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Apex of Capitalist Exploitation Reached by Chicago.

spointist Victory Here Would Mean the Immediate Overthrow of American Capitalism.

The very fact that capitalism has reached its climax in this city may duties upon those who are conscious a few hands lays, all that territory of the tendencies of that capitalism der tribute to those few owners, of the tendencies of that capitalism What then would be the effect were what then would be the effect were earth where the gospel of greed is so Chicago to be captured for socialism? orthodoxly observed as in Chicago. At it would mean the possession of the no other point is the rule of mammon vantage point of American capitalism, more absolute, the hideosuness of capitalism more obtrusive. Countless foreigh observers have told us this. The permit the formation of an industrial shoulders of that stupidly hopeful subkilling of pork and the hoggishness of unit not only sufficiently large to be the "yards" have become typical of economically, independent but large Chicago life, and the most appropriate enough to economically dominate device that could be suggested for a large portion of our present society. It bodied the higher ideas of the ages," city seal and coaf of arms would be a would mean the possibility of the imthe "public" is duly informed that one city seal and coaf of arms would be a would mean the possibility of the im-hog rampant," with "out for the mediate application of the principles of as a municipal motto.

There are no divisions of birth, intellect or breeding in the social maelstrom of Chicago. There are only the eaters and the eaten. Her geographical de-mocracy prevented the appearance of any natural superiority of elevation in different portions of the city such as sition that it is the most important have made aristocratic "heights" and stronghold of capitalism; the key sorto "hills" in other cities. Here the best that speak, of the industrial situation. All could be done was to put a little better this means increased responsibility and pens around a portion of the population that were least useful to society and thus transform a section of plutocracy into an aristocracy. But in pressing need than anywhere else on spite of all precautions new fittruders earth to see that his knowledge of sowere constantly climbing over the wall and no one dared to ask whether these newly -made "aristocrats" had arisen through pork, beer, brothels or hotels.

But the leveling influence of capitalism wiped out differences among capi-talists, it prevented their formation among laborers and quickly eliminated any original lines of demarkation. From the very fact of its beterogenous and ever-changing population the na-tionality line could not be drawn and maintained. With the old Nineteenth ward speaking seventeen languages in as many different colonies it would be good racial surveyor who could run the curved and twisted line necessary show the racial divisions. fiercest exploitation the world has ever known made short work of intellectual lines of demarkation between producers, until the Western Electric works have any quantity of college graduates among its employes working for no more than it pays its porters and less than it is forced to give to teamsters while Armour Institute graduates in istry are working in the Armour packing houses for very much less than their master finds it necessary to pay those who clean intestines for sausage

London, Paris or Brussels, this class that he knew the gang who were run-is still flourishing in almost countless ning it, and claimed that their benevo-

face with exploited democracy with no buffer class between them and no dis-This gives rise to the ern society, and the person who in ago talks of "no class distinctions" er" is either a designing knave ning social phenomena to be

What if the lines of the class struggle hat it only remains for the workers to er in and take possession of their throw of their exploiters it is no less is ripe for the harvest of socialism tal as here. The Krupp gun works are sometimes given as an example of the houses of Chicago employ over 50,000.
Deering, South Chicago Size! Mills,
ship yards, McCormick's, Western Electric and several others have indus-trial armies of over 5,000 each. These have already drilled, classified, or-land and prepared for social pro-tion independent of the capitalist, extremely are made to realize that we are deday carrying on production opendent of their exploiters it will take them long to learn enough one their votes to cut the the of

HOLDS THE RECORD bondage that prevents them from dis-

All this leads to the conclusion that the progress of socialism in Chicago will be like wildfire among the prairie grass when once its principles have been well understood by even a few men in each of these great industrial enters. Furthermore there is not a CLASSES CLEARLY DEFINED shadow of a doubt but what if this city hould once fall into the hands of the Socialists that the existence of capitalism would be terminated so far as America is concerned. It has often been said in these later days that no nation can declare war without the as sistance of the packing houses of Chi-cago. The transportation lines of the greater portion of America focus in this city and their present concentration in a few hands lays, all that territory un-

> and the consequent almost immediate socialism to a greater extent than would be attained by the capture of any other city on earth.

These positions, if true, lead to the conclusion that not only is Chicago the easiest city to capture for socialism, speak, of the industrial situation. also increased encouragement for Chicago Socialists. It means that every class-conscious worker has a more earth to see that his knowledge of socialism is increased and its propaganda more widely spread.

A. M. Simons.

On the Stool of Repentance. The Chicago Chronicle, organ of the Rockefeller upon the scene of opera-"first principle" Democrats, is despertions has made it all but impossible. composing the syndicate. A dosen difately trying to convince the capitalist. The small exploiter will doubtless find ferent lines, each with separate staffs class that there is no taint of socialism little consolation in the alleged im- of officials and operatives, are in the element which desires "reorganiprovement in business morals which trolled from one central office. zation," a la Grover Cleveland. To this has resulted in his elimination, but it is end they make editorial comment upon to be hoped that he will now recognize ation of each, at once becomes an the failure of a so-called socialist "col- the fact that what is yet left of his anomaly, a source of useless expense, ony" in Zoar, O., as a proof of the im- class are now considered as an obstacle practicability of socialism. The Chron- in the way of business "reform;" a hinicle evidently supposes that a continual drance to the coming of the capitalist attack upon things "socialistic" will millenium. It is not alone the press of and can be readily composed of the help retrieve the old reputation of the the great capitalist class that thus materials of the dozen old ones, leavparty and induce the capitalist busi-stigmatizes his efforts as immoral, but ing a surplusage with whose future the ness men to entrust them again with even the language of the ordinary fi-syndicate are not in the least conoffice. It is a rather shallow trick at nancial journals convey the same idea. best, and it is hard to believe that it Only recently one of the most influenwill have the desired effect, for the tial of those, in reviewing the business great capitalist journals could pick a of the preceding month, stated that "colony" scheme to pieces with a neat-ness and dispatch which the Chronicle than \$5,000 showed a large increase, yet never dreamed of. But sill imitation the outlook for LEGITIMATE busiis the sincerest form of flattery

Mud Throwers Tell Tales.

In a dispute between Mahon and Sul-Chicago man when he visits the great few days ago a glimpse might be obcities of this or any other country, is tained of the profound wisdom with the very much larger number of small producers that still remain, compared Sulzer with the motorious Boer fund with those in his native city. It comes that still remain, compared Sulzer with the motorious Boer fund earlier period of competition, the discrepancy of the surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress a surprise to one who has been acceptable for the congress and methods tend to produce a services are no longer required.

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Table 1 a residue of appearing middle class as such, must accept the dictum of their more succept that he knew the gang who were runlence was mostly hypocrisy and cant ed" the Republicans who circulated the charges as had nothing to do with the disposal of sition to throw mud,"- said Sulzer, "I'll throw a little myself." ceived, charging Heath, the secretary of the Republican campaign committee, with being concerned in the appointment of Neely, the Havann postoffice thief. Another member moved to appropriate \$5,000 for an envoy to the down, another Solon arose and read a poem on the "Man With the Big shouts of laughter.

If the warning poem had not been read at the opportune moment it is disputants. What a mass of scoun acquired in politics.

Socialists of the new Tw

to a Higher Plane.

EVOLUTION OF " MORALITY " ONE STAFF ALONE REQUIRED

"Unethical" When They Are No Longer Possible.

the Womans' Club in this city in which the opinion was expressed that "busiwas "unethical." This harmless verdict, however, was not permitted to started in to mould "public opinion" ject, the little "business man."

So, after a preliminary confession a that "business dealings have never emof the most significant tendencies to-wards making business more "moral" of this instrument of production may is to be found in the elimination of the expected to proceed at once, and inwaste due to competition. The con-cidentally the life conditions of those clusion that Rockefeller, Morgan, and dependent upon its previous mode of others of that ilk, are really engaged in operation will be similarly affected. A plane is left to the reader to infer.

