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Milwaukee's "Reformers!"

By Victor L. Berger.

It is really laughable to see our Milwaukee capitalist papers, at a loss to explain the graft epidemic in our public life...

Ex-Supervisor and Ex-Register of deeds, Otto Seidel, was one of the most industrious business men on the county board...

Only when one of the business men, named Strauss, was caught in an unlucky affair, sentenced and thus embittered, did he threaten to turn informer...

Even this confession was business and nothing more. Everybody for himself and the devil take the hindmost—that is the maxim of every successful business man...

Yet it would be impossible and ridiculous to treat every business man as a thief and a grafter, and punish him as such.

And while it is true that it is especially the smaller business men and the small shopkeepers with whom the grafting instinct is most typical—they graft comparatively with more intensity...

And it is also true that these small bourgeois politicians and small potato reformers, whenever they were elected to office, have invariably showed themselves to be worse grafters than their predecessors...

A most glaring example of this kind can be seen just now in Milwaukee. The so-called half-breeds, or the followers of Robert M. La Follette...

But nothing shows the insincerity of the graft investigation more than the way they go about it. Judging from the developments, our district attorney is trying to make political graft out of the business graft.

Mr. Hamburger was indicted because he happened to be one of the managers of the department store of Gimbel Bros., which from the mere fact of being a department store is an eyesore to every small bourgeois...

Even more objectionable to the lover of fair play—and every Social-Democrat stands for fair play—is the indictment of Chas. F. Pfister, the chief of the Stalwarts, for "stealing" \$14,000 from the Wisconsin Rendering Co.

On the other hand, every man and woman suspects, or seems to suspect, that Mr. Pfister has been bribing aldermen and supervisors. And the testimony of the president of the Wisconsin Rendering Co. and of the other witnesses before the grand jury...

Of course, everybody would still be asking the question: why were not the known and proven bribe givers indicted?

But as I said at the beginning of the article, the Half-breeds want to make all the political graft they can out of these grafting investigations. They do not want to indict the bribe givers who may be of use to them.

Now, with us Social-Democrats, this is a different story. We want to see justice done, as far as justice can be done under the present system.

And here is what we have to say: It is due more to the Social-Democrats than to any other agency that this anti-graft crusade was started in Milwaukee two years ago.

We want to have a thorough investigation, in order to show the people the political aspect of the present economic system. But we do not want to see this investigation used so as to make the graft-business a perpetual business for little lawyers and small business men who are making grafting their business.

And we want all the grafters and this includes the Half-breeds and all the reformers...

Since the Socialists have been in the Milwaukee city council the Milwaukee aldermen have done more work for less pay than ever before in the course of modern municipal history.

The nations of the globe are now preserving an armed peace. An armed peace, just think of it, you Christians. And yet some of you, because of your commercial, mammon interests, are trying to block the effort of the Socialists to apply a little Christianity to modern life.

A Chicago University professor declares that graft is no more prevalent now than it has always been in American government, only it is being exposed now, where formerly it was covered up.

It is the last straw that breaks the camel's back, it is true, but you can not always tell beforehand which straw is going to be the one to do the trick.

It is getting to be a toss up as to which leads the most scandalous lives, the royalty of Europe or the codfish aristocracy of America.

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When Francis Joseph reprimanded her she told him in plain words to mind his own business, or she would tell things from her own married life which would show the late Crown Prince Rudolph in a very unenviable light.

If this thing goes much farther, Newport, Saratoga and Fifth Avenue will have to look to its laurels!

Have you visited the great art galleries and wondered at the lack of interest that a few straggling visitors, and most of them strangers, perhaps—in a center of dense population?

Have you visited the magnificent libraries of the vulgar rich and seen the rows upon rows of works of the world's greatest authors, the condition of the bindings indicating clearly that about the only time they are handled is when they are taken down to be dusted?

And all the while there are countless thousands of struggling young men and women who hunger and thirst after knowledge, who burn the midnight oil and read with feverish zeal books borrowed from the public library...

Eliminate profits and only the workers would be able to obtain the good things that are now classed as luxuries.

