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# MAYWOOD

Struggle of Labor for Justice.

### ILL TREATMENT OF THE LABORERS

The Whole Story of Capitalist Develop-opment Told Over Again—Labor-Saving Machinery, Employment of Women and Children, Low Wages and Oppression— No Help From Prosperity.

Another chapter in the great economic struggle between labor and capital has just been written during the past few days at the Norion Caning factory at Maywood. Just because its details are so similar to hands in untold quantities. They preparation for the co-operative those that have marked an hundred began to ask themselves why they commonwealth. However much visibility should not receive a larger share of may differ as to the details of the second should not receive a larger share of It is therefore typical and will well repay a little study.

Many of the employees doubtless thought their fight had its beginning when they left the factory one morning leader," ordered by no "walking deleing last week and demanded an increase in the miserable pittance they
had been receiving. They did not realize that this was the last step in If ever there was a strike that was ments. The necessity for intelligent a contest that had been going on for justifiable; if ever there were decitizens who understand their rights years.

"The contest that had been going on for justifiable; if ever there were decitizens who understand their rights and duties will be far greater than

secure a wider picture of the field of tory. battle than is afforded by the snap shot obtained by a study of the strike alone. A number of years ago Nor ton Brothers had their factory in the city. But from time to time difficulnot so hard to find as now, they were share of capital in production (?). Besides rents were cheaper and living less high in Maywood, and wages consequently lower than in the city,

tory and the machines; (the laborers must use these or starve; therefore the Nortons owned the laborers.

Gradually another phase of the labor problem presented itself. More and more improved machines were introduced. As these began to work lution of the labor fakir. with greater perfection there was less need for the strong arms of the men. Besides men were generally the heads ganization the very first action taken movements common to an economic of families which they had to keep was to PASS A RESOLUTION class. May it not lie in the fact alive and they would not consent to have their wages reduced below the TION OF ANY SOCIALIST LIT. point where wife and children as well ERATURE IN THE HALL WHERE ducers—that they do not really wish aristocratic, agricultural; the North has other fish to fry. The woes of as themselves could sustain life.

So as the machines became perturned aside that his place might be gratitude. What little they did they themselves would deny the fact if the Thes -two forces came into conflict. the shricks of the tortured negros at given to the wife and daughter or will be glad to do again, and should thought ever occurred to them) that As in Europe, so in America, the his door. In other words the materyoung boy not yet through school, the strike continue we shall always if they could in some way bring in bourgeois triumphed. The power of resistance to oppres- be found upon the side of the strik- the co-operative commonwealth ron little by little their burden was in-creased. Slowly but surely through their cause is just, their position by the aforesaid middle class. All derful fidelity to detail. Just as the "freeing" the negro. the wages were cut down until the to stultify themselves to the entrance wages of these latter, who now made of any real assistance. up almost one-half the total em-\$2.00 to \$4.00 a week, which in many, they will be forced to think and when many cases constituted the income they will be compelled to recognize upon which an entire family main-the close connection between their tained an existence.

Next the hours of labor were extended under the well-known law of against the boss on election day than exploitation that with a fixed invest- it does to strike against him the grow out of capitalism and see in ment all additional labor after a cer- other 364 days combined. tain time yields a continuously increasing rate of profit to the employer. The evenings and Sundays of the helpless workers were gradually stolen to add to the ill gotten gains of the Nortons until some time ago practically the entire force were working until eight and nine o'clock five days in the week, and had ceased to know when Sunday came, save as it was indicated upon the calendar.

All the features that have marked capitalism in other industries appeared one by one. Dangerous machines were introduced that clipped fingers and disfigured hands. It costs money to construct saleguards cheaper. Besides this it afforded an to dock the wages of 500 of o lose flugers in this way, 10 per cent

on their meager wages to support a company doctor who could always be relied upon to testify on the right side in damage suits.

When the "hard times" of 1896 Another Battle in the were on the firm cut wages 15 per cent, and afterward in order to avoid labor troubles raised them'5 per cent to their present figure.

> This was the situation up to the time of the present strike. The em but what could they do? They were now far from the city and their fortunes were absolutely united with the plant in which they worked. They could not easily go elsewhere to look for work. They were well nigh hope

But "prosperity" began to appear. gle that is seldom touched upon, ye There were rumors on every hand of whose significance from many points wages being raised. The factory was of view is of the greatest import running night and day. The wealth ance. I speak of the necessity of the was flowing into their employer's training such a struggle gives as a the wealth they were creating.

left the shop in a body and the strike general features in which we are all was on. It was planned by no "labor agreed. In the first place that so Let us look over the history of this those made by the oppressed labor- now. What then would be the result institution for a few years back and ers from Norton Bros. canning fac- if this new society could be "en through the lens of socialist philoso- brought into a submissive condition

this, recognized it was one more et new coat of paint on a barn door. fort for justice by downtrodden labor and hastened to offer assistance. If all the sufferings of the present tion in this country from the social under a semblance of legality by come as a semblance of legality by fore capitalism is opposed to war. ties arose in the extracting of surplus found them utterly unorganized-a to use their ballot with which to even were held in all the states and most value from the labor of their em- mere helpless mob arrayed against protest against their injustices, if ployees. Frequently when it was against the perfectly disciplined they can be led hither and thither by the fact their obtaining freedom in cumbersome and resource was had sought to discipline them and press forces of capital. He assisted them whatever unscrupulous demagogue the Northern states was in no way to mere brutality. It was only neces a few more cents out of their toil they in forming a temporary union, in may chance to catch their ear-if the would rebel. Being in the midst of a electing sflicers, arranging for a are the victims of labor skates and great city at a time when work was strike committee and posting pickets. fake reformers what would be the rewithin walking distance of other em- the sympathy and assistance of the in a condition where they were no within waking distance of other em. the symplecty of the players and would sometimes elect. Chicago comrades and did all possi- longer compelled by their economic gin slavery was not profitable in the to capitalists interests, as may be ployees masters rather than sub- ble to help them. The following day condition to think? Is it not evident. to change masters rather than sub- ble to help them. The following day condition to think? Is it not evident the editor of The Workers' Call vis- that they would become the tools of moral." mit to further exactions. This was the editor of The Workers' Cell vis- that they would become the tools of annoying to the employers and did ited them; spoke to them to urge exactly the same class under any not show proper appreciation of the them to maintain their ranks solid other system of society. Of course of southern people prior to that time than that conveyed by a lax adminisand to perfect their organization.

ers from outside their own ranks had job. Of course I understand that I ployment were practically unlimited let loose upon the helpless blacks a and so the firm moved out into the been given by the socialists. Mes- am making the wildest kind of sup- and hence the demand for labor high. brutality who depended upon obtaining access the machines there used in order to live. The Nortons own the factory and the machines of t cal field and no time could be lost myism," "nationalism," etc. is impossible to profitably employ the point under discussion, and only attending to the troubles of a few erected, and hence we are justified the slave all the year round, and it shows that capitalism here as always, thousand suffering laborers. The in standing upon that ground while Norton Bros.' canning factory had fighting them. been an epitome of the entire economic development of history. Now tion of the action of the middle class and immediately negro chattel slait was to furnish a chapter in the evo- in supporting such movements in

out and preparations made for or- look for the explanation of all ERATURE IN THE HALL WHERE ducers—that they do not really wish aristocratic, agricultural; the North has other in the freedom, no matter their economic freedom, no matter their economic freedom, no matter the socialists expected no thanks how much they talk about it, and that cial. The story of the evolution of the properties of their work nor early for any they instinctively feel (although they history was repeated in America.

wages and their vote-when they will see that it counts for more to vote

To get down to a systematic method of securing subscribers let every those who are performing some so branch elect five or more solicitors to make a house to house canvass; let each solicitor take ten copies of the then such a society should be Workers' Call each week and leave the papers with as many people as will agree to read it, letting them know that you will call again the next Sunday to secure their subscription. With nearly 400,000 workers in this city it will be an easy matter if all branches take an active interest in this to secure at least 10,000 subscribers in Chicago at the end of this year. Get to work at once and send in the names of your solicitors who can get their sample copies at the office, 36 N. Clark St.

DID YOU THROW YOUR VOTE AWAY?

The Class Struggle From Recent Butchery of Nethe Ideologist's Point of View.

### ployees had long been discontented PREPARATION FOR COMING STATE THE ONLY REAL NEGRO PROBLEM

Shown To Be a Misfit Absolute Need of Class Struggle As Training for the Proletarian's Future Function.

There is a phase of the class strug clety that is destined to grow out of Without much consideration they the present one there are certain acted" from without, if it could be The socialists of Chicago heard of imposed upon present society like a

What would be the probable result? He spoke to them; assured them of sult if they were suddenly set down classes.

Perhaps we will find the explana another phase of that same class-When at last a delegate was sent consciousness to which we must ever that economic conditions determine other social relations never occurs to

Let us look further into the nature of the society which will haturally what other features its well-being cially useful labor will be entitled to a share in social control. Manifestiv brought into being by the exertions

gros in the Southern States.

