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THE TEAMSTERS SURRENDER

One of the fiercest struggles ever waged in this city between capital and labor has for the moment come to an end. As usually happens, the strikers have been defeated and have been compelled to unconditionally surrender to the employers.

The Employers' Association and their mouthpieces are at present gloating with ghoulish glee at their glorious triumph over organized labor in this city, and are delivering hypocritical lectures and sermons as to the cause of the defeat of the teamsters.

A great variety of causes are put forward by the capitalist papers to mislead the working class readers as to why the strike was lost. But they never for a moment reveal the real, underlying cause of labor's many defeats.

The capitalist press would have the workers believe that the strike was lost because the teamsters went on strike in an attempt to assist the garment workers, instead of for more pay or better working conditions for themselves. Or they tell them the strike was lost because their leaders were corrupt and immoral men. Any old cause or reason but the real one, given and reiterated day after day.

The truth is that the teamsters lost the strike because all the munitions of war were in the hands of the employers, and while they admit that the strike cost them a couple of million dollars, neither they nor their families suffered for the necessities of life, or even went without the luxuries of life, because of their losses.

It is argued by many that the strike might have been won if the strike had been made general and the full power of organized labor been brought to bear at once. Whether this view is correct or not, nothing but trying it could demonstrate. It appears as though it might be if labor was organized and disciplined perfectly enough to make the strike sufficiently general to include all groups of workers covering a sufficiently large territory.

However, when the working class becomes sufficiently intelligent and class-conscious to conduct a general strike that would defeat the combined powers of capitalism they will have intelligence enough to go to the polls and possess themselves of the powers of government, executive, legislative and judicial, before they bring on the fight.

The teamsters' union has suffered a brief defeat and the capitalists and their henchmen are celebrating a great victory. But it remains to be seen if the teamsters have gone through this war without discovering the source of their own weakness and their antagonists' strength.

The absolute servility to the Employers' Association of Mayor Dunne, Sheriff Barrett, the judges that issued the injunctions, and also the Hearst papers, during this strike, should go far to open the eyes of the workers of Chicago to the fact that so long as they continue to vote Republican and Democratic tools of the capitalists into power on election day, that their strikes are likely to terminate just like the teamsters' strike and so many others that have gone before it.

While none regrets the humiliation and defeat of the teamsters more than the Socialists do, we realize better than any portion of the working class that the defeat is only temporary. It appears unthinkable to believe that the working class is so stupid that they will not in the end see the absolute necessity of uniting the strength of their economic organization with their political power.

No, Mr. Workingman, the teamsters did not lose their strike because their cause was unjust. And while we have no disposition to condone corrupt or "immoral leaders" of the Shea type, we are satisfied that the strike would have resulted no different had it been led by the "immaculate St. John Mitchell" or the pet of the Civic Federation, Samuel Gompers.

The teamsters' strike was lost for the same reason that the meat workers, the machinists, the laundry workers and all other defeated workers lost their strikes—viz., because of the ignorance, poverty and utter stupidity of the working class in not seeing how helpless they are while the capitalist class controls all the opportunities to produce wealth and the political powers to protect them in their "vested rights" to exploit the working class.

Workingmen, you have not lost "the war"; you have only lost what is to you a somewhat important battle. You still possess the strength and vital qualities which makes ultimate victory certain. Conditions will soon force you to rally your forces for another battle and the experience of the last fifteen weeks will not be forgotten, nor lost.

You have learned the futility of putting "your trust in friends of labor." Dunne and Hearst have given you an excellent demonstration of how much they are interested in the working class. But these men don't belong to your class, and they have given you just what the Socialists have continually pointed out that you might expect. These men received their nomination from and had their campaign expenses paid by the men who placed them in a position to control the political offices, that they might use them to further their own interests. They have been true to their class and you have again been deceived by their blandishments, honeyed words and empty promises.

Would you see these men who are now gloating over your bitter humiliation turn the lines of their faces to a frown instead of a laugh of scorn? Would you hear the capitalist press, that is gleefully rejoicing because you are compelled to return to your masters and beg for the privilege of working, sing another tune? Would you see a quiver of terror come over the class which has its head mercilessly planted on your neck, refusing even to let you wear your union button? Would you see all this and more? Then rally at the ballot box next fall and elect six class-conscious Socialist judges to the bench in Cook County. Do this, and repeat the dose at every future election until you control all the public powers, and you will be able to show the gentlemen who gather in the palatial Union League Club just where they get off at.

"Business" is the art of getting rich without getting into jail. If you get into jail it is called a "get rich quick scheme."—Guy Williams.

A new broom sweeps clean, but the old one knows where the dirt is located. The "new" chief of police is a great improvement. Watch him.

U. S. Senator John Mitchell, under jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine, still retains his seat. It's a case of hanging together.

And now we have a \$40,000,000 potter's trust. The price of "plates" at the Union League Club will now be advanced.

Yellow fever peril raises a great panic, but ten times the number of deaths from needless railroad accidents create not even a ripple.

The statistical annex of Wall Street, known as the Agricultural Department finds it necessary to imprison the clerks in concrete rooms to prevent "leaks." Great system!

If John Collins could not be elected Mayor he could be appointed chief of police. But there are eighty-two John Collines in Chicago, and this is the other fellow.

The papers announced Wednesday morning that Mayor Dunne had left for Boston, where he would deliver an address on municipal ownership. Now, you victims of the strap and the antiquated, hanging, bumping, rocking, rickety, broken-down old street car junk, who have voted for municipal ownership for the streets time, what?

do you think of that? Won't such information slightly jar you?

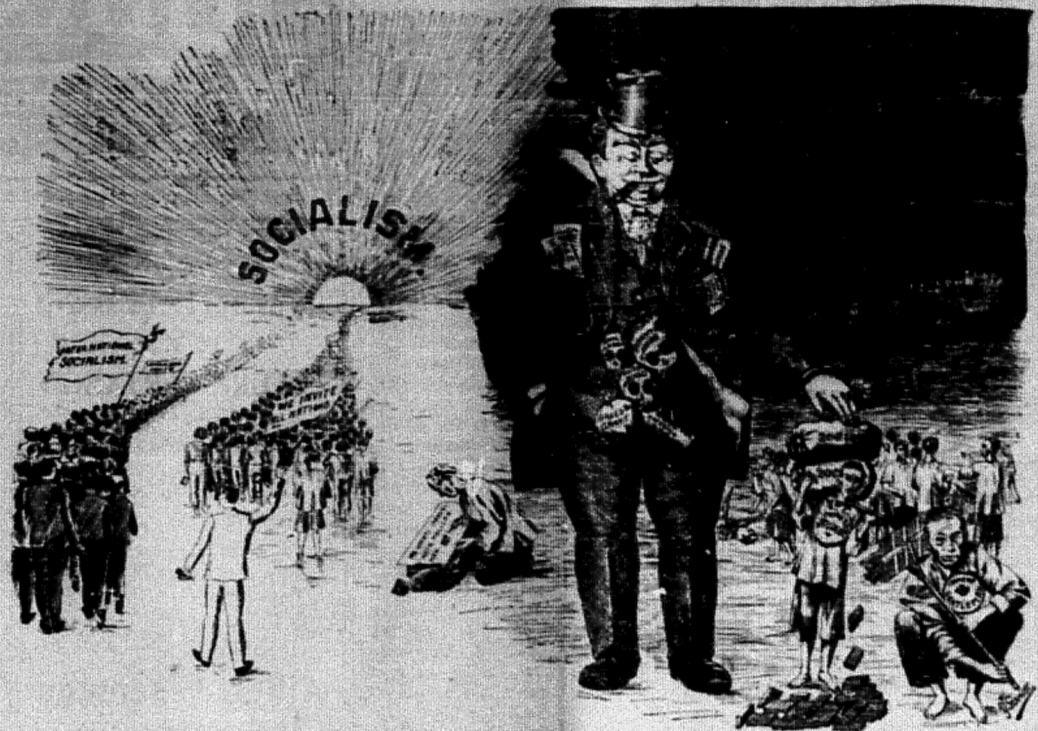
Ida Tarbell thinks Brother Rockefeller has not been living up to the golden rule. Won't some one rise up and tell her that the bald-headed brother has been too busy practicing the diamond rule. "Do others or else they will do you." Wonder what Ida thinks the oil trust is for anyway.

