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THE SOCIALIST CONVENTION

At the Finnish Hall, corner Madison St. and 31st Avenue, on Friday evening, Dec. 27, the two Locals, No. 1 and No. 2, of the Seattle Socialist Party, met as a City Convention for the adoption of a Platform. Comrade Titus was chosen chairman and Comrade Salo as Finnish interpreter and acting chairman. Comrades Maki and Carlson acted as Secretaries.

The platform as prepared by the Committee of Local No. 1, Downie, Wagenknecht and Titus, was read in English, translated into Finnish and thoroughly discussed in both languages. After correction, it was adopted as printed in another column.

The Convention was large, representative, harmonious and united. Intense determination prevailed. The sentiments of the Platform express the needs of the Comrades, many of whom belong to the Army of the Unemployed. The Finns are among the most industrious of the workers, practically always employed. But now, Capital has cast them out unceremoniously and they, like the rest of us, demand and will take the chance to live. This campaign, like all Socialist campaigns, but more directly and immediately, is a Campaign for Bread. A Campaign Committee, to act till Feb. 3, when the City Convention for nomination of candidates is to be held, was chosen, consisting of Comrades Peirala, Downie, Salo, Kubaski and McCracken. Much organization work is now to be done.

"The Socialist" has been delayed the last two issues on account of the Editor being kept in jail. Nothing can be done in this office without Comrade Ault, who is Managing Editor, Business Manager and Printer, all in one. It was not expected that the Municipal Court would be guilty of such a fool-deed as to sentence us to the Chain Gang, or we would not have allowed Ault to go to jail at all. As it was, he went in with the other thirty-nine culprits and staid the limit, with the result the paper and printing office have not caught up yet, as we cannot afford to hire other printers. Readers will therefore please be patient with us.

This Christmas week, the Seattle Socialists concluded to rest on their oars. For five months they have been to jail every week and often almost every day. Such experiences tell on the nerves. In a long campaign, with many battles, there must be an occasional rest. Comrades abroad, who have not had actual jail experiences, can scarcely appreciate how exhausting they really are. A night in Seattle's "Black Hole" is a thing to be remembered for a lifetime, and several nights in the "Ice Box" corner of that "Hole," will certainly satisfy your "ambition to martyrdom" for the balance of your natural life. So, during the Holidays we took a rest.

With New Year Seattle Socialists reopen their campaign with the "Labor Mayor" for Free Speech and Free Streets. What we have already won, we shall use. The one block on University St., between 2nd and 3d Avenues, now known as "Moore's Reservation," where, after 15 months' warfare, "Labor Mayor" Moore was forced to grant a "permit" for Socialists to speak, this one block will be used to address great meetings of the Unemployed. At the same time, other convenient points in the city, where traffic will not be materially obstructed (unless the Police interfere with us) will be used to push the Socialist campaign among the Unemployed Thousands of the City.

The Socialist Party is now in the field with its platform. It is the only platform which faces the present problems of the City and Nation. The Democratic and "City" Parties have held their conventions and issued their so-called Platforms, which nobody reads. Every one knows they are only Painted Planks of Petty—but the Socialist Platform is made of Solid Oak Planks. Planks you can safely walk on across these deep waters of Hard Times. The Capitalist papers dare not print this Socialist Platform. Read it for yourself on our first page and see for yourself what the Socialist Party proposes for the Unemployed.

It makes no difference to you who work for wages, whether rents or car-fares or flour prices are high or low. If they are high your wages must be high enough for you to get enough of these necessities to live on. While if these prices of necessities are low, your Capitalist Employer will see to it your wages come down quick to meet the low prices. **FOR THAT UNEMPLOYED HUNGRY BROTHER OF YOURS STANDS ALWAYS** out there in the cold and wet, with his shivering wife and babies, **READY TO TAKE YOUR PLACE FOR A BARE LIVING** for himself and his. Surely the Problem of the Employed is the same as the Problem of the Unemployed.

THE PETTIBONE TRIAL

Our reports from Mrs. Hazlett have miscarried this week for some unknown reason. They will appear next week. We can report now that the trial drags along slowly and is not likely to be ended much before Sunday, Jan. 12.

Clarence Darrow has been ill throughout the trial, not having recovered from his abscess of the ear, contracted last summer. To avoid its spreading to the brain, he has this week gone to Los Angeles to have a Mastoid operation performed. This means that the Lone behind the ear must be perforated and scraped out in order to destroy the pus germs which have migrated from the Middle Ear. It is hardly likely he will be able to take any further part in the Pettibone trial.

Darrow's departure will be a misfortune to the Defense as there is left no capable head. Edgar Wilson is inexperienced as a criminal lawyer, John Nugent is too opinionated, Judge Perky too new in this case and Peter Breen too much of an outsider. Poor Pettibone must depend upon himself and Moyer chiefly. It is to be hoped the Jury is an independent one, but they will miss Darrow's masterly personal presence.

Not only for the Unemployed, but for the Employed, the Socialist Party wants its platforms. It is the existence of the Unemployed which makes Slaves of the Employed. A man always ready to take your place, even hungry to take your place, makes your place always insecure. You can hold it only so long as you consent to accept wages as low as he will take, that man who is hungry to take your place. And the wages he will take, the wages he must take or starve, are just enough to satisfy his hunger. Therefore your wages, you Employed man, are settled by what your unemployed brother can live on. Therefore so long as you have an unemployed brother, you and he are both subject to this "Law of Wages." Neither of you can get more than a bare living.

The Socialist Party proposes to tackle and solve this one Problem of the Employed and Unemployed alike. No Capitalist Party touches it or even admits its existence. Read the Platforms of the other parties in Seattle and you will not even discover a single-mention of the Unemployed. They talk about "The Fair," and "Economy," and "Municipal Ownership," but not a word about the starving Ten Thousands of Wage Workers in Seattle today. But the Socialists tackle this chief Problem. They solve it in the only possible way. **THEY WILL GIVE YOU WORK AT THE CITY'S EXPENSE.** The Capitalists in Seattle have grown enormously rich in the last 10 years. Where did their riches come from? They did not earn it. They created no new value. But your labor did. They took all you created except your wages, your bare living. That is what Capital always does. Labor makes the wealth. Capital captures it, all except enough to keep Labor alive and working. But now, now that you are "fired" from even making your own living, we Socialists say your Capitalist masters, with their plenteous property, taken from you in "prosperous years," must now take care of you till they are ready to open up the shops again. The slaves refuse to starve and suffer. The Ballot is in their hands. They do not expect their masters to disgorge of their own accord, but they do intend to **CAPTURE POLITICAL POWER IN THIS CITY AND COMPEL THEM TO DISGORGE IN A LEGAL WAY.**

The Socialist Party of Seattle does not expect nor propose the impossible. We know perfectly well the Capitalist class has not yet fulfilled its historic mission. Capital has not yet fully developed the system. The Evolution of Co-operative Production under the lead of the Capitalist Class is plainly not completed. Therefore the Socialist Party does not propose to abolish Capital at present. That is its ultimate proposal and intention, when the organization of both Capital and Labor is ripe. But now, just now, when Capital stops the world's wheels and runs to cover in cowardly defeat, the Socialist party proposes to the Working Class in Seattle to take control for itself and provide bread for itself.

