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NOTES ON MEN AND THINGS OF THE WEEK

German Socialists Becoming Wary-A Suggestion to the St. Louis Civic League-Taft's One True Remark-N. Y. Volkszeitung's Crooked Move Ditched

Sweden, convulsed by a titanic and nistoric struggle, Barcelona, with its streets still ruddy with the blood split in another equally titanic and historic struggle, what is the news that now comes from the governing quarters of that country and that city? What is engaging the attention of the elite of the two? In Sweden the Rigsdag is to consider a bill "abolishing all grades of precedence," while in Barcelona the Esperanto Congress is dribbling Esperanto dribble.

Is it an accident that the reception tendered to the just organized Canadian Manufacturers' Association in Hamilton upon its first meeting on the 14th of this month, was tended at the armories by the officers of two regiments? Nothing happens by accident. The military power is a necessary prop to the capitalist class. Without the physical force to enforce the exploitation of the workers which he carries on in the shop, the capitalist could not stand twenty-four hours.

Cause for joy are the multiplying evidences of our comrades in Germany beginning to weigh facts for themselves, and beginning not to accept ioned the information that comes to them from Socialist party sources. In its issue of last August 7 the Berlin "Vorwaerts" had an article that obviously comes from some S. P hand in which the Moyer-Mahoney Western Federation of Miners is flamboyantly made out to be about to "enter the Socialist column." A few years ago the article would have been headed with headlines to match. The article is now appropriately headed with an Interrogation: "A Change Coming Over the American Labor Movement?" Still more recently, in a letter from Kautsky, published in "The Call" of the 13th of this month, in answer to an application for funds, Kautsky wisely says he "does not know how matters stand respectively with 'The Call'," meaning whether the Unions are with "The Call." Wise are both doubts.

Of all droll sights is there any to match the sight of the sordid free trade organ, the New York "Evening Post," posing as a moralist in the present controversy on who found the Pole, and denouncing the "newspaper scoops, Chautauqua profits, and book royalties" as manifestations of "sordidness"? There is nothing more sorthan the Protectionist "to Amer ican labor," who pockets all the protection-unless it be Free trader "for the benefit of American labor," who would alone profit by the freedom through reduced wages, hence larger profite.

the incorporation of the city, and for their discussing "the best ideas on how to run cities"-is hereby recommended to consider as "the best idea" the abolition of all the existing Mayors. The

election of any official on a platform, that ignores the necessity of abating the nuisance of capitalism, is presumptive evidence of the gentleman's unfitness.

President Taft made one great hit in the initial speech of his 13,000 mile tour around the United States, delivered in Boston. Referring to the Minnesota Governor Johnson's call to unify the West against the East, the President said: "The attempt to make a cleavage between New England and the East, on one side, and the West on the other, will be found to be so utterly hopeless as to confound those who propose it." This was a bull's-eye. Every section of the country needs all others, and all need each -a pivotal point with the oncoming In-

dustrial Republic, and Industrial Unionism, the necessary precursor of the Industrial or Socialist Republic.

this month announces the definite split in the S. P. of Washington, and the definite formation of two Socialist parties. One of these, which the "Socialist" is the organ of, is recognized by the Courts whither the two contending factions carried their sores, but is repudiated by the S. P. National Committee; the other, recognized by the S. P. National Committee, will, according to the "Socialist' have to take another name, and is called a middle class party. One cannot avoid looking at the squabble as a case of the pot calling the kettle black. The real trouble in Washington is a disease that is gnawing at the vitals of the whole S. P. The disease is called in the political materia medica "Hurrah!"

The Swedish Socialist Labor Party organ, "Arebtaren" has good cause to bring a libel sult against the Volksseitung Corporation. In its issue of the 16th the "Volkszeltung" refers to "Arbetaren" as "our brother-paper." That in the same article in which it tries to cheat' its readers with the false information that the "Arbetaren" is a Socialist party paper, the "Volkszeitung" lifts from the Daily People of the previous day a despatch from Stockholm without, of course, giving The People credit .- that is too common a practice with S. P. "journalism" to cause surprise.

A heavy coating of brass must cover the cheeks of the officials in the State Department, from the Secretary of State down, who are getting ready to protest to certain European governments against their "connivance at the importation of immoral women into the United States." Connivance with whom? With the Man in the Moon?

That it happens to crooked moves what happens to lies, the worthies of the "New Yorker Volkszeitung" are finding out. The Lie, as is known, may start with long legs, but eventually wears the tariff being devised, in behalf of stripped Truth at first, is finally ditched. the laborer is buncombe, pure and sim-So with crooked moves. In its issue of ple." True. Yet these same free the 2nd of this month, the "Volkszeittraders are either silent as the tomb. ung" admits that "it went so far in its or loud screechers against the workdefense of the A. F. of L that it accepters in such "unprotected" industries ed the risk of a split in the Socialist as the building and railroad trades, Movement of America in order to prewhenever these workers go on strike yent a split in the Trades Union Moveagainst the iniquitous treatment they ment of the land, and to keep up the Federation of Labor as the united body are subjected to. Buncombe, pure and simple, is all capitalist affection for of American Unionism." There lies the labor, especially in the matter of taxawide traveled Crooked Move ditched. The body in whose behalf the Volkszeitung Corporation split the Socialist Movement The "reform forces" of the city havof the land in twain is the body that the ing selected seven names of goodies Berlin "Vorwaerts" correctly refers to in from whom the choice of the goodlest its issue of last August 8, as "dead wood" (duerres Holtz). is to be made, and the name of one Robert W. De Forest appearing among

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SOCIALISM

TAFT PRAISES CRAFT UNIONS FOR

HOSTILE STAND.

Another Nail Driven in Coffin of Gom-

pers' Separation of Labor by Praise of

Capitalism's Chief Representative-

Fears Socialist Spirit of European

Chicago, September 17 .- Another nail

in the coffin of the American Separation

of Labor was driven here last night by

Wm. H. Taft, at present chief represent-

ative of capitalism in this country, when

he praised the craft unions for upholding

the "leaders" who had "set their faces

like flint against the propaganda of So-

cialism," with which labor unionism in

France and England was more and more

imbued. Thus the statement of the Wall

Street Journal, that the A. F. of L. was

"the chief bulwark against Socialism in

this country" was repeated from a still

more resounding tribunal for the work-

"I know there is an element among

employers of labor and investors of capi-

ital which is utterly opposed to the or-

ganization of labor. I cannot sympathize

with this element in the slightest degree,

I think it is a wise course for laborers

to unite to defend their interests. It is

a wise course for them to provide a fund

by which, should occasion arise and

strikes or lockouts follow, those who lose

their places may be supported pending

an adjustment of the difficulties.

ing class to hear.

Taft, in part, said: /

OHIO BEHIND NEVADA 2

Judge George F. Robinson's order, granted in Ohio on the 7th of this nonth to the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company restraining the Warner and Acorn Lodges of the Amalgamateo Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of Youngstown from exercising the right of picketing, is being halled by Republican and Democratic papers as a move that will break the back of the strike, and as the most effective move yet devised against the

Unions. Fudge! As to "breaking the back of the Strike" and of Unionism-the weapon has not yet been forged, or is at all forgeable, that will accomplish the feat. The path along which Capital-

national Congress of Labor that recentiv met in Paris. The Hamilton The Seattle "Socialist" of the 11th of "Herald" has yet to learn that the world moves. Time was when the Gomperses were feasted in Europe and called "comrades." That time is gone. European Labor is no longer deceived by false reports from America. European Labor has begun to put two and two together. It knows that European capitalists have sent committees to America to learn how the American capitalists manage to squeeze such large profits out of Labor. European Labor knows that the man under whose wings such squeezings are practised can have only a Civic Federation message of Squeeze to carry. Of course they turned the cold shoulder upon his 'message."

> Commendable is the plan of a number of Unions in this city to organize an International Labor Aid Confederation for the object of affording "immediate material and moral aid to the workers of every nation in their economic and political struggle against the ruling class." It is to be hoped that these good intentions do not dash themselves against the A. F. of L. practice, so often indulged in by A. F. of L. constituents, of passing resolutions offering their services to the President to fight some foreign nation, every time there is a prospect of such a fight.

Prohibitionism in Georgia, originally intended to promote the interests of the bourgeois, is resulting in intensifying the competition that already existed among one of their branches-the liquor dealers branch. According to a revenue officer: "Since Prohibition went into effect, moonshine stills have sprung up in nearly every county in Georgia."

Now that the horrors of the McKees Rocks steel plans are uncovered, free trade papers are coming out with arguments to prove that "the pretence of

fect Unionism; and does so to the orchestration of the Strike until that final "Strike" which will lock-out the capitalist class, and inaugurate the Industrial or Socialist Republic.

As to the Ohio move being "the most effective yet devised" against the Unions and strikes, Ohio is away behind Nevada, Nevada leading by many a length.

The "Nevada move" is to point a gun at the picket-man. If the picketman is a craven he will make tracks for home-and that ends the picketing. If the picket-man is not a craven, and is, besides, aware of his civic rights, he, being assailed with a deadism is whipped by the Law of Prog- ly weapon, will on the spot shoot

MASS, S. L.

to Agitate for S. L. P. Press.

The address to the voters follows:

dates representing such parties.

Lieutenant Governor.

the evil at the root.

MEETS IN STATE CONFERENCE

AND NOMINATES TICKET.

ress, and of its own existence, leads dead the limb of banditism that assails straight to Unionism, ever more per- , him; whereupon he is arrested, and indicted, and convicted, and hanged, or locked up in the penitentiary, all done strictly according to rules and regulations of the buccaneers' log-book called "Law" under Capitalism,-and that, likewise, ends the picketing.

Unquestionably, in point of swiftness the "Ohio move" cannot hold a candle beside the "Nevada move"; nor vet in point of deftness and neatness: nor yet in point of effectiveness-for a time-but only for a time.

Even the "Nevada move"-how much more so the "Ohio move"-is but a manoeuvre of Capitalism that superior counter-manoeuvres will out-flank and out-general, finally routing the manoeuvrers' horse, foot and dragoons.

Pennsylvania. There, conditions were

fellow workers, but the Socialist Labor Party asks you: What are you going to do about it? Are you going to remain idle while these conditions exist or are you going to act in keeping with that revolutionary element of your class which down through the ages has been the lever of progress?

form to offer you. We maintain that the present social order has outlived its usefulness, and like the old worn out shoe, must not, as reformers attempt to do, be patched up, but it must be discarded. This implies organization, and For Governor, Moritz E. Ruther of Holythis in turn implies education.

oke, has been nominated. Lawrence The Socialist Labor Party, the van Yates of New Bedford is the choice for guard of the American Labor Movement; calls upon the workers of this State to join us in this campaign and present our immediate and only demand, the uncon-Again the time has come to cast your ditional surrender of the capitalist class. vote at the State elections. And again, We call upon the workers to organize as on previous occasions, you are called with that aim and object in view and to upon by various political parties to regorganize on the political as well as on ister your choice on behalf of the candithe industrial field: On the political field to hasten the inevitable destruction of At no time in the history of American capitalism, and on the industrial field to political institutions has it been more rear and construct the foundation of the necessary than at present for the work-

Socialist Industrial Republic. ing class, not alone of Massachusetts, Vote the ticket of the Socialist Labor but of the entire country, to arouse and Party. carefully consider their miserable con-

ditions. It must consider these as a The full ticket named by the conferclass and attempt, at least, to attack ence is as follows:

For Governor-Moritz E. Ruther, It is a significant fact that as this Holvoke. election approaches we find the masses For Lieutenant-Governor-Lawrence of this country in a state of apathy sel-

Yates, New Bedford. dom before witnessed. This apathy ex-For Secretary of State-Henry C. ists despite the fact that from the press,

Hess, Boston. pulpit and political platform, a constant For Treasurer-David Craig, Milford stream of information, concerning the For Auditor-Jeremiah P. McNally, ills and suffering of the working class, Salem.

reaches the ears of all. But the informa-For Attorney-General-John A. Fredtion is looked upon by the workers with rikson, Quincy. an air of indifference and a sense of

. The State Conference was held at 694 helplessness, which is due to the fact Washington street, Boston, Sunday stag deputies, Ledebour supplemented

stands alone of all the representatives AGAINST of political parties, untrammelled of capitalist influence; and Whereas, The American working class

must receive the message, and can only as a mass be reached by the press; therefore be it

Resolved, That we call upon all who have the welfare of Socialism at heart to redouble their efforts toward making the S. L. P. press known to the working class and by the distribution of leaflets, pamphlets and books.

The Committee on Party Press urged that Sections supply themselves with Party press prepaid subscription cards and literature, and push the propaganda. The Committee on Ways and Means, recommended the adoption of state subscription lists, same to be sent out to Sections and members at large to raise moneys for the campaign. Funds are to be divided between the Sections and the State Executive Committee. The formation of educational classes to

develop speakers for the Socialist Labor Party was recommended.

The Auditing Committee reported having found the books correct and verified the quarterly report.

The resolution adopted at the N. E. C. Sub-Committee, S. L. P., at its meeting on September 1, calling upon members and sympathizers of the S. L. P. in America to render financial assistance in support of the General Strike in Sweden, was endorsed.

Twenty thousand copies of the State ticket and address to the workingmen of Massachusetts were ordered printed, The conference after discussion under good and welfare, adjourned.

John Sweeney.

SPECIAL TO CHICAGO READERS: "I think the employer who declines to We understand that there has been a deal with organized labor and to recogre-numbering of the streets in Chicago nize it as a proper element in the settlewhich is at present complicating mail ment of wage controversies is behind the delivery. Chicago readers whose addresstimes. There is not the slightest doubt es have been changed in anyway should that if labor had remained unorganized notify us at once, giving both the old and wages would be very much lower. the new numbers. Nothing I have said or shall say

sacred.

WEEKLY PEOPLE. should be construed into an attitude of criticism against or unfriendliness to GERMAN SOCIALIST CONGRESS those workingmen who for any reason do not join unions. Their right to labor for

Party Reports Big Increase in Membership. Leipzig, September 15 .- At the first

day's session of the congress of the Social Democracy Delegates Gerisch and Molkenbuhr read their report on the Party's activity during the crease in the Party's membership of organization exists. In fifteen bye-electhe number of Socialist representatives

year just elapsed. They showed an in-45,973, the rolls now holding 633,309 names, 62,259 of which are women Eleven new district organizations were added during the year, there now being only 20 election districts where no Party tions during the year for seats in the Reichstag, the vote increased in these districts from 74,636, the 1907 figure, to 76.832. In spite of these gains in votes, in state and city bodies has been decreased by means of juggling with the

DEATHS BY STARVATION.

