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GORKY'S APPEAL TO AMERICA.

The Great Russian Writer and Revolutionist Issues an Appeal to the American People to Assist the Russian People Gain their Liberty—An Awful Indictment of Autocracy.

The Czar has dispersed the Douma. This small man, trembling on his throne for his life and power like an aspen leaf, has with one stroke of the pen, with a convulsive movement of his hand, destroyed all semblance of law in Russia, and called into life a new series of murders, robberies and outrages. The Russian government will now inaugurate a policy of brutal and bestial reprisals. The hangman and thieves surrounding the throne and supporting it with blood-stained hands have of late heard many bitter and insulting truths from the lips of courageous and honest men. They will avenge themselves for it, and their vengeance will be severe. Embittered, accustomed to shed blood, and encouraged by the reign of lawlessness they will once more appal the world by their deeds. They will commence to annihilate and destroy the leaders of the people, and having destroyed the leaders they will again declare war on the people, the unarmed and defenseless people who are dreaming of peace and civilization, and who had been so impatiently hoping for the triumph of justice. The black, blood-soaked wings of death will flutter over the country for months. The exhausted earth will swallow thousands of corpses of men whose only crime was the desire to live a human life. Many women and children will perish from bullets, swords and clubs. Many crying outrages will be perpetrated. The world will be seized with horror and indignation. Here and there public meetings will be held at which the speakers will eloquently denounce the Czar and his band of savages. The speakers will be rewarded by applause and the public will leave the meetings in the proud conviction that they have responded to the call of the unfortunate people of a foreign land and thus discharged their duty to humanity. At the same time the blood of the Russians will flow in wide streams. Are we civilized people or are we not? I think we are not. We only pretend to love life and mankind, to respect the law and to abhor criminals. If my neighbors assault and torture human beings in their house, and I hear the groans of the victims, and though I pity them, I do not run to their aid—am I a civilized person? If I live in a town where countless murders, robberies and outrages occur every day, and I am familiar with these occurrences but do nothing to prevent the robberies and to stamp out the crimes—am I a civilized person? If on the earth on which I live and rear my children such deeds of horror and lawlessness are enacted, as in Russia and Turkey, and I, while condemning these acts, console myself with the thought

that in my country life is easier, safer and better, and thus consoled live satisfied in my hole—am I truly a civilized person? People whose hearts are devoid of the consciousness of the brotherhood of nations are not civilized, they are still savages. People who live quietly when everything around them is soaked in blood, strangled in violence—are not civilized, they are simply satiated animals. People who have children and allow them to grow up amidst wild anarchy and lawlessness and to poison their hearts with the sight of all the corruption which deforms the world. No, such people are not civilized. The world is for all, and everybody has a right to its joys. Whoever realizes that will not suffer himself to remain a passive witness to the torture of his fellow-men. Men are brothers. Whoever feels that will not remain an indifferent spectator at the murder of his brother; be the latter Anglo-Saxon, Jew or Russian. More love and consideration for mankind! That is what makes a person truly civilized! The endeavor to increase in life the number of conscious, wise and honest people, people believing in the good of their kind, this is the most important feature of true civilization. All truly civilized persons must help the suffering, martyred people of Russia. This is their duty, this should be their pleasure. For to help a human being to live a human life, in this help men must find for themselves the consciousness of their own significance in the world, the proud justification of their own lives. The life of the animal is senseless, the life of the beast is abhorrent—and ignoble and disgusting is the life of the beaver, and other animals who live in the warm darkness of their underground holes. Men should take life in a wider and deeper sense. The world is my house, and nothing that happens in it should pass by me without touching my heart. And if such crying horrors occur as those which we now witness in Russia, true men and women cannot remain quiet at their sight. To help the people of Russia to conquer their freedom is humane and is noble. To help the people of Russia is necessary for everybody who considers himself a civilized person and truly desires to be such. Help the people of Russia to free its body from the parasites which suck its life blood. The duty of mankind is to help mankind. Are there in this country living men, and they will hear me? MAXIM GORKY. Hurricane, N. Y., July 28.

WOULD SOCIALISM DESTROY INDIVIDUALITY?

