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BOURGEOIS NEWS AND SOCIALIST VIEWS.

The plans for the new city which the steel trust is to build at Gary, Ind., are so replete, on paper, with provisions for the happiness of the workers, that it is evident the steel barons have no fear of Socialism, but expect to establish a benevolent feudalism out of hand.

"The Mechanic," by Allan McIvor, is being advertised. The advertisement says the book appeals especially to business men, as it deals with the acquisition of wealth and power by the straight road.

Socialism has been "flayed" again. When it isn't being flayed, it is being punctured.

THE NEW SOCIALIST CHORUS. The first meeting for practice of songs of the Socialist Chorus met at room 404, 26 E. Van Buren street, last Monday evening with a very encouraging and enthusiastic attendance.

MABEL BRECKON, Secretary. Room 15, 163 E. Randolph street, care Chicago Socialist.

HEARST—THAT'S ALL. Chicago, April 24.—Although the Hearst earthquake and the Hearst fire which followed the seismic upheaval in Hearst's city of San Francisco constitute the greatest catastrophe in America's history of disasters, Hearst has been equal to every task it has imposed upon him.

As if by magic Hearst relief trains started from every point of the compass, bearing supplies to the Hearst refugee camps and Hearst hospitals which Hearst immediately established in Hearst's Golden Gate park, Hearst's Presidio and other Hearst territory which had escaped the ravages of the great Hearst conflagration.

THE RAILROAD RATE BILL. The public good is being plucked particularly bare.

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will destroy and capitalism will flourish. But why speculate? Has not that estimable reformer and editor, Mr. Louis P. Post, long since discovered that the ways of the Postoffice Department are inscrutable and its motives past finding out?

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MAY DAY CELEBRATED IN CHICAGO.

Despite Bad Weather Labor's International Holiday Was Fittingly Observed—Police Attempt to Make Trouble but Fail—Crowds Throng Halls in Evening.

Socialists and progressive trade unionists celebrated May day in Chicago last Tuesday by several parades which converged at Douglas Park. The different divisions of the parade from various parts of the city assembled at the hall as announced in last week's Chicago Socialist and proceeded to Douglas Park, where they listened to speeches in the various languages.

It is estimated by the different newspapers that there were between four and five thousand men in the different divisions of the parade, despite the fact that it was raining or threatening to rain all day.

Police Interfere. The only unpleasant incident of the whole day's proceeding was the needless and unwarranted interference by the police in the matter of displaying of red banners. The committee on arrangements had secured permission from the chief of police to hold the parade and from the park commissioners to assemble in the park.

When the various detachments assembled in front of their halls and were forming in line with their union and society banners the committee was informed by the police that they had instructions from their superior officers not to permit any red banners of any description whatever to be displayed in the parades.

The officer in charge of the police squad was informed that it was our understanding of the law that with the American flag displayed at the head of the procession we were entitled to display our party and union banners in the parade. We also pointed out to the officer that the banners that were being displayed were not red flags, but union banners with inscriptions on them.

The police then ordered that the union and society banners be taken down, which order was complied with. Some of the detachments were permitted to proceed to the park with their banners displayed without any interference by the police.

With very few exceptions the parades yielded to the demands of the police and folded the red banners under protest. And despite the lying headlines of a sensational "extra" yellow edition of Hearst's Chicago American announcing a "bloody riot" in progress and the arrest of twelve men, there was, as a matter of fact, only one arrest throughout the whole day and evening.

A Polish branch of the parade proceeding along Ashland avenue displayed the banner of the Polish branch of the Socialist party, on which the words "Workers of all countries unite," were inscribed. It was hailed by the police and Comrade Wladzilowski, who was bearing the banner, was arrested, and with the

THE NEED OF A PRINTING PLANT.

The developments in the organization of the Socialist party are proving every day the need of the ownership of our own printing plant. The plan for the incorporation of a stock company for the purpose of equipping a printing and publishing house are well under way.

Table with 3 columns: NAME, SHARES, AMOUNT. Includes MABEL BRECKON, R. 15, 163 Randolph St.

THOUSANDS OF WORKERS ON STRIKE FOR BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS MAY 1.

While the Socialists celebrated the first of May as class-conscious internationalists the workers in many trades gave potent evidence of the existence of the class struggle by striking for higher wages, shorter hours and better living conditions.

In Chicago the bridge and structural iron workers have demanded an increase in wages from \$4.50 to \$5 per day and have backed up their demands by going on strike to enforce them. It is estimated that two thousand structural iron workers are out, and that if the trouble is not soon settled there will be 20,000 other building trade workers idle that are now employed on the steel buildings being erected.