And now the "Honorable" Chauncey Depew states "My relations with the Equitable were not only honorable but even involved self-sacrifice." The Senator from the New York Central R. R. is not troubled much by his conscience when he can claim that to swindle the people out of \$20,000 a year is "honorable and self-sacrificing."

That is the self-sacrificing capitalist always practice. How grateful we should be for their sacrifices for our sakes. Vote for them some more.

News advices from Cleveland state that Barney Oldfield, the auto racer and capitalist, has been sued for divorce by his wife who charges him with neglect and says that although he has a large income she was forced to sell her belongings to keep from starving.

The capitalists get so used to the sight of misery and want around them that they will even let their own want sometimes while they are out on auto trips advertising their racing qualities to the world. And this caricature of a man is one of that "virtuous" class which is afraid that Socialists would destroy the home, daughter, wife?



The Only Way Out of This Darkness and Misery Is Through Socialism.

"PITY THE SORROWS OF A POOR OLD MAN."

OIL KING'S HEART SLOWLY BREAKING.

John D. Rockefeller Thirsts for Sympathy or a Single Kind Word.

Cleveland, O., July 21.—John D. Rockefeller thirsts for sympathy—hungers for a kind word.

With his uncounted millions, his lifelong ambition gratified, and no more worlds for his mercenary conquering, the richest man in the world sits by the hour at Forest Hill, his chin sunk on his breast, or walks for hours under the trees of his magnificent estate, always alone, always in gloom. He has lost interest in golf and has become morose.

His greatest interest now is in his press clippings bureau. The flood of printed denunciations recently let loose upon him exercises over him a fascination which he cannot escape, though the inevitable consequence be humiliation and heart burning.—News Item.

John D. Rockefeller and the Standard Oil Company, behind the American Linseed Oil Company, by a financial coup, have cornered linseed oil and forced the suspension of the three independent refiners at Buffalo.—News Item.

The above calls of somebody to please shed a tear for John D. On the opposite side is evidence that a few tears will be shed—by widows and orphans—tears of blood and of life. One of our correspondents loses his grip and really thinks the poor working man has the best of it. Money may not buy happiness, but prayers without potatoes are in vain.

When will the working class wake up to the fact that it is part of the scheme of squeeze and grab to work on the sympathies of the exploited and prove what a time of it the rich man has? They have worked the game for two thousand years, telling that "needle's eye and camel story." Giving the working man a hell to live in and then telling him that if he will only "obey" the law he will spend eternity in the heaven created by the fancy of these hypocritical skimmers who tell us their hearts are breaking. Better break up the system, then this and to thousands other humbugs will be no more.

THE CAPITALIST'S PRAYER.

A well known capitalist of Chicago has the following prayer in printed form pasted on his desk so that his eye may fall upon it the first thing every morning:

"I will try this day to live a simple, sincere, serene life; repelling every thought of discontent, self-seeking or anxiety; cultivating magnanimity, self-control and a habit of silence; practicing economy, cheerfulness and helpfulness. And as I cannot in my own strength do this, or even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to Thee, O Lord, my Father in Christ, my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit."

How well and how closely this said capitalist is living up to this prayer may be learned from the fact that there are a lot of little children at work in his factory who ought to be in school receiving \$3.50 and \$4 per week. And there are men of families receiving the munificent weekly wages of \$7.50 and \$8.

There was a time when I, too, might have uttered the above prayer, but it was before I had observed a few things. I had not learned of the class struggle. I did not know of the child slavery of our city. I had not studied the conditions in the Southern cotton mills nor those of Falls River, Mass. The woes of the clinker boys of the Pennsylvania mines had not reached my ear. And so I say I might have prayed as this capitalist has prayed, but now that I have learned these things may my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if, until these conditions are removed, I ever breathe or utter such a prayer again. J. M. C.

See Eisenmann's adv. on second page.

CURNEY HAT CO. CLEARING SALE STRAW HATS BIG REDUCTION 97 EAST MADISON STREET N. W. COR. DEARBORN

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Linseed oil plants in Buffalo that were standing out against the Standard Oil Company have been forced to the wall. Evidently when Mr. Rockefeller was supposed to be walking in solitude, longing for some one to love and understand him, he was really thinking up things to do to independent oil companies.—Editorial, Daily News.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller is accused of having monopolized another industry. It is not a large one as compared with that in which he has made most of his money, but all is fish that comes to his net. The independent refiners of linseed oil at Buffalo say he has forced them to close their works, and that he has absolute control of the output of a necessary product.

The manufacturers say they do not dare to buy and crush seed because the American Linseed Oil Company, behind which Mr. Rockefeller stands, holds several million bushels. They are afraid that if they were to continue making oil the company would crush a large portion of its surplus and flood the market with oil offered at a price the independents could not compete with. They would be unable to sell their product except at a sacrifice. To escape that disaster they close their plants.—Ed., Daily Tribune.

WHY OPINIONS DIFFER.

It Depends on How They Made Their Living.

The Wise Elephant, whose efforts were always directed towards the benefit of his society, saw with much concern among the beasts many abuses which called loudly for reform. He therefore assembled them, and with all due respect and humility, began a long harangue; and enlarged for more than a quarter of an hour, remarking all their vices, also a thousand ridiculous habits, particularly their unworthy idleness, their rapacious selfishness, their wanton cruelty and spiteful envy, all of which so conspicuously appeared among them. To many of his auditors this speech appeared extremely delightful and judicious, and they listened with open-mouthed attention, especially the innocent Dove, the faithful Dog, the obedient Camel, the harmless Sheep, and even the little, industrious Ant; the busy Bee also approved much of this lecture. Another part of the audience were extremely offended, and could scarcely endure so long an oration: the Tiger, for instance, and the rapacious Wolf were exceedingly tired, and the Serpent hissed with all his might while a murmur of disapprobation burst from the Wasp, the Drone, the Hornet, and the Fly. The Grasshopper hopped disdainfully away from the assembly, the Sloth was indignant, and the Insolent Ape mimicked the orator in contempt.

The Elephant seeing the tumult, concluded his discourse with these words: "My advice is addressed equally to all, but remember that those who feel hurt by any remarks of mine acknowledge their guilt. The innocent are unmoved."—Ex.

