# THE WORKERS' CALL.

"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

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#### BOSSES DON'T CARE

Strike at Quincy Stove Foundries - Just Suits Them.

Masters Will Go to the Paris Exposition While Workers Starve Until Stock Is Reduced.

stove founders of Quincy have been ex- simply one more proof of the fact that isting for some time on from a \$1 to decided that they wished to come a lit- analysis the capitalist politician belongs tic nearer living and struck for a 20 per cent increase. The bosses at once welcomed the strike declaring that there to bear upon the trade unionists of was an overproduction in those lines and that the proposed strike gave them opportune as it came just at the time hen all the stove manufacturers were have a meeting of their association New York. All the employers acrdingly started for New York leavtheir employes to meekly wait or rve while they had a vacation. One

attitude toward the men in that they refuse to treat with the union but express their willingness to meet individuals, well understanding that in treating with the men one by one the laborer nearest starvation sets the standard time you stopped fooling with labor for all the others and that once the union is destroyed all hope of resistance on the part of the workers is gone. Hence whatever else happens the men must maintain their union organization if they ever hope to gain anything.

bing to the Paris exposition while the

But does it not strike the laborers as a rather strange situation in which their local unions. they find themselves? The foundries, the tools and the buildings are still in Quincy. They were made by the laborers of Quincy and can only be used by them. The employers could never produce a stoye and will never attempt it. Why then must the workers of Quincy starve while those who never built a foundry or cast a stove are on a pleasure trip to New York or Paris? Is it not simply because the employers have the laborers into helping make laws which declare that the fools, machinery, foundries, etc., shall be the property of the capitalist class and that the laborers can only live by selling themselves piece-meal to those owners? Why should not the stove workers of Quincy imitate their employers and world declare that what the laboring class creates it shall own and that the mines, factories, including the Quincy stove works shall be the property of those who work in them? When this is vacation indefinitely, save that their source of supply will be cut off. The laborers will retain all their product and produce until their wants are satisfied and then stop and take-a vacation of their own while they consume what they have produced.

#### PROOFS OF "PROSPERITY. Laborers Kick, and Their Masters Shield selves Behind the Powers of

How is this for a list of strikes of sufficient importance to be mentioned in the daily press of the last week:

Milwaukee moulders in E. P. Allis works have struck against working

The Great Northern is largely tied rival of the Chicago scabs referred to

in another item in this issue. The Little Rock, Ark., motormen ar out for an increased share of the wealth

they are creating.

Copper Smelting company of Constable Hook, N. J., are being clubbed by the police because they asked for a nine-

The Pere Marquette rallroad from Ludington, Mich., is being operated by imported scabs under police protection The Boston brewery engineers are trying to improve their condition

Work on the Buffalo Pan American exposition is being delayed because the laborers dislike the condition of their

The Philadelphia building trades are rebelling against the conditions under which they are creating wealth for oth

olis woodworkers are engaged in a struggle for higher wages and shorter

Kansas City plumbers, tinners, slat ers, and carpenters have joined the general strike which seems to be preover the country in the

Akron, O., bollermen and moulders are asking an increase of 15 per cent and refusing to work until it is re-

This is little more than the beginning of the list of rebellious wage slaves who are discontented with the conditions of "prosperity." In almost every case their employers have at once placed themselves behind the political powers of government and left the strikers to fight with the police, the army or the courts. When will the laborers learn the lesson that it is time for their class MEN PRODUCED TOO MUCH. to centrol the political power?

#### LAYING ON THE LASH.

Capitalism Brings Up Its Reserves to Force the Unions Into Line.

It is now announced that the Chicago banks refused to further honor municipal warrants unless the labor men were The cleaners and grinders of the discharged from the city hall. This is relying on capitalist politics always a day. During the past week they fails when most needed, as in the last bag and baggage to the capitalist class

Still another whip has been brought

Chicago by the employers. Having brought the executive, Carter Harrison ust the opportunity of closing the mills and the police into line, they swing the hey needed and that it was particular-judicial club. The present grand jury. chosen from the boulevards and the "respectable" classes and including a few-contractors, is busy indicting the more active union men for various of fences against capitalist law. Still another capitalist battery was trained on the trade union position from behind aployer announced his intention of the judicial bulwarks this week. Judge Tuthill has just declared the provision in the contracts for Cook county work Meanwhile they have taken the old that none but union labor be employed, to be unconstitutional.

The whole Chicago strike situation may be summed up by saying that the employers have said to Carter Harrison and the democratic politicians, "It is and tended to the business for which we keep you." Meantime the laborers are making a magnificent fight, and are worthy of all support and we hope that the comrades of other cities who are members of unions will respond liberal ly when the call for assistance comes to

#### THE ST. LOUIS STRIKE,

How the Capitalists Expect to Use the Street Car Mail Service.

The employes of the St. Louis Transit company have all left work in order to secure their right to organize. It appears that some time ago the general manager set out to "bust the union." He organized a "scab union" to break united with the other employers to fool the regular organization, discharged these who are striving to build up their union and gave special privileges to those who were trying to wreck it.

At last when it became evident that in a short time their only weapon of united defense would be taken from them the men struck. Although no disorder was attempted by the men or uniting with the laboring class of the even alleged to exist by the employers, 500 "private watchmen" with full police powers were sworn in.

The union men propose to run various lines of vehicles to accommodate all passengers who are in sympathy with done- the capitalists can extend their them. The men are standing solidly together and are making preparations

for a hard struggle. One remark by Edward Wittaker, president of the Transit company, is significant in view of the fact that the situation to which he refers exists on nearly every great street railway system in the United States. He said:

"The power houses will hardly be bothered in case of a strike, for, in case that should be done, the United States government would immediately step in. Shutting off the power would obstruct the United States mail. We have contracts on every line of the road."

This is what the socialists have often pointed out-that the carrying of the mails by the street car lines was simply in order to make the calling in of the United States troops easier in case the workers were not sufficiently submissive.

#### This Means You. Have you filled up the blank for cam-

aign subscriptions that was in your paper last week? If not, why not? There is not a single one of the subcribers of the Call that cannot either afford the time to fill that blank by collecting the fifteen cents of each subcriber or afford the money to fill it in with prospective converts tribute the dollar and a half. If not working he can do the first-if employed, the second. In either case there s nothing he can do that will bring him in equally good returns.

#### Social Ostracism.

These people were connected with a trust and were therefore socially ostra-

It is true sumptuous carriages were frequently to be seen drawing up under their porte cochere, but these

The iceman delivered their ice without saying a word, and the policeman civil to their cook.

Pack peddlers passed their house by Agents left no samples of soap what-

Theirs was a gloomy life. Anybody ild see that their gayety was affec

Are you still hustling for subscribers

# "MEN WHO COUNT" A "FAIR DAY'S WORK" that of the capitalist and that of the

London Press Accurately Sizes Up As Capitalists and Workingmen Our Boasted Democracy.

#### RECOGNITION OF CLASS RULE. AGREEMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE.

The ."Chronicle" Points Out Who the The Opposing Interests of Both Class Boer Envoys to the U. S. Will Have to Do "Business" With.

The press dispatches from Europe last week contained an item which should make the "reformer who believes in all the people," do some hard his own nigger," so the capitalist class thinking, that is, of course assuming of the present day proclaim their right that the individual in question is com- to extort the greatest possible amount petent to do so. Here is a slap in the of labor power out of the white slaves face for that very indefinite abstraction which, frothy and empty-headed word jugglers deify under the name of "the and it is only necessary to walt and see what they will do about it. | wages," there is no mistake as to its The press dispatch in question says as

What is the meaning of this? Isn't this a "government of, for and by the And yet here is a matter which the bearers intend to lay before the whole people of the United States, and long before it arrives, a foreign capitalist organ prophesies its fate, not at the hands of the whole people, but at those of the "men who count."

Surely the intelligent gentlemen who run the London "Chronicle" must have eard many times that in this land of the free, where pure democracy reigns triumphant, all men count equally? How comes it then that they con clude that this matter will be settled by a fraction of the population, and that the views of the rest are of no nsequence?

There is one answer and one only who own and control the means of production and distribution, are the masters of the rest, and can enforce heir opinions through the medium of their political tools. Being economically supreme, they are the "men who count" and they will settle this question as they think best, and the enormous mass of those that "don't" count will have to grin and bear it.

The "Chronicle" has in all probability correctly forecasted their action. This organ of British capitalism assumes that the material interests of the "men who count" in the United States, will not be furthered by entertaining and acting upon the views which will be presented to them by the Boer delegates, and from this assumption draws the logical conclusion that the latter will fail in their mission.

The "Chronicle" lays no stress upon the supposed predilection for republican forms of government which is said to influence the action of the United States, shows no alarm about the desire which the average American is popularly supposed to possess in helping a "struggling sister republic" to the "rights of free peoples" is going to cut any figure in this question. While it does not altogether leave them out of account, the "Chronicle" understands perfectly what it is that always determines the actions of the "men who count," and it deliberately places this raging full of sentimental trash in one ESTS of the "men who count," in th other, and sees that the latter kicks the beam while the former springs into the

The "Chronicle" knows well that if men who count" in the United States, that the interests of American capitaltheir cause than by leaving it alone, their mission will be a failure

Incidentally the "Chronicle" puts a acuse what they were pleased to call "public sentiment" on behalf of the oers, those statesmen who attempted to pass "resolutions of sympathy" with our "sister republic" the Transvaal, ose cheats and dupes who congregated in mass meetings and filled th air with impotent denunciations, windy esolutions, useless oratory, and frothy sentiment. They are ciphers. don't count."

All the declarations of independence all the most eloquent and beautiful apostrophes to "liberty" ever written. tagonism with the interests of the rulinig class. They can only become real Socialists call it the cialism, the economic and political supremacy of the vast masses of producrs, who at present "don't count

If you can't attend the Pauls Expe ition of socialism in the colans of this paper?

