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SHEAR THE SHEEP

Literary Decoy-ducks Get After the "Young Man."

BAIT FOR RAINBOW CHASERS.

Ambitious Would-be Shearers Must First Yield Up Their Own Flesce to

Many years ago a famous diplomatist of Europe whose name is to this day a synonym for decelt and fraudulent cunning; gave vent to the following philosophical remark, "Society," he said, "is divided into two classes, the shearers and the shorn; you should al-"young men starting out in business," and in many cases the preachers thereof, have earned a "reputation" as men of deep wisdom whose advice was based upon experience, and which if heeded was a sure guide post to "success in life" which at present signifies what Talleyrand has stated, viz., passing from the ranks of the shorn into those of the shearers. The written and printed matter upon this subject would fill a large-sized library building already, but its output shows as yet no sign of decrease. . For example we have in the Daily News of January 5th, this city, another of these "moral" productions from the pen of a person called Barrett, not differing in noticeable manner from thousands of its predecessors in its recommendations of punctuality, thoughtfulness, painstaking, discretion, tact, economy and the numerous other necessary qualifications which go to make up business "success." As socialists we have long learned to "beware of the bourgeois" especially when he prates of 'morality." as experience has shown us that there is always some object, other than the apparent one in these effusions of "sound" advice. But admitting the possibility of every young man strictly adhering to these teachings and practicing them throughout his whole business chreer, we fail to see how all the young men could become "successful business men" as all their virtuous striving would not only not open more opportunities but its success would actually close them to the remainder of the struggling crowd. The opportunities to become a shearer at ce, are recognized to be non-existent by this writer, therefore the apprentice wishes one day to enter the plundering class must perforce permit him-self to be shorn, and the sure road to cess lies in the quantity of fleed that he can yield to his master. This is the sum and substance of all of these sermons: Make yourself useful to the boss, more useful than the fellows who are competing with you to render him service, and your success will be proportionate to the amount of profit which your labor produces for him; if that amount falls below that which the other excellent young man who is competing with you, can produce why then so much the worse for you and the better for him, but at any rate the advice the greatest possible profit. And it is this latter that is the ruling motive for the most of these wise counsels. They are intended to spur the coming gener ation of wage slaves into harder and harder efforts for the certain benefit of the employing class, and a possible suc cess for a few individuals out of the many thousands fighting in desperat competition with their fellows for this dubious prospect. Cheap and willing slaves are wanted, and the cheaper and more willing are always preferred. Incidentally a proper respect for the be ceffcent employer, and an humble and unassuming attitude on the part of th slave is inculcated. What else does the following mean?

Take hold as you would if you were a partner and try to feel the responsibility he is obliged to assume. Work quietly. Make your work count, which is more than most people can do. Prove your capacity and somebody will be sure to hote it, employ it and reward it. Never be satisfied with yourself or your income. BUT NEVER EXPECT THE INCOME TO EQUAL YOUR EARNING CAPACITY, as to do so would show a disposition to rob the employer of the profit which he is entitled to make on your services. He is entitled to a liberal return on the capital invested in the enterprise which gives you employment. Every employer is a benefactor. He gives others something to do by which means they may gain such a livelihood as their capacity and his business can farnish.

"Never expect your income to equal your earning espacity!" It would be a monstrous outrage that any perso should have all that his labor produces, but it is perfectly natural and correct that a few favored individuals should own the results of the labor of millions of others. Recollect that the capitalist is a "benefactor" and it is for the "benefit" of the young men upon whom Barrett inflicts his sormon, that the capitalist exists and carries on his bus-iness. Thus a proper attitude of hu-mility is engendered in these who re-

selve these "benefits" and the safety of apitalist class supremacy is assured. And as a reward for this good behavior on the part of the "young man startng out in business," a bait is dangled before his eyes, that he may, by the lercest and most tireless energy in behalf of his master's interests, some time or other pass into the ranks of the shearers" himself. But as the conentration of wealth goes on these aveues close, and the very competition prescribed, helps further to close them the chance of the aforesaid "young nan" becomes comparable only with the chance, say of winning first prize in the Louisiana lottery where 150,00 persons are all out for the one reward -well what then? It looks as if the nnear future will see enormous quantities of "good sound advice" of the Barrett brand dumped on the scrap heap. The "young man" in question, in common with all other wage slaves, will dease the pursuit of this capitalist ways try to escape from the latter into the former class." And this text has ble and inexorable necessity. In conphantom, and the reality of socialism been the foundation of hundreds of clusion, there is one statement which "moral" lessons and distribes preached Barrett makes to his suppositious Barrett makes to his suppostitious young man which the latter may look into with advantage to himself. His 'guide, philosopher and friend' forms him as follows:

If you will examine carefully you will find that the majority of those employed at complainingly low wages are morely followers of thinkers.

That is in the main true enough, but still more careful examination will discover a reidue whose numbers though small at present, represent a growing power which must and will constitute itself the majority of society. They are those who think for themselves, and as a result of that thinking, they totally reject the platitudes of writers of the Barrett type. Understanding thoroughly the impossibility of attaining this "commercial paradise" n our present society, they refuse this bait so temptingly held before them, knowing that its end and object is merely the perpetuation of the ecoomic system of the present, a system which is already doomed, and even now is ushering in its successor, the Socialist Commonwealth, where there can be no incentive to the plundering of man by his fellow man, and where the 'shearing' industry has therefore no

THE ANGEL OF DISCONTENT. When the world was formed and the

morning stars
Upon their paths were sent,
The loftiest-browed of the angels was The Angel of Discontent.

And he dwelt with man in the caves of the hills.

Where the crested serpent stings, And the tiger tears and the she-wolf And he told of better things.

And he led man forth to the towered And forth to the fields of corn; and told of the ampier work ahead For which his race was born.

And he whispers to men of those hills he sees
In the blush of the misty west;
An dthey look to the heights of his
lifted eye
And they hate the name of rest.

In the light of that eye does the slave behold A hope that is high and brave: And the madness of war comes into his

blood— For he knows himself a slave, The serfs of wrong by the light of that

March with victorious songs;
For the strength of the right comes into
their hearts
When they behold their wrongs,

Tis by the light of that lifted eye That error's mists are rent; A guide to the table-lands of Truth Is the Angel of Discontent.

And still he looks with his lifted eye, And his glance is far away, On a light that shines on the glimmer-ing hills Of a diviner day.

We frequently see persons in insane hospitals who were sent there in consequence of what are called religious nental disturbances. I confess that I think better of them than of many who their wits and appear to enjoy life very well outside the asylums. Any decent person ought to go mad if he really holds such opinions. It is very much to his discredit in every point of view if he does not. Anything that is brutal, cruel, heathenish; that makes life hopeless for most of mankind and perhaps for entire races; anything that assumes the necessity of exterminating instincts which were given to be regumonk or a deacon believes it, it received, ought to produce insanity in every well-regulated mind. That condition is a normal one under the cirsumstances. I am very much ashamed of some people for retaining their reason. If they were not the most stupid or the most selfish of human beings they would become non compates once.-(Dr. Oliver Wendell Hoimes.)

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AS OTHERS SEE US CLASS STATE-CRAFT

ican Capitalism.

Burden of This Conquest Rests on Shoul ders of Overworked Wage

In the issue of this paper of Decemer 30th a short notice of the significant article by M. Georges Wenlersse upon columns under the title of "Cheap Commodities." Since that time the full text of the article has reached this country, and has been published in many of the capitalist daily papers, with headlines honoring the author of these flattering and agreeable predictions of capitally supremacy, and paying tribute to als sagacity and clearness in depicting the "resistless" march of "Commercial Conquest." The press also states that M. Weniersse "argues from facts alone" a statement with which we thoroughly agree. It is not often that the socialist finds himself in harmony with the out pourings of the capitalist press, and when this occurs, there is generally some attending circumstances, of whose existence one of the harmonious parties is either ignorant or deliberately pretends ignorance of, an explanation which holds good regarding the subject of this discussion. When our capitalist contemporaries declare that the onclusions of M. Wenlersse are based upon "facts alone" we hasten to corroborate their statement, and say further, that most people who hold similar economio beliefs as M. Wenlersse are also in the habit of basing their argudation. In short, M. Georges Wenlerss is not only a socialist and one of the most prominent socialists in the move ment in France, but not more than six months ago he made a lecture tour of the United States speaking under the auspices of the Socialist Labor party of this country. Our readers can judge for themselves whether the ca press was ignorant of this or deliber-ately suppressed it. However this may be, it is not difficult to discover why the fact, if known, was not mentioned, It would have been a fly in the cintment, a bitter drop in the pleasant draught which this clear-eighted writer offers to the greed of American capitalism, and might perhaps produce a degree of respect and consideration for

fore not to be alluded to. The description of the growth of capitalist production in the United States, and the causes for, and necessity of such growth, comprise the main features of this essay which the organs of our ruling class quote with so much pride. It is in reality a comment on, and a confirmation of the materialistic philosophy contained in the celebrated "Communist Manifesto" of Marx and document, which might serve the writer following the most appropriate: "The (capitalist class) over the whole surface of the globe. It must nestle everywhere, establish connections eyery- ity as a statesman.

socialist reasoning which would be in-

imical to capitalist interests—and there.

This writer clearly and concisely points out how the capitalist system of production in the United States during the period in which the nations frontier limits afforded a sufficient market for the sale of its products, uncon sciously fostered the idea of expansion instinctively as it were, seeing that a materialize. He shows how the sentiment of "liberty," the racial and religlous hatreds, the outbursts of "patriotism." the idea of "the Monroe doctrine," the knownothing cry of "Amerca for the Americans," every traditionel political war cry, every fetish which the masses of the people still adsered to, was used as a means to that end by the ruling class.

