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CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERICK HEATH
The Socialists have swept the city of Lagoas, Italy.
The Social-Democrats in Spain will try to establish a daily paper.

The rough on rats man died a millionaire. The rough on men men also have a habit of amassing millions before death.

Modern capitalist statesmanship may be summed up in a very few words: "Anything to beat the Socialists." Let us hide our smiles.

Hate of the state of Washington! It has abolished the death penalty. The death penalty is only fit for the cause of the capital crimes—capitalism.

The fact that Socialism is forging forward in every civilized country on the globe is a pretty good evidence that it is irrepresable and that social evolution is demanding it.

Capitalism has seen its best days. Every advance it makes now is away from its former moorings.

The Belgians have made great preparations for their mass strike to compel equal male suffrage, and the outcome will be watched with great interest by the Socialists all over the world.

The Rev. J. Wesley Hill, a commercial Christian of the most detestable type, whose record has been given publicity in the press from time to time, has been launched in New York by the Methodists, from what is known as the Metropolitan temple.

In San Francisco the capitalist Socialists want to turn over a stretch of municipally-owned street car line to the traction interests. In Milwaukee he same sort of an effort is being made to turn over the municipally-owned street car tracks on a viaduct to the private street car company.

the last moment, it sprung on them a first-page boost of the Republican capitalist machine candidate...

By long usage the term Sunday school has come to mean religious classes in connection with the church and there is no good reason why any one should wish to rob the churches of their right to the term...

If you will watch the capitalist party reformers you will notice that all their election reforms have but one objective, namely, to get the hands of government into as narrow limits as possible and to allow the people as little voice and as little voting as possible...

The coming of a motor omnibus line in Pittsburgh suggests the idea that the days of the traction franchise companies may not be as many as investing capitalists and avaricious voters may suppose.

Some church figures now given out from Canada are interesting. The Lutheran church in 10 years has increased at the rate of 148.44 per cent, the Anglican (Episcopal) church at the rate of 53.05 per cent, the Presbyterians at the rate of 32.89, the Roman Catholics at the rate of 27.06, the Baptists at the rate of 20.82, and the Methodists at the rate of 17.75.

A preacher in Cleveland said that wages had nothing to do with the struggle of young women in trade and industry to keep themselves pure, but to cover up the rawness of his statement, he gave out a little scolding talk about no Sunday work, but New York's "damn the body of an innocent girl by direct or indirect methods."

It pays the organized workers to show their strength in politics. In the case of the London County Council, men decided to have its printing done only in eight hour shops and the same with the London County Council, the governing body of the city of London.

We learn with regret of the illness of Comrade Max S. Hayes, editor of the Cleveland Citizen, and an organizer for the International Typographical Union. His illness is a great loss to his readers, but the doctor has required him to lay by for a time to recuperate and has cut out public speaking and ordered him to 'can' copy on his editorial labors.

St. Louis Labor, Socialist, makes the claim that previous to the recent election in St. Louis, the Menace, an anti-Catholic paper, made great efforts to secure Socialist readers in St. Louis, and that following this, and at...

FIVE DOLLARS A WEEK FOR GIRLS



Mr. Bullion Hiring a Young Woman



Mr. Bullion Hearing that His Favorite Daughter, Who is Traveling, is Stranded in a Strange City with Only Five Dollars

using tobacco, and that they afterwards scattered to saloons, thus helping the tobacco trust and the liquor trust. Here we have a typical utterance from the class of reformers who are so upper-class that they have no comprehension of the life of the wage workers.

reformer. No man should inveigh against capitalism because capitalism is so respectable that it is mighty willing to donate to all reforms that he feels are working in relatively hopeless directions. It is a case of the "illy-whites" being unable to hide their class contempt for the workers.

PROGRESS OF THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN GETTING BACK TO FIRST PRINCIPLES.

TELETYPE FIGURES
In the Lawrence strike the Socialists contributed \$50,000, the local unions of the American Federation of Labor \$15,000 and the "One Big Union," known as the L. W. W., \$7,000.

