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AN APPEAL TO THE MEMBERS AT LARGE!

The following matter of great importance is called to your attention in order that you may have a full understanding of the situation and therefore recognize it as a Socialist duty. You can well imagine that the Milwaukee Socialists have their hands full just now. What they are doing is not alone for themselves; it is for the national movement and for the international cause that is of such burning moment to the human race. We ask you to help them.

They are doing a great deal. But the most of their energy just now is needed in the effort to increase the circulation of The Milwaukee Leader, the new daily

paper, up to the 50,000 mark, both for the sake of the impending campaign and for the advantage of the paper's future as a paying advertising medium. It must deserve a large advertising patronage to live. We ask you to jump in and close up the sale of the daily bonds.

An examination of this past week's sale of bonds shows that the Milwaukee comrades took a third of the number sold. One-third went to Wisconsin and the rest to the outside movement. Now it is imperative that the bond issue be closed up at once. There are only twelve points remaining to get the thermometer to the top, and this should be accomplished by the Socialists throughout the country

who are so vitally interested in the Milwaukee movement. We appeal to you do not fail us. While the bonds are straight business investments, we ask you to put your money into them to help Socialism. There is no risk; you will get your interest; but do it for a still higher motive; do it for the cause!

These are the days of big things. The day of little Socialist efforts has been passed. Every loyal Socialist is looking for a way to make his mite go the farthest in helping Socialism to conquer. To help finance a daily Socialist paper in the largest city to go Socialist, to help save this outpost when the capitalism of the land is bent on wresting it away from us—that is the first-to-hand duty for each and every one of you. We ask you to do your duty by filling in the blank below on this page and sending it at ONCE!

Comment on Passing Events

By Frederic Heath
Being through with censoring the news from the German elections, our friends, the enemy, will now turn to other pieces of mischief.

According to a London party paper, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the new president of China, is a Socialist. While in exile from his country he studied the social question and was converted to our principles.

Congressman Berger, on January 22, introduced a resolution in the house of representatives directing the commissioner of labor to furnish information on the subject of old age pensions.

A Word of Caution. As a Hayward was elected to the national executive committee on a fluke, let it not be discovered when the national convention opens that delegates have also been unwittingly chosen.

The new Socialist member of the New York legislature has introduced a home rule bill which provides for an amendment of the state constitution. It is a sweeping bill, and is attracting no little attention.

Here's a new one. A Philadelphia dispatch says that it has been discovered that six thousand sailors in the navy put up a dollar each every time one of their number gets married, thus enabling him to buy a \$6,000 home.

The mayor of San Francisco appointed William McDevitt an election commissioner recently. McDevitt was the Socialist candidate for mayor, and is now the editor of Revolt, a direct-action paper. McDevitt accepted the position without consulting with the party organization, and has now been dropped from membership. Great is direct-action.

The preferential voting system, a fad that by some unfortunates chance got a foothold in the Socialist national organization, has again been challenged. This time on the ground that it prevented the membership from securing its real choice for the place of holding the national convention. A motion has just been made by the Everett, Wash., local to have the choice of Oklahoma City set aside and a better known and more central city decided on in its stead.

The carrying of a Cologne district by the Social Democrats in Germany was the most remarkable achievement in the present elections thus far. Cologne was supposed to be impregnable to the Socialists. It was regarded as the stronghold of strongholds of the Catholic Center party, yet bang! goes one of its election divisions in spite of all the warnings, and threatenings and beseechings that were a part of the most hotly contested campaign Germany has ever seen. For one thing, it emphasizes the fact that the Socialists have been growing in Catholic districts in Germany; in other words, that many Catholic workingmen have turned to Social Democracy for political and economic salvation.

It is remarkable news that comes from the miner's convention, and yet not remarkable. It is simply what is to be expected, although it has come on time instead of being delayed. The miners take their place next the big organization of brewery workers, so long the pride of the awakened trade unionists. The Socialistic strength in the miner's convention can be judged from the fact that it was able to amend the constitution in regard to political action, and to thereby expunge from it the moss-grown clause that tended to make the workmen of that organization the prey of the capitalist politicians. Such a gagging clause is to be found in the constitutions of many of the international unions, and the action of the miners simply foreshadows what will in time happen to the others also.

An incident that doubtless helped the Social Democrats in the Cologne

Social-Democracy Sweeps German Empire!

THE NEW REICHSTAG.

Socialists... 110
Progressive non-Socialists... 99
Clericals... 93
Conservatives... 69
Other Parties... 30

Berlin, Feb. 1.—The political complexion of the new reichstag, as determined by the final result of the 33 reballots taken on Thursday, is shown by the following general party groupings. The subordinate or allied factions are included for convenience with the parties with which they generally vote:

Socialists, 110; progressive non-Socialist groups, including national liberalists, radicals, people's party and progressive peasants, 99; clericals, with Polish Alsatiens and Hanoverian particularists, 122; conservatives, 70; independent, 1.

