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UNDER THE LENS

SOCIALIST CRITICISMS OF HAPPENINGS OF THE DAY.

Duke Chauvin's Pressing Need—Greck Meets Greck, or "Finding His Level"—When the Poor Are Designated "Mob"—An Empire Within an Empire.

Can there be any doubt of the ardent love of Emanuel Theodore Bernard Marie d'Albert de Luynes d'Alley Duke of Chauvin and Piquigny for the million charms of the American heiress Theodora Shonts? The Duke's London and Paris tailor and outfitter has brought suit against the Duke in the amount of \$1,345 for clothes claimed to have been made and delivered to the Duke, with \$655 for interest from 1901, the date when the alleged debt became due. Only wicked sneerers will entertain any doubts concerning the sincerity of the Duke's love.

Who is "finding his level" in the chummy intercourse that the despatches from Biarritz announce has sprung up between King Edward and the American Ambassador Whitelaw Reid? Is it Edward that found his level in the pecuniary profit by the Civil War? Or is it Whitelaw who is finding his level in the "Baccarat Hero?"

"We love a square deal, but not everything so labeled" is one of the planks of the "Better Times Association." That plank is a resounding slap on the face of the Roosevelt and Posts, and the echoes of that resounding slap will roll through the hills and valleys of the land, and gather strength as it rolls.

"The mob" is the designation given by the New York capitalist papers to the angry depositors who gathered on the 27th instant at the bank of Pasquale Patti. Patti had received deposits aggregating \$150,000. He suddenly decamped, and when his safe was opened on the 27th, not a cent was found. Every scrap of valuables had disappeared. The rage of the depositors may be judged. "The mob" is the term that the capitalist press, in natural sympathy with Patti, contemptuously applied to the victims.

Capitalism, in a Republic, is an "Empire within an Empire," with the predominance resting with the inside wheel. Senator La Follette, abreast of Roosevelt as a teller of tales out of school, gives some trenchant figures on the subject. The Capitalist Empire has, he shows, "a taxing power greater than the taxing power of Congress," that is, greater than the taxing power of the outer and nominal Empire. The Capitalist Empire levies, says La Follette, "each year \$2,000,000,000, as against only \$700,000,000 levied by the Government."

Capitalist society can not take a step in any direction without it "puts its foot into it." It tries to save dividends and thus save its own neck, thenrafts of men have to be laid off—that brings out the fact that capitalism rests upon the suffering of the masses. If it tries to hush the outcry against suspension of work and re-employ some men, then the fact is brought out that capitalism, which decries Socialism as paternalism, is itself the most revolting system of paternalism. Caught, either way, in its own tangle.

Among the calamities that have lately been befalling America, surely the least is not the attitude of the Negroes on Roosevelt. Foraker is no more a "friend of the Negro" than Roosevelt. What he is is a smarter player upon racial strings. The Negro workman has no surer way of strangling himself than by responding to the racial outcry. The Negro employer of Negro labor is as ruthless a class plunderer as the Roosevelt element. Let the Negro yield to the race lure, and he has contributed his mighty share towards the dislocation of the Labor Movement; let him shut his eyes to the lure, and he sets an example that will mightily consolidate the Labor Movement. The Negro workman belongs in the Socialist Labor Party and in the I. W. W.

The attention of the Postmaster General is respectfully called to the March 21 issue of J. S. Bache and Co.'s "Weekly Financial Review." The "Review"

preaches Anarchy, pure and simple. It expresses the hope that "the blessed sleep of the fairy tale," that is death, "may overtake every Legislature in the land." In these days, when the Postmaster General is in war paint against Anarchistic publications, it is to be hoped he will refuse mail facilities to the Wall Street Anarchist "Review."

Should the unlikely happen and Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota be the Democratic nominee for President, the gentleman has furnished himself with a matchless platform. Being asked as to his attitude on the Trusts, the Governor said: "As is generally known from my many public utterances on this very question, I have no sympathy with so-called predatory interests." This language will enable the Governor, as Presidential candidate, to pronounce Trusts, in one place, "predatory interests," and in another "so-called," that is wrongly called predatory interests. Johnson is an ideal capitalist candidate, but he did not learn this duplicity from the straight-forward hammer Thor of his Norse mythology.

"Socialism reduces everything to a material basis," complains one set of Moneybags' defenders. "Socialism will destroy the incentive to pecuniary gain," bawls out another set. And between the two our Moneybags imagines his champions are demolishing that dread spectre—Socialism.

"Work in Carnegie's mouth must have a chameleon sort of meaning. His motto is well known and pronounced very 'clever'—'If you want to get rich, get others to work for you.' And now, talking on March 27th to the graduates of the Pratt Institute, the identical Carnegie says: 'Work, and you'll win.' 'Work,' in this second motto, must be the first word of the capitalist motto: 'Work others.'"

Sorry is the spectacle presented just now by those "prominent" Socialists whom the newspapers are quoting as saying, "We Socialists do not believe in violence and are against it all the time." A Socialist who knows his book will not be put on the defensive thus at the present hour. He will rather uphold the dignity of Socialism and tell his accusers to "make good" their insinuations. He will refer any smart newspaper scribes to point out the passages in Socialist literature justifying the questions put by them. In other words, the Socialist will put the other fellow on the defensive. The fact is that most of those "interviewers" are not sincere in putting such insulting questions and should receive scant courtesy.

To the throng of people, who were so roughly handled and browbeaten by a brutal gang of policemen on the occasion of the Gershuni memorial celebration at Grand Central Palace on Sunday the 22nd instant, it can have been no surprise to learn from the press of the very next morning that one of the greatest shake-ups in the history of the Police Department has just taken place. Inspectors, captains and patrolmen galore were caught in a trap showing them to have been in league with gambling houses. What else but bitterness can such uniformed reprobates entertain for a crowd that thronged to do honor to the memory of Gershuni, one of the foremost battlers for the Rights of Man in this generation!

The last of the series of bogus cases instituted against the Socialist Labor Party came up in the City Court this week and resulted in a moral defeat for the plaintiffs. A couple of weeks ago the bogus Lightbourn case was finally knocked out in the Appellate Court. Last week's attempt was that of one Emanuel Siff to saddle on the Party an alleged debt for \$600. The jury disagreed, 9 being against, and only 3 for Siff. It was a refreshing experience to notice at this trial, that the judge, Edward F. O'Dwyer, did not allow his private views on Socialism to be played upon by the plaintiff to the injury of his judicial rectitude. A refreshing sight, indeed, in these days.

"Wheels within wheels" should be the title of the address of the Rev. George A. Cooke in Boston in the course of which he said: "Chancellor Day of the Syracuse University has done well for John D. Rockefeller, and deserves \$20,000,000 for his defense of the Standard Oil magnate. But it was Archbold, the pastor of Day who got him his place at Syracuse and gave him his opportunity. Therefore Archbold deserves at least \$10,000,000 more than Day."

TO THE PROLETARIAT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

[The below address to the Working Class of America, in particular, and the international proletariat, in general, was unanimously adopted by the Sub-Committee of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party, at its regular session, March 25, and submitted to the National Executive Committee for final action.]

To the Working Class of America—Greeting:

The conditions that capitalist society presents to-day in the United States shout "Unity!" in thunder notes into the ear of everyone who, whatever the special route that his lights suggest to reach the Socialist Republic, aims at that goal, aims at the overthrow of the capitalist system of wage slavery, aims at putting an end to the intolerable state of things which, under the forms of democracy, is grinding down our people to the status of East Indian ryots.

At all great epochs in the history of mankind, men pursuing lofty ideals have been found to differ strongly, even bitterly upon methods. Shades of opinion, it has been noted at such epochs, frequently clash with greater vehemence than opposing ones. Nevertheless, a time comes, a time has ever come, when pressure from without, the pressure produced by the overflowing measure of Ruling Class iniquities, silences the clash among those who should be united, and by so driving them together, multiplies their strength to triumph-pitch. It multiplies their strength in that, what in the clash of opinions seemed irreconcilable antagonisms of principle, are discovered to be, though different, yet converging and supplementary forces, none of which alone, but all of which combined, constitute the whole. This work of "setting the bones," so to speak, of a Revolutionary Movement, is not the least of the missions that a Ruling Class, rotten-ripe for overthrow, is providentially clothed with. The Capitalist Class in America has in these recent months fulfilled its part of that mission:

It has attested its economic and sociologic bankruptcy by hurling the country into a financial and industrial panic unparalleled in the annals of capitalist "progress";

It has brought home to the people the fact of its inherent criminality—its own bull-in-a-china-shop President having blown the trumpet blast: "The law shall be enforced against all offenders," the declaration awakened, instead of applause, a howl of rage from all sections of the Capitalist Class as "a threat against their interests";

It is exhibiting its intellectual bankruptcy by the proposition of a series of quack nostrums that sound and look like propositions to apply a mustard-plaster to a wooden leg with the expectation of raising blisters;

Finally, it is exhibiting its inherent despotic nature by high-handed measures to repress free speech, free assemblage and free press, and its agents have even steeped their hands in murder with the view to raise "Anarchist" scares, and thus find a pretext to gag public opinion, paralyze legitimate public action, and terrorize the Working Class into submission.

"CIVIC VIRTUE"

OF BUSINESS MEN OF KENOSHA, WIS., EXPOSED.

Naturalization Laws Disregarded in Attempt to Win out at Polls—The A. F. of L. Leaves Unskilled Labor Unorganized—The Socialist Labor Party the Only One to Carry Message of Industrialism.

Kenosha, Wis., March 24.—The manner in which the employing and business class here are setting at naught the laws of this own beloved land of theirs is of more than passing interest. They only recognize those laws when in their interest to do so, and trample upon them when they stand in the way.

Kenosha, Wis., is the first city north of Chicago in this State. It is quite an important manufacturing city. It has a population of about 30,000 and is on Lake Michigan. Here you can find the largest leather tannery in the world. Here there is a very large brass bed

Such were the conditions that faced the Socialist Labor Party when its National Executive Committee met in semi-annual session on January 5 of this year. For the previous nine years the political field of Socialism has been riven in twain. The feud between the two parties—the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist party—was intense, as such feuds usually are. Was the feud necessary for general clarification? Was it unnecessary? Did it work good? Did it work evil? Let that be decided by history. However that may be, the new conditions created a decidedly new duty. However beneficial the previous clash of views may have been, thenceforth only evil could come therefrom. In the general turmoil and confusion that shipwrecked capitalist society threw the country into, the continuance of two warring political parties of Socialism could only add to the general confusion; it could only puzzle and disconcert the already sufficiently puzzled and disconcerted proletariat of the land; it could only contribute to the sense of helplessness that it is the policy of the Ruling Class to plunge the proletariat into, and of which deeds of blind rage only are born. Such conditions ordered "Unity!"

The Socialist Labor Party obeyed the order. It stood on no forms of etiquette. It shut its eyes and ears to all considerations but one—the imperative interests of the proletariat. Edward Vaillant, as great in deed as in thought; the Franklin of the Movement in France; philosopher, statesman and humanitarian, and one of the few survivors of the heroic Paris Commune—the venerable Edward Vaillant, the successful attempt of three years ago to unify the warring Socialist factions of France being for a moment endangered—said: "Je defendais mon point de vue, mais des que je sentais l'unité en danger, il n'y avait pas de coulèvres et de crapauds que je ne fusse prêt à avaler. Je voulais l'unité avec passion, je la voulais avec rage!"

