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Victor L. Berger shows the Inevitable Failure of Gompersism

THE joining of a trades union—wherever it is possible—is a life necessity for every workman. The trades union seeks the raising of wages in accordance with the conditions of the labor market, the abolition of overtime work (and better pay for this when it is absolutely necessary) and the securing of more humane working conditions. Every trades union opposes the reduction of wages and the lengthening of the working time. Every trades union stands against any lowering of the conditions of workingmen. Every trades union strengthens the feeling of the solidarity of the working class, without which the working class cannot accomplish anything.

None of This, Under Socialism! In one of these sweatshops one day, a woman worker, in a case I know of, gave birth to a child—behind a curtain hung at the corner of the hot, noisy room. Another woman had stolen a few moments to be with her. The child was born dead. When the mother saw that the child was dead, she cried out, shrieking, but only for a few minutes. Then she died her eyes.

Father Sherman says Socialism is "Hell's lowest vomit." As against that vulgar characterization we will put the following from a much better source: "Commercialism makes Christianity impossible; the attempt to reconcile them can lead to but one single result—hypocrisy. Social-Democracy, on the contrary, makes Christianity possible; moreover, it is the only political system which does."—Edmund Kelly, M.A., Columbia University.

The Mission of Socialism. Eugene V. Debs writes of its Work and its Steady Progress (The following was written by Comrade Debs for the Hearst system of papers. Whether it has been rejected by them or not, we do not know.)

POLITICAL parties, like all other human institutions, are subject to the laws of evolution. The Republican party of Theodore Roosevelt is vastly different from the Republican party of Abraham Lincoln. The Democratic party retains only the name given it by its founders. Once divided upon vital issues, these two parties are now so nearly akin to each other that the great trusts in control of the government are supremely indifferent as to whether the one or the other succeeds to power. In the next few years they will become one, or, at least, the dominant elements of both will unite in the same party. The evolution of capital and labor will make this inevitable.

DEVERY'S 'STRAIGHT GOODS'

Capitalistic Philosophy Without Mask or Cloak.

There is certain lines of business, said Mr. Devery, which is licensed by the state to graft; an' if you're wise you'll wake up an' fall in line without much argument.

There's dozens of these wise hoves writin' pieces to the papers every day on just these lines. They're all breakin' their necks to tell the young man how to succeed in life.

There's a certain amount of labor to be done in this world, an' somebody's got to do it. The advice brigades figures out that by a proper line of talk they can jolly the jays into keepin' the pot a-boilin'.

What's the god of workin' in a sawmill? If you're wise you go to the state legislature an' get a charter for some other people to work it. You get your license to graft. Then you buy \$2 worth of stock certificates with pretty pictures on 'em an' sell 'em for \$200,000.

If you can show me a man that's got rich by workin' I'll pass. Andrew Carnegie worked for \$2 a week once upon a time, an' he ain't done talkin' about it yet.

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in gettin' wise. Men loses fortunes by not walkin' up quick enough.

Work ain't no good. That's a cinch. But that ain't no sign that labor ain't no good. Work, as I take it, is doin' some sort of labor that's obvious, such as readin' the reports of the civil service commission.

You can chew all you like about the rovin' dollar an' how things has got to come round, but the dollar don't rove. Every year some man gets richer an' some other man gets poorer.

It's these financial fullbacks that gathers in the coin. They don't worry makin' it. Their business is just gatherin' it in.

That's the way things goes. You can't get somethin' for nothin'. Everything that's produced has got to be worked for.

There's so many dollars in the world an' there ain't enough to go round. An' it's a good thing, too. If there was there wouldn't be no value to them.

THE EXPLOITATION OF LABOR

BY N. A. RICHARDSON

If any reader harbors the thought that he is going to get rich from the labor of his own hands that he is producing commodities himself or by working for a wage, it is evidence of his youth and inexperience.

For instance, we are told that the steel trust employs 125,000 men, and declares annual dividends of \$125,000,000. If so, that corporation nets from the product of the labor of each man annually \$1,000.

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disguise, when he was able to bring to light a very bad state of affairs, which appears to be little improved today, and will not be so long as the bourgeois parties look on it as their duty to defend the officials as long as they possibly can, and simply to drop them when the scandal becomes too great.

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco's fine new headquarters have the appearance of a beehive all day long.

By the time this appears in print Comrade Austin Lewis will have commenced his Friday night lectures in Oakland and Sunday afternoon in the field to put an end to it.

WISCONSIN.—Broader is not satisfied with having only one date from Comrade Thompson. They have written in to the office to ask for another.

A good comrade in Wood County writes: "I hope to get things in shape so that we can use some good organizer to organize Wood County in the Spring."

The Vanguard. A Vigorous and Unique Socialist Monthly. We recently purchased The Vanguard and will enlarge and improve it in many ways.