A Study in Capitalist Morality Relation of the Negro to American History No Negro Problem Apart From the Labor Problem Operation of Class Interests.

There has recently been considerable discussion of the outrageous along these much needed lines. treatment of negros in our southern. Hence its permanent overthrow and states. For the last few years, there the establishment of a government has seemed to be an epidemic of lynch- with a proper respect for capitalist ing, shooting, burning, whipping, "law and order" was an absolute etc., raging in some parts of this necessity. country. A great variety of reasons have been offered for this-some illustration of Karl Marx's stateclaiming it was due to the terrible ment that "the bourgeoisie tras every ever since the war and yet the out- soon as they become revolutionary." tively recent date.

I believe that we can show the the white socialist of Europe for his reasons for this recent outbreak to intelligence. die deeper than the explanations offered by the capitalist press. If this continued to vote the Republican the market into a state bordering on entire, "negro problem" is viewed ticket. It was necessary that he be phy a great clearing up is seen.

That we may the better understand look at the history of the negro quessocialists at least are familiar with many places this method was too the home market restricted and was in strict accordance with the semi-criminal class who are always economic interests of the ruling the hangers on of plutoeracy, and

Until the invention of the cotton South, and bence was highly ."imbe found in the writings and speeches cities. No further hint was required and to perfect their organization. • economic freedom would in the end denouncing slavery and advocating tration of the law and the indifferup to this time all assistance or bring education and political indeemancipation. In the North, on the ence of the former defendants of the sympathy that had come to the strik- pendence but it would be a painful other hand, the opportunities for em- negros, the northern capitalists, to sage after message had been sent to positions and painting impossible and as a natural result, negro chattel ferocity has searcely been equalled secure help from the Chicago Feder pictures, but those pictures and sup. slavery became the most moral thing in the annals of history. The fact became more profitable to have a temporary slave who could be left to passions and prejudices that lay dorshift for himself when winter came, very became immoral and white cause it would be necessary to show wage slavery took its place.

talist was soon apparant. The system of production and the form of The negro, bewildered and terr labor power soon determined the en- at this fierce outbreak against him tire social organization as is always the case. The South became feudal, tion. But the northern capitalist

sion in these latter was slight and ers, giving them all the aid and comthe introduction of machinery and right, their intentions good, but we substitution of women and children only regret that they have consented co-operative commonwealth they. die of this century gave the ballot to would have a benevolent despotism. the -workingmen of those countries and satisfy himself as to the truth of To be sure such a condition would be that he might be a tool in the hands the position here taken, needs only But we can afford to wait. We ridiculously impossible, but a little of his masters to humble the landed to trace the course of capitalist inployees, were only receiving from know that the time will come when thing like that never bothers the aristocracy, so here in America the dignation at "southern outrages" as reasoning of a reformer. The fact northern capitalist gave the ballot to reflected in that perfect image of the negro that he might use it as a capitalist class-consciousness, the club with which to crush the south- public press. A few years ago when ern plantation owner.

more interesting. This changed ecowill be furthered by the class strug- Divergent economic interests arose. gle ont of which it will rise. It will Capitalism entered the south and bebe a society of producers. Only gan to use the exploited negro wage the resisting power of the northern white laborer. Then his ballot became au obstacle. It was not because he used it ignorantly, or on the of those who are the actual produc-, other hand because he used it intelliers in our present society. It would gently in his own interest-the former be a strong contradiction indeed could be easily pardoned and the latwere the idlers of today to legislate ter would not suffer itself to be misinto existence a society whose funda- treated. But it was because he rem-ntal position should be the aboli- fused to be led into new deceptions. tion of their class and the lifting to He still clung with stabid obstinacy political power of the class upon to the fetich of Republicanism, which shose efforts these idlers had been he had been carefully taught to reliving. On the other hand the ideal gard as the means of "deliverance preparation for such a society (if we from bondage." This was all right could make history to order as the as long as capitalism was bounded dent that the interests of the northreformers seem to wish) would be the by geographical lines. But now the ern capitalists were more closely South as well as the North being

capitalist, his southern master began to object to this action. As there was now no particular quarrel between the two capitalist factions the republican took but little interest in his troubles.

On the other hand the southern. capitalist now needed the negro vote for his own purposes. His "vested rights" needed protection. A stable Paradoxes of Capitalism government was necessary that would "preserve, order," shoot strikers, issue injunctions, and in general perform the functions of government in a proper capitalistic manner. In all this the "carpet bag" governments SOME DESTRUCTIVE CONTRSTS elected by the negros were hopelessly deficient. A mere system of organized plunder they could do little

The whole matter was a perfect crimes the negros were committing, reason to fear the stupidity of the others to race hatred, and so on, But masses-so long as they remain conall of these have existed, if at all, servative; and their intelligence-so rages referred to are of compara. The negro Republican of the South is being punished for his stupidity-The negro with ignorant pertinacity

and not be permitted to trouble himself about polities. His use to the there is a certainty as to the markets, present conditions let us go back and capitalist was over and it was necessary to disfranchise him. Where it in all parts of the world. All this is "educational" and other tests. In But underpaid labor always renders due to "humanitarian impulses," but sary to loose the passions of the imbued with capitalist class consciousness move in exact obedience Numerous examples are to slum proletariat in any of our great whose blood thirsty knew how to make use of all the evil mant in the hearts of men. To prove that any of these were the inspiring that they had not existed when there The wisdom of the Northern capi- was no lynching and came into being

The negro, bewildered and terrifled turns to his old defenders for protecial interests of the present ruling Now comes the story of the en- class are advanced by pretending portion of the citizens are to be fav-

the present lynching mania first be-The next development was still gan there was a made-to order "thrill of horror" that ran the whole length nomic condition in the south altered of the capitalist spine. Indignation the social and political situation. meetings were called to protest, societies formed to prevent, sermons preached to denounce, thundrous editorial and page-wide reports with slave as a means of breeking down double-column scare-heads printed to expose, congres-lonal committees appointed to investigate and, so on ad infinitum, ad nauseum. But as soon as it became evident to the northern capitalist conscience that it was only his southern brother disciplining his tematic exploitation without an exwage slaves for political purposes, 'moral sense" of the North ceased to be any more outraged by the lynching of a couple of negros than they were by the shooting of a dozen northern white strikers, or the 'mowing down" of several hundred Phillipinos.

On the other hand it became evi-

# CONTRADIC-

Leads to Its Destruction.

How Our Present So-called Civilization Contains Within Itself All the Elements Necessary to Destroy It-Demands Peace and War, Ignorance and Intelli-gence, Competition and Monopoly At the Same Time.

Socialists have often pointed out ow the present society is but laying the foundation for the coming one and how it contains within itself the elements that were to bring about its own destruction. But few of us, I think; have ever realized what a bundle of contradictions capitalism is, and how at every point it is a shattered hulk torn by conflicting forces that must soon destroy it utterly

Capitalism demands perfect peace. The rumor of a war is enough to send panic and cause the prices of stocks to go tumbling down. Industry can only be successfully carried on when when there is security for property causes a constant overproduction (for the capitalist). If industry is to go on at all this must be disposed of and the demand for a market for this drives capitalist nations into wild struggles for conquest in every part of the world and plunges them into innumerable wars. The system can not exist without war and conquest which disorganizes its own internal arrangements at the same time. Moreover all this drives on to a greater contradiction. Capitalism ver demands wider spheres of exploitation and cannot exist without an expanding market. But the more rapid the expansion the more immanent the time when there will be no room for further expansion and capitalism must die.

Capitalism was born with the modern state and its fortunes rise and fall with it. Patriotism is an es tially capitalistic virtue and capital-ism is the inspirer of chauviniam. Yet every feature of that same system is constantly breaking through national lines. The world-market is a constantly growing contradiction to national industry.

When we examine capitalistic government we find the same contra tions. Industry prospers best under a firm and economical governmen Taxes are lowest, property safest and fairs, etc. But capitalism rests as ment which presupposes that one ored in all that relates to govern ment. No system of government involving such a gigantic lie can comvery close to even capitalistic con-

ceptions of morality. This brings us to the moral contra dictions inherent in capitalism. No other system has ever prated with such tiresome iteration of its morality. In no other stage of society have "honesty, truth, veracity, economy," and the whole list of "moral virtues" been preached with such pertinacity as under capitalism. The reason is at once plain. The system rests upon the maintenance of private property. Everything must be bent to secure respect for this fetich. The little children must be taught that stealing a pin is a frightful crime and that distorting the word from the fact, even in the slightest degree, was an unpardonable sin. When all this has been thoroughly taught to the child he is plunged at once into a society whose base is syscuse for compensation, whose entire fabric is a network of lies and who industrial system is organized, legalized thievery. Out of this moral contradiction

we step at once into a statement capitalism is only possible in a s of mutual confience. This is p fectly correct. With the widespre credit system of today and the tice of continually dealing in futu

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A. M. SIMONS, EDITOR.



