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BEARERS OF FALSE WITNESS

Victor L. Berger Sharply Replies to Clerical Slanders

Since the Roman Catholic clergy has now resolved on war to the death against Socialism for better or worse, we must accept the challenge, even if for no other reason—because we cannot run away.

The latest champion of the Catholic church against Socialism in Milwaukee is one Father W. S. Kress from Cleveland, O.

In Milwaukee the Reverend Father is the guest of our old friend, the Most Reverend Archbishop Sebastian G. Messmer, and is delivering a series of lectures on "Christianity or Socialism."

And now let us state the questions. Father Kress says Socialism is impossible; that the church will solve the question by Christianity; that the Socialists intend to plunder the rich, which is theft; that they want to abolish God; that they want to destroy the family.

We will take up one question after another. Kress says Socialism is impossible. Why? We now have Socialism for the few. What the Social-Democrats propose to do is to bring about Socialism for everybody.

The change of the tool into the machine has changed production. Formerly we had individual production. Now we have social production. But in spite of this change in the mode of production, the form of appropriation has remained the same as of old.

Now we cannot and do not want to destroy the machinery and all our progress. Civilization does not want to go back to the middle ages which in most respects were infinitely worse than even the present times.

But the Roman Catholic clergy want to leave the production and distribution in the possession of the capitalist class as it is now, because the Roman Catholic church has grown rich and is now part and parcel of capitalism in this country as in every other.

The Socialists on the other hand do not want "charity" or "alms," they want justice and the full product of labor to the laborer. The Socialists furthermore point out that this question is a purely economic and political problem and ought to be dealt with as such.

The change will not mean the "division of property," the plunder of the "habentes" (the haves) for the benefit of the "non-habentes" (the have-nots). It will simply mean the expropriation of expropriators, the restitution of the means of production to those who use them.

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U. S. Senator Burton has been again tagged as a criminal by the courts and now the people of Kansas are petitioning congress to throw him out. Burton is one of the sort of men who get to Washington by means of the "vote for good men" shibboleth!

When we said playfully a week or so ago that the men who are planning a rival organization to the A. F. of L. could get a S. T. and L. A. cheap from Daniel DeLeon and could thereby save the trouble of starting a new one, it was a bulls-eye shot. DeLeon already has a finger in the pie.

The impartial observer can scarcely claim that the Bible produces so marked an effect upon the daily habitual life of those who profess to guide their conduct by it as Socialism does upon its adherents. The strength of Socialism in this respect is more like that of early Christianity as described in the New Testament.—Prof. Richard T. Ely.

We respectfully refer the above to Archbishop Messmer and the dishonest politician who is leading in carrying out the archbishop's political plans.

Out in Watertown, Wis., the citizens took up a collection and gave a big bonus to a Milwaukee shoe factory to locate there, on the supposition that it would employ a good many men and that it would bring new heads of families to town and help business generally.

Nowadays, commercial crookedness has become so universal that no matter what our "leading citizens" do, no one is surprised.

OUR POISONED FORT OF GOVERNMENT.

From a Washington despatch: The ex-members of the house and the senate, many of whom hang around Washington, are always utilized to the full extent as they have admission to the doors of the house and senate, and thus are able to buttonhole any member whenever they want to get at him.

Before the American Association for the Advancement of Science recently, Dr. Leon L. Watters declared that it was a well known fact that food adulteration is common in many lines of trade. He said that a favorite adulterant of ground coffee was hog's livers dried, baked and ground up with chicory and sufficient coffee essence to give it flavor.

"It is to laugh" and "we told you so!"

When the supreme court of the United States declared the Northern Securities company an illegal combination, the question arose as to what the company should do with the shares. The company or merger was simply a plan of railroad financiers to bring two competing roads, the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern, under one control, and when the courts said that such a merger was in restraint of trade and commerce, the prime movers in the merger, Hill and Morgan, proposed that the shares of the two roads be given pro rata to the stockholders of the Securities company, which would mean, of course, that as Hill and Morgan had the controlling holdings of the Securities' shares of stock, the stock of the two roads would go to them in sufficient amount to give them the control of the roads which they had planned to have by reason of the merger.

Is Russia to have a Revolution?

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—During the ceremony of blessing the waters in front of the Winter palace by Emperor Nicholas this morning, several shots were fired from across the Neva and bullets entered windows of the palace. Grips had been smuggled into the guns used to salute.

of the royal family, the foreign ambassador and the members of the nobility present. The only thing on the surface seems to indicate the existence of a steady and deep-laid plot against the emperor, in which artillerymen were enlisted.

members grievously fallen out as to the nature of the reforms which need to be introduced into the empire, but each is horribly jealous of all the rest, and all are busy intriguing one against the other. The two empresses—the dowager and the reigning empress—set the example. It is sufficient for one of them to favor a given reform or policy for the other to oppose it.—Special cable.

THE SITUATION GROWS HOURLY DARKER.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—The riotous strikers to the number of hundreds of thousands parading the streets of the capital city and the continual spread of the feeling of unrest throughout the empire, the Russian government is in a terrible predicament.

The situation grows hourly darker, and the prospects for a settlement of the labor difficulties vanished when the minister of finance refused to receive a delegation of workmen.

held a great representative mass meeting at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon in the palace square to present a great petition for the redress of their wrongs. The workmen have agreed to go to this meeting unarmed, and will not meet violence. Father Gapon, the priest who heads the strikers' procession dressed in clerical attire and carrying a crucifix is much in evidence, and will lead the procession on Sunday.

EXCOMMUNICATED BY MONARCHY!

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—Sunday, 6 a. m.—The 100,000 strikers, through their priest leader, Father Gapon, have issued an ultimatum to the czar. They do not now "pray" the emperor to see them; they "demand" his presence in the great court yard of the winter palace at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

For this extreme proceeding the old medieval formula was brought out, and Father Gapon was formally consigned to perdition, to separation from the church and declared accursed.

the outlying districts which indeed are grave enough to strike terror into the souls of the brave. There are reports of numerous regiments, of great quantities of explosives and arms stored in secret places; of plants to gain by force what is denied to peaceful importation.