Socialists Are Strongest.
The Socialists return as the strongest individual party their total being brought up to 110 by winning 11 of the 21 reballots in which they participated on Thursday. This is more than double their strength, which was 53 at the time of the dissolution, and 29 above their previous maximum in 1903.

Potsdam Is Captured.
One of the striking features of the elections is the fact that the clericals for the first time since 1881 are no longer the strongest party and no longer hold the casting vote among the parties. They have only 93 members, the same number as they held in 1877-78. The Socialists particularly signalized the day by capturing Potsdam from the conservatives, where Dr. Karl Liebknecht, son of a more famous father, was elected. His chief constituent is the emperor.

William Gets Turn-Down
BERLIN, Jan. 27.—An unprecedented cut was tendered the kaiser today by the town council of Solingen, which decided to pay no official attention to the emperor's birthday anniversary which will occur today. His majesty was born on January 27, 1859. The council explained that as a majority of the voters of Solingen, which is in Rhenish Prussia, are Socialists, it would be inconsistent for the town to welcome Emperor William, paying out thousands on thousands of dollars of the people's money for the vanity show of a few hours' duration, and for the edification of a man-made monarch who was not at all in need. Whether it turned people definitely to Socialism or not, it was too clearly a confirmation of the class conflict that the Socialists had been pointing out, to be without its effect.

Government "Bloc" Wiped Out.
Complete returns from Thursday's rebalot show that the "blue bloc" districts happened something like a year ago. The municipality was financially straitened and as a measure of economy had cut off the pasteurized milk that was furnished to the sick and the poor. And then on the very heels of that action, with true capitalist heartlessness, the municipal authorities prepared a lavish festival to welcome Emperor William, paying out thousands on thousands of dollars of the people's money for the vanity show of a few hours' duration, and for the edification of a man-made monarch who was not at all in need. Whether it turned people definitely to Socialism or not, it was too clearly a confirmation of the class conflict that the Socialists had been pointing out, to be without its effect.

City Platform of Milwaukee Social-Democrats

Below is the draft of the Milwaukee municipal platform as it goes out to party referendum. It gives the principal achievements, but by no means all of them:

THE PLATFORM.

Social-Democracy has achieved a tremendous success in Milwaukee. It has not only given this city the best administration it ever had; its work has challenged the attention and interest of the nation.

Not a single one of the dire calamities so loudly predicted by our enemies has come to pass.

Holding steadily a goal that lies beyond the range of municipal government, the administration has, nevertheless, addressed itself with all diligence

to the solution of the immediate problems of the people.

Platform Pledges Kept.

The Social-Democratic party has kept faith with the people. It has kept every platform pledge, carrying out those which were possible under present legislation and the limited degree of self-government which the city enjoys, and fighting steadily for all the others.

An Honest Municipal Government.

In contrast to the wretched and disgraceful records of past administrations, the Social-Democratic party has given Milwaukee an honest municipal government. Graft and boodles, bribery and political jobbery are a thing of the past in Milwaukee. Social-Democracy has put them out of business.

This is conceded upon every hand.

Efficient Municipal Government.

But the administration does not base its claim upon honesty alone. It has given the city the most efficient government it has ever had. It found the city with a \$216,000 deficit; it finishes its first term with a surplus. It found the city budget a loose, disorderly bunch of papers; it has inaugurated a scientific and business-like budget. It found the city a \$40,000,000 corporation, doing business without an inventory. It has introduced a thorough system of inventory and property accountability. It found the city issuing long-time bonds for short-time improvements and stopped the practice. In short, it has established the credit of the city upon such a firm basis that its bonds sell more readily than ever before in its history.

Reorganization of Public Works Department.

One of the first acts of the new administration was the reorganization of the department of public works. The old four-men commission was abolished and one commissioner put in charge. Plans are under way to make the police department a crime prevention rather than a crime detective force; and the fire department a fire prevention rather than a fire extinction force.

Street Construction.

Early in its first year the administration uncovered and stopped a long standing paving graft, that had been

going on for more than fifteen years, under Republican and Democratic administrations alike.

This one feature of the work of the Social-Democratic administration saved the people of this city more than \$400,000 in a single year; and what is more, the resulting economy and efficiency enables the administration to get the problem of street construction and repair work in hand.

Labor Measures.

The Social-Democratic administration is a working class administration. It established by ordinance the eight-hour day for all public employes and the trade union scale of wages for skilled workmen. It raised the wages of all city laborers from \$1.75 to \$2 per day. It has consistently adhered to its policy of purchasing union-made products.