Albany, September 19 .- Starvation.

suicide and violence were responsible

for 913 of the 11,199 deaths in New

York State during July, according to

"There is one thing to be said in respect to American trades unionism that its critics are not generally alive to. In France the trades unionisms are intensely Socialistic. Indeed, in some of the late difficulties it was plain that there was a strong anarchistic feeling among them and that they opposed all authority of any kind. It is also plain that the tendency toward Socialism in England and England's trade unionism is growing stronger and stronger.

such wages as they choose to accept is

"I need not point out the deplorable results in this country if trades unionism became a synonym for Socialism. Those who are now in active control, the Federation of Labor and all the great railroad organizations, have set their faces like fint against the propagandism of Socialistic principles."

In regard to the activity of the Reich- SPECIAL TO CHICAGO READERS. We understand that there has been a re-numbering of the streets in Chicago which is at present complicating mail delivery. Chicago readers whose addresses have been changed in anyway should notify us at once, giving both the old and the new numbers.

proven to be so bad, that no workers anywhere in the world, not even in darkest Russia, were compelled to work under like conditions. Illustrations could plentifully be given,

Moritz Ruther for Governor-Address Issued to Wage Earners of the State-Endorses Resolution to Support Sweden's Strikers-Calls Upon Membership

The Socialist Labor Party has no re-

Boston, September 11 .-- The Socialist Labor Party of Massachusetts at a conference just held nominated a full state ticket and issued the below address to the wage earners throughout the state.

"If that fellow in Washington had my job and I had his job, I wonder if I would make as big a mess of his as he would of mine." Harriman is recorded to have said after one of Roosevelt's bumptious moments. The telling quip is instinct with the contempt which the capitalist has for the representatives he puts into office for the purpose of keeping down the subject class,

Inquiry is about to be made by Postmaster General Hitchcock into the cost of carrying the mail. Look out, Letter Such inquiries are apt to re-Carriers! sult in findings to the effect that it costs to carry the mails more than should be and that retrenchment should be made in the wages of the employes-of course not in the huge sums bestowed upon the railroad companies. There have been of late so many honeyed speeches bestowed upon the letter carriers by the capitalist ticians that it looks bad for the men. These politicians are like vampires. Whenever they blow sweet, look out!

Free, gratis and for nothing the St. Louis Civic League-which is arranging for the entertainment of at least one and American Mayors in celebra-

the seven, Mr. William M. Ivins, known Says Charles M. Schwab, steel king: to fame as a redoubtable reformer, said Any young man can succeed in any he was glad to see that Mr. De Forest line of endeavor if he will do that was being considered. De Forest was which is given him to do a little bit his idea of the candidate, just the kind better than the average." No doubt of a man that Mr. Iving would take his it was "doing that which was given "coat and hat off and work for night him to do a little bit better than the and day." De Forest is the general average" which led Schwab's friend counsel for the Central Railroad of and associate Wm. Ellis Corey to get New Jersey, the road upon which there a divorce from his wife to marry a were recently so many serious accistage light, and which caused his didents on account of "retrenchments," vorced wife to declare that a rich rafts of employes being removed and man's house was no place for a young more work piled on those who were boy. kept.

The Hamilton, Canada, "Herald" of Not infrequently we get condecate. tions reading: "Someone handed me a September the 9th weeps tears of sadness at the derision with which Gomcopy of your paper and I want to know pers's "message of friendship and more about it." Pass your paper along tion of the one hundredth anniversary of good will" was received at the Inter- when read

at they are in a divided and unorgan ized state upon both the political and the industrial field.

The apathy on the part of the workers to-day is not to be wondered at when we consider that after worshipping different political idols and issues they

find that all their efforts have been expended in vain and they are worse off than before. As long as the workers shall continue their, agitation in support of questions such as tariff, income or inheritance taxes, national or municipal

ownership reforms, or prohibition, and eave the cause of all evils untouched,the private ownership of the tools of production, which spells robbery at the work shops,-so long will they remain in their misery and continued apathy and indifference. This is a condition into

which reformers of all shades must eventually and inevitably land. It is the result of tinkering with a social order which, like a building rotten with age, s only fit to be torn down.

The reformer, in his attempt to re form or repair, meets with defeat. The results he obtains can be likened to the

results obtained by the application of a mustard plaster to a wooden leg. Despite even the seeming of unity on

he part of a number of workers in the last national campaign, the leading representative of Capitalism was triumph antly elected, with an immense majority.

On the industrial field strikes are in variably defeated, and conditions have become so bad that even the unorganized are compelled to go on strike, as for instance the workers at the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant at McKees Rocks,

September 5. Thomas F. Brennan was his report with those of Gerisch and elected temporary chairman and John Molkenbuhr concerning the activity of Sweeney temporary secretary. J. P. the party's executive; he laid special McNally was elected sergeant at arms. stress upon the incapability of the bour-The temporary officers were afterward geois parties and their lack of good will to extend parliamentary rights at the made permanent.

cost of the personal regime. Several letters, on the available names The convention demanded a more for the State ticket, and a telegram from equitable districting of the elector-New Bedford, sending greetings to the conference were read. State Secretary ate, in order to do away with the unfair Sweeney rendered his report for the advantages of the country districts over the large voting population of the cities. State Excutive Committee.

election laws.

Committees were elected as follows A strong demand is to be made in the Platform and Resolutions, F. Houten-Party's campaigns in the future for the re-establishment of three-year terms for brink, Brennan and Reimer; Party Press, Hogan, Rigby, and Maher; Ways the Reichstag, as was the system until 1887 when the Reichstag, in collusion and Means, Mulligan, Hess and A. Houtwith the Bundesrath, changed the term enbrink; Auditors, Craig, Oatley and of Reichstag members to five years. Schlueter.

National Executive Committeeman The legal status created by the pas-Reimer rendered his report of the two sage of the imperial law on Combinations (a law regulating organization sessions of the N. E. C., held this year in rights and obligations) has made it ad-New York City. Reimer also reported visable for the Social Democratic Party on the agitational tour of four weeks conducted through the State. Successto change its form of organization, in order to be in keeping with the law and ful meetings were held and much literaderive therefrom the fullest possible adture sold on the road.

The Committee on Platform submitted vantage.

the address to the workingmen given above. It was adopted along with the national platform to be issued as a State leaflet for the campaign.

On Party Press the following resolution was passed:

the monthly bulletin of the State De-Whereas, With the growth of capital partment of Health, just issued. The ism, the servility of the press, which the suicides number 145. The larger numowners of large industries through their ber of those who killed themselves advertising dominate, becomes more and used firearms. The next largest nummore marked: and

Whereas, The press of the S. L. P. ber used poison

WEEKLY PEOPLE.

BRIDGEPORT SOC. LAB. PARTY.

Puts up Full City Ticket and Starts Campaign-Successful Agitation.

Bridgeport, Conn., September 14 .- The Socialist Labor Party is in the field here with a full city ticket. John Riggs has been chosen as its candidate for Mayor. The other nominees are George Forth, City Clerk; Thos. Farren, Treasurer; A. Hedin, Collector, and A. MacDonald, Town Clerk. Twelve candidates for Aldermen have been named, three for Sheriffs and three for Selectmen.

The first agitation meeting of the party held here last Wednesday, proved rousing and succeessful. Charles J. Mercer was the speaker, and his topic was, The Condition of the Working Class, Present and Future." A large audience greeted him as he opened his remarks, and paid the closest attention throughout. Mercer is a brilliant speaker and scored many telling points.

At the meeting's close many present contributed liberally to the campaign fund of the party. Fifteen books were sold, and two members were secured. The Bridgeport organization of the Socialist Labor Party is eager to get down to work to spread the agitation o

the S. L. P.

ULTIMA VERBA.

1. I am Capital, the King of the Earth.

SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY WOMAN POINTS OUT INCONSISTENCIES AND EVILS OF CAPITALISM

awhile?"

'sheep walks."

is threatened by such a system.

employed cannot exist much longer. Nor

are these conditions the outcome of over-

population-as has been pointed out

other than "working" the workers.

In recent investigations into the con-

ditions of child labor in the textile in-

dustries of the South-not made by So-

cialists, mind you, but by congressional

The primary tenet embraced by capi-

talists, that the wealth produced is theirs

by right of their work, is fallacious.

Years ago when a man used his tools

and worked to a finish the commodity

he was justly entitled to all he received

in exchange therefor. To-day we find

gigantic labor saving machines owned

by capitalists who hire men te work for

them, creating the wealth. All the work

and other business concerns waste ener-

gy, time and money in advertising their

commodities, is another fundamental fal-

lacy which the trusts and their pinnacle

Competition is a crime because it is

waste. As before stated, the man who

can concoct the basest scheme of cheat-

ing and lying is the successful competi-

tor. Ye who prate of Christianity should

denounce a method which takes the

bread out of another man's mouth. Be-

of economic methods have proved.

What kind of work do they do?

chase raised by his cry.

and outdo his competitor.

ANSWERS AN EDITOR

The below is part of an article which a capitalist to exploit him." was written by Fannie Chernin, an S. L. P. member of El Paso, Texas, answering a long argument against Socialism in the "El Paso Herald." Miss Chernin's article appeared in the El Paso Herald of July 26.

Throughout the pages of history we find the social systems which preceded the present one consisted of two classes, the oppressors and the oppressed. That, in spite of our modern civilization and tendency toward altruism, there exist oppressors and oppressed, would be folly to deny.

History relates the uprising of the op pressed against their oppressors. To-day ailar occurrences take place. Classes have run to their last sands.

There is no class lower in the social scale than the proletariat of all countries (United States second to none), and when their emancipation will be effected which is inevitable in the face of modern economic determinism, there will exist no motive for base incentives, detrimental to their fellowmen.

The mission of history is to point out the cause of an effect and the results attained. This is the only interpretation of history that is worth while and which should be embraced by conscientious stu-

That the position of the working class is growing steadily worse, is another truth defying proof (if any) to the contrary.

Canitalism has attested its economi and sociologic bankruptcy by hurling the country into a financial and indus trial panic unparalleled in the annals of capitalist "progress."

Who will deny that more disconten and social unrest exist to-day on a urger scale than several years ago? Who will deny that if wages are high-

the necessities of life have risen in oportion and over?

Who will deny that, in spite of short er hours, machinery has been introduced intensifying labor, thus counteracting in the majority of instances the virtue of shorter hours? And further, these gigantic labor saving machines displace any workers, and the result is an army of unemployed.

Apologists of the capitalistic mode of tion should please take note that the law of nature will not tolerate the hanging on of a system that has outgrown its usefulness. Your apologies, which have for their purpose the moulding of public opinion, may retard and endanger the ultimate triumph of practical Socialism, but you cannot expunge the principle.

Capitalists and their spokesmen would have us believe that the conditions of the workers are getting better and better. Much of this is based on nefarious statements

Conditions in this country, as well as in all other industrially developed countries, stand accused of the pitiable sight of workers marching in thousands on the streets and demonstrating their desire to work if given an opportunity. " While they waste their energy in seeking for work in vain, those who are holding positions are justly in fear lest this reserved unemployed army be willing to take their jobs for less pay.

2. I strut about with Falsehood Envy, Covetousness, Deception and Murder as My body-guard. I carry Now if the people as a whole owned war into cities and families. Wherever the capital of the nation and produced I pass I sow Rage, Despair, and Hope-

wealth for use and not for profit, can lessness. you imagine a state of affairs in which 3. I am the pitiless God. I feel well the people would be foolish enough to in the midst of strife and suffering I butcher the wage-workers and do not say: "We have produced too much food, spare even My chosen ones, the Captherefore we must stop production and italists.

starve. We have produced too much 4. The wage-worker is unable to clothing, we will have to go naked for tear himself from Me. When, like the hunted deer, he flees before Me beyond the mountains, he finds Me there ahead Well, that is what is done to-day of him; when he, trying to escape Me, under capitalism. When the workers crosses the ocean, he finds Me waiting have produced more than the capitalist for him on the shores where he lands. can get rid of he says, "Stop!" and The wage-worker is My prisoner: the

the "overproduction" is his and so are earth is his prison. 5. I smite the Capitalists with a the tools that produced it. Civilization dull and stupid sense of well-being. My chosen ones are physical and men-Prevailing conditions show that the tal eunuchs. Their descendants run present distress of a multitude of un-

out into idlocy and impotence. 6. I pour over the Capitalist everything that is desirable, but I deprive him of every wish. I load his board with the most toothsome viands, but I

above-no more than "overpopulation" deprive him of appetite. I throw upon had to do with the driving out of Enghis bed the handsomest and youngest land thousands of its sturdy sons and of women, but their caresses are unable daughters, in order to make room for to fire his exhausted body. Everything in the world clovs him-tired and feel-Capitalism is founded on the belief ingless, he yawns away his life. He that its labor is based on something longs for nothing, yet is he afraid of The better a fellow can concoct death.

7. According as it may please Me. schemes, cheat and lie the bread out of and in ways that man is unable to the other fellow's mouth, the more is that business fellow recognized as a fathom, I fall upon My chosen ones, and hurl them down into the hell of "capable" and "successful" competitor. And that is an exercise very much inwage-slavery. 8. Capitalists are My tools. I use dulged in to the detriment of humanity.

them as a cat-of-a-thousand-tails to scourge the herd of the wage-workers with. I raise My chosen ones to the highest places in society, and yet I despise them.

and other investigations, it is shown that the natural order of things was reversed 9. I am the God, who moves the the wife and children being in the mill, world and upsets the brains of men. while the husband and father, displaced 10. The poet of antiquity has propheby his own flesh and blood, has no work sied the era of Capitalism. He sang: to do. He stavs at home attends to the "As yet ill is mixed with good; yet house and carries the dinner pail to his the day will come when there will be wife and children at the factory. And neither family bonds, nor justice, nor it is told us, Socialists would destroy the virtue. Hades and Nemesis will refamily. The accusers are like the robber ascend to heaven, and then there will who cries "Stop thief!" and joins in the be no cure for the ill.

That day has come; like unto the ravenous sharks of the seas and the wild beasts of prey in the woods, men now devour one another without pity. 11. I laugh at the wisdom of man. Work, and you will have plenty; work, and your locker will be filled," so saith ancient wisdom. But I say unto you: Work, and want and misery will be your faithful companions; work, and you will carry to the pawnbroker your last bit of furniture."

the employers do, is work the workers 12. I am the God, who revolutionizes the nations of the world. I bend the The merchant's uppermost thoughts mighty under my leveling voke. are to create profits. That the petty 13. The day Socialism should come

> into power, that day would the supremacy of the God' Capital be at end. That gloomy day, I, Capital, would cease to rule the world. I would be come the slave of the workingman whom I hate. He would no longer kneel before Me, his own handiwork. he would rear himself erect on his feet, and, on earth, recognize only Nature as his sovereign mistress.

14. Woe will be Me and My chosen es should that day ever dawn.



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human being and a wage slave; a citi-

zen and a commodity. This governs

the principles as well as form of or-

As a human being and citizen, he

must submit to the prevailing methods,

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ADDRESS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD, I. W. W., TO THE MEM-BERSHIP OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD AND THE WORKING CLASS IN GENERAL.