It is a practical proposal. The Board of Public Works in Seattle has stopped contracts on public improvements sufficient to employ Four Thousand men. The Socialists will reopen these abandoned contracts and set these men to work again. There are also plenty of new improvements needed in Seattle, sufficient to set to work at least Ten Thousand men. The Socialist Party is composed of Working Men, the very men who are accustomed to do things and who can and will do the work the Capitalists have abandoned.

Seattle Socialist Platform

"WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"
We, the Socialist Party of Seattle in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of the United States and of the State of Washington, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.
In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations as our **PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.**

1. The Great Present Problem

The greatest problem before the American people is the Problem of the Unemployed.

This is true at all times and especially true during Hard Times. Wage Workers have been more numerous than jobs ever since the Reign of Capital began in America some Fifty years ago.

The "Industrial Revolution" by which "Labor Saving Machinery" does the World's Work, introduced the "Industrial Reserve Army," an army of propertyless Workers, including all grades, from the so-called "Honest Workingman" to the miscalled "Hobo."

This Problem of the Unemployed constitutes also the real Problem of the Employed. For so long as the Unemployed remain to take the places of the Employed, just so long will wages be held at the Subsistence level. This "Law of Wages," which allows the Employed, on the average only a bare living, which overrides all questions of rent, taxation or living expenses, is directly dependent on the continued existence of the Unemployed. Only by the Socialist Abolition of the Unemployed Army created by Capital, will the Employed Army Emancipate themselves and Wage Workers secure the full product of their toil.

2. Problem Aggravated By Panic

A Business Panic like that now in progress, aggravates this ever-present Problem of the Unemployed. It lets loose thousands of hungry and homeless men and women in every city. "Crimes against Property," especially all sorts of Petit Larceny, multiply because these people will not consent to starve.

"Coxey Armies" spring up, being half-organized attempts to solve this imperious Problem of Bread.

In Seattle today there are at least Ten Thousand of these Unemployed Proletarians. This whole Puget Sound country swarms with them. They are putting up rude shacks and tents everywhere, seeking to "grub" an existence in the woods and along the shores. They throng the Police Station at night as "Sleepers," overwhelm the Police Court as "Vags," and supply endless material for the infamous "Chain Gang."

3. Capitalist Class Responsible

Something rational must be done for these unemployed masses or they will do something irrational for themselves.

The Socialist Party was founded to cure this chronic disease of Capital. It alone can permanently solve the Problem of the Unemployed. It alone can furnish even a temporary solution in a rational and peaceable manner.

This is the Socialist contention, namely, that the Capitalist Class, which owns the Machinery of Production and is in possession of all governmental agencies and therefore has control of all the jobs, **IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN.**

In one word, the Working Class are the victims of the incapacity of the Capitalist Class. Capital has failed, at least temporarily, and Labor suffers the awful consequences.

So long as Capital remains at the head of affairs, Capital must accept all the ensuing responsibilities. Multitudes of laborers are always hunting jobs in the best of times, but they do manage to exist and Capital therefore keeps them contented. But now, when Capital has gone bankrupt, when Capital closes its mills and leaves the workers to starve, now as never in prosperous times, the Socialist proposals must be heard and heeded.

4. The General Solution

The permanent solution of the Problem of the Unemployed offered by the Socialist Party, is to transfer the Machinery of Production from the inefficient hands of Capital to the efficient hands of Labor. The Working Class must finally supplant the Capitalist Class because of the utter failure of the latter to "make good" as Manager of Society.

No Society can permanently endure in which wealth is produced abundantly for all but appropriated by a few, while the masses barely subsist. The masses will rebel and conquer.

Such a permanent solution is not possible in an isolated Municipality. It can be achieved on no less than a national scale.

5. The Local Solution

Therefore the Socialist Party demands and promises this temporary and local solution, namely: The resources and credit of the City of Seattle, all of which have been produced by Labor but retained by Capital, shall in the present crisis and want, be used to provide work and bread for the Unemployed; such provision to be continued till the Capitalist Class resumes its abandoned functions, reopens its silent factories and thus provides subsistence for its employes in the normal Capitalist way.

In one word, Capital must settle its Workingmen's Liens first of all. These workingmen can foreclose their liens through the Socialist Party. These starving slaves can capture the City Government for themselves and provide for themselves by means of their own Party.

The Socialist Party definitely pledges itself, if its candidates are elected, to exercise all municipal authority to institute public improvements sufficient to provide a living for the City's normal quota of the Unemployed and to use all the public powers to raise the money to pay their wages.

6. Summary

(A). Through the Socialist Party the Working Class always demands that the control of Modern Social Production be taken from the palsying grasp of Capital and transferred to the strong arms of Labor.

(B). Through the Socialist Party also, the Working Class in Seattle at this present hour of Capitalist disaster, demands and will take from the Class in Possession, the means of life, of which the Working Class is now deprived through the bankruptcy of the dominant capitalist class.

(C). First, last and always, the Socialist Party stands for the interests of the Wage Workers as the only progressive class and, whenever entrusted with political power, the Socialist Party will exercise that power solely in the interests of the class it stands for.

7. Instant Demands

1. The Socialist Party demands and will give Free Speech on Free Streets.
2. The Socialist Party will abolish the Chain Gang as the enemy of Free Labor and an insult to the Working Class.



The above illustration is taken from the back cover page of the Souvenir, issued by the German Socialist Party, of the International Socialist Congress held at Stuttgart, Germany, this year. It shows the principal Socialist papers of the various countries—the papers which the German comrades believe to be most fully representative of the principles of International Socialism. The selections were undoubtedly made with great care, for the German comrades never do things without consideration and deliberation.

Look over this illustration carefully and you will notice one queer thing—there are very few representatives of the American Socialist press there. You will notice, in fact, that there is but ONE representative American Socialist paper in the English language, and that is—"THE SOCIALIST." The importance of this endorsement can hardly be over-estimated. It is a recognition of the efforts of "The Socialist" to make the party in America a proletarian party. It is something which should give our friends all over the country greater courage to keep up the battle for proletarianism and a proletarian press.

And now we are confronted with a magnificent opportunity. We have the chance to secure a plant that will make "The Socialist" independent of the capitalist class for all time to come, in most ways. For an initial outlay of about \$1,000.00 we can secure a press, with a complete stereotyping outfit; paper enough to last us a year; a location in the very center of the business section of the city in a building which we can sub-let and make our rent; type; stones; galleys—all the paraphernalia of a daily newspaper office. And all at a price that would appear ridiculous were it not for the present panic.