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Labor Day Issue of the HERALD!

On Sept. 2, The HERALD will issue its annual Labor Day edition brim-full of just the things every patriotic wage worker ought to read on such a day...

Here's glad news for the men of family who have been out of work—the wheat fields of the West are calling for men. All these discouraged men of the East have to do is beat their way on freight trains to the Western fields...

Banker Bigelow, who stole millions and is now getting soft work as a government prisoner at the Leavenworth penitentiary, was naturally violently opposed to Socialism. He felt that it meant theft and that it would "impair the purity of the home."

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The cause of Socialism needs YOU now. Not after the battle for human rights has been fought and won.

The newspaper story about Dalrymple of Glasgow stating that municipal ownership in America was impracticable turns out to be a misrepresentation out of the whole cloth.

The price of a sirloin steak has doubled since 1900. How do you like it, Mr. Consumer? The cost of chicken has increased nearly treble since 1900.

When over a hundred women, accompanied by their progeny, appeared before a New York magistrate in one day seeking to prosecute their husbands for desertion, the papers talked wisely and humanely of the whipping post as a cure for this growing evil.

In its August issue The Commons of Chicago comments on the recent incidents in the national labor movement, in effect, as follows: "The last abortive scheme, the Industrial Convention, called late in June in Chicago to consider the advisability of an 'international industrial union,' has faded away through internal dissensions and the pricking of the bubble that was found to indicate only paper organizations in back of many of the delegates."

Dominate the mass of American labor must be made within the American Federation of Labor, not by a rival organization.

Only the Workers Can Be Extravagant.

Are you a lover of music? Are you able to comprehend and appreciate the works of the great masters? If so, you have no doubt experienced that pang of regret which so often comes to the lover of real art in music that there are so few who are able to enjoy the great classics...

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Table with 4 columns: Name, Amount, Total, and other details. Includes names like G. Salvatore, Anton Olsen, J. H. Haas, etc.

Our Thieves in Broadcloth!

By Eugene V. Debs.

THE recent disclosures in the affairs of the Equitable Assurance Company furnish a series of object lessons rich and juicy with food for meditation.

The most "eminent" financiers, statesmen, promoters, politicians and moralists in the land are in the list of thieves. "Grafters" who, if justice were done—which, of course, is a very foolish "if"—would all go to the penitentiary, not as common criminals, but as professional cracksmen, caught in the act of rifling the contents of the bank vaults of the people.

The list includes such well known Christian gentlemen—gentlemen and thieves—as Levi P. Morton, Chauncey M. Depew, August Belmont, Robert T. Lincoln, degenerate son of his illustrious sire, George Gould et al.

There are more than twenty multi-millionaires in the gang. Of course! That is the way to get rich in capitalism and these are the buccaneers who are held up by the public press—while they hold up the people—as paragons of purity, and models of manhood who were once poor, and unaided and alone "worked" their way from poverty and obscurity to wealth and fame.

One of our humorists, commenting on the experiments that are being made to produce, by grafting, a seedless apple, said that the gentlemen above named and their pals were engaged in the larger and far more important work of producing, by grafting, a cashless insurance company and a coinless community.

These gentlemen are the very cream of capitalist society; they represent the highest expression of its ethics and morals.

Caught in the act of robbing the unsuspecting people while admonishing them to be virtuous, honest and law-abiding, a snap-shot at the group reveals at a glance the brazen affrontery and vulgar duplicity of these rich and respectable rascals.

With them stealing is a fine art. They are at once the best and the worst specimens of their system, the capitalist system, conceived in crime, brought forth in corruption, developed in robbery and perpetuated in slavery.

In this system to take from another clumsily and by force to satisfy an actual want or a pressing need is theft and punished accordingly, but to organize a gang of pirates in high life and for these pirates to concoct their conspiracies to rob the whole people of all they have is an achievement in finance and statecraft of such dazzling brilliancy as to merit the highest commendation.

