there is something wrong already in the management of industry, but merely as a political party argument against a measure of another party.

But even if the "statesmen" for capitalism are careful not to see the reason for the already existing situation, the fact remains that the competitive wage system, the capitalistic system of exploiting labor and robbing it of the great bulk of its product, is bringing affairs to the breaking down point. The statistics they quote are simply an unconscious confession of the failure of the capitalist system! Laissez faire has about landed at its logical destination: Uneasy riches for the few and miserable starvation for the many. The way out of it all for the people of England is Socialism, but the statesmen for the rich will try to keep them from seeing it as long as possible.

The January International Socialist Review will contain an article by Eugene V. Debs replying to an anonymous critic of his position on the Negro question. This article shows Comrade Debs at his best as it is filled with the fire of combat and the strength which comes from pleading the cause of the oppressed. The discussion of the race question receives another contribution in the same number from Comrade Oscar Edgar of Florida. Comrade Isador Ladoff, the well-known Socialist writer, contributes something in a lighter vein than the other articles under the title of "Looking Forward, A Letter from the Strange Land Capitalism."

Truly this is an age of progress! In a letter to the Alliance of the Rockies, Comrade Walter T. Mills says: "Can't write any more lessons until I get this blessed, infernal book off my hands. Have a whole gang at it." When it takes a whole gang to write a blessed, infernal book on Socialism, we shudder for fear there may be some truth in the plaint of the St. Louis Labor that this book of 500 pages is to be worked off on the movement through personal correspondence with the local secretaries, so as to avoid the

reviewers of the Socialist press, who might analyze it to the prejudice of its being a good seller. "In view of the self-admitted fact that Comrade Mills had his speech prepared for supporting the Bryan campaign of 1900," says Labor, "the fruits of his boasted 'thirty years of constant study' were very, very slow in ripening. Comrades should purchase the work and give it a careful perusal before attempting the wholesale distribution planned by Mills' circulars."

In bringing his libel suit against F. G. R. Gordon and his anti-Socialist paper, The Million, of Haverhill, Mayor Coulter of Brockton said: "The time has arrived when I consider it my place to rebel against such indecent methods as have been pursued against me by the Republicans of Brockton. That paper has been the understood organ of the Republicans of Brockton during this political campaign. Any man in public office is open to and expects criticism for his public and official acts. There is due to his office a certain dignity which debent people should respect irrespective of the man who may occupy it." A Mrs. H. B. Eldridge of Cambridge is named as one of the owners of the paper.

A MAN-SANDWICH! AND YOU ARE THE MEAT, MR. WAGE-WORKER!



LOOK AT THIS PICTURE!—STUDY IT WELL!

What kind of a Civilization is it that gives a mere ONE PER CENT of the people of this country OVER HALF THE WEALTH! Every time a Worker produces a Dollar of Value, 83 per cent of it goes to the Capitalists. This is the kind of Robbery that keeps the Industrious Class poor and it will continue to grow worse until the Workers stop voting the Capitalist Parties into Power!

MERRIE CHRISTMAS!!!

HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

Comrade J. E. Nash of Minneapolis has written a letter to his fellow trade unionists of Minnesota, discussing certain proposed amendments to the Minnesota Federation of Labor constitution upon which a referendum is being taken. We have room for a few excerpts:

"The daily press, capitalism's watchdog, has already become decidedly active in its efforts to instruct union men as to the dangerous character of the propositions, and the labor editor of the Minneapolis Journal is exerting himself to accomplish a feat which an ancient authority once said was impossible, viz., to serve two masters, capital and labor at the same time. The fact that capitalism's organs oppose these changes might well be considered a good argument for their adoption by organized labor. Organized capital is using every possible method to fight organized labor; not only to disrupt it, but to extract its teeth and claws, cut its hamstrings, deborn, and make it generally helpless in the inevitable struggle between that class which produces all wealth and practically owns nothing, and that class which produces nothing and practically owns everything."

"In compiling proposition No. 2, I had access to a large number of union manuals of unions affiliated with the A. F. of L., local, state and national, and every demand and declaration contained in proposition No. 2, has been adopted by more or less of these unions. "My own labor consisted in unifying, and in eliminating all ambiguous and confusing terms, in order that it might be easily understood by all."

"In looking over these various constitutions I was particularly struck with the fact that most of them declare that labor produces all wealth, and many of them declare the ultimate aim of unionism to be that labor shall have all it produces. Gompers, Mitchell, and many of the other labor leaders also give this as the great object in view. If labor were to receive all that it produces, nothing would be left for the capitalist; and in view of the fact that capital is only stored-up labor which has been extracted from the wage class, or, in other words, the unpaid wages of labor, it becomes evident that capital receives its share only through its ability to take that to which it has no right. No one can successfully refute this statement, yet labor leaders almost invariably refuse even to consider any method by which this exploitation may be eliminated. After conferring with Roosevelt, Hanna & Co., they are satisfied to draw a good salary, deliver an occasional speech, without alluding, or attempting to allude, to any possible means of escape from this sort of servitude, and when conditions become too severe, order a strike."

Comrade Carl Thompson writes from Lincoln of his work in Nebraska, saying that he has organized fourteen new locals, opening up ten new counties, besides four in South Dakota. Besides this ten propaganda meetings were held. His Nebraska finances were: Total receipts \$64.17. Disbursed \$37.17, he receiving a balance of \$27 for the month, a total for three months of \$137.32 or about \$45.75 a month, with no cost to the state or national organization.

Comrade Winfield Gaylord writes from Florida: "Have organized three locals this week: Pensacola, Milton and Bagdad. One farmer at Milton street meeting was converted

and joined on the spot. You ought to hear these southern "revolutionary," class-conscious, etc., farmers. They know, and they only need teaching and leadership. I came 363 miles today through pine barrens from Milton. My January dates are as follows: St. Petersburg, Jan. 2; Tampa, Jan. 3-4; Kissimmie, Jan. 5; Orlando, Jan. 6; and Sanford, Jan. 7."