It is just such a chance as "The Socialist" has awaited for many long years, and it will be little less than criminal to let it pass. Already two comrades have volunteered to put up \$100.00 each as a loan, even though last week's paper with its first announcement of this opportunity has by this time barely reached its readers. Several others have pledged themselves to advance \$10.00 each as donations toward the new plant. What is your answer? We want eight more men—or women—to put up \$100.00 each as a loan, secured by the plant, to enable us to close up the deal this week.

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BURGESS IS NO DODGER

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 11, 1907. Editor "The Socialist:"

When I saw, in your last issue, the caption "Price Hot After Burgess," I trembled, but I am feeling better now. Walter boldly calls me a "dodger." I wonder what could have made him do this terrible thing. Was it because Walter believes that I did not reply directly to the question "Is it right for the Socialist party to receive me and other comrades who are guilty of owning our homes as members and then treat us with contempt?"

I tried to give a complete reply to this question, but, if Walter will now compose himself, I shall try again. It is never right to treat a sincere man with contempt for any opinion that he may hold. I think it seldom that a perfectly sincere man meets with contemptuous treatment. I fear that Walter is abnormally sensitive upon this point. This may be due to the weight of cares and anxieties that arise from the possession of a home.

Comrade Price asks another question, and I shall try to give an answer to this question: "Which is worse for Socialism, for Socialists to have a little Capital, or for a wage worker to have a big capitalistic mind, as so many do?" I fear that Comrade Price is confused as to the meaning of Capital. I want to suggest that a man may have property without having Capital. But so long as the mass of the people have some property there is no hope for Socialism, there is no necessity for it, and I want to emphasize the fact that a change from one social form to another does not come about from any cause but dire necessity. With very rare exceptions, the holder of property will never feel the necessity for a change that will be felt by the proletariat. Hence, I believe that we have little to hope for from the little property holders. I admit that one here and there will get glimpses of the future state of society and become entranced with the glittering prospects, and this may be sufficient to hold some of these to the performance of the tasks that will fall to the lot of the proletariat, but the number of such will be exceedingly small, when compared to the whole. In times of disaster the little property holder, with few exceptions, will hug his property with a fervor that might cause the gods to smile, or swear.

I am really grateful to Walter for the information that he was sarcastical in some of his utterances, for without this information I should have felt that all he had to say about our desire to boss was but the mutterings of the feeble-minded. It sounds to me just like so much that I have heard coming from those who cannot analyze present conditions. They feel the necessity for action, and the only thing that they can see to do is to whine at those who are striving to get at the facts and to organize the Working Class.

I do not blame these people; I pity them. I have no harsh words for them, but it is useless to show any compassion, for then they feel encouraged to make all sorts of damn fools of themselves.

Comrade Price is honest and sincere, but he fails to get a clear comprehension of the fundamentals of Socialism. He is not to blame for this, for his environment has been such that he has not felt that which must be felt to comprehend the necessity for the Social Revolution.

I have said that Comrade Price does not comprehend the fundamentals of Socialism. Some readers may want some fact in evidence of this statement. The facts are at hand. In one of Comrade Price's articles, published in "The Socialist" on Nov. 2, Price says: "Mrs. Lewis refused to speak under the Stars and Stripes, which the comrades at CleElum or Roslyn hoisted above the booth they had arranged for her to speak in. Had I raised that flag it would have stayed, and Mrs. Lewis could have walked out before I would have lowered it."

It is not necessary to be a fanatic to be a Socialist or to be unloyal to one's native land."

All of which shows that Comrade Price is still in the false sentiment of bourgeois loyalty to country, for so far as the wage-worker is concerned he has no country. The flag that Walter worships floated over the bullpens in Idaho, Colorado and Nevada. Walter has not yet learned that which is plain to all wage-workers who have been emancipated from bourgeois superstition—that all capitalist flags are black flags of piracy. Why should I revere a flag that stands for the robbery of my class? I honor Mrs. Lewis for her courage in doing the only proper thing for a teacher of our class to do. The masters have allowed Walter to keep a home, and with this home they have bribed Walter to worship the flag that stands for my degradation. This may look good to Comrade Price, but if it does can he blame me for looking with suspicion upon his profession that he is a Socialist?

I was born in Ohio, but I do not own a foot of Ohio soil, nor do I own a foot of soil anywhere. Why, then, should I worship the flag that is to me a symbol of slavery? If the masters will give me a home free from encumbrance, I might consent to worship the flag that robs others, and I might refuse to lower that flag to a Socialist, but until I am so bribed I shall applaud the comrade that has the courage to refuse to be a traitor to her class. To speak under that flag that

stands for our robbery and degradation is the rankest of treachery. And WALTER STANDS FOR JUST SUCH TREACHERY, and then complains that some of the comrades treat him with contempt.

I have no censure for him, for I realize that Capitalism has kept him busy guarding his meagre property. He has had no time to get a glimpse of the world. He feels that his country has done great things for him. His country's flag is his flag, and so long as he has a few dollars' worth of property, he is likely to have just such delusions. When he shall have lost all his property and is forced to go out into the world of competition in search of a master, he is very likely to be emancipated from all such superstitions. He will then realize that he has no country and no flag. At such time Walter will become a good Socialist, and he will have no cause to complain that his comrades are suspicious of him.

I hope that Walter will recall the fact that I have always said that I do not question his motives nor his integrity, but only his interests. I fear that his conception of Socialism has been, and will continue to be colored by his property interests. If the sequel shall prove that I have had no cause for suspicion, I shall gladly avail myself of every opportunity to make amends.

D. BURGESS.

"A FALLING STAR"

From "Common Sense," of Los Angeles.

Walter Thomas Mills, editor of the "Saturday Evening Tribune" and one of the best known propagandists in the Socialist movement, has done everything but cover himself with glory since he moved from Chicago to Seattle.

For several years past there has waged in Seattle a bitter contest between two factions in the Socialist Party. It seems that the coming of Mills and the starting of the "Saturday Evening Tribune" added fuel to the smoldering fires of discord.

At the head of these factions for the past year or more, as leaders in the strife, have been Hermon F. Titus and Walter Thomas Mills. Much of the time it has appeared to many unprejudiced outsiders as if the contest were largely a personal fight. To some, it has seemed as if Titus was determined to discipline Mills as a means of overcoming his influence as a leading figure in the Seattle and Washington movements. And the fact that Titus pursued his former policy of using the columns of his paper, "The Socialist," to conduct his personal fights, in this case in the denunciation and adverse criticism of Mills, and Mills' conduct in and around the state of Washington lent much color to the belief that it was another case of somebody differing from and opposing Titus.

However, other developments have grown out of this contest which seem to shed a new light upon the unfortunate situation.

After many months of charges, accusations, counter charges and recriminations between the two factions, which seemed to be merely the Mills and the Titus factions, the membership of the Socialist Party of the state of Washington by a large majority expelled Mills and the local of which he was a member, Local Seattle, from the party, on the ground of Local Seattle's refusal to try Mills and expel him from membership, after he had been charged with and much evidence furnished to prove he was guilty of advocating the election of candidates of a capitalist political party in Canada.