I have looked at this claim by the light of ory and my own conscience, and it as to me so looked at to be a most just

It is right and necessary that all men should have work to do which shall be worth doing, and be of itself pleasant to do: and which should be done under such conditions as would make it neither over-

and strife and dishonesty would be ended. To feel that we were doing work useful to others and pleasant to ourselves, and that such work and its due reward could not fail us! What serious harm could happen to us then? And the price to be paid for so making the world happy is Revolution. William Morris.

### The Socialist Vote.

UNITED STATES.

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will doubtless feel a sense of discouragement as they read the figures indicating a falting off in our vote from for such a feeling. Socialism can receive no set-backs. It depends in no way upon the accidents of elections. Its strength is not measured by the South. The cotton trust is gaining number of converts to an idea but by control of the ginning business by in the progress of economic development. The concentration of industry | The trust owns the patents, and when many elections.

that a great majority of those who if not sold, but leased by the trust. voted our ticket in previous years did so blindly, not in a clear classthis stage in economic development April 19. -- Chicago Record. they would be but a drug upon our its clear cut scientific character and isfaction guaranteed. If you don't development. Now the interests of They are the cast-outs and left-overs render us; like themselves, a prey to every passing wind that blows.

If there is one thing that the American socialist movement needs above all else it is that it should divest itself of the muddled economics that have somehow became characteristic of the so-called "American movement." The crying need is for a "Gldeon's purging" that shall clean out all save the clear class-conscious element. It is far better in every way if this can be accomplished by other means than through the exercise of party discipline. We believe that the election just, past has acted as such a purge. It has wiped out of the movement for the moment all that body of badly mixed "socialists" who could not tell the difference between a middle class municipalization scheme and a proletarian evolt. These have now had their lesson. It has been a far more impressive one than any we could have ever preached from the lecture platform, and when they again return to our ranks, as they will in due time, it will be with a great mass of cob-webs wiped from their brains. No, the S. L. P. is the one party that never loses in an election. Secure in the fact that it is based upon scientific interpretation of social facts it goes on to ultimate victory. Like the proleariat that it represents it never lears the future, as it has "a world o gain and nothing to lose but its

DID YOU THROW YOUR VOTE AWAY?

Now that the elections are over you can have a chance to stop and think every Saturday, at 36 N. Clark St., Chi- how big a fool you were to be deceived office at Chicago, III., as man for the steenth time with the promises of capitalist politicians. It is a good e second class.

are Call is published for and under of section Chicago of the Socialist for Illinois, by the Socialist Publishtion. It is a good time to think over the policy of fighting the composition without capital hole revenue of which must be exone control of the composition of the composit strengthen his grip for another term. It is a good time to decide whether politics in your trade union would not be a good thing for you as well as for

> your officers. If you lose your job, have your wages cut below the subsistence point, if the insolence and arrogance of your master seems unbearable, just comfort yourself with the reflection that you are your own master (?) and you voted to be a victim and it is nobody's business if you wanted to be used that distress. Owing to "the introduction of child condition applies to the inborers way; and finally you have this consolation-you did not throw your vote STAWA

You can console yourself with Tom Corwin's famous reply when he was cornered at one of his public meetticing lawyer in this country for over are attempting to compete with machines, twenty years and I never found any-operated by children, that turn out 64 fin-thing in the constitution of this state, ished cans in 60 seconds, and, realizing that thing in the constitution of this state the statutes of the same or in any of the decisions of the courts that prevented a man making a blamed fool pathetic buyers to assist them. A few will product "hand-made," depending upon synthetic buyers to assist them. of himself once in a life time." It pay higher prices to purchase goods in hand might be well however for you to made cans; the many won't, for it is the law claim, and that resistance to it means stop and think if you had not about to buy where one pays are the controlled will be short of a denial of the hope of reached your constitutional limits in others who own the machines and the can office that line and if it was not about time others who own the machines and the can stop and think if you had not about to buy where one pays the least. the differthat you began to look after your own interests instead of the bosses.

they have been able to purchasa durisome nor over-anxious. lowed their tools to slip from their grasp and in that claim about as I may, think of ling the recent troubles, returned the low vote regularly to make themselves the as long as I can, I cannot find that it is nexorbitant claim; yet again I say that ors on both the Philadelphia and the 'Society would or could admit it, the face of the world would be changed; discontent 'Propose are reported killed and ownership of the tools just yet and so they will have to suffer a while longer a However. Porpoise are reported killed and ownership of the tools just yet and so they wounded. The slaughter among the will have to suffer a while longer a However, the class-conscious prolateries are Samoans was terrific. Hundreds a small minority will vote for socialism—be Samoans was terring. Hundreds were moved down behind their feeble proud to do so—and the pity is that they must suffer with the carbless many.—Cleveland breastworks, but they stuck to their Citizen. work and were not driven from their defenses till half their number, including Mataafa's bravest leaders, had been killed or wounded. The native villages all along the water front are now afire and landing par- are almost innumerable. The expansive force ties of British and American marines are now being pushed ashore with all possible speed. Mataafa's men are in New York. But the most astonishing thing retiring toward the interior, while is the latest statement that an engine conthe followers of Malieton Tanus, the chieftain recognized by England and the United States, are taking possession of what is left of Apia.-Associated Press.

say that it indicated a set-back for of Americans beat with pride to that a great motive force hitherto almost unclalism. Some of the comrades think of the ease with which the poor known has really been discovered. The matools of capitalist brigandage in our chine that produces liquid air is small, occuown country united with that king of pies but little space, and costs but little to own country united with that king of international pirates, Great Britain, will be monopolized, a \$15,000,000 trust havprevious years. There is no reason and "mowed down" these brave but ing been incorporated in New Jersey this

A big game is being played in the troducing the round bale system during the last few months is a sign the square bale system is abolished it of the progress of socialism of far will have the planter by the throat as more significance than the returns of effectually as northern and western farmers are being held up by the farm-Even when we come to examine ers' implement trust. The round ginthe vote cast there is no cause for ning machinery is in every way sudissappointment. It simply means perior to the old square ginners, and

New York, March 24th .- It is pre-

That's right, get in line. "New no narrow see what you want ask for it."

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wages of its employees 10 percent. It increased the price of its goods over 100 percent. Thus it takes \$100 from be bound in their thinking (as are all everyone else because they will not the public, it gives \$10 more to its others) to the confines of the market agree with him, not seeing that each that even his name disappears in a truth in everyday matters, we cannot workmen and puts \$90 into its own plethoric purse .- Appeal to Reason.

It keeps 46 men busy digging graves for the paupers of New York City.

# The Tariff.

The tariff question offers another excellent example of class-consciousness. Reference is not here made to the class nature of tariff legislation, which should be plain enough to everyone, but to the way in which it has become a political cry in different countries during similar stages of economic develop-In England a high tariff for protection was

needed until England became the economic mistress of the world, when tariffs became "immoral" and free trade the "great civilizing agency" that was to usher in universal The same was true in America, and every laborer can remember the flood of crocodile tears that were shed over the poor workers lest their wages might be destroyed by "foreign competition." Now the table are turned-America is scouring the seas for outlets for her products, and her capitalists have lost all interest in "protecting the American laborer." Meanwhile England sees the circle of her markets being encroached upon and is discussing a prospective protective tariff—of course, for the workingman's bene-fit. We wonder if her laborers can be befuddied-on the "tariff question" as long as their American brothers were?

### "Step by Step."

In some of the dives that are run in this city under the protection of capitalism for the freeing of the unwary, there is a game The victim is in called the "trick stairs." some way enticed to ascend a pair of innocent looking stairs. Just as he reaches the middle of the supposed stairway it turns upon a piyot and flings him into a ba where he can be robbed at the leisure of his

Just so we fear that some of our "step-bystep" friends, who are ascending the stairs of capitalism in the hope that they lead to the golden fields of socialism, will suddenly awake to find that the stairs have turned over and precipitated them into the capitalist cellar, from which, if alive, they may crawl out the next morning, sadder and, let us hope, wiser men.

The can makers have raised the signal o and female labor at inadequate wages, and machinery with the use of acids, oils and other poisons," they say in a circular letter, "our wages have been reduced to under \$500 per week since 1888." Think of able-bodied men working for \$5.00 per week in this gioriously "prosperous" country-under Repubings at a time when he did not want lican rule! Rockefeller makes that much to commit himself to either side. He money in less than eight seconds, and he does said, "Gentlemen, I have been a prac- not produce wealth, either. The can makers or of the United States or in any of their primitive tools, their capital, are at makers and other workingmen who operate the machines is, that the former rethat collective tools are superior to individ-"The natives, with such arms as unlistic tools and have made themselves masters of the same, while the workers have al-

> One of the most astounding inventions of the present century is a machine that produces liquid air at a cost of about 20 cents a gallon. The temperature of liquid air is about 400 degrees below zero. Its commercial uses of liquid air is twenty times as great as that of steam, and engines are being run by it now suming three gallons of liquid air will, by the force it generates, produce seven gallons; that is, this invention is four-sevenths better than perpetual motion. All this seems incredible but the public exhibitions given in the pres ence of prominent scientific gentlemen, and week to manufacture machines and liquid atr.—Cleveland Citizen

# SIDE LIGHTS.

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the socialists provides.

nationalism will be al- opment. are proverbially local in their intertheir entire discussions show them to the laborer sells his product in the sure to produce divergent results per tag. market of the world. The Elgin when those economic interests are so watchmaker ultimately disposes of utterly different. his labor power in the same market

that all ordinary social lines, such as race, creed, nationality, color, etc., creed, nationality, color, etc., en to think it is your size you may be sure that your economic conditions have done the fitting and you may be sure that your economic conditions have done the fitting and you may be sure that your economic conditions have done the fitting and you are welcome to wear it.