The street car companies are showing their hand. They propose to enjoy their city on the municipal ownership proposition. This may be municipalized "government by injunction."

The Evanston police puncture automobile tires with pistol bullets. High speed on highways is all wrong, but a "killing pace" in the modern factory is all right.

THE INDUSTRIAL CONVENTION.

(By Eugene V. Debs.)

The delegates who assembled in Chicago last month in response to the call for the industrial convention were as representative proletarian gathering as ever met in this or any other country. The task that awaited them was as difficult, all things considered, as any that ever confronted a body of workers, but they were equal to it, and as the result of their deliberations and actions there is now a sound economic working class organization in the field; and although its progress will be beset with difficulties, it will sturdily face and successfully overcome them all and fulfill the great mission for which it has been organized.

From the very first the capitalist papers misrepresented and in fact deliberately lied about the convention. I have it upon good authority that all the Chicago dailies united in instructing their reporters to "knock" the convention wherever possible and in other respects to ignore it. They did even worse than this, in that they resorted to downright mendacity to accomplish their purpose of defeating a body of men who by their records had proved that they were above the corrupting influences of capitalist bribery and whose object it was to unite the working class for their emancipation from wage-slavery.

These capitalist organs are all very loyal to the American Federation of Labor for reasons that readily suggest themselves. To show how the capitalist press treated us it is only necessary to say that at their own solicitation I furnished a statement in regard to the convention and its objects. All the Chicago papers were supplied with a copy of it and all of them suppressed it. Not a single line appeared, although the statement was furnished at their own solicitation. Next, they sent reporters accompanied by short-hand writers to interview me in regard to the convention and the work it was expected to accomplish. I took the time to dictate an extended and detailed statement. Not a single line appeared. Then again, when I was obliged to leave the convention before adjournment to fill some speaking engagements, these same papers reported that I had left in disgust, which was an unqualified falsehood.

The work of the convention, on the whole, was and is entirely satisfactory to me. It was in point of fact, in many respects, the greatest labor convention I ever attended.

The delegates differed widely in matters of detail, which was to be expected, but upon the great vital principle of uniting the working class upon the economic field in a revolutionary organization recognizing and expressing the class struggle they were one, and the record they made for themselves and their class was in every respect creditable to both their heads and their hearts and will bear the severest tests of time.

Of course, there is no disposition on our part to avoid criticism. We expect it and are prepared to meet it. We have taken our stand and all the capitalist class and their cohorts of whatever name cannot dislodge us.

The predictions so freely made before the convention that Debs was seeking an office and that DeLeon would show his fine Italian hand were all designed to discredit the convention, and the fact that neither the one nor the other of these "self-seekers" holds office in the new organization forces these critics to find other reasons for opposing industrial organization in the interest of the working class.

DeLeon did not "capture" the organization and Debs is not "disgusted" with it. Such silly and stupid falsehoods will have no effect on the body of men and women who met in Chicago on June 27, and who performed their task with such ability and such fidelity to the working class that the organization formed by them, so much needed at this time, will at once appeal to the workers of the land and they will rally to its standard in ever-increasing numbers until it becomes the dominant power on the economic field in the working class struggle for emancipation.

INJUNCTION

TO UNION-MEN AND SYMPATHIZERS

There is an election to be held in Cook County in November, 1905. It is not an election of the kind most interesting to the average politician and ward heeler, for not many offices are to be given out. It is what they call an off year. Yet this is an election in which YOU have the chance of your life to do some voting for your own interests.

Have you happened to notice any policemen riding on wagons during the last few months?

And have you seen any placards on the wagons of the express companies and the Employers' Teaming Company?

If so, possibly you saw the word INJUNCTION on the placards. Do you know what that means?

It means that the union teamsters and those in sympathy with them are forbidden by the judges and policemen to interfere in any way, even by persuasion or uncomplimentary remarks, with the strike breakers who are driving these wagons.

It also means that if you do what is enjoined you are likely to have your head broken with a club, or to be carried off to the police station, or both, probably both.

Well, do you like it?

But then you know you voted for it, unless you are one of the 23,000 who voted for John Collins, the Socialist, at the last election.

Never mind, you voted for Dunne because you thought he was a "good man" and a "friend of labor." You didn't know he was going to put policemen on the wagons. But now you have had a chance to see how these things are done, what are you going to do next time? Who is going to get your vote for judge?

Perhaps you think you will be sure this time to vote for a "good man." But stop and think a minute.

Would your head feel any better if you had been clubbed by a "good" policeman than if a "bad" policeman had hit you?

Would it be any more fun to serve out a sentence in the bridewell or penitentiary if a "good" judge sent you there than if a "bad" judge sent you?

Don't you see that it is not a question of "good" men or "bad" men; it is a question of war.

The fight is on between us, the working class, and the associated employers. The trouble so far has been that they knew it and most of us didn't know it. Injunctions and policemen are a part of their way of fighting. You see that, don't you? But now you have a chance to elect the judges that sign the injunctions. How are you going to vote?

There will be three sets of candidates. There will be a Republican ticket. The associated employers will make sure that every man on that ticket is a man they can depend on. There will be a Democratic ticket. The associated employers will make sure that every man on that ticket is a man they can depend on.

But there will also be a Socialist ticket. And we, the people that have no "business interests" because we have nothing to sell but our labor power, we are going to make sure that every man on that ticket will be a man that WE can depend on.

How would you like to have the injunctions issued to help YOU instead of to help the men that are fighting you?

It is easy enough. When you elect judges next fall vote the ticket of the SOCIALIST PARTY, and see that every other union man and union sympathizer does the same.

Charles H. Kerr.

WHY WE WORK ON.

It is a thousand pities that in the rough-and-tumble of our workaday world we have so little time to devote to our ideals, or to refresh our minds with the contemplation of what even now might be. The struggle is too strenuous, the fight is too keen, the demands of existence are too strong upon most of us to allow of our looking for more than a moment, now and then, upon the possibilities and probabilities ahead of us, which, nevertheless, appear realizable and actual enough when we do look. How strange it will seem to our descendants, when they come into their inheritance, after the hurry-burly we live in is done, that same men and women, with twentieth century knowledge and experience at their command, should be wasting their time about the ergotic menaces of Kaisers and the wholesale deprivations of contractors; that we should put up with a Balfour or a Chamberlain, and suffer a Rockefeller or a Westminister gladly. It looks every odd even now. It will look much odder still a hundred years or so hence. For, if we would but believe it, the development of society and the progress of economics has brought us to the haven whither we would be. Nothing but our ignorance and selfishness prevents us from going ashore on the islands of the blessed and ousting with ease the handful of legalized marauders who keep us from our own. There is plenty of everything for all. Plenty of health, of wealth, of appreciation, of delight. But while we scramble like pigs round a trough and peep our hoofs into one another's eyes we cannot see that at last we have at our disposal the full fruition of the martyrdom of man; and that Socialism means for all higher intellectual, physical and moral satisfaction than the most fortunate and privileged of our race have ever yet enjoyed.—London Justice.

It would appear from all accounts that Milwaukee is likely to carry off the pennant this year as the champion inducer of grafters. Up to date the grand jury has returned some 107 true bills. These indictments are all for public grafting and take in everybody from the Mayor to the dog catcher.

