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CAPITALIST OUTRAGES CONTINUE IN COLORADO.

Capitalism's Desperation Overrides All Law and Human Decency—Union Men Left Desolate Miles from Habitation.

Action of Capitalist Mercenaries Arouse Organized Labor Throughout the Country.

Never before in the history of the class struggle under capitalism has the capitalist class so outraged all sense of humanity and common decency as in the outrageous military despotism perpetrated by the hirelings of the corporations during the past ten days in Colorado.

peaceful cure of industrial disturbances through the exercise of the franchise. It is bringing both classes of men to the belief that the only remedy lies in resort to force and revolution.

ORGANIZED LABOR AROUSED AT LAST.

Labor unions from one end of the country to the other appear at last to be aroused. Union men everywhere are beginning to get their eyes open to the real character of the capitalist's determination to crush the spirit of unionism.

KANSAS WORKMEN CONDEMN PEABODY.

Declare Russia, in Its Darkest Ages, Would Blush with Shame. Denver, Colo., June 14.—Gov. Peabody yesterday received the following telegram:

"Kansas City, Mo., June 13.—Governor Peabody, Denver, Colo.: 'The Industrial Council of Kansas City, in regular session assembled on this date, condemns your action in the treatment of the workmen and women of Colorado as un-American, uncivilized and barbarous in the extreme. Russia, in its darkest ages, would blush with shame.'

MINE WAR SPLITS LABOR BODY.

New York, June 12.—Efforts of Socialists to-day to make fiery speeches regarding the miners' strike in Colorado, at a meeting here of the Central Federated Union, probably will result in the disruption of that body. Delegates of the Building Trades and others objected to the extreme utterances of the Socialists and left the hall. They held a caucus and decided to break away from the central body and leave the Socialists by themselves.

Chicago Federation of Labor unanimously in demanding immediate action on the part of the officers of the A. F. of L. in regard to the Colorado outrages.

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED.

The resolutions were introduced by delegates from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and read in part as follows: Resolved, That we brand as false the assertion of the Colorado mine owners that union men were concerned in the blowing up of the railway station at Independence, and give it as our belief that these same mine owners could tell who committed that dastardly act.

Resolved, That we appeal to the President of the United States to at once set the machinery of the government in action to the end that the working people of the State of Colorado may be given the protection which the Constitution of the United States guarantees to them; that they be protected in their right to organize and meet in peaceful assembly, and that, if necessary to enforce such conditions, he send the federal troops into that State.

\$2,500,000,000 COMBINE IN MINES BY OIL KING

Mr. Rockefeller Controls Great Properties and Prepares to Govern Output of Country.

Compare the following outline of a plan to control the mines of the United States with the report that the Western Federation of Miners are talking of buying some mineral land in New Mexico and working it on a co-operative basis. Just how much chance they would have of making a success of an undertaking of that kind with all the railroads and mining machinery in the hands of the men who desire to enslave them, and own and control the great bulk of the paying mines of the country, can easily be understood by any one who has given it a moment's thought.

In the meantime we will see if the rank and file of the members of the unions are stupid enough to continue to follow "pure and simple Sammy's" advice and keep "politics out of the union" and permit the capitalists to put a Peabody in the Governor's chair in every State in the Union, or if they will unite with the whole working class and constitute themselves the controlling power of the nation.

The working class in America must in the near future make up their minds to be the "people" of this country or sink back into a slavery and serfdom worse than the feudal serfs. The one gleam of hope which appears on the dark horizon is the clear class consciousness note that is being sounded by the Socialist party. We are confident the workers will hear, will see and act in accord with the teachings of Socialism in the near future.

THE FEDERATION SEES A GLIMMER OF LIGHT.

At the continued session of the Chicago Federation of Labor, held at 122 West Lake street, last Sunday, a resolution was adopted calling upon President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor to forget rival union differences and exert his influence with President Roosevelt to the end that the present reign of terror and oppression suffered by the Colorado miners shall cease.

It is not often that a petition from the mouse to the cat is of any avail, but the approach of the Presidential election makes the present a peculiarly auspicious time, and President Roosevelt, realizing that oppression makes Socialists, may order a cessation of public crime in that district until after the election.

But the important thing that has already occurred is, the Chicago Federation of Labor has extended the right hand of fellowship to the Western Federation of Miners. Class consciousness, however, has not yet reached the federation, for in section 16 of the new constitution they voted in favor of municipal ownership and operation of all municipal franchises in the interest of the people; but joyfully rejected an amendment substituting the words "working class" for "people."

And they voted in favor of the election of the President and Vice President of the United States, Senators, United States court judges, and the Chicago Board of Education by the direct vote of the people, and then voted in favor of the appointment instead of election of all standing committees of the Chicago Federation.

G. Y. C. (To be continued.)

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL.

The women of the Twentieth and Thirteenth Wards will give a strawberry and ice cream social Saturday evening, June 18, at People's Institute Lodge Hall, corner Leavitt and Van Buren streets, benefit of The Chicago Socialist. Admission 10 cents. All are invited. Come and have a good time.

THE LITTLE, CHEAP HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS.

By Helen Carey Chadwick, in The Courier.

The little, cheap house in the suburbs Has a story of its own— A story that baffles the teller, In a tongue that is yet unknown.

For only the angels have knowledge To dip their pens in its flow, And only a god has the courage To tell of its joy and its woe.

Come, painter! paint us a picture— The huddled mass of jims, The dull, eyes-sickening colors Of homes where the pent soul plies.

Where the blank street pierces its tunnel, Or winds like a clammy snake— Where only the weed and the briar Show that nature is still awake.

Or, if set far out in the country, Where poverty wrestles with pride, The bloom of the sunflower pities, The bleeding heart droops beside;

The blue looks in at the window And beats on the little pane, With hints of a life that is thriving, And glimmers of Love's domain.

From the cities' network of car tracks The train glides out on the race— Here the starveling homes of hundreds Stare mankind in the face.

Near to the clanking workshop, Or factory rotting with fall— Who would buy these pictures painted?

Who would study the prey of spoil? The heads of these homes know no message That springs from the dew of the dawn; No rose-breath thrills them in summer, No swell of a velvet lawn.

Recalls the green of the sea-crest, The whirl of the midnight dance— Snatches of Memory's music: That dash o'er the soul's expanse;

But they plod to work in the morning And weary return at night, The front of a grim to-morrow Blotting the hearthstone's light;

And whose is the blame or the burden? Whose is the task to care That the souls of brothers are sodden, Dying for sun and air?