Here we have a complete vindication of the theory of economic determinism. Morals are but the reflex of economic conditions. The most eminent specimens the capitalist system has produced prove to be its most conscienceless scoundrels, its most colossal thieves.

The reason for this is self evident. The capitalist competitive system is essentially immoral, brutal, hypocritical and heartless.

These capitalist sand-baggers all attend church and solemnly join in the prayers that God Almighty may increase the opportunities of the preyers.

What a picture! And what an invitation for Jesus Christ and his rich man's cat-o-nine-tails!

Since the eruption of Equitable Assurance the pus has been flowing like fides of lava down mountain sides. It is the tapping of but one of the ulcers of capitalism. The rest are equally ripe and will be reached in due order.

Down with the capitalist system! Down with the exploitation of the working class! Down with the rich and respectable robbers!

Up with the working class! Up with the Socialist Republic! Up with Freedom and Humanity.

The end of the old and the beginning of the new are near. All hail to the coming change!

Aug. 2.

A civilization that requires peace commissions has not yet emerged from the darkness of barbarism.

The post-office is Socialistic in ownership, but so long as it is in the hands of capitalist politicians it will be mismanaged. When the Socialists gradually get possession of it, it will be run in the people's interests and will be extended to serve their wants without regard to the corporations.

Gladly we stand corrected! We should have known better at the start. Comrade Thomas Burns of Portland writes us to say that Senator Mitchell, the old land fraud rascal of Oregon, "hasn't gone to jail and probably won't."

The law of this land was never intended to put big rascals in prison, only the poor devils without a pull and without the coin in their jeans to buy the best lawyers. They are the fellows whose slightest infraction of some trumpety law is visited with the most cold-blooded ferocity of which the law and the perfumed gentry who administer it are capable.

Was there ever a worse travesty of justice than the "justice" than is ground out in the courts of this nation!

President Whitcomb of the Wisconsin Central railway gave the use of his private car to Bishop Shiner at the time of his installation at Green Bay, Wis. Did he do it because he believed in the bishop's religion? Not at all. Was it through promptings of philanthropy? No—and yes! You never hear of railroad presidents turning over their private cars to Socialist agitators who go about the country. That isn't the kind of philanthropy that pays.

The agitators do not stand for the railroad's interests. But when a railroad president turns his car over to the use of the president, or a man of great commercial influence, or to a church dignitary, it is invariably done with a thought of something sometime in return. Thus wags the world—commercially.

In answer to numerous inquiries: The constitution of the Socialist Party of America does NOT provide for the issuance of charters. The word "charter" is not so much as mentioned.

Comrade Berger's articles on ridding the people will be resumed next week.



A Religious Journal Now Sees the Light!

Hints that the Dishonesty of the Present Day is Inherent in the Business System and that the Pulpit May Have to Preach Collectivism.

We take the following highly significant expression from the editorial columns of the Homiletic Review, published by Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York, and a leading religious publication:

A prominent New York clergyman prophesies that "the next great revival held in this country will have as its dominant note the question of ethics," and sees in the controversy that is now raging in regard to the propriety or impropriety of accepting "tainted" money for religious purposes "the first sign of this revival."

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The issues are complex, but there are outstanding facts. One fact, in particular, has impressed itself on the public mind. There is an insane individualism in American life today. Men act as if the accumulation of property were the only end of existence, and as if any means were permissible in realizing that end.

come the duty of the pulpit to accept the new alternative, and to turn men's faces toward a cooperative society, which being itself ethical, will make it possible and practical for each individual to live out his highest ethical ideals in conformity with the whole social order.

Ripon College also has learned that the emblem of "success" is made thus: S. At the last commencement, according to the Milwaukee Sentinel, the college departed from its time-honored custom of having the address delivered by some eminent divine or some noted "star" in the world of letters.

Mr. Revell told his audience that success in the business world is measured by the ability to obtain and to retain \$\$\$.

I have attended a number of commencements at endowed colleges this year. The trend of all these institutions is toward commercialism. Many of these are endowed by capitalists.

This is true of institutions from John D. Rockefeller's and Leland Stanford's down to the private village academy.

