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"Fails To Answer The Critics"

SAD PLIGHT OF THE EVENING HERALD.

Emil Seidel's Talk on the Socialist Administration Worries Retainers of Capitalists.

The capitalist system is replete with contradictions. It is full of paradoxical situations.

All intelligent men and women know that capitalism has served its purpose; that it is no longer either desirable or practicable. It drives even good men and good women into bad ways, sad straits. Perhaps no one suffers more from the inherent evils of moribund capitalism than the editors of our daily papers, each of which is but the mouth-piece of some politico-economic organization, or of some ambitious individual.

Now comes the Evening Herald to bear witness to the foregoing assertions. In its reportorial columns of May 29, it gives a very fair and interesting account of ex-Mayor Seidel's talk on his Milwaukee administration, given at the People's Theatre last Thursday evening to an audience that taxed the capacity of the place. The editor of the Herald asserts that Seidel failed "to answer the critics."

The report of the lecture affords full evidence of the splendid work done by the Socialists of Milwaukee. Comrade Seidel covered all the really vital points in his talk, but at the conclusion of his narrative urged the audience to ask questions concerning any matters not covered by his address. The editor of the Herald did not ask any questions. "The critics" did not ask Seidel any question. No. They waited until this Socialist statesman had left town and could not, therefore, defend himself; then they brought out a lot of boiler-plate stuff by that undistinguished pork-chopper, David Goldstein, "of Boston," who is sent out by the richest corporation in the world "to fight Socialism." But the statements made by Goldstein have no weight with any one who knows that renegade's history. Comrade Seidel tells a straightforward story of what the Socialists of Milwaukee accomplished. The Herald realized that Seidel was telling the real facts in the case, and had the good sense to report the speech at some length. The Goldstein stuff is sent out by the enemies of human progress to offset the educational value of Seidel's speeches. But the Goldstein boiler-plate stuff does not fool any one; not even the editor of the Herald.

We thank the Herald for the stenographic report of Seidel's speech, which is more than an answer to "the critics."

We are content to reprint the Herald's report, as it is a complete answer to that paper's editorial remarks published after Seidel had left Everett.

LUMBER INDUSTRY PAYS \$367,000,000 IN WAGES TO 735,000 EMPLOYEES

Striking facts regarding our forest resources, their value and their waste, are condensed in an eight-page illustrated circular of the American forestry association just issued. The lumber industry is said to employ 735,000 people, to whom are paid annually \$367,000,000 in wages, the worth of products being \$1,250,000. The forests of the country cover 550,000,000 acres.

An average of 70 human lives are sacrificed annually in forest fires, says the circular, and a loss occurs of \$25,000,000. Damage from insects and tree diseases, costs each year \$50,000,000. The cost of destruction resulting from floods is not estimated, but is given as "countless millions."

The railroads of Great Britain kill in accidents for which the passenger is in no way responsible one passenger for every 72,000,000 carried, while those of the United States kill one for every 4,900,000 passengers carried.

The painter should grind his own colors; the architect work in the mason's yard with his men; the master manufacturer be himself a more skillful operator than any man in his mills, and the distinction between one man and another be only in experience and skill, and the authority and wealth which these must naturally and justly obtain.—Ruskin.

None pities him that's in the snare, And warn'd before, would not beware. —Robert Herrick.

TALKS OF WORK IN CITY OF MILWAUKEE

Seidel Gives His Version of What His Administration Did There.

Emil Seidel, who was mayor of Milwaukee during the administration of affairs in that city by the Socialist party, spoke here at the People's theatre Thursday night to an audience, among which were several score of women, that filled the auditorium. The speaker delivered an address that was to a marked degree free from the stock phrases of the Socialist orator, presenting the Milwaukee administration as viewed by the administrator.

When the Socialists took office, said Seidel, they found a condition of deficiency and duplication throughout the city's departments. There was a separate fire and police alarm systems, tools were scattered over the city. The first act of the administration, he said, was to take an inventory of municipal property, revealing this to have a value of \$45,000,000, whereas the city's wealth had been estimated at \$35,000,000. Everything on hand was listed, everything purchased was listed, and when the administration ended by vote of the people of the city two years later, a complete list of everything on hand was turned over. "At least," said Seidel, "everybody admitted the Socialists had been honest."

The next step, he said, was the organization of three departments, one to install a better system of accounting, one to create standards of efficiency on scientific bases, the third to study social problems and find their causes and the remedies. Briefly he sketched the work of the first two; regarding the third he spoke at length. Socialists at Work—How Babies Were Saved.