AT LAST WE HAVE THE YANKEE "MERRIE ENGLAND," IT'S TITLE IS

"Socialism Made Plain." By ALLAN L. BENSON. Author of "CONFESSIONS OF CAPITALISM." Mr. Benson was formerly editorial writer on the New York Journal, being a master of plain, direct and thought-compelling English.

Gleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields!

NOTE: In some states the organization is known as the Socialist Party, in others as the Social-Democratic Party. Where the term "local" is used it does not refer to trade union locals, but to the local body.

NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND. A Socialist-Single-Tax debate was held in Reading, Pa., recently.

The Socialist Review of Hoboken, N. J., has completed its first year. It is a well edited paper.

The Erie People, which revived some months ago and was thought to be on a secure basis, has again thrown up the sponge. Too bad.

The Union Sentinel of Reading, Pa., is one of the best edited Socialist papers that we receive, and we consider ourself something of a judge, too.

Comrade W. J. Ghent, author of "Our Benevolent Feudalism," and "Mass and Class," has been admitted to the party in New York. He is a very acceptable acquisition.

New York City will hold the first session of its new school of Socialism this week. The instructors will be Comrades Morris Hilquit, H. L. Slobodin, Algernon Lee and John Spargo.

The Crisis of Salt Lake City has enlarged. It is now seven columns to the page and four pages. The new make-up is attractive and it deserves increased success.

A committee from the county central committee, Chicago, has prepared a municipal platform for the party and it has been printed and will be considered by the party between now and the city convention.

The county clerk of Los Angeles, Cal., neglected to put the Social-Democratic candidates for supervisor on the official ballots at the recent election.

It is to laugh. Now the editor of the Referendum of Minnesota, who has been putting in type the most reckless ravings about the leading members of the party, because they favored a national platform devoid of impossibilist utopianism, is carrying on a tirade with the editor of the N. Y. People, and the latter has responded by saying that he feels refreshed to see the fight the Referendum is making on the officials of the national party.

The Rev. Frank Dixon has broken loose again. At Hartford, Conn.,

recently he delivered his lecture on the "Treachery of Socialism" with up-to-date trimmings.

W. E. Clark, an assistant in the national headquarters at Chicago, has been discharged and will resign from the party as the result of disclosures showing that he had offered to abstract certain correspondence from the office files and sell it to the Appeal to Reason.

Prof. Lou Payn, N. G., would have to go out of business, but we would manage to struggle along. We could even part with Billy Hearst, an' Smoot, an' a few other legislators at a pinch.

NAT'L. H'QUARTERS.—The following new members of the National Committee have been elected: Arizona, J. R. Barnette, Globe; Missouri, C. A. Hoehn, St. Louis; Ohio, Robert Bandlow, Cleveland; New state secretaries are: Connecticut, Cornelius T. Woods, Hartford; Kentucky, Frank Steirle, Newport.

New locals at McAllister, Indian Territory and Jackson, Tenn., were chartered by the National Headquarters during December.

A. H. Floston has been endorsed and recommended for a national speaker by the Colorado State Committee.

Charles Heydrick of Erie, Pa., who was a delegate to the Indianapolis convention in 1901 and last national convention at Chicago, and who was active in the Pennsylvania movement for several years, died at Erie on Jan. 1st.

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ACROSS THE HERRING POND. Repeatedly we have referred to the well filled treasuries for war purposes of the Social-Democracy: their fellow-comrades tax themselves to such a degree that the central leadership of that denomination has permanently at their disposition a full purse, into which on the average 50,000 mark a month are flowing; but besides this we have to mention the separate treasuries of all the voting precincts and local organizations of said party.

Sensational disclosures were made by our comrade Adolph Hoffmann, in the Berlin Municipal Council, of the manner certain officials in the shelter for destitutes abused their positions to force on women inmates sexual intercourse.

She, however, made formal complaint, despite the curious attempts of the official to silence her. He appealed to her sense of respectability, pointing out how unpleasant for her to be connected with such a case, etc., and then finally added that other women had quietly taken id. for services granted; finally, after unsuccessful efforts, she appealed to our comrade, who with difficulty obtained leave to investigate the matter.

In the meantime, the offending official was hurriedly dismissed, and in the Town Council our friend for bringing the matter forward was blamed by the bourgeois representatives, who vaguely talked about exaggeration, etc., but took good care not to verify their statements. Our comrade has made a special study of these shelters, having visited them with another Socialist Councillor in

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Gompers and Mitchell on Wall Street. Harper's Weekly Cautions Belmont HARPER'S WEEKLY: During the recent political campaign the person most frequently referred to as "a Wall Street man" was August Belmont. The term is usually meant by those who use it to be opprobrious, but we question whether Mr. Belmont himself would so regard it.