Chicago. W. H. F.

Zola's Estimate of Jaures. During his exile in London, at the time of the Dreyfus affair, Emile Zola, in conversation with his English translator, Vizetelly, expressed himself about Jaures as follows:

"In the course of the last 40 years I have heard all the French orators of note, even the much belauded pulpiteres. Gambetta was our last great orator. When he died there was not one left in any party or any profession. But since then Jaures has arisen, a born champion, leader of men, and one who knows how to charm the ears of an audience.

"I think him the cleverest, the most far-seeing, and at the same time most interesting man I know in the political world today."

With a sigh, Zola concluded: "The pen is undoubtedly a mighty weapon, but oh! the power of the spoken word; without that a people can seldom, if ever, be led."—Ex.

STUDENTS' CORNER.

\* \* \* Correspondents are requested to write as briefly as possible, and on only one side of the paper.

A Question in Marx.

Ashplant Replies to 'Sanial. II. Editor Herald: In your issue dated May 13th Lucien Sanial says that my question "Who paid the 3/-?" arose from an erroneous conception of the law of exchange value.

Readers of the "Herald" who have been interested enough to follow closely this correspondence between Sanial and myself must have noticed that my opponent wholly ignored my letter of March 25th and chose to play upon a misrepresentation of my position re exchange value in preference to meeting the issue raised in the form presented by—not Ashplant, but by Karl Marx himself.

I further pointed out that my question, "Who paid the 3/-?" which on page 109 (Humboldt "Capital") is realized by the capitalist class as profit in the shape of a sum of money withdrawn from circulation (30/-) in excess of the sum of money (27/-) thrown into circulation in the manufacture of the commodity yarn, arose from (for one reason among others) the following situation, viz.:

(1) Does not Marx show that labor power is a commodity? and Sanial agrees to it? (2) Does not Marx show that labor power as a commodity is subject to the same laws that govern the value of other commodities? and Sanial agrees to it.

that on one hand are the owners of gold producing industries paying to the holders of all other commodities a sum of gold in excess for those other commodities (as yarn for instance) of their cost of production in gold, and that this margin in gold output between the cost of production and the gold itself, is the origin of capital according to orthodox political economists.

(3) Does not Marx show that the value of labor power is the cost of its reproduction? and does not Sanial agree to that? (4) If the above be true what becomes of Sanial's ridicule of Ashplant because he asked the question, "Is not the cost of reproduction of the law of value?" in general practice in commerce?

Will Sanial with all his parade of philosophy in regard to value deny that the cost of reproduction is the law of value of labor power? Again re the expression that 27/- = 30/- and vice versa etc.—Does not Marx in his illustration on page 109 "Capital" say that in the transaction outlined by himself 27/- was thrown into circulation in the manufacture of yarn, and 30/- was withdrawn from circulation in exchange for the yarn and yet at every point in the game "equivalent was exchanged for equivalent," thus 27/- = 30/- according to Marx himself and it is just his sort of thing I fail to appreciate, although I do not, as Lucien Sanial imagines, fail to comprehend. I ask who paid the difference between 27/- and 30/-?

What I comprehend is, and it is up to Sanial to prove that I am wrong, that Marx has built his theory of surplus value on lines that do not correspond to actual practice any more truly than does Henry George's single tax argument. It is simply a theory and not a fact. Marx is resting wholly on the assumption

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GLEANINGS FROM BUSY FIELDS.

national executive committee resulted as follows: Towner 22, Berger 16, not voting 13. Towner declared elected.

CALIFORNIA. — Recently the new mayor of Oakland cancelled the permit of the Socialists to hold public meetings on the street, a privilege they had enjoyed under the late Mayor Olney. No charge was made against the Socialists except that of obstructing the highway, which charge was shown to be unfounded.

National Secretary Barnes' financial report for July shows that the states paying in the largest amounts to the national treasury for the month were Illinois \$125, California \$115, New York \$100, Wisconsin \$79, Pennsylvania \$75, and Missouri \$45.