In districts into which the city was divided, said Seidel, were established child welfare houses, where trained nurses, employed by the city, had headquarters, serving those who called there and going into the homes where babies were and where babies were expected. These nurses maintained history cards for all the children born, showing weekly records of their development and condition. When mothers learned and understood that this work was to save their babies they co-operated readily. When baby's condition was unfavorable a red-ink entry on the history card was made, and the physician employed by the city, scanning these cards, learned more from the records than would be known by the average family physician, and he gave prompt attention to the case. Mothers were taught how to feed and care for their babies, and the result, said the speaker, was that at the end of six months the death rate among babies had decreased 54 per cent.

For this initial work \$6,000 was appropriated, and this, said Seidel, was promptly attacked as illegal, although an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for new wharves was urged as entirely legal. This work, he explained, was really the second stage in child welfare work, the first being that among the women.

The Art of Being Practicable. Properly, said Seidel, child welfare work begins before the child is born, the second stage continuing until the child enters school, the third during the school age, the fourth after graduation—one-third of the human span of life. "What do you offer the boy after he graduates?" he asked. "You shut him out of the saloon, the poolroom, the moving picture show. Your policeman runs him off the streets, and your curfew makes him a criminal, but have you any place for him to which you can invite him and make him welcome?"

The problems presented by the unemployed, the garnishment of wages, the need of healthful recreation, the effects of unsanitary housing, and tuberculosis, were attacked by the Socialist administration, said the speaker, and considerable progress made during the administration. Seidel's review of the administration was presented most comprehensively when he summed up the reasons, as he saw them, why the Socialists were retired from power. As the interests of the working people were looked after by the Socialists, Republicans and Democrats failed to land appointments. This was one

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BUT THEY DONT GO THEMSELVES



CONDITION OF MINERS BAD IN MICHIGAN.

Latest News From Calumet.

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

Washington, June 25.—That conditions in the Calumet field have not improved since the "settlement" of the strike is the substance of a significant letter sent by President Sidney Thomas of the Keweenaw Miners' Union No. 129, to Representative McDonald, the congressman who forced the Calumet investigation upon congress. Thomas makes a hopeless appeal for federal help. His letter is as follows:

"I don't know if you can do anything to help out the situation, the mine managers have not lived up to their promise.

"About three weeks before the strike was called off a committee from each local called on the different managers and tried once more to get things settled up, the only condition that things could be settled was the men surrender their cards and sign a slip never to join the W. F. of M. again while in their employ.

"The committee asked if there would be any discrimination and they all said that every man would be taken back, but those that the grand jury indicted, and those arrested for any other serious charge. But many are turned down that have not been arrested or even have been conspicuous in the strike. Some are turned down because they went before the investigating committee. One manager said that those that went there will never get any more work in the copper country. So far as I know no one has been hired from this end of the mining country who did go there.

"It seems to me, now that the strike is over, they want to crush the spirit of unionism out of the men by keeping them without jobs and making them go elsewhere to seek work—then it is an expense to move their families after they are settled.

"The poor men are left in a sad place at the mercy of the heartless set of mine owners who never gave us anything and don't intend to. A job to a man with a large family means something and it looks like as if they are going to make a job look so good to him that he will put up with most anything before he will go on strike again.

"It makes men say very often, 'How long will the government allow such things to be done by the men who own everything and don't do anything?'"

Getting on—but where to? Gathering together—but how much? Do you mean to gather always—never to spend? If so, I wish you joy of your goddess, for I am just as well off as you, without the trouble of worshipping her at all. But if you do not spend, somebody else will—somebody else must. And it is because of this (among many other such errors) that I have fearlessly declared your so-called science of Political Economy to be no science; because, namely, it has omitted the study of exactly the most important branch of the business—the study of spending. For spend you must, and as much as you make, ultimately.—Ruskin's "Crown of Wild Olive."

CUT OF ROOSTER, WITH HEAD DOWN, FEATHERS PLUCKED, ETC.

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

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Comrades—How do you like the looks of our rooster this week? Don't you feel ashamed of him? We do, but it can't be helped. Two Sundays together raises Cain with the receipts by mail, and the advertising manager being compelled to collect as well as solicit, something had to be slighted. As a consequence of the various causes which conspired to cripple us we are back to the old four pages again. Now, comrades, it is up to you. You saw last week what an improvement the extra pages made, you enjoyed the extra reading matter—we know you did—and if you wish to have six pages weekly it is up to you to get in and hustle. We sent a photo of the office rooster to Seattle to have a cut made but it has failed to arrive and you will have to use your imagination and picture the most dejected looking rooster you have ever seen. All together now and let's have him crowing again next week.

F. G. CROSSBY, Adv. Mgr.

SEIDEL AT CHEHALIS.

Good Work Accomplished.

Emil Seidel, ex-Socialist mayor of Milwaukee, delivered an interesting and convincing lecture to about 500 people in the Glide theatre last Tuesday night. He talked on "Taxation and Municipal Government." Told us of the way the Socialist party cleaned up the "dirty places" in Milwaukee. Meantime the audience sat at high tension awaiting the completion of the next sentence so they could clap their hands, as they soon found out that every sentence was worthy of a hearty cheer.