WORD

To the membership of the Industrial | ers must fight their way to freedom. In capitalist society the worker's

Workers of the World, greeting :--The General Executive Board has, in conformity with the instructions of the Paterson Conference, elected H. Richter General Secretary-Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chas. H. Chase who found himself un-

able properly to attend to the requirements of the office. All letters and business concerning the

general organization, all money for dues supplies, etc., should be addressed to: H. Richter, Hamtramck, Mich. General Executive Board Member A. J.

has tendered his resignation; also Wm. Glanz, whose age and ill health prevent him from active participation. Your General Executive Board in accordance with the provisions governing the matter, has initiated action to fill said vacan-

> to meet the needs of education, and organization of the working class. Its H. Richter, Sec. membership is limited to wage workers.

"The emancipation of the working ganizations, is the worker himseld class, must be the class conscious His class interest unites the separate activities for a common purpose to fit and equip the worker to act as a unit.

vision, its principles and form of orscience of human progress, given to the tence, has been ignored. The penalty of this omission is the workers' weak.

ness, inefficiency, and consequent misery and helplessness. The road that leads out of this rut, out of the tradition of the past, and brings the working class upon the highway of efficiency, and strength, is the self-im-

class and the capitalist class over the product of labor, resulting in strikes, boycotts and lockouts, riots, and the sacrifice of the workers' limb and life, shaking capitalist society to its founthrough which the human race is pushthe forces and institutions, which a

Human progress, industrial and social, has reached a stage in capitalist society, where further progress is possible only, if man succeeds in consciously co-operating with the natural

all the useful and necessary elements in our present social system; it is the vital force, out of which must come the directive power needed in our present-day struggles, and that of future society.

any time must give their support where The enlightened, class-conscious needed, recognizing, that as a matter vorking class must be the aim of all who are working for a better condition of fact, not of sentiment, an injury to one is an injury to all-a union of all the workers subdivided by industries or branches thereof.

Recognition is needed of the vital e forces of capita



Some Suggestions As to How It May Be Made Most Profitable for the S. L. P.

In times past political campaigns were largely carried on in the open, the stump speaker being the chief medium for the dissemination of views and principles. In those days not everybody could read, and newspapers were few and dear, therefore the appeal had to be made to the mind through the ear. While meetings are still largely a feature of political campaigns they are no longer THE feapage, the newspaper. The appeal is to the mind through the eye. .

ture. The feature is now the printed

With the old parties there is a political season, that the word, campaign, signifying in the field, very well describes. During the campaign, a month or six weeks before election, they whoop it up, without rhyme or reason. appealing mainly to "patrietism," prejudice, and passion to carry the

day. The Socialist Labor Party is not a "campaign club." It is a propaganda organization. The election campaign is but an incident in the work of propaganda.

Of course the political atmosphere is more alive when there is so much beating of the air, but, along with its opportunities, it has the disadvantage of leading to confusion, as is no doubt

intended. The problem for the S. L. P. man is: How can he make his propaganda the most effective during campaign time? In New York and other industrial centres the Party's efforts are redoubled at such times; more open alt meetings are held than at other times. Are these meetings resultful? That is the question.

More pamphlets are sold, not merely because it is campaign time, but for the reason that more effort than usual is made to sell them. Subscriptions do not come from open air meetings, although single copies of the Party papers may be readily disposed of at such times. This feature, selling Party papers at meetings, is one, however, that is not carried out as systematically nor as generally as it could and should be.

As said before, while meetings add zest to a campaign, it is doubtful if they have a very great effect upon the minds of the voters. The voter to-day is guided more by what he reads, than by what he hears, and, as a matter of fact, a hundred read to the one who attends any political meetings at all. This would seem to indicate that our best work should be done in trying to reach the eve, rather than the ear of

the workingman voter, without there-4. That labor organizations animated by neglecting the propaganda by word by different principles, cannot help the of mouth. workers; they are an aid to the cap-

To prove that we have realized this, the propaganda through printed matter, to be THE method of propaganda, we need but point to the efforts we have made to establish and maintain

our press and literature agency. With our present campaign methods all dependence is placed upon the speakers, and the speakers are few. The vast body of the membership looks

That such a clear and distinct on-sometimes does not do even that. enuunciation of its position aroused all Were all the members organized to carry on the propaganda, through the

purchaser can connect with the Party institutions should he have the desire. But how often is the desire awakened? It is a doubtful question, I should say seldom by one pamphlet.

On the other hand, it is not so difficult a task for a live Section to reach a dozen men, and secure them as readers for the Party press, insuring a weekly visitor to them from headquarters. This cannot fail to produce better results. As a matter of fact the Party's strength is, not where the most open air meetings are held, but where its press has the largest lists of readers. And this, in turn, maket profitable the only kind of meetings that are such: those held indoors where a connected and concrete discourse can be made.

To sum up: let those who wish to and can, go on with their open air meetings but where the open air meetings cannot be held try the plan of propaganda as suggested and see if it doesn't pan out.

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to organize the economic organization of the wage-working class Aided by previous efforts in the same direction, and the experience gained, the work of that convention brought into existence the Industrial Workers of the World. The preamble of the organization, its

declaration of principles, made evident that the participants were guided by the knowledge of our age, and succeeded in expressing the basic position and the form of industrial unionism. It established for all future times, the identity and characteristics of the In-

dustrial Workers of the World: 1. The working class and the employing class have no common economic interest.

2. The class struggle will go on, until the workers organize, on the PO-LUTICAL as well as on the industrial field as a class. 3. To take and hold through an economic organization the product of their labor.

The wage-working class embraces

fact that the struggle of labor, though acquiring the form of a fight for bread and butter, or leisure, is nevertheless

organization by the workers is necessary. All are invited to promote the workers' class interest. Francis having removed to Europe, he As a wage slave and a commodity, economic, industrial conditions determine his existence, and dictate the.industrial organization that can promote and defend his interests of to-day and the requirements of the future. The integral industrial union is paramount

cies. For the G. E. B., I. W. W., Address.

work of the working class." The labor movement of America a the present makes manifest by its diand so develop the power necessary to

ganization, that the dictum of the world by Karl Mary in the above sen-

posed discipline of class consciousness that grows from a knowledge of economic and social conditions, in which the ware worker must organize and

fight for better conditions. The struggle between the working dation, is the life process, in which and

ing forward, developing the conditions, higher plane of social existence requires.

and social forces of evolution. italists, by paralyzing the power of the working class.

in life, recognizing that only all informed, self-disciplined labor organization can generate the conquering might needed to abolish wage slavery.

To see the workers in such a plight is especially gratifying to the employing class, as it renders them powerful to dictate terms to the workers. This is slavery and practically exists to-day. The worker has nothing to sell but his labor power, and when necessity forces him to ell it and submit to unjust terms, he is a slave, and therefore rightly has been coined the word, "the labor market." You hear of the cotton market-wheat market-and also of the human labor market. The difference that exists today between the chattel slave of Lincoln's day and the wage slave now is the master, ran after the chattel slave, whereas the wage slave runs in search of a master and voluntarily sells himself. The wage system covers a multitude of sins. Under that cover was hatched modern slavery.

Further we hear of these workers forced into idleness starving in sight of pienty. Years ago, when famine afflicted various countries, such calamities were natural results of failure in crops; but to-day, what does it mean?

You have probably passed through a period of what is called "hard times" or a crisis. The generally tough time of the worker is usually much worse at such periods. Do you know what causes them? They are caused by the fact that the workers produce more wealth (taking on the form of commodities) for the capitalist than he can dispose of. Then the capitalist says: "I will close up my factory until this pile of commodities goes down. The worker can starve in the meanwhile, if he can't find another

stir yourselves! Christianity is yet to be brought about in practice. Remember the words 'in practice." Yet competition in all its abominable phases is devoutly wished for by impractical beings.

The use of machinery .(don't confound this with sewing machines) worked a great revolution in the lives of women. When a man was a handieraftsman it was part of the domestic duties of womthe new numbers.

an to spin, weave and sew, and she did many other things, such as make candles, soap, etc. These things which she had produced at home and for family use were next made in factories and much cheaper than could be done at home.

This change released a vast amount of labor power that had been used in home production, for home consumption, and made it available for capitalist exploitation. Woman now became a factory operative. But as machinery made easier the work that skill and strength had previously reserved to man, women who could not obtain employment at what had been female occupations, began to compete with man, and to do so had to undersell him to get the job. Thus woman became self supporting, as it is called.

Many men unthinkingly hate the wo en who compete with them. The revolution that was worked in women's lives was none of their making. Originally the workman had "to earn wages high enough to enable him to support himself and family; but now that women and children can support themselves by com-

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SPECIAL TO CHICAGO READERS. We understand that there has been a re-numbering of the streets in Chicago which is at present complicating mail delivery. Chicago readers whose addresses have been changed in anyway should notify us at once, giving both the old and

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mainly, a war for conditions that assure these demands. Not as an aggregation of mendicants

seeking alms, nor as a horde of slaves wreck the organization; they failed. At the fourth convention, a concenasking for mercy and a handout, but as a robbed, despoiled, productive, useful trated, desperate and vicious attack was made to emasculate the organizaclass, fighting the imposter and robber in every form to wrest from him their tion, by tearing out the principle of political action, the force that supplies rightful heritage, the means of life, must be the workers' purpose of orthe revolutionary spirit that lifts the ganizing. labor movement from the sphere of the

This status imposes upon every dumb, brute animal up to the heights member the obligation to acquire inof intelligent human activity. The formation by which to guide his words trickery and stupidity of that convenand actions; being a self-directing tion puts its upholders back to the class movement, the schemes of great pure and simple economic position and leaders and diplomacy are of little use. outside of the Industrial Workers of Only broad, open, education and orthe World. The effect of this treachganization can furnish the means to ery upon the organization was like a acquire the unity of thought and action heavy frost upon a young plant;though it withered many leaves and which progress and the victory of the wage working class requires. branches, it did not reach the roots.

Capitalist oppression and growing in-No longer the slave of whim and telligence among the working class passion, the outgrowth of ignorance supplies the nourishment for renewed and superstitution, the worker is free to work out his own emancipation, begrowth and vigor. The temporary setcause the material conditions, intel- back revealed our weakness, and indilectual and social, have developed, cated what it is necessary to eliminate in the future. No class-conscious which make it possible, and no other worker has difficulty in determining force is available than the workers as whole class. It becomes therefore what the offshoot from the tree of inmandatory for each worker to contridustrial unionism is that grew out of bute his share to the success of his that fourth convention. It is a plant for revenue only, for a

class, not according to his individual inclination or desires, but in conformfew gentlemen whose intellectual caity with the dictates of the conditions in which, and through which, the work-

ganization, is natural. Its short his-Party press, it would seem that the tory bears ample testimony, of the eflasting results would be much greater forts of the capitalists, their hirelings than at present. and apologists, aided by their ally, Were the street meetings conducted

popular ignorance, to compromise and upon the plan that the main purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Party press and literature, this criticism would not hold. But the Party press and literature are merely incldents of the meetings, as at present conducted. The plan to-day seems to

5. The form of industrial organiza

tion must be such, that its members at

be to have the speaker tell all he knows about Socialism. In other words we keep trying to reach the people through the ear while it is through the eye that they are to be reached

to-day. Se established a feature has this meeting business become that Sections who have no speakers bemoan the fact that they cannot "carry on the campaign" and the continual cry is "send us speakers!"

Now, I should like to suggest to all speakerless Sections that they never mind about the speakers. Let them intelligently and systematically organize what forces they have for a vigorous propaganda by means of the Party press. This is work at which all can do something, and there need be no onlookers. Let us put it this way: Say that a

shifting audience of 100 hear a speaker at an open air meeting and a dozen pamphlets are sold. The main result is the sale of the pamphlets, as they leave something tangible by which the

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Woman's Suffrage An Address Delivered by DANIEL DE LEON

Under the Auspices of the Socialist Women of Greater New York.

Mary Papelsky, Presiding.

COOPER UNION, MAY 8, 1909.

THE SUFFRAGE. CONTINUED.

A manifestation of another order, and to which attention cannot be too strongly called, was the appearance of women among the Ruling Class. As you will remember, when the primal communal society was first split into classes, Woman took her place in the lower, the class of the ruled, along with those males, who, like herself, were physically disqualified to wield the Iron Tool. As you will remember, the characteristic of the Ruling Class then was strength to wield the Iron Tool. As you may judge, it was not property that imparted power to rule; it was power to rule, because of exclusive capacity to render needed social service, that imparted property. A Ruling Class makes its first appearance upon the stage of history as a useful service-rendering minority. It is in this capacity that the Ruling Class, down to the bourgeois revolution, assumes and becomes owner of the necessaries for production, and, as a consequence, of the wealth produced. Sole capacity personally to wield the needed or leading tool of its times is the foundation of a Ruling Class from its inception and down to the bourgeois revolution. With the advent of the bourgeois revolution the foundation is radically changed. Property ceases to be the attribute of rule; rule becomes the attribute of property. The reason is obvious-the radical change wrought in the tool of production, coupled with the consequences thereof, altered social conditions. As Marx tersely put it: "It is not because he is a leader of industry that a man is a capitalist; on the contrary, he is a leader of industry because he is a capitalist." The capitalist does no manner of useful work; he renders no manner of social service; he could not, if he would. Soon as that transformation is perfected the Hetty Greens appear abreast of the J. Pierpont Morgans, the Harriet Fishers turn up beside the James ... W. Van Cleaves in National Manufacturers' Associations. Thus,--once more the pregnant fact is made manifest-sex is not, as it never was, the line of class cleavage.

A fourth manifestation of the transformation that came over the conditions of the land; one that constitutes a landmark in the evolution of Suffrage; moreover, one that vies in importance to. Woman's Suffrage with the manifestation just considered, in which women appear as members, active ones, at that, along with men among militants in the Ruling Class,—that manifestation is the discredit into which the franchise has fallen in the estimation of the Social Masters.

You will remember how the bourgeois revolution, surpassingall others in the revolutionariness of its aspirations and in the liberality of its program, proclaimed and established universal suffrage. Then, in Whittier's language,

The crowning fact The kingliest act Of Freedom was the freeman's vote!

When the private ownership of the necessaries of production had done its work, and the latent bourgeois quality of Tyranny in Idleness matured to full bloom, all that changed. Suffrage, a rung of the ladder by which the bourgeois climbed into capitalist power, lost its fascination—even worse.