During the war with Spain he exlains the real motive of the "yellow" press in its cry for blood, scouts the dea that the destruction of the "Maine" an be regarded as the cause of expan sion, and that Dewey stayed in Manlia the Spanish fleet. The certainties that and Samos, as he points out, will deermidable array of figures descriptive Buropean competitors are year by year slowly being pushed out of the markets of the world by the rising giant " " West. The energy of the servant,

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A French Socialist's View of Amer- Roosevelt's Message to New York State Legislature.

MUST CONQUER ALL NATIONS. TEDDY TACKLES THE TRUST.

Remedies" and "Reforms" Buggested But Capitalist Private Property Must Be Preserved.

The governor of the state of Nev York, in his message to the legislature, takes up the same question which is at remedies which would subvert our whole is at present bothering every political tricks ster who is endeavoring to prepare a snare for votes in the coming presidential campaign. Both Democrats and Republicans have been testing public sentiment in their respective wiags of the capitalist political machine, on this subject. This was in evidence at the last campaign, when the Democrats with Bryan as their mouthpiece, apwirth Bryan as their mouthpiece and bryan and any method of constraint out the following the fine and the dishonest, even though not proving the fine and the dishonest, even though not provide "The Conquest of the World by the present bothering every political trick-United States" was printed in these ster who is endeavoring to prepare a

On the other hand the Republicans, backed up by the great capitalists, instead of appealing to the middle class. boldly took the position that in the working class lay the power which it was necessary for them to secure. Correctly presuming on the ignorance and distress existing among the workers, they promised work to the starved and stupld proletariat, and thus wen he is going to do for the working class. that where they in their majority vote, is the only side that can obtain success, and adopt the logic of it, they can then place themselves in power, But when will that be?

To return to our subject. Roosevelt starts off as follows:

The contrast offered in the highly specialized industrial community between the rich and the poor is exceedingly distressing, and, while under normal conditions the acquirement of wealth by an individual is necessarily of great incidental benefit to the community as a whola, yet this is by no means always the case.

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Probably the large majority of the fortunes that now exist in this country have been amassed, not by injuring mankind, but as an incident to the conferring of great benefits on the community—whatever the conscious purpose of those massing them may have been. The occasional wrongs committed or injuries endured are, on the whole, far outweighed by the mass of good which has resulted. The true questions to be asked are: Has any given individual been injured by the acquisition of wealth by any man? Were the rights of that individual, if they have been violated, insufficently protected by law? If so, these rights, and all similar rights, ought to be guaranteed by additional legislation. The point to be aimed at is the protection of the individual against wrong, not the attempt to limit and hamper the acquisition and output of wealth.

There you have it. The contrast be-

There you have it. The contrast be tween the idle, wealth-appropriating rich, and the poor, wealth-producing working class, as the Governor says, and the remedy will not some until Engels, which appeared in 1847, and is "exceedingly distressing," but does private property in the instruments of which is still recognized as the basic he inquire for the reason of this conconception underlying the socialist trast? No, certainly not, that is not are replaced by social ownership esmovement, and if there is one passage his business, neither is it the interest tablished by the working class, more than another in that powerful of the class he belongs to, that any Therefore, workingmen should be a supplied to the class he belongs to the class he belo such inquiry should be set on foot, no stock in the promises of abstement as a text, we are inclined to think the He assumes that the majority of the of evils made by politicians, nor lend rich got their property by virtuous ef- an ear to the reactionary howis of the need of a constantly expanding market fort of their own industry. But does middle class who are fast fading from for its products chases the bourgeoisle he attempt to prove this? Certainly view, but who still make plenty of usenot again. And by this assumption less noise. Keep the capitalist class in without proof he demonstrates his abil. mind: realize the antagonism between

> As the next subject Teddy handles the "reformer," and through him leads out. up to the trust;

It is almost equally dangerous either to blink evils and refuse to acknowledge their existence or to strike at them in a spirit of ignorant revenge, thereby doing far more harm than is remedied. It is well to remember that many of the worst and most dangerous laws which have been put upon statute books have been put upon statute books have been put there by zealous reformers with excellent intentions. This preblem has a hundred phases. The relation of the capitalist and the wage worker makes one; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme poverty another; the proper attitude of the state toward extreme p flourishing by virtue of some solistic element.

lay behind the annexation of Hawaii italiem, and the question between the their expropriators, for the fatter are We are then taken through a upon the law making power makes its the development of the modern system of the rapid and enermous growth of know that the state is in duty bound tendency brings)to the front always American industry, showing how the to see that justice is done, and further more clearly the nature of the coming that no justice can be done until the struggle, the antagonism between the is full product of labor in a social (not interests of the propertyless wage would not be to the interests of the tagonisms be reached.

class which he represents in the excutive chair,

Then again he says that bevery new feature of this industrial revolution produces hardships on sections of the vorkers who cannot so quickly change their vocation as to enable them to escape the curse of want of employnent," but that is not what bothers the Governor. He feels, though he does not like to say so, that these phases of the industrial evolution are procursors of a coming social revolution. He re-

veals this in the following:

To say that the present system of haphazard license and lack of super-vision and regulation is the best possi-ble is absurd. The men who endeaver to prevent the remedying of real abuses or only show suffer. not only show callous disregard for the suffering of others, but also weaker those who are anxious to prevent the adoption of indiscriminate would-be remedies which would subvert our pealed to the self-interest of the dying him, either by taking away his wealth middle class, in their vain efforts to resist the more perfect organization of industry which must inevitably compel the cetablishment of the Socialist Commonwealth.

which enables the community to punish him, either by taking away his wealth or by imprisonment, should be well-order of course, such laws are even more needed in dealing with great corporations or trusts than with individuals. They are needed quite as much for the sake of the public.

Oh! this is not then the "best of all possible systems;" a better one will have to be devised, and WE of course will attend to that at the proper time,

And right here, the socialist who un derstands the CLASS STRUGGLE. warns the workers against attributing good intentions" to any capitalist rep sentative, in his protestation of what When the workers understand The capitalists are going to do what they have always done, which is protect the interests of the class to which they belong and they are right in doing so.

Roosevelt foreshadows a species of state socialism, organized and managed by the present ruling class, which is of to value whatever to the workers.

Heip to the working class can only as from themselves, and only then by their assertion of the priority of their claims, by making themselves the ruling class.

The remedies suggested by the Governor are as absurd to any thinking man as the conditions complained of are villainous

He thinks that "publicity" will help. The entire development of capitalism rests on the expropriation of society by individuals, who by book or crook can usurp some social function. The moment someone discovers that some social factor can be advantageously controlled, the financier gets his work in, and this can only be done by concealing the fact, until such control has been obtained.

Roosevelt might just as sensibly advocate that burglars and pickpockets should be compelled to warn their victims before robbing them; It would amount to the same thing.

But the capitalization of the social factors will go on, and the billionaire will come, through the private appropriation which is at present going on production and channels of exchange,

their interests and yours, for it is with them that the battle must be fought

New Broom Sweeps Clean. The great railroad magnates of the

ountry are said to have formed an offensive and defensive alliance" which is to begin proceedings by inaugurating "sweeping reforms," and when we see onnected therewith, the names of such men as Rockefeller, Vanderbilt, Pier-port Morgan, Jas. J. Hill, and others, t is pretty safe to guarantee that the "sweeping" process will be thorough The broom which this combination brings into action will aweep into the economic dust bin the hopes of the reactionary little business men, and clear the ground for the advance of socialism. It seems that nothing short of the precipitation of the middle class into the great body of wage workers will ever bring the former to a sense of the hopelessness of their position. As so, middle class economic pap which they He sees a very difficult problem cialists we do not rejoice at their misbay by chance, after the destruction of ahead; so many interests to be guarded, fortunes, but are not responsible for and above all the interests of great cap- them. Neither do we feel grateful to capitalist and the wage worker. Does only obeying a law of economic develnot the Governor see that the very fact opment which they cannot ignore. But one great trust in which every worker mand that the same action be taken re- not the Governor see that the very fact opment which they cannot ignore. But garding Cuba, Porto Rico and the Phil- that this latter question forces itself we can confidently and hopefully watch social character evident? Does he not of production knowing that its every mercial) sense is secured to the workers and their exploiters, and the of producer? But he must not see it-nay certainty that only upon the basis of

NOT CHEAP ENOUGH

Civilized " Japanese Workers Want Too Much.

"SUPERIORITY" OF CHINESE.

The Cheap Workmen of Far-off Japan Are Being Knocked Out by Still Cheaper Laborers.

Can that commodity called a "workngman" ever become cheap enough for his masters? There is a lesson to be of capitalism in Japan, lies in the fact that they are adopting the same political cant in dealing with matters pertaining to the working class, that our ruling classes are so fond of indulging in. The influx of Chinese labor to Japan is a "serious problem" just as

immigration is in this country. But will the growing capitalist class in Japan, of their own free will stop hinese immigration? Hardly. Just read the following reasons and see; and working men will find that this dentical reason holds good everywhere where capitalism exists;

In many points the Japanese work. In many points the Japanese worklagman is inferior to the Chinese, and
the merchants and manufacturers of
Japan are the first to realize it. The
Chinese are more sober, more susceptible to discipline, less likely to strike,
and willing to work for smaller wages,
The Japanese, on the contrary, are
more civilized, and civilization means
more needs to satisfy.