"I upheld my views, but the instant I saw unity in danger, there were no snakes nor loathsome things that I was not ready to gulp down. I wanted unity with passion; I wanted it with rage." The spirit of the interests of the proletariat that breathed through the noble words of Vaillant was the spirit that moved the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party. During the feud of the two American parties bitter personal animosities had been engendered. But physical catastrophes have been known to quench deepest hatreds, and to cause otherwise implacable enemies to shake hands as brothers. Conditions in America are now incomparably more dire than they were in France three years ago. Indeed, it may be said the American proletariat is in mourning. Sorrow chastens anger. The National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party gulped down all resentment. It issued to the National Committee of the Socialist party the subpoenaed invitation to unite. No conditions were stipulated except the general principles of the International Congress—free speech, free press, and proportional representation.

By a two-thirds' majority the National Committee of the Socialist party spurned the proffered hand; it took upon itself the responsibility of continuing Socialist disunity. Without consulting the rank and file of their party, fearing, in fact, to do so and ascertain their party's wishes by a general vote, they declined the Socialist Labor Party invitation. They did worse. Assuming the arrogant language of the capitalist employer, after breaking a strike, they presumed to say to the Socialist Labor Party membership: "We shall not recognize you as a body, you may come in singly, as individuals."

FATAL ADMISSION

MADE BY MILWAUKEE UNIONS OF BREWERY WORKERS.

Oppose Holding of Conventions of Their Organization, Because They Have Only Factional Fights and Do Not Improve Social Conditions of Labor—Issue Circular Containing Damaging Admissions—Their Industrialism Bared.

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—The Brewery Workers are voting upon a motion to do away with holding of regular conventions unless called for by one eighth of all locals and carried by a general vote. This motion was made by local unions of Milwaukee and has received the endorsement of forty-eight locals throughout the country.

The most remarkable feature of this matter is the reasons given in the circular. It is said that in the past the results of various conventions have been zero, and hardly anything ever was done

for the membership. This is certainly a damaging admission for those men to make, but they might as well let the facts out if they desire to organize for success and leave failures behind.

The circular states that the various conventions had been divided into various factions, which fought most bitterly, producing, instead of harmony, only disputes and wranglings. The attention of the rank and file is called to the large expenditure of money involved, \$40,000, and they are asked to consider whether the proposed convention can do anything to shorten the hours of labor of the members or to increase their wages.

Following are some of the questions asked. What good have the conventions done in the past for the membership? Has the social condition of the brewery workers been improved by them?

These questions are answered thus: "Nothing from all of them! Most of the time was wasted in personal animosities. When the convention was over, everything remained as before. The single result was that certain favored members had a pleasure trip at the expense of their fellow members, which cost the International Union and the individual unions in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

"The result of the next convention will be same."

What is behind this move is not known. The Milwaukee unions have at the same time endorsed the idea of sending four delegates yearly to the American Federation of Labor conventions, where there is no more harmony and little result for the social improvement of labor produced than at their own gathering.

The fact that the Brewery Workers' conventions are tangled up by factional wrangles is a commentary upon the industrialism existing in their organization. It reveals the same old struggle of the fight for jobs that is well known exist in the craft union organization, and which only organization by crafts promotes. There is only one kind of Industrialism and that is the spirit and kind advanced by the Industrial Workers of the World. All others are only a guise to mislead workmen.

SOCIALISM IN JAPAN.

Government Using Force to Prevent Its Spread—Herveism Also Growing.

Tokio, Japan, March 12.—The National Diet has after a bitter fight, passed the bill increasing the consumption tax, by a large majority.

The burdens of the people have been steadily growing; the excessive armament has increased the taxes heavily. The constant increase of taxes is causing great uneasiness and mistrust of the Diet throughout the country. The peasants and workmen seem to have become spiritless from the long-continued oppression, and for the most part do not dare to raise their voices in objection.

At the same time, the propaganda of Socialism and of Herveism (anti-militarism and anti-patriotism) is meeting ever greater response. The government, therefore, is beginning to be fearsome, and has started to prohibit Socialist speeches and lectures, and has already dissolved several Socialist meetings. In one place the subscribers and agents of the Socialist semi-monthly "Heimin Shimbum" were called on by the police to cease receiving the paper.

Three Socialists arrested at a meeting in Osaka were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, and three others to a month. The party members charged by the public prosecutor as agitators in the Ashio mine disturbance, have been set free.

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Los Angeles Courts Above United States Constitution.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—The jury hearing the case of G. W. Woodbey, Socialist, arrested for speaking for Socialism at a street meeting, brought in a verdict of guilty. The judge imposed a fine of \$25 which was paid, but the case will be appealed to a higher court.

The Los Angeles Times shows its reckless disregard for the laws of the land in reporting this case. It seeks to belittle our demanding the recognition of the U. S. Constitution by referring slightly to us as "howling for constitutional rights." The "howl" no doubt is unpleasant to Gen'l Otis's Times, a man who expressly carried that same constitution to the Philippines. But it is well known whereto the capitalists consign that document when it happens to stand in their way. It gets thrown to the flames regularly at such times.

BOMBS THROWN BY WHOM?

ONE IN NEW YORK; THE OTHER IN TELLURIDE.

One Man Killed and Alleged Thrower Badly Injured—Brutality of Police Failed to Provoke Riot—Authorities Trying Hard to Make out a Case but Signally Fail—Bulkeley Wells Also Gets "Blown Up," But Not Hurt.

What was to have been a mass meeting of unemployed working people at Union Square last Saturday afternoon ended in a mysterious bomb explosion. Two men have been reported killed as the result; and a policeman who was alongside of the alleged bomb-thrower was "blown against a tree." The affair occurred at Sixteenth street and Fourth avenue.

Long before the time that the meeting was scheduled to start, 2 o'clock, over 300 policemen, afoot and on horseback, were drawn up around the entire square. They had received orders not to allow any meeting to be held, and allowed no one near the cottage where the speakers usually hold forth. Between 25,000 and 30,000 people had come to attend the demonstration and had crowded around on all sides of the park. They were not allowed to congregate, but were kept on the move. Finally the police decided to clear the thoroughfares and the crowds were charged by the mounted officers. Everyone was pushed into the side streets and at 2:30 o'clock no one was allowed to enter any blocks bounding the park.

There was much charging and clubbing of heads by the mounted police and no one was spared. The brutality was carried out to such an extent that many people thought the officers were trying to provoke a riot. Several times people marching struck up the air, the Marseillaise, but it was not generally taken up.

After 3 o'clock some persons were allowed to enter the park again. There was one group which had been left near the fountain undisturbed when the square was first cleared. From this group the bomb is said to have come.

The question is pertinent: Who threw that bomb?

After the explosion everyone rushed from the spot and were again beaten and clubbed in their efforts to get away.

Selig Cohen, who was badly hurt by the bomb, and whom the Police are trying to make out three hit, lay all day in Bellevue Hospital, his hand blown off and his eyesight destroyed, but he will probably recover. He is twenty-two years old, and lived at 82 Beaver street, Brooklyn. He is described by his sisters, Celia and Sarah, whom Police Inspector McCaffery put through a sweating process Sunday, as being deeply studious, and in his old home of Bialystok, Russia, of a religious turn of mind. Everything possible is now being done to put into his mouth confessions of guilt of having thrown the infernal machine, but so far without success. At a late hour last night, the hospital attendants assert, the policemen on watch over him had got nothing out of him.

Cohen, who also took his mother's name of Silberstein when his father died four years ago, has been ill and out of work for over three months. He was attending night school, and being treated by a Brooklyn physician for rheumatism of the heart. A raid was made on his room Sunday and the police claim to have found three letters in Jewish from Alexander Berkman, which they rushed off to have translated. The case with which letters can be "found"—as was illustrated by the case with which knives and revolvers and others arsenal furnishings were found on the weaponless Averbuch in Chicago after his murder by Police Chief—is well known and little credence will be given to the letters, even if they are "translated" into some blood and thunder yarn.

A translation of these letters was to have been given out from Police Headquarters Sunday night. At mid-

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FOR FREE SPEECH

OAKLAND, CAL., S. L. P., MAKING A TEST CASE.

National Organizer Gilhaus Speaks on Streets in Defiance of Unconstitutional Ordinance, and Is Arrested—Case Carried to Higher Court Immediately.

Oakland, Cal., March 12.—The campaign for free speech has been started by the Socialist Labor Party of the city of Oakland also. In this city the Party has been subject to the grossest discrimination imaginable.

An ordinance exists that prohibits street meetings within the fire limits of the city, except by permit signed by the Chief of Police and the Mayor. Since the S. L. P. organized here three years ago we have several times asked for a permit to speak, but have regularly been refused. The I. W. W. has also been flatly refused a permit. In the meantime street meetings galore were held on the streets of Oakland. A number of religious organizations held forth, some every night, and others several nights a week each. The other night we counted four different meetings of the Salvation Army in the very heart of the city. A number of medicine men and other fakirs would hold forth from time to time and tell their tales and vend their wares.

The Socialist Party held a permit from away back. About two years ago it was revoked by the Mayor. They put up a desperate fight; some 15 to 20 men were arrested at various times. The calendar was blocked with jury trials; the court got tired of the fight; the Mayor gave in, and the S. P. got their permit back. But speech was no freer in Oakland after than before that fight, because when the S. L. P., through its organizer, asked for a permit shortly after, he was refused as before and ever after.

All this we bore with real S. L. P. patience and bided our time. Our time came. We were ready, and the workers are ready and eager to listen to us. At the meeting Sunday, March 1, it was decided to test the city ordinance as against the constitution of the United States. August Gilhaus, being here, was selected to make the fight. Austin Lewis, who has made frequent fights of this kind, was engaged to take charge of the cases and by his counsel the plan of campaign was determined upon.

First, our committee went again to the City Hall and asked for a permit. The Chief of Police said: "Certainly, you can have a permit, you are a political party, are you not? Very well, call to-morrow and get it. The Mayor will have to sign it." Upon the to-morrow the committee was told the Mayor would grant us no permit. The committee there told the Chief that we would hold a meeting anyhow, as we had been refused often enough, and intended to make a test case of it. The Chief notified his captain then and there to watch out for it.

On Monday evening, March 9th, we assembled at 9th St. and Broadway, and at about 8 o'clock Gilhaus started to speak without any preliminaries. A good crowd gathered at once and it kept on increasing rapidly. Gilhaus scored point after point on Socialism and Industrial Unionism and the crowd was deeply interested, and remarks of approval were heard from all sides. He kept on talking for about three quarters of an hour, and we were commencing to forget all about ordinances and the powers that be when suddenly an officer stood in the midst of the crowd demanding if Gilhaus had a permit. Gilhaus said he had been refused one and meant to speak without it to test the law. "You cannot do it," said the policeman, "so as I tell you, quit speaking or I will arrest you." The remarks that greeted him from the crowd were all but complimentary.

"You have to arrest me," said Gilhaus "or I will continue to speak," and was roundly cheered for the remark.

He started in again, and, of course, was promptly nabbed. The two walked off, very comfortably together. The crowd urged others to take the stand, but that was not our plan. One arrest is as good as a dozen to test the constitutionality of a law that can be used with such outrageous discrimination. Olive M. Johnson spoke for a few minutes and explained the matter, saying we had come out expecting to be arrested, as we had been refused a permit; that we meant to carry the matter to the very highest court and find out if the charter and the Mayor of the city of Oakland were higher than the constitution of the United States. The S. L. P. men then canvassed the crowd with the literature and left, in order to make further provisions.