But a hope is struggling and leaping In bondmen waked to strife, A hope prophetic and cosmic, The birth of a nobler life;

And when, by the evening fire, Or down the pleasant street, Or at concert or ball or feasting, The children of fortune meet,

The man-brute hears in the distance A voice of triumph and pain— The voice of the ages speaking: And he catches its refrain.

The voice of the ages crying Of liberty or death! He listens, and gropes for its meaning— Listens with bated breath.

It was not hard for Cleveland to see the need of Federal interference when United States marshals burnt a few freight cars in Chicago, but Colorado workers may be murdered wholesale by organized lynch law, and the strenuous Roosevelt sleeps on. Perhaps the protest meeting in Chicago will wake him up. If it does not the Socialist ballots next November will tell him that there is "something doing."

The next issue of the Chicago Socialist will be a Colorado number. It will tell the whole story of the situation and show the forces that are fighting and what it is all about. It will be great for propaganda. See that your branch orders a thousand for the protest meeting.

The Employers' Association of America openly boast that Colorado is but a beginning in the stamping out of trade unions and Socialism. Workers of Chicago, what have you to say to this? Be at the meetings Sunday, the 26th, and voice your sentiments.

The coal trust is still doing business at the old stand. Willie must do a lot more barking before there will be any signs of capitulation.

Be sure that you call the attention of your trade union to the Colorado protest meetings.

Do not forget to have plenty of subscription cards as well as a couple of thousand copies of the Colorado special edition of the Chicago Socialist at the protest meeting.

GURNEY'S \$2.00 AND \$3.00 HATS Spring styles now in. Comrades should go to this store for their headwear. 97 Madison street, southwest corner of Dearborn. Union-made.

UNION WRECKERS AND THE CIGARMAKERS' UNION

The article in last week's Chicago Socialist on conditions in the Cigarmakers' Union has had important results. In spite of, or perhaps because of, the fact that it was absolutely free from all personalities and was a simple statement of the things which were necessary in order to preserve the magnificent organization of the Cigarmakers' Union from being destroyed, it was resented by those who are endeavoring to wreck that organization.

The present officials by their policy of reaction and obstruction and their gang and gag rule tactics in meetings have started the Cigarmakers' Union toward the road that leads to destruction. Their power depends upon the continuance of the union-destroying policies, and when they saw those policies attacked they attempted to maintain their rulership by a resort to brute force. Copies of The Chicago Socialist containing the article were distributed at the joint meeting of the Chicago Cigarmakers' locals held at Brand's Hall last Friday night.

When George Thompson, Secretary of the Cigarmakers' District Council, came in and found the papers upon the chairs, he at once constituted himself censor over the reading of the members of the Cigarmakers' Union and sought to prevent them from finding out the facts concerning his union-wrecking policy. He at once began to gather up the papers and destroy them. Comrade Sesekind stepped up and asked Thompson to give him the papers rather than destroy them. In reply Thompson at once struck Sesekind, who is a considerably smaller man than Thompson, and having knocked him down, proceeded to kick him and otherwise show his brutality. The meeting was then called to order with Jack Farrell in the chair, who is becoming notorious for his anxiety to obtain office within the Cigarmakers' Union, and for his ability as a slugger and willingness to do the dirty work of the bosses within the union. This individual proceeded at once to put the gag rule in operation. All questions were decided by him in accord with the wishes of the Thompson gang without regard to the number of votes which might be cast. When Comrade Charles Winfield sought to protest against this and rose to a question of personal privilege in strict accord with parliamentary rules, he was set upon by a gang under Farrell's orders, who knocked him down, dragged him to the door and put him

out. This precious proceeding gains added distinction when it is remembered that Winfield is a cripple, having but one leg.

No sooner was this meeting over with than Thompson made haste to assure the public that he was doing his duty as a Socialist smasher, and the paper he selected as his organ was the Chicago Chronicle. Trades union men know what faith to put in an officer of a union organization whom the Chicago Chronicle praises or who uses that paper as his personal organ. Of course the reason for Thompson's activity at this time is not far to seek. An election is close at hand. Thompson must make good for his appointment to the Board of Education by Mayor Harrison and must satisfy the Democratic machine that he has goods to deliver at the coming election. It will be remembered that he was a nominee for State Senator on the Democratic ticket a year ago and he doubtless expects similar payment for his treason to the working class by disrupting the Cigarmakers' Union.

The whole question is now up to the membership of the four locals of the Cigarmakers' Union in Chicago. It is for them to decide whether they wish the organization for which they have made such sacrifices in the past and upon which they depend as a defense against the aggressions of their employers to become the political trading stock of Thompson and his followers. It is for this membership to decide whether they wish their organization to continue in the fatal policy of clinging to everything that is outgrown and useless in order that a few politicians may have labor votes to deliver, though the union itself go to ruin; or whether the Cigarmakers' Union shall put itself in accord with industrial progress by adopting a policy to correspond with advances within the trade—by, in short, adopting modern methods of fighting, while letting go of nothing that is good in the old, so that it shall grow and continue. If the cigarmakers of Chicago really desire their union to live and grow, they must rescue it from those who would tie it fast to the rotting corpse of capitalist politics and outgrown industrial methods, and lend their support to those who would give their union new life, new strength, and new opportunities by adopting methods of organization, activity and tactics in accordance with the new tasks, and the new duties and new conditions that have arisen.

DOTS AND DASHES ON THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

BY HENRY J. WIEGEL.

The Chronicle is pulling hard for Parker. This ought to be a hint to the working class to defeat him next November, provided he is nominated.

Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus denounced Socialism at a sermon delivered in the Auditorium last Sunday. Denouncing Socialism by the defenders of capitalism injures the growth of Socialism and economic development about as much as the passing of resolutions by trades unions denouncing the acts of capitalist-controlled judges, courts and legislatures.

Slowly but surely the period of hard times is beginning to be realized. Every day messages are sent out on brokers' wires from Wall street making all sorts of excuses for absence of speculative trade and hoping for an improvement. There may be an occasional rally or two in the market, but the lambs are not breaking their necks to be skinned.

Yes, we wage-slave millionaires thought we were pretty big when we organized the billion-dollar trust, but Papa Rockefeller has almost trebled us. He has organized a two and a half billion dollar company, which will control all the metal mines. Let the good work go on. The Socialists will probably extend him a vote of thanks when they take charge.