It must also be remembered that

any point. The reason for this is at once apparent. The one movement being ideologiccal must be confined to those whose habits and nature ac- in all lines, off as well on the board doxes, at the hands of the very customs them to think alike. The of trade, a fundamental necessity for power that brought it forth. Well other movement being based upon the running of the complex indus- does the Communist Manifesto say: economic conditions must be as wide trial machine is mutual confidence as those conditions, and just as the among its various members. All duces, above all, are its own grave machine knows no distinction save must fondly and faithfully believe diggers. Its fall and the victory of relative price, so the class-conscious that the entire mechanism will run the proletariat are alike inevitable." proletariat recognizes no dividing tomorrow with the same efficiency line in society save that between slaves, laborers and capitalists.

that is able to organize it. They needs no argument to show that this about every ten years. down to those performing the simothers only fulfilled by the class-con- women. scious socialist movement. The ideological reform movement on the talism depends upon the continual of production. It will be at once contrary is largely supported by the tion of competition. So true is this seen that this classification is neither Could a more miserably constituted at any time it was purely competitive can easily be made and the figures and led organization for social bet- and it is now not so even in a ma- he gives are of great interest. terment be imagined? The class that, is to be the instru-

"narrow and selfish" as a class-con- dictions of capitalism. scious laborer's movement? Or stream of a city hydrant.

Meeting the reformer upon his ity, we can show that he is as ridicu- appearance of capitalism. lous in his logic as Utopian in his

Furthermore the coming society tion of the economic movement. The must be cosmopolitan in the sense coat was not made for any especial

ponents of the class struggle, it is a cold fact that the only body that as yet has to any marked degree broken across these lines has been this same "narrow" class-conscious movement of the workers. It is the only widespread organization in this country that does not draw the color line at this entire argument leaves untouched the real basic difference between the class-conscious and the decloyical movement in that it concedes the possibility of the latter at all. It is itself superficial only because it is based upon the reformers wan ground and the base was too shallow to admit of deep excavations for foundations.

# CONTRADICTIONS

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that it does today and that all its THE OUTLOOK OF THE ARTIworkers and idlers, masters and parts will remain intact for an indefinite future. But the fact is that Again the class that is to bring in about 50 per cent of its working parts the coming society should be a class go suddenly to smash in the course of each year while the entire machine should be the ones who are at pres- breaks down with a tremendous ex- brought together in book form. They ent the vital force in society. It plosion, and no previous warning, are written throughout from the

alone. Capitalism has organized ist morality is its insistence on the with considerable elaboration into them into perfectly drilled bodies, purity of the family. The system is the terrible waste of our present sysfrom the general superintendent largely based on the monagomous tem, and estimates that nine-tenths through all the intricate gradations of overseers, foremen and bosses on man. If it is to continue at all it is wasted. He classifies these wastes must rest upon sexual purity. Yet under several heads, as follows: The plest and most disagreeable work. it breaks up the family with reckless waste by our distributing system, Manifestly the best possible intro- freedom and builds "stag towns" in catalogues, drummers, duplicate duction to a co-operative industrial the West and "she towns" in the stores, etc.; the waste of contention, society would be a movement which East, and renders marriage an imwas made up of these men welded possibility for a large percentage of etc.; waste of woman's energy from into a compact body for political action and prostitution misuse of it; waste from labor troubtion. This condition is like all the the only refuge of hosts of its les; waste from preventable crime

economic faffures of today and led that is commonly called the competi- mutually exclusive nor comprehenby professional and parasitic classes. tive system although it is not true that hensive, but perhaps it is as good as jority of its tranactions. It should He then points out how under presproperly be called capitalism, since ent conditions any true amistic conment to the attainment of the next the only essential feature about it is struction is impossible. social stage must, as all are agreed, the presence of capital—that is pri variety of reasons for this, some of be one in which the principles of vately owned and controlled instru- them relating to the practical work brotherhood and human love are ments of production and distribut of the architect, such as the extreme deeply ingrained. This is something tion-and their use by the owners to specialization which will not allow of which the ideologist prates much compel the labor of the remainder the architect to supervise the earrythe class-conscious proletarian says been recognized that the system artificial conditions such as competinothing because he does much. If would be unbearable and intolerable tive struggles of architects for varyou were to go in this world to the without the presence of competition, lous works with incompetent judges. class that is making the greatest It was absolutely necessary that He also points out that any form of sacrifices for the sake of brotherhood there be a continuous struggle be. art is but the reflection of the social and humanity would it be to those tween the the various owners of capi- conditions out of which it arises. He self-satisfied individuals who gather tal or production would stagnate, ad- says, p. 39, "Under the competitive in little social meetings or in elabor- vance cease, and destruction result. System of industry the majority of ate conventions to weep over human But competion leads as inevitably to our mercantile buildings must be woes and preach for human brother- monopoly as does life to death. This built for competitive purposes, hood, but who refuse in pharasaical is a fact that is now so well recog. which necessarily precludes any exclusiveness to sully their patrican nized that it is only necessary to greater solidity than is absolutely hands with anything so Plebian or so mention it here as one of the contral necessary to serve the end in view.

But it is when we come to consider is too great to permit of any permawould you go to those who are pour- the laborers under capitalism that nent and monumental style in these ing out their life energy in a sympa- we come upon the fundamental con- buildings. Fortunes are made and thetic strike for those whom they tradiction that will be the ultimate lost in a day, and architecture must have never seen but whose interests destruction of the entire structure, faithfully reflect this condition. Many persons looking at the returns from the last election would be structured. Is this not a thing of which to be the endorsements they have given the claims they feel are inseperably united with Successful production under capital. Another evil impeding the artistic proud? Does it not make the heart of the inventor seems to establish the fact their own? No, the deep brotherhood ism forces each individual producer development of architecture is the of suffering which binds the laborers to secure the highest possible intelli- 'parsimony' that is always deof the world together is as different gence in his laborers. So schools manded, "No sooner does the artist from the insipid, hypocritical vapid- are built, technical education pro- become interested in his theme, and ness of canting reformers as is the vided for, night classes conducted, elaborate his design with some arfathomless depths of the boundless etc. With every advance in modern tistic refinement, than he is directed ocean to the babbling, trickling complex production a higher grade to 'cut down.' The material is too of intelligence is demanded of those expensive for the appropriation. An who are to do the work. But intelli- imitation or a veneer is ordered in own ground, that of the ideological, gent slaves will soon begin to dream place of the genuine material. A and conceding the point of possibil- of freedom and this means the dis- little here and a little there must be

So the work of preparing them for a very commonplace affair indeed." plans. This is simply because a per-their fight for liberty is continually themselves in the use of their politi- actual conditions. Its logic might laborers be brought together in great truth. eal power as a means of solving their be perfect while its premises were bodies and be carefully disciplined terly sinks the individual in the mass in which they sell their wares. But obeying their economic interests are number and his personality in a cop- expect to find a strict observance or

the workers with kindness, to see places a premium on disnonesty, falsehood will continue to appear simply erected "straw men" to destroy—that we have pre-supposed conditions for a proper social movement which the class-conscious one ment which the class-consci as does his brother worker in the strong worker worker. But on the contrary the fierce fight into which capitalism plunges even its beneficiaries and pediments elaborately designed with the sole view of shedding rain worker worker. Used in interiors where rain never falls; sham windows and doors to the very existence point, those who produce their wealth—forces them to live in toul slums, and con its despotism." them to tree it to the face of the carth

stros lie of capitalism rushes on to its own destruction, to perish at last a fitting climax to this series of para-"What the bourgeoisie therefore pro-

SAN AND HIS ART, BY J. PICK-ERING PUTNAM-Chas. H. Kerr & Co.; pp. 64; paper 10 cents.