The next day we learned that the crowd remained in heated discussion. Soon came the officer again, expecting, no doubt, another speaker there. A young man standing on the curb said:

"Look out, here comes the cop and you will be arrested." The officer pushed his way roughly into the crowd and the young man said: "The way you act one might think we are in Russia." That settled it. He was promptly arrested. He put up his own bail and the next day his case was dismissed.

In the meantime Gilhaus sat nicely in the dungeon under the Oakland City Hall. No one came to bail him out and, no doubt, the police officers thought they had an easy crowd to deal with that time. The next morning he was taken up into court. No lawyer was there. He pleaded "Not guilty," was asked if he wanted a judge or jury trial and answered that it was immaterial to him. His case was set for the next day at 10 a. m., and he was led back to jail, and some sympathizers that had appeared were very much excited that no one bailed him out.

As soon as possible, however, a writ of habeas corpus was gotten for him on the ground that he had been taken without warrant of arrest and without probable or any cause, and he was released on habeas corpus bail.

To-day, accordingly, he had to appear in the Superior Court instead, and the police court was passed over altogether. His hearing was set for next Wednesday, March 18th, and the argument will be upon the writ.

If the case is lost it will be appealed at once, and so on until we reach the highest court.

We will be heard from again.

Olive M. Johnson.

GIVE HIM A PAPER

In This Spring of Workingman's Discontent.

Cleveland, O., March 24.—It was Tenneyson who said:

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

In this particular Spring, however, the average young man's fancy turns not to thoughts of love, but, judging from his expression, mournfully directs his thoughts to a job, and a square meal. The unemployed problem still looms up gigantic on the horizon of the industrial sea. Not poetic fancies, but cold, realistic thoughts on how to put food in his stomach, clothes on his back, and how to meet his rent, is the occupation of the young man now-a-days.

The writer spent a few days in Youngstown and Canton, Ohio, last week and found conditions the same as in the big centres of industry. In the former city especially, things looked pretty blue. Thousands walking on their uppers and empty of stomach are waiting like Wilkins Micawber for something to turn up. A few thousand dollars, some eight or ten, were set aside to provide work for the unemployed; about a dollar apiece, as E. R. Markley remarked sarcastically at a Council meeting. It is the old, old story. Present society cannot solve the problem. That the American workingman would so tamely go through this pangs after the one of 1893, puzzles the average Socialist, though. It were time, it seems to me, that he would perceive the futility of depending upon the present order of society for a living for himself and little ones.

Most of the idle workers seem disposed to thrust their hands in their empty pockets and resign themselves to the inevitable, or what appears as such to them. The Socialists in Youngstown and Canton are, with more or less success, doing all they can to arouse the idle worker from his despondency. They are handicapped, of course, by the fact that the idle men have no funds, hence cannot subscribe to our party organ, a few months' reading of which would do wonders towards galvanizing them into action. Copies of The People in Canton are being given out and read eagerly. Comrades elsewhere ought to save their papers and give them into the hands of the idle. When a man gets a job he will in most cases subscribe.

While things on the whole do not look rosy, I believe both Youngstown and Canton can be organized. It will require effort, but we must be prepared to do or die. There is nothing else for us.

B. R.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

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UNITY QUESTION

DULUTH SOCIALISTS DISCUSS TYRANNY OF S. P. BOSSES.

Incidentally Tom Johnsonism and Equivocation Concerning Political Action, or "Veiled Dynamitism" Shown up in Their True Colors as Enemies of the Workingman's Movement—Splendid Field Ready for S. L. P.

Duluth, Minn., March 23.—A few words from this out-of-the-way part of the land may not be amiss.

Peter Witte, Tom Johnson's city clerk of Cleveland, spoke here last night. In the afternoon he appeared before the Question Club and made a short speech.

Incidentally, he "balled out," to use a local expression, Mr. Kaplan of the S. P., by making an attack on Socialism. He demanded to know "just how" under Socialism, the product would be divided to give each one exactly the value of his product. This was a poser for Mr. Kaplan. J. A. Jones, of the I. W. W., arose in the back of the hall and came to his rescue. He explained how under the present capitalist system the value of each worker's labor is determined by the card system.

Peter, the wit, was nonplussed, and hedged by announcing that he was to speak in the evening and invited all to attend and hear about Tom Johnson's administration in Cleveland. Jones asked him if there would be questions and discussion, to which he replied yes. Peter was there in the evening and talked for over an hour of the glories of the Johnson administration; we were there also, but questions and discussion? Nay, nay—not for Peter. They saw a couple of Socialists in the back of the hall, and after casting uneasy glances at them the chairman evidently decided that the best course was to adjourn, which was done.

Thence we went to a meeting of the Finnish Socialists. Such a contrast! The hall, a large one, was absolutely packed. Speaker after speaker ascended the platform. They spoke in Finnish and the audience listened closely. And such an audience! Working people, strong, sturdy, self-reliant, intelligent—a striking contrast to the poverty of thought and intellectual bankruptcy of the middle class bunch which we had just quitted. Here was no throttling of discussion, no fear of questions.

Thomas Flynn was called upon. He disclaimed any authority to talk for the Socialist Labor Party, stating that he was but one of the rank and file. He outlined briefly the position of the Socialist Labor Party on the industrial union question, the party press, and the discipline of the organization; spoke of the Stuttgart congress and its work, and of the unity proposition that had been made by the Socialist Labor Party to the Socialist party, on the basis laid down by the international congress; how the proposition had been received by the powers that be in the Socialist party, and how they had turned it down without consulting the rank and file. Flynn thereupon disclaimed any responsibility on the part of the Socialist Labor Party for the present division of the American Socialist movement and declared that the responsibility was now up to the Socialist party—that they had refused up to date, to submit the question to a referendum, to a vote of the rank and file.

An attractive young lady then interpreted Flynn's remarks to the audience from stenographic notes, and she in turn was followed by an intelligent-looking man, who took the opposite stand. He is a professor of political economy in a Finnish college. It was said that he based his argument mainly on B. H. Williams' little speech as published in the Industrial Bulletin of March 14. He seemed possessed of the idea, gathered from the above, that the S. L. P. is fighting to control the I. W. W. The professor is said to be a physical forceist, having participated in the revolt in Finland, when a price was set on his head. Flynn declared that he was not desirous of assisting in putting a price on the worthy professor's head in this country, neither was he desirous of taking a course of action which should result in a price on his own or that of any other member of the working class; that therefore he was still a stickler for political as well as economic action.

I have great respect for B. H. Williams, but I think that the publication of that speech was ill-advised and unwise, gives encouragement to the Anarchistic element, and, in fact, produces an effect exactly the opposite of what was meant, and has done incalculable harm to the cause of industrial unionism.

I think there is a great field here for the Socialist Labor Party, if the members will be up and doing. Your correspondent would like to help to defeat the prophecy of an early death for the Socialist Labor Party, made by the worthy Finnish professor, whom Jones told laughingly, "You can't kill that bunch. You'll find them fighting for Socialism if the contest lasts a thousand years."

Thomas Flynn.

DENVER MACHINISTS

ARE LED AND FED BY PURE AND SIMPLE ROT.

Mr. Warton, "Big Gun", Reels off the Usual Simple Simon Nursery Tales—Pitting Pennies Against Dollars and Expect to Defeat Denver & Rio Grande R. R.

Denver, Colo., March 24.—The machinists and boiler-makers employed in the Denver & Rio Grande shops have, since going on strike, been standing idly by and looking idly upon the situation. They are going to wallop the big corporation with their few saved up pennies. When the smoke blows over everyone will see the railroad officials down upon their knees in utter abjection begging the "united we standers," craft unionists for any terms.

The trade union officials are already demonstrating what "organization" can do for labor. A. O. Warton, a big gun in the "yunyun," has led off in the demonstration. He got off the following lament:

"Our experiences with Mr. Gould prove that he is fair to his employes when he is properly approached. This strike was caused by a hoard of directors in New York, perhaps unknown to Mr. Gould. I am inclined to believe that a general strike will be avoided when he learns the circumstances."

This is the kind of nursery tale that these "smart" leaders give to the rank and file and such talk is labelled bright, intelligent, etc. As long as such ignoramus are in control of labor movements and cannot give men anything worthy of the serious consideration of men, the labor strikes will prove worse than useless; they will prove discouraging.

The railroad company last Thursday brought in 119 strike breakers. Of this number thirty-seven agreed to go to work. The reports have gone out that a large shipment of men will come on from Philadelphia. The strike breakers are being housed in the paint shop on the Denver & Rio Grande property at Burham and fed at the expense of the company. Two wagon loads of overalls and jumpers were distributed yesterday.

The striking employes are represented by a committee which takes up a place in the public road and there coaxes the newcomers to leave the company's shops. The simplicity of these simple pure unionists is a pity to behold.

FIGHT FOR JOBS

SHOTS AND STONES FLY AROUND IN STRUGGLE FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Police Called out and Start a General Clubbing Affray—One Man Who Was Shot Will Not Recover—Many Receive Severe Injuries.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—The unemployed situation in the great city on Lake Erie is growing to be something desperate. Long continued stoppage of work has reduced many to the most utter destitution. Throngs of men respond on the occasions a fierce fight for jobs broke where only a few are asked for. At one of occasions a fierce fight for jobs broke out last Wednesday at the plant of the American Steel and Wire Company on Independence road, in the southern outskirts of the city. One man was fatally injured and a number of others were seriously hurt.

Fifty men crowded around the gates of the plant seeking employment, word having gone out that additional help would be taken on March 22. A quarrel started among the men following the attempt of those in the rear to get closer to the gate, and a general fight began, the men using stones and clubs as weapons.

One man was armed with a revolver. He shot down his opponent who had struck him with a rock.

At this juncture a patrol wagon loaded with police arrived on the scene. The officers clubbed right and left. A number were found lying unconscious on the ground. Charles Wrayet, one of the men who was shot, cannot recover.

LOUISVILLE I. W. W.

HOLD ROUSING MEETING TO DISCUSS PANIC.

"Hard Times, Their Cause and Cure" Treated in Way That Waked up Many—The Outlook Brighter Than Ever for Workingmen's United Action.

Louisville, Ky., March 22.—Louisville Local No. 73, I. W. W., held this afternoon the best indoor meeting ever held since the local was organized.

The subject selected for discussion was "Hard Times, Their Cause and Cure," and for one hour and a quarter the subject received logical and careful treatment. Close attention was paid throughout, and the audience manifested its interest and sympathy by applauding the speaker's arguments and illustrations. Seventeen books and copies of the Weekly People containing "Marx on Mallock" were sold, and two subscriptions for the Weekly People obtained.

It is regrettable that so many of our members, some of them old veterans in the Movement, failed to be present at this meeting. It would have done their souls good; it would have quickened their pulse; it would have re-awakened their old-time interest and enthusiasm for the cause. The seed of revolutionary thought and act that we have been planting for so many years is beginning to take root at last. Your correspondent would say to all the old comrades here in Louisville, "Courage, comrades. The outlook grows brighter. We can get a hearing now. There are thousands here in this staid, old Southern city either permanently out of employment or working on short time. They do not understand what hit 'em and why they were hit so hard. It's our duty to explain to them what hurts them; and they are more willing to give us a hearing now than they ever were before."

The I. W. W. expects and has a right to expect every man to do his duty. Some of us have "rested" long enough. There were several Socialist party men at this meeting; and it certainly is encouraging when we get even Socialist party men interested in bona fide unionism. One of their members said to the writer after the lecture, "It was the clearest and best exposition of industrial unionism and Socialism that he had ever heard." He had only the other Monday night listened to Arthur Morrow Lewis of Chicago; and he had heard all the lectures by the Rev. F. G. Strickland during the winter at Odd Fellows' Temple under the auspices of the local Socialist party.