Lake Strike On. The most extensive labor war that was inaugurated May first was that of the lake carriers.

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EDITOR: A. W. Munn; Business Manager, Louis Dalgard; State Sec., J. S. Smith; C. L. Freeman, County Secretary.

THE MEANING OF OUR PRIMARY VICTORY.

The Socialist party of Cook county has spent \$300 in defeating the primary law of 1905.

1. The most obvious consequence of our victory, which was complete in every respect, was that we have gained primaries for the June election, 1906.

2. We have defeated the obnoxious primary law of 1905, a law bristling with discriminations against our party, and against popular rights, and which, if left unchallenged, would have proven but the beginning of further discriminations and injustices.

3. We have gained an amount of advertising for our party which could not have been paid for by many times the money invested in the primary contest.

4. We have gained respect for our principles, our organization and our ability, by totally and quickly overthrowing, on grounds of the highest character, a law which, while enacted to satisfy a demand for a new primary law, incidentally had been carefully planned by many ingenious lawyers during months of hard work and crafty scheming for the purpose of hampering independent voting and the growth of the Socialist party, and which had been approved by the Governor of this State, himself a lawyer, after careful consideration.

5. All of the foregoing advantages, great as they are, dwindle into insignificance when compared with the permanent victory for principle, justice and liberty which we have gained by the firm establishment in our political system of certain legal maxims and guarantees which therefore have been considered as doubtful.

6. The workers are not becoming Socialists because they want to change their religion, but for the purpose of getting a larger share of the material good things of life.

7. That which Archbishop Glennon sees as the over-darkening shadow of Socialism is in reality the rising sun of hope for tired toilers of the earth.

"THE END OF THE WORLD." During the past few weeks the attention of the whole civilized world has been centered on the terrible and awe inspiring seismic phenomena that has resulted in the desolation around Mount Vesuvius and the total destruction of the beautiful city of San Francisco.

There is a little book entitled "The End of the World," by Dr. M. Wilhelm, translated from the German by Margaret Wagner, published by the Charles H. Kerr and Company, that is intensely interesting in its connection.

The "End of the World" is not as its title might indicate, an attempt to tell how or when things are likely to terminate on this terrestrial sphere of ours. It is an earnest attempt to understand the probabilities and possibilities of what may be in store for the human race in the future as understood in the light of what data science has been able to gather on that subject.

Readers of the Chicago Socialist who are interested in getting a comprehensive understanding of the cause of these catastrophes and their possible effect on the future of the human race will find this book both interesting and instructive at this time, when it is the subject of general attention. The "End of the World" is for sale at the office of the Chicago Socialist. Price, 50 cents.

COMRADE BERLYN SICK.

The many friends and admirers of our veteran comrade, Barney Berlyn, will be grieved to learn that for several weeks past he has been sick and unable to perform his accustomed large share in the work of propagating Socialism among the workers of Chicago.

Comrade Berlyn is suffering severely with an affection of his eyes which has confined him to his home most of the time for several weeks.

Comrade Berlyn has been one of the most indefatigable and energetic workers in the Socialist movement in Chicago for the past twenty years.

We are sure we but voice the sentiments of every reader of the Chicago Socialist when we express the hope that the spring weather will restore "Barney" to his old time vigor and that he may be spared to us and our common cause for many more years of useful labor.

The Chicago Socialist, on behalf of its readers, extends to Comrade Berlyn and his family their sincere sympathy in their time of suffering.

It is the historic mission of labor to free the human race. To free itself is to free mankind.

"The Jungle" is now being translated into seven different languages. That was a great coup of Sinclair to get President Roosevelt as press agent.

Our next primary will be held on Saturday, May 26. We should make this the best primary we have yet held. See to it that a good vote is recorded on that occasion.

How many Congressmen and members of the State Legislature shall we elect this year? Get the Socialist into the Legislative halls of the country and the day of the co-operative commonwealth is soon at hand.

The papers had much to say about the number of votes cast by the Socialists at their primary. It will be well to note the fact that the Socialists cast a larger per cent of their total vote than did the Republicans.

The secretary has prepared a formal letter in blank for use in calling to gether the comrades in the various districts for the purpose of organization.

Capitalists and their apologists are all agreed that Socialism is the one great menacing danger with which "our statesmen" have to deal in the future.