THE STORM BREAKS OUT IN EARNEST.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23, 6 a. m.—It is revolution now. A great battle of the people against bureaucracy and autocracy is on. It will be to the finish with the odds against the people now, but with the seeds sown that will ultimately overwhelm the Romanoff dynasty or force from it concessions and reforms that will make of Russia a limited monarchy.

They were ridden down by Cossack and Ulan, who obeyed with alacrity the orders to kill.

Dear Associates, My Beloved Working Friends: After today we no longer have an emperor. The most innocent of blood rolls between him and those who up to Sunday were his most faithful subjects. He gave the command through his officers to fire on us, and the firing was carried out to the letter. This is the beginning of the battle of the people for freedom and liberty, for the right to live like men and not downtrodden serfs. I bless you all. I love you all. I will be with you again today and will lead you to victory. I am now very busy, but the result of my labors will be for your good.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The sacrifice has been made. Thousands have fallen willing martyrs in the cause of human liberty, in the belief that their blood will seal the doom of Russian tyranny and oppression.

There are rumors that some of the artillery regiments will actually play a similar part to that of the French gunners in the fall of the Bastille.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—Today inaugurated revolution in Russia. The emperor's prestige will be irretrievably shattered by the shedding of innocent blood. He has alienated himself forever from his people.

Not since the massacre of St. Bartholomew's day has a civilized community witnessed such a slaughter as stains the latest page of Russian history. Its victims cannot yet be numbered. The official estimate puts the number dead at 2,000 and the wounded at 5,000.

Women leading mobs were impaled on the bayonets of the soldiers. It was a fearful spectacle while it lasted, and the end is not yet. The streets of the Russian capital ran red with blood and the poor, misguided peasants were, as in times gone, the victims.

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Men, women and children, bearing their petition to the czar, were shot down. They were shot while facing the troops, while kneeling in the street and praying for permission to proceed to the winter palace, shot while lying prostrate on their faces to escape the volley upon volley poured into their ranks, shot in the back while fleeing for safety.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23, 4 a. m.—It has just been reported that Father Gapon, who had been arrested, managed to escape from his guards, although separating his wives and children to Helsinki and elsewhere for safety.

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THE REVOLT SPREADING TO POLAND.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Reports received at the Vatican from Russia say that notwithstanding the efforts of their bishops, the Catholics are excited and it is impossible to keep them from participating in popular movements, especially in Poland, where even part of the lower clergy have joined the people.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "Crowds of strikers are again concentrating on the Nevsky Prospect."

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Revolution, challenged by massacre, has replied with dynamite.

A Warning From Colorado! — "The Times That Try Men's Souls."

To Organized Labor and All Whom It May Concern:

The Colorado State Federation of Labor, bearing in mind the true interests of the wage earners and plain people of Colorado, deem the present an opportune time for a recital of the unhappy industrial and political conditions in our State.

About two years ago, shortly after the inauguration of our modern Nero, James H. Peabody, as governor of Colorado, a concerted plan was adopted by the corporations, Citizens' Alliance and kindred associations, and executed with a cold-blooded premeditation by a conscienceless administration, to disrupt organized labor and destroy the effect of all legal enactments which have been secured for the betterment of those who toil.

The metal and coal mining companies, uniting with railroad and other monopolies, negated the enactments by usurping the functions of government. The brutalities, imprisonments and deportations which mark their course aroused liberty-loving people to seek peaceful redress at the polls, but the fruits of their hard-earned victory have been fleeced away through corrupt practices of high state officials, resulting in an effective blacklist.

Owing to the political domination of corporations all who oppose their schemes are placed under espionage and denied employment.

Free speech is denied and the political and constitutional rights of the citizens disregarded.

Thousands of American citizens have left the state rather than submit to these conditions; many are waiting opportunity to go to other places, where the workers are secure in their constitutional rights.

Bureaus of publicity have been urging victims to come into the state, and we are even menaced at the present time with the yellow peril from the Orient, with a view of still further increasing competition among the workers, thereby lowering the standard of living.

At this juncture the Colorado State Federation of Labor desires to sound a warning appeal. It has had its resources taxed to the utmost to provide necessities of life for those here, and to remove others to more favored localities. Outside aid has been solicited and a further influx of wage earners would be burdensome to those who have been so generous to their fellows in time of distress.

We ask that all labor bodies and the labor press give the widest publicity to this appeal, and urge all intending comers against such a step until conditions are changed, as those who come will leave their political, constitutional and industrial rights behind.

Harry B. Waters, Secretary-Treasurer. John C. Sullivan, President Colo. State Fed. of Labor. Denver, Colo., Jan. 5, 1905.

SOCIETY UNDER CAPITALISM!

Yesterday a city firm received as few as 908 applications in response to an advertisement for a clerk. The salary offered was 30 shillings (\$7.50) per week.—London Daily News.

How the People DO Prosper!

Under the capitalist system there is a break-neck struggle for property as a means of getting beyond the economic danger line. But in the world of capitalism chance rules, as property owners themselves well know. The other day, in Milwaukee, a man committed suicide because he could not rent a couple of little houses that he had become the owner of. He saw calamity coming upon him and escaped through the self-destruction route.

legal and praiseworthy—at least by the victors—and the priests or the preachers, just as the case happened to be, never failed to thank the Lord for giving them the other people's property. And a similar confiscation happens now right before our eyes, only in a more refined way. The capitalist class, and especially the trusts, confiscate the largest part of the product of the working class every day of the year. But Father Kress and Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Messmer (and also the Protestant and Jewish clergymen) thank the Lord for it. Now when we have the majority and the power to make the laws, we will of course make use of that power to restore this stolen property to the people collectively.

So in all probability the people will "confiscate" the trust stock owned by Archbishop Ireland, and Charles M. Schwab and the rest of them and make it national property. But I can promise right now, that those of us who are religiously inclined will thank the Lord for this "confiscation."