It helped to settle the garment workers' strike. It secured an additional two days "off" for policemen each month and readjusted the hours of labor for the bridge tenders and inaugurated a system of factory inspection.

And finally, in co-operation with trade unions, commercial organizations and the state government, the administration has secured the establishment of a free employment agency, to do what can be done under the capitalist system to relieve the unemployed.

Our Record.

In spite of the opposition and ob-

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SUBSCRIPTION FOR BONDS.

Milwaukee Social-Democratic Publishing Company, 1201 Wisconsin Street, Milwaukee, Wis.

The undersigned do hereby agree to send to the Milwaukee Social-Democratic Publishing Company, and with each and all other subscribers, to subscribe and pay for the amount of bonds to be issued by said Company to the Citizens' Trust Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as trustee, a total of said bonds in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) at the rate of four (4) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, said bonds to be consecutively numbered and to be paid as follows: One-fifth, fifteen cents, one-third, twenty-five cents, one-half, fifty cents, and one-fifth, twenty years from date of issue of bonds.

Said bonds to be loaned and to be of interest from December 1, 1911, and to be secured by a first mortgage on the goods, property and chattels of said company, which are to be particularly described in the mortgage when executed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of _____, 1912.

Number of Bonds _____ Name _____ (Seal)

Amount of Bonds _____ Address _____

Bonds can be paid in installments of \$2.00 a month for each bond subscribed.

Enclosed find remittance of \$ _____ In payment for the above.

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Gee Whiz! It's Awful!
—Milwaukee Leader



Mayor Seidel's Charges on Taxes Sustained

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Total: \$6,244,700.

Mayor Emil Seidel's charges against former Tax Commissioner Frank B. Schutz that he had shown discrimination in making the city assessments...

The report of the committee which will be made to the common council is summarized in the words of Alderman Albert J. Welch...

"We have found instances of flagrant discriminations and now feel sure that the charges of the mayor are well founded."

Incidentally the committee prepared for the investigation of the charges of Alderman Joseph Clarke against Mayor Seidel...

That \$6,244,700 from four estates alone investigated by the committee, had been left off the tax rolls in the last four years...

Conclusion of its month of probing. Find \$1,105,740 Loss.

The latest estate to be unearthed was that of Hoel H. Camp. This was assessed last year for personal property at \$220,000...

The city lost \$132,610.84 in 1911 alone. The three years before the property was assessed at \$54,900...

"By my figures, which I am in possession of through the investigation of this committee alone, I find that Milwaukee has lost through discriminations in assessments from its tax rolls in the last four years, \$6,244,700," declared City Attorney Hoan...

"These are the figures from four estates only," said Alderman Ferdinand Rehfeld. "How many more there are, we know nothing about. This alone proves the contention of the mayor, when he charged the former tax commissioner with leaving immense amount of personal property off the assessment rolls."

"It was this and the manipulation of assessments that shifted the burden of taxation onto the small house-owners. The unjust and unfair assessment has caused untold hardships to the poorer property owners of the city."

"The real purpose of this committee," said Mr. Hoan, "is to see that such a calamity does not occur again. As far as I can see, our work is done. I would like to know what our present tax commissioner intends doing to safeguard the interests of the people."

"There is no need for this committee to go further," answered Tax Commissioner Arnold.

ONE CASE. Hoel H. Camp Estate.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Total: \$1,105,740.

"We have the full records of these estates and can place them on the tax rolls for 1912, dating them back for three years. Our department will be fully able to handle the situation. Of course, the new income tax law may offer some obstacles, as we do not know just what power we will have in putting these old personal property assessments on the rolls in the future."

"Then I can see no reason for this committee continuing along this line," interposed Chairman Welch. "We have finished our work. We have examined the records and found instances of flagrant discriminations, and now feel sure that the charges of the mayor are well founded."

It was voted unanimously to suspend operations and to prepare a report of the findings, which will be submitted to the next meeting of the council.

A. Rehorst, a record clerk in the tax office, who testified before the committee, said that it is his duty to make out a separate list of estates to each assessor, who must see to it that they go upon the tax roll.

To Go on Rolls.

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to consider the matter, was decided on. The committee is slated for a meeting at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon in the pressmen's headquarters, room 50, in the Cawker building.

A mass meeting of all members of the allied printing trades will be held in Freie Gemeinde hall Sunday, February 4, at which there will be a discussion of the issues. Workers in the various trades will speak and the entire matter of why the union label has been taken away from seven of the daily newspapers will be gone over. It is expected to be the largest meeting of workers in the printing crafts ever held in Milwaukee.

Officers of the allied council say that advertisements are to be published which will set forth matters involved in the dispute.

