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time to get at the body.—Railroad Trainmen's Journal, January, 1907. II. "There were 10,000 persons killed and 80,000 wounded on the railroads during the last year."—Interstate Commerce Commission.

III. "In the face of every statement to the contrary it is a fact that railway employes work unreasonably long hours, and when they do, they are unsafe and a menace to everything on the line. We take from a news note the statement that a Lehigh and Hudson crew, after working for three days and three nights fell asleep and the engine and caboose ran for thirty miles with the entire crew asleep."—Railroad Trainmen's Journal, January, 1907.

IV. "Congressmen are being deluged with telegrams protesting against the passage of the 16-hour bill. The bill is intended to limit the hours of service of railway employes. Nine out of every ten of these telegrams come from the brotherhoods of railwaymen.

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The decision of Attorney General Jackson of this State—the Hearst Attorney General—to reopen the hearing on whether the ballots cast at the mayoralty election of 1905 in this city shall be recounted, re-opens nothing, to the Socialist. What the decision does to the Socialist is to help keep open a question that is assuming prime importance—the question of the requisite physical force attachment to a revolutionary political party...

The essential facts in the Hearst case are, first, that his political movement, although factuously imagining that it can save capitalism by "making it behave," does, in fact, wound capitalism at its vitals by exposing the incorrigible tiger qualities of the tiger, and thereby tearing down the popular superstitious reverence which that tiger needs for its shield...

companion fact to which it points is not also ascertained. That companion fact leaps forward through a question obviously suggested by the first fact itself. That question is this: "If a political party needs a physical power organization to enforce the principles which it proclaims, why not devote all energy to the physical power organization?"

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—The figures and facts under this head suggest many a consideration of prime interest to the movement in America. Leaving these, however, for some future occasion we shall proceed to the second main subdivision of the essayist's analysis.

Under the second head Dr. Michels takes up the membership of the Social Democratic organization. The statistical figures—rather minute than extensive, seeing that the party has, as Dr. Michels puts it, neglected to take its own professional census—prove that the party membership is composed mainly of workmen, the percentage of the bourgeois element in its fold being trifling, and even its Reichstag delegation preserving the proletarian preponderance of the party make-up.

There is still a third point requisite to help forecast the issue of the pending elections. Dr. Michels quotes approvingly the hint thrown out by Edward Bernstein that the Social Democracy has become a "Volkspartei"—a people's party.

The conclusion warranted by Dr. Michels' essay, coupled with what is otherwise known about the revolutionarily surcharged atmosphere of Europe, is that it should not be at all surprising to see the Imperial Government come out routed from the pending elections, the Centrum or Clerical party badly shattered, and the Social Democracy the leading if not the dominant party of all—leading, if not dominant, by the vastness of the increased poll not only, but also the size of its new Reichstag's delegation.

The working class existence is to-day under conditions that are more or less the nature of panic times—panic times have become chronic for a great many, and yet the signs are that worse conditions are before us. The curse of capitalism then becomes more intense, more horrible. The workers must be taught the secret of the capitalist mechanism and they will realize that the baneful burden must be thrown off. Spread the light, begin to-day.



UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—There are some things I don't like in Socialism.

B. J.—The idea of compulsion. U. S.—Is there any compulsion in Socialism? B. J.—Certainly, their "co-operation" is not "voluntary" co-operation. I believe in voluntary, not compulsory, co-operation. Compulsory co-operation is dictatorial. I'll none of it. U. S.—Do you hold that what you are "compelled" to do is under all circumstances "dictatorial"?

