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THE SILLY SEASON

The Modern St. George, and the Trust Dragon.

"SOCIETY" TO THE RESCUE.

Won't Invite the Trust Promoter to Dinner-"Social Ostracism" the Latest Remedy.

There are certain periods of the year when marvelous stories of big pumptwo-headed calves, . petrified giants, and other wondrous prodigies of like nature fill the columns of our daily like nature fill the columns of our daily termed "class-consciousness" often press, these periods being known to proves a stumbling block to those who journalists on both sides of the Atlan-

far as we are aware, but it would know'edge is exempt from its action. At the present time the indications are that the science of economics is sufferseason" in sociology is now in full 'trust," is certainly responsible to a many of these marvelous remedies, but wage the latest of these which have come to what diminished head, and at the same time whom it attempts to castigate.

"society" and as "society" needs a "savior," the hour has brought forth the man, and the hero, in the guise of university professor of economics, steps on the stage with the following guaranteed recipe for the destruction

c opinion you have set in mo-strongest force in the business

Isn't that beautifully simple? Can destroys the dragon not by

section of the "public," must adopt this stern method of showing their disap-

the contents of his dinner pall, he must rt of the latter, and his house, and that his children have protest against the shams and hun olive branches of the detested plutocrat can no longer play in their yard.

haughty "social disqualifier" shall have need not be considered. The bluff if properly worked, will go all right, for hasn't the professor said it? If the of this drastic remedy doesn't bring the monopolist to a sense of the enormity of his crime and mak him resolve at once to untrustify his property, it may perhaps kill him by

e chances are that he will survive. He has only to remind himself that long before trustification the wealth of individual expiolters easily broke down the barriers exclusiveness, behind which the haughty European aristocracy en-trenched themselves. Even they, with pundreds of years of traditions of rank, birth and power, were unable to make a social outcast of the man who had The daughters and heires of these men, who after all wer only pigmies in wealth compared with the exploiters of this generation, were scious as you yourselves are. thie to secure princes, dukes, and other blue-blooded specimens without any reeptible effort. But yet the monop and trust magnate of today is sted to wither under the frown of

nated. He and his class cannot have enough of such remedies as this. It is to their interest to cultivate the crop produced by the "silly season" in soci-

ology.

There is only one parallel that we can proposition. The fame of the professo who gave it birth must be inseparably linked with that of the eminent English nist who discovered the theory that the recurring financial crises in the ommercial world were to be directly attributed to the number of spots on

Class-consciousness. The antagonism existing between the

classes of which society is at present

the part of the working class is usually

composed, and whose recognition upon

material interests of the

The law governing the recurrence of these periods is not definitely known mony is periods. are still partially under the influence of so far as we are aware, but it would attainment were dependent on mere seem as if no department of human advocacy and plous wishes, notwithstanding the fact that every phase of society, from the European armies of millions of trained butchers, down to ing the common lot, and that the "silly the struggle for a job between the That tremendous bogey, the antagonisms are everywhere in evidence in the current order of things. large extent for the publication of In the interest of capitalist society, the wage slave is carefully instructed in test of these which have come to what "ought" to be and his gaze is as eater to capitalist society, and pre-otice is well-calculated to make carefully diverted from what "is." ferred to let this golden opportunity who has fallen into this error the mat-Mr. Bryan's "license scheme" hide its Consequently the socialist who points provide a fund of amusement for those at once finds that he is running directly As the "trust" threatens the stability rality," which are held equally by the counter to the current ideas of "mounclass-conscious workingmen their capitalist masters. The latter edge of distinct class interets as "class-consciousness" and being fully ests adroitly calls the bourgeois "mo-When a man operates a trust against the public good don't invite him to dinner, don't call on his family, disqualify him socially. You say that is an inoperative remedy. I say it is not. Whenever you make a man under, whenever you make a man under, stand that by doing certain things he is disqualified socially and condemned in good to this subject. Yet nothing the distinct of alluding to this subject. Yet nothing the distinct of the complete that he charges Morris with mak, and it is therefore unlikely that he greatly disturb him, provided the fact is disqualified socially and condemned in good don't invite him to class consciousness with class hatred. Austin twangs his puny lyre, and grov. I implied the most effective work for social time. The capitalist does not care how much one discourses upon liberty, Hubbard will commit the grievious mis. In the dirt before the feet of Pittish is in the dirt before the feet of Pittish is in the dirt before the feet of Pittish is in the dirt before the feet of probable that Mr. I is not probab dividual beggar made wild by the sight be applied by the most inexperienced of the luxury of the rich man, might person as well. This modern St. possibly conceive a hatred for that insword or lance, but by the simple ex-pedient of "cutting him dead". in the rich man, or all rich men, and it is cermanner so familiar to "society" leaders, tain that far from hating the beggar, tives of a man. William Morris has to the betterment of labor, even if Let the "public" take hold at once; the rich man was utterly unconscious perpetuated his name and fame by ig-granted or wrested from the ruling this good work should commence in- of his existence as an individual. stantly. The members of the working Amongst the warring sections of the class, who are certainly the largest capitalist class, whose interests stand in opposition to each other on question of who shall exploit labor proval of the conduct of those who power, it is possible that individuals that operate trusts against the public may hate each other, but the idea that the different sections of this class hate When the workingman suspects any each other, as sections, is ridiculous. greedy monopolist of having designs on Although in this respect their interests may be hostile, yet as capitalists they give the latter to plainly understand have a community of interests as that his duty to society, as one of the against the working class, which they public, demands that he shall upon no never fall to make plain when occasion consideration receive as his guest, a requires. This upon their part is not man who has forfeited the respect, of class hatred but class-consciousness, public opinion by operating a trust, and vice versa the same reasoning ap- resting-place of a decadent literature. He must harden his heart against all plies to the working class. Socialism must inform him further that he has present to the eyes of the working class forbidden his wife to visit socially at and is therefore in its very nature a received positive instructions that the bugs of modern capitalist society. It exposes the "morality" of the present and shows relentlessly how that "mo As for the little cockroach capitalist, rality" is based upon the interests of As for the little cocaroach capitains, railty is based upon the interests of However, you are to teach your stumbers sense of public duty debars him the ruling class, and in so doing it dents their social duties toward the from entering a trust, his conduct tofrom entering a trust, his conduct to- tears away the veil under which that wards the offender must be to a great class conceals its process of exploitaextent similar. On no account must tion, and the class struggle stands rehe invite the latter to dinner. The fact vealed. This is no doubt disagreeable that the trust magnate may have it is but necessary, and any "socialism" power to decide whether his which fails to perform this work is a counterfeit and a fraud. Socialists did any dinner to spare for invited guests, not invent the class struggle-they dis. the wolf. Who has been doing the rag covered it, and it is from this dis- ing? covery grows a knowledge of distinct class interests which is not to be con. tions, jail sentences for socialist editors founded with hatred. The class struggle, says capitalist morality, is some thing which "ought not" to existtherefore cover it up and treat it as if capitalist rage against their revolting it were non-existent. To which the so, slaves? In the fable, the wolf devoured cialist replies: Perhaps it "should not" DOES and it impossible for either of us be able to accomplish the feat of swalto ignore it. Material interests rule the lowing the socialis' movement. world and as we recognize that yours Kaiser evidently means that he will not lie apparently in the maintenance of "cease his raging," but the German capitalism, we have no reason to hate commades are not greatly concerned as or blame your class for trying in every manner to uphold it. But this does not respect. Their movement does not exprevent us from seeing the antagonism ist for the special purpose of angering class and ours, and working for the

> all organized resistance in the Philip-Octs, and here in the middle of January the American troops are still winning victories" over immensely superior sumbers of Filipino "rebeis." Looks as

hate your class or charge you with hat.

ing ours. We are simply class-con-

HIS CHANCE NO FABIAN TACTICS LOST

ist, Dldn't Become Laureate.

A LITTLE CRITIC'S TRIBUTE, SCIENCE AND SENTIMENT.