Define It.

Destroy Its Reality and Render It a Myth.

As the southern planter of pro-slavery days proclaimed the God-given right of every white man to "wallor who sell themselves in the modern la bor market. Although this declaration is disguised under the indefinite phrase, ha fair day's work for a fair day's meaning, as anyone who knows anything whatever of the intensity of speed at which the modern wage slave is The departure of the Boer delegates from Holland to the United States and what they have said of their purposes and hopes draw British attention to American views of the war.

Today's Chronicle says: "The men to the United States are not likely to accept the views which Messrs. Fischer and Wessels intend to place because and Wessels intend to place because when the solution of the purchasing the same ways to the purchasing factor than a see that possible profits driven can testify. Whenever, favored death. As it was two workingmen capitalist who sees his possible profits curtailed by the fact that he canno compel the human commodity which he has purchased with his good money on the open market, to cram thredays' work into the space of one.

And conversely, when the opposition of the workers in this respect is broken down, and an almost unlimited vista of exploitation dawns upon the purchase of labor, a mingled chorus of triumph and satisfaction goes up, which shows how keenly the capitalist appreciate the restoration of his "rights" in this

A capitalist paper of this city, who attitude towards rebellious workmen is much the same as that with which the devil is said to regard hely water, omes forward with the following exultant screed concerning the fact that the Plumbers' union has been com peried to relinquish its rule limiting the amount of a day's labor in that trade:

The Plumbers' union has left out of its

The Plumbers' union has left out of its new form of agreement the clause regulating the maximum amount of work to be done in a day, thus leaving the members of the union free to do a fair day's work for a fair day's wages. The employer will be tortured no longer by the sight of men who are doing only one-half as much work as they ought to. It is in order now for other unions which have rules limiting unreasonably the amount of work a man shall do in a day to rescined them. The men who are responsible for the adoption of such rules, which have had so much to do with bringing about the present deadlock in building operations, ought to be convinced by this time that there is a point where the patience of contractors and of expitalists will not stand the strain of the demands of "organized labor." If these limitations on work were oult of the way, and there were any guarantee against "gympatheic strikes," doubtless building operations would be resumed speedily and the workingmen have an opportunity to earn some money.

"For this relief, much thanks," The "tortured" employer will now have an opportunity of turning the tables on the wicked and unscrupulous workman plant that their labors have created who refused to allow his life force to be and which today they can alone opertorn away from him by the intensity of the labor process. The victorious capi- proval of these conditions. But aleady talist will resume his natural and rightful position as "torturer." and get every ounce of energy possible out of his purchase. Harmony will be once more restored and-"profits will ac-

Did the journeymen plumbers con sider that the maximum which they placed on their labor constituted a "fair day's work." It may be safely said that they did, every mother's son of them. Did the employers consider it so? Not a single one of them. Will the Boer delegates cannot show the the plumbers consider the increased day's labor which they will now have to perform, a "fair day's work?" No. ism will be better served by taking up every one of them will consider it too Will the employers agree with this view? No. on the contrary they will still think they are not getting

This idea of a "fair day's work" is absolute bosh. And the "fair day's wage" is ditto. There isn't now, there was, and there never will be "a fair day's work" so long as the wage system exists. And the idea of "fair wages" is in itself a contradiction.

There is no workman but wants to get more wages, and no employer but wants to give less

There is no employer but wants to out wants to give less. There is an irreconcilable antagonism between the wo which can never end until the bresent relationship between them is ended. The capitalist paper in question need not fool itself over this matter. There athetic strike or the limitation of a lay's work. Any victory which either

while the capitalist system exists. The "fair day's work" is judged from two tetally different standpoints, viz.,

sequently different-every time. The same observation holds good regarding the "fair day's wage."

Any apparent agreement is but the result of compulsion on one side or the

This condition will cease only with the abolition of the capitalist system of production. When that occurs there will be no wage, but the "fair day's work" will become a reality.

It will be judged from one standpoint aly-that of the man who performs it. Big or little, great or small, fair or unfair, the social value of that day's labor shall be his. No less and no

#### A MODERN DEATH TRAP.

How the Slaughter of Laborers in the Illinois Steel Mills Is Carefully . Suppressed.

The Illinois Steel company added anther to the host or industrial murders for which it is responsible last week. A car containing twelve tons of molten metal was capsized over a pit full of workingmen. Fortunately there was time for a moment's warning that saved most of them from a horrible were fatally burned and a number more received injuries that will make them valueless to their owners, the Illinois Steel company, and hence leave them that most pitiful sight of our modern wage system-slaves without nasters and hence with no right to live It is not generally known how great a laughter house of workers this imnense industrial concern really is. It will be remembered that it is one of hose benevolent institutions in which ur friend Rockefeller collects the contributions of the workers for the support of foreign missions and theological Under the laws of the state of Illinois, framed in the interest of the owning class, there is nothing to ompel the employers to in any way eguard their machinery. The result nous industrial plant is simply one tre-

is that at the present time this enormendous death trap. Unguarded and dangerous machinery of all kinds abound and there is scarcely a day when the life of some poor wage slave s not offered up on the alter of this nodern Moloch, while accident ing the loss of an eye, a hand or a limb are so frequent as to scarcely attract attention and are carefully kept from the public press. The corporation maintains a "Com pany Hospital" within the walls of the plant, to which all who are injured

within the works MUST be taken and where they are subjected to the mercies of a "Company surgeon", whose first business it is to protect the firm against damage sults and after that to incidentally practice his knowledge of surgery upon the helpless victim. It is no uncommon thing for the relatives of those injured to be denied access to produced the Wealth it represents are their husbands, fathers or brothers who are incarcerated in this combination of the inquisition and a butcher shop, lest they affect the decision of the victim before the corporation attorney has had time to "adjust" the claim.

Every year a majority of these em ployes go to the polls and cast their vote for the democratic or the republican candidates and hence for the system of private property in this great there are signs that they are beginning to realize their mistake and two strong S. L. P. branches, one among the Polish and the other composed of the English speaking comrades is a promise of the day that is near at hand when these conditions will be no more.

The Carter who was defeated by Hanecy, must not be confounded with the gentleman of the same name who was lately whipped by the "business men" and Contractors' Council of Chicago.

Bishop Hartzell declared that there ras "as much independence" under the British flag as under the American, a statement which doesn't throw much light on the amount and quality of the said "independence." eyer, as a rule don't inquire too closely into such matters. If they did, they would get themselves disliked, and they

John W. Gates is to be "examined' in the courts. John has warned his "examiners" that he wants to go to Europe at once, and that they would do well to rush their "examination" through as speedily as possible, a warning which they were quick to comply with recognizing at once that John wasn't

Comrades of the Fourteenth ward will please take notice that a meeting of the branch will be held Sunday, May 13th. 2 p. m. sharp, at Schoenhofen' hall, corner of Milwaukee and Ashland portance are to be discussed and the attendance of all comrades of the branch is earnestly requested.

The judiciary is entirely nonpartisan in the matter of injunctions.

Even with a union of forces socialism will not come if we all sit down and fold our hands.

John W. Gates is not afraid the courts will do anything to him; he has too much money.

The lawyers will not have all of the snaps just as soon as the workingmen get "onto" the cobination. Socialism means that the negro's vote

should be in the majority. The socialist state will have no need

for the fellow who can bring in a solid delegation from his ward.

Possibly Mr. Bryan has never heard of the bull pen. Mr. McKinley has and he is thoroughly tired of it.

Nowhere is there the suspicion of a hint that Bryan does not believe in the doctrine of private property.

Carnegie has given away several million dollars in the past year and he did not earn a dollar of it either.

"A vote for McKinley sanctions the policy of shooting down Filipinos who have never done us any wrong.

We are not exclusive enough to want an American movement. International socialism is good enough for us.

Alleged socialists who are afraid Debs will beat Bryan should vote for him that he may beat McKinley also. It is getting so that it is considered a

great victory in Europe if all other parties combined can beat the socialists. Mark Hanna does not mind kicking on 364 days in the year just so the peo-

ple wake up and take his medicine on election day. Modelism in our day may be accom-plished if we can just get the good

the party papers. One step at a time we will take is to capture a city here and there and to elect a few members of the different

word to all the people. Help circulate

state legislatures. The workingman's family is entitled to as many good things as the family of the banker and they can have them,

too, if he only votes right. Great quantities of gold are being shipped to Paris but the people who not going along to spend it.

Laboring men have the numbers. Have they the intelligence? Does the number of lawyers and bankers in one national body answer the question?

Lack of time we are told is the only thing that prevented the grand jury from indicting material men, but the same body found ample time to indict

ing the products of other mens' labor are very anxious to know if socialists intend to confiscate all of the property in the world.

does not expound the gospel in a way that pleases Rockefeller. Still they wonder why the church is losing hold

The brunt of the Chicago strike is being borne by the middle men, the fellows with little groceries and butcher shops. They are good people to reach at present with socialistic literature.

The same generous mother, nature, which furnishes the air, also put the coal into the ground and corporations or individuals have no more right to claim ownership of one than the other.

#### To Chicago Comrades.

How many out-door meetings have you arranged for as yet? branch in the city that cannot have at least one a week. They are the most fruitful form of agitation that is carried on and should be pushed as hard

Send in an order for a bundle of The. Workers' Call and some copies of the Pocket Library and manage for at least one meeting during the coming reck. See to it that all the comrades are present at the beginning of the meting-have someone appointed to sell papers and literature and keep everything agoing. There never was setter time to talk to the laborers of Chicago than now when they are learning the terrible lesson of the po apitalism at the stern school of ex-

Voting the capitalist scab ticket on election day means hard scratching the rest of the year.

