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THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party has voted thru its third general election. Its growing power is indicated by the increase of its vote.

Support your press. No workingman can be true to himself or faithful to his class unless he supports the labor press that fights his battles.

The capitalist papers are filled with trash, distorted news, and lies about the world struggle of labor for emancipation. They are owned by the rich and they support every wrong that the workers complain of.

If you have seen that the next dollar you get brings The New York Socialist to your door. Your enemy will then have one friend less.

THE GRAND CENTRAL PALACE FIASCO. The meeting of local unions at Grand Central Palace last Sunday to protest against the decisions of the courts against the organized workers.

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the working class! Could a defender of the Supreme Court have exhibited a more jealous care for its feelings? And what if Gompers had betrayed the same degree of solicitude for the anxious workmen of the United States who are now asking "what shall we do?"

But the small attendance and lack of interest displayed in the Grand Central Palace meeting is the logical outcome of the kind of statesmanship that dominates the American Federation of Labor. The extending formal allegiance to that body the organized workmen of the United States are not inspired by the officials of the organization.

If the view taken of the Supreme Court was one that would merit the approval of that body it is also true that President Gompers' advice to the workers will cause it no alarm. It is the old advice to dissipate the strength of the workers by "rewarding friends and punishing enemies."

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From the press dispatches announcing this crusade it is evident that mere suspicion of being an anarchist is sufficient to subject the suspect to disfranchisement.

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by the profit takers is the sacrifice made to the God of capitalist property and altho hundreds are offered to that deity at Monongah, Jacob's Creek and other living tombs, it is accepted with "Christian fortitude" by the God fearing capitalists and their intellectual body guards.

On the other hand, a demonstration that was regarded as an attack on property and which was accompanied by a bomb explosion, provokes the capitalist press of the entire country to demand the suppression of such demonstrations.

These are the grim facts. The theory is that this capitalist demand for suppression is in the interest of "order", "progress", and regard for human life.

NOTE, COMMENT, AND ANSWER.

R. MENDELSON.—Modesty forbids us to answer your question as to which weekly publication is the best for anyone to read who is interested in Socialism.

A. MARKOFF.—Neither the National Committee nor the National Executive Committee has authority under the party constitution to initiate a referendum. If the comrades are not pleased with the actions of these committees, it is easy to get them referred to a vote of all the members for approval or rejection.

H. G.—The greater part of the work of party speakers and lecturers in New York and the vicinity is done gratis, and we believe the same is true in most other places.

CURIOS.—We know nothing about the "National Convention for the Unemployed" announced to be held in New York on May 1—that is, nothing more than you know from receiving the printed postcard from St. Louis.

THE LANGUAGE OF SOCIALISM.

By Kate Brownlee Sherwood.

It is a world language; it is spoken in Russia and Japan, in Germany and Argentina, in America and Australia. It is spoken wherever men are banded together in masses, and made the slaves of machines; it is a language of brotherhood and comradeship, of mutual service and mutual escape, of liberty and justice and humanity.

Wherever men are met to plan how best to serve their fellow man—in lands afar or lands afar, Where rule the trusts or rules the Tsar—

Three things there are, ay, four there be, That man must share who would be free: The earth, the water and the air, And not a master anywhere;

KARL MARX: A Tribute.

By Morris Hillquit.

[This article was written for the second number of the "Russko-Amerikansky Roboty" and is here reproduced in English by permission of that paper.]

The year 1908 is our jubilee and memorial year. It marks the sixtieth anniversary of the appearance of the "Communist Manifesto" (February, 1848); the nineteenth anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx (May 5, 1818), and the twenty-fifth anniversary of his death (March 14, 1883).

The genius of Marx did not assert itself in the abstract domains of the fine arts, "pure" science or in the field of patriotic achievements in war or peace. His title to fame rests on the creation of a social philosophy and a social movement menacing to the very existence of the powers that make and unmake fame.