An Instance Where the Job Seeks Not Political Supremacy of the Working the Man, but the Flunkey-Poet's

Fame Secure Those who are avowed socialists, ashamed of the actions and character conditions have earned a conspicuous place in the atttain that end to units upon some the struggle for a job between the land if he had been willing to call him- nomic evils can be removed by some re-wretched wage laborers, shows that self a student of societory instead of a adjustment within the present class was unwilling to play the part of toads and the capitalist classes, escape, rather than become the lying ter would hardly be worth the space out the existence of the class struggle hypocritical bourgeois which seemingly for consideration in a socialist paper, at once finds that he is running directly is the ideal of his critic. But think of but there are many socialists who have the value of the prize which Morris fallen into the same error and for the losi? Had he only been ready to plas very reason that they have not grasped cate these who love cant and shame, the fundamental doctrines of scientific hearing the socialist speak of a knowl. and pretynder, had he dealed that history, the class rule and the class edge of distinct class interets as which he was, and asserted that which struggle. alive to his own capitalist class inter- himself to the lofty heights of that class; those who have adopted the step coupling of terms. Class hatred does that he has paid the highest possible left untouched. Here is the citadel of not and cannot exist. Hatred is a mat- tribute to the truth, manliness, and capitalist power, an ter of individuals not classes. The in- courage of the dead poet, but it is not as will not tolerate. dividual, but it is inconsciveable that willing and tireless slave, as an ideal class government, that he does not ad-

Impotent Rage.

Emperor William, in addressing the ectors of the technical schools of Bernit day, said: "The schools have reat questions to solve-questions not reat questions to solve—questions not oby technical, but also social. The so-ialist movement I consider a passion tovement, but it will cesse its raging.

This irresistibly reminds us of the story of the wolf who accused the lamb of muddying the stream at which both were drinking, notwithstanding the fact William or the socialists? What about all those lese majesty prosecuwarnings and threats against working men voting with the socialists, Antistrike bills, and other expressions of the lamb on this pretext but William xist as you say, but nevertheless IT and the class he represents will hardly "cease his raging," but the German to what his intentions may be in that potentates, but if such get in the way they must take the consequences. supremacy of the latter. We do not cialism as a movement, will no doubt pass away when it has achieved its purpose, but when that time arrives there won't be any kaisers to say told you so."

> You bet we people of these United States and Asia need markets. If we don't find a foreign market for our wheat we'll starve. We must find a foreign maket for our fabrics of our children will go naked. If we are una ble to sell our lumber in China we'll have never a roof over our beadle

Why Wm. Morris, Poet and Social- The Class Struggle Versus the Step-at-a-time Method.

Class, the Only First Step

There is a class of people who tell us have generally little cause to feel that the only way to improve social of men, who by their genius and talent emancipation, is for all who desire to literature of our movement, and the measure tending in that direction and criticisms of the parasites of capitalism push it to a successful issue. In order, upon such men, very frequently pro- to- unite all factions, of course some duce an effect the reverse of what is incidental reform must be chosen, but intended. For instance the author of we are told that after one reform has that cur-like production, "A Message to been adopted then another and another Garcia," has just informed the world could be taken up and so gradually the in a recent work, that the late socialist end sought would be realized. This is post and writer, William Morris, the program of the modern reformer. would have been poet-laureate of Eng. He assumes that the social and ecosocialist." All this may probably be government. This error is due to a very true, but fortunately, William failure to recognize class rule and the Morris, unlike Mr. Elbert Hubbard, class struggle between the proletariat

much so long as the present ruling what Bismark tried in Germany. How class is in control? Must we not first man the ship of state with socialist in befooling the step-at-a-time socialofficials before much progress can be lists, the revolutionary socialists will

have we that socialist officials would that differentiates scientific socialism not rell out, the same as the old party politiciana? to his master—the capitalist class, Did you ever hear of a politician sell. ing out to the laboring class? The always true to his constituency; he leave the class government intact are wes his nomination and election to the capitalist class and he never sells them pating labor from industrial servitude out. For the same reason the socialist official will be true to his constituency: he will owe his nomination and election to a class-conscious body that know what they want and how to get it. As an agent of this revolutionary body he will ever be subject to its will There is no more liability of the socialist official betraying his trust than the capitalist himself. Do the capital- if the commercial man does lose his ists think it will be an easy matter to thwart the realization of socialism by else, say a pick and shovel for instance? merely buying up the socialist represtrenuously oppose the propaganda , the capitalists realize that at last they have met a political force that can not be bribed or bulled, and they are filled with consternation, they do not know what to make of it.

The first step, then, foward the r alization of socialism, is mastery of the public powers. We must wrest the potical and economic power from the ands of the master class. When socialists are in centrol of the govern ment, they will have no difficulty reducing their ideals to practice.

New a word as to the method of

effort in singling out specific measures and treating them separately. He will devote, for instance, a whole vening to the question of direct legisation. He may succeed in convincing nany in the audience of the advisability of this measure, but he has not made socialists of them. Men may acept the principle of direct legislation and still hold to the principle of comsuch have taken a step; but how long would it take in this way to make theroughgoing socialists of them? As complished, and one must practically begin at the beginning again. Would ft not have been better to have presented clear-cut scientific socialism in the first place? Make a socialist of a hing of the necessity of direct legisla- frequently measured by the amount of tion, national ownership of railways, improved machinery and isbor-seving municipal ownership of electric light gas, etc.--all these are included. But you may convince a mar of the advisa. bility of all these and still not make him a socialist.

The method of the scientific socialist is the more effective, and what we need today is effective propaganda. form, that the users or rather the own.
The scientific socialist uses all these in. ers of these improved tools, are constances as illustrating and enforcing his demand for the collective ownership gress, and that partially for this reason of all capital, but he does not permit them to obscure the central principle. All these special instances are but parts of the whole and naturally and necessarily follow from the central demand-the social ownership of all the means of production and distribution.

Conditions are such today that it is ully as easy to make men full-fleged times happens that a new labor-saving ocialists, as to convince them of the lesirability of half-way measures The presentation of socialism from the standpoint of the scientific socialist is o logical and forcible that it carries

II, can we hope for has been the policy in England and is ever well the capitalists may succeed not be caught by this decoy-duck "But," says one, "what assurance policy. It is this revolutionary attitude from all other movements. The scien " I answer, every as- tific socialist aims at overthrowing the surance in the world. The politician is capitalist class government and such not false to his trust; he is always true action is a revolution no matter how accomplished. The fact that we advocate its overthrow by the ballot does not make its accomplishment any less Deraccratic and Republican official is a revolution. All other changes that mere reforms and incapable of emanci. Charles H. Vall.

Losing His Grip.

The average commercial traveler fears that he will lose his grip if the trust mania isn't stopped soon.—Baff-alo News.

Well, what of it? Isn't the "jol seeking the man," as McKinley says? grip, can't he get a grip on something Average labor is in demand isn't it? No man that really wants work need remain idle, at least we have heard that remark made so often that there must be some foundation for it. What's the matter with the commercial travelle; country where a man can always soil his labor-power, providing he can find dog in the manger, he will prevent his a purchaser. If the drummer falls in this, the only suggestion we can offer him is that he get a grip on the princlples of socialism, and then the mania" won't trouble him any longer. But whatever he may think new, "to this complexion must be come at last,"

LAID ON THE SHELF

How Capitalism Circumvents the Inventor.

A TALE TOLD BY A VICTIM.

Admits It Was Bather Bough on Himbut Doesn't Think He Was Cheated.

In the popular conception, the progress of what is called civilization, is improved machinery and labor-seving devices in use by the community under discussion. Those who use tools of production that are not up to date, are generally conceded to be in a less advanced stage of development, and so as a rule this conception is true enough. But along with this, another idea takes ers of these improved tools, are consciously assisting the march of prothese improved tools are brought into action. Nothing is more false than this idea. The first and only question which arises in the mind of the capi-

talist when a invention is brought under his consideration is, "Will it pay ME; will it enable ME to make more PROFIT by its use?" That it someappliance may through peculiar circumstances, offer no such immediate inducement to the capitalist, the fol-lowing account by a disgusted inventor

state there who have no many the control of the selection of the selection

It will be noticed that the buyers of

the product of this man's brains were quite ready to recognize the merits of his invention. The question, "will it vield ME profit" could not be answered in the affirmative; but it might, nay, certainly would have yielded a profit to some rival, therefore the proper method was to buy the rights of its use, and then promptly lay it on the shelf. The inventor in telling the story, doesn't think he was cheated, which shows that he must still have an abiding faith in "business" morality. The most curious part of the parrative is invention was shelved, but it is rather extraordinary that he was not able to ee this before surrendering his product. If he will only look a little more losely into the nature of this transaction, he will understand that the inventor, as well as all other workers who possess nothing but the power of labor of brain or hands, are both equally defenseless against the capitalist explotter, Capitalism will only employ inventors when profit accrues, just as they will only employ labor power unthe inventor is in the ranks of the so cialists, where along with his exploited overthrow of their common enemy, the capitalist class. Regarding his last case, we are inclined to believe that he He is a hustler. Then let is correct. The capitalist will religiously nim get out and hustle. This is a free suppress anything that will not yield profit, and there is doubt that like the that he himself cannot use. the nature of the beast, and if this in ventor wishes to see the product of his brain become a social value, he must of individual ownership of the means of production, by which his efforts are

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The Socialist Vote.