This action on the part of the state membership seems to settle the doubt lingering in the minds of many who knew Mills, as to the fact of Mills' violation of party principles and policies, penalty for which is renunciation of the act or expulsion from the party.

It is not necessary to establish nor can much good come from learning whether throughout this bitter contest both sides have been entirely fair, and free from unjust treatment of each other. The point seems to be established as thoroughly as it could be established that Mills and his following have not been true to Socialist Party requirements. And the outcome has amply justified the position of Titus in the matter, even if it cannot excuse the seemingly reprehensible methods he has at times pursued in carrying on the fight.

Mills is now seeking to open the entire controversy by offering a petition to the national executive committee to inquire into certain elections and other acts in the party in the state of Washington back in 1905, alleging that certain acts were illegal, thus indirectly affecting the validity of the proceedings under which Local Seattle and Mills were expelled from membership.

"Common Sense" is ready to be corrected if it has erred so far as statement of facts is concerned. And as to the merits of this latest step of Mills we are not prepared to express an opinion further than to say it appears a late date to bring such a question up, after both sides to the settled controversy, tacitly, if not otherwise, recognized as valid the status of the organization which is now sought to be denied and abrogated. Again "Common Sense" at this distance may not see the matter as it is, so merely expresses an opinion.

So far as all of the foregoing unpleasantness is concerned it seems that the organized membership of the state considers itself capable of settling it and it has proceeded to do so.

But there is another strange and unexpected incident that has taken place in connection with Mills' relationship to the movement which must claim the attention of every Socialist who has of right expected that Walter Thomas Mills, the "little giant" of the American movement, would at least in the main remain true to the principles and policies he has so long and ably defended.

In the issue of the "Tribune" of

November 20 appears a "Pledge-Petition" under the caption "The International Movement for the Unemployed."

Following are extracts from this astonishing document:

"I, the undersigned, being a qualified voter in . . . hereby respectfully petition all men now in public office immediately to adopt the following program, to wit: with me in signing this Pledge-Petition and to be governed by it in their official actions, and I further and especially pledge myself hereafter to vote only for such candidates for public office as shall have signed this Pledge-Petition and committed themselves to the support of all of its provisions in the most public manner, and that particularly in the event of their holding public office, now or hereafter, they will support in every possible way the following measures: (Then the purposes of the organization are concretely stated, namely—)

"Public employment for the unemployed with eight hours and union wage and within reach of their regular legal residences as voters to the end that workmen may obtain employment without the abandonment of their families or the loss of the electric franchise. This employment to be provided through public ownership and public enterprise in all necessary public utilities and in all industries exercising private monopoly control over food, fuel, shelter, transportation or any other common necessity of the people."

"I further promise that in any political subdivision which may nominate or elect any candidate or candidates for public office, whenever thirty per cent. of as many voters as voted in the last preceding election shall have signed this Pledge-Petition, then all signers shall be bound to join together in nominating candidates of their own for all offices within any such political subdivision, independent of any political party and owing allegiance only to the signers of this Pledge-Petition."

"I further promise that should I be elected as a candidate of any political party or under direct nomination by the signers of this Pledge-Petition, that I will not only faithfully support the measure above proposed, but if the office be a legislative one, then, subject to the referendum as above, I will be controlled by the action of a caucus of which I shall be a member, to be composed of those only who have signed this Pledge-Petition and who are in good faith obeying all of its provisions, and I promise to do so regardless of my relations with or obligations to any political party."

"This and much more.

Under the rules governing this new movement these are the first two paragraphs:

"The name of this organization shall be 'The International Movement for the Unemployed.'"

"2. Who is Eligible. Any qualified voter who may become a member of this organization by signing the voters' Pledge-Petition which is appended hereto and made a part hereof."

If there is one fact upon which the Socialist movement of the world is based, that fact is the CLASS STRUGGLE.

And if there is one lesson of tactics the organized movement has had to learn through hard experience it is never to lose sight for a single instant of the class nature of the conflict in which the Socialist Party as the political expression of the interests of the working class is engaged.

Only for the sake of those to whom the organized Socialist movement is new is it necessary to point out the necessity for a clear-cut, intelligent working class organization in this and every other country, where the aim and purpose is the overthrow of the capitalist class and with it of the capitalist system.

For a man who knows the history and understands the philosophy of the Socialist movement as well as Mills does to repudiate it so utterly as he does in this absurd and impossible movement of his is a sad sight indeed. For Mills to utterly ignore the existence of the class struggle, to attempt to launch an international movement, or even a national movement, of just "people who believe" along that line, betokens not so much treason to his understanding and convictions as it does a fast-falling mind.

If it is not the latter, then it is fortunate for the Socialist Party that Mills is on the outside, where alone "leaders" can keep the working class ignorant of its interests as a class and following will of the wisps to perpetual betrayal and enslavement, and not on the inside, where "leaders" are not needed and will not be tolerated.

REFUSED BY "OREGONIAN"

Editor "Socialist:"—The following article was written in reply to a recent editorial in the "Oregonian" newspaper, and by me handed to its editor for publication, and after a careful perusal by that veteran journalist rejected and delivered to me by the managing editor with the information that the paper was receiving a flood of Socialistic communications and the further statement that every Socialist is a writer. This was said in a reply to my joking remark that I was sorry that the management of his paper did not have a higher appreciation of good literature and I refer to it only as showing the comrades in what high esteem they are held by the enemy.

LETTER TO "OREGONIAN."

To the Editor: I read with much interest the editorial "Is Socialism Understood," and commend the fairness with which the aims and purposes of Socialism are stated, but when we come to the statement of your objections to those aims and purposes are compelled to differ with you.

These objections are mainly either gratuitous assumptions or misstatements of fact. When you say: "there are far greater numbers working upon their own initiative than for wages," etc., you state what every well-informed person knows to be untrue. The converse of the proposition is true, and owing to the concentration of wealth and industry into few and fewer hands, and the vast influx of wage earners from foreign lands, the disproportion grows greater all the time.

Had you applied your statement to the facts and conditions of half a century or more ago, it would have been true. Then the worker, the producer of wealth, owned the tools and raw materials with which he worked and the finished product; now all he can call his own in the world of industry are his bare hands, his only commodity his labor power. Then with a vast continent of free land at his disposal he was free, but now with the land gone—much of it gobbled up by insatiate corporate greed—through fraud and bribery—without tools or any interest in the machinery of production he is a slave driven by the lash of hunger or other stern necessity to toil on such terms as his master may decide.

At that time there was no thought of the philosophy of Socialism, for there was no need of one, but now, because of these great changes in conditions that need has arisen; hence the Socialist party in this country.

It is the child of economic necessity and rocked in the cradle of love of liberty by the storms of battle between labor and capital, grows with healthy vigor, nurtured by the arrogant greed of a blind and despotic plutocracy.