But Father Kress repeats the vulgar accusation against the Socialists that they want to break up the family, that they are "free lovers." Similar accusations were made against the abolitionists, and worse accusations against the early Christians. But I would like to ask Father Kress, whether he knows the real meaning of the words "free" and "love"? All love must be free; it is not love, if forced or bought. But as to "family ties," as to the "wife" and "children," is "Father" Kress the priest, who legitimately can never have a wife, can never have children, and never have a home like other people, is he the proper person to speak about this? If he is to "love" at all, he must depend solely on what he terms "free love." Let him read the book just issued by Father Crowley of Chicago, a high-minded and pure Irish priest, not a Socialist, by the way, but a strict adherent of the Pope. Of course Father Kress does not need to read it. He knows well about these things, without reading Crowley's book.

On the other hand, the Socialists love their homes dearly. It is mainly in order to protect their wives and children and to enjoy the home which capitalism destroys, that the Socialists are willing to sacrifice their lives for economic liberty. And as for women, they have tenfold the reasons men have, to wish capitalism destroyed and the Co-operative Commonwealth established. Today women in their great majority are the slaves of slaves—Socialism will set them free and make them economically and politically the equals of men.

The Roman Catholic church will not have it so. The priests could not rule the women—and through the women the men—if the women were all educated and economically and politically free.

Father Kress and Father Sherman and all the other "fathers" of that type are following the example set by the Father Inquisitors in Spain and the Netherlands, who put a devil's cap upon the head of the poor wretch who was to be burned at the stake, depicting the fearful crimes he was supposed to have committed with the devil. Many Protestants, free thinkers and even Catholics were burned in such a manner as "evil doers." The priests, and especially the Jesuits, would like to do the same thing to the Socialists, if they had the power. But let me predict, they will never again get that power in America, nor in any progressive country in the 20th century. The Conquistadors practiced it in Mexico and South America for the first and last time during the history of this continent. But if the capitalistic Jesuits and the Jesuitic capitalists will persist in the way they have started, we shall have a repetition of the French revolution on a thousandfold greater scale and make it more thorough work next time.

Victor L. Berger.

Public Control of Monopoly

that falls short of social public ownership of such monopoly must, in every instance, prove an absolute failure so long as men controlled by monopoly are elected to office.

As both the old parties obtain their campaign funds from capitalist sources, their candidates must bow to the will of the monopolists, or prove false to the class they represent.

As the Social-Democratic party represents the working class, none of its campaign funds are derived from the opponents of that class.

The members of the Social-Democratic party pay the freight out of their own pockets—and are in a position to hire and discharge their own freight-handlers; they lose the job.

If you are not a member of the party, come in and help box the job. If you are a member, do what you can toward awakening an interest in the movement among those still on the outside. One candidate needed to be always carry a supply of these Herald copies. Five for one dollar. YOUR CANDIDATE IS GOD.

POWER OF THE PRESS

The power of the press has long been recognized and taken advantage of by the capitalist class.

Not even the so-called labor paper has been free from the blighting influence of capital.

When a labor paper begins bombing "prominent" business men as "well-known friends of labor," at so much per line, in many instances with an entire disregard of the facts, it is time to drop that paper as you would a red-hot horseshoe.

The Social-Democratic press, because of its recognition of class divisions, is entirely free from this corrupting influence. It is rapidly gaining the confidence of the general public, including the opponents of Socialism.

You can help along this power for good by carrying a supply of Herald subscriber cards. Our offer still holds good—five cards for two dollars; pay for them when sold. Look for our SPECIAL OFFER elsewhere in this issue.



Classics of Social-Democracy.

SOCIALISM FROM UTOPIA TO SCIENCE.

By FREDERICK ENGELS.

[Frederick Engels, who jointly with Karl Marx put the philosophy of Socialism on a scientific basis, was born in Barmen, Germany, Nov. 28, 1820, and was the son of a manufacturer. He received a scientific education and afterward entered mercantile life in Berlin and in England in establishments partly owned by his father. He joined with Marx in writing the celebrated "Communist Manifesto," and was the author of other Socialist and economic works. His "Socialism from Utopia to Science" was written in 1875.]

(PREFACE CONTINUED.)

What, indeed, is agnosticism, but to use an expressive Lancashire term, "shame-faced" materialism? The agnostic's conception of nature is materialistic throughout. The entire natural world is governed by law, and absolutely excludes the intervention of action from without. But, he adds, we have no means either of ascertaining or of disproving the existence of some Superior Being beyond the known universe. Now, this might hold good at the time when Laplace, to Napoleon's question, why in the great astronomer's *Mecanique celeste* the Creator was not even mentioned, proudly replied: *Je n'avais pas besoin de cette hypothese*. But nowadays, in our evolutionary conception of the universe, there is absolutely no room for either a Creator or a Ruler; and to talk of a Supreme Being shut out from the whole existing world implies a contradiction in terms, and, as it seems to me, a gratuitous insult to the feelings of religious people.

Again, our agnostic admits that all our knowledge is based upon the information imparted to us by our senses. But, he adds, how do we know that our senses give us correct representations of the objects we perceive through them? And he proceeds to inform us that, whenever he speaks of objects or their qualities, he does in reality not mean these objects and qualities, of which he cannot know anything for certain, but merely the impressions which have been produced on his senses. Now, this line of reasoning seems undoubtedly hard to beat by mere argumentation. But before there was argumentation, there was action. *Im Anfang war die That*. And human action had solved the difficulty long before human ingenuity invented it. The proof of the pudding is in the eating. From the moment we turn to our own use these objects, according to the qualities we perceive in them, we put to an infallible test the correctness or otherwise of our sense-perceptions. If these perceptions have been wrong, then our estimate of the use to which an object can be turned must also be wrong, and our attempt must fail. But if we succeed in accomplishing our aim, if we find that the object does agree with our idea of it, and does answer the purpose we intended it for, then that is positive proof that our perceptions of it and of its qualities, so far, agree with reality outside ourselves. And whenever we find ourselves face to face with a failure, then we generally are not long in making out the cause that made us fail; we find that the perception upon which we acted was either incomplete and superficial, or combined with the results of other perceptions in a way not warranted by them—what we call defective reasoning. So long as we take care to train and to use our senses properly, and to keep our action within the limits prescribed by perceptions properly made and properly used, so long we shall find that the result of our action proves the conformity of our perceptions with the objective nature of the things perceived. Not in one single instance, so far, have we been led to the conclusion that our sense-perceptions, scientifically controlled, induce in our minds ideas respecting the outer world that are, by their very nature, at variance with reality, or that there is an inherent incompatibility between the outer world and our sense-perceptions of it.