UNITED STATES.

DECLINED WITH THANKS. We have received a communication

from the "Anti-Trust League," asking our attendance at its assembly in this city on February 12th next. It is necessary upon our part to decline this invi. of production in which the contradictation, as we cannot recognize our common interests with that class mentioned in the circular as being "mensced" by the trust. We are not "business men" and have no "trade" that can be "menaced," and any "influence" which we may have will be directed to furthering the interests of the working class, to which we belong. The circular informs us that "the time is ripe for organized effort on the part of all earnest citizens who desire industrial, and commercial freedom," but the "freedom" spoken of, we don't hanker after, It may mean "freedom" to those who are engaged in this hopeless struggle but to us it spells "slavery" and we want none of it. We shall neither antagonize or support the ideas mentioned In the circular-they are a matter of in. difference to us. Within the bounds of the system under which these antitrust agitators work, the fleecing of the working class is a fundamental basis, and seeing this, we have no preference to make in choosing between a few large shearers and a host of small ones. We object to the shearing process in toto, and are therefore socialists-and as socialists we shall perform our duty to our fellow workers by pointing out the utter futility and impotence of such movements as the Anti-Trust League, and giving good and sufficient reasons therefor. Furthermore we have no time to waste upon dead or dying issues, and we are not inclined to waste that of our readers in the same manner. We are not opposed to the trust, for the same reason that we are not opposed to the recognize that it is working out the so. lution of social economics that we hold to be inevitable, and it requires from us ed, not by consciousness of class inter-Chiefly for these reasons, and some others which space will not permit us to enumerate, we are obliged to respectfully decline this invitation,

SOCIALISM AND WAR.

The idea of a universal war in which most of the great nations of the world game rather expensive, so that he is to be involved has been growing ever more distinctly in the minds of all classes, The tremendous fleets and armies which are becoming more formidable year by year, the small wars more the desire to intervene on the part of communities not actually engaged. mmercial interests in undeveloped countries constantly backed up by demonstrations of force, the entrance of new powers like the United States and Japan which must be now considered as factors in every proposed terri. up for Hanna's issue and fight each torial change, all these things lead to the conclusion that universal war is not only possible but very probable, And ! now another threat of war which has which enabled Hanna to observe after hung over Europe for many years is beginning again to formulate itself. The antagonism between Great Britain and Russia which has many times brought both countries to the verge of hostilitles, within late years is again in evidence. The former nation in its de. Are you doing all you can to show them panerate libert abus notangue and one the path?

in a fierce struggle with an apparently SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE. weak enemy, whose real strength has peer strangely underestimated, and the Colossus of the North after surveying Toil." the situation, at once moves a large effect of this move is not only of interest to the British ruling class, but other communities find that their material interests will be effected by its Russia, and is considering the chances of striking at her enemy before the latter becomes impregnable. In the of the ladder, corridors of the capitol at Washington, men are whispering to each other of the probable result of the downfall of struction of this bulwark of modern of social revolution acts in some sense as a deterrent and hampers decided action on the part of those nations, but cannot prevent them from ranging their forces on one side or the other in the impending conflict. Altogether the belief that the civilized world is drawing fast towards an inevitable and universal war in which no considerable well-founded, and the proposition for another "Peace Conference" only gives added weight to the opinion.

While the majority may yet attribute this condition of affairs to superficial causes, the socialist sees in the coming catastrophe the logical end of a system tion exists that while peace is necessary to its development such development must necessarily lead to war.

A new era is evidently near at hand, and although the dissoluttion of the suffering upon mankind, yet as sociallats we are impotent to guide its course It is fitting perhaps that a system based upon robbery, fraud and cunning, should culminate in one last great act of murder, but the hope of the world lies in the new society to which its last threes shall give birth. .

Or. Edward McGlynn.

Edward McGlynn died in Newburg, N. .. last Sunday afternoon. The news arouses little interest. But there was a time when Edward McGlynn was a man known, admired, and even loved by the working people throughout the United States.

He was a priest of the Roman Catho tic church and a man of great learning and eloquence and strong personality. In the later Eighties he was a prominent figure in the labor movement, especially through his activity in the memorable New York municipal campaign of 1886.

His work in this campaign was regarded by the authorities of the Roman Catholic church as "pernicious activity" and after having been summoned to Rome, and after having disregarded ons, he was ex-communicated in July, 1887. He-remained for six years outside the pale of the church. In 1893 he "modified his views" and the ban of excommunication was removed.

His return to the church, under such onditions, was generally regarded as an ignominious surrender. Whether it was prompted by a regard for his own material interests, or whether it is to be charged to the effects of early reli principle of gravitation. The trust, we gious training is a question that we do are in no ways responsible for, but we not attempt to decide. In either case, it is evidence at once of the reactionary power of the church and of the instability of labor leaders who are guidpeliher encouragement nor opposition, ests, but merely by humane sentiment, To Edward McGlynn, the man, we can forgive the weakness that allowed his voice to be silenced, while we remember the valiant services that he did in his better days .- The People

> Count Boni Castellane of France who is an appendage of the Gould estate, has gone into politics and finds the now temporarily short of cash. The American workmen who operate the Gould railway systems will no doubt get a quick move on themselves to help their master in his hour of need. Those among them who believe in republican institutions will be more than anxious to deliver up, when they hear that the money is being used to further royalism and smash the French republic.

> "Hanna names the issue" is the headline in a capitalist daily. Well that is what the Hanna's are for, There is no reason why he should not do so while millions of workingmen will line other over it. The reason why Hanna is permitted to name the lasue again, is because of the shrewdness of capitalism and the stupidity of the workers the last election that "the tote of the workingmen was pretty equally di-

Always remember that the main bulwark of capitalism is the ignorance of Tax the workers. They are in darkness only because they do not know the way out.

"From a life of Luxury to a life of This is the manner in which the capitalist press informs us that the host of fighting men in the direction of left the galesies of Newport to take a their monstrous demands. son of millionaire Potter Paimer has the British possessions in India. The position as bank messenger at \$6 per

What does this mean? It is published in these words, to mislead the workers, to give them the impression that when possible results. Japan uneasily a scion of a capitalist family wants to watches this movement on the part of make his way in the world, he must travel the same path as the children of the working class, and that it depends upon his own ability to reach the top

When the son of a wage worker is compelled at an early age to begin a life of toll, he doesn't have his job sethe British empire, and there are not cured through the influence of his fathwanting- those who declare that the er's steek in the shop or factory where United States must in the interests of he obtains employment. No! On the 'progress' intervens to prevent the de contrary he is often literally torn from school and play ground, endures labor which stunts his growth; is frequently capitalism. In central Europe the fear treated in a manner which utterly demoralizes him in after life, and his reward for the period of his early slavery is almost always less than six dollars, and generally speaking between one and two.

Workingmen! When you read in the capitalist press about the sons of the fullionaire going to work, remember that your masters want to bunco you into believing that you have equal opnation can remain neutral, seems to be portunities with their. They want you your children are exploited, by pretending that their own have to undergo similar (realment.

. . .

Mr. P. D. Armour is to leave Chicago. That information comes in a startling headline in the Chicago Tribune of the 11th inst. But the workers in the Stockyards have no reason for alarm, as the paper adds that he will retain his interest in the city, which means that he will continue as heretofore to extract the surplus value produced by the thousands of laborers in his packing houses. The presence of the capiold order of things may probably be a talist is not necessary for this operaprocess inflicting fearful misery and tion. Although a steer cannot be skinned by proxy, it by no means follows that this is equally true of a workingman.

> It seems strange that we socialists should be continually compelled to insist upon that old saw that "like conditions produce like effects" American sweat-shop employe underfed because underpaid was, during the late war with Spain, "unpatriotic" enough to strike for more pay for the work that was pressed upon him. And now the British workers evince the same lack of "patriotism." . Those who were employed on the Khaki uniforms for South Africa have struck for better conditions of life, to the great indignation of those bumptious middle class volunteers' who are going to the seat of war to assert the supremacy of Brit-Ish capitalism, which has been so rudely assailed by the Transvani burghers.

Louisville, Kentucky, is being threatened. Not by the bubonic plague, but by a street car strike. The street car men like their fellows in Brooklyn, Detroit and Cieveland have asked for more pay and better conditions, and the company in Louisville, like those in the clies mentioned, have said that they will not give. Being the owners they have the power to define their position, so the struggle has already commenced. Louisville, Kentucky, is being threat-The fight between the capitalist politicians, Goebel and Taylor, does not seem to have blinded the street car operatives to the fact that they are deprived of even the semblanca of a de cent living.