Monday's papers had many pages giving account of the cry of the pulpit against the indifference on the part of the masses toward the church. The reason of it is because the church does not appeal to the material welfare of man. You may blow your bugle and sing praises of the joy and bliss in the great beyond, but a hungry man, or a half clothed man, turns a deaf ear upon them and strives to appease his immediate wants. Less about the future and more about the

now would be more effective. This would bring the sky pilots down to the class struggle, and if they persisted in telling the truth, many of them would be soon looking for another job, and as the Almighty Dollar ruler, few will give you a soft snap for a harrow to hoe. You can't dodge the material interest.

Suppose that great friend (J) of labor, Willie Hearst, were President now. Would it be fair to assume he would attempt to punish the mine owners for their high-handed outlawry in Colorado? Not much, Mary Ann, for that would bring him into conflict with his class interests, and you know Willie thinks more of his pocket book than the wage-slaves, his professed love notwithstanding.

Last Sunday resolutions were passed by many unions all over the country denouncing the action of the outlaws now operating in Colorado in the name of law and order. These resolutions, while showing a recognition, amount to nothing. A million Socialist votes next November will spread more consternation in the ranks of the capitalist class than all the resolutions which might be passed for the next thousand years.

The Rev. Bruce Brown solicited reasons from professional men as to why they do not attend church. One, a lawyer, says he could not win cases and live up to his standard of Christianity—too much perjury and treachery. Similar replies were received from others. A few tacitly admitted that they thought more of the Almighty Dollar than Almighty God.

And after all is said and done, what did Mr. Brown accomplish? He has simply learned what has been told millions of times by Socialist writers and speakers—that under this system of capitalism it is absolutely impossible for one to lead a true Christian life and succeed in business. Remove the root of all evil, the private ownership of the land and machinery, and it will then be possible for a man or woman to live a life and be true to themselves and their fellow beings. This is the goal of the Socialist.

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OPEN AIR MEETINGS.

One of the evidences that the Socialist open air campaign has opened in earnest in Chicago is the demand for bundle orders of the Chicago Socialist that are coming in from the ward branches.

Now that the weather is good, it is up to the comrades in every ward branch to do all in their power to show the workers the necessity of a thorough working class political organization.

The street corner meetings, followed by a distribution of Socialist papers and literature, offers one of the most effective methods of placing the Socialist message before the voters.

Illinois between now and election day. Organize in your branches for thorough work. Order a bundle of Chicago Socialists for distribution at open air meetings, and don't forget to sell subscription cards. One comrade sold eight subscriptions for the Chicago Socialist at a street corner meeting not long ago. The people are hungry for Socialist literature. See that they get it.

"CHARITY AS AN ORGANIZED BUSINESS."

The New York Sunday Times, June 12, published an article entitled "Charity as an Organized Business." To the Socialist the article was interesting as showing the tremendous wealth producing power of labor as it is organized under capitalism in modern industry.

The colossal fortunes that have accumulated in the hands and under the control of a few men during the past quarter of a century is almost beyond the comprehension of persons unaccustomed to considering the tremendous possibilities of the productive power of the modern wealth producing plants of the world.

The time was, and that not beyond the memory of men now living, when the great problem that presented itself to the philosophers and students of human existence was, where were the necessities, fuel, food, shelter, clothes, education and entertainment on which human life depends, to come from?

The dominant philosophy of the early part of last century contended that population tended to increase faster than labor could produce that which human beings must have in order to exist. To-day the problem has taken an extremely different aspect. The problem of production, which staggered the greatest minds of that period, capitalism has solved. And the one great problem confronting the statesmen of all so-called civilized countries to-day is what in the name of God are we to do with the accumulated product of the modern laborer?

Their cry is give us foreign markets, give them to us at once and plenty of them or our working population will be starving in the midst of plenty—of over-production.

Some slight estimate of the absurdity and injustice of perpetuating the private ownership of the means of life can be drawn from reading this article on "Charity as an Organized Business."

Here is a list of some of the millions that have been separated from the worker that Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller are amassing themselves distributing over the world. The most significant thing in the article is that the work of distributing this charity is largely done by wage or rather "salaried" employees.

CARNEGIE AT WORK.

Up to date, and including the \$5,000,000 hero fund, the Carnegie gifts as recorded by his private trust company may be classified as follows:

United States \$78,517,472. Scotland 17,713,750. Miscellaneous gifts 5,000,000. Holland 1,750,000. England and Wales 1,354,000. Canada 1,616,000. Ireland 315,000. Cuba 252,000.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

Because of the secrecy jealously maintained with regard to a great many Rockefeller benefactions the following authorized table is of timely interest as showing how thirty-three Rockefeller millions have been disbursed in the past twenty-five years:

Chicago University, given and promised \$20,000,000. Additional items for maintenance 100,000. City of Cleveland park 600,000. Mount Holyoke Seminary 550,000. Vassar College 350,000. Baptist Home and Foreign Missions 250,000. Other missions 750,000.

Colleges in Indiana, Wisconsin, Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York, Illinois, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan, and Kentucky 325,000. Unpublished gifts to various beneficiaries in the past 25 years 10,000,000.

Total \$32,925,000. Workingmen, does it never occur to you that the only thing which stands between you and a life that would be worth while both for yourselves and your families, is the fact that a few individuals own the means of life, to which you must have access before you can live at all?

Do you ever consider the significance of the fact that the capitalist press is haunted by but one real specter—Socialism? Do you ever ask yourself why all their agents rave and misrepresent Socialism, why the college professors and preachers who utter a word of friendliness toward Socialism lose their jobs? Can you not see that it is because Socialism is the only movement that has for its ultimate object the complete abolition of the profit system, which is the fruitful mother of millionaires and pauperism?

Distributing charity is the pastime of men and women satiated with wealth that labor has produced, but it only makes the misery of the toiling masses more acute. Socialism alone gets to the root of the evil and is the remedy which will remove both charity distributors and the recipients by giving to the producer the full product of his labor.

If you want to bring about better conditions work and vote for Socialism!

ENVIRONMENTS BLAMED.

Waywardness of Boys Laid to Vicious Surroundings.

Portland, Me., June 13.—At least 90 per cent of the causes of truancy must be sought outside the truant—in circumstances and conditions over which he has no control. Poverty, parental ignorance, weakness, cruelty, drunkenness, unhygienic conditions, and above all, vicious associations are the chief causes of truancy among the boys of our large cities. In a word, environment is the principal cause of truancy as well as of crime, to which it naturally and almost invariably leads.