J. H. A.

HARTFORD ITEMS.

S. L. P. Held Commune Celebration—Organizes Ladies Socialist Society—Puts Up Municipal Ticket.

Hartford, Conn., March 24.—The Paris Commune celebration, arranged by Section Hartford, came off as per schedule. On March 21, S. L. P. Hall was well filled when Frank Bohu of New York dwelt upon the conditions which brought about the Commune, the heroic struggle of the working class, and the lesson it had left behind for the working class of the world. The discourse was attentively listened to by all present and apparently very much appreciated.

The following Sunday afternoon was "Ladies-Day."

Frank Bohu spoke again and dwelt mainly on the woman's question in its various aspects, with the purpose in view to organize a club of Socialist Women of Hartford, Conn.

This purpose was realized, inasmuch as ten women enrolled their names to become members of said club. Temporary officers were elected, and it was decided to hold another meeting next Sunday at the same place, in order to perfect the organization and to take in more members, for several ladies had sent in word that they were willing to join but were unavoidably absent.

Thus a start in a new direction has been made, and gives promise of success.

On the first Tuesday in April we will have our city election. Accordingly politics is rampant just now in the ranks of the old parties. The present city administration is in the hands of the Republicans. What makes the campaign somewhat interesting is the fact that our former Democratic "Labor" Mayor has again secured the nomination of the Democratic party. He also was running against the present incumbent, but was defeated. How the coming election will turn out has a good many people guessing.

This, however, is only of passing interest to Socialists, who know too well that whichever side wins the working class will be the loser.

Section Hartford has therefore pursued its old course and has placed a

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At this time when, if ever, the propaganda of the Movement should and could be extended, we ask the co-operation of every reader in extending the circulation of the official organ of the Socialist Labor Party. With the Weekly People in the hands of the working class that class cannot help but become more and more fit to take up intelligently the battle for its own emancipation.

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"FIVE TO FOUR"—NOW.

It is an ominous bit of satirical poetry that, under the title of "Five to Four," is being hummed along the avenues of Washington to the students' tune of Longfellow's poem "Excelsior!"

The shades of night were falling free When up from Washington, D. C., There come decrees, all handed down

The income tax? They pondered late And argued with learning great;

Our wards beyond the deep blue sea? Ah, surely here they will agree!

A law to safeguard human life, To care for orphans and for wife;

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doggerel is not the only one of its species; in many ways it is the best—so far. When the lane shall have been turned, the doggerel and other satirical versification will have been cast off.

WHY DOES IT STOP?

The Post Office Department has suppressed, by barring from the mails, "La Question Sociale," an organ of Anarchists in the silk-weaving city of Paterson, N. J.

If "La Question Sociale" did these things, the act of the Post Office Department is good. It did the working class a great service thereby.

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sense for the thing itself, they seize the show, and make a grotesque exhibition of themselves and of the revolution. Likewise their kindred in the United States with the term "Industrial Unionism."

We have seen, quite recently, one set of them, centering in the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, issue a proclamation under the motto of "Industrial Unionism," and the body thereof pronounce their particular craft "THE steppingstone to civilization," and arrogate to themselves the right to overlordship in the Labor Movement.

Another bunch there is that also shout "Industrial Unionism," and interpret the political clause in the Preamble of the I. W. W. to mean the setting up of their own press and their own lecture bureau.

A third bunch there is that also shout "Industrial Unionism," but who are of the opinion that a revolutionary Union need not have a separate organization as a political party, but can itself put up its political candidates, as a Union, and without a separate political organization.

A fourth bunch is seen of "Industrial Unionism" shouters, who do admit the necessity of a separate political organization, but never on a national scale, only eventually, and then only, perhaps, in municipalities.

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in "parliamentarism" is the speeches, a thing in which the minority plays an important part. The "Reichstag Strike" brings out forcibly the fact that the work of agitation and education—the leading feature of political action during campaigns—preserves much of its force and acquires some new force when done under the resounding board and upon the national stage of a parliament.

It is for this reason that the capitalist press made light of the "strike." For that very reason the well poised revolutionist of to-day takes the lesson to heart.

"FIREBRANDS" IN CONGRESS.

This must stop, or the country will soon be burning like a tinder box. Here is Representative De Armond of Missouri indulging in such firebrandism as this:

"Why not raise over in the Philippines, instead of seeking in other lands, the necessary quantum of barons and dukes and counts and other titled bipeds? By choice I say 'raise' when I might say 'rear.' Now, this would be a domestic industry against which, it seems to me, there ought to be no objection.

There would be no trouble in negotiating with our home-made dukes, as, with our plant established in the Philippines for turning out hombies with titles, we could fix our own schedules and ourselves determine what we shall pay for the privilege of exporting, in this instance to the Philippines, such of our daughters as we desire to part with, accompanied by a right handsome dot in the way of consideration for a title of nobility of some grade or another thus brought into the family."

Can such tearing down of the reputation of our millionaire "saviors of the family" and their precious daughters, these modern Vestal Virgins, be tolerated?

But there is worse. Here is Representative James of Kentucky flinging this incandescent bomb right into the sanctum of capitalism:

"These fortunes have grown with such rapidity and to such an abnormal size that they are called by the President himself 'swollen fortunes,' though, perhaps, he might have more appropriately said STOLEN FORTUNES."

If this is not the limit what is? No; it is not yet the limit. Just listen to Senator La Follette:

"Eight men rule the nation!" Firebrandism can go no further. Besides, it is impudent. It appropriates the Treasury funds, needed by the bankers, and spends it in printing such utterances in the official record of Congress!

This must stop. CATTLE'S PRICE, AND WORKERS'. The price of meat goes up and is expected to go up higher. The explanation given by the dealers is very simple. The scarcity of money prevented the cattle raisers from investing in lean cattle for winter fattening, and compelled them to sell what cattle they had.

The result is that the supply of meat has sunk away below the demand. Saying this the wholesale dealers in meat sit down meekly obedient to the providential visitation that, against their will, compels them to demand higher prices. The gist of the "explanations" given by the dealers is that, plentiful or small supply, their revenues must not be affected. If the supply is plentiful, well, then the prices may be safely lower; the smaller profit made upon a large scale foots up as much as a larger profit made upon a smaller scale. If the supply is small, why, then the prices must go up, in order to make up in steepness for the what is lost in numbers.

So with meat or cattle. Not so with the human merchandise Labor. If the human merchandise Labor is plentiful, the capitalist purchaser looks reproachfully at the merchandise when it kicks at its low price. "Wouldst have us break all the canons of political economy," the purchasing capitalist would plaintively ask, "and pay for Labor a higher than its market price?" If, on the contrary, through some accident or other, the demand for Labor should rise so high as to exceed the supply, then the same capitalist purchaser looks indignantly at the merchandise Labor when it puts in its claim for the even-handed application of the aforementioned canons of political economy. "Shame upon you, miscreant disrupters of the Nation! Shame upon you crafty smashers of the sanctity of the family! Shame upon you impious and sacrilegious contemners of religion!" the purchasing capitalist then thunders at the merchandise Labor. "Go back to the shop! Fall upon your knees! Pray to the God Capital to intermit the plague that needs must light upon your sacrifice!"

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Capitalist law is based upon the theory that he is helped who helps himself. A consequence of that theory is this other theory that he who can "speak for himself" should help himself. There is a third theory, it is made to flow from the second, to wit, that seeing Labor "can speak for itself" it needs no protection. Capitalist economies upset the principle. Cattle can't speak for itself, yet the price goes up when the supply is low; Labor, supposedly able to speak for itself, must submit to its price going down, be the supply high or low.

THE TOWER OF BABEL.

On the same day that the Supreme Court of the United States, a body consisting mainly of Republicans, handed down a decision upholding the recent Federal law on railroads against two States, the Republican Secretary of War William H. Taft, who is the leading Republican candidate for the presidency, delivered an address in Trenton, N. J., in which he deprecated, expressed fear of, and warned against the centralization of power in the Federal Government. Pro-centralization, anti-centralization both upheld on one day by leading authorities of the same party!

These be no insignificant events. The story of the Tower of Babel, like all stories, teaches a lesson and has its moral. When confusion of languages sets in, disintegration follows inevitably. People who talk at cross-purposes can not move together. Action becomes impossible. We are again in the days of the Tower of Babel conditions.

There, no doubt, are two or more capitalists who are fully agreed upon "what it all means." These few realize that the "jig is up." That is to say, they realize that the form of government under which capitalism developed has become inadequate any longer to robe capitalism in. They realize also that the day is over when the veil of platitudes can conceal the fact of despotism. To these few it is perfectly clear that "democracy" has outlived its day, and that if capitalism continues to observe the forms of "democracy" it does so at its peril. To these few, for whom capitalism is a necessity "sacred," "religious" and "patriotic" there is no question but that the Republic must be overthrown. But these clear-head few are few, indeed. Within their own capitalist camp there are shades of opinion that run out into utter opposites. Some of them believe the sham of "democracy" can still be upheld; some others do not look upon "democracy" as an utter sham; to them, of course, "democracy" does not include the whole people; nevertheless, they entertain for the sham quite a sentiment, and are swayed by the sentiment; others, again, still cling to the sham, not out of sentiment, but out of a notion that there is something in it for them; finally others stick to present forms out of pure habit. Let loose the tongues of these various groups, and the present Tower of Babel confusion will result.

Out of the present Tower of Babel confusion of tongues one note rises clear. It is the counter-echo of the identical confusion. The note proclaims: "Democracy depends wholly upon the Socialist Movement. Only with Socialism rests the power to block the path of despotism and institute freedom."

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THE ERIE POOR

Filthy Conditions in Which Victims of Business Charity Are Kept.

By Workman.

It being Visitors' Day at the Poorhouse and I being at leisure, having been turned loose by my boss, I decided to take advantage of the opportunity to look the "House" over. I was much handicapped in getting a line on the workings of this institution, the inmates there being afraid to "open up" for fear of being dismissed. They are all very old men.

The first thing I saw was the dining room where the head butlers dine, and then the women's department. The insight I got of that was the fire escapes which were locked as were also the men's. Yet it is said that there should be free access to all fire escapes, and there is a heavy penalty for any violation of the statute in this respect.

It might be said that it is necessary to lock the escapes else the insane might escape. Why then not hire night watchmen?—there are surely funds enough in the city treasury. I was informed by some of the inmates that there is a man employed as night nurse, and he goes home at eleven o'clock. Then for the remainder of the night the sick get cursed for groaning.

The sanitary conditions are unspeakable. The men's smoking department looked as though it had not been scrubbed for many months.

The provisions for heating the building are given no attention. On the day I was there the heat was almost unbearable. There was an old man who sat up in bed and complained of it being too warm. He told me that on the day previous it was cold enough to freeze a person. The manager's wife was present while this fellow told me this and she simply smiled.

The most horrible part of the institution is the department for the insane. Here one meets with a sickening stench all the time, and if you are sound physically when confined there, you will be sure to have your health broken down in a very short time. The awful smell comes from a place which is called the "freeze out." This is underneath the asylum wing. It is a room about fifteen by twenty feet. Here men have to put up if night overtakes them. There are no provisions for heating, not even a quilt is given to one, and there are no conveniences. From the place a smell issues like from a dog kennel and it is not fit to house swine; yet here men are locked up over night who have no place to go to. I was shown where one fellow who had been shut in, broke the bars and let himself out. It can easily be imagined then how revolting conditions are.