The ballot, with regard to themselves, male as well as female capitalists now look at it-at the one-time prized weapon and proud badge of citizenship-as an unclean thing to handle. The sentiment is kin to that other sentiment which despises work. nce a worker, despised by his feudal lord for being a worker, Once a worker, despised by his reuear for the same full-blown and proud of being one, the capitalist, the modern full-blown bourgeois, now, in turn, despises work upon the same principle as did his feudal lord of old-work, under Class Rule, means. unrequited toil, and that is a badge of servitude. Precisely as the feudal lord justified his sovereignty with the mystification of "by the grace of God," the capitalist-through his official mouthpieces, of professors, politicians, press and pulpiteers-justifies his ce with language, which, though not literally so, neverpre-eminence with language, which, though not interact source of theless is equivalent to the principle "Idleness is the source of all wealth." Naturally enough, such a standard of ethics can have no liking for the active use of the ballot. The mills, mines, factories, railroads, shops-from top to bottom, all the plants of industry and of useful service are now superintended and run by proletarians, by wage slaves. They run to perfection in the interest of the capitalist master. Why should not the political shopwhat buttress to the industrial shop-why should not it also be run likewise? Royalty does not vote, is it dignified for the Monarch Capitalist Class to vote,-and hustle, aye, perchance be jostled about on the political field by sweaty toilers? It is well worth the while to watch the legislative devices of the Capitalist Class to be saved the annoyances of political activity, and bring the ballot box to their beds and bathtubs.4 Woman, in the meantime, had been constructively, perhaps surreptitiously, disfranchised. If to the male members of the Capitalist Class the use of the ballot is repulsive, to the female members of the same class the ballot is, to say the least, no more attractive. They sneer at, where they do not despise it. But the Social transformation which the country has underne finds its manifestation, with regard to Suffrage, in something more active than dislike by the Capitalist Class for political. activity by himself. It finds its manifestations also in a dread, on the part of the Capitalist Class, for political activity exercised by the proletariat. The capitalist is not in the dark as to what Suffrage implies. The capitalist is well aware that, if Suffrage began and inded with the ballot, the peacefully blissful continuance of the eign of Capital would be an assured thing. Whatever the system voting-whether old style; or Australian style, so-called; or achine :- the capitalist is safely entrenched politically. A hostile ote that endangers his reign can to-day be deftly counted out, nd safely, too. Furthermore, as an incident in their struggle with one anther, one set of capitalists has often found its account in setting "Labor Party", a sort of decoy-duck to draw votes away ip a rom the other set. Hardly a State, north of Mason and Dixon's ine, but has seen, some time or other, the apparition. * But with the levelopment of the Trust the "Labor Vote", to-day, is, as Chanellor Kent's partially correct opinion predicted, ever more plainly tail to the Trust magnates' kite. For another thing, the trick s costly. The psychologic counterpart of the physical quality f the drunkard never to be satisfied, is the Capitalist's mental mity, never to feel rich enough. The English economist, T. J

Dunning-stated with witty profundity that, with a 300 per cent, profit in sight, there is no crime at which capital will scruple, nor a risk it will not run, even to the chance of its owner being hanged. For parity of reason, the Capitalist, female or male, while prone to lavishness for purposes of ostentation, eschews expenses in business. They lower profits. Decoy-duck Labor Parties are mercenary armies, and expensive. For a third reason, the trick is fraught with danger. If decoy Labor Parties are free to spring up, then bona-fide ones cannot be prevented.

That is the rub-and the specter it raises in the capitalist's mind's eye is one that Woman's Suffrage must reckon with.

If Suffrage began and ended with voting, the worst inconvenience that the capitalist could suffer from it in the hands of the proletariat would be that of a gravel in the shoe-a nuisance, but nothing fatal. Suffrage, however, does not begin and end with the ballot. The ballot is only an incident, the least important, at that, in the franchise. The franchise, Suffrage, implies propaganda; propaganda educates; education crystallizes into organization ... A revolutionary propaganda against Capitalism is unfeasible except in the open. Too numerous is the Class interested therein; too many even the minimum number needed for the resultant organization that the times demand. These numbers cannot. be reached and brought together in midnight gatherings in cellars, or attics, or groves, nor can the propaganda be conducted in whispers, or veiled language. The revolutionary propaganda against Capitalism can be conducted only over-and-above-board, in language that is clear in sound, and clear in sense. There is no field other than that offered by Suffrage for such a propaganda. What is known as "Political Action"-that alone can preach the Revolution in the way it must be preached.

Now, then, we have seen, on the one hand, the ballot-holding proletariat fastened to-day as a tail to the political kite of the Top-Capitalist Class; on the other hand, we have seen the utter futility of the proletarian ballot alone. To escape being impaled on one horn or the other of the dilemma there is but one pathto use the opportunity afforded by Suffrage to preach the Social Revolution; in other words, to carry on the propaganda that will educate, and, so doing, crystallize in that organization which is the only physical force available to the proletariat; the all-sufficient physical force; withal, the very physical force, the mold of which is furnished by capitalist society itself, in that the mold foreshadows the construction of the Socialist Republic-the integrally, industrial organization of the proletariat. The industrial organization of the proletariat; on the one hand, cuts the bonds of economic superstitions that frighten the proletarian ballot into Top-Capitalist support, and thereby gives a chance to a speaceful solution of the Social Question; on the other hand, the industrial organization of the proletariat is the ready physical force to frustrate a capitalist electoral crime.

Though deep thought is not a capitalist virtue, instinct is a virtue of the dullest beast, preeminently so of Usurpation. No wonder the Capitalist Class now see in Suffrage a source of danger to its existence.

Finally, there is a fifth manifestation of the transformation that came over the land, due to the economic laws that underlie the private ownership of the necessaries for production—a transformation that cambe overlooked only at the peril of Woman's Suffrage. It flows as the direct consequence of the one just considered—the, at first bold, now devious devices adopted to disfranchise the proletariat, at least hamper it in the exercise of Suffrage.

The chapter of the story I now enter upon has never yet received that fullness of treatment that it is entitled to. ⁶ I can here give only its roughest outline.

The attempt of Capitalism to rid itself of the danger that Suffrage is fraught with for its rule may be said to have started with the scheme of President Grant's ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Benjamin H. Bristow, conceived barely ten years after the close of the Civil War, to overthrow the Republic and replace it with a Monarchy. Bristow was too headlong. The scheme was smothered Less headlong than Bristow's, but still too bold for execution, was the next, the scheme of which Simon Sterne of this State became a feading expositor a few years later—the scheme to re-establish a property qualification. That scheme also was scotched. Its weakness also lay in its frankness. Then came the third epoch in the move, when the same purpose was to be pursued in devious and surreptitious ways. That epoch we are now in.

In several states of the South the scheme has been tangled up with the false pretense of "preserving the purity of the white race." The pretence is transparent. Concealed under it is the throbbing Labor Problem. The tanglefoot Suffrage legislation, while aimed at the Negro ostentatiously as a Negro, in fact aims at him as a wage-slave, seeking to keep him focused to the traditional standpoint, and, along with him, the rest of his class. In mest other States, the North leading, the scheme is pursued under the colors of the "Australian Ballot."

The term "Australian Ballot" suggests the idea of a move democracyward: 'The "Australian Ballot" presupposes the impossibility of, at least much curtailed opportunities for ball fraudsy it diminishes, aye, removes the item of expense-a serious obstacle to the case of political expression under the former private hallot-system. In short, the "Australian Ballot" presents itself as a promise of a more efficacious, because more liberal, Suffrage. Under color of the promise, suggested by the name-"Australian Ballot"-exactly the opposite goal is pursued, and is being accomplished. Out of the forty-six States of the Union only three-Georgia, North and South Carolina-have retained the old system. In these three States, it would seem, the alleged "Anti-Negro" ballot laws are deemed sufficient for the purpose. In all the remaining forty-three States the Australian Ballot, modified, has been introduced. What the modifications purport may be judged from a few of the most striking ones:

we are in condition to pass in review the arguments of the Suffragist Specialists, and the arguments of their Antis,

ARGUMENTS OF ANTIS.

I have jotted down a few of the representative arguments made by the leading male and female opposers of Woman's Suffrage. Here they are:

"Woman's Suffrage would break up the home";

"Woman has no experience or knowledge of political matters";

- "The ballot would degrade woman";
- "Woman is mentally unfit for questions of State"; "The ballot would render woman sordid";

"The disfranchised status of Woman may work evil here and

there; on the whole, what is their loss is society's gain".

These will do. They are types of the mass of Anti-ammunition fired into the camp of the Suffragists.

Not one of these arguments but sounds as a deliberate insult to the human intellect. To dispose of them, however, as such would be to miss the point. With the exception of the Richard Watson Gilders-beings that are atavistic manifestations of the oyster-stage in biology, the stage of mentality that, clinging to the sea-weed-covered rock of the Present-Past, perceives not the changes that are going on in shore formations and in the current of the tides-with the exception of such oyster antediluvianists, whose occasional poetical vein instead of promoting Progress, would retard it by making the apotheosis of the Past, at the shrine of which they worship, veritable pagans,-with the exception of such mentalities, to whom I am surprised not yet to have seen the talented Charlotte Perkins Gilman dedicate a geologic poem, matching the one with which, nearly twenty years ago, she disposed of Francis A. Walker, the unenviable author of the dictum: "Socialism is a Vagary"1 -- with the exception of such exceptional personages, all others who raise their voice against Woman's Suffrage utter the sentiments of the Ruling Class. Theirs is not a purpose to insult; theirs is the purpose to preserve their class supremacy, instinctively felt to be imperilled by a Movement, which, so far from restricting, as they are seeking to do, would tend to add fresh recruits to the political army of the proletariat. How truly an exhalation of capitalist class instinct the Antis' arguments are appears from their being exact counterparts of the agonized arguments that proceed from the same source against Socialism, Let us consider them separately:

"Woman's Suffrage would break up the home"-exactly what they say against Socialism-a doubly untrue charge. 'For the home to be threatened with destruction by Woman Suffrage, or Socialism, the home must be safe and pure to-day under the shield of Capitalism. The home is broken up to-day. Mothers, in increasing numbers, are torn from their homes in search of a living in factories and shops, while their babes are "charitably" left to the "charitable" care of "charitably" instituted "nurseries"; husbands have to leave their homes in search, far and wide, for the illusive job; children, who should be under the softening influence of the home are forced into the hardening influence of child labor. Nor is this all. The percentage of marriages declines; the percentage of divorces increases; while the domestic scandals that are in perpetual outbreak among the topmost branches of the tree of the Top-Capitalist Class allow more than peeps into what is up in those "homes" -all this under the shield of Capitalism. The home is pivoted upon material wellbeing. Whatever tends to promote the solidity of the pivot makes for the solidity of the home. Nor can it be doubted that, to place in the hand of the members themselves of the home the power to control its destiny, must make for the welfare of the home. It is but natural that, with the opposite principle in force, the home is to-day on the rocks.

"Woman has no experience of knowledge of political matters"exactly, what they say of the Working Class-exactly the language of King George and his Parliament toward the American colonists in revolt-exactly the language of the Oeil de Boeuf anent the bourgeois who demanded a voice in the affairs of the France of the Old Regime-exactly the recent language of Abdul Hamid towards his people tired of autocratic rule. In short, exactly the language that Usurpation ever holds, and that regularly is disproved, soon as its yoke is cast off. The resources a people hold within themselves are vast soon as the bars are thrown down and opportunities are open to all. Upon that history is eloquently conclusive.

"The ballot would degrade woman"-though not literally, yet substantially what they say of the effect that Socialism would have upon the race-a purely ruling class conception of what the race is. To a ruling Class, it is the race. What is good for it is good for the race; what harms it is harmfull to the race. Once, as we saw, the conception had a color of justice. It had a color of justice with the initial ruling class whose useful efforts. society then needed; it had a color of justice even with the bourgeois, whose efforts, though essentially criminal in methods, served the needed purpose of organizing labor co-operatively-so long as he performed that needed social mission, the bourgeois could consider himself the race with a color of justice. But its mission has been performed by each successive ruling class. To-day the last descendant of the long line of social masters, the capitalist, lingers on the stage only as a scab clings to the wound that healed under it. To-day, accordingly, not only is the present ruling class not the race, it has become a husk formation upon the racebenefited only in the measure that it injures the race; harmed by aught that would promote the race. No wonder the Capitalist Class apprehend the effect of Woman's Suffrage upon their race. "Woman is mentally unfit for questions of State"-exactly the charge they bring against the proletariat, and for exactly the same purpose-to justify the continuance of their own privileged position. In both cases, to the extent that there is truth in the charge it smites the charger. The ethic principle that none shall profit by his own wrong rejects a plea that seeks to justify the continuance of a wrong with the wrong itself. "The ballot would render woman sordid"-who does not recognize in this charge the familiar ring of the admonition to the Working Class, issued from Falstaffian "capon-lined bellies", to give no heed to Socialism with its "materialistic" and "unspiritual gospel", but turn their thoughts to heaven, and there lay w treasures for themselves where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal? "The disfranchised status of woman- may work evil here and there; on the whole, what is their loss is society's gain"-drop the words in the sentence, which allude to Woman exclusively, and substitute for them "condition of the Working Class", and the whole sentence, literally and in spirit; is identically the self-satisfied phrase with which some official sociologists of the Capitalist Class have sought to reconcile the proletariat to their martyrdom-"the condition of the working class may work evil here and there; on the whole what is their loss is society's gain." Slavery ever debases the slave and pollutes the master. The debasement on the one side, the pollution on the other, may be extenuated as transitory social necessities, whereby ultimate and greater benefits are to be gained to all. We saw such to be the case when the first Ruling Class, the wielder of the Iron Tool, arose; social science recognizes the force of the argument even in the instance of the bourgeois when his mission was still to be fulfilled; with the fulfillment of the mission of the bourgeois the social mission, if the term may be allowed, of the injuries inflicted by Class Rule is completed. So thoroughly completed is it that the whole basis of Class

Rule stands transformed. Not Effort but Idleness is now the badge of the modern Social Ruler. The goal, which to attain, society submitted to the ills of Class Rule, has been reached. The tool and mechanism of production have matured to such perfection, that today, without arduous toil, abundance is possible to all. The doubleheaded Wolf of Want and Fear of Want need no longer throw his shadow across the threshold of man. Leisure is possible to all; with Leisure its long train of blessings. In short, the first task of the human race has been accomplished. The problem of its material wellbeing is solved. We now stand at the gate of the higher problems, the mental and spiritual problems of our existence. Slavery, at such a ripened season, has no longer any place in sense or reason. To seek to justify it in any form is to seek to sacrifice the race to the interests of a superannuated class. It is to act as a drag upon Progress.

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In short, Suffrage is not being denied to Woman as a sex; it is being denied to her as a proletarian. The women who are not proletarians care not for the ballot themselves any more than the male members of their class, and realize full well, with their male fellows, that by foregoing this, to them, indifferent privilege, they bar out the overwhelming members of their sex who are proletarians. I have yet to hear an argument from the Antis that does not proceed from Ruling Class interests—consequently, that does not help to light the movement for Woman Suffrage the road that it should tread.

ARGUMENTS OF PROS.

Have the Suffragists—and when I say Suffragists Suffragettes are included—have the Suffragists caught the note of the Antis' opposition? The regrettable fact must be recorded that, as a body, they have not. Far otherwise. Had the Antis deliberately meant to lead the Suffragists to the wrong track, the Suffragists could not, as a body, have suited the Antis more completely.