'morality" has gained since "manipulation" in "Wall street has succeeded try" amongst the unemployed. 'speculation." The immorality of the latter form of exploitation is only now

apparent, since the entrance of Mr.

ess was, good. The ruling ideas of every age are invariably the ideas of the ruling class, and it is not strange that the more appearing middle class as such, must they may vainly strive to set aside the verdict. In vain they appeal to the ishing status, in vain do they assemble the impossible task of blocking ecotalism is the evolution of "morality." Now that the period of competition is becoming all but impossible, those een instrumental in making them so, no longer needed in "legitimate" businorality" suitable for its own pres-

can in turn supersede the new busines nly in the working class, the prole tariat, who have nothing to lose by he utter disappearance of capitalism but on the contrary everything to gain vive while economic and political power remains in the hands of its uph while the latter remain the ruling class. Socialism, which will raise the working class to that poston, is the only power that can finally finish and effectually declare the esent system immeral and unethical, by abolishing it.

When the means of production and the workers, people will remember with trausgment that the Rockefeller-Mor-an combination was once considered

The Trust Lifts Business Ethics Railroad Consolidation and Its Effect Upon Officials.

Competition and Speculation Become Superfluous Employee Will Now Have Opportunity to Get Acquainted . with Socialism.

No capitalist transaction has co-called, is a severe hardship to them. curred in many years so fraught with The "iron-clad"works in the following educational significance as the great railroad-ecosolidation deal recently engineered by the Morgan-Vanderbiltpass unnoticed by that part of the press which is charged with looking after the interests of the great capitalist class in particular, and it at once class who have been accustomed to look upon as permanent downfall of the whole system. It would by shifting the accusation upon the and "practical," are in reality the vision, while a little more experience will show them that socialism is not only a reality, but the only reality of the pres-

> The control of transportation having now gravitated into the hands of one elevating "business" to a higher ethical host of presidents, directors, traffic managers, freight and passenger The next great aid to this uplifting agents, superintendents, and other offiocess is seen in the introduction of cials, will find that their services can uniform prices and terms and the ex- be and will be dispensed with, and that tinction of much of the favoritism, de- the disturbance of existing relations ception and bargain-driving which was will ultimately pass downward through characteristic of small competing busi-ness establishments before the great ating railroads, leaving as a residue a moral wave of concentration set in. multitude, who dreaming permanent Again the "public" is assured that situations, will waken to find themselves in the "reserve army of indus

> > The consolidation took place for the express purpose of saving expen which will now appear in increased dividends for the group of shareholder dals and operatives, are now con-

The separate management and oper ation of each, at once becomes an which reduces gross profits and must at once be eliminated.

One complete staff is alone required,

So instead of promotion, those who are even fortunate enough to retain employment, must prepare to step down to a position which they had occupied years before and which they were accustomed to regard merely as a they held just previous to the advent of the enterprising syndicate, And even in this they may consider themselves

cated a society in which each tolle untried innovations with dislike, and socialism. Your exploiters are always now comes an untried innovation which has no respect for their opinions, but tain your slavery. considers them merely as a useless expense, and prepares to hurl them into freedom. Get your names on the list.

.It is entirely probable that very many of these people, when socialism was brought to their superior attention, hastened to declare that it "wouldn't on the working efficiency of the new order of things which has declared that on't work." Men more "practical than themselves have assumed the

tions like the above, that the necessity of the great social revolution is imed upon the minds of men. Whole tions of the middle class forced into the proletariat from time to time, are events which preach socialism lou and with far more conviction than the efforts of a thousand agitators. In acthe railroad transportation of the counpenses, will as certainly increase the number of Socialists. Their action, (in pel a certain number of men to face from the past what the future has in store for them. When these men have learned from personal experience that the beneficiaries of the profit-system they will see the necessity of joining with the Socialists for its abolition.

supifies you, bathe your cri water and try it again.

A MODERN "IRONCLAD."

How the Stockyards Wage Slaves Are Rendered Powerless for Mutual Defence. The cold weather of last week tended

to emphasize the discontent of many of the workingmen at the stock yards with a condition imposed upon them before they are accepted in the slavery of the big packers. Little enough at any time are the wages they receive but in the cold of the winter their scantiness makes a smaller showing than ever against the wants which cold weather increases. Therefore it is that the holding back from each man of fifteen dollars in accordance with the provisions of the "iron-clad" as it is manner, viz.: In any week in which the laborer works four consecutive days or more, one dollar and fifty cents if it were); this process is followed un-til the company has fifteen dollars (\$1500) of the worker's money held out against him. Now, if he quits the eta ploy of the company without giving ten days' notice, he forfeits the fifteen dollars, but the company may fire him without a moment's warning by paying him his wages and the amount held in the iron-clad. 'Death cometh like a thief in the night." It is at once seen that this deposit of fifteen dollars is practically useless to the worker. he gets it at all it is accompanied with a notice that his means of life have been severed until he can find service in the slavery of a new master, or-if he finds a new master who will impose less galling yoke and before going to him gives ten days' due notice so that his place may be filled with a properly picked slave. Of course if a man is driven by sickness or distress in his family to supplicate his master for the deposit he may turn the stony heart to yield the favor, but the "iron-olad" must be put into operation at a future time again, to protect the master.

whole arrangement was put into operation to keep the men from forming unions and striking. The men are ow grumbling about it but they can do nothing. No industrial organisation, no political sense, and the laboring-man's friend, the Chicago American, has not even taken up the case. Therefore the only thing left for them to do is to form an "iron-clad" of their own by uniting politically and at the ballot box showing their power. If such action had no other result, they may be sure it would knock on the head any such tyranny as the "iron-clad" in the quickest possible manner.

The Campaign Fund.

of the party, as regards' campaign funds. Although subscription lists have been sent out over seven weeks ago, stepping-stone to the positions which the returns have been exceedingly small, in fact utterly insufficient to make even a pretense at running a campaign,

You are earnestly requested to bend every effort towards securing the necessary funds, as the need is pressng and the campaign cannot be neglected without entailing severe loss to stock. he Socialist movement.

We recognize of course that capitalism leaves you with scanty funds to spare for anything outside of physical death certificate to convince them the were "practical" men and looked upon poorer you may be, the more need for ready to put up money so as to main do proportionately as much for your

The Executive Committee,

The Church Militant.

lownright lust for blood and rapine commend us to your sanctimonious mar of God, and his journals. Amid all the jingo hooligan howling of the past shricked touder than those of the peo ple and press which are supposed to be devoted to the "Erince of Peace." The most outrageous atrocities in South Afand enthusiastic approval of both parson and parsonical press, and many of our readers will doubtless remember the incident narrated by Dr. Conan iers were not quick enough in setting fers to a Boer farm. The following from the "Church Times" fairly repre-sents the clerical sentiment with re-gard to warfare: "There are namby-pamby individuals in our midst today who think to build by pen and intellect to love must first learn to hate; and the man who would shrink from using shot, shell and bayonet is a poor fellow who will become extinct by the operation of the law of the survival of the fitteet."

Get your neighbor to read the Call.

Socialist **Pointers**

You know somebody has to circulate those petitions. Couldn't you get a few

What profit will it be to turn out "Bobbie" Burke and turn in another of

We do not preach the class struggle,

We simply point it out and it does its

own preaching, Isn't it strange that with everybody advocating municipal ownership that

we don't get it. People who have faith in a republican orm of government don't shou! "God

save the King." Did you send in those subscribers to the Workers' Call last week that you

Just a little more life in the campaign

ould not burt it or make John Collins' chances any the less. Legislatures that are enacting laws

bout elgarettes have at last got down to something of their size. Some of the ward branches could learn valuable lessons in organization

from some of the other branches. The members of the Municipal Voters' League claim to be much better than "Hinky Dink," but they will have to

Because we are so few each man must do his share of the shouting. Have you got out on the street yet and hollered for John Collina?

If you vote the Republican or Democritic ticket you need not worry. The bosses will soon tell you who you are to vote for for alderman.

The census shows that Berlin is about the size of Chicago, but it is ten times as progressive. The Socialists control its municipal government.

The inventor of smokeless pawder was sent to jail but it was becau got drunk, and not for the greater offense of inventing the powder.

Some people think that the election of United States senators by popular vote is socialism. They need to have the Workers' Call sent to them.

Miners who are obliged to strike to Comrades:—Again it is necessary to get \$1.10 a day, do more useful work in the party, as regards campaign want \$5,000 a year, do in a lifetime.

Yery kind of: J. Pierpont Morgan to collect and organize the railronds all under one management so the people can step in with little or no confusion.

