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CURRENT COMMENT

A Kansas City Congregational preacher has just been fined for talking Socialism on the street.

August Kaden, Social-Democratic deputy for Dresden, and also a member of the Saxon Landtag for 12 years, is dead.

The Socialists in Argentine Republic have by their agitations and the work of their members in parliament forced the government to build single state railways in place of allowing private capital to build competing, duplicating lines.

Wonderful are the working people of this nation for they have made the country worth \$140,000,000,000.

In the Netherlands elections just held the Social-Democrats increased their vote from 85,000 four years ago to 147,000 and will have 18 members of the national congress in place of seven.

A Social-Democrat may soon enter the upper house of the Holland parliament. In the recent elections in Friesland the Socialists ousted the Liberals and have sixteen members in the assembly.

A monument has been unveiled by the Social-Democrats of Germany to the memory of the late Paul Singer. Comrade Singer was a wealthy man when converted to Socialism.

In Great Britain the Socialists are seeking a better name for their Sunday classes for children which have been called Socialist Sunday schools.

"Socialism and Unionism are the twin devils of Anarch," sagely declares Kirby, the president of the National Manufacturers' association.

HOW VICTOR BERGER VOTED

In answer to some criticism coming from one or two papers that stand for trade unionism "pure and simple," and for certain union men who are simple but not pure—we have the following to say:

Mr. Berger voted against the "rider" to the sundry civil bill (not to use any of the money of that appropriation for the purpose of enforcing the Sherman anti-trust act against trade unions and agricultural organizations) because he considers that amendment a cowardly and dishonest makeshift that means nothing.

And for the following reasons: First. This provision would only apply to criminal proceedings. But criminal prosecution has never been brought under the provisions of the Sherman act against a trade union or a farmer organization except a few weeks ago in West Virginia as a "bluff."

Second. While the sundry civil rider apparently seems to exempt labor organizations from prosecution, that act does not prevent private persons from bringing suit against unions and union men to recover damages.

Third. The exemption clause—being a rider on an appropriation bill—will cease to operate as soon as this particular appropriation expires.

The Socialists are not in the business of busting trusts. And we are not asking for any special exemption from the Sherman act.

We oppose all anti-trust legislation, and as a matter of principle, therefore, Victor Berger, Socialist, while in congress, introduced a bill to repeal the Sherman act altogether and to enact honest, sensible and really progressive legislation in its place.

These are some of the reasons why Victor Berger, Socialist, while in congress, did not vote for that silly humbug of trying to exempt the trade unions from criminal prosecution under the Sherman act by passing a "rider" on an appropriation bill.

and efforts to bribe labor leaders. Anarch signifies an inciter of disorder, the reign of each man for himself regardless of others.

Holland is now in the midst of its parliamentary elections. Holland does not have equal manhood suffrage, but disfranchises about half a million of its men because of lack of property.

expenditure. The party cast 13,000 votes in 1897 and 84,000 in 1909. How do you like being shunted through life, Mr. Poor Man in a rich country? You see the trouble is this way: There is so much wealth that they are afraid the working class would get lazy if it got hold of any of it.

and as this latter class can never get enough to satisfy it, the workers must keep on ruining their health and the chance of real living on earth in order that the wealth may be heaped and heaped and heaped. It is all right—if you do not believe it you are certainly a rebellious citizen and an agitator.

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sian voting system has just come to light. The town of Burch has two election districts, in which the populations are respectively 1,742 and 988. Each district is supposed to have an elector for every 250 of citizens, the first district thus having six (it is a non-Socialist district) and the other (which is Socialist) three.

all but ten of which is made up of the inmates of a big insane asylum! The ten are doctors and officials. So that under the wisdom of the sanctified Prussian rulers a crazy house is given greater voice in the law making than a district full of men with their full faculties!

