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BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The stuff which regularly comes from the editorial pages of the Chicago Chronicle indicates that the presiding genius is a victim to chronic mental prostration.

That promised expose of the slanders about the stock yards seems to have been forgotten in these rude days when primordial nature plays with puffy man.

It develops, after all, that the muck rake is a very useful implement, and the desire is not so much to abolish it as to bring it, like other modern machinery, under bourgeois control.

One should not look a gift horse in the mouth, nor quibble over trifles, but it would be interesting to know whether Mr. Armour's contribution to the war-quake sufferers is in hard cash, deducted from the earnings of his refrigerator lines, or whether it is to be taken out in trade and should be discounted to the extent of the difference between the real value and the market price of mummified beef.

What has happened to the bourgeois press? There has been no assault on "The Jungle" for so, these many days. Has it been discovered that that wonderful book was being given too much free advertising, or have the powers who control the business office intimated that discretion is the better part of valor and that perhaps it would be as well to let the people forget, if they will, lest there be developed a demand for a real investigation?

Under the heading, "A Year of Crime in Great Britain," the Tribune reprints the following from the London Graphic: "The principal conclusions as to the increase and decrease of crimes and offenses to be drawn from the statistics for 1904 are shortly stated thus: "1. Crimes against the person have diminished.

"2. Crimes of the classes chiefly committed by habitual criminals have ceased to increase at the same rapid rate as in previous years. "3. Minor offenses of dishonesty have increased.

"4. Serious frauds and breaches of trust have increased. "5. Drunkenness is stationary. "6. Offenses of the vagrancy class are growing rapidly."

The Tribune makes no comment. Neither do we.

Three druggists were arrested in Chicago last week for selling cocaine to children. Two of them have been arrested several times before for the same offense and the third is also charged with selling opium. A touch of the kind of justice which is being voted out to looters in San Francisco would be the proper thing for them, but as their property is a crime against humanity and not against property, it is probable that, if found guilty, the punishment will be a small fine. Our truly good people will be properly shocked at these instances of depravity, but a thousand such instances would not abate their parrot-like cry that you cannot make men better by legislation, nor open their eyes to the fact that the profit system inevitably fosters and develops such crime as this, and that to the extent they uphold that system are their criminal accomplices of the man who for the sake of profit encourages the drug habit.

The eminent financial parasites whom, like magpies in a cheese, we endure for the sake of the rich flavor they give society, are interviewed with more or less frequency and always talk loudly of business honor and deplore the use of the muck rake and assure us nothing is wrong worth mentioning. Now Uncle Sam comes along and proposes a sweeping government investigation of the anthracite coal roads, and retains as special counsel Charles E. Hughes, who, in the insurance investigations, showed he had not only the ability but the will to really investigate. The immediate result is a decided slump in the market quotations of the stock of these roads. A blind man, putting two and two together, might see that something is rotten in Denmark and that the aforesaid eminent financiers are not so entirely out of touch with the situation as to lose the scent or be free from the suspicion that their acts belie their public utterances.

Speaking of "The Jungle," it is a book which, aside from literary merits which place Upton Sinclair in the very front rank of modern authors, breathes on every page the spirit of fervid conviction. The Chicago Public Library, it is said, possesses three copies, but will not issue them on the ground that the book is immoral. Its immorality consists in telling some very unpleasant truths in plain, straightforward English. In the stacks of the library are a thousand books which, like those of Dumas, reek with immorality made attractive, but which are freely issued to young and old. Shall we speak of the productions of the age of Charles II. Is it necessary to mention the vilest all history records? Is Byron on the index expurgatorius? Is Shakespeare tabooed? But why go on? "The Jungle" exposes tangible iniquities, strikes at privileges, and is naturally received in bourgeois society generally, and that of Chicago in particular, very much as "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was received in the South. There is an insistent suspicion that Chicago's public library is not beyond the

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reach nor free from the influence of the muck-covered hand of Chicago's private interests.

Honor to whom honor is due. There may be Socialists who think that the United States army is maintained simply that when capitalism can no longer hold its spoils, except by force, it shall find the means for perpetrating its last outrage against justice ready to its hand. But out of the crash and the muck of falling, blazing San Francisco come tales which show the army has other fields of usefulness. In the sonorous recounting of the dreadful drama enacted on the Pacific coast, there drops line after line telling of the steady, cool-headed courage and resourcefulness of the regular soldier. He has been ceaseless in his vigilance; he has fought fire; relieved distress; punished crime; prevented extortion; administered crude but even-handed justice; made the selfish fool heed the common good; protected the weak; made the strong work; driven the mob to safety. No more cruel, senseless thing exists than a mob of frightened, panic-stricken human beings, and that a few companies of regulars prevented panic from becoming anarchy and, above all, saved the mob from the hills which surely would have fallen it, in present discomfort and subsequent epidemic, if left to follow the dictates of its own helpless ignorance, speaks volumes for the value of organization and discipline, for the men themselves are but sturdy Americans taken from the ordinary walks of life.