The Grand Jury regularly inspects the institution and finds everything O. K. A few years ago a jury had the courage to report the truth about these affairs and for doing so were abused by a capitalist newspaper. Recently a man not on the jury exposed the condition of the meat supplied to the place, but the meat inspector found after investigation that it was in "good order." Such an outcome was known beforehand.

I met a man who was carrying a lot of oil-cloth. I asked what it was for, and he told me that it was to be laid on the floor because the new Grand Jury was soon expected on its visit. That is why men were kept at work scrubbing and cleaning, so that things would look neat and then the jurors could put on the stamp of "good condition" when reporting. They did, however, say that too many men used the same towels.

The inmates all asked me to mention nothing of the facts related to me; they feared they might be made to suffer.

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UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—What do you think I heard a Socialist speaker say the other day?

UNCLE SAM—If he was a Socialist speaker you must have heard something sensible.

B. J.—Well, I didn't; he talked nonsense. What he said was downright treasonable to the Revolution of our Fathers!

U. S.—That's stiff. What did he say?

B. J.—Now, then, that Socialist said that we workingmen were nothing but merchandise, like shoes, stockings, pork or beef. If that is not insulting, I don't know what it is; if that is not denying the Revolution, what is it?

U. S.—Well, I don't know what all you mean by that Revolution. I do know, however, that a thing may have been done, and yet, after a while it is all undone again. A Revolution, our fathers' Revolution, may have been successful in setting us free; but it doesn't follow from that that we may not have been subsequently re-enslaved and turned into merchandise. If this did happen, it would be no reason to say so; on the contrary, it would be folly, mischievous folly, to deny it.

B. J.—Well, that's true, too. But we have not been re-enslaved, or turned into merchandise.

U. S.—Looks at him steadily.

B. J.—Have we been re-enslaved?

U. S.—Let's reason together. You read the papers, don't you?

B. J.—I do.

U. S.—Did you ever come, in their columns, across the expression, "The millionaire market"?

B. J.—(Amused)—Why, no!

U. S.—Why are you amused?

B. J.—Because the "millionaire market" would mean a market in which millionaires are bought and sold; and that is nonsense; millionaires only buy and sell; they are not bought and sold.

U. S.—Just so; in other words, millionaires would be merchandise?

B. J.—Yes, and they aren't.

U. S.—Or did you ever come across the terms: "The railroad magnate market"? Or the "mine baron market"? Or the "corporation stockholder's market"?

B. J.—No, and for the same reason, they are not bought and sold; they are not merchandise.

U. S.—Correct. Now, did you ever come across the term: "The beef market"?

B. J.—Lots of times. That's all right. Beef is bought and sold; it is merchandise.

U. S.—And did you ever come across the terms: "The pork market"? Or "The shoe market"? Or "The stocking market"?

B. J.—Why, certainly, lots of times. And that's very natural; pork, shoes, stockings, etc., are all bought and sold; they are all merchandise.

U. S.—Now, my man, refresh your memory, and tell me whether you ever ran across in the papers the term: "The Labor Market"?

B. J.—I starts back as though he had been struck full in the chest.

U. S.—Did you, or did you not?

B. J.—I did, by thunder!

U. S.—Your face brightens up; light seems to be going up in it. Was that Socialist right or was he wrong in saying that we were nothing but merchandise under this present capitalist system?

B. J.—Right, by Jove!

REDUCTION MADE IN RHODE ISLAND MILL.

Warren, R. I., March 27.—Notices were posted in the Parker mills here to-day announcing the reduction of ten per cent in wages to take effect on April 6. The mills employ 500 hands.

Watch the label on your paper. It will tell you when your subscription expires. First number indicates the month, second, the day, third, the year.

CORRESPONDENCE

[Correspondents who prefer to appear in print under an assumed name will attach such name to their communications, besides their own signature and address. None other will be recognized.]

GOING AFTER SUBSCRIBERS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Now that the Socialist Party has declined to meet in conference and discuss their weak points, we look for something doing at their next convention. And we propose to try and get many of their Section members to subscribe for The People.

The majority of their members here are in favor of Industrial Unionism, Party Owned Press, and Unity, but still allow their officers to dictate.

W. E. Clemont.
Elma, Wash., March 16.

TOUGH TIMES IN SYRACUSE.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Inclosed find 25c. for which send me the Sunday People. I am a molder by trade and haven't done a tap since last November; so you can realize that I have little money to spend. But, yet gods and little fishes, it's no time now to stop the paper, especially the one you know is the only straight, right out-and-out revolutionary Socialist paper in the country. Despite the tough times I shout hurrah for sound scientific Socialism!

F. H. F.
Syracuse, N. Y., March 21.

JOHN M. WORK—ANTI S. L. P.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—You don't know how tickled the comrades are about the decision of the S. P. National Committee. In the S. P. Official Bulletin of January there is a minority report of the National Platform Committee, by John M. Work, Des Moines, Iowa. This platform beats anything I ever saw in nonsense. If you can get one read it. It is rich and sweet to catch all kinds of suckers.

S. L. P.
San Antonio, Tex., Mar. 10.

SUPERSTRUCTURE OF SOCIALISM NEEDS MEN OF CHARACTER.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Recently a sympathizer said to me, "The leaders of the Socialist party do evidently not want Socialism, therefore they oppose unity of the Socialist forces. They picture De Leon as an arch fiend." Arch fiend to whom?

De Leon personally may be the devil entire, with horns, tail and pitchfork, but what he says and writes is truth, logical and conclusive.

As I understand Socialism, it is morally based on truth and justice; economically on history and science. This is a strong fundament, but a foundation is not the whole building; it requires a superstructure—this is now being built. Its material must be carefully selected and force judiciously applied—that is, the energy which is necessary to build such a superstructure, namely, the Socialist Republic. The Sue stories are constructors of character; they force the careful reader to interpret correctly the various characters in society of to-day, individually and collectively.

Max A. Goltz.
Winona, Minn., March 10.

A PROTEST FROM SECTION PHOENIX, ARIZ.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Whereas, The late matter coming out in The Daily and Weekly People relative to the Connolly affair that came out in the G. E. B. minutes of the Industrial Workers of the World proves detrimental to the welfare of the propaganda meetings of the S. L. P., said matter containing only personal lights, and

Whereas, Such literature cannot do any good in propagating S. L. P. principles because it contains no matter defining any principle as advocated by the S. L. P., and

Resolved, That we condemn the action of those who are in charge of said publications in allowing it to appear in our Party press, and be it further

Resolved, That Section Phoenix, S. L. P. will not distribute said matter for propaganda work.

By order of Section Phoenix
John Hanlon,
J. A. Leach,
F. Velurde,
Resolution Committee.
Phoenix, Ariz., March 15.

CONFIRMS FRANCIS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—I read John M. Francis's excellent article on "Needless Coal Mine Deaths," and heartily approve of what he says regarding same. I have experienced a little of that myself. In January, 1906, I was working in the Bellevue Mine, Canada. We worked "rooms" twenty feet wide up a pitch of about 45 degrees. Cross-cuts were driven every fifty feet and the pillars were thirty feet thick. The cross-cuts were to be driven six feet square. I worked in one of these rooms and drove a cross-cut about six feet six inches high and arched the roof. This made it less than six feet at the top and more than six feet at the bottom. The timbers were delivered at the nearest cross-cut to the "face," and as it is almost an impossibility to "work" a timber on the pitch we framed them in the cross-cuts.

The mine manager (a very devout man, by the name of Charles Emerson), came and told me I had to make the cross six feet wide at the top. I told him that it would cave in if I did. I suppose he saw some cheap coal in sight and told me to trim it square. I then told him it would have to be timbered and he said he would not pay for it, nor would he send down timbers. I was in the centre of the fall that followed and could not get away. Result—about two tons of coal hit me, and for a long time I was of the belief that I would never be as I was before.

Many similar cases occur in that district and the companies have the advantage of the insurance without the burden of any compensation laws.

I would like to congratulate the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Party on the steps they are taking to come together. There are too many factions among the working class in United States for to make a quick success.

H. Stubbs.
San Pablo, Canal Zone, Pan., March 8.

DISAGREES WITH KOEPEL.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—Had I read Richard Koepel's speech before the Cleveland City Council, in behalf of the unemployed, in any other paper than the Daily People, I would have consoled myself with the thought that he was misquoted. But, under the circumstances, I must take for granted he said what The People reports him to have said.

He had a perfect right, as an individual, to represent the unemployed before a capitalist City Council, but absolutely no right to misrepresent the Socialist Labor Party. These words, "To further these interests the workers must have their own representatives in the City Council, and we, gentlemen of the Council, the Socialists, who alone can and do represent the working class, will sit where you are sitting now"—would be perfectly consistent if uttered in connection with the other bombast of the Socialist party by another man representing that party. But coming from the lips of a Socialist Labor Party man, they were ridiculous. They upset the logic of what preceded them, as well as what followed them in his speech. It was an unpleasant surprise to me. I had heard much that was favorable of Richard Koepel, and even though I had not, yet I would have presumed that his years of service in our party would have better fitted him for representation of that party. The representation of a bona-fide revolutionary party of Socialism will never sit where the Cleveland City Councilmen sit, for when the working class abolishes private ownership of the tool of production, it will, by that act, abolish every function of the capitalist class, not even excepting that of councilman, as Richard Koepel seems to think. If to-morrow, in the city of Cleveland, we could inaugurate a complete administration, composed of S. L. P. men from the mayor down, that administration would be as powerless to change the condition of the working class in Cleveland as a Democratic or a Republican one, so long as the working class is not organized on both the economic and political fields sufficiently strong to carry its revolutionary mission to its logical conclusion. If Robert Bandlow, or Max Hayes, had uttered the words credited to Richard Koepel, I would not have had a word to say. I hope comrade Koepel personally, and the comrades of Section Cleveland, will take this in the kindly spirit in which it is intended, and so profit thereby that the front page of The People will not again make record of such intemperate language. Let us leave such logic to those who are logical in uttering it. Whether they style

themselves S. P.'s or Democrats makes little difference.

B. S. Frayne.

Cincinnati, O., Mar. 15.

EVERYBODY, PULL!

To the Daily and Weekly People:—The first quarterly report of the Loyal Legion shows that it has made a good start even if it is small. The nineteen names on the list have paid in \$6.50 more than the actual dues of each for the quarter (\$57) amount to. The People has easily 981 more readers who can do just as well as those nineteen did. The purpose of the Loyal Legion is to put the Party Press on a sound financial basis so that it can put more power into the blows that it strikes against the enemies of the working class, and strike a hundred to the one that it does now. The one-thousandth part of the work is less than four cents a day for five years. If you can not make good for that much you are simply dreaming that you are a Socialist. A little careful attention to the matter will make you equal to it and not a cent worse off than you are now economically; while a knowledge of the fact that you are helping to smash the barriers to working class supremacy will make you feel glad that you are living. I invite that Panama band of good fellows to "Enlist for the War" by joining the Daily People Loyal Legion as their next move. I also note the action of the New Jersey S. L. P. State Convention, which is the best possible thing that it could do. Now, what is the matter with New Jersey getting one hundred members for the Loyal Legion?

The situation is just this: To make substantial progress against capitalism, we must have Socialist Unity. Socialist Unity we can not have so long as book-selling parasites and would-be editors can "butt in" to the Movement with their private-owned effusions; they will do that as long as there is the least doubt about the Socialist Movement owning an impregnable press of its own; and as long as they can do that they will help disrupt the unity of the working class on any proposition, though it be nothing more than pointing a finger at the capitalist tiger's whiskers. So it is a case of no Socialist-owned press, no Socialist Unity.