Socialism is a great economic philosophy founded on the rock of truth, possible because inevitable, and not "a dream of justice that is impossible," as you would vainly have us think. It does not "ignore or reject the difference of talents and aspirations among men," nor would "it chain all life to a single form and to a stereotyped condition." On the contrary, recognizing these things, it would give to all men time and opportunity to develop their talents and fulfill their aspirations; not as it is today, where the many are chained to the vast treadmill of production, sending forth a Niagara of wealth to be squandered by the idle few and their henchmen in dissipation and corruption, corrupting the fountains of national and civic life.

No one will deny that so long as we have the capitalist and wage-worker, strikes without number with all attendant evils will occur in the future as in the past. Then to abolish strikes one of these classes must disappear. Of course the worker, the foundation of society, cannot be dispensed with. What utility then to rail at strikes and refuse to do the only thing possible to be rid of them, the elimination of the private capitalist. But strikes with everything attending them are but a small part of the prolific brood of evils generated by competitive capitalism. Is it not the hotbed in which human greed is sown, grown and ripened? What folly to complain of trusts, "predatory wealth," malefactors of great wealth, the sins of omission and commission of railway magnates, panics, the looting and failure of banks, stock gambling, the liquor traffic, the divorce evil, the increase of murder and suicide (race and otherwise), child labor—the saddest and most pitiable in all this sad picture—land frauds and swindlers here and there, and graft and grafters everywhere, and at the same time defend a system which has of necessity produced these evils and under which the most of them must continue. Is it wise or consistent to complain of diseases caused by unsanitary conditions and yet oppose the removal of those conditions? The Socialist philosophy and program are the only remedies for the manifold ills afflicting the "social body and the only sure and proper methods of cleansing its environments.

J. C. ELDER.

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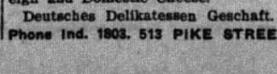
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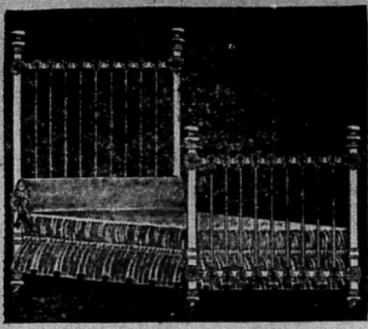
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ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON

Charters were granted for locals at Lake Shore, Lake Bay, Hamilton, Ridgefield and Port Angeles at the last meeting of the Executive Committee. Six members at large were also admitted.

Local Spokane has passed resolutions against Walter Thos. Mills and his new "Petition Pledge" scheme for the unemployed. This "pledge" pledges the signers to support all candidates for political office who promise work for the unemployed and also pledges signers to act independent of any political party.

The free speech fight is still on in Seattle. A monster demonstration has been planned for Monday, Dec. 16th, in which the Finnish comrades will participate with their brass band.

Emil Herman, said by many to be the best platform and street speaker in this state has been engaged for a month in the Willapa and Gray's harbor country.

State Organizer Wagenknecht will work during the rest of this year in Tacoma. On January 1st he will start for the southern part of the state, beginning in Centralia and going south, will visit every town and city on the line to Vancouver. Five or six charters will be the result of this trip.

D. Burgess, who undoubtedly knows more than any other Socialist in this state about the "lay of the land" and transportation facilities, leaves on Jan. 1st for an agitation trip through Eastern Washington, the section most barren of Socialists of any part of the state.

A circuit is being arranged by the state office and eight speakers are being booked to fill the demand for propaganda by means of meetings, Bellingham, Puyallup, Everett, Tacoma, Seattle and other locals demanding a lecturer once a week.

The state is being divided into routes and these routes will be traveled in a conscientious effort to register every Socialist in the state. The tour is to be, not one of oration, but of organization, pure and simple, and funds are being collected for this work from all state Socialists, sympathizers and friends. All comrades interested in this kind of work and who would like to see it done in their respective localities, should communicate with the state office at once.

All organizers and lecturers touring this state under the auspices of the regular Party organization, will be supplied with daily report blanks. These report blanks if properly filled by the organizers and lecturers will largely help to perfect the organization.

Any state secretary wishing a copy of the Washington Organizer's and Lecturer's Report Blank please enclose the postage on same and address R. Krueger, 2365 1-2 Pacific Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

The state office has a copy of the Philadelphia Precinct Book on file. In principle it is the same method the local secretary of Local Seattle made a useless effort to have that Local adopt about a year ago, with this distinction, the Philadelphia method will satisfactorily answer for election purposes, while the latter was intended for a general use. Any local wishing to familiarize itself with the details, can have the fullest information by simply making application to the state office.

Let this serve as notice to all locals in this state that Walter Thos. Mills is an expelled member of the Socialist Party. Locals engaging him as a Socialist speaker violate all rules of organization and discipline. Locals engaging him in this state are subject to discipline by that same majority of the membership of this state which expelled him and those guilty with him.

Local secretaries are reminded that the state office can now supply them with order blanks to be used in all cases ordering stamps or any other supplies. "Letter to Delinquent members" are not in stock yet. However, The Perpetual Campaign Coupon Book are plentifully in stock, but are not on the order blank. Locals should bear in mind that we have no more effective method by which to raise funds, and thereby supply the needs of your own, as well as the state and national treasury.

All organizers and lecturers touring the state under the auspices of the state committee, will principally take subscriptions for the "Seattle Socialist," "The Worker," "The Western Clarion," "The Montana News," and "The Oakland World."

Sixty-six comrades have their names enrolled, as members at large in this state. Nine have transferred their membership to various locals; Forty-two have paid their dues up to date; ten are in arrears for November; five are in arrears for more than 30 days. A comrade from Local Outlook recently objected to the practice granting these comrades representation in our state convention on the ground that they represent themselves. In the convention of 1908 we hope to see 100 members at large represent 100 members of their class.

Any comrade in an unorganized territory who will arrange for a gathering of Socialists and sympathizers, to be addressed by one of the organizers or lecturers, kindly communicate this fact to the state secretary.

At this particular time all comrades are warned against all persons collecting money for "the cause." All comrades making such collections and duly authorized to do so, should have the proper credentials, either from this office or the local secretary.

It may be a little hard to scrape together the money which is absolutely necessary we should have to do effective organization work, particularly in unorganized territory, but afterwards you feel that it was well worth while.

Max Dubrow, a would-be Marxian bum, who lately has victimized some of the California comrades, has left that state for more fertile fields and presumably is headed for this state. His hobby is posing as an organizer for the S. P. and borrowing all the money he can on the strength thereof.

Our National Committeeman Emil Herman on last Saturday resolved to practice to some extent, what he preaches, he will henceforth try life on the co-operative plan. Comrade Miss Eleanor Maurer resolved to do likewise. Both went before Judge Linn of Tacoma to sign an agreement to that effect. The State Secretary was a witness to the affair.
RICHARD KRUEGER, State Sec.