Several pretenders are again looking crosseyed at France, but the Socialists are too strong there for the pretenders to ever be anything but a laughing

Middle-of-the-road Populists are-still holding conferences. It will take a necessities. Nevertheless the effort are dead if the recent election had no

> They may be able to run a campaign on the kind of wind they raise in Kan sas but it cannot be done on the Chicago brand of wind. Pay in a little

average reformer—she does something, but how much more good she could ac-complish by taking her little hatchet and hacking away at the cause instead of at the effect.

dalism and atheism can perhaps best ning paragraph of Profe Hall on February, 3rd. It can be found in the Workers' Call, date February think, be accepted by most Socialists as generally correct. The entire extract may also be profitably read as throwing additional light on the sub-Moses," or the arguments pro and or relating to "inspired books," or infall his popes and churches. It deals at marky with economies as the has upon which human society is built, as

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hor movement are requested from our readeneary-contribution must be accompanied by the
muse of the writer, not necessarily for publication,
it as an evidence of good faith.



DEATH THROES OF COMPETITION.

Because the rabber trust and the independent rubber manufacturers are to engage in a competitive war, the editor of the Times-Herald vents his satisfaction and points out that competition is not stilled by trusts. Even these enster industries will have competitors if better machinery and methods are secured and taken up by enterprising business men, and in the cutting of prices that follows, who benefits? Certinly not the manufacturers; for they often sell at a loss, and although we ow it is not done from philanthropic It. Thus discoures the learned editor, But who are the consumers? Why the producers of course form the largest as the workmens' portion, and this will mber of consumers. Then the producer, when he turns consumer, in buying something in the rubber line while this price war is in progress, will get the full product of his labor as far as COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL. his purchase of such goods is concerned. This action is not philanthro ny though, this allowing the producer such a great boon as to get his rubbers at cost: no, this is done to keep the r fellow from getting profits, and as long as he can't get profits he will stronger competitor, who will then begin to add a per cent of profit to his g prices and make the consumer dig up for the past benefits. The Timesare getting now; forget about all of your troubles; don't think about what is to come; but look at the benefit you interrupted by applause. elving from the rubber war."

Once in a while something happens that gives the patriotic editor a chance to show that the country is not going to the dogs yet awhile.

But to the Socialist, the fact pointed out is evidence that the last stage of titive production in the rubber line is about to end. The smaller or to be devoured. The victor will see operative effort. to it that any "better machinery" will into ITS possession, and thereafter the economically ignorant editor tamed to give us the cow, horse, sheep will have to scan the field for some lagging industry to show that competition is not dead.

A TWELVE MONTH'S STRUGGLE.

After a struggle lasting over a year the building trades lockout comes to .. an end, and in all probability the same shall furnish the power to furn them. fale awaits the Building Trades Coun- He contended that all that is strong or cil. It would be useless to conceal the erganized labor have been thoroughly gifts of nature shall belong to all men worsted in the struggle, and that the and that the whole body of society Contractors' association emerge vic- shall be organized in such a way that torious from it. The capitalist press. although alluding to the repeated se-

tractors as to wages, hours, etc., may be maintained, at least while the rush the city has ever seev, and the financial of the building season lasts, but when returns were large and will all go for the slack time arrives the loss of the central organization through which the workers mutually supported each other will make itself felt. It is folly to sup- received \$150,000 of stock from the com pose that the contracts signed by the puny "as an incentive to greater of busses" association will remain valid fort." The lucky recipient does no when employment becomes scarce. It sisting in seeing that others do so. It is only necessary to recall the various is not stated where the "incentive to contracts signed during the year of the greater effort" on the part of the lat World's Patr and what became of them ther comes in, but they will undoubthed when the rush was over. In this recent Is have to supply the "greater effort struggle the united action of the contractors forced free competition on the orkers. No workingman of average

intelligence needs to be told what use the bosses will make of their victory. when they are called upon to deal with individual trades.

It has been charged with much truth that politics played an important part in connection with this disastrous lockout, but it is well to remember that i was CAPITALIST politics alone that weakened the ranks of the worker and created distrust and disseamongst them, and in doing this it was fulfilling the law of its existence

Let - the 'workingmen of this city talist class. adopt workingmens' politics in their unions and their economic organiza tions will grow stronger and better able to resist disruption, just in proportion as they become more permeated with class politics. A vote of forty thou sand organized workers cast for the mayoral candidacy of John Colling, the union machinist, would indirectly de more towards strengthening the labo organizations of Chicago than any other conceivable measure.

To keep capitalist politics out of the unions would augment their strength enormously and render their defence more easy; to adopt working class politics would at once place the capitalist for service than the natural member. selves. The spectacle of one hundred demands upon twenty-five thousand workmen would have been impossible were it not that the latter unknowing ly weakened their ranks by permitting the political tools of their enemies to disrupt and disorganize what had been built up by the labor of years. But the dissolution of the Building Trader Council, though a severe blow, by no means presages the end of the cenflict. The contractors can only make use of their victory to still further reduce the amount of labor product agreed upon plates. inevitably mean a re-opening of hostilities after the activity of the building season has passed its maximum,

Socialist Festival in Kensington Turner Hall Breaks All Previous Records.

The comraftes of Pullman, Kensington and Roseland made a great success of their concert and ball at the Kenagter Turner Hall, Sunday.

The concert and lectures of the afteraoon held a full house. Mr. Julius German Workingman's Association cialism we could afford to take things when LaSalle was its president, and was afterward a member of the Ger. without any effort on our part. . . man reichstag, was the speaker in German, and Walter Thomas Mills was the speaker in English. Comrade Vahiteich as warmly greeted by the turners and other German-speaking listeners. was closely listened to and frequently

A very large share of those present ere not Socialists, and so Comrade Mills undertook to state and explain the the conditions of life in which they demands of the Socialists.

After showing at length how the private ownership of the coal and the land the ballot box, and the amount of the rested on no better foundation than vote cast for the candidacy of Jbhn would a similar claim set up as garding the water of the lakes and riv- accomplished since November. ers, he proceeded to prove that none of these natural resources could even have weaker of the two large fish is about been developed and used except by co-

The first fires could not have been made nor kent burning, the first animals could not have been caught and and hog, except by co-operative effort. Even the human language itself could panies. Just wait and sec. never have been developed except by men meeting and working together. The machine of the great shops cannot now be used except groups of men, use them. or can a wheel be turned except steam. or electricity or the successive explaons of the gas-all natural forces good in all our life depends, either on tion. fact that on the whole the forces of of men. Socialism asks that these free in the use of the land and the machinery of production the full products of the workers shall go to the workers ns of organized trades from the only. His address was continuously incentral body, as compromises, do not terrupted by applause, and at its close hesitate to speculate with unconcealed a large number of the workingmen satisfaction upon the approaching dis-There were over four hundred solution of the organization through tickets sold for the ball, and the singwhich the workers carried on the long ing, music and dancing was greatly en-

Comrade Denne declared when the day was over that it had been the greatest day for socialism that end of the propaganda work of the party.

A "deserving employe" in the Car negle-Steel company at Homestead has just the same. That \$150,000 is beto bring returns.

Rend in a club of ten this week.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE.

A professor in the department of po litical economy, speaking to a body of students in that institution who had

ust formed themselves in government club," is reported in the daily press to have informed his audience that "politicians have a right to run this city just as much as students have a right to run this university. both cases, was only recognized so long us the running was performed in haress selected and adjusted by the capi-

In raking up the record of Croker, the Tammany king, it has been discovered hat in an election held in 1865 he voted no less than seventeen times in one day. If the disfranchisement conemplated by the capitalist class does not miscarry it is thought that the working classes at least will not be corrupted by this example.

The Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Railway company was defendant last week in a suit brought by a workingman for the loss of a leg through being struck by one of the company's trains. The defense aleged that the man was entitled to no damages, for the reason that the cork eg which he was now using gave bet

Mr. Franklin McVeagh declares that Chicago is destined to become the great educational center of the United States. Who says that the capitalists are not watching the growth of the Socialist movement?