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Contributions and items of news concerning the labor movement are requested from our readers. Svery contribution must be accompanied by the Dame of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.



#### STILL IN THE FIELD.

The response to the request for help in our last issue was prompt and gen erous. From every quarter of the counwords of encouragement and promis of future effort. The campaign offer was taken hold of in a way that showed that it had struck the right ides. Th result is that the continuance of the Cal is positively assured. Now we shall bend every effort to make the paper the very best vote getter in existence. Its union news will make every labore want to read it and its theoretical articles will make a good percentage o those who read it become socialists It now depends upon its present subscribers to decide how wide its influence shall be. Everyone can get at least one club of ten. Every member of a unior should write for our special terms to union members when an entire union subscribes. Then do not forget that with the out-door meetings comes the time to sell bundles.

Incidentally our appeal for help had a most interesting effect. It galvanized into life some long dead DeLeon letter writers who came from the tomb lone enough to send in some specimens o their master's choicest English, informing us that they giorted in the facof the death of The Workers' Call. To these we would simply say that we are not conducting a wake over the decay ing corpses of bossism but celebrating a wedding of the disunited forces of socialism and so will have to omit the requested publication of their epistles

#### THE GENERAL STRIKE.

One of the tendencies towards the ultimate union of the whole-working the persistence of such labor trouble as those now rampant in this city. No dispute of any considerable extent has yet taken place in which the feasibility of a general strike was not taken into consideration, and the present situation in Chicago is no exception to the rule The question was discussed by the rep resentatives of the workmen involved and it is reported, was only decided against by a small majority. Just what considerations produced this decision we are not prepared to say, but viewed from the standpoint of a socialist the action must be approved, although the reasons which induced the members of the Building Trades Council to forego the idea are very possibly not those which socialists would consider. While the general strike is in most cases a weapon of doubtful utility, one thing remains certain: that it is almost impossible to use it successfully unless se engaging in it are largely imbued with a consciousness of common interests as workingmen, a consciousness of the ultimate object for which the class struggle exists, and the sense of soilnition. It is needless to say that the great body of workingmen in this city as well as throughout the United State in general are not yet possessed of this that cohesiveness necessary to permit them to act effectively as a united body Organized on the basis of single trades separated from the far greater mass of unorganized labor outside their unions, and frequently brought into fierce competition with it through ever-re curring local strikes, it is easy to se that the idea of a general strike of organized labor under such conditions gives but small promise of success. The history of the great A. R. U. strike and Its failure, has opened the eyes of thousands of workingmen to these facts and exposed the elements of weakness which limits its sphere of action to the economic field alone. About a year be-

fore this event, the idea of a general strike was realized by the workingmen of Belgium, who to the number of over the right of franchise which was the object of their strike. But this element which used the general strike so sucmental composition from the working modes of thought-are still confined within the limits of the existing capi a distinct conception of the nature of the struggle which incessantly rages between the classes, and a knowledge of the part which their own class musfulfil in the formation of future society. The socialist relies upon the logic of vents when he declares that this stage will be reached, and even now he can point to the increase of socialist thought in the United States at present as an undeniable proof that this leavening operation is now going on Whether, when this point is reached, general strike will be considered as a valuable weapon in the hands of the class-conscious workers. is a enatter which cannot now be precisely answered either affirmatively or negatively, but at present it is plainly apparent that it cannot be wielded effecively by organized labor as it exists today, and whatever reasons induced the Building Trades Council to forego its use in the present juncture, we are strongly inclined to think that the decision was wise.

#### MY COUNTRY.

[From the Russian of Michael Lermon Land of my love, neither thy blood bought glory the proud self-reliance of thy Not all the old traditions of thy story

Have power to stir sweet dreams within my breast; And yet I love this Mother-land of With a strange love that can no caus-

I love-although I do not know the rea-The frozen silence of her steppes, the Murmurs of her vast forest, and the of her streams rising, when the sudden flow From the great floed-tides overwhelm-

ing these.

Transforms them for awhile to rushing Along her country roads at mad pace driving
In peasant's cart, I lov≠ into the night's Darkness to gaze, longing for rest, and

striving To pierce the gloom and see the flick-That here and there by the road's side from melancholy hamlets Gleaming

gives one joy to watch the smoke as cending .
From the burnt stubble field-the moving wains Of merchandise across the steppes slow

wending.
The peasant's rick-yard stocked with harvest gains. And the twin white-bark'd birches that Yen hill, amidst the field of golden corn.

To many is denied such heartfelt pleas As yonder straw-thatch'd cottage

gives to me, With its carved shutters: In the cool eve's leisure. Unwearied until midnight, I could see The peasants dancing on a holiday. And beating time to their own voices

-Mary Grace Walker, in "Free Rus-

### FORESTALLING A STRIKE.

A Pointer for Railroad Laborers in the Northwest

The following clipped from the columns of the Chicago Chronicle would eem to indicate that preparations are being made in advance for any attempt on the part of the laborers on the railroads of the northwest to ol lect to the conditions under which they may at present be employed:

The Wyoming hotel, 266 Clark street, resembled an employment agency yesterday. Men are being hired by the score to take the places of conductors and brakemen on freight trains running north from St. Paul. Great secrecy is observed as to the road, but it is probably either the Great Northern or the Northern Pacfic. There is a rumor that these roads anticipate a strike of their freight men and have planned to outwit them by employing new hands.

Persons who answer the advention The Wyoming hotel, 266 Clark street

Persons who answer the advertise ment which has appeared in several newspapers have to run a gauntiet of questions before they reach Henry M. Westcott, the agent. Outside the doors of the main dining room a clerk stands. He merely looks the applicant over and asks, if he has worked on freight trains before. If he has he is sent into the dining room. Inside he is asked whether he is a conductor or a brakeman. If a conductor he is offered Jocents an hour to work on a road from St. Paul up north, and if a brakeman 20 cents. Then a medical examiner looks him over. No further explanation is made. The successful applicants are lodged and fed at the hotel till enough are engaged to form a goodtill enough are engaged to form a good-sized squad. Already more than 500 men have been shipped to St. Paul. This week section hands and foremen will be hired.

Workingmen! strike at the polls with socialist ballots, so that the police an't strike at your pells with hickory

#### SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE,

evelt, it is said, will accept a 'hurrah" nomination for the viceresidency on the ground that "no man can withstand such a call to duty." Teddy had better hurry up as "heroes" are rapidly becoming stale, and the supply of "hurrah" idiots is getting smaller, now that socialism is in the

The Carnegie Co. claim that the proess of making Krupp steel is a secret, and therefore they want \$545 per ton for armor plate of that make supplied to the government. The state depart. ment, however, in discovering that there is no secret about the Krupp steel have also discovered the secret of the attempted Carnegie steal in connection therewith.

Ladysmith and Mafeking are not going to get ahead of Milwaukee, even though the latter has never stood a has been discovered in full blast by health officers of the Cream City. When relief column arrives the socialist there, this "business" will have quit, even at the risk of driving this sort of "capital" out of the country.

The London Chronicle says that "the nen who count in the United States" will not pay much attention to the Boer peace envoys who are coming to this country. This probably means the men that count stocks, bonds shares and coupons, the men who own the means of production, the capitalist class. The Chronicle is about right. People who have nothing to count, of course don't count.

All the book paper mills in the West ere to close down on the 7th inst. and all those in the East one month later, so runneth the flat of the captains of industry, the owners of the means of production. The wage slaves who produced the paper, produced too much more, in fact, than the owners of their product could sell-at a "reasonable profit. The price of book paper how ever will be advanced during the time that the producers of book paper are resting from their labor, for such is the 'agreement between gentlemen." This advance will come in handy for the stockholders who intend going to the Paris exposition to spend their leisure. The book paper producers /will also Why, to have feisure to go-where. and labor are indeed twin brothers.

By the derailing of a car in the Illiols Steel works, two workmen were instantly killed, and six others severely injured, but this accident will not in terfere with the preparations which the stockholders are making to spend the summer anonths at the seaside and nountain resorts and on the customary European pleasure trips. As to those who depended upon the slaughfered -well-brother capital will attend to their case-in the law courts which he has instituted for that purpose.

The first preliminary in the coming political campaign in the state of Illinois has just closed. The struggle amongst the republicans for the nomination for governor so far shows that no candidate had a majority. The uninstructed delegates hold the balance of power, which is a good commercial asset in a political convention of any of the old parties.

An enormous amount of money was spent in these preliminaries. The bills for printing, hall rent, postage, newspapers of, payments to ward heelers and political fine workers, etc., etc. would foot up an aggregate which would astonish the uninitiated. Where did they get it, and how do they expect to reimburse themselves? The wealth expended in this preliminary. comes from the labor of the paign working classes, who are also expected to recoup from the same source thos who have used that wealth to rivet the chains still tighter on the workers.

In the discussion between the contractors and the locked out building trades workers some light is shed upor what the capitalist idea of "prosperity stands for. On May 2nd the contract ors confess that the destruction of th labor organizations, and the deprivation of means to defend the union scale of wages, would mean prosperity to Chicago. The Building Trades Counell in its answer to this statement shows signs of astonishment, not being to comprehend that "prosperity" for the contractors means low wages for the workers. They cannot grass the palpable truth that, all that the capitalists possess, has been got at the expense of the working class, and the ss that labor receives, the greater their prosperity.

The unions may make a defensive fight against this condition, but while they fail to understand that the citadel of power always lies with those who control the means of production, the character of the struggle canno change. Organized labor will remain constantly on the defensive, against ever-increasing odds. But when the necessity of changing scene of struggle from the econ he political field is clearly seen, the relative positions of the antagonists are at once reversed, and the hopeless struggle of the workers in the economic ald, is supplanted by the helplessness of the capitalist class in the political one

It is said that both capitalist partie are eagerly searching for candidates for the vice-presidency, no available

"timber" as the political phrase goes, being in sight. To help them out of and John W. Gates together as running Mr. W. J. Bryan might b coupled with Perry Belmont, the agent

of the Rothschilds in the United States. This would go far towards proving that the Democratic party is. money power."