Mrs. Lydia G. Wentworth, writing in St. Louis Labor, calls attention to the fact that Benjamin Franklin realized that leisure time to think, live and develop real individuality was possibility even in his day. And that the reason there was so much misery, squalor, ignorance and poverty was because so many of the toilers were working and wasting their energies in non-productive labor. She says: Last January was celebrated the two hundredth birthday anniversary of one of the greatest philosophers, philanthropists and statesmen who ever bestowed benefits upon his fellow-men—Benjamin Franklin. I searched long and carefully through the newspaper reports of speeches given in his honor, and in magazine articles, to see if a reference had been made by any speaker or writer to a remarkable statement made by the great philosopher in one of his "Papers on General Politics," but I failed to find any mention of it. The statement to which I allude, one of the most profound thoughts Franklin ever expressed, is: "It has been computed by some political arithmetic that if every man and woman would work for four hours each day on something useful, that labor would produce sufficient to procure all the necessities and comforts of life, want and misery would be banished out of the world, and the rest of the twenty-four hours might be leisure and pleasure." That was a wonderful idea for anyone to have thought in those times, even though the spirit of equality was at work in the minds and hearts of men, struggling to make herself understood. Franklin goes on to say: "What occasions, then, so much want and misery? It is the employment of men and women in works that produce neither the necessities nor conveniences of life, who with three hours' work a day, your pay would be large enough to enable you to own horses and automobiles if you wished them. Time to take a run out into God's beautiful country and see the birds, and breathe the sweet air that would give you new life. Or, on the other hand, time to take a trip to seven and enjoy the theater or some fine music."

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JOINT CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IN ACTION.

Opening of the Fall Campaign Begins Auspiciously—Important Committees Named.

The joint campaign committee held its first session last Tuesday night at headquarters. All members were present except three, one being seriously sick. A spirit characterized the deliberations of the meeting that speaks volumes for the success of the fall campaign of 1906. Every member sat on the front edge of his chair and was exceedingly alert to plan in the very wisest and best way for the outcome of the election on Tuesday, Nov. 6. The following officers were elected: Chairman—Otto Benziger. Secretary—Chas. L. Breckon. Financial Secretary—Jas. S. Smith. The following committees were then named: Press Committee—Chas. L. Breckon. Finance Committee—Jas. S. Smith, C. E. Kirkland, Jacob Winnen, J. Dobleman and Peter Miller. Speakers Committee—Jas. S. Smith, Chas. L. Breckon and W. C. Benton. Literature Committee—L. Dalgaard, Chas. L. Breckon and Andrew Lafen.

These various committees will meet as follows: Speakers—Mondays, 5 p. m., at headquarters. Literature—Fridays, 8 p. m., at headquarters. Finance—Tuesdays, 8 p. m., at headquarters for next two weeks (Aug. 14-21), after that on Thursdays. The general committee will meet every Sunday morning at headquarters, at 9:30 a. m. A leaflet was ordered gotten out to cover the needs of the rural districts. This matter was turned over to the Literature Committee. The Speakers Committee was instructed to get a complete list of speakers for use in the campaign. It was also moved and carried that the county and State conventions be asked by resolution to turn over all communications to candidates for ante-election pledges, etc., to the Campaign Committee for a collective answer by the latter organization.

All comrades possessing information or ideas that will be helpful to the Campaign Committee are requested to communicate at once with the secretary. The literary comrades will be called upon for articles bearing on the campaign that will be suitable for publication in pamphlet form. The arrangements for speakers and meetings will contemplate the entire movement in the State and Cook County. Plans will be perfected for a thorough interchange of speakers, to the end that the campaign may be most vigorously pressed in every county. The opportunity is ours. The new social conscience is rapidly awakening. The Socialist party only needs to present its case to get a splendid hearing. The fall campaign of 1906 bids fair to be most strenuous. Get off your coat, roll up your sleeves and put your shoulder to the wheel and push, push hard and push altogether, and election day will show us victors.

STREET MEETINGS.

- SATURDAY, AUG. 11. 92d and Commercial avenue, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons. Belmont and Lincoln, 8 p. m.—Carl Strover. 47th and Ashland, 8 p. m.—Andrew Lafen. De Koven and Halsted, 8 p. m.—C. E. Kirkland. 71st and Cottage Grove, 8 p. m.—A. W. Mance. 111th and Michigan avenue, 8 p. m.—Barney Berlyn. 63d and Halsted, 8 p. m.—J. A. Prout. 31st and Fifth avenue, 8 p. m.—Sam Robbins. 40th avenue and 12th street, 8 p. m.—Sam Block. Maxwell and Halsted, 8 p. m.—J. V. Levinson. Jewish; Morris Skikind, Jewish; G. H. Fraenkel, English. Chicago Heights, 8 p. m.—Louis H. Bergold. Blue Island, 8 p. m.—Matt Whalen. Erie and Center, 8 p. m.—W. T. Mills. Harvey, 8 p. m.—Nels Anderson. Mohawk and North avenue, 8 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. SUNDAY, AUG. 12. North Clark and Walton place, 8 p. m.—W. T. Mills. 40th and Madison street, 8 p. m.—Walter Huggins. Madison and Western, 8 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. California and North avenue, 3 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. California and Ogden, 2:30 p. m.—J. P. Nolan. Western and Chicago avenues, 2:30 p. m.—Sam Robbins. MONDAY, AUG. 13. 53d and Fifth avenue, 8 p. m.—Barney Berlyn. WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15. Belmont and Sheffield, 8 p. m.—Sam Robbins. Congress and Center, 8 p. m.—J. Mahlon Barnes. 52d and Halsted, 8 p. m.—Adolph Harrack. FRIDAY, AUG. 17. Madison and Aberdeen, 8 p. m.—A. M. Simons and others. Notice—Comrades must see to it that speakers receive at least their car fare.

