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Dear Comrade Enclosed find money order to value of three dollars I have not sold all of them as yet-orward the money. I wish that I could your paper is all and more then can any socialist. I admire the Chicago class conscious stand on all matters, cational policy among the working the Chicago Socialist and its cohe Chicago Socialist and its co you a Happy New Year, I remain, illy, LOUIS ARNSTEIN, Dover, N. H Sec'y S. P. of New Ham

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

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CHICAGO, 1LL., SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1904.

FEDERATION OF LABOR

Discuss the Cause of Crime.

The written request for a better geberal observance of law and order made last week by the Citizens' Anti-Crime Committee aroused a storm of resentful comment at the Chicago Federation of Labor meeting yesterday afternoon. Excited delegates termed the letter an "insult to organized labor" and warmly applauded an apology made from the floor of the house for the recent murderous hold-ups that have terrified the city. Less aggressive speakers urged that the federation appoint representatives to act with the citizens' committee in order that "labor might have representatives in 'the camp of the enemy," and this course was adopted.

"The men that inspired that communication must learn that young Americans will not starve peaceably," shouted T. P. Quinn, "They have forced our young men to go out on the highways with pistols and to demand the money wherewith to feed themselves. And I respect the hold-up man far more than the despairing workingman who weakly submits and takes his own life in his cellar. The reformers said in '93 that we ought to be fed on bullets and bread flavored with strychnine, and they are trying to give us a little of the same medicine now.' OUTBREAK BRINGS APPLAUSE.

Quinn's outbreak was greeted with thunderous applause, which was continued when Barney Berlyn said that the suppression of crime planned by the citizens' committee was a blow at trades unionism. Berlyn asserted that the capitalists of the city were its greatest criminals and that when the federation attained its object of organizing all wage-earners, crime necessarily would be eliminated.

"Let the committee have its own kind of law and order," said a delegate, "and let us work to establish our kind. They are working to bring about what the majority of the people refuse to consider as law and order."

The more conservative labor leaders urged that the federation accede to the request presented by Arthur Burrage Farwell and Father Sherman and appoint representatives to work with the anti-crime committee. James J. Linehan and John C. Harding took this view of the case.

L. M. Washington said that in refusing to join in the present crusade the federation would be putting a weapon in the hands of its enemies. "GET IN ENEMY'S CAMP.

He urged that labor take advantake of this chance to "get in to the councils of those hostile to it." J. J. Ryan; of the Building Trades Council, excited applause by saying that such a step would give the federation an opportunity to "damn the capitalists at close range instead of from afar," as it had





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The windows at the top of the stage vould not readily open No absles between the boxes and or-

hestra chairs, The stateways were not of the re-

minst width. The theater was overcrowded, the aisles packed.

Hemp ropes were used instead of

The foregoing constitute some of the minor causes, and these conditions prevailed in conflict with the express provisions of the city ordinances relating to the construction of theaters,

These deficiencies of construction which contributed to the holocaust are but branches and offshoots of the great primal cause.

Theaters are operated to make money for the owners. Amusement and instruction are the MEANS of making money.

The major cause was the aim and the object of the owners to earn a profit upon their investment. The building, ushers, ticket seller and taker, the electrician, the actress and entertainment are but tools and methods to acquire the supreme object, PROFITS.

If the reader will now place himself in the position of the theater proprietor and reason from his standpoint, he will readily understand the controlling motive.

Men do not, like the wild beast, bite the stick with which they are struck. nor do they condemn the builet. They reason to the dominant controlling cause-the man who wields the stick or discharges the revolver-and he becomes the object of the attack, and they must follow this process to analyze and discover the reason of the Iroquois catastrophe.

Let us examine the man who owns the theater. He is dressed like the ordinary citizen; he can feel the same pains, pleasures and sufferings, and is as generous and kind as the average man, so we must go beyond the individual to find the motive or cause of his conduct which has led to such terrible results and see if it is peculiar to him or common to a whole class of

The capitalist is in business to enhance his fortunes. It is his object to buy labor, bricks, iron curtains, tapestry, chairs, tickets, programs, advertising and all that contribute to an attractive place, as cheaply as possible. If it will answer the purpose in AP-PEARANCE, that is sufficient, be cause the genuine article will cost too much, and the more cheaply the cost of construction and operation, the greater will be the return or profit on the investment.

This struggle for profits perm

been doing.

"Let's get on the committee with them," said John W. LaVine, "and ask the rich merchants why they don't pay their taxes. Ask them why the grand jury spends a month looking up union pickets who may have been doing a little slugging, histend of devoting its time to the forty-eight hold-ups of the past few weeks."

By a close vote the communication from the anti-crime committee was ac cepted and the following committee appointed to represent the federation in the crusade:

T. P. Quinn, L. W. Washington, J. J. Linehan, Thomas F. Kennedy .-Record-Herald,

Two facts stood out prominently in this discussion. The first was that the present carnival of crime has an underlying economic basis. In times of depression like the present, when other means of getting a living are closed, those with the least tendency towards crime naturally thrn to that method of warding off starvation. And further, many without so-called criminal tendencies will have such tendencles speedily developed under the lash of cold and hunger when denied the opportunity to produce food, clothing and shelter for themselves and their families. It is absurd to remedy this state of affairs by punishing the vic tims. Socialism, by guaranteeing to every individual the opportunity to produce and the right to all he produces, will take away the excuse for crime and eliminate at least nine tenths of it.

The other fact which stands out just as prominently is that this effort to suppress crime is to be made an excuse to suppress the trades union. Under the guise of a crusade against the holdup man, a war against the union picket will be inaugurated. Even the "conservative leaders" were forced to recognize this fact. L.

Grand Clearing of Caps and Gloves Comrades should go to this store for their beadwear, 97 Madison street, northwest corner Dearborn. All hats

CURNEY BROS.

THE PRICE OF PROFITS. BY SEYMOUR STEDMAN.

About the middle of last November the blushing check of a consumptive. | defective mechanism, a fire started | ed, children and women and men | object remains for meditation. THE About the minute of first November the boundary it was surrounded the public. It has a beautiful granite front of simple but elegant architec-tion of the "L," (the building was "L" upon the stage. It soon enveloped all crushed, mangled and suffocated in CAUSE. the fragile scenery and belched forth piles ten feet high, charred heaps of front of simple but elegant architec-ture and sculpture. It was regarded into the auditorium, filling it with gas- what shortly before was a happy and minor causes and the major. es, smoke and flames. Crossing the joyous audience shaped) serving little purpose as an

parquet, it filled the galleries and

swept into the balcouy, the flames

drawn in that direction by the venti-

lating apparatus at the top of the bal-

horror.

as the most replete theater in the exit in an emergency. world and advertised everywhere as The bill boards of Chicago, in large eing absolutely fireproof. The interior was richly decorated type, had announced the BLUE-BEARD, JR., and BRING THE

The interior was richly best invit. CHILDREN. Nearly two thousand ing ameasures, but akin to almost women and children gathered in holi-

ing appearance, but akin to almost everything under present conditions of pretentious mice, it was as false as During the performance, through some

There are two approximate causes

The emergency exits were not marked, but were concealed by damask cur-tains and were paint and rust locked. The whole city was paralyzed by the inexpressible woe which had befallen Fire escapes were not finished and the unfortunate victims, and all talk vere uscless. and thought whirled around this awful

There were no separate stairways from the top galleries to the street. The whole world knows the heart. horror. rending story in minute detail-six hundred dead and five hundred wound- lifted, the dead are buried. One great There were no automatic sprinklers. There was no asbestos curtain, only before the convention of 1904.

present society from center to circumference. It runs through every industrial and political fiber. It is the Atlas upon whose shoulders the present "system" rests. To check the calamities which are a natural outgrowth therefrom, laws national, state and municipal, have been enacted for the regulation of railroads, factories, semipublic buildings and countless other industries. These laws are circumvented and evaded because capitalist politicians recognize that their enforcement often minimizes profits, and as all laws must be amenable to the prevailing economic system and its prosperity, their rigid enforcement, in so far as they curtail the profits of industry, must not be expected from present office holders.