We hope the success of Towner in getting into the place on the national executive committee from which he had succeeded in having Berger ousted will not cause other ambitious members of the national committee to follow the precedent thus established.

The fellow Trautmann, who it appears was quite likely to be kicked out of his position as national committeeman of Ohio for traitorous conduct in speaking under S. L. P. auspices, has taken alarm at the turn affairs were taking and sent in his resignation to State Secy. Gardner.

Minnesota headquarters has notified national headquarters that Thomas A. Hickey is working in that state in the interests of the disorganizing tactics of the recently expelled Minneapolis local and that his actions are in conflict with Art. 17, Sec. 4 of the national constitution.

ACROSS THE POND. The beautiful peroration of Jaures' suppressed speech at Berlin has sounded like a trumpet call throughout the length and breadth of European Socialism.

The Kaiser is very proud of his Chancellor, and thinks he made a splendid move; but this must surely be only the silly pride of bravado. In one of the Reichstag constitutions—that of Oberbarnum—an election was held a few days ago, and every device was used to discredit the Socialist candidate.

The Belgian Socialists have sounded a call to arms. Militarism in this little land has been getting stronger and stronger, and urged by the King, the Clerical majority have made an increase of the dock accommodation of Antwerp the pretext for an increase of the fortifications as well.

The I. L. P. England, will publish at an early date a new pamphlet on "Municipal Milk Supply," by Councilor Short, of Bortle, who has made the subject a special study. The Fabian Society has just issued a pamphlet on the same subject by Dr. Dott, who is an expert on the medical aspect of the question.

Referendum in the state of Washington for the removal from the State Executive Committee of G. W. Scott and M. Parsons resulted: Yes—115; No—114 votes.

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Womankind in the Making -- The Unvarnished Facts.

Newport, June 26. All Newport is awaiting the inauguration of the most magnificent gown contest the social world has ever known. It will be participated in by Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Terry Belmont, Mrs. Philip Lyddy and Mrs. Ogden Mills. One of these four conceived the idea of having her summer wardrobe eclipse anything ever before seen here. She engaged an exclusive Parisian maker and gave him carte blanche. His only instructions were that he should make her the best-dressed woman in the summer city. Unfortunately, her maid whispered the intended coup to the maid of another of the social leaders. No one has yet seen one of the famed dresses save the owners and the makers.—News Item.

FOR OUR NEW READERS:

THIS COUNTRY is made up of working people, both industrial and agricultural, but is ruled by the capitalist class, which is numerically small. Being in control of the government, it runs that government in the interests of its class and against the interests of the working class, which is the people. We Socialists believe that the country should be ruled by the people in the interests of the people. That is why we established a government in the first place. We want the people to own it so that the political power can be used to begin the march to the co-operative system, called Social-Democracy.

Under the capitalist system the vast majority of mankind must sell themselves to the capitalist owners of the means of production and distribution in order to live—and to live miserably at that. The nation owns the post office and everybody is glad that it does. It ought to own all the trusts so that all may enjoy the benefits. It ought to own all the means of production as soon as such industries have become sufficiently concentrated.

- Program of International Social-Democracy:
1. Collective ownership of all industries in the hands of Trusts and Combinations, and of all public utilities.
2. Democratic management of such collective industries and utilities.
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.
5. The Inauguration of public industries to safeguard the workers against lack of employment.
6. Education of ALL children up to the age of 18 years. No child labor.
7. Equal political and civil rights for men and women.
IF YOU BELIEVE IN THE ABOVE VOTE WITH THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS.

The Georgia peach crop is threatened. Not by the elements over which man has no control, not by insect life which baffles him at times, but by a man-made danger—the private ownership of the means of distribution, to put an end to which would be "stark staring Socialism," you know!

Now the Georgia farmers don't want any Socialism in their. They are conservative, old-party sort of chaps and when they want to know what they think they consult the editorial columns of their old-party newspapers.