For years we have been assured by Depew in his most "jolly" way that "Everything is all right, all the time and every where," but recently we have been getting some of the reasons why the honorable graft—I mean Senator, from the N. Y. Central R. R. was so completely satisfied with everything. "Everything is all right" with him and his class of grafters, but when the people "get wise" to their graft (of every kind) there will be a change. Graft will exist as long as the "tainted money" so obtained can be used to squeeze rent, interest or profit out of labor.

To steal is all right, the fault lies in being found out. Just ask your "respectable" Senators and prominent business men.

THE POWER THAT MAKES FOR PEACE.

Following is the manifesto which the Young People's Social Democratic Movement of Sweden adopted at its first congress, held at Stockholm, June 11 and 12 last. The congress also decided to print and distribute 100,000 copies of it. It reads:

"A Manifesto

"From the Young Workers of Sweden.

"Down With Arms.

"As each passing day makes it more and more plain that the Swedish upper class and reactionary papers aim at arousing a sentiment in favor of meeting Norway with arms in her struggle for liberty, the Young Workers of Sweden declare, through their representatives assembled at Stockholm:

"That it is a crime against the peaceful people of Sweden to try and force it to war with its brothers;

"That it is the Swedish workers' and its Young Workers' unalterable decision never to answer a call to arms;

"That the workers of Sweden are prepared to discontinue work all over the land, in order to prevent a war;

"That the Young Workers of Sweden are inspired by that view, that it is their duty to refuse to appear under the flag, in case of an eventual mobilization, well recognizing that the arms—if they should be aimed against any—should not be aimed against the Norwegians; and

"That as a last declaration, we call upon all workers and farmers all over the land, to arrange mass meetings, and act as the situation may demand.

"Our aim is:

"Peace With Norway."

OUR BOOK OFFER

Send us a bunch of five yearly subscribers and we will send you the latest book out: "Evolution of Man."

Commenting on the conviction of Senator Mitchell, the Evening Post remarks that the incident shows that in spite of the demagogue and reformers that "God reigns and the government at Washington and throughout the country still lives." If the conviction of one corruptionist in high places may be evidence that "God reigns in Washington," it would appear that he has been sleeping for a long time or he would have had a whole net full of them behind the bars. But the capitalist God is infinitely merciful to the men to whom he has entrusted the welfare of the 80,000,000 American citizens.

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CURRENT EVENTS AS SEEN THROUGH SOCIALIST LENS.

By Murray E. Klieg.

THE COLLAPSE OF TEAMSTERS' STRIKE.

The teamsters' strike, which was called in sympathy for the garment workers, ended after 105 days in the practical surrender of the union. In many ways class stupidity in America received a severe shock growing out of the interesting and dramatic events connected with this strike. The capitalist class emerges more powerful and class conscious than ever; more fully convinced of the necessity for organization and militant activity. In their minds they have pricked the bubble of unionism, in their minds they have discovered a method by which they no longer need to fear the power of organized labor.

Labor has also gained an invaluable lesson. It emerges from the struggle wiser than before, and in wisdom there is strength. It has felt the new power of organized capital or employers' associations, and it will not be long in discovering that it will have to face this power with a new kind and spirit of unionism. From craft to class is the upward and onward march of the labor union idea just as from company to national and international association marks the advance of capitalist unions. The victory of the employers in Chicago is a great gain in the long run for labor for this reason: Labor cannot exist to-day in the world without organization. Even the seamen employed by the railroad express companies threatened to strike, after their employers had made use of them as tools and threatened to cut their wages. The pressure against labor is so great so many men are on the ragged edge—they are unemployed and will work merely to live from day to day—that organization is inevitable. Destroy one form of labor organization and another better form will take its place. Every defeat is a victory and every victory of the employers' associations draws the capitalists closer together and makes their aims clearer to labor. The clearing up of the situation so that all can plainly see the struggle and the contending armies is from an eminence overlooking a plain, and leads to the time when labor evolved to its labor union, which stands for the whole work of class and not for any craft, and labor evolved to its political union which stands for all productive humanity, will sweep its foe from the field.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHECKER BOARD.

The latest move of the Emperor of Germany has an important bearing, no doubt, on international class relations; he is lending the prestige of the German army and navy to back Russia in her peace negotiations with Japan. When we take this fact in connection with the Emperor's recent mobilization of troops along the Polish-Russian borders as a menace to the revolutionists, and his naval demonstration against Norway, we begin to perceive the plans of the artful Willie. The recent dash of cold water thrown into the face of the ambitious monarch, in connection with the Morocco affair, by the German and French Socialists has without doubt stirred Willie as never before, and he is flirting with every royal family in the world also every loyal family to secure a powerful alliance against the rising menace of International Socialism.

"Birds of a feather flock together," and that is a salient reason for working class unity. Meanwhile, as the representative of the world's plutocrats and aristocrats are rallying to a common banner, the Socialists are collecting funds the world over to further the Russian Revolution. It is recognized by both sides in this world struggle that capitalism and autocracy would receive a fatal wound were they to be wiped out in Russia. No one perceives this fact so clearly as Emperor William, who is the shrewdest crowned diplomat in the world. Surely it is a great privilege who feel one's self a part of this huge world struggle which means so much for humanity! And remember if all began, in its conscious aspects, fifty years ago, with a few workmen who met covertly in cellars and garrets, and proceeded to organize their class for the conquest of the world!

THE BLACK INTERNATIONAL.

The recent action of the Pope in further defining the attitude of the Roman Catholic Church toward the Socialist movement in which he warns the members of his organization against the doctrines of Socialism and threatens excommunication in case of disobedience, is significant as pointing to the form the struggle will probably take in the final death grapple between capitalism and Socialism. In Italy, where the church formerly kept out of politics, the priests are authorized to take an active part. In Germany, as in Belgium and other European countries, the tendency is strongly in the direction of the absorption of all the churches, Protestant and Catholic, into the clerical party, whose policy is becoming more aggressive year by year. Next to the Socialist party, the German Clerical party is growing more rapidly than any other party in Germany. There is every reason to believe that when the struggle narrows down to two parties the latter will be the Clerical and Socialists. It is almost safe to predict that the capitalist class of Germany will hide under the black cowl of the priesthood when every other recourse is exhausted. What is true in Germany is true pretty much of every other country in Europe and will rapidly become true in America. With Catholicism as the champion and defender of the capitalist system in North and South America and Western Europe, and some duplicate of Catholicism fighting for the established order elsewhere, we will behold the interesting spectacle of the Black International and the Red International at locked in a world-wide grapple.

THE PICNIC.

The seventh annual picnic given by the Socialist party of Cook county, held at Elliott's park last Sunday, was a success from every point of view.

To begin with, the weather man had been working overtime for several days in order to be able to deliver the ideal picnic weather that the entertainment committee had arranged for. The weather was ideal. It was cool without being chilly, and warm without any discomfort from heat.

The Illinois Central R. R. Co. had complete arrangements for transporting all comers to Elliott's park, the beautiful picnic grounds thirty miles south of Chicago. By half past two the fourth train load of Socialists and their friends had been landed at the grounds, where the entertainment committee had everything arranged to secure an enjoyable time for individuals and groups of every taste.