Train wrecks, fires, wars and avoidable disasters will continue as long as the god of capitalism thrives within the society of mankind. Sacred property! Depreciated life!! Dear capital and cheap humanity!!!

When industry is operated to supply the wants, necessities and pleasures of the people, when production is for use and not for prost, when life and comfort is no longer subordinated to capitalist gains, when the motive of production is revolutionized, when capitalism falls vanquished by socialism. then and NOT until then will the life destruction which follows each hour in the wake of the past and present cease, and the whole race, standing erect, upon the carnage of the past. come into the full possession of its heritage-the co-operative common-wealth, and that day stars shall join the chorus of a great and happy world.

SOCIALIST NATIONAL CUNVEN-TION COMES TO CHICAGO.

May 1st Date Set for Convention-The National Committeemen Voted, for Chicago, 15; St. Louis, 9. Barney Berlyin, National Committee nan from Illinois, has been instructed to obtain a hall that will accom 500 delegates. There are many questions of national haportance to come

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Bicond Class Matter, March 18, 1902.



The earth is ours, who are we? That's the question, you and me. We are workers, can't you see? Working to make workers free.

WHEN FOUND, MAKE A NOTE OF IT.

For once the Chicago Chronicle is non-plussed, beaten to a standstill. It has not been able to blame the Iroquois Theater fire on the Socialists, nor connect them with it in any way.

As a rule, it is the working class who get burned to death, scalded and smothered, because of the capitalists' insatiable greed for profits. But for once the fruits of the damnable system has brought sorrow and desolation to the homes on the lake front. the boulevards and the mansions on the avenues.

Do not forget that the horrible disaster of last week and the hundred others during the past year, that have taken place in mines, factories, mills and on the railroads, are all the nine disasters out of every hundred, where human lives are snuffed out like candles, spells the one word, "Profits." The profit system must be abolished; then human life will be of more value than dollars.

The Iroquois Theater fire has created considerable stir among the capitalist class. Their efforts to shift the | door after the horse has escaped. Will blame on the working class are too ob- the city officials look up other invious to be overlooked. Nothing is stances where life and limb is daily

THE RENT IN THE CURTAIN.

Capitalist thought is a curtain which conceals from the proletariat the true nature of Capitalism. Behind its heavy folds, the magic lanter, of delusive reasoning holds up phantastic pictures to the astonished grze of the working class, and makes them unconscious of the fact that they are victims of a lifelong hold-up. But sometimes there is a rent in the capitalist

curtain, and the horror behind the scenes blots out the deceptive image. For generations the working class of Chicago have been held in hypnotic stupor by the reflection on the curtain. Individualism sat glorified in the temple of the Golden Calf. But individualism, the image of hallucination, the ideal of capitalist prosperity, eluded the tired fingers of the exploited worker. For him there was no individuality but that of a com modity. He was but the dross on which the capitalist exploiter rose to the sanctified individuality of the steward of the Almighty here below. This sort of "self-made" individuality, this parasitism of man on man, was praised as the select quintessence of the struggle for survival. The smug parasite was "the fittest to survive," and the class whose life blood fed the parasite sang hymns of praise to parasitism. The image on the curtain held them in its grasp.

But the fire at the Iroquois Theater tore the curtain from top to bottom. The lie on the curtain vanished like a flash. The true individuality of capi talism showed its stony features in the hellish struggle for existence, which in five minutes trampled and smothered over six hundred hopeful lives, that were not "fit to survive," according to the gospel of capitalist individualism. Those who were the fittest, by the canons of this beastly code, were the brutes who in the mad race for self-preservation threw their manhood aside and stamped the lives of trail children and women under their clumsy boots --- to save their cowardly individualities. Those were the flower of womanhood who hurled their tender babes into the rushing crowd and fled to safety, beedless of the faint walls beneath their heels. Those were the pride of this "glorious" city, who counted their "self-made" dollars, while the trusting throng whom they had lured into their magnificent death trap gasped its last anguished breaths.

But the giant hand of the class-conscious proletariat wrote over the borrid scene: This is Individualism. Weighed and Found Wanting.

Capitalism produces two main individualities: The bully and the slave, They alone are fit to survive under its individualist ideal. But this ideal, when stripped of its cuaning drapery, is the statue of Moloch. The Iroquois Theater is but a machine, which turns the public desire for amusement into a milch cow for individualists who believe in co-operative skimming.

It will take a long time before the memory of that glimpse into the hell of individualism will be blotted out. And while the working class of Chlcage, and of the United States, is temporarily relieved of the hypnotism of the image on the curtain, they may hear the cry of a new humanity.

By the canons of Socialist thought, those men were the fittest to survive who scorned their chance of escape from the Iroquois fire, if that escape had to be made over the writhing bodies of women and children Those were the mothers of a nobler nation, who clasped their babes to their breasts and perished with them.

Those are the heroes whom a better society will call its fittest members, AND THEY WILL THEN SURVIVE.

Capitalism sometimes praises such heroes, but it takes their lives. It. denounces the miser, the ghoul that sneaks into the house of woe and mutilates the bodies of the dead to secure a few glittering trinkets, the politician who sells his integrity for pelf, the prostitute who sinks into the abyss of shame-but it produces them in ever new numbers,

When the first effect of this disaster will have worn off, the "fittest" of this system will bethink themselves. They will punish a few individualists for the crimes of individualism. And then they will devise means to turn this horror into a club against the Socialists, the only elemennt who accuse the real criminal, THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

But what of that? The criminal is not any the less guilty, though they may persecute the accusers. Come on with your persecution, you worshipers of Individualism. History has already passed sentence on your system and decreed that THE FITTEST TO SURVIVE IS SOCIALISM.

GREED VS. PUBLIC GOOD.

Commercialism, the curse of the world! The private ownership of pubater last Wednesday. Loud are the lamentations of the formerly lax city otheiais. They now seek to vindicate themselves. Some one must be found and charged with incompetency. The public press has suddenly discovered many willful violations of city ordinances. A scape-goat has got to be found. He or they-"the villains shall

be punished to the full extent of the law. Why were the ordinances violated in the first place? For profit. Some one betrayed and caused the death of 584 people by selling out. Now it is

proposed, as usual, to lock the barn of the affair. ership of all publicly used utilities, another contribution in the same num-Under Socialism the people would have ber from Comrade Oscar Edgar, of at the very beginning what the public servants, the press and the pulpit are the International Socialist Bureau on now "going to give." Under Socialthe Negro question also appears, with ism, instead of seeing how many dolsome editorial comment. Most Amerilars could be saved by fraudulent praccans have poticed the remarkable tices, every effort would be made to awakening of Socialist sentiment in increase the safety, convenience and Canada, but exact facts concerning it pleasure of the people. Socialism are very rare in American Socialist pewould abolish the bribing of building riodicals. G. Weston Wrigley, who is inspectors. There would be nothing to certainly the best informed man on be bribed with or for. Labor creates this subject at the present time, gives all wealth, and there would be no dea concise, connected account of the rise sire to horde labor checks, every per- and present situation of the Canadian son being given the opportunity to Socialist movement, Marcus Hitch, in work and old age pensions and bospian article on the Present State of Cortals for the sick or injured, there poration Law," shows the effect of would be no incentive to be bribed, modern industrial movements on both As long as we have capitalism we law and lawyers in a most striking shall have conflagrations and calamimanner. Comrade Isador Ladoff, the jies similar to the Iroquois disaster. well-known Socialist writer, contrib If you wish to place human life above utes something in a lighter vein than the Almighty Dollar, not only in the the other articles under the title of theaters and the street cars, but in "Looking Forward, A Letter From the factories, mines and sweatshops, vote Strauge Land Capitalia." which will the Socialist party ticket; join the be a good thing to attract the attention ward branch and become an active of the non-Socialist and hold up to him worker in the rapidly growing ranks in vivid form some of the facts of our of a class conscious, determined body, present society. This number will also which will abelish forever the right of contain the first installment of "The one person to live upon the labor of Trade Union Movement of Germany," HENRY J. WIEGEL another. by Albert Thomas, translated by A. M. Simons, This work will run

fix the responsibility.