Now workingmen, watch this! Potroubles in Louisville, both of course in readiness at Louisville, where cani-

has become a most enthusiastic "Angle Saxon." It is said that his, donations to the British Charity War Fund, already amount to over \$70,000. But he has prohibited his son from joining th volunteers for South, Africa. money he is liberal enough, but if lives are to be risked he prefers that they shall be those of the "other fellows." Pools are plentiful, but Astors are scarce. If the supply of Astors should fall, American workingmen could not everything tending towards a relaxashow their British sympathies, by providing the funds which enable Astor to help crush the Boers.

There is a statement going the rounds of the press that the group of exploiters. known as the "Astor estate" in New York have raised the ground rents of their lots in the tenement house disannum.

from the lease holders in consequence to every storm and to all its enemie of this "unscripulous" action. They The founders of our party, Marx, Enclaim that they are being ruined by the gels and Lassalle impressed upon the greediness of the landford. Even now they are almost ripe for the "Single character of our movement so deeply

The fact is that no more extertionate ting off the track."

"True in certain party circles there rent-lords exist in New York than these same gentry who are now howling so exists an inclination to desert the plat-

tracted as high as \$10 per month for common arena of the other parties. As two rooms, and who have, as a matter all the other parties stand upon the of almost daily occurrence, evicted at basis of a political state, therefore their two hours' potice, those unfortunates, field of activity is necessarily confined who through sickness or lack of em. to the spoils of politics. This tactics

The law which permitted them to do this, was like many others, enacted in enon which has been observable in the interests of the middle class, and France for half a century and longer, no complaint was heard so long as and which has contributed much to the they could secure a goodly portion of confusion of party relations in France the workers' hide in the shape of rent, viz. that a part of the radical bour-But now when the greater thief orders geoisie rallies around the socialist flag them to stand aside they make a howl without understanding the nature of and ask the workers to assist them, socialism. This political socialism.

The latter is to be deluded into bewhich in fact is only philanthropic hulieving that he can decide who shall manitarian radicalism, has retarded skin him, the glorious privilege of the development of socialism in France choosing "between the devil and the exceedingly. It has diluted and blurred

One of the sons of the English branch troops upon which no reliance could be of the Rothschilds attempted to join placed in the decisive moment." the British volunteers for service in "The disappearance of tear and aver-South Africa but was rejected on the sion to us in political circles of course ground that he was too fat. British brings political elements into our ranks workingmen who are tempted to enlist. As long as this takes place on a small don't run much chance of being re- scale, it causes no apprehension because jected on this account. Rothschild's the political elements are outnumbered fatness is the reflection of their leans by the socialist elements and are gradness. This is the 'law of compensa- ually assimilated. But it is a different tion" in the capitalist world.

ugly mood because their city council is ficult."
said to be in, a conspiracy with a "The moment the proletariat steps number of highly respectable citizens, forth as a class separate from the bourrepresenting an electric light company, geoisic and having interests opposed to who are trying to do the, 'best' they it, the bourgeoisic ceases to be democan for the city. Commenting on this, cratic. Under the rule of capitalism the to resign yourselves to the fact that the Chicago Tribune suggests that this bourgeoisle is forced to become politiaction seems to justify the advocates cally reactionary. It fears a revolution of public ownership of municipal utill- more than it fears a reaction."

But who are these "people" who are fighting, or pretending to fight their treason to liberty committed by the representatives in the "legitimate" ex- Prussian Progressive party is not only ercise of the functions of their office? an insult to historic truth; it also shows We are glad to see that the working a complete misunderstanding of the class of St. Louis are conspicuous by role played by the German bourgeoiste their absence in this matter. This since the middle ages," "municipal ownership" cry is no business of theirs, being a middle class side: In the period of the constitutional movement alone, and no more hopeful struggle, when the Progressive party sign of progress can be given that the stood at the height of its power and to realize that fact.

investigating the "means" by which when Bismarck stood at the height of Clark of Montana was elected senator, have brought to light some "startling" revelations. Isn't it very strange that a millionaire who wants to be senator should distribute among the members ease, though it had all the spolis parties of the state legislature, tokens of against it. That shows who can fight friendship in the shape of big rolls of reactionism in Germany and who can

greenbacks. Of course none of the not." other millionaire senators ever done their "merits." . . .

knowledge of that indefinite, easily tice from the courts, from the governin the investigation bears us out on this matter:

ness, "If he could make that 'stick,' to which he replied: "There is no trouble about that, because if we put up a good excuse the people will believe us, and can again get the members to gether

According to capitalist ethics, this in requiring the presence of militia. You them equally well. How could the Re. has anything that ought be recerded. will see that the larger portion of the publican or Democratic parties exist armed force of capitalism will be held if men like Clark are to be debarred? What will become of the "smart" man,

NO COMPROMISE: NO POLITICAL TRADING, by William Liebknecht. Translated by A. M. Simons and Marcus Hitch. Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago.

This is a pamphlet written in August. 1899, by Liebknecht, the great leader of the Social-Democratic party in Ger-

tricts of that city from \$250 to \$750 per basis of the class struggle, out of which A mighty wall of despair is heard the necessary strength to bid defiance

lustily. They, who have habitually ex. form of the class struggle and enter the ployment, have been unable to satisfy corresponds perfectly with Bernstein's their monstrous demands program which aims at the politicalization of the Social-Democracy."

"We have now in Germany a phenom the principles and weakened the socialist party because it brought into it

thing if the political elements in the party become so numerous and influen The "people" of St. Louis are in an tial that their assimilation becomes dif-

"The attempt to hold the German So cial-Democracy responsible for the

."I simply put these two facts side by working class are even now beginning had the people behind it. Bismarck to realize that fact. then in the beginning of his career, turned it down with the greatest ease. The committee of the senate who are In the period of the Anti-socialist law, his power and with all the resources of capitalism exercised a bourgeois dictatorship, he was turned down by the Social-Democracy with the greatest

"We are other than the others; w such things. They get there solely on are different from them. What is for them a necessity of life is for us death. All the other parties are guilty of the All circumstances considered, Clark injustice of the present system and redeserves to retain his seat. He is a sponsible for it. Everyone who suffers man that knows things. And if there under this isjustice looks to us for is one subject more than another which rescue. Everyone of us has these viche has got down to a fine point, it is a time of society, after falling to get jusgulled thing commonly referred to as ment, from the Kaíser himself, and the "people." The following incident from all the other parties, come to us as the last and only ones who are able to help them. They do not know our capital and capitalism mean, but they ism in France," and NOT a "French." a a party that can help when all others Fortunately for the socialist movement

LETTER BOX.

The events in the lives of men as itself should acquit the defendant. recorded so that future biographers will "Society" cannot afford to investigate have little trouble in writing the lives the party is S. L. P. or S. D. P. as long this gentleman's actions any further, of men, and the events of interest in as the cause of modern socialism litical trouble in Frankfort and labor He knows the "people" and he knows the lives of these men. Let us turn to marches on that his "investigators" also know Cor. Eugene Dietzgen and see if he Dietzgen raised no objection in the eyes Read the below clipping from the Soother for European comrades, and so cial Democratic Heraid: on, and so on.

In readiness at Louisville, where capitalist interests seem to be most endangered. When you place the power of repression in the hands of your masters, you may be assured that they know how to apply it to the best advantage for their own interests.

Our former fellow citizen, but present British subject, Willie Waldorf Astor

S. D. P. and the anti-Delseon faction of the S. L. P.

We have the S. D. P., a promising, clear-cut socialist party, with esemparatively little personal strife among its members, and a party of a truly American stamp. Why should it jsopardize its political chances by starting on the above hazardoss experiment? And by whom is this course proposed? By the Chicago anti-Delseon section of the S. L. P., that has given but little assurance of practical harmonious sense, after withholding from its own party due support and financial aid during a most serious crisis.

the Social-Democratic party in Germany, in opposition to Bernstein and everything tending towards a relaxation of the class struggle. The translation will be out in a few days. It discusses all phases of the question of tactics which is a question of supreme importance for socialists in America today. A few quotations from the pamphlet are given below.

"For our party and for our party tactics there is but one sound basis, the basis of the class struggle out of which the Social-Democratic party has sprung no, and out of which it alone can draw the necessary strength to bid defiance to every storm and to all its enemies. The founders of our party, Marx Engels and Lassalle impressed upon the workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there workingmen the frecessity of the class character of our movement so deepy that down to a very recent time there working of the track.

True in certain party circles there exists an inclination to desert the plat-

the latter road and assist the S. D. P.

on its march to victory.