Fee System in Wisconsin

Other counties in the state are following the lead of Milwaukee county in an endeavor to recover from former county clerks the fees received of the hunting license fees retained by them, according to word received by County Clerk Martin Plehn on Thursday, that a suit to recover these fees had been begun in Shawano county.

In 1911 County Clerk Plehn turned over to the treasurer \$770.20, being 10 per cent of the amount collected for hunting licenses.

The amounts retained by former county clerks average more than \$600 yearly, since the law providing that "all fees allowed by law to county clerks shall be collected by them and paid to the treasurer for the use of the county," according to section 708 of the revised statutes.

Praise for Administration

The Western Association of Electrical Inspectors, which includes in its membership electrical experts in most of the states of the union and of Canada, met in the Plankinton house Tuesday morning for the first of three days of its seventh annual meeting.

The convention was welcomed by Mayor Seidel, who invited their cooperation in the matter of electrical inspection in Milwaukee. James Bennett, Montreal, Can., second vice president of the association, responded in a like manner, incidentally praising Milwaukee's "splendid fire alarm system."

New Tax Commissioner's Plans

Tax Commissioner Louis A. Arnold decided Tuesday morning that the new assessment rolls, tax rolls and bills shall be made out on manifold machines. The assessments have been made with manufacturers of the machine to place a number of them in Arnold's office sometime in February. If the use of these is found satisfactory Mr. Arnold intends to purchase them, provision having been made in the 1912 budget.

To Aid Child Welfare

The appropriation for the Child Welfare commission was raised from \$10,000 to \$12,000 by the common council finance committee Wednesday morning. On request of Superintendent of Sewers Kruse, an extra allowance of \$25,000 was made for the new south side sewers. This raises the total appropriation to \$75,000.

Milwaukee Plans

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structive tactics played by old party politicians in the council, in the state legislature, and even in the courts, the administration has built the first public lavatory in the city; it is constructing an electric lighting plant; is acquiring a municipal stone quarry; building a municipal hospital; has consolidated the fire and police alarm systems, and is adding thereto a city telephone system.

It has encouraged the vigorous enforcement of the weights and measures ordinance, and has also encouraged the work of the smoke inspectors for the elimination of the smoke nuisance.

It has extended and increased the number of band concerts given in the parks, inaugurated a series of popular Auditorium concerts and otherwise encouraged the development of wholesome public recreation and amusement.

It has established a bureau of efficiency and economy and has created various non-salaried positions to assist the city in the solution of many of its public problems.

Work of the County Administration. In the administration of the affairs of the county government, the Social-Democratic party has been equally successful. For the first time the county and city administration work together in complete co-operation to a common end. The county administration has completely abolished the fee system in all departments under its control, thus turning thousands of dollars into the county treasury, which formerly went into the pockets of the officials; has established the custom of securing to the county, interest money on all deposits; has introduced new and up-to-date methods of accounting and purchases; improved methods of keeping records of all orders, and an inventory of public property. In the collection of delinquent personal taxes especially efficiency was shown in the sheriff's department, and \$5,000 was saved by applying proper business methods to the feeding of the prisoners.

In the register of deed's office an entire new set of tract indices was worked out without extra help or cost to the county, thus effecting a saving of \$5,000 and \$10,000, and in the administration of the affairs of the house of correction notable improvements were effected, including the establishment of a farm on which the prisoners were employed under modern, scientific management, and where the products raised contributed largely toward reducing the expenses of the institution.

In the coroner's department over \$5,000 has been saved by installing physicians as assistants instead of engaging outside service, and special attention to industrial and traffic accidents has shown negligence on the part of the companies in nearly 50 per cent of the cases where before it was not shown in a single case.

The county board established the Milwaukee County School of Agriculture and Domestic Economy, affording opportunity to five hundred students for the study of the physical and economic conditions of suburban and rural life.

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But under our present absurd charter our city is not free to govern itself, and therefore, is at the mercy of the corporations and monopolies.

Home Rule. Therefore, the Social-Democratic party has kept up its fight for home rule for Milwaukee. The bills which we presented to the legislature to empower us to establish municipal plumbing and loan departments; also municipal lodging, ice and slaughter houses—killed by the combined opposition of the Republicans and Democrats. But our fight for them will be continued until successful.

Our common council also presented to the state legislature a constitutional amendment, providing home rule for cities. This was passed in a modified form. The next legislature and the people must endorse it before it becomes effective. The state legislature also passed a law granting authority to the people of this city to amend its charter. This law, being of doubtful validity, will soon be passed upon by the supreme court.