This consists of a series of essays written some years ago and now standpoint of the artist and espec-Another main point about capital. ially the architect. The author goes and disease; waste of unfitting occu-Finally the entire system of capi- pations; waste through the anarchy

> The risk in every financial enterprise saved until the work of art becomes

"Finally, the last corrupting influformation of a compact body of feet idealism would be a perfect re- performed by capitalism against its ence upon our architecture is the inlaborers who would be training flection (though only a reflection) of will. Capitalism demands that the difference to the essential element of

The present age is an age of present ills. This the class struggle ridiculous. This is not so with the and drilled in order that they may hypocrisy and misrepresentation. with political action as advocated by anti-class-conscious reformers. Not perform the work of modern indus. Our whole social and industrial sysonly are their premises ridiculous try. But the continuance of capital- tem is founded on the colossal incon-Furthermore the coming society and impossible, but their logic is a ism wests upon their not being sistency of permitting, in a nomimust be cosmopolitan and interna- bundle of contradictions. They are allowed to develope class-conscious- nally free country, one individual to tional in its enaracteristics. Modern as we have pointed out before, but ness or be trained to act together, practically own the soul and body of conscious recognition of their inter- dicted that Col. Bryan will attempt capitalism and mechanical devices another illustration of the truth of The presence of such a class-con- another. In a country where all men ests. Such men we do not want. At to form a new party in New York have so inextricably united the peoples of the world that in the future its reasoning upon economic devel- common interests means the down- law,' twenty-five thousand persons in They are the varying pro- fall of capitalism the instant it ap- appropriating from the rest one-half mevement. They would deprive it of parties formed while you wait. Sat- lowed to stand in the way of social duets of divergent economic forces. pears. Hence the very life of the of all that is produced by the entire system depends upon the isolation of sixty millions (these are 1880 figures). the middle class (who make up the of capitalism and their logic reflects the laborers and an accentuation of create a conflict under which a vast bulk of the reform, Fabian element) this fact. It is as hard to find perfect their individuality. But capitalism majority of the whole is wasted. In-"sets," "fits" and "pairs" in an ideo demands that all men shall be equal dustrial warfare breeds dishonesty ests. The measures which they pro- logical junkshop as in an economic before the machine, and insists that as its necessary fruit, and corruption The tin plate trust has advanced the pose are local in their limitation, one. Hence we find each separate every distinction of race and sex even in the highest offices of the Their economic interests are small; reformer wanting to start a new shall disappear before the common country has become so common as party all his own and complaining of fact of exploitation, and then so ut- to be accepted as a matter of course. With so general a disregard of the

appreciation of it in art, and so long If now it was only possible to treat as a system of industry exists that

class struggle that is at last to wipe capitalism from the face of the earth.

Finally capitalism could only be born by the aid of the laborers' vote. Without the ballot in the hands of the workers the overthrow of feudalism would have been impossible and capitalism must have perished ere it lived. But this same workingman's ballot now is the sword of Damocies that hanging above the head of capitalism threatens each day to end its existence. Thus in an inextricable mass of contradictions this mon-

# SOCIALISM

### What It Is and What It Seeks to Accomplish.

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also requires little argument. Aleffect in the Reichstag. On every occasion we have explained in debate,- of a riot gave the command to shoot. possible to compel from a representa- first of all the post-mortem examina- accordingly. tive who has failed to perform his duty tion,-here are the dead, violently the resignation of his authority, or killed,-how did they come to their and cause a new election to be held.

That the elections shall be held on a legal day of rest is self-evident,- Did the officer do this in self-defense? of mental incapacity,-imbeciles, etc.

Further we demand direct legislation in the people themselves, and the people should not be compelled to wait manslaughter, and if the matter is pression. Therefore we say:

Complementary to this right of initiative, that is the right of the people prison; or if murder he is hanged,- affairs independently." to make direct motion for law, is the and the same can occur to every solright of veto that is the right of the dier who fires with orders. people by means of direct ballot to ognized by us as a principle was con- directly after to be sure they were tained in the earlier platform.

the first time stated, that we consider the last French war, arrested our then ecclesiastical bodies carry on being in harmony with the principles of the people's sovereignty.

and their will be subordinate to no sult. other will; we demand that all laws mocratization of the political conditions in Germany.

Corresponding to this principle we ernment by the people makes this de- in marching, gymnastics firing, etc. mand a logical consequence. But we wish something more. We require alof the officers for all that they do.

all those who by means of the same demand in a practical way. have wronged thousands and hun-

is accountable for all his actions and have made will not be, under the pres- from the public funds not only to ec- proposal which was submitted, that we the other formulation or sentence. Translated From the German of William acts, as are also the officers and sol- industrial peace Utopia. Liebknecht by Mrs. May Wood Simons. diers in service. Officers and soldiers

and arrangements that hinder the universal military education. Substi- ion from every one and violently crush contrary, that is the business of the that industrial society do what it will chains unbroken, not even in Induspractical proof and activity of the tution of militia for the standing the church. In order to take the legislator. In behalf of this demand hastens to destruction. It is like an people's will be done away with. At army. This is the old demand of the foundation from and to break the it may be remarked that the state ancient tragedy of fate,-the hero a glance every one will perceive that Social Democracy, which was brought point of these demagogical slanders according to the definition in the Phil- knows he is condemned to be the sacriherein is comprehended a complete forward by Fichte in his "Speech on and pious falsehoods, we state here osophy of Law is a great federation transformation of the arrangement of the eGrman Nation." Today we have that the regulation of religious mat- for the protection of justice, and the He defends himself against it, he seeks the state. It means the absolute de- a people with arms and a people with- ters lies with each individual, and we out arms. Every one should be a sol- declare religion to be a private matter, the defenders of the present state. And step he takes to go away from it brings dier, however, as in Switzerland, and I admit, that I struggled for some time do they not always say to us. "The the catastrophe nearer, till the day of in order to bring about such a system against taking up these practical con- state guarantees justice to every mem- ruin, of destruction, of judgment demand the election of the magistrates it is necessary that every one from his siderations since their meaning seemed ber of the state and city?" Very well, comes. So it is with our Bourgeoisie. by the people. The right of self gov- youth be exercised in the use of arms, so self evident in the declaration of we demand that the right of defence They strain every nerve in order to

formulate here a new demand,—the in every village knows the military position in regard to religion it ap- for all. Now merely the wealthy who of the sentence nearer. They may accountability and responsibility to exercise, he is at least an under officer pears necessary that they be stated. need no civil defence since they can do what they will against us, they act the people of the officers elected. That in the Confederate army, perhaps a The Social Democracy as such has ab- help themselves to justice have this for us; they may do what they will for say accountability and responsibil- higher officer. He teaches his pupils solutely nothing to do with religion right. To the poor who are more easily themselves, they act for us; and w ity is no tautology, no repeating of from the earliest age exercising, mili- Every man has the right to think and and frequently oppressed it is un- we may do what we will, the contitwo words that mean essentially the tary gymnastics, to shoot with the believe what he will, and no one has attainable. For them in reality there tions work into our hands all in state same. By the accountability of offi- cross-bow,-and at a certain age the the right to molest or limit another is no defence by law. This is an in- and society: persecutions, concessions cials it is usual to understand the child receives a gun. In short the in his thoughts or beliefs, or to allow justice that must be ended. political accountability prescribed by youth are educated in all the exer- anyone's opinions to be a disadvan-

so the personal civil law responsibility | We demand decision concerning war when they become converted into perf the officers for all that they do,
At one time I explained this idea of the people. Of this only a word. It was ample with certain bigoted sects. responsibility in the Reichstag. I moved to say "directly by the peo- But the opinions and beliefs in thembegan with an official transaction that ple," the present construction being selves must be free, perfectly free; occurred in France, the draft of a law, thought a backward step. No, it is we as Social Democrats must respect by strength of which the present re- not, on the contrary it is a positive them, and those Social Democrats who public gave security for the indemnity advance on the road to the reasonable respect the genuineness and worth of to the Napoleonic government and reg- and practicable. Observe once, a war their fellow men will also avoid scoffiments. I said at that time, "The time comes suddenly, how would it be pos- ing at their beliefs. Above all scoffing will, it is to be hoped, come in Ger-sible for all the people to vote con- at a prejudice is foolish and impolitic, many, when the victims of the Anti- cerning it? And in these days wars it but strengthens it. Only education Socialist laws will be compensated mostly come suddenly. We free our- can be of help here. But if it were and when the authors of these laws, selves from phrases and express our our duty to state that we will not rob

dreds of thousands in their person and all international disputes by arbitra- offer the church any handle by the property, will be made personally res- tion. It has already been sufficiently means of which it can come into the ponsible for it. I do not wish that, as demonstrated at the Congress of Brus-schools and therefore we say,-"comthat the ones in fault be proceeded resolution there we have stated that by its parents or relatives to these The expression "personal the conditions which bring the perma- secular schools in which no religion responsibility" was interpreted by cer- nent danger of war have their roots is taught; but by virtue of the fundatain reactionaries as though I had de- in the present economic society, in the mental statement that, religion is a To be sure I system of capitalism. We are not like private matter, it remains to the parthought of the administration of law, the "industrial enthusiasts" who would ents themselves to teach their chilbut not of lynch law. The personal leave the cause and merely remove the dren, or allow them to be taught,in the responsibility of the official is a neces- consequence. We make the demand religion which they chose. At first we sary postulate of the people's sove- that an international board of arbi- thought to expressly state this in the reignity. An officer is not a being of tration be stablished, before which all platform, but we found that such a of the laboring classes. There is not one moment according to the universal higher order; he has simply to accom-plish the will of the people, or to act in harmony with that will. He not be realized, as many others we We demand further that expenditures