Newspaper biographies of Mr. Andrew Carnegle have appeared in almost all the capitalist journals, but none of them in recounting the exploits of the "star 'spangled Scotchman" make the least allusion to the building of the stockade around the Homestead works, or dwell to any extent upon the "business" ability displayed in inducing the government to accept defective armor

Those bigh-priced railroad officials who are slated to lose their jobs when the Vanderbilt-Harriman-Morgan syndicate takes hold may perraps find some consolation in the recent remarks of the ex-comptroller of the treasury, Jas. H. Eckels, to the effect that opportunity never was so great as at present.

The purchase of the Carnegie inter ests by J. Pierpont Morgan and the consolidation of the iron and steel industry will perhaps be halled by some as a step towards socialism. If the evidences of capitalist concentration just Tuesday and contained a bunch of Vahiteich, who was the secretary of the were in themselves steps towards soeasy, for the new order would arrive

> Steps toward socialism are only man ifested in the development of class-He and this demands the activity of every Capitalist development certainly furnishes us with our best arguments, but we must be able to make the workers realize its application to as a class exist. The result of this understanding will manifest itself at vote east for the candidacy of Jbhn Collins will be the test of what we have

> > Hearst's Chicago American wants tion which falls short of this position But it will nevertheless support, during the pending campaign, those candi-dates who are pledged to an extension of privileges to the street railway com-

One Jacob Riis, an alleged sociologist, mord a ball given recently by the political bosses of the Pirst ward, at which "lfinky Dink" and "Batchouse John" were perhaps the two most prominent figures, representing, city, perhaps the wealthlest in the na-

he Hils viewed the proceedings and analysed the elements it contained in a spirit of mingled cynicism, satire and deprecation. He admitted that those present were the ruling political ele-ment in the ward and deplored the fact.

This "sociologist" then repreaches the "better element" with refusing to join in the politics of the ward, for fear that it would have to work in confime tion with the elements represented at better plasses do not consider their interests in danger from the present state of affairs. If they did, their, scrupler about association would vanish in-When the time comes that a possibility exists of defeating Hinky Dink and Bathhouse John at the polls with Socialist candidates, Mr. would immediately witness a political that would astonish him. They would stand shoulder to shoulder with the "statesmen" in question and the latter would instantly, become the acand property, despite the unsavory reputation which has been festened upon them by the capitalist press.

Perhaps Mark Hanna wants the ship ubsidy bill passed so he can contribut super not to rely too much upon this

CIRCULATION NOTES.

Thire yearlies from Comrade Prince, of Chicago.

Two yearlies from Comrade Kennedy. of Kansas City, Mo.

A club of ten from Comrade Seavy of Wabash, Indiana.

A club of four half-yearlies from the old Fourth Ward branch.

A club of three half-yearlies . from Comrade Houlberg, of Chicago. Four yearlies and two half-yearlies

from Comrade A. Eiseman, of Chicago, A club of four half-yearlies from Laura Willard Taft, of South Chicago Eight half-yearly postals went away

with Comrade, R. A. Morris, of Chicago Those preinlum books are going fast, omrades. Better get in on the ground

subs from Comrade Becours, of Chicago.

Two yearly and four half-yearly pos tals go to Comrade Kuchenbecker, of Chicago.

Twenty new subscribers from Misouri, come by way of the regular S. D. P. organization. Comrade H. F. Lindgren of Chicago,

brings in a club of four yearlies and one half-yearly. Comrade Lightfoot of Gas City, Ind.

sends us one yearly sub and an order for a bunch of half-yearly postals.

Comrade Thomas Lamay, of Concor dia. Kansas, sends in an order for three yearly and two half-yearly postals.

The following comrades have sent in clubs of two this week: D. A. Boswell, Herrin, Ill.: 'W. H. Leffingwell, Chicago: A. Mork. Chicago.

Comrade H. T. Vernon, of the Mahinists' union, sends in a club of five yearlies and three half-yearlies. An interesting article from the pen of Comrade Vernon will be found in another column.

Comrade Allen K. Gifford writes to us from Manila, Philippine Islands, and encloses a yearly subscription to The Comrade Gifford was formerly one of the best propagandists in Iowa He is now employed in the ordnance depot at Manila

Next to Davenport, Iowa, Sacramento, California, holds the palm for Workers' Call subscribers. This is largely due to the activity of Comrade W. F Lockwood, who is as steady as clockwork in soliciting subscribers. It neve rains but it pours when a letter come

If the Twenty-fifth Ward branch does not carry off the palm in the coming municipal election it will not be the fault of the indefatigable comrades who are devoting themselves to subscription eighty-five subscribers, This places the Twenty-fifth Ward in the front rank on the subscription list of the Workers' Cail, there being now nearly five hundred subscribers in that ward.

A club of eight yearlies, from Comrade A. S. Montgomery, of Monmouth, Ulfinois. This is another comrade who finds that it is just as easy to get yearly subs as any other. Comrade Montgomery writes encouragingly of the propa ganda work being done by the comrades at Monmouth. He says: "Here in Monmouth we are very anxlous to "municipal ownership," and its edi-torials atrongly oppose any modifica-ranks. We hope all workingmen will oon realize what the name Socialist means. .Then the capitalist will find out what it means to have a full dinner pail. We all think the Workers' Call is THE PAPER. This is my first bunch of new subs, but I do not think it will be the last."

BOOK REVIEWS.

SOCIALIST SONGS WITH MUSIC. Price, 25 cents; Carles H. Kerr & Co., 56 Fifth Ave., Chicago, III.

This book is the first attempt at prociding a collection of songs with complite piano accompaniment, for use at Socialist meetings in the United States. it contains twenty-nine songs, with others many, of the well-known Socialist chants of the late William Morris and several original productions for which the music has been specially composed. The week is printed on pa per of extra quality, the covers being stiff dark brown paper with gold letter ing, giving the book a very attractive

Temple of Socialism.

The comrades of the West Side cale brated Lincoln's birthday by bolding a rousing evening meeting, where it was decided to rent the vacant chapel at 120 S. Western avenue, near Madison TEMPLE OF SOCIALISM: The Thirteenth. Fourteenth, Twentieth and Thirty-fifth wards will co-operate in this. Other wards may find it advantageous to co-operate. The opening meeting of the Socialist temple will be Sunday, February, 24, 10:30 a. m. Full announcement of this enterprise will be given next week.

It is safe betting that in the librarie to be established by Brother Ca Socialist Rierature will be const chiefly by its absence.

None subscribers are always wanted.

Great Premium Offer

It is with pleasure that the Workers' Call announces to its friends and patrons that it has completed arrangements with one of the largest Socialist publishing houses in the country, whereby it has obtained a quantity of the best Socialist books published in the English language to be given as premiums to its subscription hustlers. The terms upon which these books have been obtained make it possible for us to extend to active workers the best premium offer that has ever been made by a Socialist publication. we offer are the very cream of Socialist literature, and should be in the home of every active comrade. With a little hustling—in a good cause—it is possihie for every comrade to obtain them free of cost. This remarkable offer is as follows

With every two dollars' worth of subscriptions or Workers. Call postals, paid for at the rate of 50 cents for yearlies and 25 cents for half-yearlies, we will give a copy of "The Peoples" Marx," an excellent epitome of Karl Marx." Capital," translated from the French of Gabriel Deville. Retail price, 75 cents. Or "A History of the Commune of 1871," by Lissugary; price, \$1.00.

With every one dollar and fifty cents worth of subscriptions or Workers' Call postals, we will give one copy of Eugene Sue's "Silver Cross, or the Carpenter of Nazareth," cloth bound, price 60 cents.

With every one dollars' worth of subscriptions or Workers' Call postals, paid for at the same rate, we will give any two of the following classics of Socialist literature: "Socialism from Utopia to Science," by Frederick Engels: "The Workingman's Program," by Ferdinand Lassalie; "The Right to Be Lazy," by Paul Lafargue; "The State and Socialism," by Gabriel Deville: "Socialism, Revolution and Internationalism," by Gabriel Deville. Retail price of each of the above books, 10 cents.

Also with one dollar's worth of subscriptions we will give any one of the following 25 cent books: "The Civil War in France," by Karl Marx; "Science and the Workingmen," by Ferdinand La Salle; "The Socialist Campaign Book for 1900."

It is unnecessary for us to dilate to any extent upon the merits of the books which we thus place within the easy reach of every comrade in the country.