The orchestra went out on the first train, and at once proceeded to the band stand in the dancing pavilion, which, as usual, where young people meet, proved the greatest attraction throughout the day and evening.

During the afternoon speeches were delivered from the speakers' stand by T. J. Morgan, Seymour Stedman and W. C. Benton on the problems that Socialists must meet and solve in the near future. Walter Huggins acted in the capacity of chairman and enlivened the intervals between the speeches with a few of his original stories that never fail to put an audience in the best of humor. The speaking lasted for more than an hour and a half, and aroused the greatest enthusiasm for the cause of Socialism.

Another interesting feature that was not on the program, but that is always in order on occasions of this kind, was an informal conference of the "old timers," who discussed and rehearsed reminiscences of the past struggles in the party. This group instinctively got together on the highest elevation to be found on the grounds, where, sheltered by the umbrageous branches of a beautiful spreading oak, they lived again through all the struggles that our party has gone through. Above the din and roar of many voices engaged in a free-for-all discussion in this group might be heard the familiar voice of Barney Berlin, N. Kaplin, Seymour Stedman, H. L. Slabodin and our busy State Secretary, Jas. S. Smith. For several hours this interesting group retrospectively and prospectively reviewed the past struggles and prospective possibilities of the Socialist movement. It was the general testimony of all, old and young, that they had a good time. Our entertainment committee is to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements they made and carried out, which provided satisfactory entertainment for so great a variety of tastes.

At 8:45 the orchestra in the dancing pavilion played "Home, Sweet Home," and at 9 o'clock the last train loaded with the Socialist merry-makers pulled out for the city.

PICNIC ECHOES.

Of all the enjoyable events at the Socialist picnic, held in Elliott's park last Sunday, the program of sports furnished the most pleasure to the great crowd that attended. The fun commenced with the baseball game between Bender's "Young Socialists" and the "New York Stores," in which the "Socialists" clearly proved their better knowledge of the game than their opponents by trouncing them to the tune of 13 to 7. The game was played for a purse of \$30, \$15 being put up by each team. The "Young Socialists" are to be commended, both for their baseball knowledge and their handsome red uniforms with the word "Socialist" across the chest.

The running races started with the ladies in a 75-yard dash. Mrs. Brown of Melrose Park showed a pair of flying heels to all others in the race and carried off the trophy, a beautiful pair of opera glasses.

In an exciting 100-yard dash for men Chris Ludwig proved the dearest of feet and was rewarded with a box of fifty good ten-cent cigars.

Otto Schultz, in the fat men's race, landed the prize of a two years' subscription to The Chicago Socialist.

The young boys' race showed Nat Gilbert had the most speed and he received a valuable pocket knife.

Minnie Miltbacher, in the young girls' race, received the first prize of a handsome chateleine bag, and Eva Orum, who came in second, also was rewarded with one. No race having been arranged for girls between 15 and 18 years, an impromptu race was hastily arranged for the bevy of beautiful young girls anxious to enter a contest, and in this race Isadore Forberg came in first, receiving as prize one dollar cash.

The many hundreds who witnessed the contests were vastly pleased with the excellent sport and the scenes of pretty girls and manly young men racing across the field will linger long in memory.

In the bowling contest Conrad Bernhardt landed the first prize and George Koop carried away second and third honors.

Gifford Finchet, chief of the Government Forestry Bureau, is a wealthy man, but keeps his position, through love of the work connected therewith. He is practically the first American to make forestry a profession. His salary of \$2,500 is not much of an object to him and doubtless he would be just as enthusiastic if the government did not pay him anything. He has thrown himself heart and soul into the work, giving to it all his time and strength and working much harder and many hours longer than the ordinary government clerk who is solely dependent upon the government for his support.

The above from the Chicago Chronicle may throw some light on the subject as to what will be the incentive to work under Socialism. When work will be done under sane and reasonable conditions, for the purpose of creating useful and beautiful things to increase the sum total of human happiness work will become a pleasure.

Capitalist Justice, alias "Blind" Justice, is very near-sighted; but as long as her sock is filled with money by the capitalist she can see anything they want her to see. But she's blind to the working class.

POLITICAL PARTIES.

By W. C. Benton.

Political parties, while based upon economic class interests, frequently cease to represent those interests which originally gave them life. In such cases the original ideals are retained, but misinterpreted, misapplied and perverted.

The Republican party has about as much Republicanism in it as had the ancient and glorified Republic of Greece, the true nature of which, with its despotic tyranny, wanton debauchery and accursed poverty, has been so glossed over by the capitalist historians that the average graduate of the modern university entirely overlooks the fact that the vast majority of the population of this educated and refined republic were slaves, the victims of war, without representation, disgraced, degraded and disinherited. And to-day the party in control of our country has become as much the tool of the few and as little the representative of the many as the controlling power in Greece when that "republic" was at its zenith. The merest novice, if he will read the Republican papers and do his own thinking, can readily see from whence the puppets at Washington receive their suggestions and their orders, and whose interests they represent.

The Democratic party is one of the most democratic organizations under the sun. Ever since it lost its fight to perpetuate chattel slavery in America, its national conventions have been dominated absolutely by its Tammany Halls and other similar combines of crooks and criminals from the great cities, where the members of the combine have notoriously flourished by legislation obtained by defeating the cardinal principle of Democracy—the will of the majority. Under the rule of the Democratic party the people of the two greatest cities in the land, New York and Chicago, have been subjected to the most corrupt and undemocratic procedures in the annals of history. And these same politicians who have been in control, and levied tribute upon all the vice, the gambling houses, and the houses of prostitution, these men have been the most influential in the councils of the national organization of this alleged democratic institution.

Only a small fraction of 1 per cent of the supporters of the Democratic party can become a real part of the organization, and this, so far as most of them are concerned, can only be accomplished by doing menial labor in the shape of booze peddling on election day, bulldozing at the primaries, or some such other of the many loyal duties of a politician of this worst misnamed party in existence.

Like the Republican party, it is manipulated entirely in the interest of the master class, and no matter what "reforms" it may advocate in behalf of the workers, the record of legislation for the relief of the working class in Democratic States is the greatest proof of its hypocrisy and insincerity, and does not even compare favorably with the little that has been done for the workers in Republican States.

Like the Republican party, it is "run from the top," and the best the rank and file can ever expect is to get an opportunity to choose between two machine candidates at the primaries.

In the Socialist party alone will you find real democracy. This is a party in which all its supporters can have equal voice and vote in all affairs. This is an organization you can join, and having joined, will have something to show for your membership, with the same rights and privileges as other members, the same as though you were part owner and one of the directors in any enterprise, and you always have recourse to a referendum vote of the membership in all affairs in case you are dissatisfied with any action taken. It is true that the Democratic party has declared for the referendum, but the few who have the party firmly by the throat have never sought to put it in operation, even in those States in which the party is in absolute control, to say nothing about introducing it into the party organization itself.

But you cannot even join the organization of the Republican and Democratic parties. These are "closed corporations." When any one is let in and becomes really a part of the organization, some one else is let out. In the Socialist party you are always welcome if you subscribe to the principles of the party and renounce allegiance to all other parties.

The members of the Socialist party know that only by building up a large organization, democratically administered, can it escape the schemes and plots of the capitalist politicians, and that the larger the number of active members the greater its security and the more certain and speedy the inauguration of the co-operative commonwealth.