"They come of our lot, they was brothers to us; they was beggars we'd met an' knew; Yes, bacra! an' inch in the chest an' the arms, they was doubles o' me an' you."

The ease with which the stupendous forces of nature made playthings of the greatest works of man imposes on the human intellect more than it can instantaneously grasp, and leaves it, for the moment, stunned. Recovery is prompt, and as the first shock of the dire calamity which has befallen San Francisco passes away we gather in the details. As we read of deeds of courage and self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, and of the quick, generous and spontaneous impulses which the cities, great and small, start their golden tide of uncorrupted toward their stricken sister, our hearts raise a paean of joyous pride in our country and our race.

True it is that greed extorts each year, from the toiling mass, a heavier toll by far than seismic shock or ruthless flame have levied on California's golden hoard.

True it is that in profit's name is taken each year a many times heavier toll of life than was wiped out last week by fire and falling walls.

Yet, after all, oppressor and oppressed alike feel that man can, and surely will, be free from the gruesome curse of man's inhumanity to man, but from the strokes of indifferent and relentless nature there is no escape. We can but take the blow and heal the wound as best we may. It is with this feeling that humanity rushes valiantly to the breach, and for the moment all differences are forgot, the truth of whom of man is for a span a living brother, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs," is for a little time a world-wide creed.

In every true man's breast there rises a glorious flood of emotion which chokes his voice and dims his eyes as he realizes that none is so callous to suffering, so brutalized by gain, so deadened by toll but that there glows somewhere within the spark which may kindle into the flame of justice, love and duty.

In such times do we rejoice that we are born of woman, and face with rising hope toward the day when it shall not have the cataclysmic blows of nature in her violent moods to impress on each fact that he is, indeed, his brother's keeper.

WHY HE RESIGNED. A letter to National Secretary Barnes from Parkersburg, W. Va., states that the feature of the municipal campaign in that city was the resignation of H. O. Davis, a member of the Democratic City Committee and his espousal of the cause of Socialism in a public letter of resignation. Speaking of Socialism, he says: "It believes in an equal chance for all men everywhere to develop the best that is in them. It advocates the best interests of all toiling humanity as opposed to its oppressors and exploiters. It demands the abolition of every form of expropriation and oppression of man by man in social, political and economic life. It believes in the democratization of commerce, trade and industry as the only reliable foundation of political democracy and the safe guaranty of social equality, which is thoroughly in accord with the philosophy of economics, science and ethics. It believes that men should be free and equal without exception, of whatever race, family or religion and they should be permitted to fill their mission in life as civilized beings. It believes in order to attain these objects man ought not only to have the right, but also the opportunity of harmoniously developing and educating in accordance with his needs, the physical and intellectual capacities which nature has given him. It believes the right to enjoyment of life necessarily involves the duty to labor. But in order that this labor may be as productive and useful, and at the same time as pleasant and short as possible, the association of the power of labor and the organization of the process of labor on a higher technical plane is indispensable; and this presupposes that the means of production shall be transformed from private into collective ownership."

THE JUNGLE By UPTON SINCLAIR Price at the office \$1.20 Postpaid 1.35

MAY DAY IN CHICAGO.

Labor's International Holiday Will Be Celebrated — Grand Parade Arranged — Toilers Will Assemble at Douglas Park in the Afternoon — Hall Meetings in the Evening.

The committee on arrangements for the May Day celebration have perfected all arrangements to fittingly celebrate labor's international holiday in Chicago next Tuesday.

They have secured from the park commissioners all the privileges desired for the use of Douglas Park for the exercises in the afternoon, where the several divisions of the parade will converge.

The following halls have been selected as the points from which the different divisions of the parade will start:

First Division. The first division of the parade will start from Central Labor Union Hall, 55 North Clark street, at 2 o'clock, as possible. This division will consist of the several labor unions on the North Side and all Socialist party members on the North and Northwest Sides.