"The Peoples' Marx" has been introduced to our readers in previous numbers. It contains all the salient points of the parent book, "Kapital," and presents them in a form more readily understood by the average mind 'Kapital," in its original form is a book for the student. "The Peoples Marx" is a book for everybody. The other books which we offer are familiar to all Socialists.

'In taking advantage of the above offer comrades are requested to make ise of the following blank application. Fill it out and send it with your letter:

The Workers' Call, 36 N. Clark St., Chicago.

Comrades:-Enclosed you will find to pay for subscription on the names elsewhere enclosed or to pay for Workers' Call postals of which I advise you in this letter. You may put my name on your roll of agents and may depend upon me to do all I can for the cause of socialism and the sucof the Workers' Call. Please send me the following books to which I am entitled as premiums on the above remittance:

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CORRESPONDENCE.

An Urgent Appeal.

Editor Workers' Call.
The use of the label of the United Brewery Workers' National union, is only granted to such firms, where all employes are organized, and child labor is abolished. The Cincinnati breweries are not entitled to the use of the union label, and it is a fact that the Moerlein Brewing company, Cincinnati, O., and the Wiedemann Brewing company, Rewport Ky, employ almost expany, Newport Ky, employ almost ex-O., and the Wiedemann Brewing company, Newport, Ky., employ almost exclusively children in their beer bottling establishments with \$1.00 and \$4.00 weekly wages. Nor will these brewettes receive the label until peace is receivablished with the National Union of United Brewery Workmen, and the disgraceful child labor abolished. Friends, comrades, and brothers, do your duty, and take once more into consideration that the Cincinnati breweries have no right to get a label, but with your aid, your assistance, and label propaganda, the Moerlein Brewing company. Cincinnati, O., and the Wiedemann Brewing company, Newport, Ky.; may soon be compelled to secure the right to use the union label. Down with child labor,

At the last meeting of Local Erie, At the last meeting of Local Eric, of the Socialist party, the foregoing appeal to the brewery workers, was read and a resolution at once adopted that an unfair list be instituted and the product of the concerns involved placed thereon. This action was supported by all who took part in the disaussion on the ground that as the Socialist party was the political movement of cialism." on the ground that as the Socialist party was the political movement of the working class it was incumbent upon the party to co-operate with them in the industrial stringgles for betta ment of condition at all times, and as 'ne capitality in these broweries were antagonir ng organized labor in the manar or con plained of, it was our duty to beyont their products as effectively as presable. Request was also made that all party I apers make note of the proceeding, and that all organizations take like action. In this way the Socialists can hake their support of organized labor most appreciable.

Down with child labor! So say the organized workers; so say the Socialists — Down with it by the Boyost! down will it by the BALLOT.

From Local Erie S. D. P.

Whereas. The section of the Chicage convention in declaring for a joint continuous co

From Local Eric S. D. 7.

Where as The action of the Chicago convention in declaring for a joint convention of all Socialists has removed the last obstacle to Socialist unity, and leaves nothing to be done except to arrange the details; and whereas, it is of the highest importance that the resulting one organization of the party should be perfected and ready to enter the fall campaign in good working order at as early a date as possible, and whereas, it is desirable that the largest possible convention be held, and imperative that the expense there of be reduced to the minimum; in view of the following facts:

1. The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, opening May ist, and continuing through the summer will afford reduced railroad rates;

2. A larger convention can be held at or again Buffalo, opening May ist, and continuing through the summer will afford reduced railroad rates;

2. September 19, the date fixed by the Chicago convention, for its deliberations will consume a week and the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the reorganization and consolidation of the branches, sections and locals before the fail elections, thus seenams the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the reorganization and consolidation of the branches, sections and locals before the fail elections, thus seenams the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the recognization and consolidation of the branches, sections and locals before the fail elections, thus seenams the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the recognization and consolidation of the branches, sections and locals before the fail circums the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the recognization and consolidation of the branches, sections and locals before the fail circums the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the recognization and the subsequent referendum a much longer time, leaving no time for the resource.

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Riesolved. That we respectfully urge the Chicago and Springfield committees to call a convention at or near Euffalo. N. Y., on the birthday of American political independence, July 4, said date being the most appropriate for the drafting of the new declaration of economic independence and the launching of the party that is to carry it into execution—and leaving ample time for the reorganization necessary to get into perfect working order for the ensuing campaign which will be made memorable in the history of American socialism.

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ism.

Resolved. That copies of the foregoing be sent to the Socialist press, and
that all organizations be solicited to
indorse the name and forward to their
respective national or state executives.
Unanimously adopted without debate,
February 3, 1991.

Party press please copy.

Local Eric, S. D. P.

Meetings for the Week.

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The following meetings have been arranged for the coming week:

Sunday, 2 p. m., Central Music Hall.
Speaker, Prof. Geo. D. Herron. Subject:

"The Economic Goal."

Sunday, February 17th, 2 p. m., Socialist Educational club, 1132 Milwaukee avenue. Speaker, Wm. H. Wise, subject, "The Religion of Socialism."

Sunday, February 17th, 2 p. m., Twenty-second Ward, 308 N. Franklin street, Speaker, F. W. Knox; subject, "Poverty a Crime."

A CAPITALIST PEACEMAKER.

Influential Burgher Defines the Position of the "Working Clase" in Moders Society.

Many of the events which have recently occurred in connection with the progress of the struggle in South Africa are well worthy of the attention of the working class in other lands. It not infrequently happens that some representative of the propertied classes unconsciously shows either by pen or tongue his recognition of what part of the population of a country constitutes In its program I notice that it will "the nation." For the last two or three months the "influential burgher" has been prominent in urging the advisability of submission to British rule upon those of his countrymen who still kept up the conflict. These efforts were, of course, duly recorded in the British press as showing that the "best" element in the two republics, were in favor of a cessation of hostilities even with the extinction of separate rational Independence, just as, the capitalist press of this country invariably represents the influential and wealthy Cubans and Filipines as being in favor of annexation of the islands to the United

. And now the brother of the Boer General DeWet, appears in the role of peacemaker, and has addressed a long letter to the latter urging him to abandon the conflict. The text of this letter in many places gives striking evidence of the krowledge possessed by the average capitalist property owner, as to the nature of economic class distinctions and the amount of power wielded by each. After pointing out the terrible destruction of property involved in the continuance of the war, Piet DeWet addresses his fighting brother as fol-

Should - the -war continue a few months longer the nation will become so poor that it will become a WORKING CLASS AND DISAPPEAR AS A NA-

Here in the United States we have a ory that the working class-is by far the most important factor in our national existence, a theory which is exploited to the utmost when an election is to be held and the votes of the working class are depended upon to place this or that party in power. As the text of Piet DeWet's letter appeared in every capitalist journal in this city, and has been commented upon by most it might be reasonably expected that this passage would evoke general condem-nation, but the reader will search in vain for one word of opposition. On the contrary the comments declare the letter-to be an expression of sound mmon sense, and one of them actually reproduces the passage and endorses We quote from The Tribune:

As Piet DeWel tells his brother, the best thing for the Boers- to do now is to accept the inevitable without further waste of life and property, be loyal to the new government, educate their children, and ultimately rule the country by having the majority of the intelligent citizens in it. By this means they will be able to preserve their INthey will be able to preserve their IN-DIVIDUALITY, while it they utterly innoverish themselves by &ceping up-the war they "will become a working class and disappear as a nation." The Boers themselves can see the wisdom of this advice wherever they have been able to "put passionate feeling aside and use common sense."

This opinion admits that the workclass cannot rule in any country. that the wage laborer has no individuality, and that his class is in no sense the nation, and in truth it exactly describes the position of the wage earning class under conditions as they exist today. In the disappearance of the economic ruling class the capitalist sees. only the disappearance of the nation, which, in other words, means that he considers his class the nation, and the wage earners mere appendages to na-stional existence. And this opinion is held by all capitalists irrespective of nationality. Even Plet DeWet, who probably never devoted any time whatever to economic subjects, instinctively entertains it, and the capitalist press of the United States kastened to place on

It would be well for workingmen to discover for themselves how their position in present society is estimated by those whose wealth is derived from the the province of Asturias. The Socialist tolf of the workers. The capitalist class groups now number thirteen, an in find, it impossible to regard the real wealth producers in any other light are no less than 6,000 members. Un than that of a subject class, and the dr the circumstances' the result is highly gratifying and shows great entakes practically the same view. He ergy on the part of the Socialists of sees that those who possess the capi- Asturias. tal, the means of production in any such community, and rightly fears that the destruction of existing property by the economic and political servitude of those who survive. Outside the system of private property he cannot look, but is thoroughly alive as to its results as is coulte able to combrehend that the struction of Dutch property in South Africa is the most deadly stroke that can be simed at Dutch political and conomic supremacy in the future. In urging his brother to make terms

with the enemy Pier DeWet gives addiialist phrase that the "patri m of the capitalist is in his pocket. which is wholly confined to the ruting Piet DeWet's property is still largely intact, were it otherwise he neight not be quite so ready to appear in the role of peacemaker, urging those who have afready lost everything to give up the

at your subscription is renewed

FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpean of the World-wide Struggl of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty,

RELGIUM

Vandervelde has brought in a bil authorizing women to practice at the bar.