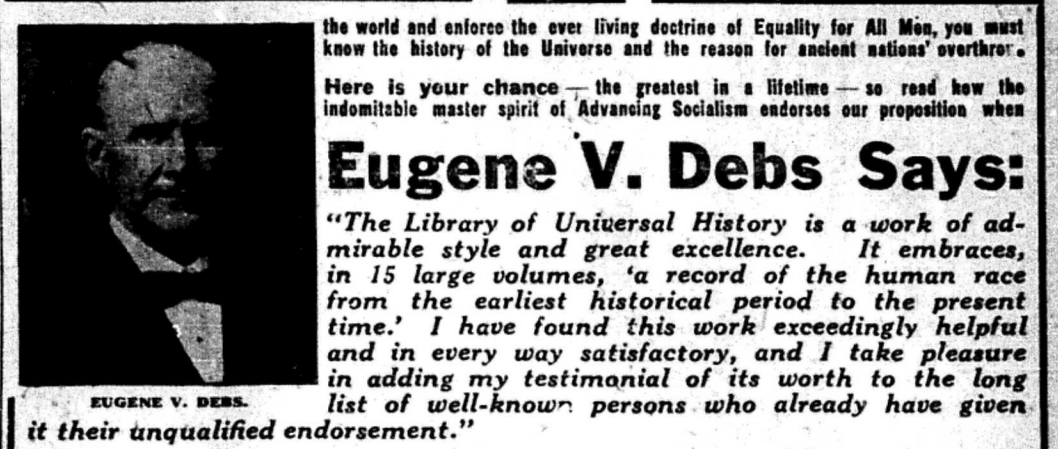
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Taxation. The attempt of the dishonest politicians to make an issue of the question of taxation is simply hypocritical pretense. It has always been their practice to grind the poor and favor the rich.

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We pledge ourselves to continue our efforts to place on the assessment roll all taxable property, and to make the big interests pay their full share of taxes.

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The re-election of the Social-Democratic administration will insure the co-operation and support of all departments of municipal government to this end.

City Finances. In order that the city's finances may be handled to advantage we demand that it be given the same rights as are enjoyed by private corporations. The city should also have the right to raise money on its own bonds and mortgage certificates. This can be done by placing them with the state treasurer as security and opening savings deposit accounts in the city treasurer's office. The city could thus borrow directly from the people, giving them the best of security and at the same time effecting a saving of at least 1 per cent in interest which means

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Socialism, the New Patriotism

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only with these are we free, freedom, culture and higher development possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, we must have machinery. And machinery does not satisfy human needs. Human labor creates machinery and supplies tools for the production of raw materials and food. Whoever has control of land and machinery controls human labor, and hence the life and liberty.

Today the machinery and the land owned by a few capitalists are producing a decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and operated by one man, its control is not a matter of life and death. But when machinery becomes more complex and requires the cooperation of many workers, its influence reaches over wide circles of life. The control of such machinery becomes the dominant class.

In proportion as the number of such machines owned increases, the influence of their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring over the masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are their only productive property. The formerly self-employed workers thus become the helpless wage slaves of the industrial machine.

As the economic power of the ruling class grows it becomes less and less the rule of the masses. All the life of the nation falls upon the shoulders of the class whose only property is their own labor. The ruling class, however, is not content with this. It seeks to control the country's machinery and land, and to use them for its own profit, and to make the production of the necessities of life the object of competition between the few capitalists who own the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and cartels, the capitalist class is powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industry is controlled by a few capitalists. Through periods of frenzied activity the strength of the workers grows, and they are able to demand a share of the wealth which they have produced. The ruling class, however, is frequently reduced to starvation.

The capitalist class, in its mad race for profit, has brought upon the nation a depression and crisis which paralyze the nation. The masses of workers are suffering from lack of food, clothing and shelter. The land is so overworked and reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

GENERAL DEMANDS. 1.—The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting of cutover and waste lands, by the construction of public works, and by extending all other useful public works. 2.—The collective ownership of such public works as railroads, canals, and other public utilities without interest for the purpose of assisting their unemployed members.

INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS. 1.—The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by keeping with the increased productivity of machinery, the period of not less than a day and a half in each week for the workers to rest and recuperate. 2.—The absolute freedom of press, speech and assembly.

POLITICAL DEMANDS. 1.—The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount, and the bequests and to the nearness of kin. 2.—Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign for the extension of suffrage to all citizens.

3.—The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall. 4.—The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States, and the separation of the judicial power from the legislative power. 5.—The separation of the present body of labor from the department of commerce or agriculture, and the establishment of a department of labor.

6.—That all judges be elected by the people, and that their terms of office be limited to one term. 7.—That all judges be elected by the people, and that their terms of office be limited to one term. 8.—That all judges be elected by the people, and that their terms of office be limited to one term.

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Fusion Ticket On

Without a dissenting vote the Democratic city committee Wednesday night endorsed the municipal ticket recommended by the select committee of twenty-seven representing the Democrats, the Republicans and the Merchants and Manufacturers' association.