Let me take up some of the arguments made by prominent Suffragists on leading occasions—especially arguments that are favorite ones, and deemed powerful by them.

"With the disfranchisement of Woman," it is a favorite argument with Suffragists, "Society has been limping on only one foot." -This is a historic error involving a serious error in sociology. Is is not on a whole foot that society has been limping. Society has been "limping" on only the hundredth part, or even less, of a foot. The episode in the history of Suffrage, comprised in the era of the old Republic of Rome, for one, not to mention other striking episodes in the history of Suffrage, is conclusive of the fact that it is by virtue of Class Rule that society has done the "limping." ! The members of the estate consisting of the poor classes in Rome were qualified voters. But their vote was, constitutionally, of no importance if the two upper classes-patricians and knights-were agreed, and consequently, their vote was not required in such caseswhich was the rule. It was, accordingly, not by reason of its being divided between qualified and unqualified voters that the Roman republic "limped." It "limped" because of being divided into economic classes-a Ruling and a Ruled Class. The latter being the vast majority, there was no whole foot, but only a fraction of a foot to "limp" upon. We have seen that, with the very first appearances of Classes, symmetry ceased in the anatomy of society. From that time on there was "limping", but the lame limb comprised the large majority, and the majority comprised males as well as females.

It suits the Ruling Class to have Woman's Suffrage presented as a sex issue. As such an issue the source and present foundation of Woman's Social inferiority is kept dark, and thereby the inferiority is perpetuated.

⁸ How thorough-going a revolution is marked by the appearance of the Hetty Greens on the social stage is illustrated by a recent remark of the lady: "Let others own the land, I take mortgages upon the land." Not only is the original foundation of the Class Struggle so completely changed, from what it was originally, that Woman steps into the Ruling Class, but also the subsequent accompanying foundation-land-that became a characteristic of feudal supremacy has been removed. The capitalist woman sees no attraction in land; what charms her is the capitalist claws with which to transform the land into profits-yielding capital.

⁴ Another subject deserving the research of serious Socialists who would enrich the literature of the Social Question with solid information, comprehensively presented.

⁵ A third subject worthy of the attention of serious Socialists, and awaiting comprehensive historic treatment.

⁶ A fourth subject that bespeaks and awaits special treatment by serious Socialists, who would enlighten the Movement with original work.

⁷ Francis A. Walker's dictum was hurled at the Nationalist Movement which was given birth to by Edward Bellamy's novel "Looking Backward." Charlotte Perkins Gilman's brilliantly satirical poem, dedicated to Mr. Walker and compeers, appeared in "The Nationalist" at the time.

⁶ The episodes comprised in the era of feudalism in France, after the bourgeois had obtained the suffrage; likewise in Spain; also in the medieval republics of Italy and the German Hansa towns, are all illustrative of the same fact.

The Virginia sample Australian Ballot that I have is fit to superinduce delirium tremens in choosing one's candidates. The names of the offices are so contrived as to run into one another. A mistake, in marking, by all but the most expertly prepared, is easily incurred. A mistake renders the ballot null.

In the States of Washington and Minnesota a money contribution is demanded from each candidate. In Minnesota a fixed sum; in Washington a percentage, a tall one at that, of the salary attached to each office.

Here in New York, where we have nearly sixty counties, at least fifty signatures are now demanded in each, besides a total of 6,000. Slip on one county and you have slipped on all.

In Ohio and other States the percentages are being raised. In short, all the modifications hamstring more or less the "Australian Ballot"; they are ifftended to render free Suffrage expression difficult, and more and more so-all obedient to that sentiment of the capitalist, female and male, that to-day causes the Ruling Class to scent danger in Suffrage, and to strain for its abolition as a proletarian weapon.

Surveying the field of the Woman Suffrage Movement from the elevation of the historic development that I have just rapidly sketched—the splitting of the primal Communal System into classes; the metamorphosis undergone in the foundation of the Ruling Class; the rise of Suffrage; the changes Suffrage has undergone; finally the present posture of the capitalist mind toward the ballet in its own and then in the hand of the proletariat(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.) Three Gems OF Scientific Socialism We have just received another edition of three of the leading books on Scientific Socialism. Socialism, Utopian and Scientific By Engels Paris Commune By Mars Wage, Labor and Capital-Free Trade By Mary . . . CLOTH-BOUND, 50 CENTS. EACH POSTAGE PREPAID. . . . N. Y. LABOR NEWS CO., 28 City Halt Place, New York. He who gets new readers for The People. when read pass it on to some one cloc.

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The glad days fly so merrily, The glad days dance so cheerily, O for to fling a loop of gold, And every hoyden moment hold!

money.

The sad days droop so drearily, So wan-eyed and so wearily, O for a cat-o'-nine-tails then To lash the laggards on again! -LOVEMAN.

BANKERS OUT FOR MORE GRAFT. The bankers, now holding the annual session of the American Banking Association . in Chicago, and congregaied in unprecedented numbers, have started a spirited campaign to block the popular plan for Postal Savings Banks, and, with the brazen audacity of their breed, propose a counterplan by which Congress shall empower them to establish savings departments. If the counterplan goes through, and the banks become also Savings Banks, the last vestige will have been swept away from the false pretence that "the Savings Bank is the poor man's bank."

The myth that the Working Class is the depositor of the billions in the Savings Banks has been torn to shreds in these columns again, and again, and yet again. It has been torn to shreds with statistical figures furnished by the Treasury Department and the Census; it has been torn to shreds with the charges and countercharges that, in unguarded moments, Presidents of National Banks and of Savings Banks themselves have made, when the former charged the Savings Banks with being favorite deposits for speculators, who, while waiting for the opportunity to speculate draw their funds from the National Banks, where they do not draw interest, and deposit them with Savings Banks, where they can get some small interest, and when the latter retort that, their depositors are not speculators but middle class people who desire to secure for themselves a steady however small revenue; moreover, the myth has' been torn to shreds with other evidence that went to show that "ladies in carriages" and the like were to a large extent the patrons of the "banks of the poor."

For all that, it is quite certain that, to some extent, wage slaves of the land are depositors of Savings Banks. The of the act has likewise been es posed in these columns. Improvidence is a vice: providence a virtue. But there is no providence in the conduct of people, who have not enough to keep them-selves in health, pinching themselves. They imagine they protect themselves against the rainy day of sickness, whereas, in fact, by under-feeding and under-clothing, they invite the rain upon their heads in the shape of doctors', druggists' and also undertakers' bills; or they imagine they protect themselves against the rainy day of being laid-off, whereas, in fact, by placing their painfully scraped-together pennies in a Savings Bank, they simply raise a heap conveniently accessible for the employer to borrow, wherewith to improve the machinery in his plant, and thereby bring upon them the down-pour of being thrown out of work by labor-saving contrivances. What, on the one hand with the slow ly gaining perception of the avoidable evils to the Working Class involved in private Savings Banks, and, on the other hand, with the general superstition in favor of "saving" at all cost, there has arisen a popular demand for Postal Savings Banks. Indeed, a number of dangers are thereby avoided, notably the danger of being robbed outright. Uncle Sam will not abscond to Canada, or Honduras. And now come the bankers-the fraternity that only recently and, in fact, daily furnishes inmates to our penitentiaries, or suicides for the Coroner's at--and not only do they object visiontly to the Postal Savings Bank

moral act-and then the less we have same with a proposition that they be alof that morality the better; or, it is lowed to extend their depradations into an immoral act-and then the morality the Savings Banks pasture ground! taught by the "religious atmosphere" proves itself not proof against material THAWING ICEBERGS. necessities. Socialist principle proved once more. He who seriously aims at In a recent one of those magazine articles which are compiling for the promoting morality must first furnish working class invaluable data on the the material foundation therefor. To criminality of their rulers, the statepreach morality and coquet with capment was made that: "It is a significant commentary upon the sugar

italism justifies the strongest suspicions against the moralist-indeed. trust that since the day of its incorsuch conduct is a proof of the conporation it has never built a new plant. trolling power of material needs. Its whole work has been destructive." . . The sentences are illustrative of a great and growing portion of the cor-"Mr. Harriman was a great porate activity of the time. The late man. . . . That his undertakings E. H. Harriman himself, director when were too vast for any one intellect, he died of forty-one railroads, was and that their colossal proportions cut

nowhere known as a builder, but only short his life is probably true."as a purchaser and a combiner, of Granted that Harriman was a man of railways. A few years ago the great genius, and granted also that the na-Eastern Shipbuilding Company's plant ture of his work, the concentration of at New London was closed up by the the roads, is a valuable service to soshipping trust-just bought and closed ciety, the obviously premature death up. The increasing prevalence of graft of the man again demonstrates Soand business corruption, the growing cialism. The nature of the directive power and importance of Stock Exforces, which modern production dechanges, show that it is no longer inmands, places such forces beyond the dustrial activity, but parasitism upon power of private, and requires the that activity, that more and ever more nower of public bodies. Granted what capitalists are looking to for their the biographer of Harriman says in this respect, then Harriman's real mis-All this denotes a dissolution. Of sion on earth was to warn society another period when a previous ruling against leaving its house in such a disordered condition that the individual class had outlived its usefulness, and the storm was gathering to sweep it has to undertake the task and perish,

BOLD BAD TAMMANY.

ly, and upon the strength of which they

call upon the good people of the city to

All along the Socialist Labor Party

has looked incredulously upon the prin-

ciple. The Party could ill understand for

what occult reason gentlemen, who were

divided politically upon the Panama Canal, the Philippines, the Tariff, Bank-

ing, Water Courses, Army and Navy

Appropriations, Appropriations for the

Archbishop of Manila, in short, upon one

and all the issues that take up the time

of Congress, should insist upon the non-

political nature of the Tenement House,

the Traction, the Water Supply, the

Gambling, in short, all the issues that

occupy the attention of our Mayors and

If Panama Canal is a political, how

can Traction be a non-political issue? If

the Tenement House Question is non-.

political, for what mysterious reason are

the Philippines political? 'The deeper one

probed the question all the fishier did the

The principle is a lure. If an Inde-

rally to their standard.

Aldermen.

away, Carlyle wrote: leaving the task unfinished. Which is "There then walks our French exactly what Socialism warns against. Noblesse. All in the old pomp of chivalry; and yet alas, how changed from the old position; drifted far down Unofficially, semi-officially and officialfrom their native latitude, like Arctic ly all the several "Good Government"

icebergs got into the Equatorial sea, forces, the Republican political machine and fast thawing there! Once these among the lot, who are foregathering in Chivalry Duces (Dukes, as they are this city with the single purpose of givstill named) did actually lead the ing New York a clean administration world .- were it only towards battlehave decided that, seeing the independent spoil, where lay the world's best wages nominee for Mayor, Judge Gaynor, will rethen: moreover, being the ablest Leadceive and accept the endorsement of ers going, they had their lion's share, Tammany Hall, they will set up an oppothose Buces; which none could grudge sition candidate to him. them. But now, when so many Looms, To the dull witted this may look like improved Ploughshares, Steam-Ena stamp of opprobrium; deliberately laid upon Tammany Hall. To the keen witgines, and Bills of Exchange have been ted it will be obvious that the stamp laid invented: and, for battle-brawling itself; men hire Drill-Sergeants at eighupon Tammany is one of vindication. teen-pence a-day,-what mean these The fundamental principle with Good goldmantled Chivalry Figures, walking Government forces is no"Municipal issues there 'in black velvet cloaks,' in highare non-political." At least this is the principle which they announce most loud-

plumed 'hats of a feudal cut'? Reeds shaken in the wind!" Just so Hes it with the ruling class of to-day, that same bourgeoisle which overthrew and swept away the "goldmantled Chivalry Figures" of an outgrown feudality. Like the feudal lords. whom they superseded, the lords of capital once had a function to perform. That function was, led on by the desire for their own private profit, to spread industry, develop machinery, and teach the world co-operation. That function has now been almost if not wholly, accomplished. The capitalists of to-day are, like the French noblemen of 1789, the relics of an outlived, outworn necessity. In the developed state of modern industry, in the storm which is gathering to sweep them to the ash-heap of civilization they are, in Carlyle's words, but "thawing icebergs'

HARRIMANIANA.

and "reeds shaken in the wind."

From the crop of biographies of the principle look. This year's Good Govlate E. H. Harriman a few passages ernment forces have rendered doubt no are worth reproduction and attentionlonger necessary.

"Edward Henry Harriman was born

BY THE WAY OF GOMPERS France. With the reporter [the previous IN EUROPE

First of all this is a question of tactics that has its roots in economic unity. In view of the serious and refreshingly Likewise am I at one with him upon the novel criticisms of Gompers and of his necessity of friendly and intimate rela-A. F. of L. that his presence and conduct tions between Party and Union. But I have provoked in Europe, particularly in Germany; where the Berlin "Vorwaerts" protest against the disdainful way in which Beer treats the minority. He simreferred to the A. F. of L. as "deadply ignored our resolution He declined wood" (duerres Holtz), and the signifito discuss it with you. He has acted tocance of the man's intimate affiliation wards us in the manner that the Governwith the Civic Federation was the subment of Wurttemberg has just acted toject of deservedly caustic remarks in the "Neue Zeit"; furthermore, in response wards citizen Quelch. The Wurttemberg Government also refused to listen. to several questions and requests that (Laughter.)

speaker] I am agreed on two points.

"Our principal criticism of the major-

ity resolution consists in this :- it only

takes cognizance of the Union situation

of countries that are still backward in

the development of Unionism; it takes

no cognizance of the situation in Amer

ica, where capitalism is farther developed

were right in its opinion that "there is a

growing inclination to reject with scorn"

any tendency toward "oratorical flights."