Comrade Wm. Stackhouse came over from Centralia with a streetcar load of A-1 Reds and helped us in getting our literature before the crowd. We took thirteen applications for membership in the local here, and sold about \$2.40 worth of Reece's books and took in \$16 on collection.

Considering the political situation in this vicinity the meeting was a grand success. Old party advocates took intense interest in the lecture and even some of them contributed to the movement. Bull Moosers were specially interested. One Bull Moose threw down his party and applied for membership in our local because he said the Bull Moosers' party was only a blindfold between Wilson and Debs. We hope that more of them will have backbone enough to peep over this "blindfold."

Wishing for great success, I am yours for the revolution, CHAS. MILLER, Organizer Chehalis Local.

Snohomish will construct a \$20,000 public water system.

AN UNNECESSARY TRAGEDY.

Little Comrade Pays Tribute to Greed.

A terrible tragedy, the result of criminal negligence on the part of the railroad corporations, happened last week in the family of Comrades Ed and Julia Herman, both old-time workers in the movement.

The family was returning overland to their home in Pasco after visiting with Mrs. Herman's father, and had stopped to camp and prepare dinner. Two of the children were dispatched to a nearby spring for a pail of water, which necessitated their crossing the railroad track. While doing so the little girl, aged four, caught her foot in an unprotected frog. At this moment a train dashed into view. The brother heroically endeavored to extricate his sister but in vain. In the meantime, the mother, hearing their cries, appeared upon the scene just in time to see her child ground to pieces beneath the engine, while the boy, still clinging to the unfortunate little victim, was hurled down an embankment.

As might be expected, the mother became temporarily deranged, and for a time her reason was despaired of. At present, however, she is reported to be improving.

This is but one example out of millions showing the utter disregard of corporations for risk of human life. Laws providing for safeguards as in this case, are ignored, for the sake of a few dollars, and as usual the working-class suffer the consequences.

Comrades all over the state will sympathize with the heart-broken parents. Let us retaliate by making every effort to do away with this profit-hunting system that sacrifices thousands of human beings every day, in order that a few parasites may have more blood-stained dollars to squander.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE."

University Seniors Won't Dress Like Monks.

Seattle, May 28.—The senior men at the University of Washington have made a final decision not to wear caps and gowns during commencement week or at the commencement exercises.

The senior women decided to wear them. The men circulated petitions, which were signed by a majority of the class, in which reference is made to the custom of wearing the cap and gown as "moss grown and obsolete."

"We, the undersigned male members of the class of 1911 of the University of Washington," reads the petition, "do hereby signify our intention to appear during commencement week and at the commencement exercises in the ordinary garb of a male citizen of the United States."

Spokane country saw mills report shipments for the first three months of 1914 of 214,550,000, an increase over the corresponding three months of 1913 of 16,295,000 feet.

Seattle board of public works is getting bids on a tunnel under Lake Washington, brick work to cost \$187,000 and concrete \$175,000.

WHAT A SOCIALIST CONGRESSMAN COULD DO

(Socialist Party Press Service.)

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Wanted, Socialist congressman to make a national issue out of the abolition of poverty.

If there were at least one Socialist congressman in Washington, he could do more to make the country and the powers that be sit up and take active notice than any number of Bull Moosers, Progressives of the Democratic or Republican stripe.

But what could a Socialist congressman do? Could he be of any earthly value? Would it be worth the time and energy necessary to get one elected? Here is the way a Washington Socialist has doped out what a brave congressman, albeit playing a lone hand, could do.

What could one brave man in the house of representatives do, to make the ABOLITION OF POVERTY an immediate issue in congress?

WHAT HE COULD DO. He could introduce a resolution calling for the creation of a standing committee on the Abolition of Poverty.

He could insist upon a hearing on this proposal before the Rules committee.

He could get publicity for his argument before that committee from thousands of newspapers and magazines, through the press associations and special correspondents at the capitol.

He could answer the ridicule of the 434 other members of the house by presenting the great petition in behalf of his resolution, which would come in from all sections of the country when his plan was published.

He could force a definite acceptance or rejection of his measure from the party spokesman on the Rules committee.

He could publish in the press everywhere the names and excuses of these party leaders, with his own views as to the social effects of poverty.

AND THEN SOME.

He could introduce bills providing for special commissions of economists and scientists to report on the best means of doing away with poverty as a social nuisance; he could make his argument for these bills before house committees interesting, and could so strikingly illustrate it by presenting living proofs of the effect of poverty upon children that every newspaper in America and Europe would print the story.