"The Socialist" is in receipt of a letter and subscription blank issued by the State Office, the purpose of which is to secure funds to advance the work of the party in the state. The letter is being sent to those comrades who, by reason of their past assistance or from general report are able to assist at this time. Just now the State Office is laying out a grand plan of work that can only be accomplished by substantially increasing the income of the party and we trust all comrades to whom the letter is sent, or any who are able, send today all they can to the State Secretary, Richard Krueger, 2365 1-2 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, Wash.

Another innovation in the State Office is a "Lecturer and Organizer's Daily Report Blank" which is designed to post the State Secretary as to the condition of the organization and if there is no organization, with the prospects, in any place visited by a lecturer or organizer. This will be of incalculable benefit in the work in the state in the future, for in time the characteristics of the place in the state can be determined and lecturers and organizers can tell exactly what kind of a reception they are likely to meet, and just what is necessary to be done to benefit the party.

LOCAL SPOKANE REPUDIATES MILLS.

After Assisting Him in Every Way Possible, Eastern Washington Local Balks at "Pledge-Petition"—Only the Forerunner of the Deluge—Mills Has Already Ceased to be a Factor in Socialism in the State of Washington.

Resolutions unanimously passed by Local Spokane, S. P., on Comrade Mills' Pledge-Petition scheme, December 5th, 1907.

Whereas, Comrade Mills, editor of "The Saturday Evening Tribune," of Seattle, Wash., in its last issue has advocated the forming by a portion of the working class, of a political organization in opposition to the Socialist Party, which is an organization representing the interests of the entire working class of the world, and

Whereas, he has prepared and urges the signing of a "Petition-Pledge," pledging all working men who sign, to vote for the candidates and policies of said organization, regardless of present party affiliations and

Whereas, the Editor of said paper knew when he prepared said "Petition-Pledge," and gave said advice, that it was in direct violation of Socialist Organization and tactics and could only result in creating division and discord in the political organization of the working class,

Therefore be it resolved by Local Spokane, Socialist Party, at a regular largely attended business meeting, that we unqualifiedly condemn the action of Walter Thomas Mills and his accredited Editor, in the action aforesaid, and pledge ourselves as a body to do all in our power to prevent any member of the working class from being misled and deceived by this effort to divide them still further in the political field.

Resolved further, that Local Spokane withdraw further support from the "Saturday Evening Tribune" until ample retraction for said acts is made through the columns of its paper to the state and national secretaries of the Socialist Party.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the "Saturday Evening Tribune" and the State Secretary of the Socialist Party of Washington.

J. S. LICHTY,
E. J. TAMBLIN,
E. STEPHENS,
Committee.

By order of Local Spokane, S. P.
W. E. BARBER,
Corresponding Secretary.

SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE

In the "Oregonian" Dec. 12th, I note two things: One an injunction by a federal judge prohibiting the A. F. of L. as a labor union, from printing a list of unfair manufacturing companies. The "Oregonian" is jubilant and calls it "a body blow to organized labor."

The other thing that took my attention was the "Oregonian's" quotation, with manifest approval, of an article from a Goldfield capitalistic paper encouraging killing of Vincent St. John, saying it's a pity he wasn't shot, it would rather see him dead than alive, it would gladly contribute toward buying a wreath for his coffin, etc. Putting the two items together it simply means this: That in the United States, as at present managed, no labor organization may say to the readers of its official paper, "we do not patronize" such and such a firm; but a capitalist paper may print, and be approved for printing, an article counselling the assassination of a man who aspires to lead the workingman into industrial freedom. Verily the time has come for A. F. of L. W. F. of M., etc., to settle their differences and get together in common defense against the moneyed league of capitalists.

Van Cleave of St. Louis, with his millions of backing, has won his first fight against the A. F. of L. It lies with the laboring man whether he will longer submit to legalize oppression.

JESSIE M. MYER,
Eugene, Oregon.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, '07.

Name of Local	Amt.
Aberdeen, No. 1	20.00
Aberdeen, No. 2	14.00
Arlington	5.00
Bellingham	2.50
Bismarck	7.00
Bangor	6.00
Edmonds	11.00
Bryn Mawr	2.50
Burlington	3.00
Colfax	7.95
Chehalis	2.50
Cle Elum	3.75
Everett	6.00
Edmonds	11.00
Echo Valley	3.00
Elma	3.00
Fall City	2.75
Granite Falls	28.60
Hoquiam	7.00
Lake Bay	1.50
Liberty	2.00
Lyle	4.20
Mohler	3.60
Mokey Rock	1.50
Port Townsend	3.00
Marble Mt.	2.40
Natchez	2.40
North Yakima	4.50
Outlook	3.20
Olalla	3.00
Orient	3.00
Olympia	1.50
Pearson	1.40
Poulsbo	6.00
Port Townsend	5.25
Puyallup	7.50
Roslyn	5.33
Riverside	3.00
Seattle, No. 1	5.70
Seattle, No. 2	14.00
Skamokawa	2.00
Snohomish	8.00
Spokane, No. 1	12.25
Spokane, No. 2	9.25
Tacoma	18.50
Tenino	10.50
Useless Bay	2.85
Vancouver	3.00
Wilkeson	10.25
Winlock	1.40
Walla Walla	6.00
Yelm	1.50
Members at Large	
Dave Ferris	.75
R. E. Silsby, Mr.	.75
George Darling	2.00
Alva L. Perkins	.50
H. P. Larson	2.00
John Downie	.50
J. W. Barclay	1.00
Herbert A. Menke	.25
Herman von Appen	2.25
James Kennedy	.25
H. H. Larson	.75
Th. Anderson	1.00
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S. L. Lewis	1.00
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W. F. Catton	2.00
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The Dalles, Ore.	3.00
Sympathizer	1.00
Meeting in Seattle, (two)	78.00
Recovered Property	21.93
Miscellaneous	.25
Cash on hand, Oct. 1st, 1907	\$166.23
Totals: Dues, 246.76; Literature, \$5.60; Supplies, \$3.75; Donations, 299.17. Total receipts, \$721.62.	
Mrs. John Anderson, rent two months	\$ 20.00
Mimeographing material	2.00
Ribbon for Typewriter	1.50
Emil Herman, Bangor deficit	1.50
Trustee Ptg. Co., Referendum "D"	23.00
Coal	2.75
Postage	14.00
Stove repair	.15
Express	.80
E. Mahlon Barnes, State dues	60.00
Richard Krueger, salary	100.00
In support of Free Speech Fight, Seattle	258.20
Total	\$483.40
Cash on hand ec. 1	\$238.22
In Funds as follows:	
Delegate Expense	\$127.60
Organization	68.17
Literature	40.25
General	2.10
Fraternally submitted,	
RICHARD KRUEGER, Secretary-Treasurer.	

REPORT TO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU.