Second Division. The second division will start from Apollo Hall, Twelfth street and Blue Island avenue. This division will consist of the Jewish workers and Socialist party members from the Northwest Side who live in that vicinity.

Third Division. The third division, consisting of the Bohemian unions and Socialists and members of all Southwest Side Socialist branches, will start from the office of the Bohemian Socialist daily paper, "Spravednost," corner Eighteenth and Loomis streets.

The different divisions of the parade will assemble at 2 p. m., May 1, and proceed to Douglas Park as soon after that time as possible.

The Evening Program. The committee on arrangements have secured the following halls in which the evening portion of the program will be carried out.

Social Turner Hall. The program at Social Turner Hall, corner Belmont and Paulina streets, will consist of speeches in English and German, followed by a good program of music, recitations and a Turner exhibition. Comrade Peter Knickrehm will speak in German and Seymour Steidman in English.

Ulich's—Both Halls. Ulich's, both halls, located at 27 North Clark street, have been secured by the committee for the evening of the first of May. At these halls the program will consist of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and turning exhibitions. There will be speaking in both English and German. Albert Eisenmann and Arthur Strum will speak in German and T. J. Moran and Peter Sissman in English.

Metropolitan Hall. At the Metropolitan Hall Abraham Kohn, editor of the Jewish Vorwaerts, and Peter Sissman will be the speakers of the evening. A good program of music, recitations and other entertaining features has been arranged to follow the speaking.

Italia Hall. The speakers at Italia Hall, corner of Alport and 18th street, will be Frank Hlowack and K. Pergler in Bohemian and in English. J. M. Barnes, National Secretary of the Socialist party. The speaking will be interspersed by an entertain-

ing program arranged by the Bohemian comrades.

Einigkeit Turner Hall. The speakers at Einigkeit Turner Hall will be S. Drefflus in German, Carl Stover and J. M. Barnes in English. A good program of general entertainment will also be rendered.

Vorwaerts Turner Hall. The program at Vorwaerts Turner Hall on 12th street will consist of vocal and instrumental music, turning exhibitions, etc. Speeches will be delivered in German by Jacob Willig and in English by Mrs. Corinne S. Brown and A. W. Mance, editor of the Chicago Socialist.

Freiheit Turner Hall. At the Freiheit Turner Hall, 3417 S. Halsted street, speeches will be delivered by C. L. Brecken and Carl Stover in English and Comrade Charles Fritz in German, followed by a good program of music, recitations, etc.

Badges and Buttons. The arrangement committee has had a special May Day badge printed with appropriate wording and the Socialist emblem on it. These badges will be sold for ten cents each, and the possession of one of them will entitle the possessor to entrance without further charge to any of the halls in the evening.

The following comrades have been selected as marshals of the parade: Peter Knickrehm, Geo. Koop, Carl Stover, Henry Kraft and Fred Scholl.

The committee on arrangements will be at the Socialist party headquarters every afternoon and evening from 4 to 8 o'clock, to complete all the details to make the May Day celebration a success.

There is no day marked on the calendar that so fills and thrills the progressive toilers of the earth with hope for the future as the first of May. Through the long, weary, countless ages of the past humanity has been blindly struggling on to the point in time and social and industrial development when the actual wealth producers of the world might lift their eyes from their toil and see the time approach when they should enjoy the fruits of their labor. That time has not yet arrived, but most of the road has been traveled, most of the obstacles that stood in the way of working class emancipation have been removed. Through the invention of machinery and the harnessing of the forces of nature man has conquered his material environment. The problem of providing food, shelter and clothes is solved forever. No one ever thinks of humanity ever suffering in the future because of an insufficiency of all the good things that go to make life worth while.

The only fear for the future is that there will be an "over production" of the good things of life that will be more fearful in its effect than a famine. Not only has man conquered his physical environment and removed all obstacles that stood in the way of securing for himself the things of life, but he has also learned to understand the natural laws which more or less control his existence. Through patient scientific investigation and comparing of fact with fact he has learned to control many of nature's forces for his servants instead of fearing them as evil spirits or worshipping them as gods.

Working men and women of all countries, unite! you have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain. Nothing but yourselves of with one shake stands behind you of the opportunity to live a complete life. Workers, unite! Organize, take possession of the means of life!