IN MEMORIAM.

At the great Socialist demonstration held in the Colissum on Dec. 6, while passing among the thousands of people who had gathered in that great hall, I was stopped by a young man who askd me, "Isn't this Alf. Mance?" - I look

ed into his face and recognized an old boyhood chum and schoolmate, whom I had not seen for more than lifteen

The incident brought back a thouand recollections of my boy life. In a few short moments, as we talked to each other, we lived our lives all over gels.) again. We compared notes of what had passed in our lives since we had left the beautiful Canadian village of Dunnville, and went forth into the great world to "seek our fortunes."

We talked of the time when we played bail on the "Commons," "Yard Out" down by the tanyard; of our fishing, ewimming and boating along the banks of the "Grand River." We conversed of our boyhood escapades; we spoke

tenderly of our schoolgirl sweethearts; we talked of the time we were "converted" at a Methodist revival meeting and joined the church: we told each other our life story since we parted so many years ago; we talked of the

evolution of our minds and of the industrial development which had more or less shaped our destiny, and of how in the Socialist Movement. begin his speech; we exchanged cards,

igain in the near future. Last Friday evening I received a telephone message, "Your friend, Rob Coutts, from Canada, whom you were talking with at the Collseum, was burned to death at the Iroquols Theater Wednesday night."

There is little more to tell. We found his body in a North Side undertaking house; his brothers arrived from Canada and identified him. We lovingly and tenderly did all that the living can do for the dead. Words fail, and we feel like one who wrote-"I sometimes think it half a sin

To put in words the thoughts I feel, For words, like mature, half reveal And half conceal the soul within." My friend and comrade was one of 600 victims of capitalists' greed. Let us hope that some day in the near future, human lives will be considered more than gold or silver dollars. A. W. MANCE.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST RE-VIEW.

Because of numerous requests from individuals and locals for the Novem- birth of a new society. ber and December numbers of the International Socialist Review, which we are unable to fill, we ask the Socialist

copies are always reserved. The January number will, we be lieve, be better than even these two issues which have met with such a flattering reception from the Socialists of America. The first number of the with the fire of combat and the well as to make political capital out strength which comes from pleading the cause of the oppressed. The dis-

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WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

The parasitic character of the ruling

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BY JAMES ONEAL.

"Modern Socialism is, in its essence, | necessity for its overthrow. The task the direct product of the recognition, which the capitalist class had to peron the one hand, of the class antagon- form in succeeding to the productive sms, existing in the society of to-day, powers of an earlier time, was to perbetween proprietors and non-proprie- fect and organize them, which they tors, between capitalists and wage- have done in the great factory system, workers; on the other hand of the an- with its minute division of labor and archy existing in production." (En. the trust organization of industry it self. But this colossal productive power

It is not a scheme or a plan no more called into existence under their rule than feudalism or capitalism are. Great stages or economic systems are implied the passage of production from an individual to a collective form. This not the result of deliberate plans formalso made necessary its centralization ed by theorists, they are growths. They into fewer hands and the crushing of do not come through conscious selecsmall producers no longer capable of tion of "great men," but by a historic struggling for a place in the market. process which uses them instead of The wealth productive power flows being used by them. What is this histo one pole of society and the propertoric process' tyless workers to the other. The class struggle between the exploiters and

It is the increasing mastery by men of their environment; the improvement exploited grows more acute as this in the methods by which the means to development proceeds. sustain life is produced and distributed. To illustrate:

class-a symptom of their impending On reading your history you are overthrow-now becomes apparent. struck by the fact that at different pe-The surplus values they appropriate riods which are classified by the histhey are unable to sell to their victims torian, the organization of the wealth because of the limited purchasing powby different roads we had both landed productive power of society and the er that a "living wage" gives. The forms of government, customs and be ruling class cannot consume the Midas At this juncture, Debs was about to liefs of the time, present such a mark- stream and is forced to conquer and ed contrast to each other that it seems "civilize" barbarians in order to disshook hands and promised to meet they can have no historic connection pose of some ot it. This may help, but and must have had a separate and it does not prevent an inevitable crisis. isolated origin. For example, compare The capacity of fereign markets is in early Rome and Greece with the mid- sufficient to absorb the vast volume of dle ages and the latter with our own surplus values accumulating in the times hands of the capitalist class.

But look again and follow the thread channels of exchange choke with the of historic change and we see an old surplus and the whole machinery of sosociety being slowly modified by the clety comes to a standstill. This is economic changes at its base, by the duplicated in all other capitalist counshifting of its labor power and in tries. The working class must suffer crease of productive forces till it final- because they have produced more than ly fades with the passing of time into the capitalist class can sell or consume another system which we thought at and more than they can buy. This confirst glance was isolated and discon- tinues till the surplus either rots, in nected with its predecessor. The pro-storage or the meager consumptive cess of development does not stop, but power of the ruling class revives it. proceeds through all the forms of chat- The process is then repeated with addtel, feudal and capitalistic production. ed intensity.

This development is sometimes re- The means of wealth production has tarded by the persistence of old forms, reached such colossal proportions that no longer in keeping with new condi- it escapes and defies direction and contions, surviving the period of their use- trol of the class under whose rule it fulness. This brings revolution, which evolved. Instead of controlling it they is simply orderly development bursting are carried off their feet by it. This asunder that which would hold it in paralysis of industry implies the incheck. .It is the last and final phase capacity of its owners to direct it in in the extinction of an old and the an intelligent manner.

Their parasitic character is further If this historic drama with its scenes seen in the fact that the dominant of carnage, class struggles and all the incidents that it involves, is the result the capitalist class without any useful form of capitalist production has left conditions be more beneficial to soci- press to notify its readers that owing of a plan, then whose is it? Who service to perform. The whole comic utilities. Greed! The incentive to make all the profits possible! These are of an iniquitous system and trying to two issues the supply was exhausted ignated the capitalist production of an iniquitous system and trying to a few days after they came from the our time? No one. The "statesmen" laborer, is now operated by the workand generals and all those conspicuous ing class. The capitalist owner tours plied under any condition except in in historical évents, instead of shaping the continent or engages in yacht races history, were themselves the instru- and other amusements and his absence, ments of the ruling class of their time though it extends for years, is never or of others struggling to possess their missed. Industry goes on just the advantages. And how is a class qualsame as though he never lived. The ified ho struggle for supremacy and economic structure necessary for Souse these "great men" for their purcialism has evolved from capitalism poses? By them being attached to new itself, while at the same time it propowers of production that old condivides no place for the capitalist class tions have evolved. and the workers now demonstrate their

In - short, progress and historic capacity to operate this collective form change from one great system to an- of production. This has come from other is conditioned on the struggle historic necessity and not from a conbetween classes that clusters around scious and deliberate plan. the developing means of wealth production.

plies collective ownership and control For example, the capitalist class are by the workers who now operate it. If the successors to the productive power generated in feudal society which was few owners they are competent to op-

lass rule, and the triumph of Social-

It is not a plan, but an accurate analysis of an inevitable historical development and a logical prediction or forecast based upon it. The working dass is now at the task of building the party that will usher it in. This is the answer to the question, "What is Soetalism?"

JAMES ONEAL.

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the system, the ones who are guilty press and no more copies can be supof being bribed? And is it not possible that the lives of the bribers themthe bound volumes, for which a few

selves, or members of their families died in that conflagration? Then think of the farce in the vain endeavor to Abolish the system of capitalism. That is the remedy the Socialists offer. Mankind as a whole believes in New Year will contain an article by

the sacredness and safety of human Eugene V. Dobs replying to an anonylife, and that it is to be placed above mous critic of his position on the Nethe dollar. This is proven by the at. gro question. This article shows Comteapts of the politicians to make such rade Debs at his best, as it is filled accidents impossible in the future, as

Socialism means the collective own- cussion of the race question receives

They watch the men who may be employed on a job; the consequence is that when the worker takes pride in out.