"Pitchfork" Tillman of South Care lina recently addressed a body of students at Ann Arbor university, on th race problem. This notorious demagogue whose vocabulary is more liberal than his ideas, declared that the North must not force negro equality upon the South, an action which the North, or rather the capitalist class of the North have not the slightest intention of doing, in view of the fact that the economic rulers in the South have already largely disfranchised the negroes with. out one word of protest from Washington. The senator also answered an ob siege. A sausage factory using old jector in the audience with the not very and decrepit horses for raw material original remark, "Would you let your own daughter marry a nigger?" concluded by saying the southern people have no hatred towards the negro. to in fact they rather liked him, as they amply proved by "giving him work. The senator has evidently been so far 'reconstructed" that he looks upon the robbery of the working class as the

> They rather like the "nigger." They give him work. Of course. And (the senator forgot to add), they take pos session of the product of his labor, and stand ready to shoot or hang any "agitator" who might urge the negroes to organize in unions for the purpose of securing a larger share of that product for their own maintenance. And yet there are workingmen who look upor this "reconstructed" slave driver as a "friend of labor," not understanding that the working class whether black or white are looked upon by both northern and southern capitalists merely as a commodity whose labor power they are equally ready to exploit. And they find it easier and safer to do so by inciting race hatred between their victims, knowing well that so long as they can foster this hatred, their supremacy as exploiters is secure.

highest proof of capitalist vistue.

"Prosperity" is signally illustrated by the fact that while in 1896, diamonds of the value of \$2,000,000 were imported into the United States, in 1899 the value of imported diamonds increased to over ook for other jobs of course. Capital \$12,000,000. Workingmen who yet swalow the political and economic rot dealt out to them by their capitalist masters, should find no difficulty in accepting the above figures as an indication of general "prosperity." that the children of the locked-out workmen in this city are using diamonds to play marbles with, is not one whit less worthy of belief than most of the other "proofs of prosperity" which the capitalist press. The "prosperity" of the working class might just as well be measured by the importation of diamonds as by any other capitalist standard.

#### Two Capitalist "Sensations."

A daily paper states that Senator Pettigrew "created a sensation" in the enate by declaring that the volunteers brought back to the United States from the Philippines were "packed like swine in dark, dirty, flifhy, rotten and antiquated vessels." There really doesn't seem to be anything very sensational about this, after all. The embalmed beef went out to the war in much the same condition that the volunteers came back from it: and why should one commodity have preference over another? Besides, the returning commodity had been already used and was therefore of no particular value to the ruling class. Capitalism is impartial in its treatment of its materials, whether these be human or otherwise.

"Skin for skin, yea all that he hath, man will give for his life." Edward Bryant, who had lost his position as a onductor in the employ of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co., jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge for a money consideration from a newspaper which wished to publish a sensational story of the "feat." Bryant used a parachute, but the thing didn't work properly, and the unfortunate jumper now lies at the point of death from injuries received in consequence. The necessity of preserving his existence impelled Bryant to the performance of a task which it was barely posible he could survive. And even this task was to become a source of profit to a capitalist concern who hoped to thrive by retailing the story of the jump to some thousands of other wage slaves, who live under conditions that might at any time impel them to the same course as Bryant. The ancient gladiator was "butchered to make a Roman holiday," but modern capitalism goes one better by compelling some of its victims to butcher themselves for the satisfaction of the others,

#### Attention!

Members are requested to attend their respective branches and vote on the unity question.

Secretaries will please fill out the return blanks and mail same to Jac. mith, 245 W. Monroe street, not later than May 26th, as the vote MUST reach the national secretary by May 30th.

A socialist ballot, though not heavy, is infinitely more effective than

Republican and democratic clubs as at present very much in evidence

#### LETTER BOX.

Stands for Union

Resolution adopted by the socialist f Fresno, County, California: To the Socialists of the United States:

Whereas. The executive board of the S. D. P. has submitted a proposition to the members of that party, for or against union with the S. L. P.; be it Resolved, By the socialists of Freano county, Cal., in mass-meeting assembled:

That we declare ourselves un

ist. That we declare ourselves unqualifiedly in favor of union.
2nd. That we condemn the disposition of certain party leaders to selfishly
hold their personal views of such importance, that the welfare of the great
cause of humanity is endangered, and
that such men should be disbarred
from party management.
3rd. That we prefer the plain name
of Socialist party, laying aside all qualifications, but shall support the union
ticket regardless of party name.

ticket regardless of party name.
4th. If union be not accomplished we shall support that party which has shown itself the most liberal and fav-

O. R. Olufs, Sec. -Fresno, Cal., April 30th, 1900.

#### Official Organs.

Editor Workers' Call:—
Pending the result of vote on "Manifesto" forced by our S. D. P. National Executive board. I want to say something in relation to article VIII—Party Press, of constitution submitted by the loint conference committee in the results. oint conference committee in their re port. I believe this article to be wholly wrong, and sure to cause much controversy. If put into operation it would entail an enormous amount of work on the national secretary; and worse, endless confusion. I am against an "official organ" in the hands of executive officers, for if there is an anarchist contention that is true, it is that "officialism tends to perpetunte itself." I have seen the evil effects in the K. of L., the S. L. P., and now in the S. D. P. In substitution for article VIII. I would suggest that the adoption of this idea: As it is proposed to have a stamp system of dues—a thing I have contended for in the S. D. P., let us make the cards or books of such size and shape as to give space for one or port. I believe this article to be wholly and shape as to give space for one o and shape as to give space for one or more oblong "newspaper stamps"— something after the shape of the Co-lumbian stamps. These stamps to be furnished free; or at cost, to such pa-pers as support the party and its prin-ciples. The stamps to be issued under such regulations as will prevent abuse. Publishers to furnish these stamps to members as receipts for subscription; each paper to cancel with name of paach paper to cancel with name of pa-per, date, and period of subscription per. date, and period of subscription, which can be done with rubber stamp, No member to be considered in good standing whose book or card does not show him to be receiving at least one paper granted stamps by the N. E. B. Most socialists would have a collection. Such a plan would place every publication strictly on its merits. If it "went astray" stamps could be witheid, subject to appeal. The work of the na-"went astray" stamps could be witheld, subject to appeal. The work of the national secretary would be reduced to the minimum, and, more than all, prevent officials from having an "organ" to use against the field. For the transmission of official information and reports. I would have the N. E. B. issue a monthly bulletin and send same in bundles to secretary of each local, he to distribute to members. The size and shape to be suitable for filing and preserving. If socialists will carefully and shape to be suitable for filing and preserving. If socialists will carefully canvass this idea I believe they will see its strong points. Every member to retain voting standing must subscribe to at least one approved paper—his own selection. English or German. Every paper given an equal show for subscriptions on its merits, and every paper held to account for its action as closely as it is safe in a democratic organization. But best of all, the obliteration of the fort of bossism—the "official organ."

official organ. Fraternally Chas. R. Martin.

#### The Name Question.

Dear Comrades and Brothers:— In discussing a suitable and proper name for the socialist movement in America or anywhere else in this wide America or anywhere else in this wide world there is no name so applicable expressive and unobjectionable as Soexpressive and unobjectionable as So-cialist Party, without any qualifying terms attached whatever. A socialist who objects to the pure socialist name must do so from sinister motives and is not a true socialist to my way of thinking. Democracy as understood in politics in this country is bad and can never be crammed down the throats of many good and excellent people who thinking. Democracy as understood in politics in this country is bad and can never be grammed down the throats of many good and excellent people who absolutely despise the name as vile and abominable. Socialism means more than democracy politically speaking, and cannot be objected to, unless he or has thinks more of a pet name or inand cannot be objected to, unless he or she thinks more of a pet name or in-herited teachings than of socialism. This disgraceful fight is sickening and disgusting in the extreme and can only result in strengthening the enemy's lines. Are a few leaders going to dic-tate as they do in the old parties, or are we going to use the referendum? If we lean towards democratic social-ism. republican socialism, Christian so-cialism or even non-political action so-cialism, and non-colonization socialism, or anti-anarchistic socialism, or any or anti-anarchistic socialism, or any other pet idea of socialism let us not drag it into the main issue and insist to have the mosement adopt our spe-cial fancy name or idea and have things run to suit us whether anybody else is suited or not. Such is pure boss-ism which we are endeavoring to get away from and have denounced for years.

P. S. The simple name Socialist
Party is already world-wide-why bedraggle or embellish it with a qualifying term that will hinder its growth
and drive people away from its ranks
and perpetuate strife and enmity? -Brodhead, Wis., April 30, 1960.

Now that the capitalist grand jury s sending out true bills against the strikers, the latter will have an excellent chance to return the complimen next November by sending in true bills against capitalism in the form of socialist ballots.

The capitalist politician may send a carriage to drive you to the yours building. place on election day, but he gets even by riding on your backs the rest of

When the "little peesness man" gets through damning the strikers he, will be at liberty to return to his old pas--the abolition of the BIG DE-PARTMENT STORE.

If you want to touch Carnegie's pocket, take your Krag-Jorgensen and go out gunning for strikers. Andrew still cherishes fond memories of Homestead, and will put up the stuff promptly.

#### SHIFTING THE BURDEN.

Capitalism After Robbing Its Vict. Charges Them with Murder

It is by no means a new device capitalist society to charge the fortunate victims of the wage sywith crimes which in th mselves the easily be traced to the profit-making, as the fellowing extra from a New York paper will illustration

Of the children who passed through the Gerry society's hands last wind 1,708 were insured," said Superintendent Jenkins today. "Many of these children, I am confident, were insured to be killed by neglect or otherwise so that those who insured them might packet the money."

to be killed by neglect or otherwise so that those who insured them might pocket the money."