James O'Neal, in his booklet "Sabotage," says that "a body of strikers can continue to strike on the job by remaining at work and destroying machinery and products to assume that the capitalist employers have not the power to close their shops, declaring a lockout and using the police and army the moment this vandalism is known."

Is Socialism Hard to Live Up to As Capitalists Allege?

By R. A. DAGUE
Ever the trust comes uppermost and ever is justice done!
Socialists do not agree with the statement of Mr. Arbuckle that socialism cannot be inaugurated until selfishness is eliminated from all the people.

They say trusts are good for those who own them; therefore, let the nation own them, and all the benefits go to the people collectively.
Socialists are trying to induce the people to change the representative features of this government, under which gigantic corruptive thieves, and to establish a democracy, in which the people will govern themselves by direct legislation, through the initiative, referendum and recall.

shrunk from the erewhile 100-page magazine "Wilshire." He is squinting from ambush, so to speak, at those in this country who secured his disregard by exposing his over-zealous methods in gathering in the coin of his comrades.

His simple, easy manner of speaking appealed to the audience and they applauded every one of his witty sallies against the capitalists. As one of the few men in America who has actually had the chance to put his theories of city government into practice, he was able to tell exactly where the difficulty came in, in attempting to conduct an ideal community.

Should the king of Greece decide to reign under the style and title of Constantine XI, his decision will be of significance of the expansion of Greek territory and prestige and of the national ambition to revive the glories of the Byzantine Empire.

A Situation

If you happened to see a copy of last Friday's Milwaukee Leader you would behold the apotheosis of working class co-operation in America.

You would see a magnificent specimen of working class solidarity. Sixteen pages of a Socialist daily paper is certainly a unique achievement.

With all this success, with all the remarkable devotion of Milwaukee comrades, with a striking victory for proletarian journalism within grasp, the Leader is confronted with a dangerous situation. Here it is:

An ugly deficit, threatening to a degree, is apt to steal upon the Leader like a thief in the night. The Leader management has decided that the only method by which this danger can be overcome without too great a drain on the comrades of Milwaukee and the rest of the country is to ask that friends of the Milwaukee movement advance whatever they can afford for Milwaukee Leader.

The Leader is on the high road to a striking success. One little lift now, Comrade, from you and your friends, will take the fangs from the Leader deficit and will make it possible for the greatest Socialist daily in America to continue the work it has begun with such gratifying results.

Subscribe for one or more of these Leader Income Bonds, Comrade, and save the day for the Leader. You can pay at the rate of \$1.00 a month for each \$5.00 bond subscribed. Send in your first dollar today. Send in the word that you are with constructive Socialism. Help the comrades of Milwaukee who have done so much to help the American Socialist movement.

Don't let the greatest monument to American Socialism—the Milwaukee Leader—crumble for lack of your practical support. Let the comrades of Milwaukee hear from you today.

The Big Strike in Belgium

BRUSSELS, Belgium.—Supported by the nobility and their clerical allies, the government today had under way every resource to resist the strike of the 400,000 Socialist workers of the country which will begin Monday in an attempt to force the government to grant reforms in the present system of plural voting, which gives the upper classes an unfair advantage over the workers.

Socialists Carry Butte Again!

BUTTE, Montana.—Fusion by the Democrats and Republicans in this city did not prevent the success of the Socialist candidates seeking re-election in the municipal election here yesterday.

The election of the Socialist candidates two years ago forced the old parties to drop their pretended differences, and unite in an attempt to gain turn the city government over to the hands of those who had ruled the city as they chose.

The workers of Belgium, in declaring a general strike, have renewed the attempt to force the government to grant manhood suffrage.

In Belgium, the great body of the workers are virtually disfranchised. Where the worker is given a vote, members of the privileged classes are permitted to cast two or more votes to neutralize it.

The Belgian Socialists and Liberals are seeking to accomplish by peaceable means a revolution of the Belgian government—to make it an instrument of democracy instead of a possession of a privileged class.

The struggle in Belgium for the ballot ought to impress upon those American workers who are dissipating their great heritage, the value of that priceless privilege which they hold so lightly.