But then come the Neo-Kantian agnostics and say: We may correctly perceive the qualities of a thing, but we cannot by any sensible or mental process grasp the thing in itself. This "thing in itself" is beyond our ken. To this Hegel, long since, has replied: If you know all the qualities of a thing, you know the thing itself; nothing remains but the fact that the said thing exists without us, and when your senses have taught you that fact, you have grasped the last remnant of the thing in itself. Kant's celebrated unknowable *Ding an sich*. To which it may be added that, in Kant's time, our knowledge of natural objects was indeed so fragmentary that he might well suspect, behind the little we knew about each of them, a mysterious "thing in itself." But one after another these ungraspable things have been grasped, analyzed, and, what is more, reproduced by the hand of progress of science; and what we can produce, we certainly cannot consider as unknowable. To the chemistry of the first half of this century organic substances were such mysterious objects; now, we learn to build them up one after another from their chemical elements without the aid of organic processes. Modern chemists declare that as soon as the chemical constitution of no matter what body is known it can be built up from its elements. We are still far from knowing the constitution of the highest organic substances, the albuminous bodies; but there is no reason why we should not, if only after centuries, arrive at that knowledge, and, armed with it, produce artificial albumen. But if we arrive at that, we shall at the same time have produced organic life, for life, from its lowest to its highest forms, is but the normal mode of existence of albuminous bodies.

As soon however, as our agnostic has made these formal mental reservations, he talks and acts as the rank materialist he at bottom is. He may say that, as far as we know, matter and motion, or as it is now called, energy, can neither be created or destroyed, but that we have no proof of their not having been created at some time or other. But if you try to use this admission against him in any particular case, he will quickly put you out of court. If he admits the possibility of spiritualism in abstracto, he will have none of it in concreto. As far as we know and can know, he will tell you there is no Creator and no Ruler of the universe; as far as we are concerned, matter and energy can neither be created nor annihilated; for us, mind is a mode of energy, a function of the brain; all we know is that the material world is governed by immutable laws, and so forth. Thus, as far as he is a scientific man, as far as he knows anything, he is a materialist; outside his science, in spheres about which he knows nothing, he translates his ignorance into Greek and calls it agnosticism.

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WISCONSIN SOCIALIST LAW-MAKERS.

What they are About and How they are Succeeding.

IN THE LEGISLATURE: Senate—Jacob Rummel, Assembly—Edmund Berner, Frederick Brockhausen, W. J. Aldrich, A. Strehlow. IN THE CITY COUNCIL, MILWAUKEE: Albert J. Welch, Frederic Heath, Edmund T. Meims, Gustave Wild, Emil Seidel, Carl Malewski, Henry W. Grant, Edward Schrans, Nicolas Petersen. IN THE COUNTY BOARD, MILWAUKEE: Frank Boness, James Sheehan, Charles Jenko, Gustav Goerdts.

[Special Correspondence by Comrade Ira D. Cross, Madison.]

Madison, Jan. 18. The "vanguard" of the great Socialist army has invaded the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin! Five sturdy fighters for the great cause of the working class have entered the lists, and for weeks to come will battle upon the legislative floor against the forces of capitalism.

There are only five of these men, but in Comrades Brockhausen, Aldrich, Berner and Strehlow in the Assembly and Comrade Rummel in the Senate, the workers of Wisconsin have at last found a delegation of legislators who will truly represent their interests.

There are only five of these men. Yes, only five of them, but as with all armies, the vanguard comprises but a few who blaze the way for greater numbers which follow. And that these greater numbers will follow in the steps of this "vanguard" is too evident to need further discussion, judging from the rapid awakening of the proletariat.

"Yes, we all feel right at home," said Comrade Brockhausen to my query, "and they treat us as one of the family too!" That this is true is shown by the fact that all of our legislators have been placed upon important committees. In the Assembly, Comrade Brockhausen has been assigned to the Committee on Manufactures and Labor, a place for which he is well fitted because of his work in past sessions as agent for the interests of the Federation of Labor. Comrade Aldrich has been placed upon the Committee on the Judiciary, Comrade Strehlow upon that of Cities, and Comrade Berner upon the Health and Sanitation Committee. In the Senate, we have fared better than was expected, for it is here that Comrade Rummel has been made Chairman of the Committee on Manufactures and Labor, a very important position; it is before this committee that all labor legislation must come, before being placed before the Senate. He has also been assigned to several other committees, and we will most assuredly hear more about him in the future proceedings of the Senate.

Of course, as was to be expected, it was impossible for our Socialist legislators to keep quiet for a very long time, and the very first thing that they did was to begin introducing bills. Labor bills at that! The first one applied to the establishment of the eight-hour day for all state and municipal work. This was introduced by Comrade Brockhausen. A little later on Comrade Berner jumped up and presented a resolution calling for an amendment to the state constitution looking to the enactment of a law inaugurating old age pensions for superannuated laborers, teachers, and state and municipal employees. Then Aldrich fired a third bill at the clerk of the assembly, but this one ap-

plied to the law of contributory negligence, and is meant to abolish the old feudalistic idea as regards the matter of fellow servant.

"We have hardly gotten started yet," explained one of the comrades, but to me it seemed as if they had already heaved a couple of heavy rocks at the capitalistic glass house.