NOTICE TO CHAIRMEN.

What Must Be Done in the Congressional and Senatorial Conventions. The chairmen of the respective senatorial and congressional committees must be present at the time of the meeting in their districts. They will call the meeting to order and preside until a permanent organization is effected. The senatorial conventions take place on Tuesday, Aug. 14, as per schedule in last week's Chicago Socialist. In all of the odd-numbered senatorial districts two candidates are to be named, one for the General Assembly and one for the State Senate. The even-numbered districts will name one candidate in each for the General Assembly. In the congressional districts one candidate is to be named for Congress. The several congressional conventions will be held on Thursday, Aug. 16, as per schedule printed last week. Each of these chairmen in Cook county will be careful to announce to the several conventions that the chairman and secretary of each convention must call at the headquarters on or before Saturday, Aug. 18, to make affidavit to the nominations made. A notary public will be present to take the several signatures. This is of extreme importance, and must not be overlooked. Only by the proper filing of the nomination papers can the names of our party nominees go upon the official ballot.

ONE DAY'S WAGE FUND.

The following amounts have been received on the One Day's Wage Fund, one-third of which has been retained by the Cook county organization. The balance has been turned over to the State Secretary.	
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Total	\$115 07

It is hoped that an extra effort will be made to gather in as large an amount as possible on these lists. The fall campaign is now before us, and by the time this issue of the paper is out the county convention will have been held, also the senatorial district and municipal conventions. Our campaign committee will at once begin to shape affairs for the biggest and

SOCIALISTS ENJOY OUTING.

The Party Picnic at Elliot's Park Last Sunday Was Well Attended—Dancing, Athletic Games, Base Ball and Speechmaking the Order of the Day—Veterans and New Recruits Mingle and Compare Experiences.

The eighth annual picnic of the Socialist party of Cook county is now a matter of history, and a pleasant memory in the recollection of several thousand Socialists and their friends, and it only remains for us to tell the many readers of the Chicago Socialist who were not there what they missed by being absent. It is generally conceded by all careful observers, whether they are Socialists or not, that the Socialists have a happy faculty of getting all out of life that circumstances, conditions and the limited amount of leisure time and means permit of. Socialists are seldom pessimists. There is something about the Socialist philosophy that causes a well spring of hope to eternally spring in the breasts and minds of those who have appropriated it as the guiding principle of their lives. No one who observed the cosmopolitan crowd of earnest but cheerful merry-makers who went out to Elliot's Park on the crowded Illinois Central trains last Sunday could doubt that the working people of Chicago who call themselves Socialists will be heard from in the future political and social life of the community. The first train load pulled out from the Randolph street depot early in the morning with twelve coaches loaded with those who had made up their minds to put in a full day in the grove and get all out of the picnic there was in it. By 2 o'clock in the afternoon it was estimated that there were between two and three thousand people on the ground. The music was furnished by Comrade Kellogg, and he had his musicians tipped off as to the kind of music the cosmopolitan, international merry-makers would most appreciate. So about every third dance was tripped to the stirring strains of the Marseillaise.

As is usually the case when young people get together (and Socialists are all young), the dancing pavilion was the chief point of attraction, though speechmaking, baseball and a general program of athletic games also occupied the attention of portions of those present. There was a match game of baseball between the young Socialists and the crack nine made up from the employes of the Reopertoff Clothing Company. The game was a hot one from the beginning and resulted in a score of 4 to 6 in favor of the young Socialists. After the ball game was finished Comrade Erickson and the committee on games led a couple of hours of strenuous life that would have taxed the endurance even of the strenuous Teddy Roosevelt himself. There was a large number of entries in every race and the course was lined on both sides by spectators who evidenced the keenest interest in the various contests from little tots to fat men and women's races. When the contests were over the following names had won a place in the niche of Socialist picnic fame: RACES. First prize, boys under 8 years, Albert Jacks; second prize, Walter Mittschoer. First prize, girls under 8 years, Hattie Harrington; second prize, Hattie Groszansky. First prize, girls under 14 years, Daisy Boronito; second prize, Sadie Olson.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.