He could address an open letter to the president of the United States, to the chairman of the national committee of each political party, and to the leaders of each party in congress, challenging them to declare: (a) Whether they believe the abolition of poverty within a generation to be possible; (b) whether they desire such abolition; and (c) what definite legislative and administrative steps to that end they will initiate and support.

He could then call the attention of the people to their replies or their silence, and ask the people to write letters to their representatives in congress, and to the president and his cabinet, demanding that constructive action for the abolition of poverty be undertaken at once. He could force upon the attention of the house every day some new argument, protest or demand bearing directly upon this one point.

He could, in a few weeks of such agitation, frighten the party leaders into holding conferences on the "poverty problem."

Anyway, Let's Try One From "Our" District.

He could drive them, in their fear of the resentment of the aroused farmers' organizations, labor unions, social workers and forward-looking citizens generally, to make platform

WASHINGTON SOCIALIST IS TAKEN OVER BY SNOHOMISH COUNTY COMRADES.

(Ed. Note.—The following article was inadvertently omitted last week.)

When the Commonwealth was placed in the hands of a receiver, it became necessary for some of the comrades to publish a paper to take its place. Then the Washington Socialist was born. In a short time the Commonwealth property was for sale. A comrade bought it. Meanwhile, the second class mailing privilege had to be obtained for the new paper. But no company had legally been formed to own and publish the new paper, and sign an application, as the legal owners, for the mailing rights. Three comrades assumed this responsibility. They had to. So the paper was legally privately owned, with no press committee, and no one besides the three comrades who do the principal work of the paper to act with authority for the comrades who support the newborn Washington Socialist.

When the county convention met, this anomalous position of the paper was explained to the members assembled, and it was suggested that The Washington Socialist be made a party-owned paper. The matter was deferred for two weeks, when a mass meeting of the Socialists of Snohomish county was called. After much discussion pro and con it was decided that the paper should be owned and controlled at once by the party membership of the county.

A committee of five was then elected to act as a press committee, with full authority to act for the comrades of the county.

ENCOURAGING ACTIVITY.

Seven New Locals Organized. The following locals have been chartered by the state office the past ten days: Lyle, Orin, Outlook, Kallama, Fernwood, Hazel Dell and Port Orchard. Renewed activity is reported all along the line. The sale of due stamps is increasing greatly and taken all in all things are booming.

NEW ZEALAND. A fine of \$5,000 has been inflicted on a trade union federation in New Zealand on account of the alleged instigating of a strikebreakers' leader.

Increased scale of wages for the telephone girls by the industrial commission forces the Bell Telephone Co. to consider installation of automatic devices.

A railroad has been incorporated to build from Wrights Station on the north bank into the heavy belt of timber between Lyle and Goldendale.

The philosophy of one century is the common sense of the next.—H. W. Beecher.

Custom does often reason overrule, And only serves for reason to the fool. —Earl of Rochester.

pledges on this issue before the campaign of this year is half through.

He could, in brief, set at work for humanity such moral forces as have never been loosed in America, and marshal them in one splendid fighting machine to compel obedience to the masses at the national capitol.

One brave man in congress could today put a new soul into the struggle of the dispossessed. He could fairly be called a statesman, and a great man.

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ORGANIZATION NEWS

WAGE FUND DAY SET TO BOOST SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA WORK

Government Ownership of Mines
and Mexican Situation Are to
Be Made Issues of Campaign

NEW COMMITTEE IS FORMED

National Body Empowered to Take
Prompt Action in Strikes of More
Than Passing Significance.

By J. L. ENGDAHL.

Chicago, May 24.—Government ownership of the nation's mines and railroads, unemployment, the Mexican situation, the land question and the lessons to be drawn from the terrific industrial struggles waged during the Wilson administration will be made the issues of this fall's congressional campaign by the Socialist party.

This recommendation of the committee on organization and propaganda was adopted unanimously by the Socialist party national committee and it was voted to have as special congressional campaign committee chosen from Socialists living in Illinois and adjacent states so that it can hold meetings on short notice in Chicago.

July 15 to Be Wage Fund Day. Wednesday, July 15, was set aside as Wage Fund Day, when every Socialist in the country will be asked to contribute his day's wages to the party for the purpose of carrying on its propaganda and organization work with the congressional campaign special in view. Fifty per cent of this fund will go to the national headquarters; 25 per cent to the state and 25 per cent to the local organizations.

The committee also provided for a national committee on immediate action to consist of the executive secretary, the director of the information department, the general correspondent of the national woman's committee and members of the national executive committee living near Chicago. This committee was given power to initiate action in behalf of the Socialist party when demanded by important events arising on the political and industrial fields and to call upon the Socialist party locals to take suitable action.

Believe Troubles Will Increase. As a result of this measure it is hoped to make the Socialist party a bigger fighting factor in the working class struggle. It is believed that struggles like the West Virginia, Michigan and Colorado mine strikes will become more frequent in the future and that it is necessary for the Socialist party to be in a position where it would be able to take immediate action.