And as to those who are not yet sensible comrades, those who trifle about matters of little consequence when the most essential things need their attention—well, let them stand aside awhile and learn to know their duty.

E. Dietzgen.

-Berlin, Dec. 3, 1899,

To the members of the Carl Marx club (22nd Ward, Branch, S. L. P.) Dietzgen stated time and time again privately and in open meeting that these two parties are brother parties and with the same object in view and MUST UNITE. Several members of this club have said, "I cannot understand Dietzgen, he spoke so strongly for the unity of these two parties." He, Diesegen, time and time again showed in print and otherwis similarity of the two parties and the necessity of their being united.

Read below the clipping from the 'Neue Zeit," Kautsky's weekly, and see Dietzgen's statement to the socialists

The stand towards the S. T. & L. A. taken by the New York "Volkszelung" when the S. L. P. endersed the S. T. & L. A. and after its development, in reality caused the party quarrel and led to above action in deposing DeLeon and the N. E. C. About the means through which the past S. L. P. trio upheld its reign we will say nothing further. Enough, the split is here. It may not be expected that DeLeon's party is to melt away at once, but the may not be expected that DeLeon's party is to melt away at once, but the two-thirds membership of the S. I. P. now separated from him, gives hope for better and, as far as its leaders are concerned. A UNITED ACTION OF ALL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FORCES as against the common for may be the result.

Here follows the stand of Eugens V. Debs towards the S. L. P. and why, it was impossible for him to join the S. L. P. without his comrades going with him, which they refused to do on account of the indiscreet and malicious attacks upon all who would not blindly follow the dictates of DeLeon and his associates in office.

Recent developments in the S. L. P. splendidly justify the wise step of Debs comrades at the time. IT IS REALLY INDIFFERENT TO E. V. DEBS, WHETHER THE NAME OF THE PARTY IS S. L. P. OR S. D. P. AS LONG AS THE CAUSE OF MODERN SOCIALISM MARCHES ON, and the

LONG AS THE CAUSE OF MODER.
SOCIALISM MARCHES ON, and the hope is declared that the movement is the United States in the near future will reach the growth of socialism Belgium and Austria.

Eugene Dietzgen.

Now is this a case of "sour grapes"" Is it because he, Distzgen, was not instrumental in assisting in bringing this union about? Or is it, according to a Biblical saying. "He didn't want his right hand to know what his left hand was doing?" That is writing one thing for Europe and another thing for America. Strange reading for the blog.

This clipping from the "Neue Zeit"

raphers; strange reading indeed.

was written just after the trouble in the S. L. P. The words "a united action of all social democratic forces." certainly showed Com. Dietzgen that a call for unity would soon follow. But I do not read any objections on Dietzgen's part-at that time. But, however, as soon as Com. Dietzgen saw that a union was inevitable, he at once wrote his letter in the Social Democratic Herald for America. This "truly American party" idea of Com. Dietz. gen's is like another man who so had an American socialist movement idea. I thought it was "socialism in Amer-ica," "socialism in Germany," "social-"German," or an "American" socialism Com. Liebknecht in his new pamphlet which will shortly be out in English ("No Compremise: No Political Trading"), this nonsensical idea will be set. tied. Just before closing, one point in regard to a name for this united socialist party, Com. Dietzgen in the Social Democratic Heraid objects to a change of name. (See clipqing.) Now let's turn to the clipping well as the life of man are today being from the "Neue Zeit." It is really indifferent to Debs whether the name of of European comrades. As usual, one thing for American comrades and an-

R. A. Morris.

Editor The Workers' Call:

The following resolution was unani mously adopted by 14th Ward branch, Section Chicago:

Whereas, The platforms of the S. L. P. and the S. D. P. are identically the

P. and the S. D. P. are identically the same; and
Whereas. The union of all socialist forces is desirable, and necessary in fighting capitalism; there, be it.
Resolved. That our delegates to the national convention be instructed to work and vote for a union of all socialist parties, providing their platforms of the S. L. P. and provided they recognize the class strucke; and be it. nise the class struggle; and further

further
Resolved. That the above resolution
be published in The Workers' Call and
other party papers.

Margus Hitch,
Chairman.

B. O. Berge, Secretary.

(Party papers please copy, -Chicago, Jan. 7th, 1900;

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS. C. Claus, Walden, Mass,-The Na-

tional Executive Committee of the S. D. P. removed the Farmers' Plank from their platform, and some time atterward submitted their action to a referendum vote.

Daniel DeLeon. New York—You state in your 'Letter Box' that you only occasionally see The Workers' Call This is strange, as the paper has been regularly mailed to you. Should there be any further compaint on this score we will rectify this matter if you will address 56 N. Clark street Chicago. III.

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Industrial Evolution.

By WM. T. BROWN.

(Continued from last week.)

The commodity which comes out of such a shop is a social commodity. It that it is his own. It is not the product of individuals, but of society, or or several individuals co-operating. With the introduction of the principle of cooperation industry reaches its social stage. But it is to be noted that in this manufactural esa the laborers are still under an employer, they are masters of ployee are members.

bine? It is a substitute for a man. production. Given the steam-engine. and you have the motor power by iich the machine is to run. The in. and economic factors." troduction of machinery is the dispos- it remains for us to consider the logsession of the laborer. His skill is no ical isane of the capitalist evolution. He cannot own the machine. That re-

of capitalism through the same period, for the stockholders. It would seem It is evident that the amount of capi- inevitable, therefore, that the capitalist tal needed at the beginning of this new industrial era was not large compared ous, the services previously rendered with what is necessary today. The be. by them being handed over to hired ginning of capitalism is the beginning managers. Says Sidney Webb: "The of the profit system. The motive power behind the capitalistic enterprise was thing but banking and insurance could period of sharp competition among now every conceivable industry down capitalists. So general was it, that our to baking and milk-selling, is successstandard political economists, mistak. fully managed by the salaried officers ing an incident of the industrial evolution for an eternal principle, based holders. More than one-third of the as "St. Simonism" and socialism as Meline and Bourgeois, should solve for their text-books of political economy the idea that competition is a fixed law of human association. The by joint-stock companies, whose shareopening of this vast continent to emi-gration from the congested centers of gration from the congested centers of community with no more dislocation of the old world and the possibility of the interests involved than is caused by owning the land which was placed the daily purchase of shares on the within reach of the poorest of the colo. stock exchange." nists served to prolong the period of It has been my purpose in this paper competition far beyond what it could anyons who gives the subject a mobetween laborers. So far as wages are been achieved by any other system, dom. Even in the Seventies and the concerned, the principle of competition. That question is not worth considering. Elighties several attempts were made multitude of laborers as it was a hun- possible. regularly recurring financial panies of socialism. the whole, of consumers. So, the dupil- the United States. I do not know how highest point. Now, this is nothing but the fact of the socialist political move-It is as inevitable as gravitation and as evolution. It is a phenomenon to be and distribution is the logic of indus. factor has made its appearance, convenience of consumers. It is the of the capitalist class. If you will reapplication of reason and sense to the call again the facts of the developat principle it will be operative tion have not been socialized; while select The movement in the discompetition among the capitalists is no of trusts during the past year rapidly being eliminated, competition to have been as promounced as to always wage-taborers in still in force,

thoughtful. And yet, this whole move. ment was predicted years ago by Karl Under pressure of necessity for a Marx. He outlined the development of larger product, workinen combined to- industry as accurately as an astronomer can predict the return of a comet or an eclipse of the sun. And he was able to do so because he studied history from the point of view of evolution, is the joint product of many laborers. He, was not gifted with supernatural Each man does only a part. No single power. He was simply a scientist, laberer can say of the given commodity. Mr. Kirkup, to whom we are indebted comparatively free. Although working undervaluing the remarkable services under an employer, they are masters of the situation. Their combinations are He spent forty laborious years almost voluntary. They are protected by their wholly in exile as the scientific chamguilds, of which both employer and em- plon of the proletariat. In the combination of learning, philosophic acumen, But now a change takes place in the and literary power he is probably secstatus of the laborer. Machinery is in. and to ne sconomic thinker of the ninevented and steam as a motor force is teenth century. He seems to have been applied to industry. What has hap-master of the whole range of economic pened? Let us see. What is a ma-literature, and wielded it with a logical literature, and wielded it with a logical skill not less masterly. But his great It is an embodiment of the skill which strength lay in his knowledge of the the workman has given years to ac. technical and economic development of quire, and it is itself a giant tool of modern industry and in his marvelous insight into the tendencies in social columns of the World-wide Struggle