FINLAND.

A new weekly paper published in Sweden has appeared at Helsingfors advocate a reduction of hours of labor an extension of the franchise, insur ance against old age and sickness, is bor bureaus, etc.

FRANCE.

There is an election pending in one of arrondfssements of Paris and there were several Socialist candidates Fortunately, however, they agreed to submit their names to arbitrators, an these have unanimously decided that Allemane should be the candidate. This decision reflects great credit on all con cerned, if battles are to be won disci pline is essential; ' too often ' seats which ought to have been won, hav been lost through disunion.

GREAT BRITAIN.

At the weekly public meeting held by the Edinburgh branch of the S. D. F on Sunday last, when G. S. Yates lect-ured on "Socialism and Science During the Last Century," the following reso lution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas By the grace of God, by in-heritance, and by the slavish aparty of class-un onscions working people Edward VII, is now proclaimed king:

Whereas, Out of unpaid labor, royal ty, for its own purposes, annually draws the extraordinary recompense of over £1,000,000 sterling, besides having the power of creating and disposing o

the power of creating and disposing of places at the taxpayers expense and Whereas. The spiendors of a coust consist of the most successful land thieves company promoters, godless bishops, stock exchange riggers baffled generals, mammoth brewers, widows whose husbands had been scourgers of defenseless blacks, scandal-mongers, actresses, duchesses (imported and home-grown), and all that, other fot-sam and jetsam of a commercial society, who are pleased to style themselves ladles and gentlemen of quality, but who may nevertheless be more apily described as needy, seedy, or greedy; and

Whereas, The monarchy and aris tourney, saved as they were by fear of a working class victors, from the general wreck of feudalism, during the

a working class victory, from the general wreck of feudalism during the French Revolution have now become capitalistic, and together with big brother Capital, are allowed a share of the skinnings of labor; and.

Whereas, Ipsomuch as the monarchy is not democratically elective, but hereditary, and an imposition, it cannot claim to be detended, but its continuance must be apodermined at every opportunity, and overthrown at the first opportunity by a working class that is class-conscious; therefore, be it.

Hesolved. By this meeting of Sogial-Democratic citizens that any support given to the pronarchy, by workingmen.

given to the monarchy, by workingmen, either individually, in societies, or in a representative capacity, cannot be considered other than as treachery, to the true working class position.

GERMANY.

It is intended to erect a monument to Liebknecht in Berlin.

"Vorwarts" stares that Bernstein and Motteler will shortly leave London and return to Germany, as the German government has decided not to prosecute them for the old press offense of issuing the "Social-Democrat" in the eighties.

During December Socialists in Ger many were sentenced to one year, nine months and three weeks' imprisonment and £60 fine.

HOLLAND:

Van Kol, the Dutch Socialist deputy has been giving a lecture in Paris on the Dutch East Indian colonies. He

Rush Those Signatures Along

Comrades:-The signatures necessar coming election must be collected far more rapidly than heretofors. Less than 1.500 are already secured, and 8.500 more are necessary. The election draws nearer every day and there is no tim to lose. The small number of signature already on hand are mainly the work of a few comrades alone, and it is tim that the organized branches take this important matter up and see that th party will be certain of a place on the ballot in April. As the entire number must be in the election commissioner's you will see that no time is to be lost Bring in at once all filled petitions that you may have and secure a further supply of blanks. Do not neglect this matter as it is nost serious and important.

Fraternally. The Executive Committee, Per R. A. Morris

part, but you can make a quarter equa-to haif a year, by subscribing to the Workers' Call.

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTES.

Branches are expected to pay the car-are of speakers who address their agi-ation meetings.

Contrades are requested to turn in their petitions as soon as possible. Now is when they are needed. If this is neg-lected it will necessitate an undue ex-penditure of energy and funds by the party.

The Fifth Ward branch has reorgan-tzed and will held agitation meetings every first and third Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at their hall, 3749 S. Hal-sted street. Next Sunday Comrade Klenke will speak on the subject "Mu-nicipal Ownership."

The comrades of the new Sixteenth ampaign.

Comrade Chas. H. Kerr spoke at the meeting of the Eighth Wars branch at Sherman Hall, South Chicago, Saturday evening, on the subject "The Ethics of Socialism." His address was listened to with much interest, and a discussion, followed in which a large number took part. On Saturday Miss Mary E. Col- we know that when we are working part. On Saturday Miss Mary E. Col- we cannot buy back that which we som will speak on the subject "Money and Morals."

Last Wednesday evening the Social-ists of the new Seventeenth ward re-organized at Aurora Hall corner Hu-con street and Milwaukee dvenues. The-new orkanization starts in with a mem-bership of twenty. Sol Slegel 150 West Humon street was elected secretary Huron street, was elected secretary. Arrangements have been made for holding agitation meetings every Sun-

The Third Ward branch, formerly the

Man's burdens. We do not believe in the theory of Mr. Bryan, who would the medium of the regular party organization; popagouda among the trade unions is not being neglected. Last Saturday evening Comrade Walter Thomas Milis delivered an address at an entertainment given by the Chandellermakers union at Aurora Hall, corner fluvon street and Milwarkse avenue. Thesday evening Comrade John Collins, candidate for mayor on the Secialist ticket, addressed a meeting of the Carpenters milon, at Sixty-second and Haisted streets.

"Poverty a Crime," was the subject of an address by Conrade F. W. Knof, at a big agitation neeting of the Twenty of the Ward branch last Surdey evening at Prolegarian Hall, 889 Sheffield avening. That this branch always holds the meeting of the first and the wrong. P. T. Sarnum once said that "the American the right and the wrong, P. T. Sarnum once said that the high time for

at Prolefarian Hall, 859 Sheffield average, mic. That this branch always holds large meetings is due to the fact that during the fast few months they have principally devoted their energies to circulating the Workers Call in their ward. This kind of work always brings results. Next Sunday, at Proletarian Hall, Comrade T.J. Morgan will speak on "The Historical Basis of Socialism."

Last Thursday evening there was a interesting and well-attended meetin of the Socialists of the Thirty-first an of the Socialists of the headquards, at the headquards, at the headquards of the Thirty-first Ward braining Malstey street. Comrade J of the Socialists of the Thirty-first and Thirty-second wards, at the headquarters of the Thirty-first Ward branch. 6008 S. Halstey street. Comrade John Collins, candidate for mayor on the Socialist ticket, was fanounced to speak, but could not be present. His place was filled however by Comrades Wanhope and Klenke. After the speechmaking was over a full ticket for the town of Lake was nominated, also candidates for aldermen in the Thirty-first and Thirty-second wards. The town ticket is as follows. For Collector, Lorentz Mayan; for Supervisor, Heary Steiner; for clerk, Edward F. Melter, Alfred Brown was hominated for alderman in the Thirty-first ward, and John E. Forberg for alderman in the Thirty-second ward. The members of the Thirty-first ward beld another large agitation meeting last Sunday evening at the above address. Comrade Benj. F. Wilson was the speaker.

Six months ago there was no Socialist organization in the Twenty-seventh seventh ward. This ward covers the mioet territory of any ward in the city there being not less than twenty-five equare miles of -ierritory within its boundaries. It is made up of a large number of villages scattered over a big territory, so that it is very difficult to form an organization as in other wards. However, the Socialists of this ward have arisen to the emergency, and during the past six months have organized as sub-branches are merged into a central organization having a m-merged pot one bundred and forty. The general organization for thousand in the near future.