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all it may be a good symptom.

have come to this office on this subject in general, the below passages from the report of the Stuttgart International Socialist Congress, held two years ago, stating the Socialist-Labor Party position as expressed by the chairman of the Party's delegation, are here reproduced. Speaking before the Committee on Inionism, Delegate De Leon said:

than here on the continent. You also, it "When some comrades in Europe speak is true, have 'Christian Unions,' and likeof America their words sound as if they wise 'Yellow Unions.' These are all disimagine the world is bounded by the continguished for their support of capitalfines of their own-continent. The powerism. But, in America, the leaders of the ful development that capitalism has leading Unions operate in accord with reached in America implies a fuller the National Civic Federation, that is, Union Movement, also. Unfortunately a with the Top Capitalists, and their prinportion of our Unions is organized upon ciple is not the class struggle. In order purely craft basis, in separate crafts, to conceal the antagonisms between Capand each craft, all working in the same ital and Labor, they pretend that the shop, has a separate contract, a circumbasis for action is harmony between the stance that greatly hampers the united classes. These Trades Union leaders lead action of the workers in their class the working class into a blind alley. It moves. I therefore have the honor to is impossible to co-operate with such submit a resolution which condemns alignments. The time is at hand when such autonomous Unionism, in opposition you also will be confronted with this deto which is Industrial Unionism, which velopment, and then you will have to act unites all the workers of a shop without accordingly. In our opinion a true politidistinction of craft, and consequently all cal Socialist Movement can not be reared the workers in all the other shops. The except upon a true Socialist economic narrow, self-seeking form of Unionism Movement. We aim in the United States has been found in America to be a great at the organization of industrial Unions menace to Labor. Take care that it does' that embrace all the workers in the same not become an equal menace in Europe, shop so as to put an end to the particu when the capitalist system will have larism of craft autonomy. Hence it is reached here the developed stage it has that I request you to accept the minority reached with us. I hold the Union is resolution, which alone takes all the to be the embryo of future society. economic eventualities into consideration. Hence it must pursue a double political ("Very well!" from several benches.) and economic goal. We therefore labor (Pp. 357-359.) for the formation of Socialist or class conscious Unions, to take the place of Craft Unionism." The American Federation of Labor has become an auxiliary of capitalism. Its leaders, in the words of much made of, the S. L. P.'s "isolated Mark Hanna, are the labor-lieutenants position" is somewhat widening its area. of the employers. In opposition to that Would that the Indianapolis "News'

we have set up the Industrial Workers of the World. In the name of the Socialist Labor Party of America, jointly with the Industrial Workers of the World, I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following resolution: the transf have

Whereas, The integrally organized industrial organization of the Working Class is the present embryo of the Commonwealth of Labor, or Socialist Republic, and foreshadows the organic form of that Commonwealth, as well as its administrative powers;

Whereas, Craft Unionism, wherever capitalism has reached, untrammeled, full bloom, has approved itself what the plutocratic "Wall Street Journal" of New York has hailed it, in hailing the Gompers-Mitchell American Federa tion of Labor, "The bulwark of capitalist Society," that bred the officialdom which the capitalist Mark Hanna designated as his "Labor-Lieutenantship"; therefore be

itera Resolved, 1. That "Neutrality" towards Trades Unions, on the part of a political party of Socialism, is equivalent to "neutrality toward the machinations of the capitalist class"; 22.5.15

That the bons e. or revolution ZANDARA'S TALE TRUE.

Investigator Comes Across Compendium of Mysteries Revealing Secrets of Funny Men.

By Gus A. Mayes, Toronto. The "Story of Zandara" and his experience with the Socialist party ceases to be a matter of fiction.

I am in possession of evidence in the form of a collossal compendium of mysteries published by the "Heilige Genossen," and known by them as the "Theurgia," which surpasses in its complications all the rites of the Magi, the Capitalists and the Rosicrucians put together. In the erste Auflage (first edition) of

this work, under the chapter headed "Initiations" (Einweihungen), the following extract appears:

To become a member of the Socialist party of the United States and, before observing the final rituals, the applicant must repeat three times, and with the greatest solemnity

I harbor enmity and spite 'Gainst every rank De Leonite; The facts I promise to keep mum .--I am a bum, I am a bum!

Should truth present itself to me, "Disrupter!" I will shout with glee; And this be my Palladium :--I am-a bum, I am a bum!

On another page of the same chapter, find a formula for a Socialist party man who wishes to gain prominence in the American Federation of Labor. The following verse must be sworn to in the presence of three witnesses. "Alle guten dinge sind drei," says the proverb :---

The workers are all muts I yow. My motto is "get something now!" A loaf is better than a crumb;-I am a bum, I am a bum!

A Genosse desiring to become editor of a Socialist party paper must sign his name to the following verses in the presence of three witnesses:-

Considering that only five years ago, From truth and right I vow to swerve: John Mitchell, Gompers's double, was And Capital my god I'll serve, feasted in Europe, was referred to as And help to make his business hum; "Comrade Mitchell," and was otherwise I am a bum, I am a bum!

> All lying advertisements take; Lend aid to every paying fake; At Socialists I'll snap my thumb;-I am a bum, I am a bum!

On his failure to comply with these expressed vows, it is said that perdition will speedily overtake the would be editor and he will end up in final and complete bankruptcy. The records, however, show that this vow has seldom been broken.

flights" have increased immensely during The actions of the Trautmann-St. the last ten years. Nor could it be oth-John faction at the 1908 I. W. W. conerwise. Where things are going to smash vention are distinctly traceable to the dust must be thrown up in increasing school of thought that produced these quantity. Whether it be the Republican men. This school is the Socialist party, or the Democratic, or the so-called Sowhich they had patronized for years. cialist party, the advocacy of free trade, All Socialist Labor Party men should

or of protection, of craft Unionism, or take a warning by this, and study the anti-immigration-all are going to Science of Bumology, in order to safesmash. Hence, the supply of "clap-trap" guard their organizations, political and must, just now, be on the increase. After economic, from the disrupting "bum' pest.

Bumology is a new word. (Lexicog 'Ex-Mayor Seth Low declines having raphers please take note). It is derived his name considered as a candidate for from the Greek "logos," signifying disnomination this year, on the ground that course, and the American word "bum."his "duties as head of the Civic Federaa discourse on bums. The bum is a tion would not permit him to listen to product of capitalism. They are of two any political proposal." Which means that kinds. 1. Involuntary;-the men or wohis duties as head of the Civic Federation men driven by want and economic de-



UNCLE SAM AND

BROTHER JONATHAN. BROTHER JONATHAN-I must have been dreaming all my born days. UNCLE SAM --- Are you making discoveries?

B. J .-- It almost looks that way to me. Just think of it! When I struck with my fellow switchmen in Buffalo to uphold the ten-hour law, Governor Flower, the Democrat, swooped down upon us with the whole militia of the State and gave the victory to the bosses who were grinding us down. U. S .- So he did.

B. J .- Then I went to work as a longshoreman on the Erie Lake, and Mark Hanna, the Republican, cut our wages in two; and when we struck he knocked the stuffings out of us with policemen's clubs. U. S.-Too true.

B. J .- And then I got a job as a trainman on the Chicago & Rock Island road, and when we demanded that our fellow men at Pullman be not treated as beasts of burden, good God, how didn't Cleveland, the Democrat. and Woods, the Republican, knock us into as many cocked hats with their soldiers and their Gatling guns on paper.

U. S .- Indeed they did. B. J .- Now from all this I had drawn my conclusions.

U. S .- To what effect?

B. J .- To the effect that these cabitalists were a lot of scalawags, who looked upon the workers as their legitimate beasts of burden, that had to be whipped blind if they roared or kicked. U. S .- There are no flies on that conclusion.

B. J .-- But here comes the puzzle-U. S. (looking around)-Where?

B. J .-- Right here: the identical Democratic politicians who browbeat us before are now making speeches in which they say: "There is no conflict between capital and labor. The interest of the workers is the interest of the employers. And it behooves us who are employers to resist with might and main the lowering of the wages

of the working poor." U. S .-- That's very loving.

B. J .- And the identical Republican politicians who shot us and helped the bosses suck us dry are holding the same language

U. S .- The love of these people for the working class seems to bloom like the rose in June.

B. J .- And aren't you puzzled? U. S .- Whereat?

E. J .- At so much love pouring forth from quarters that otherwise only pour down oppression upon us?

U. S .- Not a bit.

B. J .- Well, which is which? Are these Republicans and Democrats our real friends or are they our enemies after all?

in poverty on February 25, 1848. At the age of twelve years he was placed at a college where the sons of Episco, pal clergymen were given free tuition. . . . At the age of twentytwo he bought a seat on the stock exchange."-A seat on the Stock-Exchange is a seat in the Council of "Captains of Industry." Captainship of Industry is claimed to be a sort of by-the-grace-of-God affair. If so why buy it? On the other hand, if the place has to be bought, then the Socialist principle is proved once morea man is not a capitalist because he is a Captain of Industry; 'tis the other way; he is a Captain of Industry by virtue of his being a capitalist.

. . "Edward Henry Harriman was the

son of Orlando Harriman, an Episcopal minister at Hempstead, L. L. . Harriman perceived that the future of capital in the United States was bound up in the railroads, and that an immense fortune would fall to the man who could keep pace with the railroad development of the country and, like Jay Gould and Fisk, be on hand at the moment of his rival's distress "-The perpetual croak, solemnly croaked by the moralists of capitalism is that religious education is essential to the making of a lad, without which educahave become convertible terms."

tion his other attainments will only tend to make him a scamp. Harriman's career pricks a hole into the theory. Either "to be on hand at the moment of your rivals' distress" is a

ay not accept th nomination of the Tammany political machine on the ground that municipal issues should not be tainted with political bodies, and yet the very men who are pulling up their skirts from the political contamination of Tammany are herding with the Republican political machine, the fact is demonstrated that they know that politics enter into all public matters, and that to deny the fact, by setting up the principle "Municipal issues are non-political," is but to indulge in a fraudulent trick to trick the voters of their support. There is another fact demonstrated by the Good Government forces-Tam-

many's frankness. Tammany may be, Tammany is unspeakable as a gang of political highway robbers. But is not the bold bad man a less despicable article than the masked bad man?

John Bigelew seems to have lost non

of the energy that distinguished him when, away back in the early Sixties and as the diplomatic agent of the United States in France, he punctured the sham of Napoleon III.'s pretensions in Mexico. Mr. Bigelow now writes to the Hudson-Fulton Committee a letter expressly stating that the show is a kind of "Roman holiday for panem et circenses" intended to call attention away from the fact that "politics and prostitution

The New York Labor News Company is the literary agency of the Socialist Labor Party." It prints nothing but sound Socialist literature.

re so chockfull of polit Socialist Movement needs the political no room for any more. as well as the economic organization of

Labor, the former for propaganda and A Chicago paper having suggested the warfare upon the civilized plane of the ballot; the latter as the only conceivable force with which to back up the ballot, without which all ballot is moonshine and which force is essential for the ultimate lock-out of the capitalist class; 3. That, without the political organization, the Labor or Socialist Move ment could not reach its triumph; without the economic, the day of its political triumph would be the day of its defeat. Without the economic organization, the movement would attract and breed the pure and simple politician, who would debauch and sell out the working class; without the political organization, the movement would attract and breed the agent provocateur, who would assassinate the movement. (Report of Stuttgart

"I take the tribune in the name of the

Socialist Labor Party to speak in favor

of the minority resolution. First of all

previous speaker, the representative of

the majority resolution. It is not two

votes, it was five that the minority reso-

lution obtained in the Committee. One

vote from my Party, one vote from Eng-

land [this is an error in the report, it

should have been one vote from the I. W.

W. delegate] one vote from Italy, one

must correct a statement made by the

Congress pp. 197-199.)

gate said:

necessity of a Netary Public's Office on the North Pole to the end that discoverers be enabled to secure attestations of their feats, Victor L. Berger's Milwaukee "Wahrheit" observes with a good deal of pith that the precaution would be of little use, "seing that for a fee of twenty-five cents the ordinary Notary Public in America stands ready to certify 'so many a thing.'" Berger must have had in mind the thirty-one affidavits, to

the veracity of an affidavit that did not exist, which his now fellow-member on the National Executive Committee of his party, Morris Hillquit, once had the brass to present in Court against the Socialist Labor Party. But Berger should remember that the S. L. P. caused the said thir ty-one affidavits to be kicked out of Court. together with Mr. Hillquit and his "case." Why should not bona fide North

Addressing the Congress in full session Pole discoverers do the same? upon the Committee's . reports, the dele

> "Canada needs Coolies," 25,000 of them, is the news that comes from Ottawa. From which the conclusion is to be drawn that the Swedish laborers, whom Canada had been inveigling to her domains and whom she put to deadly work whereupon they were buried "and no questions asked," are either leaving or are "asking questions."

vote from Switzerland and one vote from want. Straight and Truthful

endence into the lowest slums, where they learn to laud the capitalist class as models of sublime benevolence and charity. 2. Voluntary :- the men or women who have the intelligence to trace a social wrong to its proper source, and who then, by various means uphold that

source; intellectual prostitutes. This second class of bums comprises most of the leaders of the Socialist party and American Federation of Labor, professors, preachers, lawyers and newspaper editors. Their numbers are almost as large as the ones of Class 1. Between these two, the real revolutionary proletariat must eventually rise, and force its way into a higher order of civiliza-

tion. Winder Giass Workers' Excellent Strike.

Pittsburg, Pa., September 14 .-- The trike of the flatteners and eutters in the American Window Glass Works at Jeannette, Pa., and Monongahela, Pa., is making the bosses look sick.

Attempts to import scabs have met with well calculated counter moves by the strikers. It is reported that the State Constabulary will be sent to Jeannette to help the employers. The strike has been in progress some time. The men want a 20 per cent. wage increase, while the company refuses

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more than a paltry 8 per cent.

U. S .- Don't you remember that Scotch terrier that snapped and growled at you vesterday when you called at John Jones'?

B. J .-- Blast the brute! I could have broken its neck.

U. S .- Did you love him? B. J .- Not much I did.

U. S .--- And vet I overheard you addressing him in these endearing terms: "Good doggy, sweet doggy; come, come, nice doggy!"

B. J.-What would you have me to do? Growl at him and have him teat me all to pieces?

U. S .- Just what you did to John Jones' doggy is what these Republicans and Democrats are now doing to us, They have been treating us as dogs, using workingmen to satisfy their pleasures, skinning us, outraging us right and left. Now comes election time. They want to get into officea sort of John Jones' house-where they will be able to carry on their system of fleecing us, each side of them, though, wanting to get there to the exclusion of the other so as to have our whole hide to itself. But now it so happens that there are on hundred workingmen's votes to those Republican and Democratic capitalists' one, and we workingmen are growing in their way: they need our votes to get in; they want to keep 'us from voting for ourselves and want us to

vote for them .- Hence their present love. Hence we are now "good doggy," "sweet doggy," "nice doggy." Catch on?

"The People" is the paper that you



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S. L. P. MESSAGE WELL RECEIVED

We are holding street meetings twice a theld two weeks previously. Both meetweek in the different towns throughout the valley here and have had fairly good ' Previous to Reimer's first meeting in sales of literature at each meeting. Last night in Rochester we sold sixteen pamphlets. The workers are eager to hear the Socialist Labor Party teachings as to political and industrial unity, and having always been doped with the vote, vote cry of the Socialist party, they now realize that votes without the physical force to back them up are useless, except to stage strutters and freaks.

Some of the Socialist party men are constantly purchasing literature at the meetings and it will do them a world of good as they are honest but misled by hose that want to keep them from hearing the other fellow's arguments. We don't hear a word against the

S. L. P. principles and tactics, and it looks as though the workingmen realize that we have the correct solution . Comrades Markley and Mike Greek are doing valiant work for the movement, and there is some good bound to come from their effort.

The industrial situation is a little better than it was a month or so ago but there, are still ten men for every job. Robt. Richardson.

Rochester, Pa., September 14.

HOW PIERSON SECURES SUBS.