We of the S. L. P. know that or we know nothing. Since we are the only people who could possibly know it, we must meet the issue or it will not be done, else we might as well be a lot of reactionaries as far as any progress towards working class supremacy is concerned.

That's why we want 981 more members on the Daily People Loyal Legion. I am sure that Panama bunch will join 21 strong, so we just need \$60. You know there is that hundred coming from New Jersey. California? Well, if California does not do something before the Yuccas bloom, your humble servant will cut a club and go down from this mountain and drive Manana back to Mexico. Say, boys and girls, come now, everybody, pull!

Wm. McCormick.

Rogers, Cal., Mar. 14.

FRANK GESSER.

Whereas, Through the death of our late comrade, Frank Gesser, we lost a true and earnest worker, a comrade always ready to do his best for the emancipation of the working class;

Resolved, That we hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family; and Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given to the family, and also to be published in the Socialistic Arbeiter Zeitung and Daily and Weekly People.

For Section Oneida County,
Socialist Labor Party,
Frank W. Gerner, Organizer.

JOHN DONOVAN.

Section Phoenix, S. L. P., received notice from Safford, Arizona, of the death of John Donovan, an honorary member of Section Phoenix, S. L. P. He died of consumption, contracted while working in the mines. He was here for his health for some length of time, then went to Safford, thinking that the climate there would be better for his health; but, alas, he fell a victim to the white plague, his constitution being wrecked beyond recovery.

For Section Phoenix, Arizona,
J. A. Leach.

FISKDALE MILL CUTS WAGES.

Fiskdale, Mass., March 27.—Notices have been posted in the Fiskdale Mills, announcing a reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the employes to go into effect March 30. This reduction is to conform with the action of other mills in Massachusetts and Rhode Island which make the same kind of goods as are made by the Fiskdale Mills. The reduction will affect about 500 operatives.

LETTER-BOX

OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONYMOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BONA FIDE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS.

J. C. NEW HAVEN, CONN.—The A. F. of L. is dead but does not know it. It is dead as a fighting organization. The proof lies in the greater and ever greater attention paid to the starting of death benefit fund attachments to the unions. The A. F. of L. is seeing to the dead, not the living.

E. R. NEW YORK.—Not so fast. Gompers is not dishonest, in the sense you use the word. He does not know better. Neither he nor most of his lieutenants, the Presidents of Unions, believe the working class can emancipate itself. Poverty was, is, and will ever be, its firm belief. So believing, they look upon those who seek to emancipate the workers as visionaries. Gompers and his lieutenants, proceeding from their premises, naturally seek to line their own coats, while padding the yokes of those whom they use to do the lining by.

B. S. BROOKLYN, N. Y.—So far from destroying incentive, Socialism will promote it. So far from promoting incentive, Capitalism destroys it. The capitalist employs workers only when he has orders. The more diligently the worker works all the quicker are the orders filled—and he thrown out of work to starve. Capitalism kills the incentive for work.

L. K. CHICAGO, ILL.—It is wrong reasoning that "all people who earn their living through the wage idea will uphold the wage system." All people who earned their living through the slavery idea, or the serf idea, did not uphold these ideas but fought them. The false reasoning leads to your Utopian notion of "Unions being able to work for themselves." That is but the "Socialist colony" played-out scheme over again.

H. N. LANSING, MICH.—Hoarding and then returning home with the "hoard" does take place with some of the foreign laborers. The number of these is too insignificant to affect conditions one way or another. Least of all has the workingman citizen, whether native or otherwise, "any kick coming" on this score. He allows the Miss Gladys Vanderbilts, Theodora Shontses, Katherine Elkinses, etc., etc. to "hoard" millions to every \$10 that a "dago" hoards, and to take those millions to their foreign "noble" husbands abroad.

Next question next week.

"RECENT READER," DETROIT, MICH.—The person who talks "physical force" betrays intellectual bankruptcy. It is intellectual bankruptcy to spend time upon any self-evident proposition. Now, then, for the same reason the I. W. W. organizer, who bestows an excess of time upon the eventual political phase of the movement, betrays mental bankruptcy. He betrays the fact that he lacks knowledge how to organize the economic body, and runs off upon a matter of secondary importance that will settle itself.

J. S. C. SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—The trouble lies deeper. If Socialist Labor Party men attend Socialist party meetings and ask questions, the S. P. leaders feel disconcerted. The moment Sense exposes Nonsense, Nonsense yells: "Disrupter!" Perhaps the S. L. P. men in question are tired of this sort of thing, hence don't go to the meetings.

"SUBSCRIBER," RICHMOND, IND.—The posthumous works of John Stuart Mill entitle him to be considered a Socialist.

L. O. TACOMA, WASH.—The workingman is not only entitled to but will receive under Socialism the full product of his labor. A person does not receive only what he actually pockets. He receives also that portion of his labor that is necessary to preserve the machinery of production, public institutions, etc., all of which he enjoys. In Marx's letter to the German Marxists, when they were about to unite with the Lassalleans, he gives utterance to views that, superficially read, might give a color to the claim that he denied the workers could get all that they produced. Such an interpretation of Marx is faulty. It wrenches the passage from the context and from the Lassallean rather wild language which the passage was meant to correct.

Next question next week.

"AFTER LIGHT," NEW YORK.—

How was that, again? All political parties disband after election? Have you been visiting Bloomingdale's Lunatic Asylum? Only in such a place can such twaddle be heard. Between election and election all political parties keep up their organizations, and conduct active work. Without which, when the next campaign comes along, they would not be in a position to resume operations.

J. A. McC., PITTSBURG, PA.—Hunt up a copy of Lincoln's messages to Congress. It is in one of these documents that he speaks of the priority of the rights of Labor and Capital.

J. J. YAKIMA, WASH.—This office has no authority to speak for the I. W. W. as such. Grounding our views upon the economics and sociology of Marx, we are free to say that no class-conscious organization of Labor, whether economic or political, can "build itself up by running restaurants or lodging-houses."

C. H. BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The "Nevada Workman" gives Percy J. Rawling as its Editor, and R. E. Vice as its Secretary and Manager, and states it is published by the "Nevada Workman Publishing Co." It does not represent any particular party in existence.

D. B. LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The article "A Dungeon of Capitalism" needs extensive correction, hence has not yet appeared. The article "As to Joining the S. L. P." has not been received.

T. S. DENVER, COLO.—"Two Pages from Roman History," 15 cents; "Flashlights of Amsterdam Congress," 25 cents; "Marx on Mallock," 5 cents.

P. W., SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—Whatever the shortcomings of the proletariat may be, one shortcoming it is free of—visionariness. Ignorance may keep it fettered to the Republican and Democratic parties. But never will it indulge in the visionariness of casting a "straw vote" for its freedom. That's voting in the air. As well may an army leave the field of battle and fire its shots against trees. No victory there.

J. F. B., BOSTON, MASS.—Now to your fourth question—

When 10 needs to be multiplied with 2 in order to produce 20, and when such a process will produce abundance to all, the equality of returns will not conflict with the Socialist assertion that the workers will receive the full share of their product; on the contrary, equality of returns will emphasize the fact of the equality of the elements that combine in productive labor.

Next question next week.

E. W. C. BELLINGHAM, MASS.—Now to your third question—

The "consumer" of a commodity is he who uses it, wears it, or applies it as part of his raw material to produce some new commodity. It follows that "commodities are produced in their entirety before they are in the possession of the consumer."

Next question next week.

A. W. M., NEW YORK.—Now to your third question—

The more highly developed a country the larger is the share of the wealth received through commerce by its capitalist class.

W. A. S., SYDNEY, N. S. W.—Miss Elizabeth Flynn is not a member of the S. L. P. because not yet of sufficient age to join. When applied to, to organize a national tour for Miss Flynn, the N. E. C. last January declined on the above ground. Whether subordinate S. L. P. bodies commit an "illogical" act by engaging a speaker who holds up the S. L. P. banner, and is not a member for lack of years, is not for this office to decide.

L. I. L. NICERARA, NEB.—By all means write the articles. They may be useful campaign documents.

B. R., BUFFALO, N. Y.—Original letter and copy of answer received; but the translation can be found nowhere in this office. Send another copy.

W. J. G., COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.; J. K. CHICAGO, ILL.; F. U., JERSEY CITY, N. J.; E. C. PROVIDENCE, R. I.; L. C. H. and S. S.

VOLCANIC RUMBLINGS

[Action of the Michigan State Committee, S. P., reported in "The Wage Slave," Hancock, Mich, March 20.]

SOCIALIST UNITY.

The question of Socialist Unity was discussed and the committee unanimously passed the following resolution:

Whereas, The State of Michigan has already put itself on record as favoring Socialist Unity; and

Whereas, We have every reason to believe that there has been no change of sentiment on this important question in the State movement; and

Whereas, A request was recently made by a subdivision of the International Socialist Movement known as the Socialist Labor Party, in accordance with the Stuttgart Socialist Congress, that different Socialist groups in various countries unite, said S. L. P. suggesting that seven members of the Socialist Party should meet and confer with seven members of the Socialist Labor Party, in order to devise ways and means to unite or consolidate these two organizations on a revolutionary platform, etc., the findings of this committee of 14 to be submitted to the membership of both parties for their adoption or refusal; and

Whereas, Said request has been refused by our National Committee, and a motion antagonistic to said request was presented by Victor L. Berger, of Wisconsin, and passed by almost a two-thirds vote of the Committee; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the State Executive Committee of Michigan deplores the action taken by said National Committee, and considers it directly contrary to the recommendations of the International Congress, weak in its argument, undemocratic in its principle, and reactionary in its tendency; and be it further

Resolved, That, because of the pending National elections, the Michigan State Committee deems it unwise to take this matter up at the present time, but that we want it distinctly understood that we are opposed to the undemocratic action of our National Committee in refusing to confer with the comrades of the S. L. P. and to allow the rank and file to settle the matter; we resent their action as a blow at the very foundation of our organization and we propose to use every means in our power to bring these two Socialist movements together, if possible or at the least to give the rank and file a chance to express itself and take the matter out of the hands of a few so-called leaders who have, we consider, overstepped their power in an attempt to settle some of their private grievances.

G. H. Lockwood, State Secretary.

Will Join a True Revolutionary Party of Labor.

Paterson, N. J., March 21.—The comrades in Passaic County who know me, know that I was at all times an active Socialist Party member. It has been my way of thinking that when one desires real progress one will try in the first place to do away with any shortcomings in one's own organization. This is what I was trying to do in the S. P. but I found my efforts to be fruitless. Let us see if there are certain shortcomings in the S. P., if the membership has an opportunity to assert itself, and if there is any use in remaining a member.

First, I would call attention to the vote about the adoption of a new platform. The motion came from above to adopt a new platform. We, in Passaic County, debated about the old and the new platform, and came to the conclusion to reject the new and to retain the old. We were voting upon the matter, but before we had voted, the new platform was already published. We were surprised at such audacity, yet nothing was done by the membership about it. The will of the majority was thwarted by the few.

Secondly, the Socialist Labor Party made a proposition for Unity; this came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. The so-called De Leonites wanted to bring about a united party upon the principles of International Socialism. The New Jersey S. P. State Committee ignored the resolutions of the International Congress and killed the unity proposition. The International Congress went on record in favor of free immigration in all countries. True the rank and file endorsed this decision, but this was also repudiated by the few.