The workmen who are building the Socialist party know that in order to save themselves they must save all the rest of their class, and hence those who want Socialism are always wanted to help get it by becoming equal partners in the organization that is to get it. We must get together, and together go after those things which we cannot get alone.

We want security of the future, the certainty of a livelihood for all who are willing to work, the opportunity to work at all times, and the full social equivalent of the value of our labor. The Republican and Democratic parties both defend the private ownership of the industries, and the resulting relations of mastery and servitude. The Socialist party demands the public ownership of industry, with Democratic management and equal opportunity for all who choose to work. The situation becomes clearer every day. It is now only a case of "get together." The Socialist party needs you to hasten the day.

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This is a well-written, forceful and graphic account of the cause and circumstances which led to the recent contest between the miners of the Cripple Creek district, the mine owners and the Bank President-Governor (Peabody) of Colorado.

The pamphlet opens with portions of the Constitution of the United States and the State of Colorado, the indictment of the mine operators against the Western Federation of Miners and the counter indictment of the Federation of Miners against the Citizens' Alliance and the Mine Operators' Association. It portrays the circumstances leading to the contest for eight hours, the fight between the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Supreme Court's ruling, the activity of the corporations, the ordering of the militia, the deposing of judges; masters and sheriffs, the address of the Governor, and the reply of the miners, the value of the gold fields and its productivity of twenty-five million in a single year, the assassination of union men, the dismissal of the indictment against the mine owners by the district attorney, the trial of the miners who were found not guilty upon the people's evidence, the docility of the churches, the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, trial by jury, the Victor riot and the circumstances pointing to the actual criminals.

The author is a lawyer and is a well-educated man, which has equipped him for the task of writing such a pamphlet, and if one wishes to be thoroughly familiar with the lawlessness of the mine owners in the Centennial State, he will feel no regret in securing a copy of this book.

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SOCIALIST STATE NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL
—ACTIVITIES—

GENERAL PARTY NEWS.
 Owing to the non-arrival of Comrades Bandlow, Mailly and Shobdin, there was no session of the National Executive Committee on Thursday evening, July 20. Meeting called to order 9:45 a. m., Friday, July 21.

Secretaries who have received the monthly official bulletin by freight will pay freight and drayage and send bill for the amount to the national office with their next order for dues and supplies and it will be accredited as cash.

The charter of Local Minneapolis was revoked by the State committee of Minnesota July 23. Local Minneapolis, in a special meeting held July 16, protested against the action and calls for a State referendum by a vote of 19 in favor and one against.

Thos. E. Will has resigned as State Secretary of Kansas and F. H. French, 255 South Market street, Wichita, is acting as secretary pro tem.

Hudson county, N. J. has ordered five sets of Local Account Books during the week.

Local Passaic, N. J., suspended a member for advocating the election of a candidate on a capitalist ticket.

National Committee motion No. 24: "I move that the National Executive Committee be empowered, at its next meeting, to draw up rules to govern the action of the National Committee in voting. Such rules to be submitted to the National Committee for approval and, if approved, shall be printed and a copy furnished to each member." Vote closed July 15. Motion adopted by the following vote: Yes, 29; no, 8; not voting, 16.

The second ballot for the election of a member to fill the vacancy on the National Executive Committee closed July 19, with the following result: Berger, 18 votes; Towner, 19 votes; and Lemon, 5 votes. There being no election, a third ballot is necessary. The candidates are Victor L. Berger and Chas. G. Towner. Vote will close Aug. 3.

The resolutions by County Committee of Allegheny county, Pa.: "Whereas, The Allegheny County Committee, Socialist Party, did, upon the request of Local South Side Pittsburgh, pass resolutions on Sunday, April 23, 1905, condemning the action of Victor L. Berger, at that time a member of the National Executive Committee, Socialist Party, for advising Socialist voters in the city of Milwaukee, Wis., to vote for a capitalist candidate; and "Whereas, The said Victor L. Berger has for such action been removed from the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party; and "Whereas, Comrade Robert B. Ringler, member of the National Committee from Pennsylvania, after having voted for Victor L. Berger's removal, did on the first ballot vote for the election of Victor L. Berger to fill vacancy; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Allegheny County Committee, Socialist Party, of Pennsylvania, in a regular meeting assembled Sunday, July 16, 1905. That we protest against such action by our National Committee, and that we consider it inconsistent with its former action in this matter and with the spirit of the resolution passed by this Committee April 23, 1905; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be sent to Comrade Robert B. Ringler, to the National Secretary and the party press.

"R. L. ECKELS,
 "Chairman of Session.
 "Attest: FRED L. SCHWARTZ,
 "Secretary."

The good citizens of York, Ala., would not permit Comrade Goebel to speak in the town. However, he held a good meeting just over the Borough line, and the workers heard him gladly.

Locals have recently been organized at Spangle, Hastings and Nicktown, Cambria county, Pa.

Three speakers are held in Montana with dates ahead covering August and September. The largest receipts for a month in the history of the party, were turned in to the State Secretary's office during June.

"Resolution by Mystic Local, Branch 24, of Mystic, Conn., demands that the National Committee do its duty in revising the State and Municipal Program submitted to it by the National Convention, and submit it to National Referendum. Fraternally yours,
 "ROBERT HOLLIDAY,
 "Secretary Mystic Local, Mystic, Conn."

Dates for national lecturers and organizers for the coming week are as follows: John Collins—July 29, 30, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Aug. 1, Norman, 3, 4, Purcell, Ind. Ter.; 5, en route.
 George H. Goebel—July 30, Alvin, Texas; 31, Waco, Aug. 1, Fort Worth, 2, 3, Dallas, 4, Denison; 5, Tyler.
 B. Feigenbaum (Jewish)—July 30, Chicago, Ill.; 31, en route; Aug. 1, 2, St. Louis, Mo.; 3, en route; 4, 5, Kansas City.

Comrade William A. Toole during his recent tour of Maryland revived three locals and organized one new one.
 J. MAHLON BARNES,
 National Secretary.

OHIO.
 Correspondent—Edward Gardner.

One hundred and four new members were admitted during the month and a charter was granted to ten comrades at Breville. This local was organized by the comrades of Pleasant City.

The referendum ballots on the amendments of the State constitution, which also includes the election of State headquarters and the election of State Secretary, have been sent to the locals the 18th of July. Members at large will find their ballots enclosed.

Only locals in good standing (this applies to members at large also) and those that have been affiliated with the party organization for more than thirty days before the 18th of July have received these ballots, as they are the only ones entitled to vote on State referendums as per State constitution.

The vote closes on Sept. 1 and the reports of the vote cast must be at the State office not later than Sept. 6, 1905, after which date the vote will be compiled by the executive committee and reported back to the membership in detail.

Two speakers are now at work in the State and they are reporting well attended meetings, and it is apparent that the third speaker adds quite a bit to the work of the State office and the monthly report was delayed on that account.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.
 The official proceedings of the State convention, including the picture of the delegates, can now be secured from the State office. Five hundred copies have just been received from the printer. They will be sold at 10 cents apiece in any quantity. This price is made necessary by the fact that there are twelve more pages than there were last year.