inger needed. His tools are worthless. "The origin of the joint-steck company completed the evolution of the expiral. quires capital. And as the machine tet. He was first of all a manual iswheels of what previously existed only coming a mere interest, or profit-re-in the brain and band of the worker, ceiver. The capitalists united into a The laborer no longer owns the tools of point-stock company in whose trial again; but after a brilliant speech | MM. Meine and Bouleville | MM. Meine and Bo class will eventually become superfluolder economists doubted whether any-That meant the beginning of a be carried on by joint-stock companies; of large corporations of idle sharewhole business of England, measured compared with democratic Christian- the American workingman the question by the capital employed, is now done holders could be expropriated by the

not to speak as an advocate of some extended under conditions preva- particular theory, but as inquirer-into ient in Europe and Great Britain. It the facts to find what the probable should be said in this connection that evolution of industry in the future is so long as competition among capital- to be, judged by its evolution in the ists was possible, it was an opportunity past. I do not question for a moment for advancement to the laborer. The the fact that the industrial evolution laborer had some chance of himself, be, which the past century and a half has non is showing itself in the revolucoming a capitalist. It is evident to witnessed was necessary. I do not tionary struggle in Russia, in that the question the value of its results. They hitherto indifferent masses of the Rusment's thought that the capitalist sys. are beyond computation. I do not sug. slan peasantry are beginning to get to tem of production involves competition gest that any such results could have gether for the fight for justice and freeis just as operative today among the for the reason that no other system was to win over the suffering peasantry to dred years ago. But we are all of us now at the front, and will remain there, ways falled, on account of the inadewitnesses today of what Washington whether we want it to or not, is quate preparations of these masses for Gladden correctly characterizes as the whether the evolution of capitalism the struggle against the government. "collapse of competition" among capi. does not joint to another stage in the Apart from isolated uprisings against The machinery of production progress of industry, namely, that of the local authorities, uprisings to has grown so tremendously large, that socialism, whether that stage is not im. which the desperate peasantry gave ut. it has become impossible for the single minent, and whether it is possible for terance to the cry of want against the capitalist to hold the field. That same us to join consciously with the evolu- oppression immediately affecting them sagacity which has brought certain tionary forces for its peaceful inaugu- and which were put down in the most men to the front as large capitalists ration. These I take to be vital ques. brutal manner; apart also from the athas enabled them to see how under the tions before the world today. We are tempt of some adventurers to stir up regime of unrestrained competition all aware that there is a growing po. the country people, in the name of the the husiness world has been subject to litical movement for the inauguration Crar, against the imperial accomplices That movement is as about once every eight or ten years. Wide as civilization. The Socialist party They have awakened to the fact that in the tierman empire is, in point of competition is wasteful and fatal to votes cast, by all odds the largest party profils. They have learned that com- in the empire. The movement is strong hitherto taken no part in the struggle bination in the form of trusts by which in Belgium and France and Great Bri. against despotism competition is eliminated is in every tain and Austria and Italy, indeed in way to the advantage of the capitalist all the most intelligent portions of class. It is also to the advantage, on Europe. It is increasing in power in eation of needless plants, is avoided many socialist papers there are in this The parallelling of railroads and tele. country, but their name is legion. One graph lines will cease. Useless officials of them has a weekly paid circulation in general. The regulations of this orare drooped. A large body of middle of over 70,000 copies and is growing at men and drummers is dispensed with, the rate of several hundred a week, The expense of administration is re. I do not mention these things in sup. its object, the "Brotherhood" takes the duced to a minimum, and the efficiency port of any argument which I care to of administration is brought to the make, but simply as a fact. Here is ration of evolutionary forces. ment. That, too, is a part of the social little amenable to ethical considera- taken into account. Since the inaugu-The trust method of production ration of capitalism a new political trial evolution. It ites along the line of franchise has been placed in the hands, least resistance. It means the greatest of the laborers as well as in the hands administration of industrial affairs. It ment of industry, you will note that is only a matter of time when every walls the method of production has material interest of humanity will yield been socialized, the means of produc-

co-operation among workingmen in the production of commodities and compulsory competition among laborers in the labor marker. On the other hand, the market for commodities is controlled Russian socialists, namely, that the any workingman should have enough by combinations of capital. The machinery of production and distribution city workers, who in great part go back life to allow him to get drunk, is a state is in the hands of private corporations, into the country, would be propagated of affairs very repugnant to the class ject to the following conditions: For Under such a system, the laborer by into the villages, is beginning now to be which the bishop speaks for, and we his very existence forces and keeps realized. The "Brotherhood" takes in more than suspect that it is the start-wages down to the smallest possible all the relationships of the peasantry ling point of the prohibition movement, point. He not only cannot help himself, with the authorities and the landed. A very large number of workingmen but he is forced to be his own worst proprietors. It further proposes to who are not socialists instinctively re-enemy. Moreover, capitalism has cressored education a nong the rural in alize that the "modern Christianity" of ated a large and increasing reserve in. habitants. The organization is found, which Fowley is such an eloquent-exdustrial army which is our of employ- ed upon democratic principles, and has ponent, is merely the mouthpiece of ment a considerable portion of the year. to transact all its business in secret, their exploiters and when the class We need to bear in mind, also that we Every member on entrance has to re- that sits down to Paimer house banpower. He was simply a scientist.
Mr. Kirkup, to whom we are indebted for the article on Socialism in the Encyclopedia Britsanica and who wrote as a conservative and judicial critic, after expressing his dissent from Marx theory of surplus values as as a simply a scientist.

We head to bear in mind and that we here in mind as of the pincture of a solemn promise to gard all the cord a solemn promise to gard all the carries of the organization.

The organization has been called into the working class, this mental attitude being by the "Russian Socialist Revolutionists," As is well known, these firmed.

All these things combined, may throw theory of surplus values as as a significant or the control of the latter is strengthened and continuously. As is well known, these firmed. theory of surplus values, says. It existing industrial system supplies any from the program of the Social-Demo. some light on that off-debated pulpif would be the greatest possible mistake, emeans of realizing. They are feeling craic party of Russia, and at present, question, that bugbear of the modern however, to make this a reason for that there is something wrong. They know that social production, with capi. [tivhies among the peasants. The Rus. to church?" talistic ownership of the instruments, sian Social-Democrats have, in splic of. The viceses following this article means capitalistic appropriation of the their differences with the originators which are not taken from a socialist results of social labor. They see that of this organization, given it a hearty publication, will illustrate the estima property, which originally rested upon welcome, individual labor, now rests upon capigallst exploitation. They are comine to believe that expropriation of capifallsts would mean nothing more than And East Austrian comrades inParis, the restoration of property to its right. ful basis.

(To be continued.)

FOREIGN NEWS.

of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

BELGRUM.

An occurrence symptomatic of the grows larger, the amount of capital borer working with his men. (That was prevailing frame of mind in Brussels, the Parisian Social-Democratic clubs necessary to its ownership greatly in- at the end of the Middle Ages, in the took place receily. During the latter creases. A substitute has been found time of the guilds.) The possession of stormy days of the pumpaign against for the skill and muscle of the worker. a little wealth raised him above manuar disfranchisement, a national guards. From that moment forward in the eco- labor, and he became a mental laborer, man came into a meeting, and should nomic realm the laborer is not master a mental laborer, that can the laborer is not master a manager who received wages of sur towards the platform. They have of the signation, and he has grown less perintendence. But the possession of given us ten cartridges. That is three number of socialists victorious in the so with every year. The history of immore wealth raised him above even the proved machinery is the history of the labor of direction, and he handed this ministers. At the instance of the labor of direction, and he handed this embodiment in iron levers and arms and function over to an employe, thus be, ministry, the guardsman was brought the long tockout of 50,000 workmen last The capitalists united into a charged. The prosecutor-general ap-The laborer no longer owns the tools of joint-stock company do-not pretend to besied/and the guardsman was put on been discharged.