To the Daily and Weekly People :-Our national canvasser for our press and literature. Charles Pierson, is now here in Louisville, and putting in good telling licks for the Party and its tentive audience and sold sixty-eight educational institutions. I worked with Pierson Friday at the noon hour in the National Machine Foundry, and Monday at the noon hour at Turner, Day and Woolworth Handle factory; and we managed to secure a few subscrpitions.

What I want want to say, particu larly, is that Pierson is a good agitator. and a hard and patient worker. "Discouragement" and "despair" are two words not to be found in Pierson's vocabulary. And two other words decidedly in evidence in our canvasser's vocabulary, not only in his vocabulary, but chiefly in his work, are "patience" and "persistence." Sometimes, when there comes an almost irresistible temptation to say something sarcastic or cutting at the expense of the poor, ignorant, satisfied slave, who knows nothing of the Socialist Movement and does not want to know anything about it. Pierson goes right on in his canvass with the utmost patience, endeavoring rather to explain the reasons of the slave's apathy and indifference to his own and his fellow slave's real interests than to blame or criticise him for his unfortunate state of mind. Pierson approaches the slave in a pleasant and confident manner, and endeavors to awaken and arouse, if possible, the slave's class instinct and feeling, and an able manner to gatherings of an en-

REIMER'S SPLENDID RESULTS IN PITTSFIELD.

To the Daily and Weekly People. A most interesting and successful meeting was held in Hittsfield Saturday evening, September 11 with A. E. Reimer as speaker. This was the second meeting which Renner held here recent-To the Daily and Weekly People :- Iy. His first meeting in this place was

> ings were highly successful. this city there had not been an open air meeting held for some years, beecause of the opposition of the local Chief of Police. When Reimer arrived and was informed as to the situation he called upon the obdurate chief for the purpose of breaking, if possible, this precedent. A very cold reception was in store for him. He found that some Socialist party man had, some years before, un-' necessarily attacked these gentry. Two weeks before Reimer's arrival a prominent S. P. organizer, speaking on the Common here (a place where free speech is tolerated, but only a baker's dozen can be gathered to hear) aroused more hostility. Reimer, after considerable argument and persistence succeeded in breaking the ice. He held a very successful meeting at which he sold

55 pamphlets, secured two subscriptions and sold two sets of Sue books. Since that time the Socialist party have taken advantage of Reimer's successful break and have held two meetings on the same corner. Reimer and I arrived here on our vacation and when we heard of the S. P.'s doings, we decided to combine a little agitation with pleasure and nold another meeting at the same corner. Reimer defined the

Socialist Labor Party position, showed up the uselessness of pure and simple politics, and exposed the anti-politics industrial unionist. We had a large atpamphlets, a number of Weekly People were distributed and a set of Sue books sold to an interested Socialist party man

Pittsfield has a live flourishing Section of the S. L. P., and in the future they will try to make it the banner Section of the State.

I believe, and my belief is well grounded; as Reimer's experience through the State proves, that there is altogether too much time given by the speakers of the so-called Socialist party in denouncing the different local police than in properly attending to the subject of Socialism, and thus they bring unnecessary opposition and arouse needless antagonism to themselves.

F. Houtenbrink. Pittsfield, Mass., September 13.

S. L. P. AGITATION IN ST. PAUL To the Daily and Weekly People :-Thanks to the continued efforts of John Olson and C. F. Warm, speakers from Minneapolis, and Herbert Johnson, State Secretary of the Minnesota S. L. P., agitational work of a fruitful nature has been steadily going on among the Scandinavians of the Payne avenue section of St. Paul. One or two nights a week the facts of Socialism, as taught by the S. L. P., bave been presented in WEEKLY PEO PLE, SATURDAY, SEP TEMBER 25. 1905.

mer and tongs. . So far, the "Opportun-

ists" are said to hold a slight advantage

CHARLES FALLATH.

Section Elizabeth of the Socialist La

bor Party adopted the following resolu-

tions on the loss by death of its organ-

Whereas. Death has called from our

Whereas, Comrade Fallath has even

been found a true husband and a loyal

comrade, stealfast to the principles of

the Socialist Labor Party, and giving his

time as an active worker and organizer,

Resolved, That we, the members of

Section Elizabeth, Socialist Labor Party,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolu-

spread upon the minutes of this body,

LABOR DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO.

To the Daily and Weekly People:-

Forty-five thousand strong they

marched, San Francisco's labor hosts.

for every union man who did not turn

out was to be clubbed by a fine. The

dear old flag of red and white and

much to the man who toils, was every-

immense pretzels and bread, the pile

The barbarous roll of drums, the

brass could not change it: it was a

slaves' parade. The feet dragged

tion, and so on to weariness.

was not to reason.

For the Committee.

Michael McGarry, Secretary.

and published in the Party press.

midst Comrade Charles Fallath

over the "Impossibilists."

izer, Charles Fallath.

be it

Monday.

a year."

erstition less Brains. I will translate it right so that the Reverend will make no mistake hereafter.

I am always happy with my "People" and its straight revolutionary tactics. i have read the Weekly and the Daily People for a long time, and have subscribed for it, and wish to have it continued. I suspect no man of sending it to me. I can afford to take it as I don't have to pay for either Bibles or hullets, and I have no money to waste on ma-

chine made guns of the capitalist class to butcher women and children. And, therefore, I am contented and happy, for if I cannot do very much for mankind at large, I do not lay destruction in their way.

I am always reading Socialism and studying the wants of my class, the Toilers, and would not give one thing I have read for all of the priests or Catholics of the capitalist system. I have gained all by understanding the different rudiments of unionism, and explaining it and its differences to my fellow workers. I will always uphold industrial unionism and I thank Karl Marx, Engels and others, including the Weekly and the Daily People, for the light and happiness I found in becoming clear on the class

do mourn the loss of our comrade, and struggle. that we extend to his wife and family I hope the common people will search our sincere sympathy, and be it further deeper for revolutionary truths. I am strictly against anything that is not for tion be sent to his family, and also all the people.

James M. Carnahan. Bellingham, Wash., September 7.

S. P. FUSION AFTERMATH IN ST.

LOUIS. To the Daily and Weekly People :-The enclosed clipping from the St. Louis Post-Despatch of July 20, 1909, is interesting. It throws a light on the rumpus which Local St. Louis, Socialist party finds itself in following its fusion in the municipal elections of April 6 last. It will be remembered that the S. P. press, after this spring's elections here claimed that the S. P. vote rose. But it will be seen from the clipping that the S. P. members are cast down because their vote dropped off 2,000. It will also be recollected that when the Socialist Labor Party exposed the S. P. fusion in this city with the Republicans, the S. P. press, notably the New Yorker Volkszeitung, claimed that the fusion candidate, Emil Simon, protested against his nomination by the Republicans. Now, it is seen that Mr. Hildenbrand, a prominent

St. Louis S. P. man advances a different excuse. He says that the time was too short to pass upon Simons' nomination. Thus one S. P. man here contradicts an S. P. editor in New York, and both of them are dodging. J: S. St. Louis, Mo., September 15.

(Enclosure)

LEADERS WOULD OUST SOCIALISTS WHO JOINED JEP.

"Impossibilists" Criticise "Opportunists" for Allowing Simon to Join Republicans,

The "Impossibilists" and the "Opporing heads. Their faces were grey, unists" are at war over "Jep" Howe, the Sunday lid and some minor issues. The "Impossibilists" declare that the "Opportunists" have joined hands with her talons. Howe and the Republicans to wreck the Socialist party in St. Louis, while the "Opportunists" attribute the decline of the party's power in the city to the many Socialists who voted the Republican ticket in the belief that the Sunday lid would be blown off. the herders of the slaves.

An "Impossibilist," according to a the results of the canvass show that he couraging size. Also, the great Swedish Socialist leader, is a member of the

signed it if I had been in his place, Sup- | that saloons might open for one hour coln tie. He began to speak in his between Sunday midnight and 1 a. m. slow, clear drawl, and his language was simple and plain. "Many Socialists thought from this

He plunged immediately into his that if the Republicans were successful' subject. He said that he had seen the the lid would be a thing of the past in thousands of toilers parade, he had witnessed their enthusiasm; but to A secret meeting was held recently him all this meant little. He was too at Druids' Hall to discuss the charges. old in the movement to be led astray against the Socialist leaders. The ora-

by it. He knew that on the morrow tory was warm and the two factions they again bear their burdens stolidly, of the party went after each other ham- ; and their politicians would herd them from camp to camp as an intelligent collie herds sheep. Then he plunged into an analysis of

unionism which, while not very deep. showed quite an insight. He said that many looked at unionism as an end whereas it was but a means. An army in camp was sure to disintegrate, and unions which fought not were either dead or dying. Then he took up a

few of the fallacies of the A. F. of L He spoke of the restriction of apprentices. He characterized as criminal the exclusion policy-the fight against the Jap and the foreigner. He spoke of their memebrship restrictions and their imbecile fight against the machine.

The hearts of the fakirs on the platform were sick, and silly smiles played on their lips. Like the resistless billows that sweep up the shore and destroy the sand castles of the children, the severely simple language of the speaker swept away these A. F. of L. fallacies.

Darrow then gave a short exposition of value, how labor creates all wealth and how it is robbed in the shop. He showed how every gain by the workers was a loss to the capitalist and vice versa. He spoke of those who prated of identity of interests as fools on act consisted in his quoting the literal knaves. He declared that every man worth buying in labor's ranks was bought.

The fakirs were very quiet now and blue, whose flapping folds mean so they no longer smiled,

Then the tide turned. Darrow dewhere in evidence. Huge banners that clared that organized labor was alsent their bearers staggering along. ways right, even when it was wrong. tawdry toy flags and tricolor ribbons He said that shop restrictions, Japanthese were the unvarying accompaniese exclusion, fighting the machine were ment throughout the long parade. Why war measures which self-preservation The men who marched scarce knew themselves. Some one above had dictated to them in this hellish system. He said that he was not one of those thrust them into their hands, and theirs who held to one dogma. Many roads lead to Rome. It might be that Single Like slaves who pride themselves Tax would solve the problem. It might ipon their chains, the marchers wore be that Socialism would solve the overalls and aprons and carried symbols of their trade On their floats

question and Socialism was certainly a great world movement. But Socialthey shoed horses, they blew glass, ists, were very harsh and intolerant they did cabinet making, the hello gtris and their dream was afar off. It sat with their ear-caps on before a might be that here in America we switchboard, the milk men came out needed a great labor party like the with their milk cans, the bakers with one which was so successful in Great Britain. Then he exhorted his listendrivers had a pile driver in full operaers not to turn their backs on the Union Labor Party because some of their men had proved grafters and shrill shricks of the fifes, the blare of betrayed their trust. He thought that most men would graft in office and that he, for one, would rather see a wearily along, nothing martial about workingman get the graft than a lawthem. They walked, not defiantly yer. In conclusion, he urged them to erect, but with bowed backs and hangstay with their party.

their eyes were heavy and dull, and The tide had receded, exposing the their limbs were twisted and gnarled. shallows. The rush of indiscriminate In the forces of all hardship had dug applause which the audience tendered the speaker was joined by the fakirs, for, while Darrow had given them an But hold, there were a few who evil half hour, lashing them unmercilooked full-fed and strong, and whose fully, he had atoned in the end by his faces proclaimed no daily struggle for endorsement of the Union Labor Party, life. They, who seemed the stronger, rode poor sweating nags who were Alex Ralph. hard put to it to carry so much fat and San Francisco, Cal., September 9. flesh. These were the labor leaders-

The second second second second second LETTER-BOX 2 2 OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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

D. B., PASADENA, CALIF .- The wise be quite enough to set the whole working class is robbed ONCE. It is country by the ears in doubts and conrobbed in -production, which includes | fusion .- Next question next week. distribution and exchange, or useful

service. The theory may be tested by .O. B., BROOKLYN, N. Y .-- When the circumstance that, if the Working Jefferson was elected President the Class got all that it produced, there Constitution provided that the next would be no question whether it was highest candidate for. President was not also robbed as a purchaser. On Vice-President. the other hand, even if the Working D. T. J., ORLANDO, FLA .- That

Class could get for nothing all it needs to live to-day, still it would be robbed particular "St. Anne bunco scheme" in the shop .- Next question next week.

F. J. W. HOLLAND, MICH .- Who became Sherman's "Nat'l" Secretary, when Sherman thought in 1906 to capture the I. W. W. for reaction ?-- Mr. Hanneman, a Socialist party man, furnished him from New York. Whither did most of the Bush Temple crowd go to after they tried their game, and where did all find asylum ?-Either they went to the S. P., or were received with

open arms in S. P. quarters-beginning with Trautmann in Paterson, and down the line. He who can think, let him use his brains.

R. K., CLEVELAND, Q .- Another performance of Gompers was to claim that, according to Marx himself, "the Socialists always have been against the Unions." The dishonesty of the words of Marx, used at a time when the word "Socialist" was used in the sense of the Utopians, never as meaning the Communists who later 'assumed the name of Socialism. This anti-Socialist and dishonest act Gompers performed in writing more than once.

L W. HELENA, MONT .- Not at all discouraged! Quite "contrary, and otherwise." The Socialist Labor Party, so far from being discouraged, is greatly encouraged by the volumes of slander raised against it. Few things are better calculated to encourage a man than to find that only falsehoods are available against him and the position

le takes. "DEBATE," NEW YORK-Instructions will be followed. Whether a debate of that nature will prove what is expected is doubtful. The analogy with court pleadings does not hold. Court pleadings-complaints, answers, replies, rejoinders, surrejoinders must come to an end; charges to the jury are not allowed to be infinite; then comes the verdict. Even of appeals there is an end-and that relegates the case to the pigeon-hole of "res adjudicata." Debates on Individualism and Collectivism are in their essence interminable. People who will stand for "individualism" partisanly, and people who will stand for "collectivism" partisanly are bound to reason in a circle -as fatedly as would partisans of the

C. C. C., PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y .-The theory that "when man came out of his original haunts he came out with the greatest tool ever madebrains" will not stand the test of biology, or evolution. In the greatest of

tripetal Forces in Nature.

Centrifugal and partisans of the Cen-

H. R., HAMTRAMCK, MICH .: "X." PITTSBURG, PA.; G. A., DENVER, COLO .: M. C., SAN FRANCISCO. C SPOKANE TAT. . WASH.

ited personnel can promptly attend to. Then, also, The People never administers a crack until the club is well shaped, and sure not to splinter. Any further documentary facts are welcome. H. B. S., HAMILTON, CANADA-Information was welcome; and was gladly used, as you may have seen. Keep it up. H. D. J., TERRE HAUTE, IND .-Gompers was defeated only once for President of the A. F. of L. That was

does deserve treatment, and will be

treated just so soon as the facts nec-

essary for treatment have been gather-

ed. Delightful as the work is in this

office, it is vastly larger than the lim-

in 1893, right after Powderly was thrown over, and the formation of a solid economic organization was apprehended as the consequence. Those who engineered the move thought that what the progressive element objected to was Gompers. When they found out that what the progressive element objected to was, not Gompers, but Gompersism, and that a healthier economic organization threatened to appear, Gompers was immediately reelected the very next year, 1894.