From the standpoint of the ruling class these points constitute the "su-periority" of one class of workingmen over another. First the Chinese are more sober-, and can therefore live upon less-and of course will be made to do so. They can be better d plined-which means that th can be made more intense, and therefore more productive; they are less likely to strike, and thus the uncertainty of production is diminished. And lastly they are willing to work for smaller wages which-which-well the columns of this paper are not sufficient to contain the tenth part of the reasons why this last qualification should be looked upon as a proof of superiority by the buyers of labor power. Japanese workman is civilized, and a civilized man has more needs to satisfy, and therefore, like "Oliver Twist," wants "more," which is a most helnous and unpardonable crime in the eyes of those "benefactors" who "provide em-ployment" for him. No, in this case the "Chinese must not go," the wonderfully cheap Japanese laborer is not cheap enough. If he wishes to successfully compete he must get down lower than his competitor. cannot do, being a "civilised man" who "wants" more on account of being "civilized." But if he cannot do this we will just hint to our readers what now beginning to do-and that is, un derstand his class interests as a workingman, Socialism has already gained a firm place among the workingmen of Japan, just as the cheapening process brings the same results in every other country. But what is to be thought of a "civilization" which creates new desires, and depends for its continua upon the fact that these new desires cannot be satisfied under its conditions? It does not require the mind of a philosopher to see the finish of su The statement of the "Manifesto,"that capitalism (upon which our present "civilization" is based) not only produces its own grave-diggers, but struggle which is necessary, before the latter can proceed with the burial, is being borne out in every "civilised country on the fact of the earth.

Federated union in New York, President Seth Low of the Columbia unfyersity is said to have "astonished the labor men by his advocacy of the trusts." But to those who understand called "labor men." and know something of the nature of the muddled have been raised upon, their astonishment seems natural enough. It will men," the socialists, to astonish Seth Low and his class, by the advocacy of shall be shareholder in proportion to the social value which his service rend ers to the community:

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The Socialist Vote.

UNITED STATES.

OH, FOR AN ISSUE!

"An issue, an issue, Anything for an issue," is the despairing cry of the Bryan Democracy. Free silver is a. corpse and anti-imperialism a "gold brick" on which no one will bite, and besides it is so mighty uncertain that perhaps it will be all over with before the campaign gets well under way, and so there is nothing left but the trusts and they are the worst sort of hot chestnuts that a poor politician ever tried to pull out of the coals.

This was most beautifully illustrated by the recent speech of W. J. Bryan while in Chicago. After a desperate effort to galvanize the currency question into life and a flerce denunciation of imperialism, he came to the trust problem. His remarks on this point that we cannot forbear to give them

I have discussed the trust question in this city so recently that it is only necessary for me to say that the Demo-cratic party will meet the issue with a plain and positive remedy. The Re-publican party is unable to emact and efficient anti-trust laws. When enforce efficient anti-trust laws. When new legislation is demanded the Republican leaders say that the present law is sufficient; when a new trust is pounded out. Republican officials say that the law does not cover the case. This adjustable view of the law reminds me of the little boy, etc., etc."

Then follows an almanac chestnut and the argument (?) is closed. The tive 'remedy" referred to, is his notorlous license scheme which was torn to has never been taken seriously by any.

socialism. Practically every possithrough a short campaign, he is of little value for a six month's 'discussion.

paign had at least one virtue. It made cialism is a message of hope for the the average voter think that he ought to use his brains on political questions, to them it signifies, even individually, Chairman Tucker. A committee was To be sure it was only an excuse for the change from despairing weakness appeinted to look after the establishthinking in the majority of cases, to a sense of hopeful and irrefistible Most voters simply took the materials strength. that the respective campaign spellbinders chose to send out and reranged them at a few points and then called them their own. But even this Teachers, Like All Other Laborers, very elementary process of reasoning made impossible the winning of campaigns by a mere hurrahing and shout-

Rearing this in mind some idea of the predicament of the Democratic leaders is seen. Does anyone think it possible for even "Coin Harvey" to write a book on Bryan's license scheme? There is a limit beyond which even the most thoroughly trained exponents of capitalism cannot go without the idiotic character of their poeltions becoming evident.

. There must be something that at least sounds reasonable somewhere in the scheme. It cannot be made entirely out of hand from whole cloth. And there is absolutely no position outside the socialist position that can be made the socialist position that can be made to ston sound reasonable. This is the training for the young children whose dresses.

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dilemma with which Mr. Bryan and his friends are confronted. Truly they are in need of sympathy.

A PASSING PHASE

distrust, when the subject of political action upon the part of the working class is approached. The conditions under which they live tend in their every aspect to foster this feeling, and the ruling classes are also careful to instil into the minds of the workers the idea that the latter possess no initiative force in themselves, and that whatever changes may take place in the future must be the act of the rolling class, an idea which serves the double purpose of creating a Teeling of dependence in the minds of their victims. and at the same time enables the supporters of modern capitalism to pose the working class towards their emancipation must always be an uphill batby the vast majority of their fellow. Plicants for the positions. workers, who have as yet no conception of their class interests and therefore cannot realize the irresistible power early American days, when class diswhich an intelligent and united pro-tinctions, based on economic differ-based on wield. Slowly and steadily ences, were obscurs, the democration the old reactionary prejudices and obstacles are being overcome, as is dem- vagabonds, this was a nation of indeonstrated by the growth of the socialist pendent workers. They all had a real movement in all lands. In spite of the voice in government because they were mental trritation raised by the introduction of new views and ideas, in spite of the fact that every means by which the minds of the proletariat can be longer represent a nation of economic moulded and shaped to conform to the equals. We are the most economically interests of capitalism is in the hands of our enemies, the material interests widespread. Now as always, the ecoof the workers assert themselves with nomic masters are the political masters. increasing persistence from year to They legislate and pass judgment and year. On the surface it might seem run the educational system in the interthat the untiring agitation carried on come about, that in spite of the wonby the workers in the socialist moves derful advance in the science of teachment is responsible for this steady ad- ing, especially of the lower grades, the vance, but a closer analysis will show great mass of children are put off with that this agitation itself is but an ef- any old thing. According to the school fect of certain causes. These causes children stop at the fifth grade. Now are to be found in the capitalist system note the facts stated in the article of production which constantly nears above. They are as true if not truer in were so extremely lucid and exhaustive that point where as Marx says, "It is Chicago than elsewhere. What do they Incompetent to assure an existence to the all Simply this, that the well-toits slaves within their slavery" and the children of the masses, just teach therefore as a consequence the mater- them to be good wage slaves, but use ial interests of the working class appear more distinctly, bringing with them a sense of power and a realization plished fact. But it is the tendency, of the part the workers must play in and it is in exact conformity with the shaping the society of the future. It socialist's theory that the ruling class will be seen then that we as socialists have no reason to distrust the working class because of that sentiment of elect school boards to represent themhelpiessness and dependence which at selves and look out for their interests. present on their part seems to place a Then the education of the children of serious obstacle in the path of socialist recent discussion referred to in his progress. While the ruling classes the benefit of the few. We congratu-opening remarks was at the "Trust through press, pulpit and college, may late the Minneapolis Times on its rec-Conference," and the "plain and post- labor unceasingly to preserve this ognition of facts. Will it now acknowl. mental attitude on the part of the edge the reason for them? workers, we may rest assured that such pieces before it was well launched and attempts must ultimately prove ineffectual. Conditions of life which year The Socialist party of Oklahoma met by year become more intolerable, bring building in Oklahoma City, December Unless by some means the trust ques first the knowledge of the impossibility 27th, 1899. Thirty-two delegates were tion can be shelved the Democratic of satisfying human wants, under presparty is undone and the road cleared ent economic conditions, and afterwards the conception of the power ble experiment in trust legislation has which is in the hands of those who lon ago been tried and has proven a suffer those deprivations. This power Woods, Washita, Roger Mills, Cleve. to be desired by capitalism. from Texas may arouse an ignorant the capitalist system to the past and temporary organization made October audience with a sort of oratorical ghost substitute in its stead a system which 14th, 1899, was made permanent, E. T. and scalp dance interlarded, with a will be more compatible with the satistorrent of adjectives, and attract at- faction of the wants of society. And tention for a few minutes or even this power can be found only in the from leading socialists all over the masses of the working class of all United States wishing the new organi-

REASON EASILY GIVEN.

Commodity to be Bought in the Cheapest Market.

The complaint has been made and is

The complaint has been made and is probably not without foundation that the lower grades in the public schools are being neglected. There is a tendency, superially in the larger cities, to spend teo little money on the lower grades and too much on the higher schools. The first of these are incomparably more important than the others. They are frequented by the younger children, who most need and are most capable of receiving the best instruction, and who cansot get it in any other place than the public school. Still it is a noticerous fact that school any other place than the public school scats is still it is a notionious fact that school boards often employ the least competent teachers at the lowest saidles for room, the primary grades and allow them to do their work in the least desirable rooms of the whool buildings. It does not require much thought to understand that this is an unwise arrangement.

chool education is finished when they set through the primary grades of the public school than it is to provide ex-pensive school facilities for the more fortunate ones who can complete their education at their leisure in 'he higher schools,—Minneapolis Times

In speaking with workingmen one These are sensible words, so far as cannot fail to remark a general tendthey go, but the writer evidently does. ency to confess helplessness and selfnot see that there is a deep reason why school bonrds should "employ the least competent teachers at the lowest salar.

ies for the primary grades," In the first place there is the common place economic reason that there are more people ready to take low positions than high ones in the schools. Teachers sell their labor as a commodity just as truly as any other workingman, and the price of a commodity is always are thousands of "teachers" in this city who are almost or quite devoid of pedagogical sense, but they are driven into the ranks of teachers because there is no other remunerative employment open to them. "A man must live." School boards are compelled to buy the commodity, teaching labor, in the is a constant tendency to force down the standard of public school teachers, and especially of those in the lower tis against every traditional idea held grades, where there are crowds of ap-

But there is a still deeper reason than this. School boards represent the gov. erning class, and do its bidding. idea was prominent in all public matters. Except for a few slaves and dominant in economic life. The public school was made much of and sacredly guarded as the "last bulwark of democracy." But today our rulers no unequal nation on the face of the earth. Wealth is concentrated and poverty is est of their own class. And so it has census of Chicago 61 per cent of the do classes do as little as possible for all the public money possible in the higher grades. This may not be conseious, it may not even be an accomoks out for its own interests, and his contention that when wage workers wake up to their interests they will the masses will not be neglected in order to improve the higher schools for

Oklahoma on Deck.