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HALF HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS. There is a chap known as the Rev. J. B. Barnhill of London who is going about the country proclaiming himself "The Conqueror of Socialism," who has been terribly drubbed in debate time and again by Social Democrats, but who is willing to take his medicine over and over so long as it affords him a means of existing and seeing the country.

The Nebraska Field. Social-Democratic Herald: Nebraska offers a good field for Socialist workers. The state was strongly Populist, but because of the fusion of the Democrats and the Populists, has this year gone Republican again.

The air of the town seems full of the sentiment which, when enlightened, makes Socialists, but so far the stream has not set it down. The vote, however, increased threefold in the last year, so the little handful of Socialists who belong to the local "keep puging away"—and hopes for the time when Nebraska's Capitol City shall take her place among the cities of like population who are already in the front rank of the movement.

Answers to Correspondents. J. L. McC. Washington.—Thanks. Always welcome such help. F. D. Alleghany.—Will look into the matter.

The Milwaukee Gaslight company, owing to the appearance in the city and state government of elected Social-Democrats, has seen fit to go into the daily papers with paid articles attempting to reason with the people in the hope of in some way counteracting the new impulse to vigilant citizenship that has been awakened by the activity of the Socialist representatives.

Lincoln, the capitol city, seems to be one of the hardest towns in which to get a good local. The State University is here and has been liberal towards the movement. Some of the professors are Socialists, but not strong party men.

Dear Herald: I wrote you some time ago in regard to Comrade Selby's tour of the Upper Peninsula. As you haven't mentioned it, I believe my letter was either lost or overlooked.

Carnival Notes. Over fifty prizes, aggregating \$500 in value, will be given away at the Social-Democratic Mask Carnival. See that you are there to help carry them away, or at least have the pleasure of seeing others made happy.

The Milwaukee gas company plant and good-will was bought about ten years ago for a million and a half by several shrewd finance manipulators, Frank W. Montgomery, A. E. (Bert) Smith and Benjamin Weil, who paid not a penny for it out of their own pockets, but put up the stock as collateral security, and then immediately reorganized the company, bonding it for four millions and at once issuing fifteen millions of stock.

The Women's Club has been studying the platform. The Social Settlement has had several evenings of solid Socialist and meetings once each week studying economics. The Socialists attend and have an opportunity to discuss the topic and the local has held public meetings whenever it has had money to pay the bills, as well as distributed literature.

What they are About and How they are Succeeding. IN THE LEGISLATURE: Senate—Jacob Rummel, Assembly—Edmund Berner, Frederick Brockhausen, W. A. Aldridge, A. Strehlow.

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MUNICIPAL GAS

The Milwaukee Gas Light Co. is taking a hand in the agitation for a municipal gas plant. In an endeavor to convince the general public of the many advantages of private over public ownership, it places itself in the position of a man holding a situation as mail carrier and boasting of the fact that he possesses a fine pair of artificial limbs.

WISCONSIN

What they are About and How they are Succeeding. IN THE CITY COUNCIL, MILWAUKEE: Albert J. Welch, Frederick Heath, Edmund T. Meins, Gustave Wild, Emil Seidel, Carl Malewski, Henry W. Grants, Edward Schranz, Nicolas Petersen.

Wisconsin comrades were rather startled last week when they received the announcement that the national office, in fixing up the apportionment of the membership of the National Committee, had figured Wisconsin on the basis of an average membership for the year of only 650. They were not only startled, they were wroth.

WISCONSIN SOCIALIST LAW-MAKERS.

By Ald. Frederic Heath—To require the street railway company to file annually with the city clerk a statement of its running schedule and the headway on the various lines. By Ald. Emil Seidel—Requesting the legislature to grant the city the right to fix salaries of city employees.

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What are you doing along the line of precinct organization? Drop in and tell us something about the line of work you anticipate doing. The city organizer is laying plans for butting in to the little burg known as North Milwaukee in a few weeks.

A surprise is in store for those who are going to attend the Schafskopf Tourney of the 23rd ward branch, Saturday evening, January 14th, at eight P. M., at Breeseimister's hall, 13th and Washington sts.

The 20th ward comrades and those attending spent a pleasant time at Volkmann's hall last Saturday evening. Comrade R. L. Schmidt of the 1st ward has returned from an extensive trip in the state and things are going to move from now on in the 1st ward.

A red letter date—A Prize Schafskopf Tourney Social-Democratic Bowling Club, Al. Jaek's hall, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5th. The hall is located at the corner of 6th and Greenfield aves.

Don't forget to attend the lecture of the West Side Woman's Club at Nick. Peterson's hall, 2714 North ave., Sunday afternoon, January 15th. Alderman E. Seidel will speak on "Socialism and the Woman." The women are most cordially invited to attend this lecture, as the

Mrs. H. W. Bustorius and Mrs. E. T. Meins spent several days getting donations in the form of prizes for the carnival. They were very successful and raised several valuable prizes. E. T. Meins, city organizer.

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