The victims of this fire have been sacrificed to the hurry-up of the capitalists to make profits off the workers, whose only alternative under this system of wage slavery is to obey or to from the likelihood of going into the starve, then the worker is held up for river, as might easily have been the a scapegost.

The efforts of the capitalists to place should in itself cause an awakening among the workers and make them realize what their duty is.

Where are the anti-crime crusaders? If they were sincere, they would at once seek to obtain the punishment of tract" the criminals who owned the Iroquois Theater and who shared the profit. human beings, but the anti-crime crusade will only work to perpetuate the Strayed Union Ticket

The stockholders of the theater company, the city officials from Harrison time it will be forgotten only to be down ought to be locked up in jail right now, to await their trial and trophe occurs, punishment.

The people in general and the working class in particular, will now have a realization of what the profit system is. On its altar women and children are sacrificed. AWAY WITH IT, The Socialist ballot will sweep it away for all time to come.

our fathers had," it is often lamented. sire, Socialism is the opportunity and sound and adulterated food? you should embrace it. If an opportanity to cleanse society from pollu-

tion, avariee, greed and political corruption is what you want, Socialism is | teen hours a day in order to furnish

more cruel than the workers' desire i endangered owing to improper and into do good work. This would impose adequate fire escapes, or none at all: upon the capitalists to the extent of wooden stairways, and of half the compelling them to pay more wages. proper dimensions, not only at the play houses but at all buildings, private and public? Will they order torn down the old wornout wooden, dilapidated his work, he is told to hurry up or get ramshackle buildings? Will they have a careful inspection made of the many

old half-cracked boilers now in use? And will they take steps for further protecting life and limb by preventing street cars filled with passengers case during the rovent car men's strike

when the police were withdrawn from responsibility on the workers the bridges and no chains stretched across the streets while vessels were passing? Those were times when the lives of thousands were in constant

danger and had to take a back seat when private property and "free conwere in danger-property belonging to a corporation which is right now violating at least one ordinance which caused the murder of nearly 000 in not protecting its gripmen by placing enclosures on grip cars. Very likely no investigations will be

made outside of the gallery play of attacking the theaters, and in a short

brought up again when another catas. | HISTORY OF SOCIALISM IN THE

But after all, and regretting this great loss of life, which has reached the homes of many of the capitalist class, as well as of the wage-slaves, the lives of those 584 unfortunates is not a one-hundredth part of the lives sacrificed yearly for the sake of private profit, greed-the almighty

Are not the lives of the mildollar "If we only had an opportunity like lions of working class to be considered? Is it not fully as wise to begin "we could do wonders." What kind right now to save the lives of the of an opportunity do you want? If an thousands yearly sacrificed in the opportunity to free yourself from pov- sweatshops, mines and factories, to erty and oppression is what you de- say nothing of the danger from pol-

> Little children are daily grinding out their innecent lives in the hell we will present you the book free. holes of capitalism from ten to four-

the opportunity. Do not pass it by, profit for those who own the means voters are opposed to panics, but vote and then keep on howling about your by which we must live. Thus it is controlled the system that is respon-lack of opportunity. opportunity. Do not pass it by, profit for those who own the means

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The capitalists are uniting because they have a world to lose .- Erie People.

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of class rule, and shaped it and all How will it come? other institutions till they assumed that form which guarantee the preservation of their class interests.

This view of history which seeks an explanation of all social progress in the economic changes constantly taking place, has its justification and proof in history itself. Socialism is, therefore, not a plan, but a forecast of impending changes based upon an accurate analysis of historical development, and especially that development that is taking place under our

very eyes. What has Socialism, from this point of view, to say of the capitalistic system of our time? The answer comes that it cannot escape the fate of the other forms of production on whose ruius it is built. What are the facts? It exists by the exploitation of propertyless wage workers who sell their labor power to the capitalist owners of the instruments of wealth production. The working class sell themselves at a disadvantage, by the day, week, or month, as the case may be. Their vast numbers result in a struggle for the jobs the capitalist class have to dis through three or four numbers of the pose, with the result that the tendency Review and will present for the first of wages is downward. On an avertime in English a concise, accurate, upage, the wages will exceed little, if to-date history of the German trade any, more than enough to keep them in working order and guarantee a new Socialist movement. The first thing supply when their vitality is exhausted. The values over and above this average produced by them are approthe questions discussed to those which priated by the capitalist class and represents so much clear gain or crystallized unpaid labor. The appropriation of this surplus value or unpaid abor is the source of the fortunes of all our "self-made" capitalists. Capitalism is like other systems we

have mentioned, the organization of a class ruled society devoted to the exploitation of its wealth producers. Government in all its forms is the instrument by which the ruling class prevents the working class from making an effective resistance to this exploita-

But capitalism, like its prede is developing the conditions and the

movement at the present time. On the completion of this a series of article on the "Concentration of Industry in mons, will begin, continuing for sev Since the publishers cannot under

y collective ownership of the mean of wealth production. This will be the termination of the class struggle and

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CORRESPONDENCE.

RUSSIANIZING OF AMERICA.

(From the advance sheets of the So | ry T. Moore, president of the Victor | fined various sums, which they were cialist Review.)

In spite of the organized system of suppression of news and distortion, cashier of the Bank of Victor, will be streets. They were all informed, howknown as the Associated Press; in first lieutenant, and J. C. Cole, see- ever, that if they would either leave spite of the conspiracy of silence among those great makers of public be second lieutenant."

opinion, the capitalist journals of America, enough facts have leaked through to show that the condition of affairs now existing in the mining camps of Colorado openly and definitely gives the lie to the claim that either national or State governments within the United States guarantee any rights sen rifles, manufactured at the United whatever to any class of citizens un-States arsenals, and accompanied them less those citizens have sufficient eco nomic power to maintain those rights with a picntiful supply of the new "riot cartridges," designed for the es--unless, in short, they belong to the pecial purpose of shooting unarmed. ruling class of capitalists. That the unresisting men. declarations of military law and ac-

companying outrages at Telluride and Cripple Creek are but a part of a general movement by the capitalist class of America to crush out all political and economic resistance on the part or upon their fellow workmen, they of the working class is plain to any with the same brutal recklessness that one who chooses to look at the evidence presented.

The following quotation from the Associated Press report of the meeting of the National Employers' Association held in Chicago October 1, 1903, gives the beginning of the plot:

"Blows at the Western labor organizations are to be struck repeatedly. and the American Federation of Labor is to be invited by the employers to step into the movement. Socialism, according to the claim of the Western employers, completely controls the Western labor movement, which is without food, with only such fuel as practically in the grip of the American they can skirmish up around the coun-Labor Union and the Western Association of Miners.

J. C. Craig, secretary of the Citizens' Alliance of Denver, who attended the employers' conference at the Auditorium Tuesday, said yesterday: "The American Labor Union and the Western Miners must go. Both organizations have reached the point where they are dangerous to the community at large. They are lawless aggregations, teeming with Socialists and Anarchists. They do no good to labor and have an astounding record of young boys. * * * Most of them crime and murder. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, I regard as a comparatively conservative man, and the employers of the West would be glad to see him succeed in extending the control of the American Federation of Labor throughout the West. If the American Federation of Labor would put its organizers in the territory controlled by the American Labor Union to-day it w ald reap a harvest in a remarkably shot time. The manufacturers who will join in this movement of employers will assist in clarifying the dangerous Western situation, and I believe that the time is not far away when the American Labor Union and the Western Association of Miners will be wiped out of existence."

ly a partner in this nefarious work or he is lending it at least his tacit support is shown by the cowardly silence of the American Federationist con-