> socialists of Brussels have decided to Vandervelde, the Belgian socialist and was daily growing stronger. teader, will teach collectivism, while scientific basis of socialism, the means of regulating the length of the work- asked for the postponement of the reing day, the socialistic system known quest. This with the lament of MM

> The socialist physicians of Belgium have perfected their organization, They have set themselves the following objects: Care for the public health; school and industrial hygiene; studies publications on the afore-mentioned subjects. It is further proposed is that the French workers are developto introduce explanatory work on health among the proletariat, as well

A new and very important phenome The question which is just the revolutionary cause, but they al--apart from these isolated phenomena which, being unorganized, were from the very first, doomed to fallure, the rural population of Russia has

Considering the importance of the rural population in a country like Russia, it can be clearly seen what im-portance the newly found "Brother-Rights," is for the Russian revolution have penetrated into the country. Az field against fliegality and oppression Its program demands: 1. Making us of the people's ignorance of law for illegal oppression, shall be prevented; 2. The peasantry shall strive to obtain absolute and complete local self-gov. authorities, gradually to introduce a new species of serfdom, shall be re-5. Participation by all those elected from the peasantry and the working lass in legislation; 6. Socialization of all landed property.

il landed property.
It is a sign of the times that such adical demands are becoming audible from the midst of the Russian peasurer. The acute famine of latter pears, the pauperising of the farmers are the pauperising of the farmers are the pauperising at the farmers.

ernment, has caused even the country formula, and therefore his speech was dullards to reveit and to come under really a referation of the existence of a the influence of socialist demands. "class struggle" which socialists insist What has been long hoped for by many upon, and Fowler's class deny. That

AUSTRIA BUNGARY.

On the suggestion of the Hungarian the "Petite Republique" has opened a subscription for the erection of a monument over the grave of Leo Frankel, a. socialist who died in Paris. The former minister of the Paris commune, he was the personification of the internationality of socialism. A Hungarian born, he fought in Paris in the rank and file of the French comrades, and maintained the most cordial relations with the German movement, which he kept up, through his correspondence from Paris, until his death. To the very end he was an active member of

DENMARK.

Berlin, Jan. 'th-Copenhagen' tele-They have grains report an unexpectedly large summer.

party tonight upon the internal situation. Both spoke in a discouraging The latest news to hand is that the tone. M. Meline believes that the worst is to be feared from the socialists, found an international night school whom, he declared, formed one of the which shall teach only socialism. M. most powerful organizations in France.

Pierre Colliard deputy for Lyon asked others, equally prominent, will give in. the chamber to vote 200,000 france for the relief of the striking coal-miners. The government afraid of a discussion so often asked, "What would the so cialists do if placed in power?" French government has before now relief of strikers. American workingmen can judge what their ruling class Yet the only reason for the difference ing an irresistible strength through a recognition of their class interests as workingmen.

WITH HOLY HORROR.

Unions, at a Capitalist Feast

A goodly number of "right-thinking" individuals met together a few nights ago at the Palmer house, to celebrate Lord: by a banquet, the fact that they each came originally from New York.

between them, but the speeches which followed the banquet, brought out another and stronger basis of solidarity, which they themselves would be first to repudiate. The chief speaker of the evening, a "man of God," by the way, voiced the hostility, of the interests of worker and capitalist in the following

is done to draw their displeasure? That you must pay a drunken, good-fornsthing man \$12 a day for doing work a boy can do for 50 cents, if they only say so? Chicago put about \$8,509,000 in buildings during the last year. New York, less than twice as large put in more than \$100,000,000. And why? nore than \$100,000,000 And with locause Chicago is the storm center he labor element. It dominates t ity: Chicago is in its grip."

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of the shepherd's lily hand of the product of their labor than their in truth he was a goodly sight—the exploiters are willing to allow tuem, parson of the land. exploiters are willing to allow them, fills this holy man with indignation. With the statement that labor unions some conversation of his elders, heard are able to extract wages amounting to a good deal of talk about the progress \$12 for work that could be done by a of civilization, approached his grandboy for 50 cents, we have nothing to father, who was taking no part in th say except that it is 'an exaggeration ratk. "Grandfather," said the child, that really amounts to a lie. The bish- what is the difference between civiliop's denunciation of the union man as garlon and barbarism"" "drunken and good for nothing" lies in my boy, answered the old man, "is killthe fact that the latter prefers big ing your enemy with a hatchet at a wages to small wages, and is partially distance of a step, and civilization is able to enforce his preference. Were killing him with a bomb-shell twelve he not able to do this the "man of God" miles away!" would have no reason to asperse his character in this manner. A fifty-cent Keep watch on the subscription num-workingman is always more "victuous" ber on your aldress label. When than a twelve-deflar wage earner, and that number is the same as the number

tion in which a large and growing number of workingmen hold pulpit expounders of the Fowler type, and at the same time emphasize the statement of Marx and Engels regarding the effects of capitalist class rule on the re ligious and intellectual aspects of modern life: of its halo every occupation hitherte honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into its paid wage.

THE MODERN SHEPHERD.

he parson ruse from his dewny couch at the break of the Sabbath day, to dressed himself and decked himself in the chaste aesthetic way.

Lavender scented was his garb, rings graced his fily hand. In truth he was a goodly sight—the parson of the land.

The parson drave to the temple fair where the Lord of Hosts abode.

And his carriage flew at a ratting pace on the wide and dusty road.

Tis said the Master went on foot in the days of long ago.

Nor purse nor scrip his followers here;

-but the times have altered so).

"was a sight divine—that state shrine of the Lowly and the Meek. stately

The shepherd waved his fily hand and The sheinerd waved his lily hand and raised his mellow volce.

'The Lord has been exceeding good. Rejoice my friends, rejoice.

The oil of gladness he has poured in fulness on each head,
His little lambs in pastures green, by running waters led.

"Did you ever stop to think," he sconfer fear and quake."
"whit these labor unions can step a work of the whole city if anything done to draw their displeasure? That is unust pay a drunker. o shall we win our way at last to 'corpers' in the skies."

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At fast the shepherd ended. Then out
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the bankers hied,
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the fand-sharks and the usurers, they
to followed side by eide.
The fat man with the stake came next,
and then the man of beer,
And lastly came the poor man (so respectful) in the rear.

This, as our old friend Dogberry would say is "most tolerable and not to be endured." The fact that some of the endured." The fact that some of the wires were choice indeed).

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A little boy who, in the course of

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No books other than those upon this The shepherd stood in the pulpit then, and gased upon his flock.

The big land-sharks and the business men (the church rests on a rowk).

The big fat paunch and the big gold guard, and the broadcloth shone, so of Chicago and so can be sent at pound rates. Inside the city limits they must all be pre-paid at third class rates. The three month offers will carry the subscriber through until the municipal campaigns and now is the time to begin

From the Convention City.

His little lambs in pastures green, by running waters led.

Let the men of substance raise the hyms, the upper orders sins.
Ye bankers! make the holy alsies of the sanctuary ring.
Ye landlords! join the tuneful throng, and laud Him loud who said.
The landlords had not left him where to lay His gracious head.

Lift up the psaim, ye assurers! the New Day doth begin, Christ turned the money changers out —but now we take them in.
The creed was somewhat narrow that the Savior preached of old,
Poor simple Gaillean!—but we're making wide the fold.

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Poor simple Gaillean!—but we're making wide the fold. "Lift up your songs—ye sons of pelf—ye butly men of beer"

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And sing in soft respectful tunes, ye yoor folk in the rear.

Lo! there be many mansions in the Father's House on high.

I'en the poor man tif respectful bath a lodging in the sky.

Lord! lay those sons of Belial low, who dare to rise and kick.

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Lord! guard full well the powers that be, and keep our pastures green.

Our people meek and humble, as they hitherto have been. charge of delegates and escort them to their hotel. A very important matter many in the land. They love not us—the sanctified—thine own anointed band. Make bare thy strong right arm, and help thy chosen in this town.

Christ stirred the people up of old—but do Thou keep them down.

Thord send thy choicest blessing down on all who hold a stake in this Thy pleasant vineyard. Let the ing: Sunday afternoon, January 5th. of pleasure. Alternoon, January 28th, at Labor Lyceum: Monday night, January 28th, at Eabrh, at Eighth Ward club rooms, and Tuesday night, January 28th, at Eighth Ward club rooms, and Tuesday night, January 28th, at Flizbugh hall. The committee in charge of these meetings and all other matters perialning to the convention consist of Comrades Wm. Lippelt, Morris Besman, Richard Kitcheit, Wm. Hammen, Charles Zerrenner, Joel Moses, John Schmidt and Gad. Mastindale, Delegates desiring any information will address Wm. Lippelt, 223 Chamber of Commerce.

Frank A. Sieverman.

A sad story of a large number of distressed and homesick Americans, who became interested in a settlement at La Gioria, in the province of Puerto Principe, was told by Robert Hail, a St. Juseph (Mo.) business man, who arrived today on the steamer Olipda from Cuba. He said that many were suffering for lack of the ordinary necessities of life. Many have not the means to purchase passage back to the United States.—Chicago Tribune.