But somehow this individualism in industry that they have thought they stood for has finally showed to them its ugly side, and the private ownership of transportation, represented in this instance by the Armour car lines, has given them to understand that they are at its mercy and that they may be without means to get their fruit to market another year, unless they do just as the Armour octopus wants them to, that is, give the transportation company the lion's share of the value of their produce.

It is a good time for the Georgia farmer, rich man, white trash or cracker, to do a little independent thinking. It is time he stopped to consider who the capitalistic ownership of the means of production and distribution is a good thing for, the capitalists or the people?

For if such a state of things in society can rob him of his industry in the matter of fruit raising, it follows that the same game is played in other directions, so that while capitalism is Hydra-headed it is its one body that must be attacked and dispatched. The industrial class, of course, gets the worst treatment at the hands of the capitalist system, but "there are others," and those others cannot but get their eyes open sooner or later to the fact that their economic interests are not identical with those of the capitalist exploiters.

When in St. Louis De Leon denied point blank that he had ever called Debs names. "Indifferent organizer" is about the mildest term applied to Debs according to a cursory glance through our files of the People, and the worst expressions we do not care to specify as we should thereby be giving them currency. It is not forgotten how De Leon started and reiterated the abominable lie about Debs being in a hotel robbery and losing railway passes, or later how he printed a railway handbill and tried to make it appear that Debs was being boomed by the railroads, whereas everyone that knows anything at all knows how intense is Debs' antipathy to the general managers. It was DeLeon, too, who stooped to print in his columns a certain brutal capitalist newspaper article about Debs and his lecture in a certain Michigan city. DeLeon also now professes comradeship with A. M. Simmons of Chicago, and yet it is not so many years back that he poured all sorts of billingsgate over Simmons. "Besides a knave Simmons is an egregious fool," was one of the milder comments he made at that time, and he also took frequent occasion to refer to the Chicago man as an "ulcer." All of which shows how easy it is for the cock-sure DeLeon to blow hot or cold as his schemes require, and how easily he carries his dupes with him in any back somersault he finds it profitable to indulge in!

Some men are like a rudderless, sailless ship that, however imposing as to bulk, must tie up to some stronger vessel or be in danger of all sorts of cross currents. They have got to have an authority for every thought they dare to think. They are as clinging vines. Thus Ford of the Referendum, who has neither the breadth nor depth for independent thinking as a Socialist and who therefore is at the mercy of phrases ill-comprehended, has been trying to tie up to DeLeon, but with not the best success. Recently he complained because DeLeon did not call him a comrade, while that great favor was bestowed upon Comrade

Half Hours In The Herald Sanctum.

As to Minneapolis Disruptionists. Dear Herald: I note your comment in the last issue of the Herald on the circular sent out by the disruptionist faction of the expelled Minneapolis local, and will endeavor to give you some facts relative thereto.



First, the refusal of the State Executive Committee to recognize the deposition of Comrade Rogers is based upon the State Constitution, which gives Local Minneapolis the right to elect two members of the State Executive Committee. As the City Central Committee is a delegated body it could not assume the power invested in the entire local. Comrade Rogers was elected by a vote of the entire local, every member being given an opportunity to vote. This was before the local was organized into ward branches. Thomas Lucas, who was elected to fill the place of Comrade Parker, resigned, was chosen by a referendum of the entire local. The State Executive Committee had the authority of the State Constitution, and also the precedent established by Local Minneapolis itself for its action. It took the ground that as both members from Local Minneapolis to the State Executive Committee were elected by vote of the entire local, the Central Committee had not the power to remove its members, unless sanctioned by a referendum of the local. Therefore, the State Executive Committee refused to recognize the act of the C. C. C. until a referendum was taken.

Further, the Executive Committee denied the right of Local Minneapolis or St. Paul to instruct its delegates as State Executive Committeemen, but could only do so as State Committeemen. The State Constitution provides that the State

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Been advised the local not to put up any candidates for office. This is a false statement, as the very opposite is true. Comrade Nash, our state secretary, wrote to Comrade J. C. Young, local secretary, for information on this matter and he was informed that Comrade Boen urged strenuously that the local put up a full ticket. When this matter first came up I wrote to Comrade Geo. W. Downing for information, and will quote the following from his letter in reply: "After the election last fall, I brought up the question of preparing for a municipal campaign and urged the placing in field of a complete ticket. In this matter I was seconded by two or three comrades only, one of them being Comrade Boen. The only difficulty about getting a ticket up seemed to be that hardly any of the comrades wanted to stand for the offices." Thus you see the misrepresentations resorted to by these disruptionists.