One reason, perhaps, why T Six months ago there was no Socialis

Irving Park boulevard. Last evening Sub-branch No. Three, at Cragin, held on interesting agitation meeting at much headquarters, Jennius Hall, con-mer Grand and Fifty-dirst svenues. The speaker was Comrade John Collins, candidate for mayor on the Socialist ticket.

KNOW WHAT THEY WANT, An Answer to the Charge that Socialism Finds Its Adherents Only Amongst "Ignorant Workingmen."

In common with other alleged reans,' we are sometimes told that socialism is wrong because its adherents consist mainly of "ignorant" working-Perhaps our ignorance would Monday evening, at the headquarters of the Socialist Educational City in the American Socialist Educational city in 123 Milwaukee avenue. This branch starts in sovernment, and have been contented with a membership of twenty-live. Preparations were made toy an energetic campaign. for a bemb-thrower; as many good peo-A very interesting and successful meeting of the Twenty-second, Ward branch took place last Sunday aftermoon at 208 N. Franklin street. Coming the tool of others, we have not get been admitted to the best society, nor layed yellow the Municipality. Next Sunday Comrade F. W. Knox will speak on the subject. Foverty a Crime.

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The control of the Destroyed Sunday Comrade F. W. Knox will speak on the subject. Foverty a Crime. chise, or to gamble upon the board of trade. Our ignorance is great on dividends and watered stacks; we dd not know, the virtue of embalmed beef; but for the other fellow who is not in the producing business. We know that children who ought to be in school are working in the shops and in the mines; that thousands of men and women are unable to obtain bonest employment; we know that labor-saving machinery ought to be the greatest of thessings. day afternoon at $\tilde{\omega}$ p. m. at Aurora but under a capitalistic system it is a Hall. Next Sunday Comrade W. To curse, and in a land of abundance and Mills will speak. curse; and in a isnd of abundance and plenty that life is one great struggle The Third Ward branch formerly the Fourth, continues to, hold agitation meetings every Simday evening at 8 our humble ignorance we believe that our humble ignorance we believe that our humble ignorance we believe that the first Sunday Comrade Colling delivered an address on Trade Unions and Socialism? At the business meeting or this largned last Monday evening it was decided to get out a circular program and to actively push the propagands in their section of the city. Noxt. Sunday, evening Comrade R. A. Morris will speak. this is wrong. We have learned by bit-ground that "confidence" would cure in many cities. A co-operative meat ter trials that the Republican and Dem- all social diseases?—Missouri Socialist, market has been established in the city

because we do not longer believe in the policy of the corruptionist and the flag-waver, the millionaire and the people liked to be humbugged," and if this is so, we think it is high time for a change. To those of you who are to not Socialists, if you want better government, it is up to you to make it fo yourselves. Nothing need be expected from the class who are enjoying the On "The Historical Bayls of Socialism."

The Historical Bayls of Socialism."

Truits of our labor. Socialism is the so profitable. Cheap labor is the key of the situation, and the prospect gives of the frouble, and we believe that the speaker pointed out the futility of municipal ownership and other responses so long as capitalism stands, and emphasized the difference between a true revolutionary Socialist party and the "socialistic" step-at-a-time movement, toward which the radical democracy seems to be tending. The address was well received, and after the speaker had concluded there was an interesting discussion. Next Sunday, at the above address, William H. Wise will speak on "The Religion of Socialism."

The Socialists in the new Twenty—The Socialists in the new Twenty—The speaker was not been the social speaker of the Situation, and the prospect gives of the Situation, and the prospect gives of the Situation, and the prospect gives of the Situation and the situation and the prospect giv fruits of our labor. Socialism is the has been giving a lecture in Paris on the Dutch East Indian colonies. He formerly lived in Java, and he gave a terrible picture of the extortions of the Dutch in Java. It is very much like in India, and no doubt many people here who will condemn the Dutch will speak of the beneficent government of the Brillish rad. In Java famine also fourishes, and taxation is heavy. Van Kol urged the duty of not exploiting the natives.

SPAIN.

There has been recently great activity in-organization of the workmen in the province of Asturias. The Socialist groups now number thirteen, an increase of seven since 1898, and there are no-less than 6,000 members. Under the circumstances it he, result is backle was greatly and of the circumstances it he, result is backle was greated at the circumstances in the result is backle was and an and in place of despotism and the pack Six and in place of despotism and the province of Asturias. The Socialist groups now number thirteen, an increase of seven since 1898, and there are no-less than 6,000 members. Under the circumstances in the result is backle was greated as the result is backle was greated as the color of Socialism in the new Twenty-cight will one of the sax not been the fedition of today. If you do not win tomorrow, your vete has not been with tomorrow, your vete has not been the interter. Socialist Monday trails and not only the head and armitage avenues, the professor Herron and a host of the largest members to the professor Herron and a host of the largest members to the professor Herron and a host of the largest members to the professor Herron and a host of the largest members in good standing. The Sunday School in which the young are taught socialism in the own for the larges win tomorrow, your vote has not been lost; you have followed your own conhappiness to millio ns of people who have never tasted it before.

H. T. Vernon.

LABOR ITEMS

And Notes From Trades Union Journals and Exchanges, Thronghout the United States.

The Alpena, Mich., Trades Council as declared for socialism.

Mr. Fake is the very appropriate ame of one of the Democrate in the Pennsylvalia legislature wno voted for

A New Hampshire mill-official tacked ip a notice of a 10 per cent reduction, and shortly afterward announced that The army bill went through with as

much slacrity as though our congress had been a law-making body in Russia. In the little town of Schildesche, Ger-

many, the Socialist candidate received 88 votes and his capitalistic opponent

electrician and inventor, is treated with scant courtesy is because he says "the worst criminals are the idle rich.

The London Charlon thus maligns the United States: "Lots of millionaires are out of work in America.", Does this not call for a severe reprisal?-The Critic.

Recently a safe in the office of the Standard Oil company at Youngstown, Ol, was blown open and robbed. thought there was "honor among thieves."-Nebraska Socialist.

The Italian bakers of San Francisco Cal., have united but a few weeks ago, are determined to strike a blow at 7 days' work. They have the active sympathy of their fellow craftsmen in un-ion No. 24, and will and mittedly win out.-Bakers Journal.

, We know the empiralists invest money in industry just to give working people employment, but they haven't explained yet why it is that they withold two-thirds of the w product as a reward for their philanthropy.-The People.

Missouri Supreme Court handed down a decision that the Western Union cor. gress during the last year. "Social-poration's income cannot be taxed. This. Demokraten," the party's leading orwith other decisions recently rendered by the same court proves that the Bourbon state is as thoroughly in control of edpitalism as New Jersey.

People in New York state have reently learned with disagreeable surprise that one out of every 350 inhabit ants within its borders is an inmate of some kind of hospital for the insane The commission in lunary reports that in all there are, 23,000 insune patients in the state.

The Missouri legislature is preparing to pass a law to prevent Christian in Copenhagen, where "Social-Demo-Scientists from atempting to cure diseases by "faith." Let's see. Wasn't elected president of this ranch, on the

The great railway syndicate has gobbled up the Southern Pacific. It'is said. the Morgan-Harriman-Rockefeller combine is after several other large western roads. Even Russell Sage is-astonhands of the magnates, and he excitedly howle for interference from "the people." -- Cleveland Citizen.

millionaires, are becoming daily more of May demonstration, in evidence. Tramps and millionaires are the inevitable products of one and the same system: oblivion under the beneficent operation been well-attended. of socialism. You can hit both these unclear birds with one stone by voting the Socialist ticket.-Public Ownership,

Reports from Manila show that capi-Barnum once said that "the American tal invested in industries in the Philip pines are yielding enormous profits in spite of the fact that a condition of war, prevails there. The Department of Labor Bulletin No. 12 gives a list of the wages paid in different industries in Manila, which throws some light upon the reason why investments are so profitable. Cheap labor is the key of the situation, and the prospect gives

give up business at once as there would be nothing whatever coming to them after the men had received their due-that is, all that their labor pro-

PROGRESS IN DENMARK.