a the hall over the old post-offics purposes, the local exigencies des questions deal directly with that mat-building in Oklahoma City, December manded criticism. But now comes an present, representing the following squeal. A judge of the Superior Court counties: Pottawottomie, Lincoln, Oklahoma; Logan, Noble, Kay, Grant, Kingfisher, Canadian and Blaine. The countles represented by proxies were: used can easily relegate land, Payne, Garfield and Pawnee, The Tucker of Mulhall, being made president, and H. E. Parnsworth of Newkirk, secretary. Letters were received lands, who by such change have noth- zation good luck. Dr. Delos Walker of The silver question in the last cam- ing to lose and everything to gain, So. Okiahoma City was introduced by Dr. H. R. Dean, of Oklahoma City, and delivered an eloquent address of welcome, disinherited laborers of the world and and a feeling response was made by ment of a socialist newspaper in the territory. Prof. Wm. Gibbs, a colored teacher of Guthrie, delivered a very able address on the "relation of the negro to socialism." The following executive committee was then chosen E. T. Tucker, Mulhall: H. E. Farnsworth, Newkirk; M. P. Brown, Oklahoma City: A. K. Gore, El Reno: Wm. Gibbs, Guthrie; Walter Olds, Chandler; A. M. McCormick, Norman; J. W. Mc Fall, Medford, A. M. Renshaw, Lacevi J. A. Santry, Jennings: F. B. Fleming. Bryan: Mark W. Pringle, Cloud Chief; H. A. Boyce, Augusta, and H. P. Reenes, Perry. The evening meeting was for the purpose of listening to ar address by Capt. Bogardus, the champion rifle shot of the world, and a new champion to the cause of socialism Capt. Bogardus is a resident of Peoris, Ill. He spake to a good crowd, the seats all being full, and a large part of having only standing

> H. E. Farnsworth, Secretary Territorial Com.

WAKE UP.

We wish to send out ten thousand

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

A boy under the age of fourteen hanged himself in a barn in Connecticut the other day. . He had been "bound out" to a farmer at the age of six, and as the published report observes "what letariat. That is the work of the proit is for a boy to be "bound" in this letariat itself, and it cannot be perstate, those who know Connecticut formed until the surplus product out "thrift" will be able to judge. This un-fortunate child it is said, deliberately the capitalist system of production is took his own life. He looked his conditation to taken by them, from the control of the highest and clearest expression in modtion of drudgery full in the face and resolved that he would quit this "civil- dred organizations owe their existence utmost importance and interest. That ized" world, as life had nothing apparently in store for him. "Five cows to milk, a horse to care for, a number is overturned, there will be neither of hogs and a large stock of poultry to problem to solve or "Womans' Clubs." regulated by supply and demand. There strend through the bitter depths of to solve it. It would be interesting to New England winters." didn't know "prosperity" was here.

> No doubt when a number of respectable and intelligent jurymen sit at the inquest over the remains of this victim of "civilization" they will bring in a In as jurymen at the inquest on its corpse.

wished to do so. Great wisdom! So long as they are owners, the conditions have! of labor must be satisfactory to them. This fact in itself exposes the delusions which fool the workingmen when they imagine that a victory is gained by a strike in the economic field. At the end it is still the boss who is satisfied, not the men.

In reading a paper which at present is in bad odor with the socialist movement, one would be inclined to believe that the "Manifesto" had never been that it "Manifesto" had never been the satisfactory to them.

Others again hold that ills relations to their class of this city tended largely to build up this immense estate. Such men as "Mike McDonald" and "Jimmy de Ap" were said to be his bosom friends. But then of course "good" men cannot always escape being slandered.

Regarding the "others again hold that ills relations this class concerning its true between the freeds. As a means to this end their "propaganda of the deed" was very harmless, consisting in the founding of productive associations, socialist colonies and the 'like. The great achievement of Marx and Engels lay in their bridging over the chasm between the theoretical socialism and practical, political tabor move incent. They sought to utilize every bower of the struggling projectariat to the exertions of individuals they subthat the "Manifesto" had never been pillar of society, it is said that he was

that the "Manifesto" had never been written. The policy of the German comrades, a policy which has made of time to attend races, and spent their organization and its trend, a whole seasons at summer resorts. We thought center for all those who are interested in economic and social progress, seems to disagree with this paper, Marx said plainly "that the proletariat in each country must deal with its own bourgeoisie" and who are better judges than those upon the ground?

The truth is, the men behind this sheet have no conception of Social-Democracy. Oligarchy is the end and object of their aspirations. Social progress to them means the establishment on a large scale of such proceedings as are now taking place in the island of by the capitalist press at present.

Leary tells the islanders what to do, and is possessed of force to make them comply. This is called "progress" by the bourgeois, but no socialist looks for "progress" to come in that manner The development of the masses, and their self-assertion as a consequence are the only evidences of progress that a true socialist will recognize.

It makes all the difference whose ox is gored. The injunction, which was first described by the socialists as a "gatling gun on paper" has always been lauded to the skies by the espitalist press when used against workingmen, except perhaps when for political injunction which makes the press of Wisco ousin has just issued one in behalf of the Milwauke Electric and Railway Light company, which exposes the injunction method in a manner not

An attempt upon the part of this com pany to collect two fares from a paesenger named Bradley, at a place called Hawley's Road was resisted by the latter. He was instantly ejected from the car, and retaliated by an action for damages against the company. He was defeated, and the aforesaid injunction issued to prevent him or others pursuing the same course. It reads "the itizens must not refuse the fare, MUST NOT INSTITUTE SUITS FOR DAM AGES OR ASSAULT, and the prosecu. tion of suits already begun are also enjoined." This injunction is issued by Court

Commissioner Harper, and the paper which publishes it says that "the com missioner gives no reason for such ex-

traordinary rulings."

Why should be? He is simply faith. ful to the larger capitalist interests embodied in the company. The danger of this injunction to the capitalist class and the reason of unfavorable comment upon it in the press, lies in the fact that exposure of this injunction method, may prove disastrous to ruling class interests in the future. Those things should be kept dark to suit them.

Another terrible danger with which the "community" is threatened, is to be disposed of by the "Woman's Club" of this city. The "tenements of the poor" are new a subject of interest to them. They came, saw, and passed resolu-

away their time while men, women and children of the working class are compelled to slave at a pittance harely maintains life.

But they are up against it. They can not improve the condition of the proto the fact that the workers are plundered, and when the plundering system "club" derive their income from property in the shape of filthy tenement

E. J. Lebman of "The Fair" is dead.
Died of "overwork" as the press informs us. The "strain on his mind was a political one. Its aim was the attainverdict of "insanity." That verdict will forms us. The "strain on his mind was as philanthropists and benefactors of of them wise enough to see the econstituent of the strangest of ome of high-priced labor. And so there will be this child found death preferations to give in his obituary notices will be a great incentive to the propagation of

What inventive minds some people

iar figure driving with many question-

To be Defined By the Exploiters of Female Domestic Labor.

Here is news for the working class. A lady in Kansas City has "evolved a Guam under the control of Governor plan" for the establishment of a "col-Leary, and which are so much lauded lege" where the female domestic wage

questions which we reprint from the

e wages without having to de-money with a lawyer to bring

suit for her?

18. Has she a right to her own religious belief without ridicule?

19. Has she a right 19. Has she a right to demand refamily

20. Has she the right to ask the mis-tress for her "character?"
21. Has she the same right to be kept in repair as a machine? How the "representative citizens"

and others of the same class may decide upon these questions we cannot say, but the fact that they so naturally assume the position of judges on this matter, enables any thinking person to perceive that their verdict generally speaking will allow their wage slaves overy "right" which entails no injury to their own material interests. The servant will no doubt have the "right to demand" anything she pleases but whether this carries with it the necess. ity of complying upon the part of the ter. Like every other wage slave she will discover that her "rights" are exactly proportioned to her power to enforce them, and that without this power they are merely an empty phrase of no practical value whatever. Just as the rights of the whole working class are measured by the power of the ruling ference classes at present, so will the rights of als for disarmament as before

BOOK REVIEWS.

FREDERICK ENGELS, HIS LIFE, WORK, AND WRITINGS. Karl Kautsky.

those who comprehend the des-To tined mission of the modern working class; the life of a man who for more than fifty years has been one of the ablest and most untiring champions of the labor movement which finds its plunderers, "Womans' Clubs" and kin- ern socialism, cannot fail to be of the the biographer who has charged him self with this task is thoroughly equipped for that purpose, his, name alone would suffice. But in order to give our readers some idea of the work Perhaps he know how many members of this in question we hereby select one or two extracts which will enable them to comprehend the nature and scope of this excellent biography.

verified of "insanity." That verified will be a liet. The insane system of production that determined the conditions to which this child found death preferable. Is alone responsible; not only for this but for the millions of other tragedies which can be traced to the same source. A system which produces these results, it is the object of the socialists to destroy, and even now the elements are preparing which will act as jurymen at the inquest on its corpse.

Sam Gompers has said that the planomakers' strike could have been easily settled if the owners of the factories wished to do so. Great wisdom: So What inventive minds some people instories advance. They are not all produces the propagation of the leaves and the inquestion of the socialists to destroy, and even now the elements are preparing which will act as jurymen at the inquestion its corpse.

Sam Gompers has said that the planomakers' strike could have been easily settled if the owners of the factories wished to do so. Great wisdom: So class and capitalists and not a lever of historical advance. .They hoped to historical advance. They hoped to avoid this antagonism by educating the

> pillar of society, it is said that he was the owner of blooded horses, had plenty of time to attend races, and spent whole seasons at summer resorts. We have heard it said that he was a familiar figure driving with many question iar figure driving with many questionable characters on the boulevards and parks of this city—this city, of which the working class are so proud and have so little enjoyment of.
>
> THE "RIGHTS" OF WOMEN.
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> maintained that the new form of industry could only be secured through the common united efforts of the class common united efforts of the class conscious proletariat of all lands. They pointed out that the new manner of production could not arise from individual autonomous associations, colonies or communities, but could only come through the appropriation of the systematic organization of labor in the indied unitions of present capitalistic civilization. ons of present capitalistic civilization

And again:

Engels has always succeeded in keep-ing himself free from illusions. This he can do because behind him lies the experience of half a hundred years, in which the world has changed more diege" where the female domestic wage slave is to be instructed in the arts and mysteries of general housework and cookery, etc. This plan it is neef. less to say, like all others by which more efficient labor power may be extracted from the workers, has received the endorsement of the "Commercial Club" of Kansas City and many other "representative citizens."