In this manner T. H. MacQuerey, superintendent of the Chicago Parental School, summed up the evils which are responsible for the truant, in a paper read before the first national conference on the education of backward, truant and delinquent children, which was opened in the Chestnut Street Methodist Church to-day.

Mr. MacQuerey in summing up the work of the Chicago School, declared that the truant is not necessarily a degenerate, as many suppose, but that the average among those attending the school is only a little below the average in the public schools, both physically and mentally. Seventy-five per cent of the boys are undersized and muscularly weak, he admitted, but pointed out that at least 50 per cent of those in the public schools are so classed.

The speaker declared that not more than 10 per cent of truant are so defective that they could not be developed into good, strong boys and men if placed in favorable social, economic and educational conditions.

Mr. MacQuerey absolved the public school system and teachers from blame from truancy and held that the first remedy which must be applied is permanent change of environment, which must embrace a scientifically evolved system for physical improvement, mental development and moral training.

The foregoing is part of a paper read by T. H. MacQuerey, principal of the Chicago Parental School for Truant Boys. He seems to have caught a glimpse of the real cause of the so-called degeneracy among city boys. He says that surroundings and environments are almost entirely the cause, and that the only remedy is to change the environments. It is when he comes to offer a remedy that Mr. MacQuerey falls down. He says, "Even if they get enough to eat and wear to keep them in a fairly good physical condition, there are influences at work in the homes or neighborhood which you and I, if we were forced to live there, could not resist. Therefore such boys should be placed in new homes and given a chance for their lives, and we hope that the legislature at its next session will enable us to do this."

No Socialist will deny the truth of the above statement of the cause of the trouble. But it is when he comes to offer a remedy that the poverty and helplessness of reformers to better the conditions of the children of the working class, so long as capitalism lasts, becomes apparent. He says he hopes the legislature at its next session will enable them to find new homes for these boys. The picking of a boy out here and there and "reforming" them is the only remedy capitalism can offer, but would leave the source of supply (the workers' home and environment under capitalism) untouched.

The objection most often offered to Socialism by capitalist spokesmen in the press, pulpit and college chair is that it would destroy the home. Now the facts are that the modern Socialists are the only ones that are making any serious effort to abolish the conditions and environment that Mr. MacQuerey complains of, not by picking out a few individual cases and "reforming" them, but by abolishing the system that creates such miserable home surroundings.

LABOR NOTES.

Comrade C. L. Breckon, of Typographical Union, No. 16, addressed the Commercial Telegraphers at an open meeting of Chicago Local Union, No. 1, last Sunday afternoon. The attendance was rather small, owing to the fact that a snoker and stag party had been given the night previous, at which 800 were in attendance. Comrade Breckon was the last speaker of the day, following addresses by National First Vice President Comrade Lingquist and National President Will C. Long. Comrade Breckon showed them the futility of trying to work single-handed on the industrial field, as well as the absolute necessity for combining on the political field. He cited the situation in Colorado as an example, and sent home a few straight shots which provoked applause. He told them they were not "masters of the destiny of the human race," as Mr. Dietrich of the C. F. of L. had told them the night before, but that the destiny of the human family lay within the hands of the entire working class, and that it was utterly impossible for one craft or union to raise its condition without also raising that of the lowest down the scale.

After Comrade Breckon had finished the president of the local made a few well-chosen remarks and expressed a desire to have him with the telegraphers again some time, and a motion was unanimously passed thanking the comrade for his stirring words.

Meantime advances in the price of meat goes merrily on.

VOICES FROM THE DARKNESS.

BY ERNEST UTERMANN.

Hearst's Chicago Examiner, in its issue of June 13, has an editorial on "Colorado an Example and a Warning," in which the capitalist mind of the Democratic editor has a lucid moment and flashes forth a few strong words against the anarchism of the respectable business toughs of that State. But after this unusual effort, the capitalist mind sinks back into its customary stupor and the editorial ends in a meaningless mumbering of platitudes, leaving the reader wondering where he is "at."

The editorial deprecates the state of civil war from which all classes are suffering in Colorado, and justly ridicules the specious charge that "the tyranny of the miners' union" is to blame for the trouble. "The cause is much deeper," says the capitalist editor in his waking spell, "a cause which is operative in other States than Colorado, and everywhere must in time produce like results if it shall be allowed by the American people to continue to operate."

"This cause, in the words of the editorial, is 'pull and boodie,' and the testimony of Ray Stannard Baker, in McClure's Magazine for May, is quoted to prove that the business interests of Colorado incited the legislators of the State to lawlessness, in consequence of which they overrode the will of the citizens of Colorado, who, with a majority of 46,714 votes, had voted for an eight-hour law amendment to the Constitution. And the old party politicians thus slapped their constituents in the face, although both old parties had pledged themselves in their platforms to pass a law in accordance with this amendment."

To make the point still stronger, the Examiner editorial quotes the following words from Mr. Baker's article: "Rarely, indeed, has there been in this country a more brazen, conscienceless defeat of the will of the people, plainly expressed, not only at the ballot box, but by the pledges of both parties. And the great corporations of Colorado continued smugly with their nine, ten and twelve hour days—earning a little more profit."

Let us grasp the significance of these admissions of the Chicago Examiner. Business corrupts politics. Both old parties are equally at the beck and call of this corrupt influence. Even a majority vote at the ballot box has failed to check the corrupt capitalists and their corrupt tools in both old parties in their criminal careers. This corrupting cause is operative wherever business interests seize the powers of government, in other words, in all States of the Union. The working men of all other States will get just what the working men of Colorado are now getting, if they allow the fundamental cause, business, to continue its corrupt influence on politics.

This is the testimony of the Chicago Examiner, backed up by the testimony of Mr. Baker. And at the end of the editorial, shortly before going to sleep, the capitalist editor has another lucid spell, and expresses in his muddled capitalist way what the Socialists have said before him a thousand times in much clearer and stronger language:

"The fruits of government by the trusts for the trusts—government by private interests for private interests; government by pull and boodie—are being gathered by the people of Colorado."

"And these same fruits must inevitably be gathered by the people of every State, sooner or later, where the trusts are allowed to rot the government for their own profit, regardless of the public welfare."

"The trusts, which go sack in hand to the State capitals, are the most dangerous of the Republic's enemies. They kill faith in the ballot, break down respect for law, rouse class against class, spread a spirit of desperation, and in their blind greed and brazen contempt for consequences prepare the way for violence. They turn baffled and angry men's minds toward what should be the last thought to occur to the citizens of a manhood-suffrage republic—rebellion and revolution."