The iron molders of Pittsburgh and vicinity have voted to demand 25 cents a day increase in wages, making the scale \$4 a day instead of \$3.75. The molders expect to obtain the increase without any serious difficulty.

Never the trust comes uppermost and ever is justice done!

Mr. Arbuckle, and other captains of industry, insist that their "incentives" to trick the masses out of millions must not be curbed. They must be allowed to have a free hand, and they have had full play for their "incentives" until they have come into the ownership of ninety per cent of all the wealth of the country, while fifty millions of people are propertyless.

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Short Ballot One of the Fads Aimed at Suppressing Democracy 80% Profit on Each Dollar Do You Want This Chance?

The short ballot organization in 1911 wrote a letter to Morris Hillquit of New York to ascertain the attitude of the Socialist party on the question...

The people abolishing them altogether, however, fear of making them appointive instead of elective...

officials. The contrary is probably more universally the case. For no matter how indifferent the average voter is to political parties...

composition, platform and record are known to all voters. It presents itself to the citizen for endorsement or censure every year...

Whether a public official is "good" or "bad" may be a matter of vital interest to his wife or intimate circle of friends...

One Minute Camera advertisement featuring a camera that turns out post card photographs and photo buttons at the rate of 1 a minute...

You are doubtless familiar with the short ballot idea and realize that it takes no stand for or against any of the programs in the program for which you stand...

This, I believe, is a fair summary of the reasoning underlying the short ballot movement. Like many other political movements...

The public official serves the political party to whom he owes his office; the party serves the interests which it represents...

for recreational employment, as well as time to devote to domestic care. Then think of the appliances within the reach of every housewife...

On the evening of Thursday, April 5, at the splendidly decorated, Eagles hall, Miss Carolyn Beckwith...

4 Socialist Classics GIVEN AWAY advertisement for the Socialist Review magazine...

PARTY NEWS OF THE WISCONSIN MOVEMENT

The Legislature

Social-Democrats in State Legislature—Senate, Gabriel Zophy; Assembly, Carl Minkley, Edward H. Wins, William Harris, Gordon H. Wins, William Smith, Capt. J. Larsen, Marinette.

He lacked 18 votes. Comrade N. Althen lost out in the Fourth ward school contest and Comrade Henry Knoke for assessor defeated the present Democratic incumbent by more than 600 votes...

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, our sister comrade met the large numbers in attendance, with her inspiring and ever-renewing, that regularly assembled at previous meetings...

Public ownership of public utilities; interests, and household possessions, is the Socialist doctrine. True democracy gives the people the voice that becomes the voice of God...

NEOPT. The Neopt local is not dead! But has been busy with our meetings of Socialism. We did not get to let the people outside know we were still alive...

Larsen's Fish Bill

MADISON, Wis., April 10.—One of the most important bills dealing with the preservation of commercial fish in Wisconsin waters was introduced by the assembly by the fish and game committee Wednesday morning...

Good Measure Killed

MADISON, Wis., April 12.—Although it passed the lower house, Assemblyman Kiefer's bill, which would prohibit the employment of work more than half a day on election, was killed by the senate Friday morning...

EAU CLAIRE

EAU CLAIRE.—Local No. 1: Our prospects are ever brightening under the wonderfully uplifting influence of our late Lyceum Lecture course...

KENOSHA

A unique feature will be inaugurated at Kenosha at the coming commencement exercises of the graduation class of the Kenosha High school...

SUPERIOR

SUPERIOR Wisconsin.—Despite all statements by old party politicians and adherents to the contrary, there are classes in the United States, and there is a class struggle...

Sizable Fish Decrease

It is estimated that it would cost the state about \$15,000 a year to pay the bounties on the eelpouts that could be caught...

The State Field

SHEBOYGAN

SHEBOYGAN.—We had an exciting time election week. Six of our comrades were the survivors from the primary election, and everyone entered the main election April 1 with a bright prospect of getting elected...