In child life insurance," continued Mr. Jenkins, "a parent or guardian or other person—for it does not matter to the insurance company who takes the policy—bets the insurance company that certain child will die within a certain time, for all of these policies are made for a certain time, at the end of which they may be renewed. The company bets that the child will not die within the specified time."

"The insured puts up a stated sum when he registers his bet. If the child fails to die the money is lost to the payer and retained by the company. If the child dies the company loses the bet and pays the money."

What sort of people are they whe hold stock in such companies? They are the same crowd who support Gerry societies, the same hypocritical gang who constantly inveigh against gambling, the same type of people who get up "crusades" against pool rooms, and form themselves into societies for the suppression of crap shooting. Thsame canting, Pharasaical community that Jesus denounced as "straining at gnat and swallowing a camel.'

These wolves in sheeps' clothing whom the sight of a stack of poky chips fills with holy horror, have scruples whatever in taking a hand iragame where the stakes are laid again the lives of the unfortunate offsprit. of the plundered victims of capital robbery

Agents, the most plausible and per suasive that can be secured are con stantly sent round to urge upon the parents the necessity of making provision for fatalities to which their children are exposed. The more successful these agents are, the more profit for the stockholders. When fatalities occur it is found convenient to charge the working class with deliberate infanticide for the sake of gain.

This talk of insuring the lives of children for the sole purpose of obtaining the premium has been rife for many years, and it most frequently crops out when the dividends due the stockholders show signs of diminution. If it could be substantiated, there would be no trouble in revoking the charters of such insurance companies.

The great mortality amongst the children of the working class, whether insured or not, is one of the most striking evidences of the murderous character of the capitalist system. If an analysis were made it would most probably be found that where the mortality is excessive the workers are too poor to make even an attempt to in-

The truth is that capitalism murders the children of the workers and its upholders then charge the luckless parents with the crime. The "company" is a convenient scape-goat upon which the sanctimonious capitalist stockholder can lay his portion of the guilt involved in the charges.

The company bets-the godly stockholder doesn't approve of hetting-but the taste of profits is too sweet for him to forego-therefore all will be well if only the cloak of "legality" can be thrown over the whole proceeding, and a more-suitable name found for this commercial gamble in which the lives of children are used as counters in the game. The ingenuity with which capitalism covers up the traces of its crim!nality has also created a wide selection of "respectable" names under which this particular form of profit making still retain the odor of sanctity. And when the competition amongst the rival dens consequently decrease it is found quite easy to accuse the working class dren and the "legitimate" profit of the 'company" at the same time, and it is not unlikely that the latter is in the eyes of their accusers, the greater crime of the two.

It has been noticed that when Standard Oil raises the standard of education in Chicago, it invariably raises its own price at the same time. That's how the "law of compensation" gets" its work in.

The numerous evictions for non-payment of rent which are occurring amongst the striking union men is only the capitalist method of illustrating the truth that "the streets belong to the people.

The busted middle class can hardly be trusted to bust the trusts.

Brother McKinley of the Bricklayers' Union evidently has a keen sense of the appropriate, in delaying the construction of the post office until the physical appearance of the bricklayers matches the skeleton frame of the

What will the trusts do when they go up against those batteries of "pop guns planted in the middle of the road?

Profit sharing is a good thing. It has prevailed for many years in the Chicago Stock Yards, on the principle that the owners get the dollars and the employes get the scents.

The man who owns the machine owns the man that works with the the machine. This is a political as well as an economic truth.

spicuous absence of one large element revolution became necessarily an irreof our population, namely, the working ligious affair. class. Do not misunderstand me. 1 do | But we are not so much conserned, I It has a comparatively large represen- own country and our own time. And tant churches the ratio is still smaller, of France were reduced to a much low-It is so small as to constitute a phe- er material condition than are their nomenon of the most serious considera- corresponding class in this country totion. Franklin Smith, in his paper be- day. That is entirely beside the quesfore the Men's Club not long ago, de- tion. Men's needs are far greater to class is to be found there. It is possible than it is now. That man whose labor that those figures applied only to New is a commodity with a price in the York City, where I have little doubt of market determined exactly as the price their accuracy. They would not be al- of coal or wheat or any product, betogether true of Rochester. But what, longs to a class which is separated by ever be the exact figures, the fact re- the widest kind of gull from that class mains that while a fair proportion of which controls the market. Our churches fulfilment of its teal function as by the well-to-do find some reason for sus- loday are just as much saturated by putting itself in the place of the work- clever man to write and yet keep within taining the churches, the majority of class feeling, they as really represent ing class. That, is the "Golden rule" the law. churches to attract or complet their classes into which society is divided, as from the point of view of those whose a great demonstration in favor of unipresence or loyalty. If it be said that was true in France. It is bound to be condition is not just. To say the least, wersal suffrage. working class, it should be answered are the men from whom the church is vast majority of the people. It is no establish a wagean's club.

that the proportion of the thinking to get its support? The question and part of the business of the church to Bishop Lobes, of Tarnow, is dead. ing that go. If our churches were de- concentration, it must be evident that on the other side. It must know that he esed always to refer to socialists as pendent upon the thoughtful portion of soon the churches must be dependent this is a world of change, and it must allies of the Devil and as inspired by society for their congregations, more upon a very few men for their support. than half the churches would be utterly And who are these? They are always are to be made, and give its aid in their saw socialism increase in his diocese in empty the year round.

magazines, and all sorts of societies are what it is, the ideals which those men discussing this question. That discus- represent who have the money, with- The problems of our time do not resion means something. We cannot out which the church cannot be main- quire a microscope in order to be disevade its meaning. The thing which goes tained, will dominate and do dominate being felt far and wide to be unreal and lows, therefore, that the church must inadequate to the demands of life.

ply with church attendance, it would ever needful that change may be. about it. But it goes far deeper. The questions have to do with the church, or evangelism ignores or evades it. Our real object of the world's skepticism is what business the church or the pulpit ing today that the church is not fulfill- problems of the individual? I some- it can be settled in 48 hours. But it can only goods of the best quality. ing a function at all commensurate with times doubt whether I ought to take a be solved in much less time than those the claims it has made for itself. Its man seriously when he asks such a people think whose material interests purposes are either ludicrously insignifi- question as that. I suppose there are all that science has disclosed of reality minister should ever deal with such words of Mordecal be most fittingly to our minds. We have any quantity questions. But no man or woman who applied: "Who knowsth whether thou have very little from them that strikes have exercised the greatest influence in are those other words of Mordecai apmuch more likely that the trough have almost nothing the ministry of the church these past plicable: "If thou altogether holdest is agrarian and anti-dynastic. from them that draws blood. Their nineteen hundred years, will raise any thy peace at this time, then shall remessage is not a searching one. It, does such question. The claims of the the souls of the great mass of our so- nomic system is just. called Christian ministers a suspicion cret of it. It represents nothing that calls to the classes. deeps in the human soul. There is nothing in either our ecclesiastical or our people should fail to see why this course Until they shall have eyes to see the

not blink that fact. It is written large far different story. It has been so from There are no exceptions to the rule. Our civilization today is a class civiliflects it absolutely.

ity were on exactly the same level, not listen to your fruitless words. We what message had the church of want our freedom. Until we have that France for peasants? None whatever, we are not men at all. We are some-

What is the condition of things with | France was as religious as any nation which the church finds itself face to of Europe, but her religion was entirely It is the fact of the con- the religion of the nobility. And so the

the working class find nothing in the but one of the two great economic for the church today. It must see things this may be due to the ignorance of the so in the very nature of things. Who it must but itself in the place of the members of that class or any class swers itself. It must depend for its assume that conditions as they exigt He was interesting as a survival of an and allowing them to dispense the which attends the church is insignifiant support upon the men who have the are all right. It is rather its burniness cid-fashiousd ecclesiastic; he never dalcompared to the number of the unthink. money. With the present trend toward to know that the probabilities are all thed with socialism, but in his pastorals and everywhere the men whose mate- accomplishment. You know as well as I do that minis-ters' clubs, religious journals, books, isting system. Human nature being say. We are facing a situation today by the name of Christianity today is in the whole life of the church. It fol- is that of justice. No personal question, Now, if this tendency had to do sim- vocate a change in economic bases how-

hardly be worth while for us to talk But someone will ask what economic that for which the church claims to has with such questions. Why do not priests and Levite of long ago, leass it stand. Great quantities of men are feel- the ministers confine themselves to the by on the other side. I do not say that talk in our pulpits on petty and has read the story of the Hebrew art not come to the kingdom for such socialism in the Balkan peninsula is a not go home. It does not carry any im- prophets of every age and race to the place, but thou and thy Father's house pression of power. It lacks conviction, reverence and love of humanity lies in shall perish." The failure of the church It lacks the inspiration of a spiehdid the fact that without an exception they to deal with the greatest and most vital union. It is trivial, paltry, flippant, have seen that there can be no true life question that ever rested upon the sauls atominally they are supposed to leave at inane. I dare to say that there is not in for the individual, except as the eco- of men can have but one result. It can- sin the evening, yet in many cases they

of the tremendous realities which made church today? What service ought utter destruction of the church that re. of, their hours are long, their food bad, the prophets of old men of might with it to render to humanity? The real fuses. It will take away from it all that and, if they live in the house, their whom kingdoms and empires had to function of a true church is to get the makes it worth while to maintain its sleeping accommodation is detestable, make terms. That is all gone, And why ethics of Jesus established in this world, existence. Perhaps the church that and the women are subject to other fs it all gone? Why have we no one to- the ethics of fove. The church must em-day to take the place of those men of body, those ethical ideals and weave fearlessly with the industrial question Zein's "Le Bonheur des Dames." I am the older time, who cast whole nations them into the warp of society. It is the will perish. Perhaps the golden scepter airaid, however, that it will be difficult into a higher mold? Do you say the business of a true church to promote will not be held out to that institution, to form a union as the Paris "Calicot." newspaper and the magazine and all the brotherhood of man. A true church I am quite confident it will not be. But as he is called, thinks himself a superthe literature of the day have taken his can fulfill its function only as it works the man or the institution which sees for person to the workman (the feeling place? There is no truth whatever in for the abolition of easte in the interests nothing in behalf of which it is willing is, perhaps, not unknown nearer home). this. For you will find in all this liter- of justice and brotherhood. Economic to say: "I will go, and if I perish, I but everybody will wish them success, ature the same lack of virility and caste can be abolished in but one way, perish." has it not in its power to lift. The position of the men and women power that you will find in the pulpit. and that is by the triumph of the movement for the socialization of their the fact that the average church today things which, in private hands, produce