THE NEW PRINTING PLANT

One ward organization in the city has voted to buy 100 shares of stock. These shares will be taken by the individuals in the branch and by the party organization. Other individuals have agreed to take from five to fifty shares each, same to be sold out by the corporation as they may be demanded. A few such moves as this and the entire amount of 1,000 shares will be fully subscribed for, and the books can be opened. Every argument for the ownership of the plant and the building of a great publishing house is at hand. If the individual comrades will but realize the importance of this affair and send in their names for one or more shares of

stock, this end of the matter will soon be closed up. The returns have been rather slow from the organizations in the State and Cook county, but now that election is over it is expected that this matter will be taken in hand and the whole affair brought to a speedy conclusion. The untold disadvantages that a growing party labor union in not owning its own plant are every one a powerful argument for utmost haste in closing in on the subscriptions for stock. The name of the corporation has been changed to the Workers' Publishing Society, owing to the fact that there is already a corporation of nearly the same name. Fill out the attached blank and forward same at once.

I, the undersigned, hereby subscribe to the number of shares set opposite my name, to the capital stock of the Commonwealth Publishing Society, and agree to pay the said society for each of said shares the sum of ten (\$10.00) dollars.

NAME. SHARES. AMOUNT. Address CHAS. L. BRECKON, R. 15, 163 Randolph St.

CHORUS, ATTENTION Permanent quarters have now been secured and the first meeting for practice of songs will be held at room 404, Atheneum building, 26 Van Buren street, at 8 p. m., Monday evening, April 30. More voices are needed and we urge all comrades and friends who possess fairly good voices to become affiliated with this organization, as it is a long felt want. Be present at above place on said date and help to make this chorus a success. The Atheneum building is located between Wabash and Michigan on Van Buren. Take elevator to fourth floor and turn to right. Room 404.

THE PRIMARY VOTE.

Table with columns: Wards, 1905, 1906. Lists vote counts for various wards from 1 to 35, including totals for 1905 (3,277) and 1906 (3,540).

THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

The delegate convention for the naming of a judicial ticket was held on last Tuesday night at Brand's Hall. Walter Thomas Mills was chosen chairman and Chas. L. Brecken secretary. In the county convention Marcus H. Taft was nominated for the office of Circuit Court Judge. In this convention a collection was taken amounting to \$33.20, and pledges given totaling \$172, making a grand total of \$205.20. A resolution was passed empowering the county central committee to fill any vacancy that might occur. The county convention then adjourned sine die. The seventh judicial district convention then convened. Thos. J. Morgan was elected chairman and Jas. S. Smith secretary. Seymour Steidman was named for the office of judge of the State Supreme Court from this judicial district. After the passage of a resolution similar to the above the convention adjourned.

THE SAN FRANCISCO COMRADES.

Fund Started for the Relief of Our Comrades in California.

Last week there was received too late for publication, the following telegram from Comrade H. C. Tuck, State Secretary of California:

"San Francisco totally destroyed; five hundred comrades destitute; relief utterly inadequate; do what you can to help; money needed."

Immediately on receipt of this information the question of holding a mass meeting to raise funds was discussed, and it was finally decided to make a direct appeal instead. By this latter method every dollar contributed could be forwarded direct to the comrades, without being forced to turn any of the contributions over to pay hall rent, etc.

To this end a list was started in the headquarters and same has been added to from day to day, until on last Monday \$46.00 was turned over to the National Secretary.

CONTRIBUTORS. The following are the contributors to date. All who feel they can give aid to this worthy cause of our suffering comrades are urged to forward checks or cash to Chas. L. Brecken, 163 Randolph street, Room 15. The list follows:

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists contributors and amounts: A Socialist \$1.00, P. Nielson 1.00, W. Zimmerman .50, Eighth Ward Branch 5.00, A Socialist .50, S. S. S. 25.00, A Socialist 1.00, W. L. Hamilton 1.00, Cash .50, R. Bauregard 5.00, Lewis 5.00, Ed. Doris .50, Total \$46.00.

THE SPIRIT OF MAY DAY.