"The problem raised by Colorado is not how to suppress violence, but how to prevent violence by attacking the cause."

"Trust corruption, trust lawlessness—how is this to be met and conquered?"

Yes, that is precisely the question, and the Socialists have answered a thousand times: "Let the working class unite in a party by themselves, vote working men into office, instead of the corrupt capitalist tools, and abolish the capitalist system, the cause of class rule and anarchism." But that is not for the Democratic editor to say. No. He rambles along in his vague way and repeats the same clap trap that has fooled the working class for so many years:

"Obey the law, the restive workman or other citizen is told, and rightly. 'If the law does not suit you, go to the ballot box and change it. That is the American way. It is your only remedy. Try any other and you will be met by the club of the policeman and the gun of the soldier. It is society's duty to itself to maintain the supremacy of the law.'"

"So it is. But it is also equally incumbent upon society to see to it that the law is just—that it is worthy of respect in its origin and not a thing born of corruption and designed to protect greed and crime."

The workmen of Colorado have obeyed the law. The capitalists of Colorado and their Democratic and Republican tools have not. They together make up the "society" of Colorado. The workmen have tried to change the law by going to the ballot box. The capitalists and their tools have defeated them. And if the workmen of Colorado follow the advice of the Chicago Examiner, this game of see-saw will continue indefinitely. A voice from the dark cannot help the people who are in darkness.

The trouble with the workmen of Colorado is that they are Democrats and Republicans, that they vote the same ticket as their mortal enemies, the capitalists of Colorado, do, and thus give to these capitalists the power to annul all laws favorable to the working class, to shoot down peaceful and law-abiding workmen for being members of a union, to insult the women and maltreat the children of the Democratic and Republican workmen. The "society" of Colorado is reut in twain by a fierce class struggle, and the working class, instead of grasping the political power by a class party of their own and using this power AGAINST the capitalists and AGAINST the Republican and Democratic politicians, vote FOR them. And so long as they do that they will continue to get what they voted for. They will get injunctions, and bull pens, and intimidation at the polls, abolition of the habeas corpus, denial of free speech and of free assembly, and slavery. And the working people of all other States will in due time get the same if they continue to vote the Republican or Democratic ticket.

Hearst's Chicago Examiner does not tell the American working people that there is only one party in the field willing and able to conquer the political power for the working class, to go to the root of the class struggle by abolishing capitalism and inaugurating Socialism; in order to say that Hearst's Chicago Examiner would have to become a Socialist paper, and instead of boosting Hearst for President on the Democratic ticket, would have to support Eugene V. Debs on the ticket of the Socialist party. Here is an opportunity for Hearst to show himself as a great man and a historical power. He can step out from the dark of capitalist Democracy and stand in the clear light of the Socialist philosophy, speaking the true and ringing words which only Socialism can dictate. Until he does that, the working people of America have every reason to distrust him as one of those radical voices in the dark that make for violence and against progress, because they stir the hatred and passions of the people without showing them the way to a peaceful and certain solution of the class struggle. The only solution is Socialism.

AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

Friday afternoon, June 10, at Handel Hall, the "Woman's Socialist Study Club" held an interesting and profitable meeting, discussing the Socialist party platform adopted in Chicago May 1. There was a good attendance, about sixty women being present.

The national platform was read by Mrs. Gertrude Hunt, after which a general discussion on the platform took place. Short addresses were made by May Wood Simons, Mrs. Madly, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Woodman and others. It was the opinion of most of the speakers that the platform adopted at the Chicago convention is, upon the whole, a statement of the Socialist position and philosophy worthy of the great and growing Socialist movement in America. Mrs. Woodman thought the platform was too long and written in a language that was beyond the comprehension of the working class. The discussion lasted for three hours and the most intense interest was

manifested throughout. The women in the Socialist movement are doing good work in disseminating a knowledge of Socialism among the women of America.

The women's club was fortunate in having present at their meeting Mila Tupper Maynard, of Denver, Col., who addressed the meeting on the situation of the Socialist movement and the condition of labor in that State. She drew a vivid picture of the awful condition of union labor in that corporation-ridden portion of the country, and predicted that it was only a sample of what would soon prevail in every industrial State in the Union. The one thing that she especially emphasized was the crime of indifference manifested by the workers in other States, and even in other portions of Colorado itself, at the outrages perpetrated on the miners of Colorado.

It was a profitable meeting, and we hope the "Women's Socialist Study Club" will hold many more meetings of a similar nature.

To the Members and Officers of the Socialist Party of Illinois:

Comrades—You are no doubt somewhat disturbed by the various conflicting letters and reports that have been sent to you lately and purporting to come from rival State and county officials located in Chicago.

In order to clear up the entire matter the undersigned were elected a sub-committee by the State Executive Committee to draw up a statement of facts and transmit same to secretaries of all Locals in the State.

For the past few months there have been a number of members in Local Cook County who have sought to rule the county organization absolutely without regard to the wishes of the membership. These members have succeeded in getting themselves elected to all the important offices, and in a number of instances refused to abide by the decision of the party membership. Their culminating act was the setting aside the work of the National Convention. This was more than the rank and file could stand and caused the gathering of a county committee with nearly the full membership, since the ribald actions of these officials and their followers were so disgusting to a large number of delegates that of late the committee would transact the business with less than thirty, out of a total membership of about eighty. At this meeting all the old officials were removed and others elected who are more in accord with the views held by the rank and file. But the old officials refused to give up their offices and took with them the party records.

Being hopelessly in a minority on the State committee, they did not attempt to gain their ends within the committee, but called a "special meeting" unauthorized by both the State constitution and rules of the State Executive Committee, and attended by only their own members, and proceeded to elect W. H. Spears as State Secretary, and he is now pretending to fill that office, although the regular State committee and its Executive Committee continues to do its work, with Comrade Jas. S. Smith as Secretary.

The districts represented by Spears and his supporters have long ago withdrawn their members from the State Committee and filled their places with comrades who are in accord with the party policy, so that these men hold no office whatever. The National Quorum at its session on the 11th inst. refused to recognize them in any way and declared Comrade Jas. S. Smith to be State Secretary, and he alone can secure dues stamps and has them for sale.