The cause of all this is the dozen or more privately owned papers which call themselves Socialist but are Socialist for revenue only; each pulling its own way.

The "New Yorker Volkzeitung" calls Gompers names, and Berger from the city which was made famous by a certain brand of beer, moves at the A. F. of L.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.; L. M. G. HAMILTON, CAN.; P. K. ELGIN, ILL.; C. H. NEW ORLEANS, LA.; F. D., INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Matter received.

convention for the unanimous election of Gompers.

At the Stuttgart Congress a resolution was adopted emphasizing the necessity of class-conscious economic organization. The "New Yorker Volkzeitung" seeks to ignore the Industrial Workers of the World, the only class-conscious economic organization, and when it is compelled to speak, it slanders the I. W. W. This the Volkzeitung does in order not to injure its business with the A. F. of L. unions. To call Gompers names is only done to mislead people. The Volkzeitung declared recently that even if the Socialist Party should decide upon a new course, it (the Volkzeitung) would continue to bore from within. But in reality there is no boring done, for they are in the same place where they were 25 years ago.

There is a man on the Volkzeitung, one Oppenheimer, who was expelled from the party in Germany. The charges against him were that he betrayed the party in Germany to the government agents. Letters from Fisher, member of the Reichstag, are here to prove it. All this is well known to the managers of the Volkzeitung.

The best man, in my opinion, among the editors of the Volkzeitung, is comrade Vahlteich, and he comes to Paterson and speaks at a meeting. Among other things, he advocates the drink habit as a palliative against the effects of capitalism. He recommends this to men and also to women; tells the women especially to take a few drinks every day so that they should get used to it, and so they don't get tipsy when they drink in a public place.

Comrade Karl Wesh spoke in the Labor Lyceum, and when answering questions had to admit that the rank and file of the S. P. should break loose from its leaders, whom comrade Wesh characterized as mis-leaders.

These leaders, with the help of the privately-owned press, are holding the rank and file by the throat, and the rank and file will not even be properly represented at the next National Convention. I am not a sorehead who is looking for an excuse to give up activity. I am a member of the I. W. W. and secretary of the German branch. I shall remain active in my union and join a true revolutionary party of Socialism.

Peter Duell.

[From the "Socialist Review" (S. P.), West Hoboken, N. J., March 15.]

The die is cast. As may be seen in another part of this paper, the majority of our National Committee pronounced itself against a conference with the Socialist Labor Party. A motion was accepted inviting the Sections of the S. L. P. as well as individual members of the S. L. P. to make application and join the S. P. in their different localities. A further resolution was passed, which, as it were, places a gag upon the voice of our membership. Such is the fourth motion, which binds each, in case a Conference Committee is yet to be elected, to reject all questions of policy or tactics and leave these rather to the UNITED Party.

The declination with regard to choosing a Conference Committee, and the acceptance of the last again advanced motion are in direct contradiction. But the formulating and acceptance of such a motion has, however, something good about it—it reveals to us a sentiment which exists in our National Committee regarding the future. It proves to us that the members of the National Committee are conscious and know that the simple declining of a proposition made by the S. L. P. and based upon a decision of the Amsterdam Congress is far from satisfactory to the general membership of the S. P.

The decision of the National Committee of the S. P. represents, in my opinion, not the sense of the membership of this organization. I hold it is an abuse of office and of trust to adopt such a decision,—which I brand as a throttling of the expression of different opinions and not respecting the wishes of the International Congress—without having determined the will, the prevailing sentiment of the membership through discussion or through a referendum.

I claim therefore that by the position taken by the National Committee the will of the general membership has not been expressed—this can only come to pass through a general vote or through instructions to delegates. The best evidence that the National Committee did not govern themselves according to the sentiment of their respective states, but rather exercised their personal opinions, is shown by their own vote. We can see, by observing the ballots cast, that one delegate from a state voted in favor of a conference and another delegate from the same state voted against conferring. What is the prevailing sentiment in that state? A simple illustration will suffice to make this

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OFFICIAL

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. Henry Kuhn, National Secretary pro tem 23 City Hall Place. CANADIAN S. L. P. National Secretary, W. D. Forbes, 412 Wellington Road, London, Ont. NEW YORK LABOR NEWS CO. (The Party's literary agency.) 28 City Hall Place, N. Y. City.

N. E. C. SUB-COMMITTEE. Regular meeting of N. E. C. Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday, March 25th, at 28 City Hall Place. Present: Lechner, Hammer, Zimmerman, Malmberg, Wegener, Brauckmann, Rosenberg, Schwartz, Hall, Hanlon, Ball, Kihn, Archer, Schrafft. Orange absent and excused. Hanlon elected chairman.

The secretary read the financial report for two weeks ending March 21st, as follows: Week ending March 14 Income \$34.67 Expenses \$26.15 Week ending March 21 Income 19.77 Expenses 27.30

The committee elected to draw up a statement to the working class relative to the action of the National Committee of the Socialist Party on Unity Resolution, presented a draft of statement. Moved by Zimmerman, seconded by Schrafft, "That same be adopted and submitted to the N. E. C. for final action. Carried unanimously.

[This statement will be found elsewhere in this issue.] Building Committee reported progress. The committee elected to investigate complaint against Pa. N. E. C. member reported progress.

The Sub-Committee considered the address by Daniel De Leon on Unity published by its order in The People of Sunday, March 22nd. Moved by Rosenberg, seconded by Malmberg, "That this committee urge all the sections and members of the S. L. P. to give this address the widest circulation possible throughout the land as soon as it has appeared in pamphlet form. Carried unanimously.

Correspondence.—From McConnell, Pa. N. E. C. member, requesting copy of complaint against him made by G. A. Kessler and others, also names of complainants and giving information. Moved by Kihn, seconded by Brauckmann, "That request be referred to committee elected to investigate the complaint and secretary be instructed to reply to same." Carried unanimously.

From Gilhaus, San Francisco, giving information. Filed. From Detroit, regarding election of officers. Filed. From Kentucky S. E. C., regarding election of new secretary. Filed.

From Mystic, Conn., sending \$5.00 for Agitation Fund, and stating that section is in good shape. Filed. From Colorado S. E. C., sending copy of report sent out to sections in State, giving information regarding agitation and general matters, and suggesting publication of a leaflet dealing with action of S. P. on Unity Resolution. Filed.

From Cleveland, O., suggesting publication of leaflet on S. P. and Unity Resolution. Filed. From Youkers, N. Y., nominating New York as seat of convention, and sending resolution adopted by Section Westchester County. Moved by Kihn, seconded by Wegener, "That Section Westchester County be requested to explain resolution as it is not clear." Carried unanimously.

From German Branch, Braddock, Pa., suggesting issuing of leaflets and monthly publication in the Bohemian language and offering financial support for same. Moved by Hammer, seconded by Brauckmann, "That communication be referred to Rudolf Katz (former editor of "Pravda") and that he be requested to communicate with Section Braddock and advise them regarding matter." Carried unanimously.

From Niobrara, Neb., requesting names of secretaries of sections and giving information. Answered and filed. From San Antonio, Tex., nominating New York as seat for convention, and sending pledge of G. H. Campbell, Minn. N. E. C. member. Filed. From Wis. S. E. C., reporting election of Schnabel as N. E. C. member and sending pledge. Filed. From E. B. Ford, editor of "Referendum," offering to publish a call for Campaign Fund for S. L. P. in "Referendum." Received and filed.

From S. L. P. of Australia, regarding general matters. Filed. Meeting then adjourned at 10 p. m. Max Rosenberg, Sec'y.

CANADA N. E. C. Regular meeting of the N. E. C. of Canada at London, March 22. Bryce elected to the chair. Roll call—Absent: Morrison and Rodgers. Minutes adopted as read. Communications—From Section London, enclosing \$2.50 for due stamps. National Secretary reported having carried out instructions. Unity resolutions accepted and to be sent to different Socialist papers for publication by the National Secretary. Moved and seconded and carried that National Secretary notify Section London to elect new N. E. C. Adjourned. F. Haselgrove, Rec. Sec'y.

PENNA. STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The S. E. C., S. L. P., of Pennsylvania met on March 22nd at 2109 Sarah street, Pittsburg, with Weber as chairman. Present: Gray, Weber, Kephart and Clark. Absent: Rupp, Layton, Thomas, Clever, Markley, Male, Drugmand, Herrington. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

Communications: From Henry Kuhn, copy of minutes of last meeting of N. E. C. and blanks for vote on National Secretary. From seven members of Section Allegheny County, an appeal from the action of that body in upholding James A. McConnell. From Philadelphia, information regarding organizer of Section. From C. J. McCarthy, Monaca, application for membership.

On motion, communications were received, acted on, and filed. Motion by Clark that all matter not requiring immediate action be laid over to next meeting. Carried. Motion by Kephart that C. J. McCarthy be accepted as member at large. Carried. Warrant for \$10.85 to cover expense of February ordered drawn. Bill for rent ordered paid. Motion to adjourn carried. L. M. Barhydt, Secretary.

OPERATING FUND. We were pressed for funds during the past week when to our relief came \$42.75 from Panama and other contributions that raised the total for the week to \$66.00.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries like 'Come Again,' Canal Zone \$5.00, H. Cody, 5.00, John Mahoney, 2.00, H. Burger, 2.00, John Lisell, 2.00, S. Warjil, 1.00, L. Warjil, 1.00, Van Taylor, 2.00, J. Wold, 1.00, E. Fells, 1.00, C. Kohler, 1.00, R. Smith, .50, G. Fenton, 1.00, H. Lake, 1.00, E. Boogs, 1.00, J. Caliso, 1.00, J. Perry, 1.00, J. Hassett, 1.00, A. Brennan, 2.00, A. Kenyon, 1.00, G. Zidbeck, 1.00, V. Saphir, 1.00, A. Sweeney, 1.00, F. Gantz, 1.00, F. Kimmel, 1.00, F. Marks, 1.00, W. Douas, .75, W. Culkins, 2.00, J. Sweeney, 1.00, L. Mononni, .50, Branch 142, W. S. & D. B. Fund So. Norwalk, Conn. 1.00, Ant. Stenger, So. Norwalk, 1.00, Martin Spahr, 1.00, E. Singevaid, 1.00, J. Deysenroth, .50, G. Singer, .50, F. Farges, .50, H. Denniger, .50, R. Knueppel, .25, A. Danke, .50, V. Planovsky, .50, E. Haritter, .50, M. Ebersbach, .25, H. Sperlly, .25, C. Friche, .25, V. Glentzlin, .25, Chas. Koch, .50, V. Walter, .25, G. Schalk, .25, P. Bassler, .25, John Sass, .25, J. Redway, .25, P. Novak, .25, C. Lupasch, .25, J. Abrahams, 1.00, W. Ritzmann, .25, 'Friend,' New York, 2.00, D. Lyons, Minnesota, 1.00, H. Bolton, Phila., Pa. 1.00, W. Sprenger, Van Nest, N. Y. 1.00, C. Lengyel, California, 1.00, J. Schilt, San Pedro, Cal. 5.00

Total \$66.00 Previously acknowledged 1,896.12 Grand total \$1,962.12

A CALL TO AID THE PROPAGANDA OF THE S. L. P. To the Sections of the Socialist Labor Party.

GREETING: The N. E. C. sub-committee instructed the undersigned to present to you an arrangement made with comrades Frank F. Young and Joseph Campbell and to urge your active co-operation.