This means that as far as the Democratic and Republican party committees are concerned a combination ticket will go to the people with their endorsements for the spring election. It means that the Democratic ticket will be headed by Dr. Gerard A. Carney for mayor; Alderman Joseph Carney for treasurer; and Justice of the Peace Louis Koteci for comptroller.

There was lots of politics in that meeting Wednesday night. The first duty, of course, was to push through the slate. Alderman Cornelius Corcoran from the Third ward, head of the nine Democratic representatives at the joint committee meeting, reported.

Chairman Frank B. Schutz called for a rising vote. Ald. Corcoran then stated the other members of the "select" committee would be held at the Republican house Saturday when the rest of the ticket would be decided upon.

The ward chairmen have been requested to recommend candidates for alderman from their wards and from these the recommendations will be made. John Koerner, former alderman from the Fourth ward, announced candidate for the nomination this spring, showed a little anxiety in the method of arranging the nominations.

Printers Appeal to Leader

That a morning edition and a German evening edition of The Leader, which carries the union label, should be published was proposed at the Allied Printing Trades council meeting in Freie Gemeinde hall Thursday night. A special committee of ten to be selected by President John Brophy, Secretary Bert Wederdt and Secretary Weidhelmer of the pressmen,



A DOG THAT OBEYED HIS MISTRESS

One day Betty and Bouncer went out for a frolic. On the edge of the wood Betty spied a lady's slipper and picked it. Then she saw another a little farther in the wood and picked that. She kept on picking them and going deeper and deeper into the wood.

By and by she decided to go back, but the first thing she knew she was in a tangle of briars. Then she got into a swamp. Next she came to some tall pine-trees that she had never seen before. She looked down at Bouncer and Bouncer looked up at her and wasn't it strange. Bouncer never thought but that Betty knew the way home, and Betty never dreamed that Bouncer did. She threw her arms around his neck and burst into tears.

"We're lost, Bouncer!" she cried. "What shall we do?" Bouncer uttered a few short barks. "Can't you find the way home, Bouncer?" she asked, suddenly remembering that dogs always knew the way home. Bouncer wagged his tail. "Go home, Bouncer!" shouted Betty. "This wasn't just the way Bouncer wanted to help."

"Go home!" cried Betty, stamping her foot. Bouncer looked the picture of misery. The last thing he wanted to do was to go home and leave Betty. But she had said so, and go he must; so off he trotted.

And Betty followed. It didn't seem the right way to go at all, but she trusted Bouncer and pretty soon they were safe out of the woods with Betty's own dear home in plain sight.—Frances F. Weston

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The national committee is now voting on motion No. 1, providing that no person who, either in public speech or in print, opposes the principle of political action shall be employed as national organizer, lecturer, or on the lyceum bureau.

From National Headquarters

W. W. Smith, Everett, Wash., has been elected as the additional national committee member for that state.

State Secretary E. H. Thomas, of Wisconsin, reports that John Szako of Milwaukee, has been expelled from the party for traitorous conduct.

State Secretary James Oneal of Indiana, reports as follows: "Harvey Kimmerling, of Elwood, Ind., has been expelled by Local Elwood for repeatedly slandering party members."

Milwaukee Platform

(Continued from 3d page.)

more than a hundred thousand dollars a year on the present basis.

The city debt commission should also have the right to purchase or discount certificates of the department of public works and bonds issued to contractors for street construction whenever it can be done with profit to the city. The city should also have the first right to purchase tax certificates for non-payment of taxes and the right to use the profits which it makes for the establishment of municipal enterprises.

The careful management of the city finances along the lines mentioned above could be made to yield hundreds of thousands of dollars revenue per year.

Better Homes and City Planning.

The city shall continue to annex and incorporate reasonable territory in addition to its present area—the same to be surveyed and platted as far as possible in such a manner as to insure healthful and aesthetic conditions—for homes, factories, schools and playgrounds. But the addition of new territory to a city does not in itself solve the problem of congestion. That cannot be solved until the land problem is under control and a comprehensive city plan evolved that will provide proper housing, segregation of commercial, manufacturing and domestic activities, transportation by water and rail, neighborhood centers and travelways.

To this end the present administration has sought and secured en-

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Little girl in Lawrence cotton mill, standing all day before the reels.

Social-Democrats are opposed to child slavery. For this reason we publish herewith two photographs showing the brutality of the present capitalist system.

Shameful love of money builds wide-open and eager money-making machines—mills, factories and mines, in which the poor child of the exploited can quickly be changed into dollars and stunted failures. There are men in this country today who buy the most expensive horses, automobiles and steam yachts, and every dollar they spend is stained with the blood of helpless little children worked to death to make them rich.