It was decided to set aside one week in September, each year, as "Socialist Week," corresponding to "Red Week," celebrated by the Socialist parties of Europe by the distribution of literature, the holding of meetings, the securing of new members and subscriptions for Socialist publications and otherwise intensifying the work of the Socialist party.

The executive committee and the campaign committee will act jointly in drawing up a program for the congressional fall campaigns.

It was also provided that the executive secretary send out a monthly letter of advice to the Socialist party state secretaries.

It was voted to make the Socialist party literature department the center for the distribution of books for the entire Socialist movement, as well as 5, 10 and 25 cent booklets, while the preparation of leaflets covering all phases of the Socialist movement was also favored.

Whenever an event of extraordinary importance takes place it was decided that special leaflets dealing with that event shall be prepared and a vigorous campaign carried on for the distribution of these leaflets. A speakers' bureau was favored. It was decided to carry on a vigorous propaganda among the labor unions in behalf of social and labor legislation and to advise local organizers to secure dates for speakers to address labor organizations.

HOPE TO UNITE THE PARTY IN WASHINGTON

After an extended discussion the national committee by a vote of 30 to 24 adopted a substitute motion offered by Committeeman Morris Hillquit, New York, for the recommendation of the special committee appointed to hear the evidence in the Washington state controversy. The substitute was: "Resolved, that Comrades J. Stitt Wilson, N. A. Richardson and S. W.

MUKILTEO NOW HAS LOCAL.

Comrade Ulonska Renders Valuable Assistance.

On Friday evening, May 29, Comrades Carl Ulonska and F. G. Crosby paid us a visit and gave a soap-box oration which was well received by a good-sized crowd. A good quantity of literature was also disposed of. A local was organized at the conclusion of the meeting.

Monday, June 1, the first meeting of the newly organized local was held in the school house. Carl Ulonska, of Everett, gave a short talk on organization, and also helped to expedite matters with which we were not so well acquainted. We have started with a membership of fifteen members and hope to increase it rapidly.

Yours for the working class,
V. BRODZKY,
Organizer.

Local Mukilteo.

A SOCIALIST MAYOR IS ELECTED IN COPENHAGEN

The Danish Socialist party has elected its candidate as mayor of Copenhagen, the largest city in Denmark. This was the first time the office of mayor was elective, the mayor being heretofore appointive.

FERNWOOD ORGANIZED.

A local of eleven members has just been organized in Fernwood precinct between Everett and Bothell. J. N. McCullough is secretary pro tem. A little group of farmers and loggers boosting for the social revolution.

Motley be elected a committee to bring back organic unity between the Socialist organization in the State of Washington and the seceding organization. "Such unity shall be established on the basis of a full and unqualified acceptance of the national platform and constitution of the Socialist party and shall be effected by the adoption of a new constitution and a choice of new officials of the state organization."

"The mode of adopting such state constitution and electing such state officials shall be determined by the committee in consultation with the regular state organization and representatives of the seceding faction, and all disputes that may arise between the opposing sides in connection with such new state constitution and new state officials shall be determined by the committee."

"Either party to the dispute dissatisfied with the decision of the committee shall have the right of appeal to the national executive committee."

"Should the regular organization of the party fail or refuse to comply with the decision of the national executive committee the latter is hereby authorized to revoke the charter of the state organization in Washington and to reorganize the movement of the state; should the seceding organization fail or refuse to submit to the decisions of the national executive committee, the latter shall give sole recognition to the regular organization."

This action is expected to restore harmony within the Socialist movement in the state of Washington for the fall campaign.

Honor De Leon's Memory. The committee unanimously arose in honor of Daniel De Leon, notice of whose death in New York was received while the convention was in session.

The committee adopted a resolution endorsing the proclamation issued by the national executive committee on the Mexican situation and calling upon the government to bring about an immediate cessation of hostilities.

The Seattle riots of last fall were also dealt with in a resolution, which reads:

Resolutions on Seattle Riots.

"Whereas, a number of drunken sailors and marines from a United States warship, with the apparent consent of their officers and without any attempt on the part of the police to prevent it, sacked and burned the Socialist headquarters in Seattle, demolishing furniture, fixtures, books and other valuables, causing a loss to the party estimated at several thousand dollars; and,

"Whereas, bills have been introduced in both houses of congress proposing financial reimbursement for the damage done; therefore, be it

"Resolved, by the national committee of the Socialist party, that the national executive committee be authorized and instructed to bring pressure to bear to secure adequate reparation by the passage of these bills."

Directory Socialist Locals

If any local has paid for entry in this directory and has been omitted from the list, please notify this office at once and correction will be made.

The rates for this directory are \$5.00 per year.