And even the working class, the class to whom Marx had given all the wealth of his great mind and heart, was but slow in appreciating his worth. The teachings and the ideals of the father of modern Socialism were so far in advance of his times, that it took many years before the masses of workers could rise to their lofty heights.

Marx, the Man of Genius. The life of Karl Marx, as his whole being, is sublime in its simplicity and consistency. He was born of cultured and well-to-do parents, and enjoyed the advantages of an excellent education.

The philosophy of Karl Marx is a live philosophy growing out of the living social struggles of our days, and it descended into the very blood and bones of the working masses.

His life was one of thought and fight, thought for his fellowmen, fight for a better social order. He died at the age of sixty-five in the midst of his work and struggles, a poor and broken man, but he who had received nothing but blows from the world, left to the world an inheritance of priceless treasures.

Many pale-blooded bookworms in academic robes have wasted years of time and reams of paper in the effort to prove that Marx is not entitled to the glory of original discovery of those doctrines which are so intimately linked with his name in the minds of his followers.

Valn and silly efforts. As well might they assail the glory of the master builder by proving that he has not shaped and heaved all of the stones that go to make up his magnificent structure.

The great capitalists of to-day are individualists in theory and Socialists in fact, that is, Socialists of a particular kind. Many forms of industry have acquired a Socialist character in the sense that they are great enterprises that require the collective efforts of thousands for the production of goods.

Socialist production for private profit will have to give way to Socialist production for social needs and social enjoyment. All the forces in capitalist society are tending in that direction and the working class is being trained and educated to abolish the contradiction that exists to-day.

REVOLUTIONISTS IN RUSSIA.

[Russia of all countries is one of interest to revolutionists everywhere. For the thousands of noble men and women who give Russian prisons to-day, Catherine Breshkovsky, now in the fortress of Peter and Paul, is one of the most interesting.

"I too have been young. That is to say, I have been simple and ignorant. I too, in my desire to serve my people, once believed in the possibility of doing so peaceably and lawfully, even in the conditions that were weighing my country down—the reign of despotism, autocracy and bureaucracy.

"The inclination to work for the good of his neighbor, to improve human relations, to make life happier and to have justice the foundation of society, is a characteristic of the Slavic race, a race which is more constructive than destructive.

"The Russian peasants have sought this truth in the lives of the saints and in new religious combinations, or by retiring into the forests and the deserts. There, surrounded by nature, grave and silent, they have listened for the sound of the divine voice.

"Better educated people sought this same justice—that is to say, some means by which human life might be made more supportable for all—by sounding the depths of science, by studying the social laws, and applying their knowledge to the conditions of actual life.

CAPITALISM IN MINIATURE.

The town of Garnerville, near Haverstraw, N. Y., affords one of those vicious contrasts that are typical of capitalism. Some 2,500 human beings are dependent on the Garner Print Works for a living, and these works are the property of three women who married titles in Europe, a man going with each title as a matter of course.

The rank and file of the workers are arranged in long rows of frame structures, all just alike, in the least desirable, most obscure locations. Each caste must stick to its own quarters. The social lines are tightly drawn.

Since last October whole families have been compelled to exist on \$5 a week or less. Many have been pinched by want and cold. Many women and children have gone barefooted all winter, while over in Paris three women have drawn enormous dividends to spend at gorgeous functions and entertainments.

THE GLORY OF WAR.

What cause is this that makes men forget that they are men, and vie with beasts to show their cruel thirst for blood? They shout of home and native land, but they have no homes, and the owners of their native land exist upon their toll and blood.

What is the enemy they fight? Men like themselves, who blindly go to death at another king's command; slaves, who have no land, who freely give their toll or blood, whichever one their rulers may demand.

WORK FOR YOURSELF.

When you earn ten dollars a day and only get two, you may be inclined to shrivel. When the boss isn't looking, you may be tempted to take things a bit easy. By the time you have put in ten or twelve hours of doing the same thing over and over, you are perhaps excusable if you lag a little when you are not watched.