The plan of action here laid down them to carry firearms. In other once understood, all subsequent actions words, the union miners were first disare easy of comprehension and form armed and rendered helpless and then but part of one continuous, nefarious turned over to the tender mercles of plot. In 1902 the people of the State any gang of thugs, scabs, "bad men" of Colorado, in a referendum vote, de- and "gun fighters" who might be desigclared by a majority of 40,000 for a nated by the Mine Owners' Associaconstitutional amendment providing tion. Lest there might even then be some misunderstanding about the fact. for an eight-hour work day in the mines. Unfortunately they neglected that it was a labor union and the Western Federation of Miners especially to elect any but capitalist officials to office and these officials promptly rethat was being attacked, the Mine fused to take any notice of the refer-Owners' Association ordered all its members to compel their employes to endum Incidentally, this should help surrender their cards in that organito teach something to the "initiativezation, as the following Associated and-referendum-first" bunch of reform-Press item will show: ers, as showing the uselessness of any "Florence, Colo., Dec. 10 .- J. M. such action not backed up by a class conscious Socialist party strong enough Hower, Jr., manager of the Dorcas to carry through any demands not in Mining and Milling Company, received accord with the interests of the capiyesterday from the Mine Owners' Association of Cripple Creek a letter to talist class. the effect that he must discharge every The miners becoming convinced of employe who would not sever his memthe impossibility of securing any asbership with the Western Federation sistance from capitalist legislative of Miners, and, that in future he was bodies, went en strike to secure what to employ no man who was a member the supposed sovereign power of the of that organization. If he did so he

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Citizens' Alliance, will be captain of compelled to work out with ball and the new company; A. A. Rollestone, chain, under military guard, on the the city or go to work as seabs the reary of the Citizens' Alliance, will fines would be remitted. President

Then that no link might be lacking Moyer, of the Western Federation of to connect the whole machinery of Miners, has been ordered out of the government with this infamous work, strike region under pain of arrest, although no disorder whatever has been the War Department of the national government, acting, it is said, under di- urged against him and no charge save the holding of an official per lon in a rect personal instructions from Rooses veit, supplied these militia companies trade union At Victor, Colo., on Sunday, the 22d with the latest improved Krag-Jorgen-

BY A. M. SIMONS.

November, while the president of the local union of the W. F. M., who had died during the strike, was being buried, the funeral procession was stopped by the militia and twelve men were taken from the carriages in which they were riding with their families and thrown into the . "bullpen." This, of course, without any

sold their manhood, and betrayed their warrant being issued, any charges preferred or any hope of a trial to de termine guilt or innocence. Since practically the entire mining population of the West is included

everywhere marks the treatment of the within the membership of the W. F. M. wage slave. the usual talk about "peaceable men The Rocky Mountain News of Dec. anxious to enjoy their God-given right 11 has the following in reference to a to work," and being debarred of that company of soldiers who have been orright through union tyranny, was dered from the Cripple Creek district hardly suitable to the occasion. Inand are in an armory on the outskirts deed, it being manifestedly impossible of Denver: to obtain scabs through the ordinary "Thirty men, the remnants of the methods the most high-handed means once proud Company L. First regiment, were adopted for this purpose. Men

of the National Guard, State of Colowere shipped by employment agencie rado, are out at the Berkeley Armory, under various pretexts to Joplin, Mo. near Elitch's Gardens, almost totally under promise of work in the zinc and lead mines of that locality. On arriv ing there they found no laborers were try, and without bedding or sufficient wanted, but they were then told that blankets. miners were wanted in Colorado. Not

Finally, ofter the militlamen had

done the dirty work of capitalism, had

class to belo rivet the fetters still firm-

were thrown aside by their masters

"These men have been at the armory only was nothing said to them about since Saturday night waiting. They the fact that a strike was on but all claim that the State owes them an avpossible means were taken to keep erace of \$50 each in pay for their serthat fact from becoming known. In vices. Since their arrival in Denver some cases at least these men were the men have been furnished nothing locked in the cars with armed guards whatever by the State or anybody conto prevent their escape en route. On nected with the military department of arrival at the seene of the strike they the State. * * * Yesterday the boys were locked up in the stockades in saw starvation staring them in the closing the mines and compelled to * * * Many of them are work as scabs, whether they wished or not. If they succeeded in escaping have pawned their citizens' clothes and the armed guards that surround the now have nothing to wear but their mines they were promptly arrested as uniforms." vagrants" and given the ball, and

We are not, however, so much con chain, with the alternative of going cerned with the fate of these hired back to scab or leaving the place. murderers as with that of the miners The next step was to prevent the la whom they were hired to kill. borers of the United States from gain

Having turned over the regularly organized militia to the mine-owners and organized the beelers and hangers-on of the local capitalists for the purposes of murder under the authority of the State, it only remained to arm and turn loose those dupes and tools of the employers who were too disreputable for military discipline and arm them with authority to carry on a guerrilla warfare upon unarmed strikers. This was accomplished by the issuance of an order by the military authorities of Crip-

Whether Samuel Gompers is actual- | ple Creek commanding all citizens to turn in any firearms they might posnot there is no evidence to prove. That sess. The houses of the miners were visited by searching parties who confiscated any firearms not previously surrendered. Permits were then issued cerning the present outrages in Colo- by the thousands to the thugs of the Mine Owners' Association permitting

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 28, '03, The Chicago Socialist, Chicago, III, Gentlemen-Please send me sample of your paper. I am waking up to So cialism. Yours, etc.

D. M. ROBINS, President Central Labor Union, Jeffer--sonville, Ind.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29, 1903. Editor Chicago Socialist: Enclosed find postoffice money order for one (\$1.00) dollar, for which please

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ist one of the best Socialist papers I have ever seen and shall try to sell a few eards to help along the education the subject, "Socialism, What It Is and of the working class. Hoping your What It Is Not," at following places paper will continue to be as good as it and dates. is or become better, I am yours truly,

A. M. GRANT. ing, Jan. 11, 110 Cherry Street, Seattle, Wash.

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Jan. 14

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makes known, to the serrow of our and Saturday evening, Jan. 16. comrades here, that two motions were passed by our County Central Commit-

torship or bosswork" on part of said I should stand pat on doing as I saw fit any time, especially when - challenged to'a debate, 1 cannot conceive On the face of the motions above re- est and rent.

And he winks the other eye:

For Sale-Course in English branches in correspondence school of Scranwise could not be gotten. Address J.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2, 1904. Editor Chicago Socialist:

sequently press censorship was estab Dear Sir: I take the liberty of for lished. For the first time in the his warding this letter to you, as I think tory of the United States a newspaper. it may be beloful to our cause. In with these times, strikes and lockouts being what has long become familiar to the so prevalent, and unfortunately in readers of Russian papers, a blank some cases lost principally through the space where the leading editorial orlack of effort on the part of some of dinarily appeared. The Cripple Creek those so-called unions, who will not Times, of December 20, contains a norender any assistance when they are tice that the military authorities have asked, saying they have no grievance notified it that no official statement of so why should they assist, which practhe district union of the Western Fedtically means encouragement to the eration of Miners can be published by employers, then they resort to cheap that paper hereafter. Meanwhile the police protection, and last but not strike goes on. The Western Federaleast, injunctions, which are so easily tion of Miners has established co-operobtained.

like these lines given publicity.

ative stores for the relief of its mem-Now, what I am getting at is this bers. Threats have already been made that no union man should work in a that these will be seized and their building where there is an injunction property confiscated. One thing is cerissued, or police, private or otherwise tain, the union workers of this locality employed around a building when are engaged in the most desperate fight there is a strike or lockout on. I befor liberty and elementary justice that lieve the action of our union in call-



State had declared was legally theirs, and in so doing offered the excuse for action which the Employers' Association had been awaiting. This strike took place in the mines surrounding Cripple Creek and Telluride, No evidence whatever has been put forth to show that any violence accompanied this strike. No one was injured, no property destroyed. Nevertheless, troops were at once rushed to the scene. Gov. Peabody has since admitted that these troops are in the direct pay of the Mine Owners' Association; that is to say, he has turned the militia over to a branch of the National Employers' Association to be used by them as their private police force. This is not all, more direct action was de manded, so it was that members of the "Citizens' Alliance," as the local branch of the Employers' Association is called, were directly enlisted in the militia as the following dispatch will show:

"Victor, Colo., Dec. 9,-Brig. Gen. F. M. Reardon, retired, postmaster of Vic-tor, has received orders from Gov. Peabody to muster in a new company of the Colorado National Guard at th armory here to-morrow night. This pany will be known as Company L. Second regiment, C. N. G., and will be composed exclusively of members of the Victor (Itizens' Alliance, Eighty be composed exclusively of members of into the "bull-pen." as the military and you furnish it. the Victor Citizens' Alliance. Eighty stockade is called, denied the privilege H. men have signed the muster roll. Har- of the writ of habeas corpus and were

would not be allowed to treat any ore which could be controlled and diverted elsewhere by the association. Mr. Hower refused to comply and will leave for the district in the morning. When the trouble with the mills in Colorado City started, Mr. Hower, who had always been friendly to the Mill and Smeltermen's Union, made an agreement with his men by which he has been able to work his property almost steadily. He has never had a la-

bor trouble of any kind and his relations with his employes have always been of the most friendly nature. "J. Q. McDonald, general manager of the mills of the United States Reduction and Refining Company at Florence, stated in an interview to-day that

the Union mill would be started under fuil operation the first of the year, but that no member of the Western Federation of Miners would be employed; that the company had no local organization of their employes, but would not tolerate membership in the Western

Federation of Miners." In the territory under military law, outrages which still further demon strated this point occurred. Fifty of the miners who were out on a strike at Telluride, were arrested in their I cannot do without it. homes on charge of vagrancy, thrown

that end, will have a chance to learn something of the gratitude of the capitalist, since the next step will inevit-

ing a knowledge of the situation, con

The Victor Record, appeared

ably be to transfer the same methods to the Eastern States and the Eastern nnions. The Western Federation of Miners is an avowed Socialist organization and it is undoubtedly this which has added to the ferocity of the em-

ployers' attack. They are now seeking for help to continue this fight and that request should meet with a ready response from every trade unlocist and every Socialist, and certainly from Editor Chicago Socialist:

every Socialist Trade Unionist throughout the country. Funds for the support of the strike should be addressed to William D. Socialism. Haywood, 625 Mining Exchange build-

ing, Deuver, Colo.

A. M. SIMONS.

NOTICE

The Railway Employes Journal, is sued by the United Brotherhood of Railway Employes from their headquarters in San Francisco, has been converted into an illustrated monthly magazine containing a great quantity of live matter, of much interest to workingmen. The December number was teeming with good things. Among them was an article by Debs, "Railroad

Holton. The subscription price is one dollar per year in advance. Address San Francisco. .Comrade Charles Debbs, the well

known Socialist writer, has resigned his position as assistant editor of the Louisville Times and taken a position with "Wilshire's Magazine." Comrade Debs informs us that his removal from Kentucky to New York whi be follow

ed by his resignation as national com mitteeman from Kentucky and as a member of the local quorum.

Your paper is doing good work here. Clear cut Socialism is what we want,

H. H. HAINES. Concordia, Kan.

sued, no matter who it is rendered against. I would like to see some of our members who are delegates to the Federation, advocate this at the next meeting

Trusting you will give this letter space in your valuable paper, I remain yours sincerely,

WM. BAELTZGER of Franklin Union.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 4, 1904.

Dear Sir and Comrade-Many thanks for your kind favor and contribution to our modest home for Socialists and

It would seem that we get more as sistance and encouragement to do good from the outside than we do at the headquarters of our friends in Milwankee.

Is it possible to exhibit too much ac tivity in the cause of Socialism by giving free lectures and gaining subs ers to the party papers, local and others? If so, I'm afraid we are very much to blame and must plead guilty of doing too much work.

Last Sunday we entertained Comrade Franklin Wentworth from Chicago; also Comrade May Wood Sim-Union;" "Discharged," a poem, by and wished that every branch in the ountry had one equally as good.

We extend a cordial invitation to all visiting comrades and friends to make themselves at home at 382 Washington street, Milwaukee, Wis. Yours fraternally, WM. F. HAYWOOD.

State Secretary Oneal of Indiana uggests to the National Secretary that the following regarding Calvin C. Ross be reported in the weekly bulletin:

"Ross turned up at Evansville and 'borrowed' a sum of money from a comrade in that city, which amount is still unpaid. Comrades should be careful of Ross and not allow him to collect loans from them."

National Headquarters, Dec. 6, 1869. (Bulletin No. 8,758,69.) The State Sceretary of Timbuctoo



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SOCIALIST PROGRESS IN OTHER LANDS.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2, 1904. Compiled for the National headquar ters of the Socialist Party by Agnes Wirkenica !. Boston, Mass. GERMANY.

The Socialists of Berlin retain all which they ought not to do and leave their old seats in the City Council and undone the things which they should have won five more. Returns from have done. second ballets will be reported later In Charlottenburg, a suburb of Berlin. where eight city councilmen were elected, the Socialists elected six can-

didutes. Berlin "Vorwaerts" of Dec. 2 reports the following successes in munt- of lives, and no doubt many of them cipal elections;" In Webssenfels four are guilty, but who will presume to Socialists have been elected to 'the say that he would not have done like city council and three others will have wise, had he possessed a like charac second buildts. In Longenberg, near ter and been subjected to the same Gera, five Socialists and one opponent forces? Wrong forces are working and were elected. The whole Socialistic Socialism will correct and direct the ticket was elected in Duerrenebers forces.

dorf. In Tinz, near Gera, the Socialists lost two seats and kept one. In Untermhans, near Gera, the Socialists see it stated, times without number: lost two seats and kept three, A So "This man was responsible; that man cialist was elected in Harzgerode, making a force of four comrades in the to blame," but upon reflection I am common conneil. Two Socialist candi bound to believe that it is a mighty dates were successful in Oetzsch, neur hard thing for one man to define where Leipzig, the same in Heissen, near responsibility begins and ends with an-Essen, and two also in Heimarshau other. No! It is not the individual judge. sen. The Socialists have won a brill that is responsible. It is the system. iant victory in Dunit, Oldenburg, Their it is the incentive for gain. It is whole ticket was elected, with 1.600 Profit! Profit! Profit! which draws men against 1.200 votes.

Berlin "Vorwaerts" of Dec. 3 reports that the labor candidates were reelected in Martinroda, Thuringia, obtaining the majority in the common conneil. A Socialist has been elected times tries to make it appear that the to the Schleusingen district council.

that the whole Socialist ticket of eight say so. They are not a lawless party. candidates has been elected in Johann. They believe in law and order. They georgestadt, Saxony. In Falkenstein, believe in government--pure democ Saxony, two Socialists have been elected. For the first time a Socialist has in a few capitalists can blind the eyes been elected to the city council of of the officers of the law with filthy Doebeln, Saxony.

have been elected to the city council lives of the people, of Cannatatt: two Socialists have been of Cannstatt; two Socialists have been elected in Esslingen; the candidates of

Obsresslingen and in Nellingen. The Socialists have contested the followers of that god are ready to

only one of the twenty-three Saxon ren to satisfy the anger of their remembers of the German Parliament vengeful deity. In the name of comwho is not a Socialist, on the ground mon sense and humanity, fersake the that illegal acts were committed, at golden idols, and false gods, men! Quit his election in the third district of killing your brother because he kills across his sparse laid board, while I Saxony.

wrong by doing another wrong. Let Lieut, Schilling of the German infantry, according to a dispatch, has reason enter into your maddened brain! to answer the charge of committing Strike a blow at the evil conditions; a thousand acts of cruelty to soldiers, not at men who are controlled by their His private trial began in Metz on environment. . . . Dec. 14.

The number of persons who have emigrated from Germany from Jan. 1 teacher, but some people don't want to to Oct. 31 of 1903 is 30,601, which learn. shows an increase in the last four years compared with 28,408, 19,372 and

19,000 emigrants in the same months of the years 1902, 1901 and 1900. FRANCE.

The French Parliament has unani monsty voted an appropriation of \$40,two for the participation of labor unions in the St. Louis Exposition.