The two comrades proposed to act as volunteer organizers and canvassers for the Party press and Party literature on the following conditions: Both are to travel and work as a team, holding meetings, gathering subscriptions to the Party organs and selling Party literature. To sustain them in this work, they are to receive a commission of 30 per cent on subscription cards and literature sales, but as that alone would not suffice to meet expenses, a fund is to be started, to be known as the "Literature Fund," and out of that fund purchases of literature and subscription cards are to be made.

A Party sympathizer, taking a special interest in the plan proposed, offered to cover the initial expenses in order to get the work started and, so it is understood, will continue to bear a helping hand provided the Party membership will lend such support as to insure an uninterrupted continuation of the work. In keeping with the plan outlined above, the undersigned will receive contributions to the Literature Fund, the money received to be turned over to the Labor News Co. and to be drawn against by comrades Young and Campbell in literature and subscription cards. All contributions will be credited to the Party press.

Henry Kuhn, National Secretary pro tem. 28 City Hall Place. New York, Jan. 31.

DAILY AND WEEKLY PEOPLE READERS.

You are cordially invited to attend an Entertainment and Leap Year Dance given by Section Los Angeles, S. L. P., at Burbank Hall, 542 So. Main street, SATURDAY evening, April 4th, 1908, 6 p. m. Admission 25 cents.—Ladies Free. Refreshments served. A good time assured. Everybody come. Committee reserves all rights.

Fraternally, Entertainment Committee. L. C. Haller, Organizer.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y., NOTICE.

Regular Monthly Meeting of Section Gloversville, S. L. P., will be held on MONDAY evening, April 6th, at the "Concordia" Hall, opposite F. J. & G. Depot, Gloversville, N. Y. All members are urgently requested to attend. If there are any who did not attend the last meeting and desire to join now, they are also invited to attend for that purpose.

Raphael Viscosi, Organizer.

MEMBERS OF SECTION BOSTON!

A regular business meeting of the Section will be held TUESDAY, April 7th, at which you are urgently requested to be present. A vote will be taken on the candidates for National Secretary.

Thomas Maher, Recording Sec'y.

SECTION LYNN, TAKE NOTICE.

A meeting of great importance to members will take place SUNDAY, April 5, at the small room in the Lesters' Hall Building, at 12 o'clock sharp. All members should try and attend, especially members that have not been in attendance the last two meetings of the Section.

D. F. Richardson.

PLAINFIELD LECTURE.

Adolph Orange will lecture in Plainfield, N. J., at Pittis' Hall, 131 E. Front st., at 3 p. m., on SUNDAY next, April 5th. Subject: "The Lessons of the Panic." Everybody welcome. Discussion invited.

"CIVIC VIRTUE."

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other such characters are wielding a big club over those foreigners. The pure and simple trade unionists, are not equal to the occasion, I mean, to organize the working class, so they will protect those foreigners from the onslaught of such small parasites. The aristocrats of labor are not even attempting to organize those unskilled laborers.

Before the industrial panic had started the unskilled workmen were getting from \$2.35 to \$2.75 per day. Now those very men are glad to accept anywhere from \$1.25 to \$1.65 per day, and at that they only work 3 to 4 days per week.

As to industrial unionism, there is no sign of it here, nor in Racine, eleven miles north of this place. This is not strange, for how are the workmen to know anything about industrial unionism, if there are no S. L. P. members living here and the Bergerized S. P. never even mentions it, or misrepresents the I. W. W. So there you are. David Rudnick.

BOMBS THROWN—BY WHOM?

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The "translation" was still due. In the meanwhile, however, Berkman himself had heard of the find and disclaims ever having written to any such person as Selig Cohen (or Silberstein). Moreover, these letters are in Jewish, and it is well known that during his 18-year imprisonment after the Frick affair, Berkman lost all knowledge of Jewish, either spoken or written.

While working up the case yesterday, Police Inspector McCaffery referred to Robert Hunter, whose report of the police brutality shows up the real responsibility for the explosion, as a "bum philanthropist," who should devote his money to other purposes than helping Unemployed demonstrations.

Whoever actually threw the explosive bomb, it is as clear as day that the high-handed behavior of the police officers was directly responsible for the shocking occurrence. Inspector Schmittberger openly boasted that the "club was above the Constitution."

This statement was made when, by some chance, B. L. Zimm, a sculptor and member of the executive committee of the Unemployed Conference managed to break through the police cordon and reach the cottage, where Inspector Schmittberger and several policemen were standing.

"I protest against the stopping of this meeting," he said. "I stand on my rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution, which guarantees the right of assembly."

Schmittberger held out his nightstick, saying: "This, at times, is over the Constitution."

At a sign from him Zimm was then hustled off by a policeman to the inside of the cordon. Here another patrolman caught him and thrust him out, over his protests.

The story told by Robert Hunter, who was to have been one of the speakers at the meeting, shows up the police in very black style. Hunter left the square before the explosion, but while he was there the police kept him constantly on the go. Most of the time, he said, he was kept walking around and around the park.

"I was at the head of Seventeenth street, facing Union Square," said Hunter, "in a party which, besides myself, included Charles Lantworth, my secretary; William Mailly, ex-National Secretary of the Socialist Party, and the Rev. Alexander Irvine, a Congregationalist minister. We were absolutely peaceable. The mounted police began to charge in the most brutal fashion. They came at the crowd, twenty-five strong, riding full tilt and driving the people down Seventeenth street, in the direction of Third avenue. One officer, I remember, rode at a fast pace right down the sidewalk, driving men and women before him.

"Our little party was carried with the crowd. When we had been driven a considerable distance I mounted the steps of a house to protest against the brutality of the police in so treating men and women who were acting in a peaceful manner, but I was not permitted to say much.

"I talked with several of the policemen, and some of them told me they did not relish the job they had. One officer said it was 'a dirty job,' and another said it was 'poor business for the police to be in.'

"The proposed meeting was a peaceful one. We intended simply to urge that something be done for the great army of unemployed who are in such dire need of work. I intended to speak on the condition of these unfortunate men, and it was my intention to offer a resolution asking the Governor of New York State and the Mayor of New York City to give these men work to do for the State or city.

"There was absolutely no violence shown by any of our people while I was there. The only violence was that of the police. After I had gone away I heard that a bomb was exploded. That was terrible, but I feel that even that would not have happened had the police acted in a more humane manner toward those that were merely trying peaceably to assemble for the furtherance of legal ends."

Telluride, Colo., March 28.—What looks very much like an effort to excite the public mind is the report of the attempt to kill Ex-Adjutant Gen. Bulkley Wells of Colorado, at his home today. Wells is said to have "narrowly escaped death." He was asleep on his porch when a stick of dynamite, "under," or "near" his bed went off. Although the porch was blown up, and the side of his house torn out, not a stick of the bed remaining, and debris scattered all over the neighborhood, Wells was only "shaken some," and "escaped without serious injury." Who threw that bomb?

The People is a good broom to brush the cobwebs from the minds of the workers. Buy a copy and pass it around.

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VOLCANIC RUMBLINGS.

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clear to the comrades. For example, McDevitt, California; Hunter, Maryland; Carey, Massachusetts; Lee and Vanderporten, New York; voted for the holding of a conference, as against delegates from the same states as Richardson, California; Culp, Maryland; Konikow, Massachusetts, and Orland, New York, who were against meeting.

It is seen then that the majority of the delegates were not instructed; that they did not direct themselves according to the prevailing sentiment of their respective states, but acted according to their personal opinions. But an attempt to effect unity is, as already above-mentioned, a decision of the International Congress of 1904 and the disrespecting of this resolution on the part of the National Committee, without advancing any grounds for so doing should arouse the indignation of each and every rightful thinking Socialist. A decision of that kind, upon a matter of such vital importance SHOULD and MUST be referred to a referendum. If then the membership declines to negotiate with the S. L. P., then the ENTIRE PARTY HAS SPOKEN. In the instance we are now dealing with in which such a tiny majority on its own "hook" decides to turn away the invitation of the S. L. P. for Unity, the membership should protest and by force of the constitution demand a general vote.

Whenever questions, as for instance alterations of a clause in the constitution are to be considered, these are submitted to a general vote. But when the matter treats of the disregarding of a decision of the International Congress—then arbitrary proceedings are adopted.

Comrades! Beware of such guardianship. It will develop itself until finally the self-reliant and self-conscious transactions of individuals will be overthrown. Through the autocratic proceedings of such a petty number there will at last be established a thought monopoly, and the large membership will become degraded to a mere machine, which has only to carry out the thoughts of the minority. Be on your guard against that. Demand that every important decision, without further ado, be submitted to a general vote, or else discuss this particular question and instruct your delegates. With reference to the Unity decision neither of these things has been done, but there is still time to demand a referendum. Therefore, act!

Karl Dannenberg.

BIG REDUCTION! For One Month, from March 23 to April 23, We Will Send, Postage Paid, for FIFTY CENTS THE FIRST CONVENTION REPORT OF THE I. W. W. 616 Pages, Cloth Bound. Regular Price, \$1.50. The question of Industrialism is very much to the fore, and in view of the fact that bogus industrial organizations are being attempted, for instance, by the would-be owners of the Western Federation of Miners, it is important that everyone should be posted. Few works are so well calculated to shed light upon the subject as the First Convention Report. Take Advantage of This Opportunity. Cash Must Accompany All Orders. NEW YORK LABOR NEWS CO. 28 City Hall Place, New York.

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GROUND PREPARED

SOW THE SEED OF SOCIALISM NOW OR YOU CANNOT REAP AT THE POLLS.

For the week ending March 27th, we received 113 subscriptions to the Weekly People and 55 mail subscriptions to the Daily People, a total of 168 as the result of a week's work for the movement by its friends. The Weekly People subs did not average one sub for each S. L. P. organization. And when the number of those sending two or more subs is taken into consideration, many organizations sent none at all. Further comment unnecessary, sayeth the Business Department.

Those sending five or more were: H. J. Cody, Panama, 18; J. Brohel, Glens Falls, N. Y., 6; D. G. O'Hanrahan, Seattle, Wash., 6; G. J. Sherwood, St. Paul, Minn., 6; J. H. Arnold, Louisville, Ky., 5; F. Brown, Cleveland, O., 5. August Gilhaus, San Francisco, sent 4; as did O. Ruckser, W. Haven, Conn.; F. Bohmbach, Boston, and L. C. Haller, Los Angeles, Cal. Prepaid card orders: Cincinnati, \$15; St. Paul, \$5; Rockville, Conn., \$5.

On account of the new postal regulations it will be more difficult than ever to secure new subscribers by means of sample copies, hence the need for greater activity by all concerned.

We would call the attention of readers of the Weekly People to the advisability of subscribing to the Daily People. Much of interest that appears in the Daily People cannot, for lack of space, appear in the Weekly People. Try the Daily People for three months. It costs but one dollar for that period.

Orders for propaganda literature continue light.—St. Paul, \$2.78; So. Norwalk, Conn., \$3.90; Wilkinsburg, Pa., \$2; Houston, Tex., \$1.90; Philadelphia, \$6; Paterson, N. J., \$1; Edinburgh, Scotland, \$3.34; Panama, \$2.50. Sales at New York lecture course, \$14.22. Now is the time to sow the seed. You must not expect to reap if you have not sown. The ground is prepared for you by the capitalists themselves.

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LUMBER WORKERS, ATTENTION! Kalspell, Mont., Local No. 42t, I. W. W., is informed that the Lumbermen's Association of Flathead County, Montana, is advertising for men to work in the Mills and Woods of this section. TAKE NOTICE!—There are more men here now than there is work for, and wages are being cut all along the line. STAY AWAY! E. Bond, Secretary.

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