I can easily understand how many

cierical ideals which is great, which is is necessary. Let me try to explain. I large and puissant and vast and ap- think I can make it perfectly clear. pealing. They do not deal with reality. Suppose a church then-were to attempt They are attempting the task of an the solution of the question we are conage that is, in every sense of the word, sidering. A church then would be satnew, with the tools and ideas of three urated with the class feeling. It would centuries since. That is a uscless task, represent but one class, the masters Now, two views would be held. One, facts of the world we are living in to- that there was no use trying to have day, their whole life is a harmless pan- a church in which master and slave tried to unite in one service of worship. The truth of the matter is, the church | That view would of course prevail. And of today is a class institution. You can- that idea is advocated now. Dr. Greer rector of St. Bartholomew's Church in over the whole face and in all the ac- New York City, told the students of the tions of the church and its ministry. It | Yale Divinity School that he had misis a class institution. It represents not sions in his parish, and when working all the people, but a class. If that were girls applied for admission to his church not true, our statisticians would tell a they were advised to join one of the missions. They would not feel comfortalmost the beginning. Whenever any able in the church proper, he affirmed movement hardens into a fixed insti- The same is true of quantities of tution, it must always embody the dom- churches today. But suppose in the mant spirit of the age. It always does, condition I have suggested an attempt were made to have a church in which members of both classes, master and zation, as really so as is that of India slave, were to be associated? Or think or China. I do not say it is not far what a church would be obliged to do if higher than that of India or China, it proposed to deal radically, and no higher than that of any past dentury, cording to eternal principles with that But it is still a class affair. It is sat- situation? What message would it bear urated with caste. And the church re- to those slaves? What would its true function be? Would it fulfil its dury Your know how it was in France be- by simply recognizing the situation and fore the revolution. Where was the making no attempt to change it? Would church then, and what did it represent? it not find itself under the necessity of There is but one answer to that ques-defined it represented the class that was could do any permanent good? Would dominant. It in no sense whatever re- not the slaves be justified in saying presented the peasants. It was as real- "We do not care to hear what you have eir enemy as an institution, as was, to say concerning our sins. We have the poblity. The clergy and the nobil- no use for your exhortations. We will

thing less than men and women. There is no use talking morals or religion to us. Give us freedom." Of course, the slaves would not be intelligent enough as a rule to say that. But these who did have intelligence would say that, and it would be unanswearable.

The members of the working class to day, or at least some of them, are more intelligent than those slaves. And this is exactly what they have thought, terms, after being on strike for nearly whether it be what they have said or not. And this is the reason why they have found so little use for our church- quate preparation. Strike is war, and es. Our message to them has ignored it is no use fighting, however just the the one problem which comes first. We not mean to say that the working class hope, with France before the revolution have assumed very often that the road forehand. It is said that the men are has no representatives in the church, as we are with the conditions in our to their emancipation lies in the direction of personal regeneration. But tation in the Catholic church, though these conditions are quite similar to we ought to know that as in the ease gone back to work, and have succeeded the ratio of that class in the Catholic those which prevailed in France. Let of the pegro slaves it was well nigh idle in obtaining the ten-hour day. church is not increasing. In the Protes- it be freely admitted that the peasants to talk of regeneration so long as they were kept in slavery, so it is idle now to talk of such a thing in the case of the (Forward)-is struggling with the cen corresponding economic class of society today. gent, he would have known that he was I suppose it is difficult to acquire the ploying class are in the churches, only higher. But society was not divided all the stronger, the more faithfully he but in German the "Arbeiter Zeitung" the chains of his slavery wisdom of the serpent in that language, but in German the "Arbeiter Zeitung" the served the interests of his master. For his master could say to all the world: "See how contented my slaves are. See blows generally. A French journalist how faithfully they serve me. They do under the Empire said that it was the not want to be free.'

can take such a long step toward the press anyone could write, but if it was

say. We are facing a situation today which men of both classes are aware of. covered. The supreme one now as ever no side issue, can hide that question be the last institution of society to ad- It is not solved by any or all our little individual attempts. Charlty is nothing but a recognition of the problem. It is not a step toward its solution. Our churches for the most part, like the not defeat, though it may delay, the have to stay much later. The shopmen What is the real function of a true ends of justice. But it will prove the and shopwomen have much to complain fearlessly with the industrial question Zela's "Le Bonheur des Dames." I am this world a hair's breadth nearer to employed in the socialist stores in Belare a great many things that are far more fatal to all that men have a right to hold dear than failure in a righteous Triumph in a cause which is cause. trivial and worthless is one of them, duties. It is, like all indirect taxation, church in the first century which the writer of the book of Revelation con sidered the most successful. It was the church which was blessed with vision for the demands of its own time and place. It is only the existence and the try for tobacco. The Town of Dijonconsciousness of some cause that is noble and beneficent, that has power to strong.—The Social Forum.

> The first of the special campaign clubs to be brought in was by Comrade Jernberg of Chicago. He received the towns will follow this good example. list in his paper Saturday and was at the office with his club on Monday forenoon. It is perfectly easy for every comrade to do the same and a lot of them are doing it. Are you one of them.

Hanecy whipped Carter by 385 votes. Evidently the "honest" man can't compete against the "machine."

To the little business man small profits mean a quick return to the ranks of the wage earning class.

That bunch of indictments returned against the workingmen by the grand jury is an excellent sample of the cap italist "business man's" administra-

What's in a name? The New York judge who enjoined the Cigar Makers' Union against distributing relief funds smongst their members, was called

Now that Pugilist Tom Sharkey is in town, couldn't our "reformers" utilize him in "smashing the machine?"

#### FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

AUSTRIA.

The 11,000 miners at Kladno hav gorie back to work on the master's three months. It is the old story of a strike being entered into without ade. cause, if you are not well organized begoing to form a strong union.

. The weavers at Warnsdorf have also

The new Pollsh socialist paper pub lished in Lemberg-the "Naprzed" sor. It has already been seized four If the slave had been intelligibles, though it is barely a month old. wants, though it escapes the censor's cepsor who enabled a man to show There is no way in which the church if he was skilful or not. With a free a muzzled press then it required a

The socialists of Lemberg have held

Efforts are being made in Vienna to

Galicia.

ermined to run several candidates at influence is felt. the general election; they were going to co-operatively perform the public work last six months of 1899, the profits come eries, but this was largely thwarted to \$8,600. After allowing for deprecia- by the general government that is ever tion and for propaganda funds, part of on the watch to stop the advance of the profits are turned to purchasers, socialism. Here too the municipality But the institution has done even more succeeded to some degree in evading good by putting a stop to the credit the decree of the ministry under the system and at the same time selling pretext of furnishing the food to the

#### BULGARIA.

It is reported from Budapest that a socialist movement is developing in guaranteeing the "right to live." cant, or else they are contradictory of men and women who do not see why a hurry about it. To the church may the Bulgaria and that the peasants are refusing to pay taxes. But it is very doubtful if this is a socialist revolt, as health is in operation and the general tatives of the mine workers' union and of talk in our pulpits on petty and has read the story of the men who a time as this?" To the church, too, purely academic movement, and it is blocked the building of cheap sanitary much more likely that the trouble there dwellings. Public baths and municipal

#### FRANCE.

and women employed in The men shops in Paris have at last formed a They complain that though some things worse than death. There would be advisable if similar stores ould be started in France.

In French towns a large revenue is raised by taxing various articles of It was not the financially successful a very objectionable way of raising revenue, but in that way very much money can be raised, as people always object to pay direct taxes, while they will pay without a murmur a heavy in direct tax as for instance in this counin Burgundy-has, however, now determined to do away with the octroi dumake human life rich and sweet and ties, and by a bill which has just passed the Chamber, it proposes to raise the money by direct taxation. The experiment will be watched with interest, and it is to be hoped that other

### GERMANY.

The annual congress of he German Socialist party will be held in September at Mayence, in Rhenish Prussia In Easter week there have been several local congresses of socialists, as, for xample, the Wurtemberg congress at Stuttgart, the Saxon at Dresden, and the German Poles at Berlin.

It is said that Dr. Arons, the lecturer who was dismissed by the Prussian government for being a socialist, will e the candidate of the party at Magde burg for the seat which is vacant through Oertel's death. The choice, nowever, has not been finally made.

On Sunday, May 13th at 4 p. m., at 1966 N. Hermitage avenue, the net Twenty-sixth Ward branch, S. L. P. will hold a meeting at which Comrade Aug. Klenke will speak. All readers of The Workers' Call and their friends ar sked to attend; especially those who ive in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty. exth wards. After the speaking n nembers will be enrolled.

#### "SOMETHING NOW."

How Class-conscious French Socialist Workingmen Enforce Their "Im-mediate Demands."

There have been a series of articles running through the late numbers of 'Le Mouvement Socialiste" concerning the work done by the socialist municipalities of France. These are interestng as showing that the quickest way to advance even in the "reform, stepat-a-time" way is to elect clear-cut solalists to office.