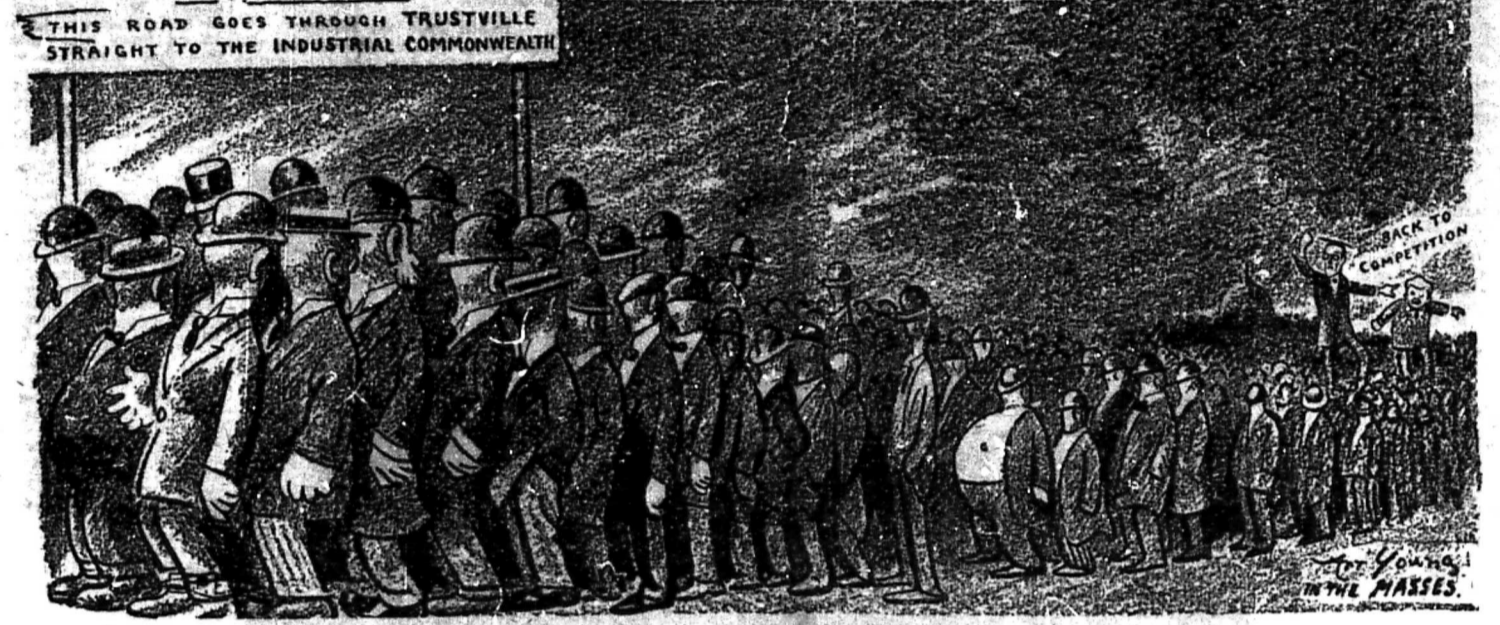
Every little while the Indians of North America adopt some white person into their tribe, usually out of gratitude for the service done their race by the person so honored.

The blatherskitch Fred. Merriam, who disgusts old line Socialists at the last national convention, and who has been having a good time in West Virginia playing the Haywood game out at the expense of the wretched mine workers, now spews at Debs because of the Socialist investigating committee report, and charges that Debs is a traitor to the workers.

Kirby of the National Manufacturers' association says that New Zealand "is the country where Socialism got its try-out, and failed."

This is a specimen of the ignorance that is found in men of his type. Socialism is a phase of society's evolution. So is capitalism, so was feudalism. There were glimmerings of capitalism during the closing years of the feudal system, when that system was fading out and the new system was coming on.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S MISSION IS TO TRY TO HALT THE MARCH OF PROGRESS



A POWERFUL CARTOON SHOWING WHERE WILSON STANDS

THIS country is divided into classes as much as any monarchical country. Therefore, the working class—the men and women who work either with their brains or their hands—must have a party of their own to take care of their interests of their own class.

either the Republican party or the Democratic party. The Republican party is the favorite organization of the big capitalists. For a generation it was considered the conservative business men's party of the country.

the Democratic party not having any great economic interests to express—soon fell into the hands of corrupt machines, at least in the large cities. The capitalist class, therefore, is just as willing to deal with the Democratic party as with the Republican party.