CAMPAIGN WORK.
 A good many county and city organizations have nominated their tickets for the fall election and the outlook is very promising for increased activity along this line. A number of locals are engaging the State speakers for several days at the time and are using them to arouse the people in the surrounding territory.
 EDWARD GARDNER,
 State Secretary.

IOWA.
 Correspondent—J. J. Jacobsen.

Dates for Comrade Kirkpatrick have been arranged as follows: Glenwood, Aug. 1; Red Oak, 2; Corning, 3; Creston, 4; New Market, 5; Tingley, 6 and 7; Centerville, 8; Mystic, 9 and 10.
 Comrade Nina B. Wood is in the northeastern part of the State.
 J. J. JACOBSEN, Secretary.

FLORIDA.
 Correspondent—Herbert C. Davis.

The organizer's first trip started off rather unpropitiously. Sickness and consequent failure of local comrades to make any arrangements made it impossible to get a crowd at Plant City on the 11th. Rain spoiled what would otherwise have been a good meeting at Lakeland on the 12th. However, the comrades there are thoroughly aroused and have asked for a return date on the 29th, when they will organize a strong local. Dates at Alva and Hunkingham were cancelled owing to the weather. Allen writes: "There is water enough in the flat woods to swim a horse." The extra time was put in at Ft. Myers with good results.

At Demand on the 17th the rains had swollen the river and carried away the cable by which the ferry was operated. This would have kept half the attendance away had not one of the local comrades braved the alligators of the Caloosa, fished and swam the boat with a rope in his teeth. A new cable was speedily put in place and Comrade Allen addressed an enthusiastic crowd of over 150 people.

The organizer returns to Tampa on the 30th to overhaul his stereopticon and make some necessary repairs, etc., and will start for a trip through north and central and possibly west Florida on the 7th of August.

Readers in West Florida, desiring dates are earnestly requested to communicate with this office at once. A postal card is sufficient, but DO IT NOW.

Some locals have not paid the July installment of their pledges to the organizing fund and dues are coming in rather slowly this month. GET BUSY, COMRADES.

Organizing fund: Paid on pledges, \$20.10; collections and literature sold by organizer, \$8.46; donation, literature, \$1; previously reported cash, \$11.75; literature, \$100. Total to date, cash \$46.31, literature \$101.

There will be several new locals to report next week. Give this organizing fund a big boost before then, comrades, and set them a good example. And above all things, get in these dues. Fraternally,
 HERBERT C. DAVIS,
 State Secretary.

OREGON.
 Correspondent—Thos. Burns.

Dear Socialist:
 Dear Comrade—Saturday evening, 8th inst., while addressing a large audience at the southwest corner of Fourth and Washington streets, Thomas Burns, State Secretary of Oregon, was told by a police sergeant accompanied by two policemen to "move on," the which order he courteously but very positively refused to obey, saying to the sergeant of police: "Why should I move? The crowd is quiet and orderly, the sidewalk is not blocked, as you can see, and to which I call your special attention; and why do you or your superior officers single out us Socialists for persecution and only order our speakers to 'move on,' when right now you can see those two corners (the southeast and northeast corners of Fourth and Washington streets) are blocked, one by a ten-cent showman with a petrified Indian on exhibition, and the other by four religious musicians?" To which police sergeant said: "That is none of my business; I only got orders to tell you to move on." Exit police.

Monday, 10th inst., at 6:10 p. m., Thomas Burns was arrested from the State Secretary's office, 309 Davis street, Portland, and taken to the police station, but released on his own recognizance to appear for trial Tuesday, 11th inst., at 10 a. m.

Tuesday morning Col. C. E. S. Wood, one of Oregon's noted lawyers, defended Burns, and in a brilliant oration showed clearly that the arrest was a piece of gross discrimination and done at the instigation of Messrs. Woodard & Clark, near whose store Burns was speaking; and that Woodard & Clark, with automatic machines and men acting as sentries working in their show windows, had often completely blocked the sidewalk of the principal street in Portland, i. e., Washington street.

But Col. Wood's legal ability was of no avail. For Burns was sentenced before he was tried.

Result of farcical trial, fined \$5.00, (for refusing to "move on" when ordered to by police. "My Country, 'tis of Thee.") Burns paid no \$5, but went to jail for 2 1/2 days.

In jail, not being tongue tied, he talked and talked and talked to a mob of a collection of prisoners as one ever beheld, much to the chagrin of the police. What an opportunity, oh, my comrades! Positively the worst cell in the jail fell to the lot of that vile and foul criminal who was guilty of an atrocious crime of being a Socialist and speaking on Socialism; but having been in scores of British and Australian jails for the self-same awful crime, yours truly having become case-hardened, didn't expect any better.

Blessed are they who expecteth nothing for they shall not be deceived.

Released Thursday, 13th inst., at noon, Burns prepared himself, and when 8 p. m. came round, set up the platform in the same old place, and in a very impassioned but carefully worded speech proceeded to roast Woodard & Clark, the police, deputy city attorney, police court judge and local papers. Much to his surprise, no arrest.

Sooner or later we shall see what we shall see. In the meantime I'm going to talk, jail or no jail.

Courage, my comrades of Oakland and Seattle, for the eyes of the U. S. are on us; do not flinch nor falter, but march onward, for our day is dawning, and Socialism is the hope of the world.

"This need not be; ye might arise and will
 That gold should lose its power, and
 throwers their glory;
 That love, which none may bind, be free
 to fill
 The world with light, and evil faith
 grown hoary
 With crime be quenched and die. You
 promontory
 Even now eclipses the descending
 moon;
 Dungeons and palaces are transitory—
 High temples fade like vapor. Man
 alone
 Remains whose will has power when all
 beside are gone."
 —Shelley.
 Yours for the revolution,
 THOMAS BURNS,
 Oregon State Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Comrade Adolph Harrack has decided to make an agitation trip through the State without any expense to the locals, and will make the following tours:
 Rock Island, July 29.
 Moline, July 30.
 Davenport, July 31.
 Moonmouth, Aug. 1.
 Fulton County, Aug. 2-6.
 Macomb, Aug. 7.
 Quincy, Aug. 8, 9, 10.
 Barry, Aug. 11.
 Griggsville, Aug. 12.
 Pinfs, Aug. 13.
 Jacksonville, Aug. 14, 15.
 Springfield, Aug. 16.
 Taylorville, Aug. 17.
 Pana, Aug. 18.
 Witt, Aug. 19.
 Hillsborough, Aug. 20.
 Litchfield, Aug. 21.
 Sorrento, Aug. 22.
 Centralia, Aug. 23.
 Salem, Aug. 24.
 Xenia, Aug. 25.
 Noble, Aug. 26.
 Olney, Aug. 27.
 Mattoon, Aug. 28, 29.
 Decatur, Aug. 30-Sept. 1.
 Lincoln, Sept. 2.
 Bloomington, Sept. 3, 4.
 Champaign, Sept. 5.
 Danville, Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9.
 Danville, Sept. 10.