In the French Parliament, when disarmament was recently discussed, the Socialists were energetic, as they always are, in opposing militarism. De-Pressense (Socialist) stirred up the patriots and warriors to furious elomee by saying that everybody talks tunity for anybody to live upon the

OBJECT LESSONS BY WARREN L. PRINCE. Let it be plainly understood right dered here and there,

now, henceforth and all the time, that Socialism is for man and not against him. Socialism would abolish the conditions which impel men to do that bim.

. . . Scores of individuals have been

charged with criminal neglect or careessness, and with manslaughter, in the Iroquois holocaust case, which resuited in the loss of so many hundreds

In looking over the capitalist press I was responsible; the other fellow was

on. Remove it and you solve the problem.

anarchy, and the capitalist press terms Socialism and Anarchy are used Berlin "Vorwaerts" of Dec. 4 reports interchangeably. But Socialists do not racy-but not in a government whereincre. Not in a government that al-In Wnerttemberg two Socialists lows private profit to jeopardize the

Now that six hundred men, women the Workers' Union were elected in and children have been offered up as a fiving sacrifice to the God of Greed.

election of the Anti-Semite Graefe, the offer up a few more lives of their brethsomebody. Don't think to right a

Experience is the best kind of a

. . . Fortune tellers are vehemently de

ounced as an evil by Mr. J. H. Glick, 238 South Center avenue, in a letter to the Chicago American. He suggests that there should be a law prohibiting them from soliciting as well as pre-

venting them from putting out signs on their homes. We would offer an amendment to the suggestion, that inasmuch as money is the incentive which moves people to become fortune tellers, a better way to

Not charged with crime-no, no! Not charged with guilt in e'en a light degree-no, no! Not charged with gross incompe tence or carelessness, or shirking toil, or answering back when he was or

DISCHARGED!

No. no! Discharged! That's all. I stood and watched my brother when that fateful word was flung at

I saw the pallor of his poorly nourished skin and flesh fade to the likeness of a corpse.

I looked to see him smite the sender of that damned, death-dealing word. who'd lived and thrived and plied up wealth and squandered it like dirt) through all the fruitful, fat and gracious years, from toll of his-full in the face, and then demand his share. I looked to ee my brothers, com-rades, friends, arise and raily to his

side and keep that crushing word from capting its blood-curdling terror through the heart of wife and child

he loves. I looked to see the brutal thief that banished him from bread, that had betrayed him into needless, useless toil. that had deprived him of a chance to he what brothers all should be, in

basic retreat to land where kings have gilt-trapped slaves trained to destroy who doubts the right of men to stealso he steals legally, or bribes the

I looked and looked!

I looked in valu. As meekly as a snake charmed dove submits, and, far more unresistingly than sheep yield to the butcher's hand.

he turned aside-ard hid his tears and Socialism is often confounded with guiped his hot resentment down. I followed tar behind and bared my

> head when he had entered home of his and theirs and faced the fear and terror his enslaver ne'er had dared to face. I heard the awful cry from woman's

love kissed lips-"Not out of work! Great God, what shall we do?" Nor work had I for these skilled

hands-cise had I shared with him. But I have given this: I have confronted his enslaver with

the cry of THIEF. I have tapped lightly and with love upon my comrade's door, and entering, clasped his hand and spoken words to him-and I have seen answering light leap in his eyes that made his wife and children smile And I have broke bread with him and tasted salt while leaning far was sending courage to his heart and speaking words of peace-God's peace: asserting' Right's uprising, instant, swift and stern, to his receptive brain -and all the while his wife and children smile, for hope of Freedom's

Discharged! Now may the power that made this earth and nun demand of you. O seek

dawn.

enslaver of my brother's wife and child (I say naught of himself; he is a man, and should bear no man's word "Discharged"), by what right, warrant or permission have you uttered such a word to nlan?

"But words are wind." my murderer sneers, "and who indeed are they that mirl such words at me?" Sure, there are some that dare denounce that word as but a murderer's endgel, dashing more than flesh and

blood and life to earth, and wielded by save the people from their venomous a coward through another's hand. stings would be to remove the oppor-But words are wind, and wind is in the interests of the party he repre-

RANK AND FILE.

Send for samples of our leaflets, W. Y. donates fifty cents to the T

F. F. . . . Comrade Fredericks donates one dolhar for distribution of literature.

mee.

Comrade Lindgren of Ward 25 has ust purchased a bundle of 25 subs. . . .

Seventeenth Ward Branch Headquarters, 256 W. Chicage Av. Speaker, A. M. Si-mens, Subject, "Trusts and Socialism." Those comirades and branches who owe for printing will please settle at

NOTICES.

HALL MEETINGS.

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28TH WARD.

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LAKE VIEW, At 960 Shedield Are, confor Barry Ave, Saturday, Jan 6th, 8 p. m., the 25th Ward Branch will hold a card party and dance. Admission: Gents, J0c; ladles free.

Sunday, Jan. 10th, 2:39 p. m., debate, M. Kaplan, Socialist; Abraham Ademan, Single Taxer. Admission free.

Sunday, Jan. 17th. E. Unterman will de-liver a series of lectures which will be continued on Jan. 24th and 31st.

For 30

For 25

For.20

For 15

For 10

For 5

. . . North Town Headquarters, 363 Sedgwick it. Speaker, Seymour Stedman. Comrade Oscar Rubenstein says the ast edition of this paper was the best socialist paper he has ever read.

. . . Sunday, Jan. 10, 9 p. m., Car Worl Local 97, at hall, 48th and Jialsted Speaker, George Koop. Comrade Frank McC overn of Spring Valley, Ill., paid a visit to our office this week and stocked up on literature

We want to make the Chicago Socialist one of the very best Socialist papers in the United States. Will you volunteer to assist?

Those comrades to whom we have ent sub cards for sale will kindly tura us in the dough for those they have gotten action on. We need it.

. . . Want to start the new year in right, Find inclosed nity cents, for which please send me the Chicago Socialist for one year. Fred Underhill, Kewanee, Ill.

. . . Expirations for January, 271; new ubscribers, 1,110; net gain, 829. This will be high grade help to the party when the spring and fall campaign

opens up.

There are bills amounting to \$500 invited. due this paper from individuals and locals. If you are in any way responsible for any part of this indebtedness please pay up. . . .

The La Salle Political and Educational Club will have a grand opening in their new headquarters at 215 W 12th street, near Desplaines, Saturday evening, Jan. 9. Thomas J. Morgan. attorney at-law, will speak. Come and take part.

The edition containing the Debs speech has been entirely exhausted. To accommodate those who failed to get the speech when it was first pub-tished, we will reprint the speech in our edition of Jan 16. Place your or our edition of Jan. 16. Place your order for a trial bundle.

NORTH TOWN NOTES. Our social and entertainment held New Year's eve proted to be a great success, both socially and financially. All whe at-tended had a good time and expressed them-selves fully satisfied. We will duplicate this great affair at our next social. Saturday, Feb. 6. * * * There is a little kopje on the banks of the Mississippi river and also on the Missouri side, that had gotten the alea into its think box that they had Sanday School every Sunday at 10:30 room enough in their village to take care of a Socialist national convention.

Sunday night, Jan. 10. Comrade Sermour Stedman will deliver his lectury, which we have been waiting for for some time, at Headquarters, 365 Sedgwick St. and St. Louis actually entered the race to can the event. To the woods, St. Louis, Chicago will house the convention May 1. See?

KNOCHIE AT DAVENPORT

The Daily Times at Davenport. lowa, gives the following report of Comrade Knochle's address: F. C. Knochie, State organizer the Socialist party, who is in Rock Island and is to labor in the field for about two weeks, spoke last evening at Turner Hall, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." which was a counter attraction, got the

Saurday, Jan. 23d, eighth entertainment and dance. Refreshments free. The Silver, Leaf Quartette will sing. A. M. Silvers lectures from 8 to 8:30 p. m. Tickets, 25 cents. best of him somewhat and the attend ance was light. Mr. Knochie is a fluent speaker and an incessant worker



This Will Interest You.

On the fifteenth of last August we adopted the plan of giving high class books as premiums to those securing lists of subscribers to this paper. This special announcement closed on the first day of November. It was so well thought of by the Comrades, that we have decided to continue the awards until the first of next April.