This is the richest country in the world, but under the capitalist system it is not rich enough to give the child of the poor an equal chance and a right to its own childhood.

The nation owns millions of acres of land blessed with sunlight and fresh air, but the money-making instinct of the nation demands the children—nearly two millions of them—shuts them away from the air and the sunlight, makes slaves of their bodies, dwarfs their brains, sacrifices the life of a child for a dollar; and then with brutal hypocrisy, goes to

church and prays in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for the very children that are destroyed in our factories.

The bare fact that a child is deprived of its growth, deprived of sunshine and education, driven to hard labor in babyhood, deprived of all chance in life, should arouse indignation that nothing could increase.

These photographs should appeal especially to fathers, who have the power and the right to change the conditions any time they wish. Certainly, no man can defend an economic system that demands for its success the life of the future citizens of the republic.

We brag of our prosperity, our power, our intelligence, but we have not, as a nation, the manhood or the conscience to shield helpless children.

Study these photographs taken from life and resolve that you will never rest until the brutal system responsible for all this brutality is kicked into perdition.

You can kick it there in five minutes with your ballot.

Gordon Nye.

able legislation; a land commission has been appointed and our representatives in the county government, co-operating with the city administration, have secured the appointment of a highway commissioner and the work is actually under way.

Direct Employment.

We pledge ourselves to continue the fight for the abolition of the contract system in all public work. Such work can be done better and more economically by direct employment of the workers by the city at an eight-hour day and a fair union wage.

Dangerous Grade Crossings.

We pledge ourselves to continue the vigorous fight to abolish dangerous grade crossings.

For Personal Liberty—Against Vice.

Wholesome recreation and relaxation is the best antidote for immorality.

The Social-Democratic party does not intend to curtail the few amusements and places of recreation that capitalism has left the working class. The saloon is still the proletarian's clubhouses. But we demand that our city shall protect youth and combat vice. At the same time we call attention to the fact that intemperance and prostitution are a part of the capitalist system and will entirely disappear

only as the cause, capitalism, disappears. Meanwhile we stand for the development of opportunities for wholesome recreation and public amusements. We favor the wider use of the schools, parks, public play grounds, auditorium concerts, social centers and neighborhood clubs to this end.

Public Health.

The Social-Democratic administration recognizes public health as a great national resource of the people. It has greatly extended the activities of the health department and will

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continue to lay special stress upon all health measures.

Public Markets.

The administration has appointed a market commission to work out plans for a system of public markets.

Sewerage and Water Departments.

We advocate the consolidation of the sewer and water departments and propose that the profits from the water department shall be used for the reconstruction and maintenance of the sewerage system.

The Great Issue—The Trust Problem.

But greater than all these matters and more vital to the welfare of the people is the problem of the cost of living and labor conditions.

To an ever increasing number of people the securing of a livelihood is becoming more and more precarious. The cost of living has reached such a point that the average worker's wife finds it well nigh impossible to keep the family warm, fed and clothed with the meager weekly earnings of her husband.

On the other hand the power of entrenched and privileged wealth is growing each day, until a small number of capitalists have it in their power to decide how much meat and how much bread we shall eat; how much we shall spend for coal and how much for gas; how well or how poorly we shall be clothed and housed; what kind of furniture we are permitted to use; and in what kind of a coffin we are to be buried. They can do this by fixing the price of everything.

The Trust Question Both a Local and National Issue.

Moreover, every trust and monopoly affects the cost of living and controls the necessities of life both nationally and locally. This is the case with the meat trust, the ice trust, the gas trust and the coal trust. It is also the case with our local public utilities which form a part of the gigantic system of national public service trusts, as our local telephone system, which has merged with the Western Union Telegraph company; the street car company, the electric light and gas company, all of which are now a part of the North American Securities trust.

The trust question, therefore, must be met locally as well as nationally.

Public Ownership and Socialism.

Thus Social-Democracy offers to the people of Milwaukee the only opportunity to work and to fight for a real solution of the problem.

And herein lies the strength of the program of Social-Democracy. For back of the local organization of this movement is the state organization of which it is an essential and inseparable

part. By having Social-Democratic members in the state legislature we can secure the necessary state legislation to enable us to carry out the demands of our platform.

Back of the state is the national organization of the Social-Democratic movement, which, in turn, will carry the fight into the national congress.

The Social-Democracy both locally and nationally insists that the production of this country shall be taken away from the control of a small number of irresponsible men whose aim it is to exploit us to the last limit of endurance. Social-Democracy demands that the nation shall own the trusts. It fights for the complete overthrow of modern plutocracy.

And nothing short of this will solve the problem.

The proposal to regulate the trusts has proven to be utterly inadequate and futile. It has failed and been abandoned in practically every country where it has been tried.

The Non-Partisan Fallacy.