While the opinion of the Supreme Court contains much else that will be of aid in future contests against iniquitous and partisan election laws, the foregoing three principles, sectioned as a part of our fundamental law by the court of last resort in this State, will alone be a very strong safeguard against future legislation of that character, and will go far in protecting liberty and equal rights

against attacks through tampering with the elections. But for the struggle of the Socialist party the principles referred to would probably have become obscured or obliterated by wrong decisions, as they have been elsewhere, and the working people of this State would have been lost at the mercy of capitalist party machines, to be tricked and put into deeper bondage than ever by progressive corruption and gradual deterioration of their present principal means for the control of public affairs—the elections.

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT BY SPECIAL DELIVERY.

243 E. 56th Street, New York City, April 25, 1906. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, Head Servant of the American People, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir—To the readers of newspapers reaching weekly 1,500,000 people I wish to give your own explanation of your most recent presumptuous and immoderately selfish and imperious expression of your egotism, viz.: your taking it upon yourself with cruel promptness to tell all the world outside of the United States that the tens of thousands of stricken people at San Francisco who sigh and sob and moan in their profound despair and desperate poverty shall not be permitted to receive in their present terrible hour the generous gifts of their foreign fellow men.

Your recent influential announcement of "No foreign assistance—we can take care of ourselves," has the practical result of an order from you that the sufferers shall have no formal foreign aid.

Just why should nationality interfere with solidarity? Just why should geography balk generosity? Just why should your sudden spasms of pride prevent proofs of humanity? And still more to the personal point: Just why did not your strutting pride express itself similarly six weeks ago? Your 40,000,000 dollar unearned, parasitic annual income of \$3,000,000,000, living in your rather comfortable home, rolling in idleness luxury, ever enjoying elegant ease and lovely leisure—why should you be permitted to receive gifts from foreign individuals, foreign emperors, foreign kings, foreign czars, lords and masters in all the world—why from these cruel crowned parasites should your daughter six weeks ago be permitted to receive goods and gifts worth tens of thousands of dollars, and now the weeping, sufferers of San Francisco not be permitted to receive goods and gifts or help from foreigners?

You were not too proud then to have good things come into your own comfortable family from foreigners. Why should you be so proud now as to hinder the people of the nations from fraternizing with the troubled, crippled, tear-stained, homeless toilers of San Francisco?

Fraternize! Ah, sir, that word is daily, hourly getting a new content, a new meaning—a meaning that is larger than the selfishness of your home, larger than Washington, larger than the District of Columbia, larger than the United States, larger than North America, larger than the western hemisphere—it knows no geography, nationality, color, caste or condition. There is a political party organized, powerful, patient, defiant, determined, spreading rapidly around the world—systematically teaching brotherhood, teaching solidarity, teaching what masters dread, viz.: that humanity is ONE—and that society should be so organized that all shall be free, all free politically, all free religiously, all free industrially.

There is no such antagonism. Society includes all individuals. Socialism—a system of politics and industry subserving the interests of society—would enhance the individuality of many; would hamper that of a few (put an end to their enriching themselves at the expense of the many). To illustrate the absurdity: The class, "animals," includes horses; some animals are smaller than horses, some are larger. One who should ask, "Which is the larger, an animal or a horse?" would formulate a question that is unanswerable because of its inherent absurdity. (The real antagonism is between Socialism and Capitalism.) J. L. McCREERY.

Break into new territory with the street meetings this year and thus make it possible to organize the unorganized districts of the city.

geared that all shall be free, all free politically, all free religiously, all free industrially. That party is primarily the party of the class that suffers most in stricken San Francisco, the class to whom you brutally deny the benefits of international fraternalism, the party of the working class, the Socialist party. While you sign a bill giving a miserable pittance to the "Frisco sufferers and annually sign bills giving hundreds of millions for the army and navy for fighting brotherhood—while you with miserable and evident inconsistency do these things—our mighty party is teaching a brotherhood that will ultimately disband the armed, trained and fattened battalions of the world.

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As for Topcoats, we prophesied early in the spring that they would be the thing all summer for evening out-door wear. Our line is simply elegant. This nobby garment comes in tan covert and grey mixtures, so popular this year.

Both suits and topcoats in this line specially priced at \$12.50

Men's and Women's Shoes for Spring wear, carried in wide assortment of styles and sizes. Every foot and every taste can be suited in a stock which ranges from sturdy footwear to the top notch of swagger lasts for those who prefer them. \$2.40

The Value of a Suit of Clothes. Depends to a great extent on the manner in which it is made and trimmed. The quality of the goods may be ever so fine, yet if the suit does not fit and is not made well its appearance is far from satisfactory.

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