R. K., BROOKLYN, N. Y .- James Carey was first elected to the Board of Aldermen, or whatever that Board's name was, on the ticket of the Socialist Labor Party. He, contemplating treasonable conduct towards the working class, as he soon became

guilty of by voting \$15,000 for an Armory, and realizing he would be expelled by the Party, resigned from the Party immediately after election. Having, under the Party constitution, placed his resignation in the Party's hand upon being nominated, the N. E. C. of the Party promptly called upon him to resign the office to which he was elected upon the Party's ticket. He refused, under a variety of typically fishy pretexts, changed each time to meet the occasion. One of them was that the Party in Haverhill did not have members enough to elect him.

J. A., BALTIMORE, MD .- The thought 'regarding the necessity of early society to pull out of the rut of poverty at the price of inequality, lies imbedded in sociology. Suppose you try your hand at elaborating it.

J. L. BROOKLYN, N. Y .- Inquire from H. Richter, Hamtramck, Mich.

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NEW JERSEY S. E. C.

Meeting held September 19. Present: Magnette, Landgraf, McGarry, Schwenck, and Hossack. McGarry chairman.

Correspondence :- From National Secretary, voting blanks on amendments to the Party constitution; Branch Plainfield, \$1 for state organizer fund; from Branch Elizabeth, 55 cents, balance on bill of May 9th; Section Essex County, \$3.00 for dues stamps; M. D. Fitzgerald, Atlantic City, transfering from 9th and 11th A. D.s, New York, and George A. Koenig, Lebanon, application for membership and paying six months' dues.

Fitzgerald and Koenig admitted as members-at-large.

Sections Hudson, Essex, Passaic, and Union, report county tickets nominated. Secretary reported sending to W. B. Ross, Town Clerk, Kearney, and to Oscar L Young, copies of resolutions, adopted | FREUND & ARBEITER ZEITUNG." at previous meeting, in re the matter of Young.

The attention of the S. E. C. having been called to the fact that the Party propaganda in the State is not product-ive of readers for the Party press the secretary was instructed to urge upon the Sections that some effort be made to secure readers for the Weekly People. Adjournment followed.

John Hossack, Secretary.

NEW YORK S. E. C.

A regular meeting of the New York State Executive Committee, Socialist Labor Party, was held at the Daily People, 28 City Hall Place, New York, on September 17, at 8 p. m., with Joseph Scheurer in the chair. Present, Wilson, Donohue, Johnson, Hiltner and Moonelis, and Scheurer. Absent with excuse, Kuhn; without excuse, Hanlon and Walters.

Minutes of the previous meeting adopted as read.

Secretary reported notifying all members to attend meeting; received financial report from Section New York County; received order for dues stamps from Section Monroe County, had letter from Reinstein, Buffalo, regarding his inability to gather signatures, and fearing for prospect of filing ticket; from Organizer Section Schenectady, asking for credit in printing of nominsting blanks; attended to by Secretary: sent out call for vote on amendments to Constitution; sent circular letter to Organizers at Utica, Syracuse and Rochester, notifying them of Wilson's dates; also notified Wilson of work; 2,000 leaflets were sent out to each of the places to be visited; R. Kats sent full report of his recent trip through State; Paul Augustine's present trip up-State, at which meetings were well attended; bill of \$6.85 presented by Augustine, ordered paid. The Secretary also reported calling meeting of Section King's County for Satur-

day "September 18. Secretary's action

The propaganda contests helped us through the summer without much being said about this fund. Now, however, it is a question of this fund, or of a general propaganda that will result in subscriptions. Let us have the revenue in the shape of subscriptions, but revenue you must furnish, some-

OPERATING FUND.

how. If you have not been doing your duty by the Movement you can, in a measure, make amends, by penalizing yourself and sending the amount of the penalty to this fund; then get in

and help push the propaganda. Contributions the past week were; W. McFarlane, Lbs Angeles,

2.15 Cal. L. D. Bechtel, Los Angeles, Cal. 1.00 L. Mueller, Potholes, Cal.50

E. Moonelis, New York F. B Guarnier, New York ... J. K. Spalwin, So. Boston, Mass. C. McCabe, Plymouth, Mass. P. Rissman, Elma, Wash. .. J. M. Carnahan, Bellingham,

Wash. W. K. Stoker, England

Total Previously acknowledged .. 5,030.07

Grand total \$5,042.36 OPERATING FUND OF "VOLKS-

The following amounts for the Operating Fund of the "Volksfreund and Arbeiter Zeitung" have been received since last report in The People. Only such acknowledgements will be sent to The People as come from Sections and individuals who will look in The People for the accounts:

Previously acknowledged 43.50 Section Detroit, Mich. 2.00 Section Portland, Ore. Section Boston, Mass., collected at meeting Section Cincinnati, Ohio Section Elizabeth, N. J. Section, Cleveland, O., proceeds John Lindgren, Brooklyn, N.Y. 1.00 Section Richmond, Va. 2.00

Total \$84.05 Comrades:-The condition of our German Party organ has somewhat

improved, but we are not over the difficulties yet and those Sections, comrades and friends, who have not yet responded to our appeal are urgently requested to do so at once.

Manager, "Volksfreund and Arbeiter Zeitung."

SECTION ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA. An important meeting of Section Alegheny County, Socialist Labor Party, will be held SUNDAY, September 26, 3 p. m. Comrades, if the work of the S. L. P. is to be pushed to the full extent which conditions warrant it is necessary that all members be on hand to assist in devising ways and means for same

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AS TO METHODS

Present Mode of Propaganda Is Not Resulting In Subscriptions.

During the past week we received eight yearly subscriptions to the Weekly People from Phoenix, Ariz. The previous week we received from the

same town four yearlies and two half vearlies, fourteen in two weeks. Propaganda work of the right kind is being

carried on in Phoenix. From Muncie, Ind., we received \$2.25, for six subscriptions; from Cle Elem,

Wash. \$3,50, for five subscriptions; and from Altoona, Pa., \$1.50 for three sub-1.00 scriptions. 2.50

Now let us look at the big industrial centers, where we have organization, 1.50 1.50 what did they do? New York, one

1.00 subscription; Brooklyn, N. Y., none; Detroit, Mich., none; Indianapolis, Ind., .71 none; Jersey City, none; Paterson, N.

.89 J., none; Cihcinnati, O., none; Milwaukee, Wis., none, and thus it goes. 12.29 It means either that the propaganda is not being carried on, or is not being conducted along right lines, else the subscription record would surely be dif-

ferent. Subscriptions are to be had; that is being proved daily. The sub-getting contests proved it. Getting readers for the Party press is the mode of propaganda pre-eminent and systematic effort along this line should be the first concern of each and every Section.

We are organized to spread the light, let us get to work and do it. Those sending two or more readers

were: J. A. Leach, Phoenix, Ariz. 8 3.00 A. Ralph, San Francisco, Cal. 2 Section Denver, Colo. 2

1.75 F. Knotek, Hartford, Conn. 7 C. E. Warner, New Haven, Conn. .. 3 5.00 G. Langner, Milford., Corn. 2 2.20 E. T. Holmes, Chicago, Ill. 2 N. Reihmer, Chicago, Ill. 2 P. Brock, Muncle, Ind. 6 C. Pierson, Louisville, Ky. 16

L. Platt, Attleboro, Mass. 3 W. E. McCue, St. Paul, Minn. 2 H. Johnson, St. Paul, Minn. 3

F. Brown, Cleveland, O. 12 J. Schmiedle, Cleveland, O. 2 W. O. Nelson, Altoona, Pa. 3 W. H. Carroll, Pittsburg, Pa. 4

E. F. Puttnam, Cle Elem, Wash. .. 5 A. Gillhaus, Seattle, Wash. 4

LABOR NEWS NOTES. The new catalogue is ready. Send

for one. The "Casque's Lark," the next Sue story to appear in book form, is in the

hands of the binder. De Leon's address on "Woman's Suffrage" is going through the press.

ANSWERS AN EDITOR.

(Continued from page 2.)

peting with him, the workingman's wages must necessarily go down. So, that under the present capitalist social system the family life is destroyed; the mother is forced to leave home and enter the factory, there to compete with the father and very often her own chil-

Those who wish an unbiased view of capitalism and Socialism, a more effective and well connected argument on the fallacies of the former and logic of the latter, should not content themselves

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with the mere rattler of a newspaper to dominate their prejudices, but investigate for themselves.

A WORD.

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pacity does not prevent them from exploiting the helpless victims of capitalism, uninformed workingmen. Its principles are fixed by the exig-

ency of raising the organizer's fee. Its motto is "Hallelujah, I am a bum," its political form, competition to organized capitalist charity.

It carries the germ of its own destruction in its make-up. Leave it to its fate, to demonstrate that mere honesty and good intentions are insufficient to free the working class

from wage slavery. Every industrial unionist and every organization of the Industrial Workers of the World, who recognized the need of the hour that this conspiracy imposed upon them, had no choice but set to work to develop the organs that the conspiracy robbed the body of. On November 5, 1908, a conference

assembled in Paterson, N. J., of delegates sent by the locals that remained true to the principles of the Industrial Workers of the World. . They attended to the interrupted work of the general organization, electing a General Executive Board and other officials, and attended to such other work as the organization required for its growth and progress.

No worker who has the least knowledge of the difficulties which, under ordinary conditions, a labor organization has to overcome, needs any detailed explanation of how the confusion and pessimism resulting from that treachery made rapid progress impossible. It brought to its full significance the words uttered on the third day of the first convention: "A task in the presence of which weak men will falter and despair, but from which it is impossible to shrink without betraying the working class," When it is impossible at a given time to be large and strong. it is no shame to be small and weak. J. Scheidler, St. Louis Mo. 3 The soundness of principle and the correctness of the form of an organization are not determined by numbers. The conditions under which it must work decide that.

All workingmen and women who recognize that the development of class consciousness is essential to effectively fight for their interests, who recognize that the political and industrial organizations are the means to that end. have no alternative but to take their place in the Industrial Workers of the W.rld. Individually, the worker is an atom.

Collectively they are the world. The only source from which the worker can expect relief, is his own strength and power, which the solidarity of class organization can develop. To ald the worker to free himself

from the paralyzing influence and the corrupting effect of the shallowness of capitalist economics, and the ethical notions that grow out of them, the industrial union is necessary.

The acquiring of the knowledge of

on earth-is heard and felt and will soon ers of the World. It cannot be crushed. It lives and grows until it has fulfilled its mission, that caused it to be born. How hard the road, how difficult the

work, the collective working class is equal to the task.

Each worker must | contribute, his share, there are none privileged in this war, knowing that an enlightened, organized proletariat is the positive force necessary to secure the golden fruit of better conditions in life, and the destruction of the hell of capitalism, Education, Organization, Emancipation, the stars of our emblem. The future is ours.

Charles E Trainor, Herman Richter, Robert McLure,

General Executive Board of the Industrial Workers of the World.

For further information address: H Richter, General Secretary-Treasurer Hamtramck, Mich.

SECTION CALENDAR.

Under this head we shall publish standing advertisements of Section headquarters, or other permanent announcements. The charge will be five dollars a year for five lines.

Section San Francisco, Cal., S. L. P. Headquarters, Hungarian Socialist Federation, Lettonian Socialist Labor Federation, 49 Dubose avenue.

Los Angeles, Cal., Headquarters and public reading room at 317 East Seventh street. Public educational meetings Sunday evenings. People readers are invited to our rooms and meetings.

Headquarters Section Cincinnati, O., S. L. P., at 1808 Elm street. General Committee meets every second and fourth Thursday. German, Jewish and Hungarian educational meetings every Wednesday and Sunday. Open every night.

Section Cleveland, Ohio, S. L. P., meets first and third Sunday of the month at 3 p. m. at Headquarters, 1366 Ontario street, rear St. Clair avenue.

Section Allentown, Pa., S. L. P., meets every first Saturday in the month at 8 p. m. Headquarters, 815 Hamilton street.

Section Hartford, Conn., meets every second Wednesday in the month at 8 p. m. at Headquarters, 34 Elm street. Section Providence, R. I., 81 Dyer st., room 8. Regular meetings second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

New Jersey State Executive Committee, S. L. P .-- John Hossack, Secretary. 22 Fulton ave., Jersey City; Fred. Gerold, Financial Secretary, 102 Waverly st., Jersey City, N. J.

Chicago, Illinois-The 14th Ward Branch, Socialist Labor Party, meets every first and third Friday, 8 p. m., at Friedman's Hall, Grand and Western avenues. Workingmen and women invited.

Headquarters Section Seattle, Sullivan Building, 712 First avenue, Room 207. P. O. Box 1854. Propaganda meetings every Sunday, 8 p. m., Maccabee Hall, corner 4th and Pine streets. All communications intended for the

Minnesota S. E. C. should be addressed to Herbert Johnson, 475 Como avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

Section St. Paul, Minn., S. L. P., holds a business meeting every second and fourth Sunday in the month at 10 a. m. at Federation Hall, cor. 3rd and Wabash streets.

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Section Denver meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, at Hall 401 Club Building, 1731 Arapahoe street. the factors as well as of the laws that People readers invited. Agent of Party organs, Al. Wernet, Hotel Carlton, 15th

PLATFORM

Adopted at the National Convention of the Socialist Labor Party, July, 1904, and Re-adopted at the National Convention, July, 1908.

The Socialist Labor Party of America, in convention assembled, reasserts the inalienable right of man to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We hold that the purpose of government is to secure to every citizen the enjoyment of this right; but taught by experience we hold furthermore that such right is illusory to the majority of the people, to wit, the working class, under the present system of economic inequality that is essentially destructive of THEIR life, THEIR liberty and THEIR happiness.

We hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be controlled by the whole people; but again taught by experience we hold furthermore that the true theory of economics is that the means of production must likewise be owned, operated and controlled by the people in common. Man cannot exercise his right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without the ownership of the land on and the tool with which to work. Deprived of these, his life, his liberty and his fate fall into the hands of the class that owns those essentials for work and production.

We hold that the existing contradiction between the theory of democratic government and the fact of a despotic economic system-the private ownership of the natural and social opportunities-divides the people into two classes: the Capitalist Class and the Working Class; throws society into the convulsions of the Class Struggle; and perverts government to the exclusive benefit of the Capitalist Class.

Thus labor is robbed of the wealth which it alone produces, is denied the means of self-employment, and, by compulsory idleness in wage slavery, is even deprived of the necessaries of life.

Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party raises the banner of revolt, and demands the unconditional surrender of the Capitalist Class. The time is fast coming when in the natural course of social

evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its

failures and crises, on the one hand, and the constructive ten-

dencies of its trusts and other capitalist combinations, on the

organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor Party into a

class conscious body, aware of its rights and determined to con-

themselves squarely upon 'the ground of Working Class in-

terests, and join us in this mighty and noble work of human

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