In view of these facts it is clear that the so-called non-partisan movement is utterly wrong in principle and can only result disastrously to the people, since the problems that torment them most cannot be solved apart from city, state and national organizations fighting to that end.

We denounce the local manifestation of this non-partisan movement as a most transparent piece of political trickery, since the most notorious partisan politicians have forced themselves upon the movement, thus proving that the same big interests that have ruled the city so disgracefully in the past are now simply masquerading under a new name. Beaten in their efforts to control the city through the Republican and Democratic party organizations, they are now attempting to control it through a non-partisan combination of the corrupt elements in both parties.

In Conclusion.

THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY COMBATS not alone the conditions which exploit and oppress the wage-working class, but every kind of exploitation, whether directed against a class, a party, a sex or a race. All its measures benefit not only the wage-working class, but the whole people, and while the working people are the banner bearers in this fight, in the last analysis everybody—the merchant, professional man and the small shopkeeper—will profit thereby.

Therefore, we invite every honest and well meaning voter, without regard to occupation, race or creed, to join in our undertaking for the emancipation of mankind.

Ten Reasons Why I Am a Socialist

Written Specially for The Herald by Ex-Senator R. A. Dague, Washington

(Concluded from last week.)

FIFTH—The defenders of our present competitive system of business, insist that "no legal restraint shall be put upon the incentive of the individual to privately own all the wealth of the earth if he can acquire it by speculation, profit or war, and transmit such wealth to his heirs, even though neither he nor they created a dollar of that wealth. Social-Democracy says that competition, strife, contention, selfish greed,—"the law of tooth and claw"—were necessary to the beasts of the jungle, and to the cave-dwellers of prehistoric times, but that system does not fit this age of steam, electricity and general intelligence. It has, in fact, become a gigantic evil in the hands of the few greedy exploiters of the masses, and must give way to a better system. Socialism says there are higher incentives than greed and a desire to get something for nothing. Socialists therefore propose to establish an Industrial System in which every person shall have the right to do whatever he wishes, provided that in the doing thereof, he infringes not the equal freedom of any other person. Socialism would thus put a curb on the incentive of the human hog for the good of mankind, while at the same time, it would stimulate the incentive of all to deal justly with their fellow-men. Social-Democracy does not advocate equality of wealth, but equal opportunity to acquire wealth. Such opportunity cannot exist in an industrial system under which a few adroit schemers can acquire the private ownership of all the land, the power of steam and electricity and the labor saving machinery, and monopolize all the means by which the masses must live, thus forcing the millions into the wage working class, where they can own nothing but their labor power.

SIXTH—I am a Socialist because Socialism says, "No man can advance his best interest by trampling others down, for God, or Nature, has so interwoven the happiness and well-being of every human soul into one inseparable bond of unity and inter-dependence, that what is the natural right of one is the natural right of all—that an injury to one is the concern of all."

SEVENTH—I am a Socialist because Socialism is opposed to war and has high ideals. It appeals to man's sense of justice and right. I oppose the competitive system because it champions war and contention and has low ideals, and makes its appeal to the selfish in men. Socialism says: "One for all, all for one." Competition (or individualism) says: "Every fellow for himself and Satan take the hindmost."

EIGHTH—I am a Socialist because, while Socialism deals exclusively with economics and civil government and says nothing about religion, a careful examination of its principles reveals the fact that it is in strict harmony with the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

NINTH—I am a Socialist because Socialism squares with the golden rule; it stands for justice; it opposes war; it would abolish poverty; it protects children and other dependent persons; it fosters the incentive in all to deal justly and kindly with their fellow-men; it would take the children out of the mills, shops and mines and put them in school; it would pension and make comfortable the aged; it would enfranchise women; it would abolish monarchies and plutocracies and establish pure democratic governments and, by preventing monopoly and guaranteeing a just distribution of wealth among all the people, rewarding every adult according to his labor, would establish a righteous government.

TENTH—Socialism is a world-wide movement; it stands for the same things everywhere; it now numbers fifty millions of adherents; it is coming because the time is ripe for it; the law of evolution is bringing it; no human power can stop it. It is the next logical step to be taken by civilization. When it has arrived in all its fullness, kings, plutocrats, monopolists, and all selfish robbers of their fellow-men will have disappeared. There will be no unemployed; poor girls will no longer sell their bodies for bread; the jails and insane asylums will contain few or no inmates; there will be no beggars in the land, and no festering slums in our cities; there will be no pale-faced, half-starved women working in sweat-shops; no tender children enslaved in shops and mills. Then labor will receive its just reward. Peace and prosperity will cover the earth; then will life be worth the living. For these and other reasons, I am a Social-Democrat.

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The Builders' Column

By A. W. Mance

Ten Socialists Elected to the German Parliament

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