The following is little more than a ist of the things done but it is suffileff to show that while the socialists do not believe in using these things as "issues" to deceive the workers they ise them for all the practical value they have as soon as opportunity offers.

The municipality of Dijon has established a "Bourse du Travall" or labor office with a great assembly hall for the use of the labor unions with a library and a host of other things of assistance to organized workers. They have created a free employment bureau for both sexes and established free professional and technical schools for the training of workmen.

Perhaps the tenderest spot of capialism is the unemployed whose existmee is absolutely necessary to the continuance of wage slavery. Hence any attempt to relieve them is a direct blow at the system: The socialist administration of Dijon has repeatedly voted them assistance in the form of free bread and a money pension and when this was stopped by the central capitalist government they succeed in evading the law by making the unions a portion of the bureau of public relief nicipality has paid the expenses of the delegates of the union and the cooperatives to their congress, and voted them sums for their libraries and sick funds.

A popular university has been found-ed and assisted by the municipality The socialists of Antwerp have de. where it is safe to say no Standard Oil Laborers organized agree on a joint list with the Liberais, and the price of food has been lowered but have decided to act independently, and the quality bettered through mu-The Maison du Peuple of Brussels nicipal action. An attempt was made has just published its accounts for the to create municipal kitchens and bakhospitals, jails, school kitchens, etc. and this was the easier as they already feed all the children who are at school This is of course a long step towards

A municipal laboratory for examination of food and general promotion of waterworks with a public theatre are a matter of course. Taxation has been transformed from the octrol which was almost wholly-an indirect tax upor food to what practically amounts to a graduated income tax. In spite of the prohibition of the general government again, a beginning has been made in the introduction of the referendum. When the ministry forbade the use of the election machinery for such purposes the municipality asked the trades unions to act in taking the vote.

We would again ask our "step-at-atime" friends to study the above list and then if they are still of the opinion that these are of primal importance they will see that the quickest way to get them is to unite with the clear-cut socialist movement and they will attain their end much sooner than by clinging to independent "Issues," while the actual emancipation of labor will not be delayed.

#### FALLS FLAT.

#### Co-operation Scheme, Wouldn't Work and Is Abandoned. As we go to press, the information

omes that Slegel Cooper and Company have decided to abandon their co operative plan, the public not having responded for small lots of stock as was anticipated. This is perhaps the clearest proof of the tremendous development of the capitalist system in this country. The small middle class to whom co-operative schemes of this nature appeal most strongly, are evidently pumped dry. The developed capitalism of the United States makes utterly impossible to carry these schemes through, as is done in Great Britain with fair success, where Sir Thomas Lipton's recent co-operative scheme calling for a capitalization of welve and a half million dollars, was subscribed for nearly twenty times over. The middle class element still possess great financial strength in Great Britain, but it may be clearly seen that a stage has been reached in this country where this brand of "cooperation" becomes impossible, fact that this stock was not subscribed for, is only an added proof, if that were needed, of the almost bankrupt condition of the middle class, and to the so ialist is a clear intimation that little trouble may be expected from them in path of socialism. Co-operation in production and distribution can only come successful on the basis of collect ve ownership, which idea ever grown stronger as the weakness and in ciency and impossibility of capitalis operatives schemes are daily being

There is always room for more sub

#### LABOR ITEMS.

Notes From Tyades Union Journals and Exchanges, Throughout the United States

Socialists of Oklahoma will meet in convention on May 23.

The Western Socialist News is a new publication issued at Topeka., Kan.

California delegates to Cincinnati populist convention instructed for Debs.

It is reported that many of the brewery workers' local unions are collecting funds for the purpose of aiding the socialist ticket this year. Social Democrats chartered branches.

in Del Mar. Cal.; Van Buren, Ark.,

and Milwaukee, Wis. The independent socialist organization at Allegheny. Pa., has joined the anti-DeLeon S. L. P. Monday's municipal contest in Mar-

ion, Ind., resulted in the election of the two Social Democratic nominees to the city council. There's great enthusiasm.

In Weatherford, Tex., the socialists came within 28 votes of electing their candidate for mayor. In Clebourne a union ticket was elected. A good foot-hold was gained in Dallas. The Texas socialists will hold a state convention this month.

So far as heard from, there are twenty-six United States senators who are rated as being worth from one to fifty million dollars each. Of course, these "workingmens' friends" are passing sleepless nights wondering how to enact laws in the interest of labor.

Baron Haller von Hallenstein, a wellknown member of the aristocracy of money among their own members who Germany, has created consternation in were out of work. Besides this the mu- the ranks of the nobility by announcing himself a socialist and accepting the nomination for member of the Bavarian legislature from Nurnberg. The baron, who is a deep student of social problems, has become disgusted with the hollowness and injustice of capitalist society.

> It will do no hurt to occasionally call the attention of the laborers of America to the fact that the organization known as the S. T. and L. A. that is at present furnishing scabs to take the places of the enjoined striking cigarmakers of New York is a purely personal organization of one Daniel DeLeon and has no relation to the socialist movement in America, but on the contrary has been distinctly disavowed by them.

The miners in the employ of the Glendale, Freeburg, Brandenberger and Wilder mines of the Missouri and Illinois Coal company, located near Belleville, Ill., have struck to secure an increase of the wages of drivers from \$2.10 to \$2.25 per day. The matter has been left to the arbitration of a joint committee composed of three representhree of the coal operators' association.

Of the situation in Montana, the Reveille, of Butte, has this to say: "The Social Democratic party, with Debs and Harriman as its presidential ticket, is spreading rapidly in this state. The socialists of Great Falls have applied for a charter, and branches have also been organized in Helepa and Bonner. The boys in the lumber town evidently believe that socialism is the only remedy. Livingston and Bozeman will also organize in a few days. Whatever way the state goes, it is certain that Debs and Harriman, standing on a working class platform, will poll a vote that will be a paralizer."-Cleveland Citizen.

### LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The turner societies of Chicago have decided by a majority of 54 votes to support the socialist nominees. Deba and Harriman, in the pending campaign

Don't forget that you can make your out-door agitation doubly effective having a supply of Workers Cal-hand at each meeting. Send in hundle orders to this office. They receive prompt attention.

A sum has been contributed to the funds of this paper by which we are enabled to make very low special rates of subscriptions to trades union bodies. If you are a member of a union and wish the spread of socialism, drop us a line for fuller information, and see if line for fuller information, and se ou cannot persuade your union to sub

Socialist comrades! Bring y Socialist comrades! Bring your sisters, your cousins and your aunts to the womens' meeting to be held at 65 N. Clark street on Sunday, May 13th. 3 p. m. Mrs. Corinne Brown and Mrs. Charles Kerr will address the audience on the question "What Position Should Women Take in the Political World?" Everybody invited. Discussion. ditto.

The out-door meetings for this sea-son were opened up at Pulking on Sat-urday, May 5th, where Comrade Simons spoke to a fair-sized audience at the corner of Illth street and Michigan avenue. Now that the out-door season is fairly started all comrades are re-quested to co-operate in their branches so as to make the meetings as large and successful as possible.

A new branch of the S. L. P. was organized in the Twenty-sixth ward in this city on Friday evening. May 4th. The branch started with tweive members. Ehelr second meeting will be held at 1965 N. Hermitage avenue, Sunday, May 13th, at which six new members will be admitted. Comrade Morris addressed the meeting and plans for a strong agitation in this district were adopted.

adopted.

The funeral of our old and respected comrade, Adolph Kundt, took place on Saturday, May 5th, at Graceland cemetery. The funeral cortese, left LaSalle Street Turner hall about 4:30 after several comrades had given short addresses to those assembled there, and arrived at Graceland about 5 p. m. Two speakers. German and English, respectively, made the final addresses over the remains of our late comrade, who had so long and earnestly fought for the cause of socialism.

A sample copy asks for your sub-

"And so, friend John, you see, you

and yours will be able to-"Oh! bosh and nonsense, man! Don' you think I know a good thing when I And I've got it right here. Why should I fool myself with that socialist stuff you propose, when I have only to read and convince yourself. Have you seen that prospectus issued by Mr Wheedle Scooper, or have you not?" "I have. What about it?"

"Oh, you have. Well don't you think its a good thing to become a stockholder, a profit-sharer, an interested worker in such a big concern as that?" "Well, that depends."

"Depends! depends nothing. What! a stockholder, a profit-sharer, a dividend drawer, and, a worker in a business concern with a capital of twenty-five million dollars-think of it-twenty-five millions-Depends! Nonsense! Don't you see what a good thing it is. I can be a partner in this great concern."

"Yes, sir, that is so."
"A'hem."

"Say, look here! You've talked so cialism for years and what has come of Nothing-absolutely nothing. You've talked of the terrible condition of the working class, their poverty, misery, etc. You said they were debarred from opportunity, that their case was hopeless, that the day had passed when the poor boy beginning at the bottom of the ladder could work his way up and become a member of the firm. And now Mr. Wheedle Scooper comes forward and demolishes your whole fabric by showing that there are yet plenty of opportunities, thus giving the lie to your assertions,"

"He does, does he." "Yes, he does,"

"O'ho!" "Look here. Is it true I can become a stockholder in this company, or is it untrue?"

"Is it not true that on this stock, I can draw six per cent interest yearly?"

"That is also true." "And the conditions upon which I can become a stockholder are easy enough. have only to stay three years in Mr Scooper's employ to become eligible, and I think that's a good idea, as it acts as an incentive to employes to become steady men. The people should be taught to be more regular in their habits and give more attention to their employer's business, and this will give them a better chance to work their way up in the firm. I think that m. Mr. Scooper is perfectly correct in making this condition and it can work no hardship to any faithful employe."