This lady in order to clear the ground we suppose, before the intended plan materializes has forwarded a circular the employing classes in general consider the status of the domestic slave. It would appear that she is haunted by some vague indefinite notion that the latter may be in possession of some things called "rights" and some of her questions deal directly with that matter. The fact that these questions are not directed to the domestic servants but to those who in the latter of the status of the domestic slave. It would appear that she is haunted by some vague indefinite notion that the latter may be in possession of some the determining force in the life of the state within a comosarative citizens."

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The fact that these questions are not directly with that maintended plan materializes has forwarded a circular the employing classes in general considerations be allowed to development in the consumitation. The fact that she is haunted but to those who employ them is another evidence that class rule don't exist in this country. The employers of course will decide upon the following.

course will decide upon the following guestions which we reprint from the circular:

15. Has a girl any rights?

16. Has she the right to demand the an adventurely sevents naturally cannot be advanced or hindered according to our desire. When they do occur we must seek as far as possible to exploit them in our interest. What we must seek to avoid at such times an adventurous posicy on the part of Has a girl any rights?
Has she the right to demand the careful sanitary inspection of her ters as the shop-girl?
Has she the right to demand and the shop should be a shop should be shown to forcibly surprise natural development of the shop should be shown to forcibly surprise natural development of the shop should be shown to forcibly surprise natural development of the shop should be should be shown to find the should be to walt your time." But by such walting, he do not mean walting with
folded arms and open mouth until one
of the roasted doves of spentaneous development should fly down the throat,
but a walting in tireless labor-labor of
organization and propaganda. Quietly
and decisively, with faith in our own
good cause, without either prophecy or
hesitancy, we must toll on without proto weld the mass of the proletariat
more firmly and clearly together and to
fill them with a more clear self-consciousness. We have not only to teach,
but also to learn-much, very much to
learn. wait your time," But by such

learn.

When we wait in this manner, the waiting will not be long. When every moment is used in the best possible manner, we can without unnecessary sacrifice become masters of the situation in a short time. Then it will surely be granted, to at least one of the fathers of modern socialism, to see with his bodily eyes that which the eyes of his intellect have so long looked upon.

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It is stated that the Czar of Russia in. tends publishing another "peace conmanifesto, embodying propos. And now they are in the midst the workers become a subject for their evidence of his sincerity in this matter of a deluge of babble, out of which are assured, that improved tenements ruling class. Until that period arrives troops are to be sent to the diginal and "hotels" for the "poor," will be the condition of all laborers, including frontier "with all possible expedition." It looks as if "peace conferences" in the forthcoming. Even if all this were reown decision, when they become the it is announced that \$0,000 additional prison regulations at them the results of their labor. To precursors of immediate war, just as "hotels" with prison regulations attached will be altogether insufficient to become the masters of their own desaccommodate the new proletariat cretinies, and the judges of their own
ated by conditions which enable "Worights, socialism must first be estab-

Industrial Evolution.

By WM. T. BROWN.

(Continued from last week.)

industry as far as possible, what is it century brought about a change. The the emergence of the human race from peasant population. The feudal barons its primitive barbarism was commun- had exhausted their resources in the first unit of society, after the family and begun to discharge their retainers was the tribe, and in the tribe property | The feudal bands were broken up. to individuals as private property, but to the tribe as common property. I further increased the landless class that tribal communism was rude and sheep pasture. The discovery of Amerprimitive, and the world not only would and social life. When the race left the primitive communism, it left it for good and all. Communism in one form or another has existed since that day and craft is that of manufactures. In other exists even now, but it is not general and never will be. The race cannot re- ciated labor for the production of comturn upon its path. It must go-upward and forward. It cannot go backward try to the first demands for a larger Any yet, I have no doubt that we lost product. In this stage we have the things which were of highest worth, embryo of capitalism. In it is to be Things which we shall sometimes regain. though it be in a higher form. That discovery was made that production was a time when life was lived close to can be accelerated by division of labor, Nature's heart, when mad was armost A number of artisans of the same or consciously a very part of Nautre, when kindred trades worked together aneverything he saw and heard seemed der one employer. Here also is but a projection of himself, and when seen the rise of the wage sys. such a thing as disease was practically tem. In the handleraft stage of inunknown. I think that it is true that dustry, each man has his own employer. with every stage of progress in civili- He produced not for sale, but for his bly, but it is understood, that except zation, while much has been gained, own needs and those whom he served, in the next year on account of the exsomewhat has been lost. And though With the association of artisans towe may not return upon our path, perwe may not return upon our path, her- gether upder one employer came the haps if we could see in broad relief the wase system. If was the beginning of constitution of the work performed by the artist is so track which our race has followed and production of commodities for commer- COMMITTEE. which it is destined still to follow cial purposes. through the ages, we should find that point of view, it was also the produc-it is a spiral in which with every tion of commodities for profit. circling curve the best in the past will Capitalistic production requires two be taken up again and realized in a things: the perfect freedom of the lahigher form. I do not believe it is un- horer and the separation of the laborer scientific to expect that sometime in the from the means whereby he realizes the communion with her myriad forms of less there is an unlimited supply of laus which was the religion of those may find a fitting place in the higher unfolding of the race.

But we should prove ourselves poor students of history if we did not cheerhas taken has been a step upward, a necessity to the working out of something higher of which the race was capable. Just what were all the agencies which led to the next phase of civ-Hization I do not know. But one of them is very clear. In some way or other the institution of private property came into existence. I am satisfied that this institution was one of the most potent and useful factors in the progress of the race. But the form of industrial life to-which it gave birth was slavery. I think there is no differ: ence of opinion as to the fact that the second form of industrial organization was chattel slavery. There was a long period, as you know, when throughout the civilized world the manual laborer a slave. There were forms of labor then, as there have always been, which were done by free men. But the laborers, as a class, were chattel slaves. That was the case in Egypt in the time of Moses, and no doubt long before. It was true in all the so-called univerdesignate a slave. The usage has not Latin word "servus," survives in the English word "servant." breakup of the empire there gradually took place a change. The race seemed the modern system of capitalism, then to take another step forward on . Let us stop to think for a moment of its journey. Chattel slavery as a gen. the extent of this revolution. Before eral form of industrial life was left, the invention of macainery, industry is never to be returned to. To be sure, it practically in the hands of artisans. States government. But it is not gen. his tohis and he has his trade, eral and it is inconcejvable that it will He possesses the skill to use those ever be sgain. Evolution has made it tools for the production of comimpossible for the laborer ever again to modities. No one has any advantbe a chattel slave.

life of the world took was that of feu- he'd, except his fellow laborer. He is dalism. The land was possessed by a kimself, to all intents and purposes, a and the multitude, denied the "captain of industry." ability or privilege of owning the land, tically vanished by the end of the fourbecame the dependents and vassals of teenth century, leaving the great mass those who did. I shall not stop to point of the population free peasant proprieout the gain to the laborer which feu- tars. The wage laborers of that period dalism brought. It was real and sub- were few in number and each possessed It is rather with the next a cottage and at least four stage of industrial evolution that we land, besides having access to the comare mainly concerned. For the suc-cessor to feudalism was capitalism, was the condition of labor in the fif-Indeed, it is really at the downfall of teenth century, which has been called feudalism that the most important part "the Golden Age" of English labor, of the evolution of industry begins. It Says Thorold Rogers, member-of par is at this point that the evolution of in. liament and late professor in Oxford dustry becomes a vital part in the evo. university: "I have stated mere than

peasant farmet combined in himself are to interpret the wages which he a hatever trades were necessary to sup, earned by the cost of the necessaries of ply his needs, which were few. They raised their own sheep, spun their own wool, wove their own cloth, made their own clethes, They manufactured what. ever rude tools were necessary for their work, which was almost wholly agri-

list. Neither did the system of profits, as we know it today. A combination confining ourselves to the one field of causes beginning in the fourteenth that we find? We find that the earliest epidemie of the "Black Death" swept form of social and industrial life after over England wining out a third of its the communism of the tribe. The French wars and the wars of the Roses, Wealth did not belong suppression of the menasteries and the eviction of the monks by Henry VIII know of no difference of opinion among The impoverished nobility evicted the scholars on this point. It is also true peasants from the land, expropriated that the civilization represented by the small proprietors, and turned it into ica and of a sea route to India and the not desire, but it could not, if it did, later movement toward colonization return to that early form of industrial op ned a new era in commerce and created a demand for manufactured goods.