Seattle, Fifth Ward Local—Meets every Friday at 8 p. m., 2012 Westlake Ave. Neta Wells, secretary.
Local Everett No. 1—Meets every Sunday evening, 8 o'clock, at the Socialist party headquarters, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash. Peter Husby, Secy.

Granite Falls—Meets every Friday night at 8 o'clock in Miller Bldg. Julia Herman, Rec. and Cor. Secy.
Hillyard—Meets every Thursday night at 446 Sanson Ave. J. C. Harkness, Secy-Treas., Box 307, Hillyard.

Mountain View—Business meeting the second Wednesday in each month at the homes of the members. Propaganda meeting the fourth Sunday in each month at the Mountain View school house. D. C. Buchanan, Cor. Secy.

Local Port Angeles No. 1—Meets every Sunday at headquarters at 2 p. m. Fred Goos, Secy.

Prosper Local, S. P.—Meets at the office of S. H. Mason, attorney, opposite postoffice, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m. John C. Mathews, Local Secy., Box 2.

Silvana—Meets the second and fourth Sundays at 2 p. m. at Union Trading hall, Silvana. Nels Brunseth, secy-treas.; Ole Larson, organizer.

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Q. I should like to know something of women's property rights in the state of Washington, through the columns of the Washington Socialist. If a woman, not living with her husband, should buy a piece of property with money earned by herself, would her husband have an interest in the property? If she should at any time wish to dispose of it, could she deed it to a third person without his signature?

N. A. M. EXPECTS TO DEFEAT CLAYTON ANTI-TRUST MEASURE.

Information has just been received at this office, from Washington, D. C., which shows that a strong effort is being made by the National Association of Manufacturers and its lobbyists at the capital to defeat the labor exemption provision of the Clayton anti-trust bill when it goes to the senate.

James A. Emery wrote a circular letter in 1910 to members of the N. A. M., detailing the forces set at work to offset the legislation of the house regarding the exemption amendment above referred to. We quote but a portion of the letter below, just by way of example, showing how the bosses "do politics."

Here is the letter, as furnished by Representative W. J. McDonald, a member of the special committee that dug it up originally:

"June 24, 1910. "Mr. John Kirby, Jr., "514 Reibold Building, Dayton, Ohio.

"My Dear Mr. Kirby—I had the pleasure of wiring you last night the news of victory on the Hughes amendment after the closest and hardest struggle of the session.

"Returning here Wednesday morning from our New York meeting, an interview with the colonel, Mr. Dwight, and Senator Heyburn showed the senate to be determined, the house exceedingly weak. Mr. Gompers made his headquarters in the office of Representative Cary of Wisconsin, in the house office building, and had something in the neighborhood of 100 aides about him making apertiserial office canvas, petitions and editorial being called in from every union source. I pined at the White House, and being unable to see the president because of engagements, took the matter up with his secretary, who showed the greatest interest and declared he believed the president would take personal part in the fight, and this the president did Wednesday night.

In the meantime, after an hour's conference with Mr. Dwight, the whip of the house, at his office, the program was outlined and carried out to the letter. To the colonel was given a list of fourteen names, some Democrats, some Republicans, who voted with Hughes. He accomplished his work so successfully that of the fourteen but one failed to either absent himself or vote with us yesterday. I communicated with Mr. Bird requesting certain telegraphic assistance through his office, and this was carried out, with extensions suggested by himself, with splendid success."

The letter, shown by James A. Emery, goes on to show how the forces of the invisible government worked when the National Association of Manufacturers and its lobbyist, Col. Mulhall, succeeded in defeating the labor exemption bill in 1910, and appears on page 10015 of the Congressional Record. In view of the apparent victory of the labor forces in securing from

ST. LOUIS SOCIALISTS AGAINST PROHIBITION

An Instructive Resolution. Resolution adopted by General Membership Meeting May 3, 1914. Whereas, the advocacy of sobriety and temperance habits by all times been a strong feature of the Socialist movement, because no great and world-wide social movement of the importance of the International Socialist and Labor movement can ever be made a success if intemperance, inebriety, or irresponsibility prevail;

Whereas, the Socialist party has at all times advocated the strictest regulation of the liquor traffic under the present capitalist conditions, while as an ultimate object it aims to abolish the abuses and evils connected with the present production and sale of alcoholic liquors by entirely eliminating the profit system, which is at the bottom of all evils in connection with capitalist production and distribution;

Whereas, prohibition has been made one of the "burning issues" in almost every municipal, state and national political campaign of recent years and promises to be made more so in the near future;

Prohibition Has Not Made Good. Whereas, the Socialist party of St. Louis, in general meeting assembled, expresses its conviction that the prohibition movement is not only a failure, so far as achieving the objects it pretends to achieve, namely, to improve the moral, intellectual, material and social conditions of the great mass of the people; but we are of the opinion that it is being used by capitalist interests to sidetrack the working-class movement and get people to fight for and against liquor in order that they may question and get away from the greater questions and problems which affect the Socialist and Labor movement today;