These unfortunate people didn't know that Cuba is a land of promise only for American capitalists. They went there to work, not understanding that "pros. perity" consists in setting the other the product which his labor produces, It is no doubt a sad story as the report says but it is repeated everywhere throughout the world in the miserable lives of millions of workers, whose sufferings are due to the same lack of knowledge displayed by these would-be settlers. Knock out the capitalist system of production and there will be not enly no "lack of the peressaries of life." but what are now esteemed lux-uries will be within the reach of all.

rition of the Developing Trus Frightens the Middle Clas and Brings Futile Opposition.

The enormous development of capitalist production in the United States, and the appearance on the stage of in new and improved methods of modern industry which are a necessary result of this development, have in the rapid. ity of their movement created a sense of stupefaction and bewilderment amongst that portion of the commercial world who are falling behind in the competitive race. They behold in a dazed manner the growing power and nation. A problem whose causes they strength of those capitalist combinations, against which they are altogether powerless, and not understanding the nature of the economic system which they still support, give vent to their feeling in denunciations of the "greed,"

andacity" and "aggressiveness" of those capitalist groups, which are so rapidly cutting the ground from under their feet. This attitude is altogether a natural one, and many historical parallels may be cited which are analogous it, and which have been always based upon the same foundation, which in every case is ignorance of the laws governing the phenomena under con-sideration. In Mohammedan countries we are told that an eclipse of the moon draws voileys of musketry from the inhabitants, who thus hope to prevent Satan from devouring that satellite. this being the popular explanation of a natural astronomical fact, but we have never heard that Satan was deterred thereby. The appearance of Halley's comet in 1456 was so terrifying to the inhabitants of Europe that Calintus the Third issued a bull exercising it from the heavens, but at the predestined time to laws of which its exerciser was ignorant. The whole history of the human race teems with such instances, all tending to show that occurrences which could not be explained according to the knowledge then extant, and ose effects were supposed to be prefudicial to society, have gone through hope that thereby their progress might be stayed. And this holds good with similar phenomera to day. Across the commercial sky comes the tremendous apparition of the "Standard Oil Crowd" of the New York World in the following

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The "Standard Off crowd" and their The "Standard Oil crowd" and their vast and multiplying wealth, so aggressive necessarily in itself, so fierrely aggressive through the insatiable greed of its owners—such is the problem which has been preparing for a quarrer of a century, and which Mr. McKindey's order farming the internal revenues to the Standard Oil Bank suddenly revealed to the people.

Yes, here is the problem truly. A problem that cannot be solved by the remnants of the commercial class who are fast being expropriated by the resistless march of this colorsal combiknow not, of if knowing, dare not expose. Not one word in the above article would the socialist dispute. It is true in every respect, but yet it is only a description of the progress of this seeming terror, not an enquiry into the economic causes that undertie it. And yet it affords a complete confirmation of the correctness of the socialist diagnosis of our economic system. method ofdestruction of rivals, the "rebate" system, the courts, legislators political parties, all being used by and for the interests of this combination, the new fields conquered in the gas coal, copper, railroad and steamship industries, and lastly the occupation of the financial field, which brings with it the subjection of every power of government, are well-calculated to slarm and terrify those for whom the present order of society seems a thing fixed and unalterable. But to the socialist who comprehends the march of modern capitalism, and the ultimate end to which it tends, these latter day com for astonishment por alarm. Capital. ism which has already stripped the majority of the people of all preperty or the hope of acquiring any, cannot further harm the projetariat as a class. Those who have still something to lose may cry frantically for help against the monsters of the system which they still adhere to, but no help can come. The system of private property is already doesned. The prospect which confronts them of being hurled into the ranks of the proletariat may doleful utterances upon the part of the not be a pleasant one but at least it capitalist political rulers of France, will enable them to perceive the nature Germany and Belgium, as to the rapid of the economic structure which they growth of socialism in those countries, have vainly attempted to preserve, and and the danger to existing conditions which draws forth the musketry first the furbity of threats and denuncia-which this growth involves. These of the New York world in the following tions against it. Seeing that the pres-conditions are simpler to those in this ers of government are rapidly passing country, the condition of private prop-Four years ago the largest factor in American finance was J. Plerpent Morgan. Upon the substancial foundations laid by his predecessors he built a financial stronghold that commanded American commerce and trade and finally the public treasury.

Mr. Morgan's domination rested upon strength supplemented by skill. He was strong, but he was also extremely able, and grand strategy played the mest important part in his campaigns.

Today Mr. Morgan has dwindled, and there towers about our commerce, above our public as well as our private finance, a, new stronghold—a vertiable Gibraitar. It is the fortress of the "Standard Oil crowd."

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The Reckefellers began in 1852, among the least of soveral scores of oil refiners. By 1870 they had arducastly got together about \$1,000,000. They began to systematize the secret and unlawful railway rebate. At first they used it as a bludgeon to assassinate their rivals for the hoint benefit of themselves and the railways. Presently, as they grew strong, they dissolved partnership with the railways and used the hudgeon upon them also to compel them to ctime of which the "Standard Oil growd" alone reaped the benefits.

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To invest their surplus they have ex. To invest their surplus they have ex. the dreams of a "New Jerusalem" or of ideal societies in which the socialist theories of the globe. And when there was no more picles to conquer for their oil they turned to participate in, to control to seek to indisposite other is. Gustries-gas, coal steel, copper traction, railroads, ocean steamships.

Curiously crough their motio in their commercial pliacy was benevolent as, similation"—surrender and we will let you live, resist and we will annihilate the present time this idea has not altogether given up the ghost, and ther people's money on these the first half of this century could be worked out, while the world gazed admiringly at the spectacle, and seeing its success, determined to follow the example, and construct a model society framed upon similar lines. Even at the present time this idea has not altogether given up the ghost, and they profer to wait until the inevitable suicide occurs.

But let us suppose that Messars Jones and Herron, instead of wasting their time, and other people's money on these similation—surrence of the swift annihilate you live, resist and we will annihilate you.

In the natural course of the swift former attempts to carry out his meaning of their capital they have been drawn into finance—into matienal banking, into contact with the United States treasury.

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PLATFORM.

The Socialist Laner Party of the United States, in convention assembled, re-asserts the inalismable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

With the founders of the American republic we hard that the purpose of government is to secure every climen in the enjoyment of his right; but in the light of our social conditions we hald furthermore, that no such right can be exercised under a system of econotic inequality, essentially destructive of life, in theery and of happiness.

With the founders of this republic we hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be evene and controlled by the whole people; but in the light of our industrial development we hold, furthermore, that the true theory of economics is that the machinery of government must be evene and an exception of some of the interpretation must histerize being to the people in common.

To the obvious fact that our despetic system of economics is the direct opposite of our democratic system of politics can plainly be traced the existence of a privileged class, the currention of government by that class, the alientation of public property public franchises and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the nightness of antions upon that class.

Again, through the pervention of democracy to the social of plutocracy, labor is robbed of the wealth which it assues produces, is denied the means of active appropriation, and by compulsory idenses in wage slarery, in even deprived of the means of active appropriately by compulsory idenses in wage slarery, on even deprived of the necessaries of life.

Functions and misery, with all their concomitant with are perpetuated, that the people may be long to the controlled of the controlled to the c

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Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party gave more enters its protest. Once more it electrics its fundamental declaration that private property in the natural sources of production and the institutional of labor is the obvious cause of all sconomic servitude and political dependence. The time is fast counting where, in the natural courses of social evolution, this system, through the extractive action of its failures and order on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of labors and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have worked out its own downfail. We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, and upon all holess tiltness, to gain the most of the problet powers; so that, both gates and determined to conquer them by taking passession of the public powers; so that, both gates and action has been accomplished to the control of the state of the public powers; so that, both out of the public powers of the problet powers of the problet powers of the problet powers of the public powers; so that, both out of the public powers and the state of the public powers of the problet powers and the state of the public powers of the problet powers and the state of public powers and the substitution of the Cooperative Commonwealth in which every worker shall have be restorated and of the laboration and state and was and social disorder; a common wealth in which every worker shall have be restorated and full benefit of his facilities multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.

Immediate Demands.

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 pessession of the railroads, canals, 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, it no employee shall be discharged for political reasons.

3. The municipalities shall obtain possession of the local railroads ferrice, water works, electric anise and all industries requiring manicipal franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operately under the control of the municipal aimministration and to elect their own superior officers, but employees thall be discharged for political reasons.

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5. The United States to mave the exclusive right to issue money.

6. Congressional legislation providing for the scientific management of forests and waterways of prohibiting the waste of the natural reasoners of the country.

7. Insentions to be free to all: the inventors to be remanerated by the nation.

8. Progression tax and tax on inheritances: the smaller incomes to be exempt.

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15. The people to have the right to propose laws and not engined employer's instilling according to the referendum principle.

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

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

18. Municipal self-government.

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

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