The next industrial stage after hand! words, it is the beginning of the asso modities. It was the response of indusseen the rise of the profit system. The gether under one employer came the in a different district. From the employer's

future we are to find again that near- results of his labor. That is to say, ness to the heart of Nature and that capitalistic production cannot go on unbeauty and sublimity, that sense of borers. So long as the industrial popuoneness with her as our Mother, that lation of Europe was tied to the soil as freedom from disease, that grace of serfs to their feudal masters, capitalism form and ryhibia of movement, and could not enter upon its career. And that sympathy with the world around so long as the laborers owned the instruments with which they did their primitive ancestors and which surely work, capital was impotent to realize those profits by which it lives and thrives. . I am not discussing the ethics of the matter. It has none. Material evolution knows no ethics. fully recognize that step that the race Gravitation has nothing to do with eth ics. Neither has the rise of capitalism It came into existence naturally and inevitably. Given the increasing demand for commodities, the freedom of the laborer, and his separation from the tools with which he worked, and you have the essential prerequisites of capitalism. The events of the fifteenth and sixteenth and seventeenth centuries created a growing demand for commodities. The fourteenth and fifteenth centuries had set free a great multitude of laborers by the fall of feudalism and the dissolution of the guilds. It remained for the last third of the eighteenth century to furnish the third requisite. Think for a moment of the inventions that belong to the latter half paper and the support which the miliof the eighteenth century. "In 1750 the tant socialists in all countries render fly-shuttle was invented by Kaye of Burry. In 1760 improvements were made in the carding process. In 1769 tions of method and doctrines is comthe spinning frame was introduced by Arkwright, and Watt took out his patent for the first steam engine. In 1770 cision of the congress as interpreted by the spinning-jenny was patented by the General Committee. It was true in all the so-called universal the spinning-jenny was present system of sal empires down to and including the stain from all polemic, and all comlaborer was the same that was used to designate a private capital, laborer was the same that was used to director of industry with that of ownstraining the director of industry with that of ownstraining the capitalist, having appropriated the director of industry with that of ownstraining the capitalist, having appropriated the director of industry with that of ownstraining the capitalist, having appropriated the capitalist, having appropriate capitalist, having appropriated the capitalist, having appropriate capitalis laborer was the same that was used to power-loom was invented by Cartmeaning slave, to industry. They marked the real bewhat the result of these inventions was of the General Committee, and those of jendency for his descendants? How and economic than competition is evimeaning a devestic labore. With the breaking of that revolution in the meth-

has since existed and exists today, even The workman possesses all that is under the protection of the United necessary for production. He owns a chattel slave.

age over him. He is master of the next form which the industrial the situation. He, has no rival in the once that the lifteenth century and the The industry of the Middle ages was first, quarter of the sixteenth were the practically limited to handleraft. Every golden age of the English laborer, if we life. At no time were wages, relatively speaking, so high, and at no time was food so cheap."

(To be continued.)

Keep your eye on your subscription culture. The wage system did not ex. au

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpees of the World-wide Struggle the Proletarian Army for Ita Liberty.

founded upon the principles expressed in the fermula convocating the con-

gress. The party is composed of: (1.) The five organizations formed on national lines.

(2) The district and departmental or-

der the following considerations:

ear of existence tifty members.

heir department.

the party if they fail to organize a tions of owenership of the tools and federation in their department within direction of industry became divorced, one year from date of admission. They The capitalist today is not the director will be admitted to the party only on of industry; he has handed this func-unaufmous assent of the members of tion over to hired employees. In order the General Committee

ly adhere to the socialist principles that derstand his historical development have served as a basis for the convothe party.

GENERAL CONGRESS.

The party will assemble each year in a General Congress. Each congress will determine the place of its next assemposition, each congress shall assemble

In eight days at the latest, a General

one delegate for each fifty mandates and each fraction of fifty. The autonviz., Ardennes, Cote-d'-Or, Doubs, Bran it a kind of communistic alliance.

supplementary delegate." pay to the General Committee a cermandates held by each organization.

CONTROL OF THE PRESS.

The congress declares that none of to it.

The liberty of discussion on all quesplete, but as to action, the journals are required to conform strictly to the de-

adherent organizations.

proletarian movement, it shall cite be- ness were entirely different from what way. The frust is simply socialism for fore it the responsible editors. After they are today. Were the commodore the benefit of the few at the expense measures if found necessary shall be brought before the congress.

The members of the parliament who are elected upon the theoretic principles set forth in the convocation are them of the decisions of the congress, and influence them as much as possible to a unity of vote.

BLECTIONS.

No person shall be considered as a socialist candidate who does not ex-

case of a conflict in the second elections changed conditions. The paragraph in engaged in commerce and manuf the General Committee will naturally

Have you maked all your shop mates phy unconscious of the lapse of time they have compensed the workers' Gall? If and the economic revolution which has you are not willing to do that much how long do you think it will be before them. We only condemn these use-how long do you think it will be before the condition of industry, belongs gaged in the production and distribution to the tra of individual production and tion of wealth than is necessary. Un-functions which are necessitated by the

A LESSON IN SOCIALISM.

Comrade Charles H. Vail Gives an Edito

To Editor Rochester Post-Express. My attention has been called to at editorial in your lesue of December 13th, The Socialist party of France is which is an attempt to criticise my address recently given at the Labor Ly. coun at Rochester. The editorial is so full of errors that, in justice to myself and the cause of socialism, I must ask for space in your paper to reply.

The first error into which you bay fallen is due to a failure to grasp mod-(3.) Groups that request admission to era ladustrial conditions. Your failure the party from the General Party com- to distinguish between the era of Individual production or the succeeding Such groups shall be eligible only un. stage, the individual ownership of se-ter the following considerations: (a) They shall have had at least one poration stage of industry, has led you to confound the captain of industry (b) That they shall number at least with the modern capitalist. This oversight has caused you to postulate, of (c) That there be no federation in the latter certain functions which belong only to the former. When the con-These groups will be excluded from loration entered industry the two functo see clearly the position occupied by (4) Labor organizations who express. the modern capitalist you need to uncation of the first general congress of ing with his men, a master workman employing a few laborers and so able (3.) The co-operative escription who to make a small profit off their labor. adhere to the socialist principles above. The possession of more wealth raised mentioned and who will devote a part him above manual labor and he be-of their income for the socialist propa- came a mental laborer, a manager, who received wages of superintendence But the possession of still more wealth raised him above even the labor of di-The choice is not between competition more appropriated by the few the less rection, and he handed this function and combination, for the former is rap-remains for the many. You need to reover to an hired employee, thus becoming a more interest receiver or profit

The capitalists united in a joint-stock company do not pretend to labor, but rs. The whole capitalist class, as such, Each of the organizations shall be ly all leading industries are today joint. Each of the organizations shall be stock concerns and a capitalist may represented by delegates designed by it, stock concerns and a capitalist may be represented by delegates designed by it, stock concerns and a capitalist may be represented by delegates designed by it, stock in a score of such industries. of socialist charges, that competition is warped your moral judgment. dates they have sent to the congress, He may never go to the factories or even to the town in which they are located. He simply takes the stock and and harmony restored in the individual mous federations will cease to be cont locks it up in his safe and at the end sidered as separate organizations. They of three months draws his dividends. where he may stay as long as he sumes that all have an equal chance, tagne, Bouches du Rhone, Seine et Oise, pleases and his dividends regularly fol-Saone et Loire, governed by laws as low him. In fact, we mean by capital- Freedom of competition under present given below. Each of them will how- ist, today, one who receives an income ever in fact have one delegate. There is without personal exertion. Do you think it a kind of communistic alliance. In order to re-establish an equilibri- William Waldorf Astor personally perum, each of the other organizations rep. formed any useful function in industry? resented in the congress will receive a Still they receive a portion of the pro-supplementary delegate. Still they receive a portion of the pro-duct produced by American labor. Why The decisions of the General Com- is this? Simply because they are ownmittee are taken by the majority of ers of instruments of production, the Shades of the apostles! Honest compelevy a tax or tribute upon productive tain sum which is to be fixed by the toil. The whole capitalist class are tolatter proportionately to the number of day pensioners upon the working class; they have paragitically fastened themselves upon industrial society. In the preceding stage of industry the capitalist combined the office of capitalist with the socialist journals, at the present that of superintendent, and so legitistate of affairs, is to be considered as the official organ of the party. But all like any other laborer. But this in no those journals which call themselves way accounts for what he appropriated socialist have definite obligations which as capitalist. If a capitalist today perincrease with the importance of the forms the function of superintending, and so becomes a laborer, he should re- think that you are upholding the princeive a compensation for his labor performed. This condition, however, only past stage of industry and is rapidly about the Duchess of Marlborough? Is dent from the fact that the former is an advantage over his fellows. Committee, when necessary, shall give his descendants, merely as redundant ism for all at the expense of none. clusion from the party or even a boy- industry has raised him from a captain. ducers; "they toll not, neither do they caused you to commit a frightful blun. lows:

nechanical industry. It remains today fourths would be saved in fenced in and closed to competition. ch. IV.) Modern industry has passed, or is rapmonopoly. In the economic evolution, portion to the wealth they create. for competition, well knows the impossibility of ever returning to the lat- is able to consume more is that they ter. The chaice must be made between create more, that "they do not consum menopoly under private control, for in excess of what they create." monopoly in some form is sure to ob-tain. We cannot return to the days of which a larger moome for this class can it was but a question of time when mo, you well know, is not due to the differ-nopoly would rule the day. The busi- ence in the amount of wealth created. individuals or in the hands of society? idly disappearing. Combination either

of the few or many is inevitable. We rejoice at the inevitable outcome wasteful and that by combination the realm.

the proletariat and the millionaire! conditions is simply freedom of the strong to fleece the weak, and of the cunning to ensuare the innocent. The very essence of competition is antag. onism, and necessarily begets enmity, cruelty, injustice, oppression and selfishness.

You speak of "honest competition. quality! My friend, with all due respeet, you are a modern Rip Van Winkle, only you have been asleep more than twenty years. Your plea for com- tion. That the old press as a whole will petition is a back number. It might have been taken seriously fifty years ago, but such antiquated reactionary economics have no place in our modern industrial system.