The earth is in travail; the race is suffering the pangs of parturition. A world-wide, humanity-embracing revolution is on the calendar—in red letters—of the twentieth century. The impending social crisis is the most portentous that ever issued from the womb of Time. Historical epochs mark the growth of man, the progress of events, the rise and sweep of civilization. Prophets and philosophers, catching the spirit of coming events, foresee and proclaim them; and as they approach, poets and pamphleteers, orators and agitators, dramatists and musicians, animated by the new spirit, acclaim the joyous tidings of the sunrise on the morrow. These are the heralds of the dawn; the torchbearers of progress; the evangelists of advancing civilization. Living, they are hated and reviled; crucified and damned. Dead, they live again and forever. Freedom is the universal shibboleth of the present age. And as the cry for freedom surges from the soul and leaps from the lips of labor, a thousand million proletarians, in all the zones that girdle the globe, lift their bowed bodies from the dust and join in the swelling anthem of the Social Revolution. In all nations—civilized, semi-civilized, barbarian and savage—the leaven is at work; and beyond all boundary lines a silent, invisible, irresistible power is reaching out and marshaling them all in orderly array within the luminous orbit of universal alliance. The nineteenth century evolved the physical forces for the overthrow of wage slavery and laid the material foundations, wide as the world, for a new social order. The twentieth century, completing the work, will rear the social superstructure—the royal temple of humanity deified. Freedom, in its true, ideal sense, is yet unknown to man. It cannot abide where slavery exists. It is radiant as the sunshine and refreshing as the shower—the very life-breath of civilization. In the soil of ignorance, superstition, drives, but freedom fails. It is not for the few. The "Four Hundred" cannot, with all their millions of stolen dollars, buy a breath of it. They are, indeed, the veriest slaves. The casker is at their souls and the dry rot at their bodies. Nicholas of Russia will never know the joy of freedom. The Czar and his subjects are chained together, and not God himself can free the Czar without freeing the subjects. That is the law—the moral law—and no political machine, nor other device of the master class, can ever repeal it. Freedom is no more for the master than for the slave—no more for the capitalist than for the wage worker.—Eugene V. Debs.

SOCIALISM IN ILLINOIS.

Comrade May Wood Simons Writes of Her Speaking Tour Through the State—Finds Much Interest in Socialism Everywhere—More Thorough Organization Needed.

The only way to know a thing is to experience it. A lecture trip of three weeks in various parts of the State, with meetings in a new city every night, gives a fair idea of the condition of Socialism in Illinois. My first stop was at Joliet. The local at Joliet is in an eminently active condition. It has the indications of a healthy movement since there is not one but many active workers. The meeting at Joliet was well attended owing to the faithful work done by the comrades in advertising.

Streator is in the coal mining region. There are between 1,500 and 1,800 miners in Streator, but there are only two or three miners in the Socialist local. The meeting at Streator was made more interesting through the presence of one of the mine operators, who asked for the floor and aroused a warm discussion. At Peoria and Canton the meetings were large, especially at the latter place, where much discussion had been aroused through the attacks of the evangelist, Sunday, on Socialism.

Decatur is badly in need of some work. The city contains about 30,000 inhabitants. The Socialist local numbers only about 20 and the interest is lax. Here is a field for educational work. Taylorville and Staunton are coal mining towns and here the miners are in the local. Taylorville is fortunate to possess Comrade Fritz Bode, who knew the German movement in the days of the laws of exception. Staunton Socialists have a \$4,000 Socialist hall and 125 (yes-paying) members.

At Belleville, Collinsville and Gen Carbon the meetings were largely attended, over 800 being in the hall at Collinsville. Rock Island and Moline are well organized and with Davenport have now started the Tri-City Socialist Magazine. In many respects the meetings at Moline and Rockford were the best in the trip. Freeport and Keosauqua are in good working condition. On the other hand, Galeburg and Elgin are both in need of some kind of an arousing process. A handful of Socialists are doing good work, but they need more than the handful.

As to the general impression obtained of the work in the State, everywhere there is the need of organizers—the best organizers the party can provide—organizers able to do thorough educational and propaganda work. One of the things most noticeable everywhere is the intelligence and interest shown in the audience. This means that organizers sent out must be up to the mark or the Socialist cause is not aided. The best of opinions are heard from all quarters for the work of Comrade Collins. The State movement is clear cut. It is remarkable to find how uniformly and thoroughly the fundamentals of Socialism are understood. Chicago has always stood for a democratic Socialist movement. The State of Illinois does the same. Illinois is not dominated by the Chicago movement—every city is planning its campaigns, meeting its own problems and doing its own thinking. This is the only healthy condition for a State organization, and it speaks well for the efficiency and unobtrusiveness of our State Secretary.

The Socialist movement of Illinois stands without a rival at the head of the State organizations in the Union. Everywhere it is alive, everywhere it is growing. MAY WOOD SIMONS.

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BY GEORGE T. HARDY.

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A PHILOSOPHER ON DEBS.

The four letters that spell Debs have added a new word to the vocabulary of the race...

BEFORE THE QUAKE.

The following resolutions were passed by the workers on April 15, three days before the earthquake...