Under these conditions no attention should be paid to any communication signed by Spears or any other person claiming to be an official of the Socialist Party of Illinois except Jas. S. Smith, State Secretary, unless the Locals are otherwise notified by the State Committee. Fraternally,

A. M. SIMONS, A. W. MANCE, JAS. S. SMITH.

Sub-Committee of the State Executive Committee.

THE BUSINESS DESK.

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While we are engaged in pleasure seeking, through boat excursions, picnics, ice cream socials and other innocent and necessary forms of amusement, let not a comrade among us forget the propaganda, and the important part which literature has in making Socialists. We can supply you at the office with a variety of effective leaflets, at a low price. Come in and get a thousand for immediate distribution.

We want to see the mails bringing to this office a bushel of sub. cards every week. If you have any lying around, comrade, let them circulate; if you have cards not paid for we can make good use of the money; make money orders or checks payable to the Chicago Socialist. Some comrades are doing splendid work; are you one of them? If not, let us hear from you.

To our long-distance friends, located from Maine to California, we would say that we are doing all in our power to put this paper on a self-sustaining basis; we shall reach that point somewhere in the future if we have the continued support of old workers and can enlist the activities of many new ones. Publishing a paper at 25 cents a year and making it pay is a proposition to puzzle the most enterprising. But you all know that the Socialist is not made for profit, but for propaganda. Double our present list and the day of donations will be over—the Chicago Socialist will be self-sustaining. Until that day comes around—and come it will—we must appeal to friends to help us "hold the fort" with free donations proportional to their means. The man at the Business Desk confidently awaits your response. If with your donation you send a list of names, for sample copies, so much the better; that means new subscribers.

The fall campaign is on. Socialists, let no opportunity escape to drive a nail into the coffin of capitalism.

Flag Day, yes, but let it be the red flag of International Socialism.

SOCIALIST PLEASURE CLUB

All comrades will please remember that on SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 25th

There will be a fine Entertainment followed by a Dance to be given by the Socialist Pleasure Club, at UHLICH'S HALL, NORTH CLARK STREET

The program will include a speech by WALTER THOMAS MILLS on the "Colorado Infamy", Music by the SOCIALIST LADIES' SINGING SOCIETY, and SOUVENIR COMRADES. The proceeds will be turned over to the Campaign Fund and the Chicago Socialist. Refreshments will be on sale.

TICKETS 25 CENTS EACH at the door or from comrades.

THE COLORADO INFAMY

No event in the industrial world of recent times so completely emphasizes the decisive character of the Class Struggle in America as does the existing condition in Colorado. A state of capitalistic anarchism which is subversive of the fundamental principles of free government and the rights of the people under constitutional provisions, has prevailed for more than a year and has been largely ignored by capitalistic newspapers.

It is our intention to make the issue of the CHICAGO SOCIALIST for June 25 a special edition, dealing in all their shameful completeness, with the facts in this infamous attempt on the part of the Manufacturers' Associations and Citizens' Alliances, aided and abetted by the State Government with guns and bayonets, to break down working class organizations, suppress public and individual opinion and drive human beings like cattle from their homes.

There will be special articles dealing with various phases of the subject, written by comrades acquainted with the facts. It will be a splendid propaganda number and should be distributed by the hundred thousand all over the country.

Orders for bundles—at 50c a hundred—should reach this office not later than Thursday, June 22nd. Send cash with order, payable to CHICAGO SOCIALIST, Room 27, Metropolitan Block, Randolph and La Salle Streets, Chicago.

THE CHICAGO SOCIALISTS AND COLORADO OUTRAGES.

Never in the history of the long struggle of the working class against capitalism has there been a series of events so fraught with significance to labor as those which are now occurring in the State of Colorado.

In view of these facts the Campaign Committee of Illinois and Cook County, in accordance with the recommendation of the national quorum, have decided to urge the Cook County branches of the Socialist party to arrange a series of protest meetings for the purpose of arousing the intelligent indignation of the working class of Chicago against the outrages now being perpetrated upon their class.

These meetings will be held in various parts of the city on Sunday, June 26. It is too early to give the place of meeting in each locality, as these must be arranged for by the wards.

We have been told that the machinery of the Socialist party in Cook County is not organized with sufficient effectiveness to enable the carrying out of any such work.

Chairman of Committee on Protest Meeting.

SOCIAL NOTES.

SOCIALISTS ENJOY OUTING.

Eight Hundred Socialists and Their Friends Cross the Lake—Weather Was Ideal—Never Enjoyed Myself Better, Was the Verdict of One and All.

Eight hundred socialists and their friends took advantage of the excursion arranged by the Chicago Socialist to Michigan City last Sunday to enjoy a day's outing.

The entertainment committee had made perfect arrangements, which were carried out without a hitch. The committee on weather, which consisted of "Barney" Beryn and the ladies of the Seventh Ward branch, succeeded in getting the weather man to see his class interests.

The beautiful steamer Indianapolis left Rush street bridge at 10 a. m. sharp and arrived at Michigan City at 12:30, when all took a good look at the huge sand dunes and then proceeded to Washington Park, where all kinds of sports were the order of the day.

The boat was so well filled that when "somebody" got separated from "somebody," somebody had some trouble finding "somebody."

THE SOCIALIST PLEASURE CLUB

The young people of Chicago who are interested in Socialism should not miss the opportunity of attending the entertainment and dance at Ullrich's Hall, 27 North Clark street, Saturday evening, June 25.

bership. Experience in the past has taught me the danger of establishing inner circles in any movement that aims at democracy.

Please submit this comment to the National Committee as early as possible.

In accordance with the above result, I have called the National Quorum to meet at national headquarters, on Saturday, June 11, and a full report of the meeting will be promptly transmitted to the National Committee.

WILLIAM MAULLY, National Secretary.

SOCIALISM VERSES ROMANISM.

The past arises before us like a startling reality. The organized opposition of Milwaukee Catholics against Socialism is like an echo from a mediaeval cavern.

This antagonism may lead the disinterested to ask, "What can Socialism be? Is it a child of the Reformation, or a belated Phoenix arising from the ashes of Pandalism?"

The church generally yields gracefully when she sees that her consent is not needed. Furthermore, when a change which she has bitterly denounced is once fairly established, she is prone to claim it as her own achievement.

WORKINGMEN'S WAGES.

"O. E. N." of Rockford proposes as a solution of the labor problem that a minimum wage of \$1.75 for women, and \$2.50 for men be established by law.

What is to prevent the employing class, who absolutely control the products of labor, from increasing the cost of the necessities of life so that \$1.75 and \$2.50 will purchase only one-third of what they do now?