without exception is equal under the effort to remove the dangers of war. civil and common penal law for all his without however falling into the weak because religion is a private matter, miner's unions in England to secure to point out the irresistibleness with

are it is true in England, as with us, all laws which subordinate woman to drew up the draft of the platform; in the organizations of those trades in production will be replaced by socialunder military law, which demands man, whether in a private or public whether or no we should state that which on an average the pay is high istic production. It is our sacred duty Further, we demand two years dura- blind obedience to order, but they are capacity. Before admitting this de- instruction and educational apparatus and the number of idle small, can such to hasten with all our strength this tion of the legislature. This demand at the same time accountable to the mand we asked ourselves whether it civil and criminal law for all their were not superfluous to make this a bighest,-to the University. It was in those labor groups that need it the change may come at the earliest possiwe have made a motion to this deeds, including those done in service. separate point after we had already pointed out by a part that according least. To all other labor unions in bie moment. Attend to it, that the Suppose an officer on the occasion declared the absolute equality of the to the criticism of the platform by which to-day the idle count to the new platform which we create here sexes. But it must be borne in mind Karl Marx, only the Bourgeoisie, the thousands the attempt is of no avail, to-day, lead the party on from victory it has also occupied the attention of According to military law he is obliged that a resolution to this effect was ac- propertied classes, would gain an ad- And if we should demand such a prop- to victory as the former one did,our press,-that annual elections, as to do so, he has the commission and cepted in Brussels and the desire was vantage thereby, since the laborer un-osition of the state we would do our the English Charter demands, come in is not accountable to military law for expressed that it might be adopted in der the present conditions could not cause a bad service. too quick succession. When we once the blood and death of his fellow men. the Social Democratic platforms of the send his children to the higher grades As already said in the demands rehave a democratic state it will be Now comes the common civil law, - different countries, and we have acted of school. Hence we have decided on ferring to the laboring class, we as a spirit under this new banner. Sustain

platform have given us much trouble the public schools. of the whole representative body, in end? Through the bullets of the sol- in their formulation. To meet the difcase it has not the public confidence, diers-the officers gave the command: ficulty it was moved to accept the Fire! the soldiers shot and the people democratic demands as found in the school, incidentally a demand which lands. We must not weigh down these were struck by the bullets and killed. Eisenacher platform: Separation of is found for nearly a hundred years in demands with such as make it easy for whole strength, your whole personality likewise the removal of all restrictions | -is now asked further, -or is it man- | the state. That was quite right in its upon political rights. For us there is slaughter or murder? And the law in time but at present it does not comonly one case in which a person can be England concerning manslaughter and prehend all that we would and must deprived of his right of suffrage, that murder counts for officers and soldiers say. In the earlier formulation the is in the case of a minor, on account exactly as for civil persons who com- church is regarded as an institution stated, that the state which compelled mit murder or allow it. If it cannot equal in rank with the state, this is the parents to send their children to Bourgeoisie: "Flectere si nequeo sup- is used against it. The more power be proven that the soldier was abso- not our idea. We go much further; by the people by means of the right lutely obliged to shoot in self defence according to our view in the free comof initiative and of veto. That is, we or in justification of legal conditions munity for which we strive the church would not have the "center of grav- the jurors simply state there was no is simply a private association which Hungry children can learn nothing. you the Party of Progress and the jain our end, and so much the sooner ity" of the political Tife located in par- satisfactory reason for the shooting, is controlled by its own laws as all liament. The "center of gravity" ac- the people had not threatened, the fir- other private associations are. That cording to democratic principles lies ing was unnecessary. Then in the is the meaning of the absolute equal- ar talents, and by examination prove I will unchain against you the Socialist most favorable case the charge reads ity to which we have here given ex- themselves capable of attending higher movement." Prince Bismarck called "The condecendingly until laws and bills verse, murder. The officer who gave ecclesiastical and religious bodies are that are necessary and desired come the order to fife is not protected by to be regarded as private association. With this addition our partously sent from their representatives, no, they the command which he holds from tions." And in order that the Cathshould themselves have the right of above, the jury pronounce his guilt, olics may not be able to say that we and according to civil law he is wish to offer them violence we have either, in case of manslaughter, put in added, "Associations which order their

In connection with this passage concerning the church we demand, "Se-One does not believe that such can cularization af education." This means give validity to the law or to repudiate happen. I recall many cases where that the church, that religion, should general the privilege of the wealthy. The could not do the Social Democracy has it. This demand which is always rec- officers were found guilty by the jury, have nothing to do with the school. right to complain is in most cases accomplished.—it was stronger than We are bound by principle to demand really taken from the poor since the he, and along the whole line the Social pardoned by the ruler. Eventually, this and the point is so clear that ex-Next we demand self government by however, this will be of no assistance. planation seems unnecessary. Howthe people in the empire, state, pro- At any rate our demand is throughout ever, it is worth while to meet bevince, and commune. The word state a just one. Further I can describe an forehand all misunderstandings and means here an individual state, not example of personal responsibility in intentional or unintentional misin- if even now in individual cases free law. No one can alter it, bend or the state in the general sense of its Germany,-an isolated one it is true,- terpretations to which such a demand medical attendance is assured, it is break it by force, and Prince Bismarck economic relations in conformity with I mean the case of General Vogel von in our platform could give occasion, only on certain conditions which every who disposed of all the means of power organized society. We have here for Falkenstein, who at the outbreak of It is well known how stubbornly the the only that state and form of govern- existing party managers and allowed struggle concerning the school when- prived of medical help and legal assist- I am the state."—and who said it more ment which rests on the broadest dem- them to be imprisoned. At the end ever that question comes to the front, ance through lack of money and fear truly of himself than did the king of ocratic basis, arises directly from the of the war procedure was begun one recognizes how much it means to of the high cost. So new privileges France,—he is to-day crushed to the people and is by them controlled, as against him by those who were them, Catholics, Protestants and oth- are created for the propertied classes! wronged on this account and, on the ers, to hold and make their control All sorts of practical questions were here, nothing has essentially been alcivil complaint, he was condemned by firm over the intellect. You know how raised concerning this. But we said tered, a man less on the political stage We demand that the people be rul- all courts of judicature to a consider- the Social Democracy is represented as ers of their own fate, that the well- able indemnity. That was in Braun- a red specter,-how the ecclesiastical the forms of justice, many ways can board. The Social Democracy recogbeing of the people be the highest law, schweig, and there was no further re- associations say of us that we are a be found in which our demand will nizes that as little as Prince Bismarck party of atheists, and that the Social be carried out, and it is not our affair could after the laws of progress, even Further we demand that there be Democrats would forcibly take relig- to establish individual cases, on the as little can we alter them. We know the platform. But in looking back which now for the mass of the people escape fate, but every attempt to turn In Switzerland every school teacher over the systematic calumny of our only stands on paper be made a truth it aside simply brings the execution the constitution and the laws. We cises necessary for military service, tage to him in any way. Opinions and property tax to meet all public ex- Social Democracy. Our opponents may beliefs can only be proceeded against penses, which are to be met by taxa- seek what they will, they can only anyone of his religion or hinder him Further we require the decision of in the exercise thereof, we dare not in France, the tax payers should be sels that we are no Utopians in regard pulsory attendance at public national obliged to meet the indemnity, but to "eternal peace." In our well-known schools." Every child must be sent more than one who has no property claim of all to the enjoyment of the

must not stand beyond the pursuance, ent state. Nevertheless we have declesiastical but to religious objects be demand political guarantee against unof the civil and common law. That clared ourselves on this question abolished. We have added the word employment. We did this unanimous- platform, create a pope for ourselves. is what we wish to express. In Eng- which touches so deeply the whole religious because there are associations by since we reached the conviction that The platform has only one thing to land this is already a law and brings civilized world, and we will show that of a religious nature that are not ec- such a demand could not be carried fulfill; clearly and intelligently to excellent results. Every commoner as a party we support every earnest clesiastical, and also there shall be no through. expenditure from the public funds, just

We demand further the abolition of, engaged us for some time when we There it has been proven that merely the moment nearer when capitalistic The two following paragraphs of the tion and educational apparatus only in and that which cannot be carried out arise for us out of the greatness and

the church from the school and from the famous school law of Lakanal that our opponents to say, "You ask the into the realization of this platform, tion and accepted by it shortly after of employment belongs however in the the execution of Louis XVI. At that dream land of "The Right to Work," the present industrial society ends. time the fundamental principle was school is also bound to care for the cros, Acheronta movebo" (If I am not we put into this agitation, the more physical needs of the children. The able to bend the high, I will call up regardless we throw ourselves into the

schools, professional and other schools, but the Acheron, the German Proletaulated without falling into excess or called, and the Acheron, the German leaving the ground of real relations.