OUR BOOK OFFER
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WILL BUILD A LABOR LYCEUM.
 Our comrades at Staunton, Ill., are showing commendable enterprise. They find no hall available for their use but the City Hall, which can be had only infrequently, and then under rather embarrassing circumstances. So they have determined to erect a labor lyceum of their own. That they mean business is evidenced by the fact that the ground has already been bought and paid for by a popular subscription. The foundation for the new building is already under way. The structure will cost about \$3,000. Non-interest bearing bonds will be issued. A carnival and bazaar will be held by the local on Saturday, Sept. 9, for which tickets are now being sold. The balance of the building fund is expected to be raised in this way. Each one of the tickets has a chance of winning two fine hand-painted pictures, 26x33 inches. One is entitled "Freedom for the People," and the other "A Portrait of Karl Marx." The comrades at Staunton have in them the material that makes militant Socialists worthy of the name. Success to them.

PEORIA, Ill., July 6, 1905.
 Wednesday, July 5, Local Peoria elected the following officers:
 Organizer—Eugene Pfeiffer.
 Recording Secretary—Dr. Kaufmann.
 Financial Secretary—Louis Biermann.
 Treasurer—Rudolph Pfeiffer.
 Auditing Committee—Miller, Duffy and Cankins.
 Agitation Committee—Miller, Cankins, Duffy and Weaver.
 Literary Agent—Christensen.
 Constitution and By-Laws Committee—Biermann, Pfeiffer and Duffy.
 DR. KNOPENAGEL, Secretary.

"DE KALB IS ON THE MAP."
 DeKalb, Ill., July 29, 1905.
 Editor Chicago Socialist:
 Dear Comrade—We need a speaker here every Saturday night. Comrade Benton's speech here July 15 was a great success. He had a large crowd at the corner of Third and Main streets. He challenged all the lawyers and politicians to ask him questions or to dispute any statements which he had made. There were several doctors and lawyers in the audience all the way through, but do you suppose they would say anything? Well, I should say not. They had hot shots fired at them for an hour that were like a two-edged sword, cutting both right and left. Benton is quite a sharpshooter. That's right; fire it at

them, Benton. An educated wage slave wanted to prove that he was wrong in attacking the small business man who had saved up his money. He was given the box to express his views. When he got through, what Comrade Benton did to his philosophy was a sin. He had enough. Send as a speaker every Saturday night, and we will wake up the wage slaves in this lawyer-owned town. Fraternally yours,
 WILLIAM B. FRITZ,
 Secretary.
 Don't forget DeKalb is on the map.

THE AGITATOR'S LOT.
 We print the following letter from Comrade Harrack believing it will be interesting to many of our readers, and will give them a good idea of what traveling Socialist agitators are up against from day to day. Any one but a Socialist filled with an irresistible desire to spread the gospel of Socialism would soon give up. But as our esteemed contemporary, the Chicago Chronicle, puts it: "Not even omnipotence can stop the Socialist propaganda."
 Ladd, Ill., July 25, 1905.
 Jas. S. Smith, State Secretary.

Dear Comrade—Your letter was received yesterday with John C. Sjodin's address in Galesburg. Your other letters were received in Oglesby.

My meetings have been fairly well attended. I did not speak at Coal City because the train pulled in too late. I spoke twice in Streator with good attendance at both meetings. Harry Nelson was not in town and the old gentleman is in bad health and was not able to do much toward getting a very big meeting. Comrade Johnson seems to be the only real active worker there, and he attended both meetings, tending to taking up collections, etc. The collection amounted to 45c the first day and \$1.10 the second. I sold about \$1.50 worth of literature. At Oglesby the secretary failed to notify the members of my coming and I went around personally to the people inviting them to the meeting. But we had a fair crowd just the same. Collection, \$1.20. During the day I canvassed Socialist literature and sold \$2.50 worth. No meeting was held in LaSalle because of a street carnival which was there, being too much of a detractor for a street meeting. In Spring Valley we had a monster meeting, but a hard shower of rain dispersed the crowd after fifteen minutes of speaking. The rain stopped in twenty minutes and I commenced to speak again, but most of the people had gone to some place of shelter during the rain and the crowd was not as large as it was, but still fairly good. Collection, \$2.10. One Socialist subscription sold and about 75c worth of literature. The locals in both Oglesby and Spring Valley are almost broken up. Reorganization is necessary, but since I had but one day at these places I was unable to do anything in that direction. But the boys said they would take the matter in hand themselves. In Danzell we had a good meeting. Comrade Huetteman is an active fellow. He is doing quite a little work there. The majority of the miners and workmen here are foreign speaking fellows, so I could not sell very much literature. In Danzell I could have sold a lot of Italian literature. They can understand English but can't read it. Collection in Danzell, \$1.65. Literature sold 40c worth. Last night I had a very good meeting in Ladd. Comrade Pat Carr of the United Mine Workers of America is the most active man. Neither in Spring Valley nor in Ladd did any of the comrades know of my coming. The secretaries failed to let them know anything about it, but I spoke in both places just the same. Collection in Ladd, \$2.55. Literature sold, \$1.75. I have been rather unsuccessful with Chicago Socialist subs. up to the present time. Comrade Pat Carr and James of the Mine Workers want me to come back again later on to organize the counties in their districts. Of course I can't do that now, because I have but one day for a town and naturally I can't go to the surrounding towns. At Streator and Oglesby they would like me to have a circuit and try and organize that county, but I am afraid that I cannot do that for while I may be able to make expenses, I must have a few dollars to send home, if I am to follow it permanently. Fraternally yours,
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SOUND AND SENSIBLE.

By W. H. Hyndman.

The following article by W. H. Hyndman in "London Justice" was printed in the Chicago Socialist some time ago...

Not the least part of all this is that Karl Marx is called in to justify the ferocity of these infuriated men of the day after tomorrow...

Consequently, revolutionists as we Social Democrats are and must be, we have no alternative policy.

LONG-SIGHTED.

We remember of reading in our Sunday school days of a great teacher who rebuked hypocrites by telling them that they strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel...

Despite the glaring fact that Mayor Dunne has set a precedent of turning over to the Employers' Association the whole police force...

moment offered a single word of protest or condemnation for the infamous action of Mayor Dunne. But, after all, any union man who has been led by this cowardly and subservient silence to doubt the sincerity of the interest that Mr. Hearst takes in union labor...

pers are controlled by the interests of the Employers' Association to a greater extent, even, than the newspapers which are open enemies of all working class organizations.

WORKERS IN THE FIELD.

- Comrade Bargren, Rockford, Ill., is still doing business at the old stand. He captured a bunch of flies. Comrade Nash, State Secretary of Minnesota, plunks down \$8.45 for subs to the Chicago Socialist.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT. Receipts—Five stamps, \$0.25; delegate dues, \$1.75; campaign fund, \$3.50; literature, \$1.00; deficit, \$18.12; total, \$80.62.

NEW CONSTITUTION. Copies of the new constitution, enough to supply every member, are now on hand at headquarters.

SEVENTH ANNUAL PICNIC. The balance due last week was \$264.82; received this week, \$3.50, leaving a balance of \$261.32.

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RESIGNATION ACCEPTED. The Executive Committee last Monday night accepted the resignation of Albert Eisenmann as business manager.

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On the second page of last week's Chicago Socialist, Seymour Stedman gave an excellent review of this remarkable book.

We will also renew for the month of August a special offer, which was accepted by many readers of the Chicago Socialist during the first ten days of July.

A LETTER FROM DEBS. Terre Haute, July 19. Dear Comrade Kerr—I am very very much obliged to you for being so thoughtful as to send me a copy of Boelsche's "The Evolution of Man,"

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