The State convention will convene at 11 a. m., on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Brand's Hall, corner of North Clark and Erie streets. Five hundred and seventy-four delegates are entitled to seats in this convention, more than one-half of these in the State outside of Cook county. The exigencies of the fall campaign make it imperative that every delegate should be present. Down the State this may work quite a hardship. Comrades will face the loss of time as well as the expense, but every effort should be made to overcome this last difficulty in this regard. County organizations should raise a fund to help defray the expense of their State delegates. If need be, a subscription paper should be circulated. It is quite impossible in words to explain the extreme importance of this convention and to properly emphasize the necessity of every delegate being present. The State convention will set a new mark. It will do things. The delegates will carry back to their respective counties an enthusiasm and knowledge of the solidarity of the Socialist movement that will be of untold value in carrying out the details of the campaign. Every county should make most vigorous efforts to see to it that plans are so perfected as to insure the attendance of the full delegation to the State convention. Don't allow a single grain of indifference to enter into the problem. Say your will and do it. This is your fight—the fight of the working class for its political and industrial emancipation. See to it that every man is on guard, that not a single seat is vacant, that all along an unbroken line may go up a shout of victory. Liberty handed you on a silver tray would be empty. Liberty purchased in battle is sweet—it is the way of personal sacrifice and oftentimes of severe suffering. Yours the opportunity to build for to-day and the future. With that heroism born of the militant Socialist dare to suffer, to sacrifice, to fight to the very death if need be, for those principles and that party which represents your class interests. Whatever else you fall in doing this year of 1906 do not fall in being present at the State convention on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Quite a lengthy discussion on the question of what is the best literature to push followed, in which the audience took a spirited part. In another column of this issue will be found an article on the subject of the importance of pushing the sale of good Socialist literature by Comrade Lewis, suggested by the discussion mentioned above. At 6 o'clock the first train load pulled out for home, but the dancers did not hear the whistle and did not think of Chicago or home until the band finally switched from playing revolutionary airs to "Home, Sweet Home," which is the signal for all to hurry to catch the last train. From the financial standpoint the results will prove fairly satisfactory. Comrade Breckon tells us that the party will clear between four and five hundred dollars for the party treasury. The picnic is over, and it was a success. Now let every Socialist go to work in the campaign and keep at it in some capacity until the ballots are counted in November.

PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

Here is a news item that will probably set some high paid laborers to thinking and show them the logic of the Socialist philosophy which teaches the necessity of the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution: New York, Aug. 8.—Coincidence with the installation of electric motors on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad between New York and Croton, the road plans to cut the wages of all engineers and firemen on this division. Notices were posted to this effect to-day,

and the result has been to stir the Brotherhoods of Engineers and Firemen to immediate action. If the cuts are made it is declared they will be the signal for one of the greatest railroad strikes in the history of the country. The strike, it is declared, will extend to all other trunk lines throughout the country and an issue be made to fix for all time the wages of engineers and firemen against the invasion of electric motors. The cuts involve the reduction of the wages of engineers from \$2.50 to \$2.38 a day and the firemen from \$2.25 to \$2.50 to a flat rate of \$2 a day. The engineers and firemen are certain that, as fast as the electric system of the road is extended, the cuts will be continued. That the Central intends to run its entire system between New York and Buffalo by electricity is already known. Thousands of dollars are being spent to straighten the line at various points, notably at Poughkeepsie, so as to allow of the maximum speed by express trains under the new order. The motors have been manufactured and only await the preparation of the road for their use.

THE PRIMARY VOTE.

The total vote polled at last Saturday's primary has not yet been tabulated and the machinery of election commissioners does not provide for same. They have only reported the vote on nominees, and as the Socialist party primary ballot was blank there was no report in this regard. However, reports from comrades who saw the count in a number of precincts indicate a total vote of from 7,000 to 9,000. This shows a big increase over the '04 form of primary.

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IN THE SHOPPING DISTRICT.

By May Walden Kerr.

In the shopping district, hot, sultry, muggy. I stop at the fast counter at Mandel's and look over a new lot of fans fresh from Japan. I am so fascinated by the beauty of such that I find it hard to choose one...

LABOR AND LIBERTY.

By Eugene V. Debs.

The following is a report of an address delivered at the Appleton Chalet by Eugene V. Debs and printed in the Appleton Daily Post. The Post remarks in its comments that Comrade Debs was listened to by a most intensely interested audience...

SOCIALISTS ANSWER QUESTIONS.

The Citizens' Alliance of Peoria Gets Its Answer to Questions Propounded to Our Candidates—No Doubt Where Socialists Stand.