sive. It is exactly the same with med- Bismarckian system. ical help in case of sickness. The physician is not a public officer, and law of evolution." And it is an iron one can or may not fulfill: and hun- in the state and society, and society, dreds of thousands at present go de- who said of himself: "I am the realm, to ourselves, with the simplification of and nothing further, one man over "just state" is always the ideal before to escape the powers that be, but every

tion." The insertion of property tax work for us. mission. But we found that next to society is a society of expropriation, income, property must be mentioned, that capitalism is expropriation in peras for example is the case in England petuity. The possessors of the instrusimply arises from his individual lab- the robbery of property, must continue or, and that which he receives without as long as the present order of society ple from land, capital, bonds etc. society of private property, but in reunited to the person and ceases if he destroys personal property. The end other words: one who has an income time, when this society is destroyed, from fixed property must be taxed property in the sense of the equal

ed, that the graduated increase be come a reality. measured not merely according to the

special demands, namely those which words. Do not expect it to be a perone among these that requires minute opinion of us all is the best, in the

-that those children who show peculi- Proletariat, I will move the Acheron, rise on the citadel of present society. agraph concerning schools is form- back. Then the Social Democracy

labor movement arose, and the German A further demand is for free admina labor power, as far as it is class conistration of the law, free legal assist- scious, united and with one mind, ance, and free medical attendance. In marches under the banner of Social principle both belong together. The Democracy as in no other country of possibility to seek justice is to-day in the earth. What Prince Bismarck complaint and process are too expen- Democracy stands as victor over the

Mention has been made of the "iron earth, while state and society are yet fice. It is a decree that he must fulfill. all the same,-all incline to our ad-We demand: "Graduated income and vantage, we, the rising victorious

gave occasion for debate in the com- I have stated before that industrial with the Income and Property Tax. ments of production and labor expro-It is necessary to make a distinction priate those who possess nothing, and between the income of a person which this process of expropriation, that is necessarily working for it-for exam- remains. It calls itself, to be sure, the While with the one the income is afity it is that form of society which cannot work, or if he dies, the other of this process of expropriation can income is independent of the person, only be what Marx has said in his With an income of the latter kind granitic words, "The expropriation of the graduated tax must be higher. In the expropriator." Then for the first goods which have been created by the Of the inheritance tax it is demand- general organized labor of all, will be-

The most beautiful platform counts extent of the inheritance but also ac- for nothing however if a true energetic cording to the degree of relationship. spirit is not infused into it. Therefore I come now to the second part of the I beg of you do not quarrel with the ial demands, namely those which make specifically for the defence he laboring classes. There is not among these that requires minute assion. I will merely state that were obliged to strike out the could make improvements in one or incomplete in the soin London Justice. we make specifically for the defence fect platform. That platform which in discussion. I will merely state that next hour will have found a critic, who

state the object of our party, the evo-The attempt has been made by the lutionary process of industrial society. The school question was one that a guarantee against unemployment, which it destroys itself, and brings be free in all schools even to the a guarantee be made effective,-only process of development that the from victory to victory until the final victory. Put the right spirit into the new platform. Struggle in the right a restriction and demand free instruc- labor party, must avoid all mistiness it, mindful of the lofty duties that What we demand in this part of our growth of our party, manfully and With this demand belongs the other, platform is highly practical, and in full of energy go on, fight fearlessly the maintainence of the children at great part already realized in other and without rest, as you fought under our old torn storm flag. Put your was presented to the French Conven- impossible!" The security against lack and see to it that the time be the In the beginning of his rising power For the fall of this society depends Prince Bismarck said to the advancing naturally on the sum of strength that school question is a social question, the Acheron), if I cannot manage with scales, so much the sooner will-we at-Our further demand speaks for itself, Liberals, than I will conjure with the the banner of Social Democracy will FINIS.

# LYNCHING

(Continued from page 1.)

connected with those of the southerner than at first appeared. It be came of great importance to the northern factory owner that the negro should be kept docile in order that he might be used as a club in time of labor troubles to subdue his more rebellious white brother of the

All this teaches a double lesson to the laboring class. To the white wage-slave of the North comes the truth in another form of the old story of the solidarity of labor, and he sees that the so-called "negro problem" is but another phase of his own "labor problem." He should see the folly of any attempt\_to draw the "color line" in this question. To the negro it should bring home the obverse side of the same lesson. It should teach him that his cause is one with the laboring class and is in no way peculiar to his race. He should bear in mind that his real freedom was not achieved by the Republican party but remains to be attained by himself. And that freedom does not lie in the direction of colonization that but changes his geographical location leaving trial education which but makes him the more efficient slave, but in an intelligent use of his ballot in voting his own class, the laborers, into power and abolishing all exploitstion, slavery, and class rule.

Hickey's Tour in Illinois.

Comrade Hickey will be in this state for a tour of thirty days, beginning with March 25th. This tour should mean a great deal for the move in this city. But its influence will de pend as much on the efforts of the comrades in the different localities where he is to speak. If they will see to it that the n vertised, that public interest is arous and people generally prepared for his coming the party will benefit greatly by his work. The more that is done beforehand the more Com. Hickey can do when he comes.

Quincy, April 8. Jacksonville, April 9. Springfield, April 10. Pana, April 11. Du Quoin, April 12, Murphysborough, April 13. New Athens, April 14. Freeburg, April 15. Belleville April 16-17-18 Lenz Station, April 19. O'Fallon, April 20. East St. Louis, April 21. Alton, April 22. Collinsville, April 23. Glen Carbon, April 24.

Sections will please arrange for mestngs and notify me immediately what has been done. The above dates are correct and will not be changed any more.

Comrades will please send in names of any of the above towns where we have no section so I can communic with them.

Yours Traternally,

Peter Damm

The Spanish Socialist Party has be active propoganda. Numerous a meetings have been held at Bilbao, Br

Spain.

# President Harper Comments on These Subjects in April Cosmopolitan.

The April number of the Cosm opolitan con is an article by President W. R. Harper of the University of Chicago on "The University ing notice, both from its inherent charter and from the position occupied by the

He points out that the university had its origin in the voluntary association of men for purposes of learning and says, "The uni-versity had its birth in the democratic idea, nd from the day of its birth this democratic character has continued." Fassing by for the moment the question of the truth or falsity of the latter portion of this assertion, let us proceed to his next statement that university had its origin in the desire to make use of new methods of instruction, whereby greater independence of expression and thought might be secured. In the schools of the church there had never been an op-portunity to argue, that is, to discuss differ-The three birth marks of a university are therefore, self-gov-

ernment, freedom from ecclesiastical control, and the privilege of free utterance." Surely is this the same man speaking who disci-plines his professors on the slightest pretext and publicly censures them through his thes for opinions contrary to his own. Can this be the university in which an entire class in socialism admitted never having heard of the Manifesto? Nevertheless w take him at his word and hope that from not smell of coal oil. Surely after this frank declaration of principles the "expurgated" edition of John Stuart Mill with its lying introduction will no longer be tolerated in their class rooms without adequate explanareally in earnest when he says, "whenever an effort is made to dislodge an officer or a professor, because the political sentiment of the majority has undergone a change, at that moment the institution has ceased to be a university; and it cannot again take its place in the rank of universities so long as there continues to exist to any appreciable extent the factor of coercion." I truly hope that steps will soon be taken to restore the Chio institution to the "rank of universities.

rom his definition and description of a university President Harper proceeds to the econd division of his subject-democracy. nocracy implies a government in which the last appeal is to the public will; but the judge to whom the final appeal may be made must be an intelligent and educated judge. . . How then, as a matter of fact,

shall a democracy administer itself? By accepting the guidance of those who have en prepared to lead, and by holding them sponsible for the trust confided in them." In other words his idea of democracy is an aristocracy of intellect, who shall guide the masses. Not one word about the necessity of creating a possibility of developinent and growth in the great body of citizens, no suggestion of the training that comes to men through the exercise of politi-cal rights, no consideration of the now continually growing demand that more and ore power be given directly to the people and less and less entrusted to those "who have been prepared to lead." After this we are not surprised to hear him say as if it were a newly discovered truth: "Democracy, if it continue, must include the ma-That sounds very much as if one should say with scholastic profundity, "Hamlet should include the part of Hamlet," or that the oulation should include the people.

Perhaps an explanation of this attitude is paragraphs further on he We have a democracy in government, to be sure, but if it is a good thing in government it must be equally good in social re-lations of various kinds, in art and literature It will be noted that he carefully excludes the fundamental field—that of mics. But if we should have economic nocracy where would Dr. Harper's en- But he scolds and elaborates like a country to the movement for popular government we wonder who these best friends are—
Bockefeler, Field, Morgan, Yerkes, et al.