"New York, Dec. 16, 1907.
Mr. J. Mahlon Barnes,
Nat'l Sec'y, Socialist Party,
269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.
Dear Comrade: In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the General Committee of Local New York, which seems to me a wise and timely one, and of which I suppose you have been informed by the organizer of that local, I offer the following motion to be submitted to the National Committee: That the representative of our party in the International Socialist Bureau be requested to submit to the Bureau a report on economic conditions now prevailing in the United States, with the request that the Bureau transmit it to the Socialist papers and reviews of other countries for publication, in order that working men of those countries may not be deceived by false reports of alleged prosperity here circulated by emigration agents in the interest of transportation companies and other capitalist corporations.
Fraternally yours,
ALGERNON LEE,
National Committeeman for New York."

RULES FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION.

"Des Moines, 12-19-1907

I move that we proceed to elect a sub-committee of three to arrange the rules and order of business for the coming national convention, in accordance with Article V. of the National Constitution; such committee to meet at the convention city one day previous to the opening of the convention, or do its work by correspondence, at its discretion.
Fraternally yours,
JOHN M. WOKK,
National Committeeman for Iowa."

The National Executive Committee, which was called into session at the national headquarters Saturday, Dec. 14th, and adjourned at 3:30 P. M. Monday, December 16th. Comrade Hanford, who was ill during the session, is rapidly improving and will probably be out of the hospital in a few days.

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Tuesday, December 3rd.

Titus spoke to a considerable crowd at open meeting at Columbia on school election. No arrests ordered in that suburb.
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NEW CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL SEATTLE

ART. I. NAME
 SEC. 1. The name of this organization shall be No. 1. Socialist Party of Seattle, State of Washington.

ART. II. OFFICERS AND MEETINGS
 SEC. 1. The officers of this Local shall be a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Literature Agent, a Membership Committee of three members and an Executive Committee of five members.
 SEC. 2. These officers shall be elected at the last regular business meeting in the months of December and June, and shall take office on the first day of January and July respectively, and hold it for a term of six months or until their successors are elected.
 SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all members of the local one week in advance of any meeting for the election of officers.
 SEC. 4. When an officer is unable or fails to perform his duties satisfactorily, his office may be declared vacant at any meeting of the Local, provided notice of said action has been given by any member in open meeting at least one week previous to such action.
 SEC. 5. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting where such vacancy occurs, subject, however, to the approval of the first meeting held after the expiration of one week after said action. Pending approval or disapproval the member so elected shall be considered an officer of the Local.
 SEC. 6. The Local shall hold at least one regular business meeting a month. After the times for regular meetings have been decided upon, no change shall be made before written notice is sent to all members. Special meetings may be called by the Executive committee and notices of same shall be mailed to all members 3 days before such meetings.
 SEC. 7. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of all business meetings, do all correspondence, keep record of total receipts, make collections, and turn same over to treasurer, carry out business instructions of Executive committee, call business meetings to order and keep members busy in work for Local. The Secretary shall report to Local at each business meeting. The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Local may direct.
 SEC. 8. The Treasurer is to receive all moneys and keep itemized account of same and pay out same as authorized by Local on order of Executive committee. The Treasurer shall report to the Local at least once each month.
 SEC. 9. The Literature agent shall keep a stock of Socialist books and papers on hand and push sale of same at meetings and elsewhere. He shall choose assistance if necessary.

ART. III. BUSINESS MEETINGS
 SEC. 1. Chairman of business meetings shall be elected at each meeting and chairman of propaganda meetings shall be elected at business meetings. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive committee.
 SEC. 2.—Order of Business:
 1. Call to order by Secretary.
 2. Election of Chairman.
 3. Roll Call of Officers.
 4. Bills and Communications.
 5. Reports of Committees and Unfinished business.
 6. New business.
 7. Good of the Local.
 SEC. 3. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. IV. PROPAGANDA MEETINGS
 SEC. 1. Propaganda meetings of this Local shall be held at least once a month.
ART. V. MEMBERSHIP.
 SEC. 1. There shall be a Membership Committee composed of three members elected in the same manner as the other officers of the Local. Each application for membership made out in the form prescribed by the state constitution shall be first submitted to this committee, who shall report at the next regular meeting of the Local. In case the report is favorable and there is no objection from any one, said applicant may be admitted at that meeting. In case the report is unfavorable or the Membership committee wish further time, or there is any objection to the consideration of said application at that meeting, the matter shall be postponed until the

next regular meeting of the Local. In case the consideration of an application is postponed, the Secretary shall, if requested by a fourth of those present, send out immediately notices of said application to all members not present at said meeting. Any one elected as a member of this Local shall be present at a business meeting when his red card is issued unless excused by vote of Local.
SEC. 2. DUES.—The dues of Local Seattle shall be fifty cents per calendar month. Members may be excused from payment of dues by vote of Local for sickness and for being out of work. Members in arrears for dues for three months shall stand suspended, and if in arrears for six months, dropped from the membership rolls.

ART. VI. RULES.
 SEC. 1. All questions shall be decided in accord with Roberts' Rules of Order, where this Constitution does not specify otherwise.
ART. VII. AMENDMENTS.
 SEC. 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular business meeting providing such amendments have been proposed at least one week before, in writing, and have been read by the Secretary at a business meeting before the adoption.

ART. VIII. REFERENDUM.
 SEC. 1. Twenty (20) per cent of the membership in good standing may call for a referendum on any act of the Local.
FREE SPEECH RESOLUTIONS
 Whereas, Our comrades of Seattle are, and have been, subject to tyrannical persecution and indignities, at the behest of one Mayor Moore of a so-called "labor" administration, through his hirelings and lackeys, headed by one Chief "Wappy," by being repeatedly incarcerated in that foul pest hole, the city jail, which is a disgrace to any civilized (?) community, for no other reason than exercising their constitutional rights of free speech.

Resolved: That the Socialist Party and citizens of Portland, Oregon, in mass meeting assembled, do hereby most emphatically condemn the arbitrary methods of depriving citizens of their constitutional rights by Mayor Moore and his obsequious tool Chief "Wappy," and be it further
Resolved: That we commend the "Seattle Daily Times" in its impartial attitude in publishing the facts pertaining to the Socialist position, and be it further
Resolved: That we pledge our substantial sympathy and support to the Seattle Socialists; and be it further
Resolved: That copies of these resolutions be sent to the press for publication.
 Chairman, ORRIN F. PALMERTON
 Secretary, J. P. McDONALD
 Adopted Sunday evening, Dec. 22, 1907, at a mass meeting largely attended. All eyes are on Seattle. Keep up the good work.

BRITISH LIBERTY.
 The Victoria "Colonist" is the rankiest Capitalist sheet in B. C., yet here is how it throws it into Seattle, progressive city in the "Sweet Land of Liberty."
 Some Socialists addressed a public meeting in Seattle. They were arrested, sentenced to a term of imprisonment and ordered to work in the chain gang. They refused. Then they were put in a place called the "black hole," and fed a limited quantity of bread and water. What a lovely thing it must be to live in a country where "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." In this land of ours where we have liberty as a matter of course, such a performance as that just recorded seems astounding.
 By recent referendum in South Dakota, Freeman Knowles of Deadwood was re-elected National Committee member, and M. G. Opsahl of Sioux Falls was re-elected as State Secretary.