To stand for you is to stand for your power to command the police force to crack the heads of trades union men, to command the State militia and Federal troops to murder every working man...

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts—Due stamps, \$26; campaign fund, \$33.07; literature, \$5.25; miscellaneous, \$25.25; balance on hand last week, \$9.93; total, \$34.20.

PICNIC ACCOUNT.

The following is the statement of receipts and expenses for the eighth annual picnic, held Sunday, Aug. 5:

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenses. Receipts include tickets sold at headquarters, at Randolph street, and at other stations. Expenses include postage, printing, baseball prizes, music, etc.

There was taken up on the train 2,124 tickets, of which 1,894 were whole, 178 half, 6 entertainment committee, and 46 help.

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

By May Wood Simons. Litchfield. Comrade Chas. Goodell writes that Comrade Korngold held a rousing meeting at that place, and says: "I heard more good comments on his talk than on any other speaker we ever had."

NATIONAL PARTY NOTES.

The Socialists of Porto Rico are preparing for the next election. At a convention held at Guayama City an executive committee was elected to carry on a vigorous and systematic campaign.

WHAT OF BRYAN?

With little beyond a voice and strong pair of lungs as capital William Jennings Bryan shot into the public vision, and the nomination for the presidency, through a single speech in 1896.

ONE DAY'S WAGE FUND.

Local secretaries in organized States should return subscription lists with two-thirds of the amount collected to their respective State secretaries on or before the 5th day of August.

SOCIALIST PARTY OPPORTUNITY.

Whatever may be the merits or demerits of a primary law, there can be no possible denial of the fact that the several primary laws in Illinois have been of untold value to the party organization. The rank and file of the party have today a knowledge of political party organization not even dreamt of yesterday.

At the bottom the primary law is but a legalized plan for the perfecting of the organization by delegate districts and precincts for the Republican and Democratic parties. In this plan has been included the Socialist party by virtue of the size of its vote.

PARTY-OWNED PRESS.

In the past six years and over the growth of Socialist party sentiment has been enormous. A mere handful of men constituted the party organization that planted the beginning of the Chicago Socialist, "The Workers' Call."

Every year we have been obliged to pull off numerous entertainments in order to raise money to pay deficits because of private profit. The work of the party organization has been crippled because cash has had to be diverted from propaganda and organization work to the paying of these deficits.

There has been any increase of any magnitude in our business, what can we expect for the next six years? This spring we began an agitation for the organization of a stock company under the laws of the State of Illinois for the ownership of our own plant.

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Whatever useful function a capitalist may once have performed as manager of trade between isolated nations, certain it is that in this age of close association between the workers as producers and distributors he is no longer needed and acts rather as a handicap on the ship of commerce, which would otherwise move smoothly over the waters of international needs.

Capitalist papers are unwittingly rendering a service to labor by persistently belittling its efforts to throw off capital's yoke, thus lulling the master class to sleep and making it unprepared to resist the blow that Giant Labor is getting ready to strike for liberty.

The workers are skinned pretty close at the factory, but if by self-denial and frugality they are at times able to save a few dollars for "a rainy day," they generally find that some parasite has contrived to skin them out of even this. Just at present there are several thousand wage slaves out on the West Side who know that there is something wrong with the system.

For many reasons he is more acceptable than Roosevelt. He does not know so much, for one thing. His article in the Century can always be instanced as proof of any degree of ignorance which may be desired. He is more "dependable" for another thing. Bryan conscientiously believes that capitalism is right, while no one on earth has ever been able to tell what Roosevelt believed in for more than five minutes at a time.

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STREET SPEAKING

And How to Sell Socialist Literature.

BY ARTHUR MORROW LEWIS.

I have been buttonholed by so many Chicago comrades—speakers and comrades alike—to become a speaker—to give an account of the methods by which the Lewis accomplish their literature sales, that I cheerfully comply with the editor's request and answer through these columns all who are interested in this question.

It is impossible, I think, to separate the general question of street speaking from the specific one of selling literature. The qualifications that make for success in the former are absolutely essential in the latter. I will therefore take the liberty of dealing briefly with the question of street speaking by way of introduction to the main question of this article, and the comrades who know all about this part of it will please bear with me for the benefit of those who don't.

The first requisite for street speaking is a good voice. One needs quite a few speakers whose qualifications are almost entirely limited to a good voice. These comrades find it easy to attract a crowd and begin to rest on their laurels long before they have equipped themselves for really efficient propaganda.