KILL MINKLEY BILL

MADISON, Wis., April 11.—In spite of the fact that under the Socialist Democratic administration in Milwaukee the partying has been laid at less expense and to better advantage than previously or since, the assembly Friday morning killed the Minkley bill, which gives cities the power to elect public officers without the intervention of a formal contract...

ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Wisconsin.—Miss Amy G. Edmunds will give the third lecture on the Socialist lecture course here Wednesday evening on "The Class Conflict"

MILWAUKEE

Socialism is not going to come by means of a catastrophe, a revolution, an upheaval. It is going to come in the same way that barbarism needed a vanguard—the same way that feudalism followed barbarism—the same way that capitalism came after feudalism...

20 OUR YOUNG FOLKS

contributions to "Our Young Folks" mentioned how the animals have been trained to sweep, to churn, to rock the baby, to help gather nuts and fruits, and to do many things both useful and amusing...

21 OUR YOUNG FOLKS

HOW A CAT GUARDS A DEAF MUTE In contributions to our Young Folks Department of this paper I have related a number of good stories about intelligent dogs...

22 OUR YOUNG FOLKS

YOUNG SOCIALISTS IN GERMANY The Young People's organization, which is always so much persecuted by the police, has scored a great triumph at Stuttgart...

ELEPHANT FANS A BABY

My boy and girl readers of this department will remember that on several occasions I have written of instances where elephants manifested

INFORMATION IS WANTED

The Woman's national committee correspondent Comrade Winnie Branstetter, asks the young people's leagues to communicate with her at the national office, 111 N. Market street, Chicago, Ill., giving an idea of the work being done and the activities in the line

FILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment...



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Labor Shall Have No Flag is Capitalist Edict

The state secretary of the Socialist party of Connecticut reports as follows: The following bill has been introduced into the General Assembly...

He said further that the stars and stripes had been torn down in Milwaukee and trailed in the mud...

By that time the great Belgium Mass strike to force the government to grant manhood suffrage will be in full swing.

AUBURN, New York. — Warned by Sheriff Bancroft, before he permitted to speak, that he would not be permitted to discuss the strike of the twine mill workers here...

CHICAGO, Illinois. — The question of securing permanent headquarters for the national office of the Socialist party is being brought to the attention of the national committee...

It is signed by the translator-secretaries of the nine foreign language sections of the party...

NEW YORK CITY. — Reports of ever increasing progress in the work of spreading an intelligent interest in Socialism among the collegians of the country are being received daily...

PENNSYLVANIA. Comrade William Parker will deliver his illustrated lecture in the New Majestic theater, Shamokin, on Sunday, April 20...

With the lectures of James MacKay before the members of the Harvard Socialist club, and the proposed public lectures of Mr. Powys and ex-Congressman Victor Berger...

Some Typical Questions and Our Answers. 1. Q: What is the present total estimated market value of all the wealth in the United States?

The Submergence of Maslova

Leo Tolstoy's "Resurrection" little Katusha has been betrayed by her handsome big cousin, the army officer...

not live in that way, unless she procured a yellow ticket (police license) and submitted herself to a physical examination. She then returned to her aunt, who seeing her fashionable garments, gown, cape, and bonnet...

prime factor that brought about the final decision, was the woman's promise to let her order any kind of gowns she chose—gowns of velvet and silk, ball gowns with short sleeves...

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The Builders' Column. GET A MAY DAY BUNDLE. May Day the world over is labor day. May Day, 1913, will in all probability be a historical landmark in the progress of the toilers of the world over...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS in Action. Young Folks in Action. Contributions solicited. Write briefly.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS. Newark, N. J.—The Newark Circle has just adopted a new constitution, only a few changes being made from the original draft. Meeting nights have now been arranged for alternate Wednesdays...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS. THE STORY OF HELEN KELLER. DOUBTLESS our young readers have noticed by the papers that Helen Keller has declared in favor of Socialism and that it has caused a good deal of attention...

OUR YOUNG FOLKS. SENATOR DAGUE'S STORIES. A MONKEY PUGILIST. It is surprising how many cute things monkeys can be taught to do. I have in former