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SOCIALIST NATIONAL ACTIVITIES INTERNATIONAL

Table with columns for names and amounts, including 'CAMPAIGN FUND' and 'NATIONAL PARTY NOTES'.

SECRETARY'S REPORT. The following is the report of the Secretary for the two weeks ending April 23, 1906.

ATTENTION, JEWISH COMRADES. Abe Kahanoff of New York will speak the first and second of May in Metropolitan Hall, corner of Jefferson and O'Brien streets, at 7:30 p. m.

TWENTY-FIFTH WARD. The regular meetings of the Twenty-fifth Ward Branch will be held hereafter at 10:30 a. m. on the first and third Sundays of each month.

Table titled 'SOCIALIST VOTE IN CHICAGO HEIGHTS' showing vote counts for various wards.

Collinsville, Ill., April 11, 1906. Dear Comrade—It is with no small degree of pleasure that we report the success of the tour of May Wood Simons in Madison county.

ATTENTION, WISCONSIN. Milwaukee, Wis., April 18, 1906. We are facing greater difficulties and also greater opportunities in Wisconsin than ever before.

PROGRESS IN AUSTRIA. The Austrian Socialists have at last practically attained universal equal suffrage and they are preparing for the coming election with the certainty of a great increase in the Socialist representation in the Reichsrath.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CALAMITY. Telegram from State Secretary Tuck. Oakland, Cal., April 19, 1906. J. Mahlon Barnes, 269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

Now every Socialist should get into action to make the May day celebration a huge success.

carries with it a new apportionment according to population, which will largely abolish the gerrymander previously existing.

STRIKING MINERS SHOT. Four Pennsylvania Miners Shot and Twenty Wounded—Local and State Authorities Clash.

A letter to the New York Worker from Johnstown, Pa., says: The coal mine "operators" are beginning early in this strike with the "shoot to kill" policy that has served them in later stages of similar conflicts in the past.

THE EIGHT HOUR MOVEMENT. The cable dispatches announce that the French working men will celebrate the first of May by inaugurating a general strike to enforce an eight hour work day for all toilers throughout the nation.

POWER OF ORGANIZATION. An agreement has been signed between the Chicago Masons and Builders' Association and the Homeowners and Building Laborers' Union which provides for an increase in wages that will mean nearly \$1,000,000 a year in the aggregate to the men.

MUST NOT LET UP. Attention is again called to the action of the National Executive Committee wherein they suggest that all May Day celebrations or meetings should be joined with a protest demonstration against the illegal kidnapping of Comrades Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

EDUCATIONAL. Hark to the children's bitter cry. Mingled with hum of machinery. Look at society passing by. Garbed in a wealth of finery. Hark to the aged, feeble voice. Of the toiler whose strength is spent. The man who in life has had no choice. But to toil till his back was bent; Hark to the woman's woe-filled wail. As her function in life is perverted. Like to the sad and oft told tale. Of a mother and children deserted. All this because the producing class is ignorant of its power.

THE PROPOSED FUSION IN NEW JERSEY. To the Editor of the Chicago Socialist: A conference has recently been held in New Jersey between a committee of twelve from the Socialist party and a committee of twelve from the Socialist Labor party, with the purpose of bringing about a union of the two parties.

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Now everybody get in line for a fitting May Day celebration next Tuesday.

Don't forget to send in a contribution for the relief of our comrades in San Francisco.

Although we only had a few days to prepare for the Socialist primaries that were held last Saturday, the machine worked so perfectly that they were carried through without a hitch or jar anywhere.

The effort of the public library authorities to suppress the circulation of "The Jungle" is so far as they are able, will only stimulate a greater desire on the part of the people to read it.

Is it possible that the Chicago Chronicle is not going to attempt to lay the blame for the San Francisco earthquake on the Socialists or the trade unions?

Up to the time of going to press none of the capitalist papers have commented on Comrade Sinclair's answer to J. Ogden Armour which appears in the May number of Everybody's Magazine.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE: For several weeks past cable dispatches have hinted that there was likely to be something unusual doing in France in the near future.

WAGE VS. CATTLE SLAVERY: Wage slavery is cheaper than chattel slavery, and does not carry with it the care of the slave.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED: We have received several letters during the past week asking for information as to when Comrade Gorby will be in Chicago and what arrangements are being made to receive him.

THE CZAR AND THE DOUMA: The following editorial on the subject of the crisis in Russia is from the Chicago Evening Post of last Tuesday.

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