Speakers who have made this fatal blunder usually hold their audiences fairly well at a street meeting and many in the crowd are immensely pleased to hear a public speaker give full and complete answers to their own obscure and exploded ideas. The street speaker who allows himself to remain in this rut ends by becoming a chronic demagogue and the movement eventually passes him by and leaves him in an oblivion for which he has only his own laziness to thank.

Granted a good average voice, which is sure to improve with use, especially when one learns to speak from the chest and lungs instead of the throat or palate, next comes a good manner or style, though I think manner is the better word. How many a speaker splendidly equipped in every other respect is almost a complete failure because of an impossible manner of delivery.

Speakers who are deliberate and natural in a conversation, the moment they find their feet on a platform all rationality seems to forsake them and they behave like a piece of wound-up mechanism, sometimes resembling a gasoline engine. Always begin to speak deliberately, be careful to enunciate clearly and while using the falling inflection at the close of sentences do not allow the closing words to be lost.

Having a good average voice and a rational manner, have something to say. On a Socialist platform, that something must be Socialism. Of course, one should not wait until he is a Savant before taking the platform, but there is no excuse at this time of day for a speaker who flatly contradicts the fundamental positions of Socialism.

How can we excuse a speaker who takes the soap box and in the name of the party and explicitly repudiates any one of its fundamental principles. With these three qualifications, any speaker can readily learn how to sell literature at an average of \$100 a month. Here are some of the points which my own experience suggest:

1. Never try to sell a book you have not carefully read and thoroughly mastered. It is obvious that one cannot tell others what a book contains unless he knows himself, and a speaker who tries to "hang a bluff" in this matter will exhibit a halting lameness in his remarks that is surely fatal to any considerable sale.

meeting a 50c book. My best record in the matter of percentage was 55c books sold to an audience of 17 men. My best record in quantity at a street meeting was \$410 in Vancouver, B. C. last fall. As to the best books to sell, for beginners, I think there is nothing better than some ten or a dozen of the pocket library published by Kerr. Of course I sell the largest number of my own debate with Harriman. My space for this time is full. Come to the Colorado meeting Monday evening, the 13th, Clark and Chicago avenu, and you will hear a sample book talk on a 10c pamphlet that will always sell 50 copies in a city audience. Be sure and bring 10c with you and save yourself the humiliation of borrowing money from your friends.

A FIRST COURSE IN SOCIALISM. Eight books and one year's subscription to the Chicago Socialist for \$5.00. Terms, \$1.00 down and \$1.00 per month. We have had many inquiries from those desiring to get a clear understanding of Socialism, who were somewhat bewildered at the variety of Socialist books on the various phases of the subject, and asked for special suggestions as to the best books for a beginner.

No answer to this question can possibly be given which will be satisfactory to every inquirer, for the reason that the various books approach the subject in a variety of ways, adapted to the needs of people of various experience and various economic conditions. To illustrate, the course of reading which would be convincing and satisfactory to a city wage worker of foreign birth and member of a trade union, and one who is in daily contact with other wage workers and has abundant opportunity for observing the latest stages of modern capitalism, would be far from convincing to a farmer remote from industrial centers and brought up in the traditions of American "freedom."

It is on account of these differences that we have heretofore thought it best to give a full description of each book and let each reader make his own selection. There is, however, a decided difference between our various books in the matter of simplicity and difficulty, and for this reason it may be worth while to suggest a short course of reading which demands no previous knowledge of the subject, yet leads up to an understanding of the principles accepted by the international Socialists of the world.

1. "The Socialists, Who They Are and What They Stand For," by John Spargo. This recent work is by far the clearest and simplest exposition of Socialism that has yet appeared, and is an admirable introduction to almost any course of reading on the subject.

2. "Collectivism and Industrial Evolution," by Emile Vandervelde. This author reviews at considerable length the industrial changes of the last hundred years throughout the civilized world, by which individual production has been made obsolete and capitalist production for profit has become the rule. He also faces squarely the difficult questions created by many writers, touching the reward of labor under collectivism, and the means of acquiring the necessary machinery now held by the capitalists.

3. "The Social Revolution," by Karl Kautsky. This is divided into two parts: "Reform and Revolution" and "The Day after the Revolution." The first part explains the fundamental difference between Socialists and reformers, while the second part shows what use Socialists expect to make of the powers of government when first they have won them.

4. "The American Farmer," by A. M. Simons. (For readers more familiar with country than city life this might well come second instead of fourth.) The author traces the history of agriculture in the different sections of the United States and discusses the material interests of the farmers in their relations to political parties.

SOCIAL PARABLE.

There was once a beautiful garden wherein grew all manner of pleasing plants. They were well tended, for the stork plants helped the weak, and the wild, ambitious plants were kept in check by constant pruning and restraint.