But our legislators are not confining their good work solely to the matter of introducing laws. They have already taken a step which will bear immediate fruit. There are a large number of small boys employed in the Legislature as pages and errand boys. Many of these are under fourteen years of age and are at work in direct violation of the state child labor laws. These little fellows, many of them exceedingly bright and intelligent, should be in school and at work with their books. Our Republican friends of the reform stripe have permitted this open violation of the laws to continue year after year, and this directly under the nose of the state factory inspector. But it remained for our Socialist legislators to take action in regard to this matter, and they did it the very first day that they were in their seats. They handed an objection to the labor commissioner, who in turn notified the sergeant-at-arms that the little fellows would have to be returned to their books and the school room.

O! I tell you that there is going to be something doing from now on at the State Capitol. Our men will pursue a strictly Socialistic policy of voting for all labor laws which are in the interests of the laboring men, no matter by whom they are introduced. It is safe to say however that the greatest part of them will come from the four men seated side by side behind their desks on the north side of the assembly room, each of whom wears a Socialist button in the lapel of his coat.

You just watch us for the next month or so and see if we don't make some doings, down here in this Republican stronghold.

At Madison last Monday the vote was taken on a United States senator to succeed Senator Quarles. Gov. La Follette was chosen. The Social-Democratic members voted as a unit for Comrade Victor L. Berger.

In the Wisconsin senate this week Senator Rummel introduced a bill that is attracting a good deal of attention. The measure provides that all present franchises to semi-public corporations shall be declared null and void. Two years are given to existing corporations to dispose of their property or to seek new franchises under the proposed law. New franchises are to be granted only upon an affirmative vote of the people and are never to extend for a longer period than five years. At the expiration of each five-year period, the question is to be submitted to the people as to whether the property operated under the franchise shall be purchased by the municipality.

In the estimates of the value at which the property of semi-public corporations is to be purchased by the municipalities, only the actual construction cost is to be figured.

THE MODERN GAS LIGHT CO. AND THE PEOPLE

Among the various evils that attend monopoly in private hands are excessive charges, enormous profits, watered stock, false accounting, and doctored reports, poor service, disregard of safety, discrimination, fraud and corruption, defiance of law, speculation and gambling, congestion of wealth and power, ILL TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES, debasement of human nature and denial of democracy.

Some of the benefits of public ownership are: Lower rates, economy, enlargement of facilities, increase of business, more impartial treatment of customers, no secret rebates, public safety, obedience to law, better service, true accounts, no watered stock, no stocks to gamble with, less fraud and corruption; better treatment of labor, no strikes and lockouts; a good step toward complete co-operation; adds to social strength and cohesion, adds to public wealth, tends to more equal distribution of benefits; favors progress, development and manhood; favors liberty of press, pulpit, school, court and legislative hall, editor, preacher, teacher, workman and voter; favors democracy and self-government; favors unity and harmony, identifying the interests of owners and public.

Such facts as the foregoing have gone far toward opening the eyes of the general public, and the appeal of the local gas monopoly to substantial taxpayers can influence only such of them as happen to be holders of gas stock.

Many of our manufacturers are large consumers of gas, and the kind of argument that would be most likely to influence them would be the promise of better gas and lower gas bills. Experience has proven that municipal ownership can and does fulfill these promises.

All attempts on the part of the paid servants of private monopoly to work upon the prejudices of the people by crying "Socialism" will only tend to arouse their suspicions and cause them to investigate for themselves.

The recent temporary defeat of the effort of the people of Milwaukee (through corporation influence in the Common Council) to establish a municipal electric light plant has only tended to intensify the desire for municipal ownership and to cultivate a determination to overcome the obstacles that stand in the way. Among those obstacles are the members of the Milwaukee Common Council who proved recreant to the trust reposed in them by their constituents.

The action of those aldermen is but another indication of the weakness of human nature which the capitalistic opponents of Socialism are so fond of talking about. There is still another weakness, however, which should be taken into consideration in connection with the subject of municipal ownership, and that is the tendency of buyers generally to gravitate toward the cheapest market.

The strongest argument of all the strong arguments in favor of municipal ownership is that it cheapens production, and this fact is well known to the managers of private corporations. In every instance

where municipalities have entered into competition with private corporations, the lower prices offered by the municipal plant have been met by the private corporation as long as it could stand the strain. Even the fear of competition by the city led the manager of the Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co. to offer to furnish lights at the same figure as they are now being furnished in Detroit by its municipal plant.

In 1876, Charlottesville, Va., took possession of the gas works and at once reduced the price per thousand from \$3.50 to \$3, and now the rate is \$1, the total cost to the people being 83 cents per thousand.

In 1890 the citizens of Hamilton, Ohio, were paying \$2 per thousand for poor gas. The city built works of its own and supplied its citizens with good gas at \$1 per thousand, and made a profit.

In 1890 Danville, Va., reduced the rate under municipal management from \$4 to \$1.50, and the total cost to the people at the present time is 88 cents per thousand.

Wheeling, W. Va., is supplying its citizens with gas at 75 cents per thousand; average total cost, 54 cents.

Richmond, Va., Alexandria, Va., Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Henderson, Ky., have substantially the same story to tell.

In all but one of the cities named (Hamilton, Ohio) the citizens have ceased paying interest, the plants having long since paid for themselves out of their earnings.

These are only a few of the instances where public ownership of gas plants has proven advantageous to the citizens, and this notwithstanding the claim of the writer for the local monopoly that public ownership is "contrary to the fundamental principles of our representative form of government."

And now New York and Boston are about to fall into line.

Verily, if this thing keeps on, the private gas octopus will be forced to seek foreign markets.

Albert J. Welch.

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Advertisement for Schlitz beer, featuring a portrait of a man and the text 'DISCRIMINATION' and 'DRINK Schlitz'.

Advertisement for Schlitz beer, titled 'The Beer that Made Milwaukee Famous', describing its health benefits.

Advertisement for AND. BUEHLER PRINTER, located at 614-616 East Water St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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Advertisement for Feed Your Horses! featuring Gold Coin Stock Food, described as economical and healthy.

Advertisement for PHILIP ORTH & CO., Wholesale Distributors, located at 204 Florida St., Milwaukee.