Dear Herald: The pleasant duty of reporting Comrade Klein's meeting here last night devolves upon me. A large crowd was assembled, mostly of farmers from the surrounding country. The address was a masterpiece, and for two hours this matchless young orator poured forth a torrent of resistless logic, fairly carrying his audience off their feet at times. He is the greatest surprise ever sprung upon the plutocrats of this vicinity and his coming marks a distinct epoch in the history of the movement at this point. At the after meeting nearly half the audience remained to seek further information. About fifty books and pamphlets were sold and eleven new applications for membership received. Our local branch now numbers 24, and there are others who will be with us before Spring. The movement is now planted too firmly to be jarred in this place. We propose to rent a hall and hold meetings from 2 to 5 p. m. every other Sunday. Let me congratulate the state executive committee on their good fortune in securing the services of Comrade Klein. He will add vastly to our strength in the state. W. E. H. Pittsville, Wis., Nov. 29.

Dear Comrades: I enclose post office order for the postal cards, also order blank, as per your offer. Not one actual Socialist aside from myself in this village of 1,800 people, and village adjoining us of 700 people. Many think the movement rather premature, otherwise all right. Our county vote in 1900 for Debs was 14, and in 1901 it was 28. I was nominated for supreme court justice in 1901 and again in this fall, with 68 votes in the county. I will give you my age—76 last July. For the encouragement of others I will say, I am in the movement until the end. My experience gives me good reasons for my course. John H. Bullard. Schuylerville, Nov. 25.

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tures, while expenditures for food amounted to 42.34 per cent. These figures closely correspond with those used in the Aldrich report. Yet, in the latest report on the course of wholesale prices, the March (1903) Bulletin, we find that of the total number of articles (261) used in computing the average price of all commodities, 76 are of cloth and clothing, and but 54 are of food. Thus clothing is here given a weight of 29 per cent, whereas it should have a weight of but 14.04; and food is given a weight of but 20 per cent, whereas it should have a weight of 42.34.

Had these articles been given weight according to their relative importance, we should find 111 quotations of articles of food instead of 54, and but 37 instead of 67 quotations of clothing.

The reason for giving undue weight to clothing and insufficient weight to food seems obvious.

The average price of articles of clothing, as quoted in this report, shows a decrease in price from 1890 to 1902 of 10 per cent, while the average price of food articles had decreased less than 1 per cent.

To this cheeky juggling of the data of the report on wholesale prices we must attribute the small increase in the average wholesale price of all classes of commodities, compared with that shown by the nonpartisan index numbers of Dunn's Review.

According to this report the increase from 1897 to 1902 amounted to but 25.8 per cent; according to Dunn's Review the increase from the lowest period, July, 1897, to Jan. 1, 1902, amounts to slightly over 40 per cent, the increase to January, 1903, being 38.5 per cent.

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A Well-Merited Calling Down by State Secretary Brockhausen.

Following instructions given me by the Federated Trades Council to answer an interview of Miss Kunz in the Sentinel of Dec. 12th. I ask you for space to get labor's side before the public.

Miss Kunz in her two months' investigation of the sweat shops (in which time she claims to have actually inspected 800 establishments of the garment making industry) says that all but about ten are in good condition, but adds that the majority of the married women are doing the work at their own homes.

Again Miss Kunz naively says that employers object to the term sweatshop. This is quite reasonable. They want the public to forget.

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wages on which the women have to subsist. The organized working people familiar with statistics will resent her charge that they are ignorant, for they well know that actual wages must be based on the average weekly wage for the entire year.

In my report to the convention of the State Federation of Labor last July I advocated that the Labor Bureau be taken out of politics.

The Bureau today is a political creation, subject to the party or faction in power. Instead of efficient service being the basis of appointments, it is political favoritism.

Under such a state of affairs the Bureau will never be very serviceable to the working class. On the contrary, some servants in the Labor Bureau, for personal or political reasons, want to make their work appear favorable to the ruling class in the daily papers, as was the case with Miss Kunz.

Men and women outside of the wage earning class are selected, with here and there a few men from the ranks of labor who have rendered services to capitalistic interests, and although the present inspectors are not friends of the stalwart wing of the Republican party, the Sentinel will take sides with Miss Kunz, because she may be useful to capitalistic interests.

In the Sentinel of the 10th, Mr. Backus comments on my statement concerning a firm in Neenah receiving a tip as to the arrival of the factory inspector. I do not charge the present force with such work, but it is a general complaint on the part of workmen that manufacturers are advised when the inspector is about to inspect.

To the labor unions I have to repeat: Keep on reporting cases as you have been urged to at different times, even in spite of advice given in certain quarters, not to report.

Fred. Brockhausen, Secy. Legislative committee, Federated Trades Council of Milwaukee.

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Yes, Mr. Editor of the Sentinel, I shall continue to attend to my work and to advance the interest of my class wherever and whenever I can, preparing the road for all wage workers, including yourself (for I surmise that you have no mortgage on your job any more than I have on mine) and you may refer to me as the Socialist Secretary of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor as often as you choose, for such is correct.

Fred. Brockhausen. Dec. 17, 1903.

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A Milwaukee telephone girl lost her eye by an electric shock the other day, but no one heard about it. The present system is maiming the working class at a fearful rate, but the facts are suppressed.

Monthly Pledges to S. D. Party. Collected by J. C. Kramer. Wm. Jentz \$90, J. Protzman 25, L. P. Dietz 45, Fr. Pier 15, Jos. Mevire 20, P. L. Devine 50.

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