Toward the close of the paragraph you say that "instead of promoting waste the successful manufacturers promote economy." I hope you do not ciple of competition. If so, you are a little confused. Who are the successful selves or the large trusts who have

Competition does not produce cheaper does but little in the way of directing petition four or five times as many are competition, it is well-known that com spin," but live in idleness off the toiling petition leads to wholesale adulteration and spinning of others. This failure to | Let us now note the first sentence of

stances, give any authorization what-ciple which belongs to a past era, apsace of clearness, not that I object to would save yourself many of the grave ever to any of the other candidates. In parently wholly in ignorance of the the sentence quoted. I said: "Those blunders if you would familiarize your. question is an echo from the tomb, as ing spend much of their energies in though an Adam Smith had arisen and fighting among themselves to secure proclaimed anew his economic philoso- the largest portion of the wealth which Have you asked all your skep mates phy unconscious of the lapse of time they have compelled the working class are greatly mistaken. Socialists do not

the first part of the period of modern der a rightly ordered system threebut its field of operation is being con- production and nine-tenchs in the field stantly limited by the concentration of of distribution." This is so evident capital and the organization of great that I need not take space to elucidate trusts. Field after field has already been (See "Principles of Scientific Socialism."

In the next paragraph you take exidly passing, through its competitive ception to my statement that the pro-stage and is taking on the form of fessional class consume out of all proas in the physical, the changes are not say that "when a lawyer or physician usually abrupt but gradual. Although gets a fee of \$100, or \$1,000 or \$10,000, it competition in certain branches of in- is fair to assume that he has rendered dustry still survives, we must not fall a service that his client regards as an into the error of supposing that com- equivalent." Here you resort to sophpetition will be the ruling factor tirry, hoping thereby to becloud the in the last days of the capitalist question. The question is not what the system. The appearance of the client regards as an equivalent but trust foreshadowed the doom of the whether the status which this class competitive order. One who understands the causes which have ables them to consume out of proported to the substitution of combination then to their due share. You assume that the reason this class

free competition and small things, for be justified is that they should be resuch would constitute a reversal of all munerated for the years of apprenticeprogress. Nothing can be more vision, ship and study given to qualification. ary than the free competition of fifty Rut this reason is not sufficient to jusyears ago. That condition has been tify some receiving \$10,000 or\$100,000—burted in the same grave with the stage you speak of a man receiving the foroach and the hand fiall. The death of mer amount as a single fee-while the hand labor meant the death of the old great majority are obliged to eke out compelitive system. As soon as we en- an existence on \$300 or \$400 a year and tered the era of social organized labor many on much less. This disparity, as ness of the future must be done by or- Those who receive such princely ingamard capital. The question is Shall comes are consuming out of all pro-we have this capital in the bands of portion to their due share. There is only so much wealth created and the member that all kinds of labor are necessary in modern society, and were it not for these performing the common of economic development. Who would manual labor the professional class as company do not pretend to labor, but wish to again reinstate in full power well as the capitalist class would soon hire a manager in whose hards they the victous principle of competition? case to exist. Are you certain that is being supplanted by the principle of ly more valuable than that performed Committee of the Party shall be have thus become superfluous, the work, combination. Capitalists have seen the by the street and sewer cleaners? If, Committee of the Party shall be not committee of the Party shall b tion, co-operation and systematization, method of distribution under the pres John Stuart Mill, in speaking of the

cost of production is greatly reduced manner in which the product of labor is appropriated, says that it is "almost in an inverse ratio to the labor-the The principle of competition is absurd largest portion to those who have never will form several district organizations, with which he takes a trip to Europe, in theory and false in practice. It as- worked at all, the next to those whose work is almost nominal and so in a degrading scale, the remuneration dwindling as the work grows harder and more disagreeable, until the most fatiguing and exhausting bodily labor cannot Sount with certainty on being able to earn the necessaries of life. Your effort to uphold the present distributive injustice shows that you are either a member of the ruling class or one of its flunkles. The attitude of your paper is but another proof of the validity of the socialist philosophy that the ruling class control and shape pub. He opinion by either directly or indirectly controlling the means of informa continue to prostitute itself is to be expected as long as the present ruling class exist, but there are signs, even in Rochester, that some papers are beginning to see the rising tide and have determined at least to give the socialist a fair hearing.

But, to return, your error here, as before hinted at, is in assuming that because a man pays a lawyer, say \$10,000, that the lawyer has created that amount of wealth. This is a fearful exists among the small capitalists, or manufacturers? Are they the small blunder. You must have written your middle class, a class which represents a producers who compete among them- article is great haste or you would not have committed so great an error. As ? being exterminated. These two stages crushed out competition? The more a matter of fact the lawyer creates no of industry are well-represented by completely organized the industry the wealth whatever. This class is but a Commodore Vanderbilt, to whom you more successful, for the cheaper the parasite of property and is only neretain it, or through litigation secure Should the General Committee find she a cuptain of industry? No, Mr. rapidly supplanting the latter. Competalist parting with a portion of the that a journal violates the decisions of leditor; the conditions when Mr. Van-the party and causes prejudice to the derbit took hold of the railroad busi-business, combination is the socialistic labor, does not prove that the man who surplus, which he has exploited from receives it has created any wealthadded to the values in existence. He giving them a hearing, the General alive today he would have become like of the many. What we want is social- has rendered a service, as you say, which the capitalist may recognize as them to understand through a public organ, and, like all useless organs, propose to socialize the trust that the an equivalent to the price paid, but notice, that they will ask against them, bound to disappear. The same is true benefits now reaped by the few may that is something entirely different either the censure of the party, or ex-He has only aided in the cott against the journal itself. These of industry to a capitalist proper-he and better as you imply. Under com- manipulation of values already created. Perhaps he enables the capitalist to industry today. The era of monopoly, engaged in doing anything as would be retain this uncarned increment, and for THE CONTROL OF REPRESENTA- the trustification of industry complete- necessary under an organization of in- his effort receives a portion of the surplus value which the capitalist has and owners of the tools. The board of this; many examples might be cited but fleeced from labor. So far as society is directors in our great trusts do not it is unnecessary. If competition pro-concerned(especially the laborer) it ples set forth in the convocation are simply do business for the etockholders, able to undersell all others and hold the \$10,000 remained in the hands of the placed directly under the control of the The capitalist class today are non-pro- field. As to the quality of goods under capitalist or is given to the lawyer. In either case it is a part of the wealth produced by labor. I hardly think that you will claim that as an editor you grasp modern industrial conditions has the paragraph. You quote me as fol- create any great wealth. But it may "The commercial class spend be possible that the ruling class recogmost of their time in waste trying to nize your efforts in their behalf and. Your effort in the next paragraph to beat themselves." Of course this is but give you liberal patronage. Let me inpressiy accept the principles which have poister up the wasteful system of com- a brief report of my statement. In timate, however, in passing, that unserved as a basis for the convocation petition must have impressed all your fact, the passage which you quote is less you can do better for capitalism less you can do better for capitalism of the congress.

readers as futile. It is somewhat amusbut a few sentences taken from what than is evidenced by your editorial of During the period of election the Gening to hear a man, in these days, energic Committee shall, under no circum. deavoring to uphold an economic printer in full for the little use for you in the future. You self with the subject.

In this connection you speak of my condemning bankers, lawyers, lusurince men, traveling salesmen, etc. You

competitive aystem, would be unneces sary, and the men thus engaged wou be turned into useful employment. It is indeed amusing to have one refer to these classes as producers. The trust is eliminating traveling salesmen but I have not yet heard that production has been decreased thereby. Because you See that these vocations exist today, you have erroneously concluded that those thus engaged are producers and that people are willing to pay for them, when, as a matter of fact, they are obliged to pay whether they will or no. Socialism would turn these thousands into useful production. To set up the claim that these classes are today productively employed, shows that you are hard-pushed for an argument.

The last paragraph dealing with lux. uries is based upon an inaccurate report, consequently your effusion here is net to the point. Perhaps you might be interested to know the socialist position. so I will quote what I did say: "Many laborers are engaged in producing things which only the rich can buy, which can minister only to luxury and folly, and which people living manly and corrupted lives, would not think of requiring. Such products are not wealth but waste. Laborers engaged in the production of such products are not usefully employed." Allow me to inform you, in cohelusion, that socialism does not propose to deprive people of all "pleasurable things which people can get along without." Socialism is a protest against present conditions giving these "pleasurable things" only to We want all to have an abundance of such luxuries as are good and will administer to their betterment. This does not mean, however, that the luxury of the rich is beneficial to labor as so many assume. There are mand phases of this question and many other points which I would like to consider will not ask for more space,

Thanking you in advance for the fayor in publishing this reply, I am Respectfully.

Charles H. Vall. Jersey City, New Jersey, Dec. 18th.

As Others See Us

(Continued from page 1.)

American capitalism in finding markets for the sale of the products of labor is dwelt upon, and the growing rage and despair of European communities whose trady is not only being destroyed but even their own national barriers broken down by the cheap commodities of the United States. A masterly survey of these matters and an examination of many details therein, bring the author to the conclusion so grateful to our capitalist class, that they are to become masters of the world not so much through force of arms, but in a commercial sense, through the ownership of the product of the labor of millions of the cheapest and most willing wage slaves this earth has ever known.

writer then shows the utter futility of protective tariffs by the European nations in fending off the ener-"accumulation of commodities" produced by American labor, working at an ever intensified speed, and with constantly improving machinery of production. He then in a spirit or frony advises them to imitate the exof the American ruling class, to Intensify the labor of their wage slaves, betier their machinery, consular servtechnical instruction, etc., etc., in fact to exert themselves more and more flereely in the race in which American competition threatens to completely outrun them. M. Georges Wenlersso figuratively takes the American capi-talist by the hand and leads him to the brink of the precipice, but that individual, unable to see and therefore mprehend the danger, lays all this 'flattering unction to to his soul," dreams pleasantly of the conquests which are to be his in the futue, and publishes to the world that his is a man who "argues from facts"which he undoubtedly is-only the pupil has not been able to grasp the end of First Commercial Conquest -after that -the deluge.

And now let us look upon the blind Samson upon whose shoulders the pil-lars of this magnificent temple of devilworship is to be reared, Let un ses what our critic has to say about him. He admits that were the European cap italist to attempt the intensification of the labor of his slave in anything like the custom prevalent here, danger of s revolution would be imminent, and he uses this fact to point out the further difficulty of competition from This is the sort of labore then upon whom the American capital. ist relies to confer upon his class the mercial supremacy of the world. And it is a true picture. And as the headline in the capitalist press says it

meet of American development as a negative factor?