Advertisement for Smoke NIGHT HAWK CIGARS, featuring a hawk illustration and text about the product's quality.

Advertisement for FOR MUSIC, featuring Fred Brockhausen and his Social-Democratic Band & Orchestra.

Advertisement for Smoke J. D. Cigars, located at 10 Cents - STRAIGHT - 10 Cents, manufactured by B. BEMBLE, 1522 Cherry St.

Large advertisement for The Old, Reliable Gas House COKE, featuring pricing information (\$4.50 and \$5.50 per ton) and contact details for Milwaukee Gas Light Co. at 182 Wisconsin Street.



MYRON REED'S SERMON ON TRAMPS

How the late Denver Preacher Viewed the Man in Rags.

"Blessed is he that considers the poor," says David. Not simply looks at them, but considers them; that is, weighs them. What is the reason of poverty? What is the relief? "The cause that I knew not I searched out," says Job.

Not able to make the whole of a thing. He is only good in combination. Alone he is helpless. Suppose a dray horse out of a job should apply at Jewell park for a position as a quarter horse. Maud S. is not good for street-car purposes. The race horse is a result of the breeding of centuries. It requires ages to make a sheep dog into a shepherd dog. He cannot change work with a pointer. To fit this factory hand for the factory unfitted him for anything else.

clerk. Then go into the woods for a few weeks, and some fine morning clad in old blue shirt, torn corduroys and moccasins, unshaved and uncombed, appear upon the scene. The temptation to seek an entrance by the back door, and sneak upstairs and get to your trunk is tremendous. I remember an awful day in Detroit. My trunk had gone on and I had on the uniform of the pinery. The citizens looked at me as if I was off the reservation and I felt lonesome.

As a rule, people are willing to work. It is curious; warehouses full of clothes, warehouses full of grain—abundance, but not to be earned. There is an old man's idea of hell. "Water, water, everywhere, but not a drop to drink." Of course some men lack energy, vim, take everything by the blade and nothing by the handle. But I do not know that I ought to blame a man for lack of a native gift. Energy is a gift, an inheritance. Not all have it. The tramp innocent and the tramp guilty are facts. What will he do? The comfortable citizen plodding home late at night watches the alley. Poverty, ignorance, neglect evolve into crime naturally. A man compelled to stand with his hands in his pockets all day is the next day tempted to put his hands in yours. Gail Hamilton complained that the tramp is no gentleman. It is possible that a certain set of circumstances might make her no lady. "What's done we partly may compute, but never what's resisted." It is possible that the tramp made a good fight—the hero of a lost cause. I am going to give him the benefit of the doubt. Here in this city where is a man out of money to find a place to sleep? Seventy-one slept in the station house the other cold night. That is better than nothing, but it is not good to send criminals and misfortunes in at the same door. They will get confused and come out the same thing. We need in this city "A Friendly Inn," with some work, and the homeless can pay for lodging and for food, and so keep their self-respect and so that we can keep ours.

A neglected class soon get to be out of all sympathy with society. Robert Burns long ago met the "Jolly Beggars" at Pensive Nancy's in the town of Manichine, and photographs them, and makes a note of the song they sang: "Life is all a variorum. We regard not how it goes. Let them prate about decorum Who have character to lose. A fig for those by law protected, Liberty's a glorious feast. Courts for cowards were erected, Churches built to please the priest." What hope goes out of a man, fear goes out. A sort of reckless insolence comes in. My visitor told me his story, and picked with nervous fingers at his old cap while he told it. He was not insolent, he was not hard. I do not think he had a thought he ought to be some work for him. Some place some foothold. I think there are good brains enough, good hearts enough to devise a way to save a man from becoming a tramp. I listened to his story, opened the door and he "moved on." It made me think of something I had read in Dickens' "Bleak House," and I took down the book and turned to the chapter in which Poor Joe figures. You remember him munching a dirty piece of bread, sitting down for his breakfast on the doorstep of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts." There he sits, looking up at the great cross on the summit of St. Paul's cathedral. He does not know what that cross means. Poor little heathen!—poor Church of England, too! His breath draws as heavy as a cart. "I am moving on," he says. "I'm moving on to the 'burin' ground, that's what it is I am up to." It is only a little while and the breath that draws as heavy as a cart is too heavy. "The light has come upon the poor benighted boy—dead! dead, your majesty! dead, my lords and gentlemen! dead, right reverends and wrong reverends of every order; dead, men and women born with heavenly compassion in your hearts; and dying thus around us, every day." But that was in London, crowded center of the earth. Here things are different. Yes, they are American rags are not so ancient as those of London. We are young. We are not far on the road, but the question is: Is it the same old evil road? Is pauperism to be an American institution?

FATHER GAPON. The leader who was largely responsible for Sunday's demonstration in St. Petersburg was the Socialist priest, Father George Gapon. Born in the village of Poltava in 1839, he was the son of a peasant father and mother, and as a boy he acted as the village swineherd. He showed phenomenal mental ability and friends of the family sent him to school and afterwards to a seminary, where he studied to be a priest. When he was in his final class he was expelled for insisting on discussing conditions of the people. Then he was a zemstvo clerk until a young woman friend, who was a Socialist, urged him to enter the priesthood, which he did under limitations that did not permit him to enjoy a general parastate. He wrote a work on "Christian Socialism," which was suppressed by the government. He worked among the poorest classes and worked well. He became the idol of the masses. Then finally he suggested that an appeal to the czar should be made and that the workingmen should go to the palace weapons and pledged to protect their monarch's life. Paris, Jan. 24.—The Petit Parisien writes the following from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "It is learned that Father Gapon has shed his priestly garb and is now moving among the strikers in civilian attire. During the clash between the strikers at the Putiloff works and the soldiers, the priest was thrown to the ground. He managed to crawl into a nearby dwelling where he kept himself concealed until the soldiers had left the spot. Then he emerged clad in civilian's dress and made his way into the city."