"Another thing which you socialists have always insisted on was that as soon as a man gets old, the firm finds that there is no profit in employing him, and a younger man gets his place. Now my socialist friend, in this case your statement is untrue as the firm actually encourage men and women to stay with them as long as possible. Read their circular which says that the annual dividends will be distributed amongst employes who have been with the firm for a period of three years. isn't this encouragement for the old employes?"

Well, is that all?" "Is that all. No. there's more yet. After ten years, this share which we now receive will continue as a kind of life insurance which will keep the wolf from the door, an annuity so to speak that will provide us with food, clothing and shelter when we become unable to work. You see we need not worry ever the future, and it is the future that generally causes us most anxiety. But now the future is bright, positive and sure, and I bay that this scheme solves problem. Hurrah for co-operation Long life and prosperity to Mr. Wheedle | The "Radicalism" of the Socialist Proves Scooper and may all men imitate his

"Well, all the fools are not dead yet

"What do you mean?"

"Just what I say. All the-", "Sir! I'm no fool."

"Well!" "Well!"

"Say, look here old man; listen to me for a moment, will you?"

"Go ahead, I'm listening."

"Let's get the sense of Mr. Scooper's circular. He recognizes the tendency of the present age in the direction of so-operation of employers with employes. Do you understand that?"

Now let us see. In Mr. Scooper's business house, from basement to garret, workingmen and women, girls and boys are co-operating together in every department, from the janitors and scrubwomen up and up to the buyers and managers of departments. All these, THESE EMPLOYES, carry on the business of Mr. Scooper. This di operation among the employes. But in what way does Mr. Scooper co-

"I'll tell you, my socialist friend. That's easy. Mr. Scooper comes down to the store almost every day, goes through each department and office. the manager of this and that departdo. Isn't he engineering this co-opera-

That is true, friend John. He is But you didn't tell me what department swear by. No doubt the old French he really works in. Does he serub seigneur of revolutionary times whom Does he buy goods? No. Does he manage any department? No. He looks through the store and speaks to the heads of departments. What for? To find if the heads of the departments tained in the expression "the country one address.

are looking after HIS INTERESTS Looks through the store you say. Whe ployes are attending to HIS INTER ESTS. He engineers this concern dos he? Well, he gets all there's in a doesn't he? Who, according to the cir cular, controls most of the stock? Wh Mr. Scooper of course. He has no de sire to sell out. Certainly not. He on the ground floor and intends to sta there. So you see, John, Mr. Scooper' co-operation consists mainly in draw ing the usual dividends, on the majority of stock that he holds."

"Yes, but isn't he going to give his employes and the public a chance to share the profits."

He is. Now let us see how. Share are to cost \$50 each, and Mr. Scoope states that he will discourage the sell ing of more than one share to each person, because he believes that if : large number of persons each hold on share they will, in order to secure their dividend, use their influence to bring as many purchasers as possible to the store, so that each \$50 stock holder be comes an advertiser for the firm. And in return for this each holder of a \$50 share will enjoy an income of \$3 per year, 25 cents per month, or 5% cent per week, which of course will lift then above all worry for the future and make them practically independent Won't It?"

"Well, if you look at it in that light

"What other light is there in which to look at it? Haven't I stated the in-come correctly? Figure it up yourself and see. You'll be part owner in the business, your share of the profits will be considerably less than one cent per day, and the fact that you are 'shareholder' will be used as an incent. ive to make you work still harder to increase the profits of the company, If the efforts of the \$50 stockholders succeed in doubling the dividend why then you will get two cents per day in stead of one. But how much will Scooper get? Figure it up and see it he has made a good investment in helding out this balt before you. It won't take much figuring to tell your share. Just take notice also that you \$50-profit sharers will have no voice in the management of the business. Mr. Scooper tells you his policy in engineering this new deal; he expects to be rewarded with more faithful service from his employes-not at all that they shall have any say in how the dividends shall be apportioned. And you can stay and enjoy your income of 5 cents per week as long as your conduct is 'satisfactory' to Mr. Scooper. You must admit that the word will bear a broad interpretation and you must never forget that Mr. Scooper is its interpreter. So much for your 'steady' situation. These are a few of the strings which are tied to this munificent offer, and if you look into the matter still more closely you will find that it is only another of Mr. Scooper's 'engineering' feats which are benefit of Mr. Scooper. Not that he is at all worse than you, friend John, only society. The individuality which he has can see a trifle further. And you, you the part owner, profit sharer in thinks will vanish with socialism, is that of his class, and in this he is perfectly the society. this twenty-five million dollar concern, you will sooner or later discover that things are not always what they seem, and that this fruit that loks so fair, when closely examined is only a Dead As time goes on, men grow old, and Sea Apple. And as for you, you will remain what you are, a wage stave. You may glory in your annual income of \$3 and imagine that you are on the road to become a millionaire but if you don't toe the mark in a manner satisfactory to Mr. Scooper, out you go, and your \$50 share can't save your job. No.

- R. A. M.

# CONTRADICTORY CHARGES.

· His "Individuality."

The oft-repeated charge that socialam \*would destroy individuality, like most other objections, is often contradicted by those who make it, and it is not uncommon to hear a would-be opponent of socialism after making this charge, complain that socialists are "too radical," never harboring the slightest suspicion that the latter accusation destroys the former. Accord ing to capitalist ethics, "individuality can only be preserved by acquiescent in the present form of society, in shor by conforming to the ideas of the rul ing class. This, to the socialist means nothing short of the destruction of in dividuality for the immense majority of the human race, and here again we can perceive the absolute contradition between the fundamental ideas of the growing and decaying forms of so ciety. The very fact that the socialist stands for ideas utterly outside the range of existing society, is the very best proof that he possesses a distinct ive individuality which clearly separates him from the unthinking masses who complacently accept things as they are at present.

Such objectors neven consider that throughout all history the conservative elements of society continually persisted in bringing the charge of exceslooking here and there, and speaking to sive "radicalism" against those whom they instinctively felt were displacing What more do you want him to them as dominant elements in society, and that the "radicalism" of fifty or hundred years ago has become the commonplace of today which they still No. Does he sell goods? No. Cartyle, speaks of as making foolish

# Socialist Labor Party of the United States. SOCIALIST BOOKS Directory of Section

PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor party of the United States in Convention assembled, reaffirms its allegance to the revolutionary principles of international socialism and declares the sup men point. Call issue in America today to be the contest between the working class and the capitalist class for the possession of the power of government. We affirm our steadfast purposes to use those powers, once achieved, to destroy wage slavery, abolish the institution of privals property in the means of production and distribution, and to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

In the United States, as in all other civilized countries, the natural order of economic development has separated acciety into two antagonistic classes—the capitalists, a comparatively small class, the possessors of all the modern means of production and distribution, (land, mines, machinery and means of transportation) and the large and everuncessing diase of wage carnera, possessing ho means of production.

This economic supremacy has secured to the dominant class, the full control of the government, the pupil, the schools, and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is the contest of the government, the pupil, the schools, and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the fate of the working class, while it is the tool of the government, the pupil, the schools, and the public press, thereby making them the arbiters of the trace of the working class can not however, act as a class in the structure of the service of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into every larger grows from an appropriate of the government, the pupil, the schools, and the public press, the collective power of the capitalist class except by constituting itself into a condition of dependence, conomically exploited and oppressed intellectually and physically cripplet and degraded, and more pressed in the supplemental proposed and condition of color, race or sex, and of intellectually and physically cripplet

The evil effects of capitalistic production are intensified by the recurring industrial crises, continually reneditor to the Socialist Labor party for dering the existence of the greater part of the population more precarious and direction of labor, and also for the securing uncertain, which amply proves that the modern means of production have outs grown the existing social order based on production for profit.

Pending the accombishment of this our quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the sour quitinate purpose, we pledge every the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist Labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist Labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist Labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the control of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the socialist labor party for the immediate improvement of the immediate improvement of

is going to the dogs, sir!" were as sineere in their comdemnation of the 'radical' changes which the growth of capitalism was making necessary, as any adherent of present economic conditions could possibly be; yet the evolution which carries with it the change of social forms was not hindered or deterred in its course by their feeble and foolish complaints.

Seen from the capitalist standpoin "individuality" can only be maintained by the continued domination of the capitalist class, which means in other vords the destruction of all individuallty amongst those who do not be long to that class, those, who not in possession of the means of production, are forced into a position of sub mission and dependence upon the possessors of the tools and material upon which labor power must be exerted, I the life of the laborer is to be pre served. Like every ruling class that has preceded him the capitalist regards his class as the social whole, and in the all planned to redound mainly to the disappearance of capitalism naturally enough sees the disappearance of all

> feetly correct. It is only one of the many congradic tions of our present economic society that capitalism, in the process of destroying individuality amongst those who suffer from, but acquiesce in its duration, also generates the individuality which will ultimately destroy the conditions which gave it birth.

The most significant product of capitalist society today is not the multimillionaire, the trust, or the gigantic machinery of production, but the revo-John, there is nothing left for you and lutionary working class, the men whose the class to which you belong, but soindividuality passes the limits of capicialism alone-and you'll see it bye and talist society, the socialists who are encunced by reactionaries and blockheads, with being "too radical,"

If it be radical to insist that the full product of labor shall go to the prothis involves the overthrow of the cantalist system of production, then the scialist may plead guilty, while hold ing the charge as a matter of little moment. He has only to work steadily and persistently in harmony economic tendencies of the present and watch the increasing numbers of the socialist army, recruited mainly from those who were shocked by the extreme radicatism, and pronounced individuality, which fermerly they were unable to comprehend.

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When the union and non-union men et through carving each other, the espitalist press is always on hand to ay grace after meat.

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The women readers of The Workers' Call are invited to attend a meeting at 50 N. Clark St. Sunday, May 13th at 3 p. m.

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