This should give every one an opportunity to secure a well selected supply of books treating upon the economic development of the times without any cost at all.

The following is a partial list of the premlums you may earn:

- Hillquits History of Socialism in the U.S.. 1.50
- Loria's Economic Foundation of Society. 1.25 Lafargues Evolution of Property, Val..... 1.00
- Aveling's History of the Commune, Val... .75 .

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THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

of revenge on Germany, but nobody really wants it.

NORWAY.

The Parliament of Norway has unanimously rejected a bill to give state suffrage to women. Before it was voted on the president read a manifesto from the Woman's Suffrage sive space to the following: Society in favor of the bill. The wornen will probably have to walt until the Socialists obtain a majority.

ENGLAND.

There is serious distress in Leeds on account of the depression in sev eral trades. The trade unions are preparing a petition urging the Mayor to men a labor bureau similar to the one that helped relieve distress last winter. In Dundee 600 engineers have struck

against a proposed reduction of wages of 24 cents a week.

The London Socialists are so desir ous of training as speakers that a lifth Polish proletariat, Kunicki, Bardowski, class for that purpose has been ar ranged.' Comrade J. Hunter Watts gled to death by the hangman of the will conduct the class, which will be Russian Czar. limited to eight.

Comrade John Cross reports that the London District Council is about to start economic classes, with Comrade-A. P. Hazell as one of the instructors,

Elisworth DeFrance stepped from the penitentiary at Sloux City, Iowa. the other day after serving fifteen years, convicted on a charge of stealing a two-cent postage stamp. Perry Heath, who swiped the whole Postoffice Department at Washington, is still at large and secretary of the National Republican committee, and is busily at work preparing a great cam of the lighted torch. palgn against, Socialism .--- Coming Na-

The "open shop" shouters refuse to toast "Old Glory" claiming that it no longer stands for "liberty." Liberty to turn strong men into the street and replace them with women. Oh, libertv! What travestles are enacted in thy name! Isn't it strange that people who insist that the working class can never achieve their emancipation by the ballot, are so unwilling to have them try?-New Time.

wealth they extort from others, and breath, and breath is life; and poet's adopt the Socialist plan, which is, "He that will not work shall not eat." This death-charged words that win their

would be an injustice to none and a benefit to all.

Editor Chicago Socialist - Please

The Pollsh branch of Twenty-ninth Ward is arranging a great celebration of the eighteenth anniversary of the death of the four great proletarians

which will take place in Kosciuzco DISCHARGED. Hall, corner 48th and Wood streets, on Edwin A. Brenholtz, in Rallway Em-Sunday, Jan. 17, at 5 p. m.

Comrades. In January there passes the eighteenth anniversary when the Russian autocracy committed one of the most damnable crimes that history has ever witnessed. Four men, four

champions of the liberty of the people, men who first have carried the revolu tionary spirit into the ranks of the Pletrusiuski and Ossowski, were stran-

Because of their love of the people their endeavors to enlighten it and bring about their liberation from the mbearable and oppressive condition they have been imprisoned and atro lously murdered. But the Russian 'zar having succeeded in killing them. has by no means succeeded in killing the revolutionary spirit their work has incondered. The present brilliant de celopment of Socialism in Poland is the fruit of their labor and the mem ory of these victims of tyrannical Russian regime has always the influence

Come all and bring your friends. Good speakers, English and Polish. Yours for Socialisa V. J. MAROINKIEWICZ,

Secretary of Polish Branch.

SPECIAL. 100 Hagerty Leaflets, 100 Pots of Gold. 100 Prisoners and Paupers 100 Frances Willards; All for 50c. If by mail add 20c for

Dostage.

words are vital words for slaves, and

way to the enslaver's ear, demanding in the name of Power above, of Power that still abides in slaves, of Power

that stirs at sight of quivering lips of workers' wives and tears in their loved children's eyes, demanding and demanding tand demanding, by what thieved warrant, right, permission;

YOU, a man, while wealth was in your hand, have dared to say,

ployes' Journal.

BY JAMES MONTAGUE IN CHI CAGO EXAMINER.

Shave 'em in crowd 'em in: Gord 'em in the aistes. Jam 'em in the orchestra. Heap 'em up in piles. Pack 'em in the galleries, Crowd 'em high and low. All must pay, and money makes Ev'ry show a "Go.".

Never mind the ordinance. We are up to tricks; Commonly officials are Easy men to "fix." Fire? Maybe. Let it come, We are well secured: Everything inside of the Theater's insured. Ram 'en in, jam 'em in, Till the seats are sold. Let the rest buy standing room-

All the house will hold. Leave the exit doors alone: "Swinging, them about, Just to see if they will work, Wears the hinges out. Suppose the lights get working hard,

Wires will all get hot; Insulating each of them Costs an awful lot. Keep the crowd all streaming in, Chase 'em in by guess. All must pay to get inside-That's what makes success.

It is precisely because Socialism is not a scheme, that Capitalism can devise no scheme to prevent its growth. -Erie People, -

His speech last night was not a long one and the general idea of Socialism only was given, without any outline of the plans. He said the surface all of the time to occupy the

minds of the laboring men and to keep him thinking about anything except his own interests. He referred to President Roosevelt as unfriendly to the laboring man, and said that the trusts wanted to keep him in his office,

The statement that human nature never changes and that when all men are angels Socialism will be a success, which he said is put to them in an-

swer to their claims, was turned to an argument in favor of his theories. He referred to a time when men were cannibals and found in their captives no value except as food. Later they conceived the idea of tilling the soil and putting these men to work to produce the food. In this manner they secured that the meetings are to be held at their sustenance and retained the means of production. He said that in each month, at Comrade Covi's Hall, that progress human nature had not at 1:30 o'clock p. m., where all the Sochanged, but that the economic basis cialists of Madison, especially those had changed.

Turning his attention to the industrial question he said that the last resort of capital had been in politics, and that every time the laboring man voted for either of the two predominating parties he voted the chain of siavery upon himself. He said the only solution of the labor problem was in polities, and he ands in Socialism and cooperative ownership the only salvation

of the down-trodden laboring man.

Comrade Charles Dobbs,, the wellknown Socialist writer, has resigned his position as assistant editor of the Louisville Times, and taken a position with "Wilshire's Magazine." Comrade Dobhs informs us that his removal from Kentucky to New York will be followed by his resignation as National Committeeman from Kentucky and as a member of the Local Quorum.

Wanted-Ten million workingmen to kill the Capitalist system. Apply at the ballot box next November .-Erie People.

In obedience to a call made by Local Glen Carbon, S. P. of A., a number of members from Glen Carbon, Collinsville and Edwardsville met at Covi's Hall, at Edwardsville, Dec. 27, '03, for stronger parties kept an issue on the the purpose of effecting a county organization.

The comrades from Alton made themselves conspicuous through their absence, owing probably to the irregularity of the train service; it, was agreed upon that their negligence be forgiven, if they will amend in the future, Comrade F. Gayer, of Collinsville was chosen Chairman, after which the following officers were elected;

Recording Secretary, Jacob F. Miller, of Collinsville; Financial Secretary, F. Gayer, of Collinsville; Treasurer, M. B. Harth, of Gfen Carbon. Above officers were instructed to draft by-laws for this (Madison) county organization; it was further agreed Edwardsville, on the third Sunday in at large, are urgently and cordially in-

vited to meet with us. After the transaction of the regular

business, Chairman F. Gayer addressed the meeting. He admonished us to avoid the ruinous mistakes made by the S. L. P. in regard to modes of propaganda and tactics, and to devote our time to teaching Socialism to the working class.

> The address was well received and applauded by the comrades, after which the meeting adjourned.

JACOB F. MILLER. Recording Secretary. Edwardsville, Dec. 27, 1903,

A large number of the most studious, honored and intelligent member of the working class have been taking post-graduate courses in Colorado jails. Special attention has been given to the subject of "Class Government."-The Coming Nation.

Man cannot be forced to be good, but under right conditions he will be good. -Bakers' Journal.