NAT'L. H'QUARTERS.—The Socialist party clubs of Michigan have decided by referendum vote to hold their state convention at Grand Rapids, Feb. 12. The political convention will be held at the same time for the purpose of nominating two candidates for regents of the state university and one supreme court judge. The referendum for the election of National Committeemen for Texas resulted in no election, no candidate receiving a majority. A second ballot is being taken. W. T. Trautman of Cincinnati has been elected as national committeeman for Ohio, making with Robert Handlow the two members from that state. J. E. Snyder, Oklahoma City, is the new territorial secretary for Oklahoma. H. H. Caldwell has withdrawn his name from the reserve list of national speakers and organizers. Winfield R. Gaylord begins an organizing tour of Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, at Manatee, Florida, Jan. 23. In response to calls, a large new and revised edition (the third) of "Socialist Methods" has been issued, which the national office can supply at the following prices, postage paid: 10, 20, etc.; 500, 90 cts.; 1,000, \$1.30. William Mailly, Nat'l. Secy. Writing of the latest booklet of Comrade Geo. W. Woodbey on "The Bible and Socialism" Eugene V. Debs says: "It is a clever production and not only worth reading but worth circulating as widely as possible. Being himself a minister of the gospel, Comrade Woodbey understands the view point of the many who are opposed to Socialism because of their supposed religious scruples and he knows precisely how to approach them to disarm their prejudice and enable them to see Socialism free from the deformities which its enemies have put upon it." RIO GRANDE WOOLEN MILLS (Co-operative). Johney H. Bearrup, Pres.

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Gleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields!

NOTES FROM YANKEE LAND. The Rev. B. H. Holman of British Columbia, known as the Socialist Preacher, is holding meetings in Spokane.

MINNESOTA.—Thos Van Lear, employed by the state committee, is now speaking and has been for the past three weeks in the northern towns of Minnesota.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND. Russian Poland is suffering extensively from the effects of the war. The Polish textile industry workers at Lodz are literally starving.

London, Jan. 4.—Will Crooks, Radical labor member of Parliament, and mayor of Poplar, an East End borough inhabited by dock laborers chiefly, has never worn a dress suit despite the fact that he frequently officially has to attend functions at which the king is present.

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EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

Now the play shifts again. Russia gets back to the center of the stage and Colorado is crowded back to the wings.

The United Mine Workers' Journal printed John Mitchell's portrait for the twentieth time within a year in last week's issue.

For sheer and wanton hypocrisy we refer you to the English press and its talk about the Russian revolt. Its profession of sympathy for the plight of the Russian workers, while within the reach of the ears of the editors who write the stuff there is the sound of the ceaseless, despairing tread of the London hunger brigade.

In the last issue of the People, of New York, the editor, Daniel DeLeon, makes the confession that the situation of his party is like unto that of the Russian forces at Port Arthur.

The revolt in Russia seems to have grit in it. If there is enough preparedness back of it there may dawn a new day of life for the oppressed of that benighted monarchy.

From our esteemed contemporary, The Socialist of Tokyo, Japan, we learn that Socialist in Japanese is Shaka-shugi—a name that sounds so pleasant that we are not at all surprised that our movement is making many friends among the people of the beautiful island empire.

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MORE HORRIBLE SLAUGHTER IN ST. PETERSBURG.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—It is reported that the czar has secretly left the Tsar-koo-Selo palace for the Peterhof palace on the Gulf of Finland, eighteen miles from the capital.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—5:44 p. m.—Conflicts between the military and public have been resumed. On the Nevsky prospect the troops are firing into the crowds.

Revolutionary Proclamation Issued. St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—The following revolutionary proclamation was issued today and is being circulated throughout the city from hand to hand:

"The proletariat of all countries are united. Citizens, you yesterday witnessed the bestial cruelty of the autocratic government. You saw blood flowing in the streets. You saw hundreds slaughtered, defenders of the cause of labor. You saw the dead and heard the groans of the wounded women and defenseless children. The blood and brains of workmen were scattered around where their heads had been laid.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25, 8 a. m.—A letter from Father George Gapon is in the hands of the Russian soldiers. It was smuggled into the camps and barracks by emissaries, many of whom have already been arrested. If it is true that the soldiers think as much of the priest as do the strikers this letter is likely to prove the spark which will bring the powder of rebellion among the soldiers to explosion.

This is a holy war," writes Father Gapon, "which being in the cause of liberty and truth I promise you, the soldiers of Russia, abolition from the sin of violating your oath of allegiance. It is your duty toward your brothers to join in this holy crusade. I bless you all who will take part in this war for truth and liberty."

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"We must throw down the emperor and the government and must have our own government. Long live the revolution!"

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London, Jan. 25.—The London Daily Express has issued a 5 o'clock (a. m.) issue in which appears a dispatch from Moscow stating that the strikers in St. Petersburg have wrecked the palace of the Grand Duke Sergius.

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CAPITALISM'S INFERNO!

New York, Jan. 12.—Dr. A. S. Daniel, of the New York Infirmary for Women, told the members of the Woman's Municipal League today that an eighteen months old child had been found employed in a sweatshop and that the little one's worth was calculated by his mother at 50 cents a week.

Dr. Daniel addressed the league on "Illegal Sweatshop Work." She said that children as young as four years of age were regularly employed in some of the thirty-three trades which the law allows to go on in tenement rooms.

"Some time ago a child of one and one-half years was brought to the New York Infirmary for treatment," said Dr. Daniel. "After some days the child's mother came for her and took her away. At that time the mother said that she needed the child's services following her trade of passmenterie making, in her tenement home. She said that the child's services were worth 50 cents a week to her."

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Comrade E. L. Osgood, 639 E. 23rd street, will take subscriptions for the Social-Democratic Herald.

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**Town Topics by the Town Crier.**

The papers announce that Attorney Timlin's bill to provide the right of the people to acquire public utilities by giving three years' notice, has been approved by the bar association and will be presented at Madison. Let the bill be very carefully looked over. We have it from reliable authority that Timlin admitted to a couple of capitalists that the bill wasn't really what it appeared to be on its face and that if the Social-Democrats didn't spoil the game it would probably go through. As a railroad attorney, Timlin is up to snuff, all right. What the deep scheme back of the bill is, will doubtless come to light when it is presented.