Whereas, experience demonstrates the fact that the condition of the working class in those states where prohibition has been practiced for years, is no better than in localities where, up to this hour, prohibition could not find a foothold;

Whereas, the Socialist party of St. Louis considers the liquor business as legitimate and as honorable as the coffee, tea, medicine, meat or any other business, and it is to the abuse of the business by the proper remedies must be applied;

Whereas, the Socialist party of this city, during its many successful social affairs and festivals, where liquors were sold, has proven to the people that the sale and consumption of liquor can be conducted as legitimately and honorably as any other business; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Socialist party of St. Louis, in general meeting assembled, declares its most emphatically against prohibition in any form whether local, state or national; that we consider prohibition a failure so far as improving the general condition of the working class is concerned; that in its efforts to remedy an outgrowth of capitalist production and sale of liquor prohibition resorts to extreme measures, which, if carried out are not less dangerous to the health, moral, intellectual and social development of the people than the evils complained of today which it pretends to remedy;

Resolved, that among the rank and file of organized wage workers of America there is no group that works done more for the advancement of the really progressive Trade Union and bona fide Socialist party movement than the International Union of the United Brewery Workers, who rank among the most intelligent wage workers along industrial and political lines, which is in itself the best argument against prohibition, and it is this class of workers who would be hit hardest by prohibition;

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But the capitalist system is replete with contradictions. Business is not a religious service. Oh, no. "Business is business," and under this cruel and wholly unmoral phrase lurks a smiling devil, the embodiment of greed. Not that the individual business man is wholly bad, or even bad at all. The employers of women are often just as much victims of capitalist immorality as are their victims.

The capitalist is forced by the relentless competition incident to capitalism to buy his labor power as cheaply as his rival can in a distant locality. How can a Washington capitalist can fruit on a nine-dollar wage scale and sell it in the open market in competition with his rival in another state who pays five dollars for the same service?

The opponents of a legally enforced minimum wage scale are justified in their contention to this extent. "Business is business," and business is hell. So it can only breed hellish conditions. You can't gather grapes from the thistle of capitalism. You can't reform a system and make it good and beautiful when it is basically and inherently bad and ugly. If you patch it up here it breaks out there. Dam up the stream of its evil in one place and it bursts forth with redoubled destructiveness some where else.

So we are not surprised that Commissioner E. W. Olson, of the state bureau of labor, is alarmed at the very forces the would-be reformers have set loose. Says he:

Commissioner Olson's Remedy.

"If by establishing a minimum wage the working women and girls of the state receive more pay, as it is the popular desire they should, there will inevitably develop a tendency on the part of employers to replace the higher priced girl and her products by labor and products that can be secured more cheaply. This is the natural result of direct and keen competition with the great starvation wage sweatshops of the East, which are constantly placing their products on Washington markets.

"Therefore, something must be done to counteract this tendency, and thereby insure the working women their positions at the higher wages which it is desired to create through the establishment of minimum wages.

"This counteraction must come through the people themselves, and I am able to see only one method by which it can be brought about: The purchasers of products of the industries that are now employing women, and which it is desired shall continue to employ them at the higher wages, must deliberately elect to purchase the products of industries and the wares of establishments that pay the higher wages. If the working girls and women are to profit by the administration of the minimum wage law, somebody must contribute by some means that profit."

But Will It Work?

There you are. The average cost of labor power must inevitably determine the average price of labor's products, and these products will be bought where they can be obtained at the lowest price. The dear people will not voluntarily tax themselves directly on their supplies in order to raise artificially the cost of labor power in their beloved state. For they, too, are victims of the impracticable capitalist system, having themselves, most of them, labor power to sell. It is nip and tuck to "keep up appearances," whatever one's "station in life" happens to be. So it is evident that the reformer is moving in a vicious circle.

The women ought not to be asked to work for less than a decent living wage on the basis of an eight-hour work-day. And the thrifty citizen who must needs maintain himself as a profit-monger or join the growing

Talks of Work In City of Milwaukee

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source of soreness, he said. Others he summed up as follows: The street car company was required to pave and keep in repair the streets between the tracks and a foot on each side. They had repaired this space, but the city had done the paving. The Socialists went to court and forced the company to obey its franchise requirements, costing the corporation thousands of dollars saved to taxpayers.

The same company was required by franchise to sprinkle its right-of-way. The city had done it. The Socialists, after a court fight, set the company right.

The administration appointed an assessor who began elevating assessments on corporations. The appointment was attacked in the courts, but the administration won. The Socialist idea, said the speaker, was that the corporations raised the problems and that the corporations should foot the bills.