No, the American workman earns a quarter more than the English workman, but produces a third more. Is this extra production, due to machines, as one may conclude from the fact that the workman works fewer hours? No, those who thus conclude forget the fundamental factor in the economic nower of American to the intensity of the work of the American workman.

Hard workers—that is the character—istic of the American workman.

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The fever for work is as intense as the business fever. The American workshops. The fever for work is as intense as the business fever. The American workshops man meither smokes nor whistles nor

sings—he works. Otherwise he could netive, for he is paid by the piece. At the end of the first week the newly arrived European workman makes little money—his lodging if not his food is dearer. The next week he works harder. He soon catches the fever, but at the price of his pleasures repose and gayety. It is great muscular use of fatce which taxes the brain. If one measured human force in the manner, we measured human force in the manner, we measure electric force we would find at the end of his sight or nine hours the American workman has spent more of his physical and mental force than the European workman in ten or eleven hours. One only has to see the collapsed, feverished state in which American workmen leave their shops to realize this.

The superiority of the American in

ican workmen leave their shops to realize this.

The superiority of the American in the economic world is due, not only to the richness of the soil, the perfection of machines, the decision, and the audacity the labor of the directors, but also to the immense predigatity, intensity of the muscles and the brains of the workmen.

As this paper is written in the interst of the working class, we would like to know what the American workingnen think of this characteristic sketch, as a type. They cannot but admit its truth. But the main question is are they content to be used in this manner and do they consider that the "shifting of the financial center of the world from London to New York" is sufficient re ompense? Great Britain was once the workshop of the world" and during that period the most miserable profetariat the world has ever seen was to be found in that island. And yet this is the outlook over which the American workingman is supposed to, go into throes of patriotic rapture. The gladiator of history was often "butchered to make a Roman holiday," but the modern American worker is to have his life force torn from him day by day as he leaves the shop or factory in a "coltapsed feverish state," and all that s small class who theives upon this mod ern system of ennibalism and who represent the "United States" may accomplish "the commercial conquest of the world." But during the continuation of this process the American work. ers will be compelled to direct some of the "intensity" of their brain (which they now use in the interest of their exploiters) to relieving the "intensity" of the strain on their muscles, and when our capitalist classes almost have the prize in their hands they will be confronted with a projetariat for whom the idea of "commercial conquest" has lost Labor Journal, all charm, and who will insist that the product of their labor, instead of serv. ing the greed and ambition of their masters, shall be owned and controlled by themselves. The only logical finish to M. Wenlersses' picture is the era of socialism, which his flattered capitalist contemporaries are fortunately too "industrious" to perceive, but as the old proverb runs, "whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

Some Cynical Truths.

These children the Salvation Army re giving a Christmas spread in various cities (one meal a year is rather slim feed, strikes me) are the children of the useless idle, I presume. Surely the children of those who do our country's useful work have plenty and their orphans are tenderly cared for. (This is sarcasm.)

While I'm about it I may as well voice my regret that it is no longer considered the proper caper to jall the knights of the clarionet and tambourine. I do not mind their disturbing the peace, but I do mind their charity work. It may be more blessed to give than to receive, but for an outfit that makes a specialty of the working classes to go on the hypothesis that the sticking salve of charity will cure the ills of the body politic is not a builable crime in my calendar.

"The man who attempts to reform by fear or restraint acts in opposition to God's law."—Coming Age.

deaginous reformer for revenue only, | Mayoralty vote-Com. Darch, 1909 with his own private wire laid to the threne of grace, throws some late Divine interpretation into us which over- in our propaganda which helped to turns all God's known laws and negatives intelligent effort at reform. He kneed. If this cleavage of the union must have late advices indeed from the vote had been avoided there is no doubt laws of God, like the resolutions of a mayor over the combined capitalist peace convention, were nil in that they

then. He never goes up against a dead vote in consequence of the truthful pre-

tation seems only silly, but on closer examination its mischievious and dan-

ingless phrases unaccompained by pun- form. ishment for their infraction.

"fish, fiesh or fewi," set you off on a Aldermanic vote, 1808, increase 283 wild goose chase after the "ignis At this writing our Comrade Ross is Hurrah for Socialism!

Don't let some bulging-browed thee- new council) single-handed at special logian misquote the laws of God to meeting called to vote money for our

Refermers, stand firm! . The weapone of fear and restraint are yours for the new is not yet legally seated and the sent in lots of ten or more. Less the winning. True, with their possess, while an overdraft of only \$10,000 extens great responsibility. They just in our city anshequer, Gur com-

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PLATFORM.

The Socialist Laiser Party of the United States, in convention assembled, re-asserts the innicenable rights of all men to life, liberty and the parasit of happiness.

With the founders of the American republic we had that the purpose of government is to secure every critisen in his enjoyment of this right; but in the lights of our social conditions we had for there more, that no such right can be exercised under a system of concomic inequality, consultably destructive of life, of liberty and of happiness.

With the founders of this republic we had that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be evened and controlled by the whole people; but in the light of our industrial development we hold, furtherwiver, that the true theory of concentration is that the machinery of production must likewise belong to the people in comment.

To the devicus fact that our despotic system of concentrations is the direct opposite of our democratic vision of politics can plainly be traced the existence of a privileged class, the corruption of government by that class, the eliconicion of public property, public franchiess and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the mightions of mathous upon that class.

Again, through the perversion of democracy is the ends of plutocracy, labor is robbed of the wealth which it alone produces, is denied the means of self-employment, and, by compalsory idenosis wage stayery, is even deprived of the necessaries of life.

Homes power and natural forces are thus wanted, that the plutocracy may rule.

Ignorance and heavy, with all their concentrate crief, are perpetuated, that the people may be keep in bondage.

ignorance and misery, with all their concomitant every to be and a second and invention are diverted from their humans purpose to the endavement of women and Science and Invention are diverted from their humans purpose to the endavement of women and

Science and invention are diverted from their humane purpose to the emissioned to determine the children.

Against such a system the Socialist Laker Party once more enters in protest. Once more it reterates its fundamental declaration that private property in the natural sources of production and in the testfruments of laker is the obvious cause of all consumic servitude and political dependence.

The time is fast coming when, in the natural course of sactial evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its failures and crises on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of its trists and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have worked out its own downfall. We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, and upon all honest citizena to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor Parry into a class-conscious body, ware of its rights and determined to conquer them by taking possession of the public powers; so that, held together by an informitable spirit of solidarity under the most trying conditions of the present class struggle, we many put as unmany end to that barborous struggle by the abstition of classes. The restoration of the land and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Cooperative Common wealth in which every worker shall have the free exercise and full benefit of his facelities multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.

Immediate Demands.

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With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor we present the following demands:

1. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production.

2. The United States shall obtain possession of the raircoals, canais, telegraphs, telephones and other means of public transportation and communication: the employee to operate the same operatively under the control of the Federal government and to elect their own superior officers, to be employee shall be discharged for political reasons.

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b. The United States to have the exclusive right to issue money.

6. Congressional legislation providing for the scientific management of forests and waterways, of prohibitions the water of the nutural resources at the country.

7. Inventions to be free to all: the inventors to be remuserated by the nation.

8. Progressive Income as and tax on inheritances; the smaller incomes to be exempt.

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16. Abolition of the veto power of the executive (national state and municipal) wherever it exists.

17. Abolition of the United States Senate and all upper legislative chambers.

18. Municipal self-perenment.

19. Direct vote and secret ballots in all elections. Universal and equal right of sufferage without regard to color, creed or sex. Election days to be legal holidays. The principle of proportional representation to be introduced.

20. All public officers to be subject to recall by their respective constituencies.

21. Uniform civil and criminal has throughout the United States. Administration of justice to be free of charge. Abolition of capital punishment.

have long been the instruments of oppression, but they are equally potent, in the proper hands for equity, justice and peace.-Bige Eddy in the Freemen's

ACROSS THE BORDER.

Combined Capitalist Parties, and Almost Win Out.

Our municipal campaign has been an eventful and era-making one in the news of the socialist movement in this countries of this city. The dominant and try and abroad. Articles on socialism and all-powerful Liberal and Conservative parties, drupped their "mark" of "preparties dropped their "mask" of "pretended combat" under which they have always heretofore hoodwinked workers into the capitalist shambles, of Grit and Tory fakirs, and fused together in loving embrace, on the advent in the political arena of our Socialist Labor party nominees. There was thus clear. ty disclosed in this campaign what the S. L. P. has always asserted, that there was no real fight between the parties; that there were but "two classes," the capitalist class and the working class and that they are and must be hostile to each other. The capitalist nominee for mayor selected by the fused parties by a so-called citizen's committee of 400 "prominent citizens and business men" among whom (a noticeable fact), not one working man appeared, was Mr. Kimba'l, a typical manufacturer capiupheld the banner of the S. L. P., and came within 285 votes of capturing the mayoralty chair:

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increase 1,746 There were also disintegrating forces produce a cleavage among the weak-Most High who would make God out that our comrade would have been an anarchist; who would inter that the seated with a handsome majority as party vote. It need hardly be said there was panic in the capitalist camp. Fear and restraint are to be left in They saw their finish when the worker the control of our exploiters, ain't it? were united and voting true to their Conservatism, entrenched in the cita- own class interest. The fact that Comdel of Bigotry, is to have the weapons rades Darch and Ross were endorsed by of fear and restraint and reformers are the Trades and Labor Council and that te move to the attack armed with soft said endorsation did not have its full seap and taffy. Count yours truly out effect in getting for them a solid union At first glance the Coming Age quoand simple" tactics by our speakers and writers was patent to all. On the Ignoring the many American workmen who work as long and for as small
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