Recently we gave the details of the operations by which a lot of kid-gloved crooks had plundered the Sherburne Bryant estate for years and rendered it bankrupt. The past week a land dealer named Joseph Duhauc of Antigo, Wis., was in Milwaukee trying to straighten out the title to some lands in Langlade county which had belonged to Sherburne Bryant but had been diverted by stealth from his possession to that of those he trusted. This was done at about the time when he was found in a sanitarium. Money he sent to pay taxes on the prop-

erty was used by the schemers to buy tax-title deeds in the name of W. H. Dawley of Antigo, a relative of Bryant's son-in-law, Vinson. Vinson also assigned property to Dawley he never owned, property which was afterward sold to a lumber dealer in Chicago. After Bryant's death the thing went on without the heirs knowing it until the land was practically all tied up and tax title certificates had accrued till they reached nearly three feet high, while the Bryant land was being eaten up by these manipulations. Mr. Duhauc says that a more complicated mess could hardly be found in the history of land deals and that an immense amount of work has been necessary for the present owners in tracing title and getting the tangle unsharled.

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**SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC NOTES.**  
 The trade unionist who voted for the open shop will now get it.  
 The less work one man does the more work there is for some other man to do.  
 The Wauwatosa Branch is going to get down to some tall hustling in the near future.  
 The two great American prophets—Abe Lincoln and Mark Hanna—both foresaw the inevitable social revolution.  
 Do we elect presidents to tell us how many children we shall have? It seems so, if you listen to President Roosevelt.  
 The 2nd ward branch is on the war path. Be careful and don't get in the way of progress, boys, or you will be goners, sure.  
 The South Side Woman's Club held a business meeting last Tuesday afternoon at their hall on 6th and Greenfield ayes.  
 Everybody today is either cursing Socialism or discussing it. It doesn't make much difference which they do, it is coming, anyhow.  
 Lectures at the South Side Socialist will be held every first Sunday afternoon in each month. The home is located at 382 Washington st.  
 A sick man takes medicine because he wants to get well—not because he likes it. Some people today accept Socialism for the same reason.  
 The child who demands the Union Label needs more influence than the man or woman who strikes. The striker's place may be filled, but there is no substitute for the Union Label.  
 Last, a comrade by the name of Henry Teelzen. All information leading to the discovery of the above mentioned comrade will please report the good news to the City Organizer.

"The day is coming when no one will be called a Christian unless he lives for humanity at Jesus' hand. A new life is stirring in the hearts and minds of

men and women today. It is a new vision of the Christ."  
 The North Side Woman's Club will be organized at Wegner's Hall, corner of Buffum and Chambers, Tuesday afternoon, February 14th, at 2 o'clock P. M. All women interested in this organization are kindly requested to be present.  
 The 12th Ward English branch distributed Vorwarts and Heralds last Sunday morning throughout the ward. Well, well. That's enough to make the pot house politician shed genuine tears. Say you 12th warders, that's the limit.  
 The 14th ward held a successful propaganda meeting last Thursday evening. Comrade E. T. Melms addressed the meeting on the meaning of "Socialism." Another good meeting was held corner 14th and Chestnut sts. Friday evening, Jan. 20th, under the auspices of the 2nd ward branch.  
 Everybody knows there is enough coal in the ground for all, and that there are plenty of men ready and willing to dig it. They also know that in spite of this fact thousands of men, women and children shiver and freeze for want of coal. This one fact alone ought to make a Socialist out of any thinking workman.  
 Now for a good hard pull on the North Side to form an organization known as the North Side Socialist Women's Club. All comrades whose wives, daughters or sweethearts are interested in a woman's organization should send in their names and addresses to E. T. Melms, City Organizer, 344 Sixth St. as soon as possible.  
 The East Side Socialist Women's Club was organized last Thursday afternoon at F. Locke's Hall, 327 Sherman st., corner of 4th st., with the following charter members:  
 Mrs. J. Reisse, Mrs. L. Wiessner, Mrs. T. F. Lemsthal, Mrs. F. Locke, Mrs. F. Heide, Mrs. A. Paul, Mrs. E. Taves, Mrs. G. Winkler, Mrs. F. Kersch, Mrs.

R. H. Thomas, Mrs. J. Hendricksen, Mrs. G. Grant, and Mrs. E. T. Melms.  
 The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. J. Reisse. Secretary—Miss E. H. Thomas. Financial Secretary—Mrs. G. Weidner. Treasurer—Mrs. T. F. Ramsthal. Trustees—Mrs. H. Taves.  
 The club will hold two meetings a month, every first and third Tuesday afternoon of each month at F. Locke's Hall, 327 Sherman st. E. T. M.  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN—MILWAUKEE COUNTY.**  
**COUNTY COURT—IN PROBATE.**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Frank Last, Deceased.  
 Letters of administration on the Estate of Frank Last, late of the County of Milwaukee, in said County of Milwaukee, deceased, having been duly granted to Richard A. Lauer by this Court:  
**IT IS ORDERED**, That the time from the date hereof until and including the first Tuesday of August, A. D. 1905, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time within which all persons claiming to be creditors of said deceased, or who have claims against said deceased, shall present their claims for examination and allowance.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That all claims and demands of all persons against said Frank Last, deceased, be examined and adjusted before this Court, at its Court Room in the Court House, in the City of Milwaukee, in said County, at the regular term thereof appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of October, 1905, and all creditors are hereby notified thereof.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That notice of the time and place at which said claims and demands will be examined and adjusted as aforesaid, and of the time above limited for said creditors to present their claims and demands, be given by publishing a copy of this order and notice, for four consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social-Democratic Herald," a newspaper published in the County of Milwaukee, the first publication to be within fifteen days from the date hereof.  
 Dated this 23rd day of January, 1905.  
 VAUL H. CARPENTER, County Judge.  
 RICHARD A. LAUER, Clerk.

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