The gas company was furnishing two kinds of gas (through the same pipe) at 80 cents and \$1. for cooking and lighting, respectively. Milwaukee legislators, declared the speaker, instituted a bill in the state assembly fixing 50 cents as the gas rate, leading to a compromise at 70 cents and a promise to further reduce rates when the corporation could afford it. Seidel asked what was the Everett gas rate, and when told it is \$1.35, remarked: "Well, go ahead and pay it; you are rich. You can afford it."

Corporations Were Brought to Time and Their Graft Eliminated.

The city owned its fire and police alarm systems—everything except the transmitters and receivers at either end. These were rented from the telephone company at \$3 annually for each instrument. It was learned the instruments could be bought outright for \$1.73. This was done and the telephone company notified to remove its boxes.

Investigations of street paving, declared Seidel, revealed that graft to the extent of \$1 a square yard had been paid by the taxpayers. Milwaukee had been paying \$1.35 to \$1.60 per square yard, to private contractors, who worked men 10 to 11 hours a day and paid \$1.90 daily wages. The city bought a plant and materials, employed men at \$3 a day for 8 hours, and proved that streets could be paved for less than \$1 a square yard. "Of course," he added, "the contractors were sore. I don't blame them."

The Socialists stopped the sale of liquor in the redlight district. This resulted in the elimination of rental incomes from property owned by people so respectable they wouldn't collect the rents themselves, and some of them prominent church members, and they didn't like it, said Seidel.

The Bosses Did Not Like the Socialist Officials.

Women were appointed factory inspectors. They made 51,000 inspections in one year. Factory owners were forced to install sanitary conditions, blowers, windows and doors, ventilators, suction fans, and other things benefiting the health of operatives and the factory owners didn't like it, said Seidel.

The gamblers were attacked and forced to quit; the advertising practices of Milwaukee newspapers were attacked and they were forced to purge their columns.

The result of it all was, declared Seidel, that in the election of 1912 the Socialists found arrayed against them the "pie-hunters," the street paving contractors, the loan sharks, the brewery interests, the women of the redlight district and their hangers-on, the respectable and church-member owners of the redlight district property, the factory proprietors, the gamblers, and nine of the ten Milwaukee newspapers—the Socialists having established a daily paper, and all these forces lined up under the banner of the non-partisan party. The Socialists were beaten, he declared, in 1911 by a majority of 30,000; in 1912 by 20,000; in 1913 by 12,000, and just a few weeks ago by 8,000; and Seidel predicted that another year would see the Socialists restored to power in Milwaukee.

"The line-up in the campaign a few weeks ago was 'Americanism against Socialism,'" said Seidel. "We have them making the last fight, in the last ditch—under the flag."

Century Dictionary: "Socialism is any theory or system of social organization which would abolish entirely, or in great part, the individual effort and competition on which modern society rests, and substitute for it co-operative action; would introduce a more perfect and equal distribution of the products of labor, and would make land and capital, as the instruments and means of production, the joint possession of the members of the community."

COMRADE OF BIRMINGHAM WRITES ON ERRORS IN WORKING CLASS LOGIC.

The most of the old people of today think that the young must vote, think and act as they have always done. They do not stop to realize that our wants and theirs are not in most cases identical. There are so many people who read but one line of literature, making it hard to spring a new idea on them without getting an answer that "It's too anarchistic," "Won't work," "There's nothing wrong; the agitators cause all the trouble," etc. What kind of a chance has the rising generation of today? A man with a small capital has a poor show. Figures show that hundreds of these go bankrupt every month. The worker has to compete with his fellow worker. At the present rate of employment in a few years one-half of the workers will be out of work all the time. Women and children are displacing men from the factories. There is, according to the latest figures, about 2,000,000 tramps in this country. In 1860 there were none. The wealth of the nation has drifted into but a few hands. About 82 per cent of the people do not own homes. If men go on a strike for a little better living the militia is called out and the men are clubbed back to their job. The strikers lost in Michigan and at present are having a real war with gunmen, hired by capitalists, in Colorado.

But when the Socialists say it is the system that causes this, the "bone-heads" say that the system is all right; and the government will handle things all right. They have a real bright future mapped out for us. Some say that the ones who can't vote yet will have to build their own future at the ballot box, yet they kick when you say you want to change the system by voting the Socialist ticket.

A possible war with Mexico tickles them. It's nice to stay at home and read the war news but to go there and be shot at is an entirely different thing.

After reading "War, What For?" I prefer staying home and reading the papers. There's a lot of difference between old muzzle-loading cannon and modern breech loading guns, not to mention airships and rapid-fire guns. Three of the most powerful weapons used by the capitalists to keep the workers in ignorance are the schools, pulpit and the press. The schools are of the most importance.

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J. C. Foley, agent for the wholesalers and manufacturers closing out Everett Piano House, 2820 Colby Ave., Everett, Wash.