Social-Demokraten of the Danish Social-Democratic party. and leading Danish daily, comments or the passing of the old year as follows "In the year just passed away we have seen on the one side conservatism and reaction make a last desperate stand, which only resulted in the breaking up other side we have seen the Social-Democratic party more firmly en ternched and conquering one position after another. One ministry had to retire, and Mr. Estrup, the Danish Crispi was again called into power and named by the King as a member of the lands thing. The Crown Prince appeared in public on three different occasions, and defended the tactics of the government party and appealed to the people to be patriotic, to stand by the King and th country, which he said was one and the same thing.

"The year 1969 was an election year. It began with city and town elections (the party of the right), no longer has a majority in the city couniels through out the land. Out of 401 seats the m ernment party only obtained 192, whill 200 fell into the hands of the opposition. The Social-Democrats were vic torious in all large cities and in quite a number of smaller ones. Fifty-six Social-Democrats were elected and received 24,393 votes, as against 16 Social-

members of the city administration

'At elections held in several towns, in the months of August and Septemher; the Social-Democratic party polled big vote and elected 74 representatives for minor offices.

"In the last quarter of the year elections were held in half of the villages throughout the country, and the result 170 Social-Democrats elected, against 20 in 1894. This goes to prove that socialism has taken hold of the rural population.

The Social-Democrats held at the beginning of the year 1900 280 com-munal mandates and at the close of the year had increased the number to 556

"A compulsory arbitration law has been passed, and the state has been forced to recognize the trade union as the representative organ of the working lass. In Copenhagen is now established communal labor bureaus.

"The party was duly represented at the International Congress held in Paris last summer, and the program and resolutions adopted there shows ceordance with the tactics of the Danish Socialists.

The party press has made great progan has 'since March 24th, issued special editions with offices in the to of Lyngby, Helsinger, Roskilde, Holbek, Nakakov and Houne.

"Since July 1st new papers have appeared in the towns of Silkborg and Ringkjobing. "Besides. "Social-Demokraten" the

party now publishes 14 papers in the provinces, and it is estimated that 80,old copies of the Danish Social-Democratic press is issued dally.

The party has lately obtained its own building, in Norrefarimager street, kraten" is issued from its own printing DIMBERS.

During the year several buildings have been obtained for meeting places of Aarhus, and in Fredericia a park h been bought for picnics and for holding open-air meetings. In-"Falkets Hus." one of the party's buildings in Copenagen, theatrical performances are now

held several times a week.

'Several red flags have been dedi-Socialist meetings have been carried on in country and towns. One hundred Tramps, the grim shadows of the thousand workers took part in the First

"Dr, Gustav Bang has lately given a series of lectures on socialism in the both will fade into University of Copenhagen, which have

"All in all it can be said that'the Socialist movement in Denmark through the past year has proved to be on a sound-and solid basis.

THE STRUGGLE FOR "WORK."

Hordes of Office-seeking Politicians Make Life a Perjetual Misery for Governor Yates.

Governor Yates is being pestered rom noon to midnight by Republican office-seekers and place-hunters whose importunities have already brought his nervous system to the point of collapse. His friends are advising him to close his doors against his "tor-mentors," but he insists that they have the right to see him and persists in giving them hearing notwithstand? the fact that he cannot possibly give them berths.

Having been elected on the plati miners he says want no more than of the best-in-every-way party, and particularly "the best working last penny. The president of the United party," it would be ungrateful for him who were the "best workers" for his success, but supposing all of those who voted for him and who are now out of jobs should go after him to make go the promises made before election, "that there would be plenty of work would then be witnessed in Sprin The capital would swarm with lean, A Review of Socialist Effort During the Faunt proletarians, having every requisite to be industrious but the chance; with brains moulded to direct muscle official organ to its limit of exertion and satisfied to yield respect to their possessors' mas-ters and the masters' servant—the gov-ernor. And what could the governor Nothing. do. Nothing. Those whom he was elected to serve being against socialism, by which system only could Covernor Yates' promises be made good, would place their interests between the workbunters and their bread, and they would soon find out that the Republifolly" and that their pretended friend was pretending friendship in order to

But the workingmen do not go to Springfield to seek work from the party in power because they know that it would do them no good—the thing they voted for they don't go after to the one who promised it to them because that he could not give it to them. However, those who persuaded them to vote ntrary to their own knowledge are after THEIR reward. They are not seeking industrious labor, so the gover-nor must give them a hearing. The friends of the governor should not too solicitous for his health, for the men, are necessary to the owners of the governor, and if he should succurpt they will persuade the voters ones more to put into power "a friend of the workingman" who will answer their purposes as well as Yates.

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Whereas, Economic conditions are rapidly bringing home to the hearts of the people the fact of the class strug-gle, causing class lines to be consciousy drawn as they never before have been drawn in America's history and thus causing a disruption of old party ties and a new alignment of forces therefore, be. it

regard to previous affiliations, party ties or factions, who accept and will firmly maintain these two fundamental

First, The fact of the inevitable class struggle between the working class which produces all on the one hand, and the capitalist class which owns nearly all on the other, yet this is without hatred of individuals or exclusive blame of either class, but simply scientifically recognizing the results

Second. That assisted as it may o may not be by individuals of other classes, it is the mission of the working class to establish the public ownership and centrol of all the means of production and distribution

Resolved. That the purpose of this convention shall be to accomplish the organic unity of all Socialists.

Resolved. That the basis of repre-sentation in this convention shall be the combined vote of the S. L. P. and the S. D. P. in each state or territory, ng the highest number cast for any candidate, each state or territory to parties thereby cease their previous have one delegate for every five hundred votes cast or major fraction thereof, provided however, that each state and territory shall be entitled to at

Resolved. That these national delagates shall be elected by the state or territorial convention or by a referen-dum vote taken as the state or territorial convention shall prescribe.

Resolved, That said state or territor, and du ter the following manner, to wit:

(a) A call shall be issued in each tion district, town, city, or county, as the case may be, for a caucus of all Socialists who will gabscribe their names to the two fundamental principles declared above. All persons of le-gal age who attend said cancus and aign said declaration shall have equal edge said declaration shall have equal nality, sex, or previous party affil-

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rates to the state or territorial convention, one delegate for every fifteen major fraction thereof signing the forces . .

(e) Each local caucus shall elect i permanent committee to communicate a referender, vote of such committees the time and place of the state or terri-torial convention. The number of such nittee shall be twice the number of delegates. Each local caucus shail pay the expense of its delegates and devise ways and means to raise the same. It may also effect a permanent organization, adjourn from time to ne, and transact'any other business which to it may seem good for the So-cialist caust. Provided, however, that othing in this movement shall be con-trued to supersede or be immical to he interests of existing Socialist or-minations until the national conven-

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Resolved, That the national dele gates elected in each state or territor; arrange with the other state and territorial committees, similarly constituted the time and place of the national con-

Resolved. That upon the closing of this national convention all Socialist separate existence and that all Socialists thereafter order and combine themselves as such convention shall have determined.

Resolved. That no national officer of Resolved. That each delegate shall any Socialist party or faction existing previous to November 5th, 1900, shall be eligible as a delegate to this national convention, but any such officer may be present at the same and, by a three fifths vote of the convention, be given the privilege of the floor at such tir and duration as the convention shall

> Resolved. That Socialist shall be ou simple name, and solidarity our aim and watchword.
> Resolved, That such local organiza

tion or unaffiliated Socialist who indorses these resolutions shall forward and return one to this committee.

Irving C. Chatfield, Louis Bock,

Committee -Waterbury, Conn., January 8, 1961. many as shall be wilting to act, or of any one of them in case of failure to have been adopted by the members of meet or to agree. Provided, however, the Waterbury Socialist club, who, recommends there is yet the same, any Socialist who curing organic unity of forces in the United States. We urge all Socialists to give this matter the gravest considsthority issuing the same, is by that when the Socialists of this country ch local caucus shall elect del- must see the folly of being divided among themselves and that to insure specess we must create a solidarity of

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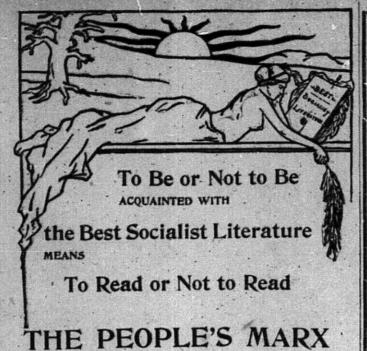
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