THE CASE FOR FREE SCHOOL BOOKS PRESENTED BY MILWAUKEE SOCIALIST

Text books should be free to all children in the public schools. There is no more reason why children in the public schools should be forced to buy their own books than they should pay tuition for their instruction and the use of the school buildings.

free text books. Mrs. Berger says: "More than one year ago a resolution, pertaining to the question of the introduction of a system by which free text books were to be furnished by the city to the children of the public schools of Milwaukee, was introduced by me. The resolution is still in the committee's box."

than 90 years, still has an excellent reputation as a healthy city. From the report of state superintendent of schools, it is the fact that it is also one of the greatest manufacturing centers in the United States.

stances, whether he has children or not. Education is made free, not merely in the interest of the interest of the children but more especially because the existence and safety of the state depends on it.

free books." The free book system—the logical outcome of the evolution of the public school idea. If education is to be free, the means of obtaining it must be free as well.

Making children pay for their books is discriminating against the poor child and making it harder for this child to get an education. It is cheaper to furnish the books free.

Plan Proven Desirable. "Besides that, we ourselves have only recently experienced through our high school stores that the plan of buying books through school authorities or school activities is very desirable. The board has gone on record for that little step at least."

the cost of free school books in Ashland, Wis., was in the neighborhood of 18 cents and surely not over 45 cents per capita. He also says that when he moved to Janesville he had to spend a little over \$6 for books for a girl in the sixth grade, where, if Janesville had furnished books, 50 cents would have been the cost.

Everybody agrees that this republic and its free institutions could not endure long without free public schools—that these schools are necessary for our existence as an enlightened nation. Therefore we furnish the school houses and the teachers—and in Wisconsin even transportation in some cases—why not also the school books?

Why is a Mulhall? Why must he be set to watch a McDermott? Why must the National Association of Manufacturers hire rogues to watch rogues and finance political machines through other rogues in order to get the kind of legislation it wants?

These are some of the arguments of Mrs. Victor L. Berger, member of the Milwaukee school board, in an open letter to the board members urging free text books.

Phrase Is Misnomer. "The term 'free text book,' by the way, is a misnomer. The books furnished by the board are not any more free than are the public schools. Text books are as much a part of the school system as is the school house and is the school teacher.

Our own superintendent, C. G. Pearce, told me that in Omaha as a rule "hard times" brought a larger school attendance than "good times." When factories were closed these poor children would go to school. They did so because they were not under the expense of buying costly books.

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WHY THEY NEED LOBBYISTS

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The answer is not hard. It is just because the whole capitalist system is "built that way." That system is a mass of contradictions and these contradictions are steadily killing it.

They are elected by workingmen's votes. To get these votes workingmen must be fooled and made to believe that the candidates of capitalist parties will defend working-class interests.

Men like Congressman McDermott, Chicago, holding union cards, are classified as "labor members" by easily fooled old gentlemen like Samuel Gompers. 't such men are to be re-elected they must keep up the deception and pretend to favor legislation desired by labor.

Men elected by deception, retaining their position by deception, legislating by lying and dodging, campaigning by trickery and, in general, leading a double political life, are not always scrupulously faithful to anyone. This simple fact, which it would seem a child might see, explains nearly everything in capitalist politics from the foolishness of voters in choosing such men, to the wickedness of lobbying to watch them.

Congressmen, or other officials, who are elected by the votes of workers on a Democratic, Republican, Progressive, "nonpartisan" or other capitalist ticket, still need watching by their owners. They owe their election on one side to workingmen's votes, on the other to the employers' money used to fool the voters.

It should not take a course in logic to figure out that such men would not be averse to "making a little on the side" by "throwing a scare" into their owners.

LATEST MOVE IN SCHENECTADY

The Socialist movement is making such great advances in Schenectady, N. Y., that the Schenectady Gazette, faithful newspaper representative of the capitalist class, is so alarmed that it has wired Milwaukee a hurry call for a newspaper man to go to Schenectady to "fight Socialism."

displeasing to The Gazette, which has the capitalistic interests at heart. A "non-partisan" movement, after the Milwaukee pattern, has been proposed by those who are making wild efforts to check Socialism in Schenectady. According to the telegram received by a Milwaukee newspaper man a few days ago, The Gazette desires to engage the services of a city hall reporter—one conversant with the Socialist and non-partisan parties.

zette is of the opinion that it can procure the services of a newspaper man to "fight Socialism" for \$50 per week. Thinking that such a hurry call sounded like real money, the enterprising newspaper man who received The Gazette's telegram, immediately wired back, asking the salary such a position would pay. He was surprised when he received a return telegram, announcing the salary as \$20 per week. Schenectady is still without the desired fighter as far as Milwaukee, none of the Milwaukee newspaper men having fallen victim to The Gazette's offer and the "munificent" salary.