Now the gardener was a philosopher, and read strange books. And in one of these he happened on a truly marvellous doctrine called the "Survival of the Fittest" in which it was said that plants should not be meddled with; that it was perfectly natural and lawful for them to fight for the sun; and that the weak must always go to the wall—or the rubbish heap. Now the gardener was a philosopher, and he believed this gospel.

Then said he to himself: "No longer will I tend the flowers; they shall have free competition." And so he left the garden to the wild winds and the scorching sun, and went away. Years later he came back, expecting to find that the best had succeeded, and that the finest plants were blossoming as he had left them. Oh! he was a philosopher. His garden was a wilderness. His pure white lilies were dead, choked by the powerful, grasping bindweed. Of his gorgeous roses nought remained but a few insignificant blossoms, battling for their existence against a tangle of bryony and the misnamed traveler's joy.

He was stricken in mind, and he returned to the garden, and he saw that the strong and ambitious thrived. Heartsease was stifled by hemlock; love-his-bleeding struggled in vain under the bitterness and yearning of the bindweed; and the puny, distorted plants lifted up the creepers which crushed them.

"What a mistake I've made!" said the gardener. "And how my poor plants have suffered. That is enough of the pernicious 'Survival of the Fittest.' I see that it is not the best plants that survive, but merely the strongest and most crafty. In future, the best shall enjoy the sun's bright rays, while they have the best light." Walter Higgins, in London Labor Leader.

ELECTED SOCIALISTS IN ACTION. Alderman Seidel (Social Democrat) delivered a severe and telling rebuke to the Mayor and chief of police in the last meeting of the Milwaukee City Council. Comrade Seidel had previously called the attention of the chief of police to certain disreputable saloons and resorts where girls of the working class were frequently trapped and ruined. The Chief of Police paid no attention to this complaint, but recommended that these saloons be granted licenses. This called out Comrade Seidel. He gave an appalling account of the work of ruin done in these dives, unchecked by the Mayor and the police.

The Social Democrats in the Milwaukee City Council introduced some important resolutions in the last council meeting. One resolution demands that a bill be introduced in the next State legislature "authorizing cities of the first-class to own and operate street railways and issue bonds therefor and so acquire existing systems by condemnation proceedings." Another calls for municipal ownership and operation of telephone systems. Another runs as follows: "Whereas, the gas furnished by the Milwaukee Gas Company contains about the same percentage of wind as its stock contains water, and whereas, there is neither justice nor reason in being compelled to pay for wind which the gas company acquires as cheaply as it does the water in its stock; and whereas, such gross frauds will be practiced as long as the gas is furnished by a private monopoly, and whereas, the cost of producing 1,000 cubic feet does not exceed 15 cents, for which the monopoly charges 60 cents and \$1.00; Resolved, that the city attorney be and he is hereby instructed to draw a bill to be introduced at the next session of the Legislature providing that the cities of the first class may acquire the property of gas companies by condemnation proceedings and may sell gas to their citizens at the cost of production and distribution."

"He is a clipper" is the general testimony of the Wisconsin comrades in regard to the labors of National Organizer George H. Goebel, who is now touring the State. Comrade Goebel will continue his work in Wisconsin till the close of August. County tickets have now been nominated in twenty-two counties of Wisconsin, and more will follow, in spite of the complexities of the primary law, which seems to be especially contrived for the discouragement of minority parties and the harassment of the Social Democrats.

PERSONAL.

Comrade John Collins arrived in Chicago from the West last Sunday morning, just in time to board a Socialist picnic train for Elliott's Park. He met his family on the train and gave them a pleasant surprise. Comrade Collins just finished a successful agitation tour in the West, arranged by the National Office. He will rest and visit his family for a few days, and then put in the time between now and the election lecturing in Illinois and New York State.

Comrade Arthur Morrow Lewis will remain in Chicago for a week or two more before he goes to Colorado to work to help the comrades in that State elect their full State ticket with the Wm. Hayward as Governor at their head.

Gop. Hayward of Colorado in jail in Idaho? Not much! The very hour his election is announced the jail doors will fly wide open, if not before.

SINGING PROPAGANDA.

The Seventeenth Ward Scandinavian branch and the Scandinavian Singing Society will hold monster singing propaganda meetings every Sunday afternoon, from 2 to 4 o'clock. The place selected is at the corner of California and North avenues. This is one of our famous corners, just opposite Humboldt Park. Great crowds are expected.

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PARTIES AND CLASSES.

Workingmen of Chicago, do you ever stop to consider why it is that just before an election you are sought after and flattered by the politicians of the old parties?