The only practical method which has ever been proposed for justice to the workers is for the workers to unite at the ballot box and obtain control of the powers of government and use the powers so obtained to establish a national cooperative commonwealth.

COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The next meeting of the Cook County Central Committee will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. June 19, at 55 North Clark street.

MINERS FAVOR SOCIALISM.

Western Federation of Miners reaffirms its former action. The Western Federation of Miners at their convention at Denver last week reaffirmed its political action at the 14th and eleventh annual conventions in favor of Socialism.

The members of the Executive Board was increased from nine to eleven and will include a representative from the Seventh District, which was created in the Southwest at the last convention, and one representative of the coal miners' union in the organization.

Have you contemplated taking a trip to the Louisiana Exposition in your automobile? Haven't got one? That's funny. Your boss has, you say? Well, if you loved yourself as much as your boss, and vote for yourself instead of for your boss, you'd have automobiles too.

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THIS MAD WORLD.

To the scientific mind the world appears as a large insane asylum. In it we have a great toiling mass, some in the bowels of the earth, others on the surface of the earth, producing wealth in abundance—food, clothing, shelter, and luxury—and having fashioned nature into useful form, handing over to a small class the whole result of the collective effort, being content to take as their share about one-third in the form of wages representing so much food, clothing, and shelter previously produced by them; when this toiling mass produces too much food it starves; too much clothing it goes naked; too much shelter, and verily it has nowhere to lay its head.

Yea; it can all be changed. This mad industrial inferno can be made to blossom into a Garden of Eden when mankind awakens to a desire to live a decent, wholesome life. But the class who own the means whereby this change is to be effected will first have to be dispossessed of them—the land and instruments of production, transformed from class to collective ownership.

AUDITORS REPORT ON BANQUET OF MAY 1, 1904.

Table with columns for items, amounts, and totals. Includes 487 tickets sold at 50c, \$243.50; Disbursements: A. Holdke, music, \$15.00; A. Mark, caterer, \$13.25; A. Aker, one ticket returned, 50c; Total \$272.25.

DOES THIS OPINION COMMAND RESPECT?

This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it.

Have you ever thought of this: The new inventions in labor-saving machinery, the discoveries in science, and the application of these to the production of things that all human beings need and ought to have, instead of increasing the happiness and adding to the security of the masses, as such things should do, throw men out of employment and cause want and wretchedness and crime in the world?

Make Chicago boil with the indignant protests of the workers against the outrages being enacted in Colorado.

Instead of "stamping Socialism out of the Western Federation of Miners," the Citizens' Alliance and Mine Owners' Association of Colorado is pursuing a course that will result in its being stamped in, not only the miners' organization, but labor organizations throughout the country; and let us hope it will be done so thoroughly as to be ineffaceable.

Let us have no tinkering with the platform until the next National Convention. It will serve our purpose in the campaign of this year, and that is the main thing. A campaign for Socialism will put us nearer the goal than a crying down of a platform, and we will make more Socialists in a propaganda than in formulating platforms in accordance with our individual ideas.

It's strange, but true, that a persecuted thing always grows. The "Split Fruit" Farm has recently gotten so much advertising that they are now apparently doing a land office business in Chicago.

The butchers at the stock yards will withdraw from the Packing Trades' Council, claiming there is too much sympathetic strike. Wonder if the packing companies have convinced a few of the leaders that it's a bad thing for the workers to stand together?

Come and have a good time at the 26th Ward Socialist Party's

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SOCIALIST DAILY FOR CHICAGO The Bohemian Central Committee who now conduct a weekly Socialist paper in the Bohemian language and own a printing plant valued at \$4,000, have decided to enlarge their business and convert their paper into a Bohemian daily.

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This offer has met with such good results that we have decided to continue same to June 1. In order to make it easy for everyone to have one, we make the following Premium Offer, good until June 1: Send us 15 subscriptions with cash and we will at once mail you the book or send 15 cards with cash and book goes to you by next mail.

WATCH OUR GRAND PREMIUM OFFER NEXT WEEK.

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 July.

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WORK IN THE STATE

To the Locals and Branches of the Socialist Party of Illinois:

Comrades—In accordance with Article IV, Section 3, of our State Constitution, the senatorial and congressional conventions are hereby called for the purpose of placing legislative candidates in all the below enumerated senatorial districts and candidates in all even numbered senatorial districts and candidates for Congress in all congressional districts.

All senatorial district conventions shall be held on Sunday, July 3, and the congressional conventions shall be held on Monday, July 4.

All shall be delegate conventions, unless otherwise provided. Both senatorial and congressional conventions shall assemble at 3 p. m. unless otherwise provided.

The place of holding the conventions will appear below, together with names of secretaries of Locals within each senatorial or congressional district; also name of person who will have charge of same. These comrades will please secure a meeting place and communicate with secretaries within their respective districts, advising them of the location of hall. Nominating certificates will also be mailed these comrades, who are herewith requested to fill out same with name and address of nominees and secure the services of a notary public to certify to the signatures of the chairman and secretary of the convention. In each case where a senatorial or congressional district extends beyond the boundaries of one county the nominating certificate should be mailed to the State Secretary. In districts composed of one or less than one county the nominating certificate should be filed with the County Clerk, excepting in the case of districts in Cook County, where all certificates should be mailed to the County Secretary, Comrade A. S. Edwards, 161 Randolph street, Room 27.

In districts not enumerated below the conventions will be called later.

For the Illinois State Committee,

JAS. S. SMITH, Secretary.

SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Ward 29 and Precincts 1 to 14 of Ward 11, and Precincts 1 to 6 of Ward 12, Chicago.

THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Ward 3 and Precincts 1 to 16 and 23 to 29 of Ward 4, and Precinct 1 of Ward 5, Chicago.

FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Wards 29 and 30 and Precinct 1 of Ward 31, Chicago.

FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 15 to 19 and 23 to 30 of Ward 5, and Precincts 1 to 24 and 25 to 31 of Ward 7, Chicago.

SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Wards 24 and 26, and Precincts 1 to 24 of Ward 25, and Precincts 40, 41, 42 of Ward 25, and Town of Evanston, Chicago.

SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Branches. Winnetka, Melrose Park and Chicago Heights.

ELEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Wards 31 and 32, Chicago.

TWELFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Carroll.

THIRTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Wards 33 and 34, Chicago.

FOURTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Kane and Kendall.

FIFTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Kane County.

SIXTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Wards 9 south of Maxwell, Ward 10 south of 14th to Throop and south of 16th to 18th, Throop and LaSalle, and Ward 11 south of 16th street.

SEVENTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Ward 19 and Ward 9 north of Maxwell street, and Ward 10 north of 14th street to Throop and north of 16th street, between Throop and LaSalle, Chicago.

EIGHTEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Peoria County.

NINETEENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Wards 13 and 34 and Precincts 7 to 12 of Ward 12, Chicago.

TWENTIETH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Grady, Kankakee and Sholonda.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Fourth, Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards and the Thirty-fifth Ward north of Kinzie street.

EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Nineth and Tenth Wards and the Eleventh and Twelfth Wards north of 22d street.

NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth Wards and the Thirty-fifth Ward north of Kinzie street.

TENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Twenty-first, Twenty-second and the Twenty-third Ward east of Halsted street and the Twenty-fifth Ward south of Graceland avenue.

ELEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. Twenty-first, Twenty-second and the Twenty-third Ward east of Halsted street and the Twenty-fifth Ward south of Graceland avenue.

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THIRTY-THIRD SENATORIAL DISTRICT. All of Ward 15 and Precincts 17 to 25 of Ward 16, and Precincts 1 to 4, 8 and 15 to 18 of Ward 35, Chicago.

THIRTY-FOURTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 1 to 34 and 35 to 41 of Ward 17, Chicago.

THIRTY-FIFTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 1 to 10 and 11 to 13 of Ward 18, and Precincts 1 to 7, 10 to 18 and 40 to 43 of Ward 17, Chicago.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 1 to 10 and 11 to 13 of Ward 18, and Precincts 1 to 7, 10 to 18 and 40 to 43 of Ward 17, Chicago.

THIRTY-EIGHTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 1 to 10 and 11 to 13 of Ward 18, and Precincts 1 to 7, 10 to 18 and 40 to 43 of Ward 17, Chicago.

THIRTY-NINTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT. Precincts 1 to 10 and 11 to 13 of Ward 18, and Precincts 1 to 7, 10 to 18 and 40 to 43 of Ward 17, Chicago.

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FROM NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FUND.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Chicago, Ill., June 11, '04.

The following contributions have been made to the National Campaign Fund since last report:

Table listing contributions from various individuals and organizations, including H. A. L. New, Wellington, Mass., \$2.00; C. C. McHugh, Alameda, Mont., \$1.50; Bohemian Central Committee, Chicago, Ill., \$10.00; L. W. Caldwell, Abilene, Idaho, \$10.00; N. E. Arnold, Goddard, Ia., \$6.16; Knoxville, Tenn., \$6.16; Comrade E. Tenn., \$2.50; Cameron H. King, Jr., San Francisco, Cal., \$4.00.

Previously acknowledged \$27.96

Total to date \$114.91

The National Quorum was called to meet at National Headquarters, Chicago, Saturday, June 11th, and a report of the meeting will be sent to the press and all local secretaries. Definite plans for the campaign will be announced as a result of the meeting.

From every quarter of the country comes requests to the National Secretary for speakers and literature. Judging from the interest aroused by the national convention and the nomination of Debs and Hanford, a remarkable campaign of education is beginning. There must be no State left without its electoral ticket in this election and to accomplish this the National Campaign Fund should be swelled to the limit. Every Socialist should not only dig down himself on the half day's donation during the third week in June, but every sympathizer within reach should be reached. Thousands of workers will contribute if they are approached in the right way and their attention called to the importance of assisting the party of their class in this great battle.

The reader of these lines who has not yet got a contribution list should write to his State Secretary, or to the National Secretary, if the State is unorganized.

Orders for the printed report of the National Convention Proceedings can be sent direct to the National Secretary with the surety that orders will be filled promptly. This is the only complete report of the convention published anywhere and its historical value should be appreciated by everyone. Price, paper cover, 50 cents; cloth, \$1.

When the Secretary of the Down Town Young People's Social Democratic Club of New York City sent in the donation of 15 to the National Organizing Fund two weeks ago, he said: "Our club is the youngest of the three clubs of this kind, having been organized on June 27th, 1903, and during this period of one year we have done some good work for the party. The greatest success was the mass meet-

ing on April 6th, at which Comrades A. M. and May Wood Simons spoke. These two lecturers were on a tour under the direction of the National Committee. There were at least 3,000 persons crowded into the hall and several hundred could not get in at all. The entire meeting was arranged by our club. After all the local candidates have been nominated, we intend arranging another such meeting.

The three clubs in Greater New York are about to organize a Central Committee, the first meeting of delegates to be held on June 17th. After we are once thoroughly organized we will begin to do some good, effective work and then there will be no end to it, and will wake the sleeping young element out of their slumber, and educate them to realize that a class struggle is on and make them enlist in the already large army of Socialist workers. Clubs of this kind should be organized wherever there is a field to agitate for Socialism, and we will be proud when the Young People's Socialist Clubs of this country can meet in a National Convention, as the Young People's Clubs of Austria did on May 1st, at the same time that the convention of the Socialist Party of Austria was in session.

If at any time, before the campaign is in full swing, we should be in a position to donate more money to the organizing or campaign fund, we will gladly do so.

Local Laurium, Mich., has expelled John B. Rasteller from the Socialist Party because he accepted a local nomination on an independent ticket and refused to withdraw as a candidate after being notified by the local.

George D. Herron's new pamphlet, "The Day of Judgment," the royalty of which will go into the national campaign fund, can be had direct from the National Secretary for ten cents.

Chicago, June 13, 1904. W. Harry Spears, R. 36, 173 Washington Street, Chicago. Dear Comrade—I beg to notify you of the following action taken by the National Quorum at its meeting on last Saturday, June 11, upon your request for recognition as secretary pro tem. of the Socialist party of Illinois: Moved by Work, "That having listened to the presentation of both sides and given the matter due consideration, we, the National Quorum, decide to recognize James S. Smith as State Secretary of Illinois."

The motion being put to a vote resulted as follows: Yes—Work, Reynolds and Berger, Berlyn not voting. None against. Berger wished his opinion in the case to go on record as follows: "Because the National Committee deals with State committees only, and not with any minority fraction of same. Furthermore, we have never been notified that the majority of the State Committee of Illinois has removed Smith or has assented to his removal."

A copy of this letter is also being forwarded by same mail to Comrade James S. Smith. Fraternally yours, WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.