ROOSEVELT PROTECTS FEEFCE

Ex-President Roosevelt, chief of the Bullmoose...

This is the language of the educated demagogue...

WISCONSIN EDITOR'S THRUST

To the 13 ministers of the gospel in the city of Menomonee...

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rather interesting. But Roosevelt avoids the word profits...

A railway is a natural monopoly and if there is competition...

Progress in and after profits, have been taken care of.

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THE NATIONAL MFRS. ASSOCIATION EXPOSURE WAS TIMELY.



BERLIN.—This year's congress of the German Social-Democratic party will be opened at Jena Sept. 14. The report of the committee will be presented by Herr Scheidemann, a member of the reichstag, who was the Socialist nominee for the vice-presidency of the Reichstag. With him will be associated the secretary of the party, Herr Braun.

Now Let's Have the Lid Off the Civic Federation. —Rocky Mountain News.

Of course, no enlightened person disputes the excellence of the work done by the universities in their departments of pure science and applied science. The development of these sciences from their beginning, meant the development of capitalism, and the development of capitalism has never had before, human progression in general, and nobody understands as well as the Socialists the historic mission of the bourgeoisie in this respect.

LOUIS BLANC, EARLY FRENCH SOCIALIST, ON COMPETITION

"Competition is for the people a system of extermination. Is the poor man a member of society, or is he an enemy to it? We ask for an answer. "All around him he finds the soil preoccupied. Can he cultivate the earth for himself? No; for the right of the occupant has become a right of property. Can he gather the fruits which the hand of God ripens on the path of man? No; for, like the soil, the fruits have been appropriated. Can he hunt or fish? No; for that is a right which is dependent upon the government. Can he draw water from a spring inclosed in a field? No; for the proprietor of the field is, in virtue of his right to the field, proprietor of the fountain. Can he, dying of hunger and thirst, stretch out his hands for the charity of his fellow creatures? No; for there are laws against begging. Can he, exhausted by fatigue and without a refuge, lie down to sleep upon the pavement of the streets? No; for there are laws against vagabondage. Can he, flying from the cruel slave land where everything is denied him, seek the means of living far from the place where his life was given him? No; for it is not permitted to change your country except on certain conditions which the poor man cannot fulfill.



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The Builders' Column
By A. W. Vance
GIVE THEM LIGHT.

The price of meat has just taken another jump. The woman's pages of the daily and weekly papers are teeming with columns of silly drivel on the subject of how to reduce the cost of living.
In the meantime the cost of rent, clothing, food, goes soaring higher. The masses of the people everywhere are in a rebellious frame of mind, but they do not know what to do. They do not know where to turn for relief.

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OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Young Folks in Action

Contributions solicited. Write briefly.
YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIALIST LEAGUES
BUFFALO.—A special meeting of the Y. P. S. L. was held on Tuesday, July 1, to elect delegates to the state convention and after the usual preliminaries, Comrades Alexander and Wark were elected. Again we want to urge upon the Comrades the necessity of joining the Y. P. S. L. If you feel that you are too old to associate with the young folks, join anyway and help them by paying dues. It is the young people of today who will usher in the new commonwealth, and unless you prepare them for it, they will be unable to cope with the problems which will arise. Join the league, work for the league, and thus help in this glorious work of education for emancipation.

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BILLY JONES GOES ON A VACATION

BY R. A. DAGUE.
BILLY," said Mr. Jones one day to his boy, "our neighbors, the Bryants, are going to the lake tomorrow to spend the week of their vacation. I have sent an invitation to you to be their guest and go with them. If you care to go be ready tomorrow when they call for you in their auto. Their party will consist of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Charley and Susie, and the Chaff Jim."

Puzzles

A humorous pamphlet will be awarded the reader sending in the first correct reading of the following hashed-up sentence:
Het Pwe Yeha Chum het Myra Tileit.
Answer to misplaced letters puzzle in No. 18: "No Scabbag at the Ballot Box."
The prize was won by Erna Bluhm, Milwaukee.