Does it ever occur to you that there is anything strange in the fact that certain men who are not rich have hundreds of thousands of dollars to squander in hiring theaters and halls and paying for first-class hand music, vaudeville shows, beer and cigars, etc., about election time?

Have you ever stopped to reason it out that if you voted as workingmen whose interests are identical, instead of voting as Democrats and Republicans, that you could possess yourselves of all the public offices, from legislator to constable, from national legislator to city council, together with all the power wielded by the courts, from the justice of the peace to the Supreme Court of the United States?

Just now, every time you pick up a newspaper you are made aware that there is a desperate effort being made by certain organized hands of men to get possession of the political offices that will soon be vacant by the operation of law.

The men who are struggling for possession of these offices are divided and subdivided into groups that represent great financial interests.

Neither the newspapers nor the politicians call your attention to this fact, but each group vociferously proclaims that it represents the interests of "all the people" and the community or the country at large.

There is just one exception to this rule. There is one organized group of men who are beginning to catch the ear of a great many workingmen who make no pretense of representing the interests of all the people. They preach a strange doctrine in a language hitherto unknown on the political forum or in political campaign literature. They tell you plainly that all political parties represent the material interests of some class and that they are no exception to the rule. The party that is preaching this strange doctrine is the political party of the enlightened portion of the working class.

The message of this party to the whole working class is that politically speaking, there is no such thing as "the people," but only the working class and the capitalist class, and that no political party can represent both these classes.

The class interest of the workers as the only claim for their support at the ballot box.

The Socialist party points out the fact that the Democratic and Republican parties represent only the subdivisions of the exploiting class and cannot, from the very nature of things, represent the interests of any other class than the one which pays their campaign expenses.

Now, Mr. Workingman, until you learn the truth, that political parties represent class interests, no amount of voting and changing the persons in the Congress, Legislature or Executive positions can bring your class any relief.

No amount of exposure of corruption or investigation or regulation can alter the fact that you have been robbed and will continue to be robbed so long as you will submit to being robbed by a system that has the game all fixed against you.

The old party politicians and the subsidized capitalist press will continue to attempt to deceive you to secure the power that is inherent in you as a class.

Hearst and his so-called "Independent League" will attempt to stampede you by sensational headlines and editorial hot air to deceive you into believing that your interests are identical with those of the dying middle class. Mr. Gompers and other foolish or knavish labor leaders will try to persuade you to put your faith in politicians' promises to be "fair to labor," but you will learn in the end by more bitter experience, if you have not had enough, that your salvation from all this nightmare of want, poverty and corruption in the midst of superabundance can only come through an intelligent political organization of the workers along class itself.

The Socialist party, though as yet small in this country, is a working class political organization and will enter into this campaign of 1906 with the only program and platform that dare state the whole truth to the exploited toiling millions of this land.

The Socialists realize no relief can come to the producing class from any reform or reactionary movements like those that are manifesting themselves in the fireworks and hot air of the Bryan or Hearst boom or talk of "muzzing" regulating or controlling trusts.

From now until the ballots are counted next November the Socialist press and speakers will do their utmost to cause this truth to be spread in field, factory, mine, store and shop. In millions of printed leaflets and papers and from ten thousand street corners our speakers and writers will endeavor to awaken the working class to use its solid class power at the ballot box to capture the powers of government and control them in the interests of the class whose toil creates all wealth.

Yellow workers, if it is in your strong arms and ballots that the power resides; don't let them fool you again. What have you in common with Bryan, Hearst or Roosevelt and the organized parties who want you to send men to Congress to support them?

Study Socialism and vote, fight and work for your own interests.

Monthly. We are of the opinion that it is its own best answer: CATHOLICS AND SOCIALISM

Some Catholics, seeing only the miseries of the poor and the promises of Socialism, have become Socialists. They do not understand that they have done this. They do not understand that they have done this. They do not understand that they have done this.

When a thing is evil, instinctively it antagonizes the Catholic Church. And Socialism has this mark—it shows the eleven hoof when it is put to this test. Its leaders should and in this country have assailed the church. Columns of their abuse of it can be produced. Just as of old, Christ said, "I know your mine and mine know Me," so today those who are not with Him are against Him and His church. And that is what Socialism is.

No Catholic may accept the doctrine of revolution and robbery.

If the Catholic church can afford to print such articles as the above the Socialist party can stand it. In the end it can only result in opening the eyes of Catholic working men to the fact that their church has some things to learn, and then they may doubt its infallibility concerning things spiritual.

Working men of all countries and creeds, unite to bring about industrial conditions that will make life worth while here on the earth.

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We can't get converts by beer, fireworks or greenbacks. We must get them by convincing their reason, as you say you do, go out and convince somebody else of the truth of it.