TOM SLADDEN

This is a characteristic picture of Tom Sladden. He says it is the only good picture he ever had taken. It was done by the photographer of the "Seattle Daily Times" while Sladden was in the City Jail. He was allowed by the Jailor to go from the "Steel Cage" out into the alley behind the City Hall and there he was snap-shot.
 Sladden despises conventionalities. He will not wear fine clothes; hardly even good clothes. He loathes all signs of the bourgeois, especially their hypocrisy and veneer manners. He is a proletarian down to the ground. He is proud to be a "roughneck."
 Yet he is in fact an intelligent man, so thoroughly intellectual that he despises those manual proletarians who despise intellectual proletarians.
 Sladden is one of the broadest minded among us, as his writings show. He is tolerant of every one who rings true to the proletarian scientific ideal. But the "Silk-Stockings" and "Pink Tea" people and those who ape them, Sladden will burn up with a blazing profanity which justifies itself, while it shocks weakness and prejudice into respectful attention.
 Here's to Tom Sladden and all the likes of him!
 Yet Tom Sladden is as tender-hearted as a child. The prisoners on the Chain Gang in Seattle looked eagerly for his nightly reappearance, for he always brought tobacco and distributed it without respect of persons. He never has anything but a "last dollar," which he will divide with any companion, or, more likely give it all without dividing. In the "Steel Cage," Sladden forced his overcoat on "the Old Man," and remaining coat on "the Kid," and insisted he was warm enough without coats. This Christmas week, Sladden has gone back to Portland with a heavy cold and ten pounds less weight. But he was always "warm" in that freezing steel cage!
 And Sladden is unconquerable. He will be back in Seattle to continue the fight for Free Speech as soon as the New Year opens. Twenty-two times the Police have arrested him and still he comes up fresh every night, ready for more. Others of us go to jail occasionally and rest up between times. Sladden is ready to take his medicine every night in the week, including Sundays. The Persistence of Sladden is the Surprise of Seattle.

THE RUBAIYAT OF THE BLANKET STIFF

By Abe Herschin

Down a dusty country road I'm hitting the trail;
 A "bull" in back escorts me past the town limit and pale;
 Nor needs he my protesting that such reception be
 Accorded a sovereign citizen, but he answers "23."
 Uncouth, unsympathetic, this lower limb of the Law
 Beguiles the time with unseemly swats on my stub-bearded jaw.
 Alas, Alack, he roasteth me with sulphurous tongue—then some,
 And heaps crude oil on scorching flames by calling me a bum.
 A bum, forsooth! Sad day for me to butt in without work;
 If "freedom" means hunting a job, I can't be called a Turk.
 And see! Upon my shoulders brood, the insignia of my rank:
 A roll of blankets to be spread 'neath a handy water-tank.
 But ne'er tonight nor swerve to left, but straight ahead go we;
 He setteth up a hot-foot pace and roughly says to me:
 "You make that freight, she pulls out at eight,
 If you don't—the rock-ple, see?"

The Spring Election occurs March 4, 1908. Every Working Man in Seattle should register at once and get ready to cast his ballot for himself. It means Bread and Butter. The thousands of Unemployed in this City have now their opportunity. The Socialist Party offers it in their platform and everyone knows the Socialist of Labor.

NATIONAL ELECTION

The election of officers in the Socialist Party of the United States is now in progress. The Ballots are in the hands of the Locals, containing names of candidates for the election of seven members of the Executive Committee and of the National Secretary.

We have been urged to select and recommend a ticket out of the large number of candidates, in order that proletarian votes may not be scattered and lost. The only thing "The Socialist" is willing to do along this line is to urge the selection of those who are known to stand for a Proletarian Party and the rejection of those whose actions in the past prove them too uncertain for continued trust.

For instance, of the old committee, it is much to be regretted that neither Hanford nor Unterhann have permitted their names to appear as candidates for the new Executive Committee. They have been the most consistently proletarian. Hellquit comes next and should certainly be rejected.

Work, for his action in the Nebraska matter alone, should not be re-elected. His motion to recognize the Porter claimants as against the Roe organization, plainly stamps Work at last as favoring Opportunism.

Patterson has shown no special fitness for the position and his election in the first place, when he was only known as a rich young man, a sudden Socialist who had shown courage as a Reformer, was not complimentary to the class, since of the Socialist Party.

Simons and Floatin are altogether too much on the fence and only academically and spasmodically proletarian. As to Simons, moreover, the publishing house of Chas. H. Kerr & Co. should not be in too great evidence in the national office.

It goes without saying "The Socialist" would not recommend Berger, though he is more efficient as an Executive than most of his conferees. If the opportunists are to be tolerated in the Socialist Party, their most natural representative is Berger.

What "The Socialist" does advise unequivocally is the election of seven comrades who are clearly devoted to the organization of the Socialist Party as a Proletarian Party, who are of proved practical ability and of uncompromising courage.

What the Party needs for the coming campaign year in its executive offices is leaders and organizers, men who understand the wage class basis of the Party and who are practically fitted to force the wage class issue in and out of the organization. Outside of Hanford, Hillquit and Unterhann, the present committee has no such men.

Out of the host of nominees on the present ballot, most of them unknown beyond their home states, it will be practically impossible to elect seven fit men. The votes will be too scattered.

We can only urge again the selection of those known to be revolutionary.

As to the candidacy of the editor of "The Socialist," his name appears in the list of nominees for National Secretary wholly without his authority and he wishes no votes for that position. He accepted the nomination for member of the National Executive Committee only when he learned that he was nominated by many Locals in widely scattered sections of the country and out of deference to their wishes.

PORTLAND NOTES

PORTLAND AND THE UNEMPLOYED.

Lost your job yet? All the Construction Work of the O. R. & N. Co. has been stopped and if the circular letter from Gen. Manager O'Brien of the O. R. & N. Co to the heads of departments is carried out, a neat bunch of stenographers, bookkeepers and other office help in the employ of this Company will also find themselves in the scrap heap this coming year. The Metal Trades Association have imported a number of Strike-breakers and are slowly laying off old hands. The wages of the Plasterers are being cut \$1.00 per day and those of the Building Trades laborers 50 cents; and the common laborers are getting docked by the dozens. You're probably next.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS.

Don't forget to bring that friend of yours to Socialist Hall, 309 Davis St. next Sunday evening, Dec. 29, 8 P. M. sharp. Something doing.
 Branch 5 extends a cordial invitation to all who find it handier to come to their hall, Alsky Bldg., 3rd and Morrison Sts., to hear an interesting lecture.
 Socialist books and papers for sale at either place. C. L.

National Organizer Gue E. Miller, now at Goldfield, Nev., reports that there was absolutely no need for the troops, that the sensational reports of riots, dynamiting, etc., sent out were without a particle of truth. Even the local papers, violently opposed to the Union, are now offering apologies for the shameless slander. The order for the withdrawal of the troops on December the 30th verifies the information previously received through Socialist and Union sources.

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