You also give notice in another part of your paper that Local Minneapolis protested against the action of the Executive Committee in expelling the local by a vote of 19 to 1. This was not a vote of the City Central Committee, but only the faction of disruptionists, the loyal members, recognizing the act of the Executive Committee, refused to attend. S. M. Holman, Nat. Committeeman. Minneapolis.

Dear Comrade: We started a local here with 40 odd names last winter after the election, but the same tactics cropped out that are now taking place in the national movement. One or two wanted to be the whole push and run the local to suit themselves, and the consequence was that February saw our local a thing of the past, and I find that this is one drawback to the movement and I fear that the dissensions among the party leaders or those that should be going to be the undoing of the party. The Co-operative Commonwealth has got to come sooner or later. But unless the Socialist party does not stop this bickering and hair-splitting it will come under some other party. Quite a number of Socialists around here have lost interest in the matter and say the party is just like the old parties, fighting among themselves to see who shall be the only pebble on the beach. I am sorry to see it thus, as it is working against us. As to Comrade Victor L. Berger, from his writings, I take him to be a whole-

Answers to Correspondents. Algernon Lee, N. Y.—Your answer to assertions of L. D. Mayes on the municipal ownership matter arrived too late to get space in this issue. Will appear next week. Wm. Miller, and others.—We have received and are receiving such an avalanche of letters on the so-called Berger case and in denunciation of the witch-burning tactics of certain elements that are liberally represented on the national board, that we cannot find space for any large proportion of them, especially as many writers in their indignation have expressed themselves at considerable length. Make your letters as short and pointed as possible, comrades, and we will try to find room for as many of them as we can.

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Town Topics by the Town Crier.

The strike of the Machinists at Corliss is still on, the men are living in tents on rented ground so that they cannot be molested, and the company is being "strengthened" by the daily influx of strike breakers...

Supervisor H. J. Hildner who was so ingenious (?) in his opposition to the new chain title system which the county board committee wished to install...

Social-Democratic Notes.

The 6th Ward branch has made arrangements to hold a monster afternoon entertainment and ball at the Vorwaerts Turner Hall, cor. of 3rd and Reservoir ave.

The East Side Women's Club (Socialist) will hold a cinch party on the afternoon of September 10th at F. Locke's Hall, 594 4th st.

Always remember the city organization fund. A subscription to the Herald and to the Vorwaerts means another nail in the coffin of capitalism.

Do try not to forget the Basket Picnic of the 20th Ward branch at Falls Grove, on the Blue Mound Road, one block south from the Hawley Road.

Comrades Poor and Galbraicht debated the question "Resolved that Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities is beneficial to the People."

Comrade William Arnold spoke at Grove and National Ave. last Saturday night. Comrade E. T. Melms will speak there next Saturday night, August 12th.

The Polish Literary Club held a picnic at Heim's Park, cor. of 29th and Lincoln aves. last Sunday afternoon.

The Jewish section held a successful basket picnic at National Grove the same date.

Delegates please take notice that the County Central Committee will hold a meeting at Giljohann's Hall next Monday evening.

AT THE THEATERS.

ACADEMY. Five more performances will be given at the Academy of H. V. Esmond's drama, "When We Were Twenty-one."



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The Waukesha comrades will hold a picnic at Electric Park, Waukesha, August 13th. We wish them lots of good fun and good returns financially.

A special joint meeting of the Machinist lodges 34, 66, 248, 234, 300, 301, 432, 437 and 496 will be held at Freie Gemeinde hall, Fourth street, Saturday evening, Aug. 12, for the purpose of voting for grand lodge officers and delegates to the A. F. of L. convention.

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