One can but smile at the airy way in which this most significant movement that has aprung from democracy, the legitimate considering the property of democracy, the legitimate considering the property of democracy, the legitimate considering the property of democracy that has a prung from democracy, the legitimate considering the property of democracy that has a prung from democracy, the legitimate considering the property of After this we are not surprised to hear himsny that democracy must find a place for en of great wealth and for private corpo-

One cannot but feel a touch of regret that one with the great scholarship of Dr. Harper ould have been so absolutely caught ithin the class-consciousness of which he is ier him blind to all that is really vital in his subject. Why could be not from his vantage ground of scholastic knowledge have really entered into some of the phademocracy—told something of how those democracy-told something of how those great institutions of learning must become the training grounds for those who are to fight the battles of democracy and make it thing more than a political Why did he not go on to show that liberty of thought and the untrammeled pursuit of truth could but end in the liberty of hu-Why did he not point out that just as the mass of the people rebelling against the fetters of economic oppression were rismic conditions forever hands with the on freedom. Why was no mention ade of the fact that economic ns by shutting out the great mathe knowledge, here themes to which he wish well have lent his scholastic learning.

# United States.

# PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in Convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

With the founders of the American republic we hold that the nurpose of

republic we hold that the purpose of government is to secure every citizen in the enjoyment of this right; but in the light of our social conditions we hold, furthermore, that no such right can be exercised under a system of economic inequality, essentially destructive of life, of liberty and of happiless.

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With the founders of this republic we hold that the true theory of politics is that the machinery of government must be owned and controlled by the whole people; but in the light of our industrial development we hold, furthermore, that the true theory of economics is that the machinery of production must likewise belong to the ment must be owned and controlled by the whole people; but in the light of our industrial development we hold, furthermore, that the true theory of economics is that the machinery of production must likewise belong to the

production must have seened to the people in common.

To the obvious fact that our despotic system of economics is the direct opposite of our democratic system of politics can plainly be traced the existence of a privileged class, the corrup-tion of government by that class, the

tion of government by that class, the alienation of public property, public franchises and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the mightiest of nations upon that class. Again, through the perversion of Democracy to the ends of plutocracy, labor is robbed of the wealth which it alone produces, is denied the means of self-employment, and, by compulsory idleness in wage slavery, is even deprived of the necessaries of life.

Human power and natural forces are thus wasted, that the plutocracy may rule.

Ignorance and misery, with all their concomitant evils, are perpetuated, that the people may be kept in bond-

age.
Science and invention are diverted from their humane purpose to the enslavement of women and children.

Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party once more enters its pro-test. Once more fi reiterates its fun-damental declaration that private property in the natural sources of pro-duction and in the instruments of la-bor is the obvious cause of all econ-omic servitude and political depend-

ence.

The time is fast coming when, in the natural course of social evolution, this system, through the destructive action of its failures and crises on the one hand, and the constructive tendencies of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have worked out its own downfall.

We therefore call upon the ware

worked out its own downfall.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, and upon all other honest citizens, to organize under the banner of the Socialist Labor Party into a class-conscious body, aware of its rights and determined to conquer them by taking possession of the public powers; so that, held together by an indomitable spirit of solidarity under the most trying conditions of the present class struggle, we may put a summary end to that barbarous struggle by the abolition of classes, the restoration of the land and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substituportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Co-operative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and 
social disorder; a commonwealth in 
which every worker shall have the 
free exercise and full benefit of his 
faculties multiplied by all the modern 
factors of civilization

downents come from? After this we are podagogue dwells upon phrases and overdowments come from? After this we are not surprised when he says, "Socialism, or the extreme and exaggerated form of democracy, threatens to deprive democracy of some of her best friends, and, unless checked, bids fair to do mealculable injury masses.

sequence of democracy, the legitimate consequence of democracy is brushed aside in what is supposed to be a discussion of democracy.

After this we are not supposed to be a discussion of democracy. send us notice. Meantime we would say to Joliet-Chas E. Anderson. the comrades themselves who have not re- Rock Island-F. Singleman, 708, 9th Ave. ceived their paper promptly-do not be too severe upon the management. Be sure first that you have been at the office as many times as you could in order to help out with the work or that you have given from your wages all that you could spare to secure a part as to lose all sense of proportion and proper help. This is your enterprise, your paper, your work, your fight, and the only way to help it along is to get down and hustle yourself and not stand off and complain.

pendent stand, has had the effect of attract ing widespread discussion. In Dublin socialism is the one live topic, and in Cork, where WANTED--the independent labor people carried the day, the Socialists have a strong section and their meetings tax the accommodations of their and the realization of human rights of try is desappearing before the new thoughts hall Even in old Belfast the religious big relating to human rights, and a capitalist paper of recent date contained quite a lengthy in revolt against their oppressors, so the lents of the great universities, finding and it may be taken for granted that the Irish will give a good account of themselves durarring the way to the pursuit of truth, were ing the next year or two. They are not as workers to achieve a slow as their fellow courtrymen in America. -Cleveland Citizen.

Our next number will contain Mrs. May crity of our people from all access to the Wood Simons article on "Woman, and Her inversities had transformed them from their Relation to the Social Question," which was and democratic purpose to purely class inadvertantly aunounced a few weeks ago attions? Why did he not call attention We wish that all comrades would send us the inadvertantly announced a few weeks ago, e freedom and intellectual liberty, might be interested in order that we may names and addresses of any ladies they think send them sample copies.

DIL YOU THROW YOUR VOTE AWAY?

IMMEDIATE DEMANDS.

With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor

present the following demands:

1. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of pro-

der the control of the municipal administration and to elect their own superior officers, but no employees shall be discharged for political rea-

sons.

4. The public lands declared in-alienable. Revocation of all and grants to corporations or individuals, the conditions of which have not been

complied with.

5. The United States to have the exclusive right to issue money.

6. Congressional legislation providing for the scientific management of forests and waterways, and prohibiting the waste of the natural resources of the country.

of the country.
7. Inventions to be free to all; the inventors to be remunerated by the nation.

8. Progressive income tax and tax

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9. School education of all children under fourteen years of age to be compulsory, gratuitous and accessible to all hy public assistance in meals, clothing, books, etc., where necessary.

10. Repeal of all pauper, tramp, conspiracy and sumptuary laws. Unabridged right of combination.

11. Prohibition of the employment of children of school age and the employment of female labor in occupations detrimental to health or morality. Abolition of the convict labor system.

12. Employment of the unemployed by the public authorities (county, city, by the public authorities (county, city

by the public authorities (county, city, state and nation).

13. All wages to be paid in lawful money of the United States. Equalization of woman's wages with those of men where equal service is performed.

14. Laws for the protection of life and limb in all occupations, and an efficient employers' liability law.

15. The people to have the right to propose laws and vote upon all measures of importance, according to the referendum principle.

16. Abolition of the veto power of the executive (national, state and municipal) wherever it exists.

17. Abolition of the United States Senate and all upper legislative cham-

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bers.

18. Municipal self-government.

19. Direct vote and secret ballots in all elections. Universal and equal right of suffrage without regard to color, creed or sex. Election days to be legal holidays. The principle of proportional representation to be introduced.

20. All public officers to be subject to recall by their respective constituencies.

encies.

21. Uniform civil and criminal law throughout the United States. Administration of justice to be free of charge. Abolition of capital punishment.

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The Polish Ladies' Branch of the S. L. P. will give a ball Saturday evening, April 8th at Schoenhofen's Hall, corner Milwaukee and Ashland Aves. All comrades and their friends are cordially invited. Admission 15 cents

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# Socialist Labor Party Platform of Socialist Labor Directory of Section Party.

# Chicago Municipal Campaign of 1899.

The Socialist Labor Party of Chicago, by its delegates in convention assembled, declares its adherence to the principles set forth in the national party platform.

We hold that the present miserable condition of the working class of Chicago, as well as of the rest of the capitalist world, with compulsory idleness, uncertainty of employment, and small portion of his product received by the laborers when permitted by the capitalists to work, is caused by the private ownership of the means of production and distribution by the capitalist class.

We, therefore, pledge our nominees, if elected, to immediately comply with the following demands:

(On Preamble.)—The worker cannot produce unless he can get the tools—the machines, mines, land and factories. He cannot live unless he does so produce. But all such instruments are owned by the capitalist class, who buy labor power to operate them. Laborsaving machinery, constantly throwing men out of work, nakes a body of unemployed who will work for justemough to keep them alive. But the capitalist will pay no laborer more than he is obliged to. Therefore, the tendency is to pay just enough to support life, the remainder going to the capitalist as profit.

Plank 1-The city shall furnish employment to all unemployed citizens by the establishment of public works to be operated co-operatively under the control of the municipality.

the courrol of the municipality.

On First Demand.)—The unemployed are created by capitalism and are necessary to its life. So long as the laborer is paid but a small part of what he produces he cannot buy back the whole product, so there is always an over-production. The sentimal progress of invention forces an army of men to seek work which cannot be supplied them under capitalism. But this army is absolutely necessary to the existence of our present society. If there were no unemployed to take their places the laborers could causily demand and obtain by a strike the whole produce of their labor. The "army of the unemployed" is far more effectual than the state militia or United States troops to keep the workers in subjection. No capitalist party dares to advocate its abolition. Therefore, we may rest assured that however much of our platform may be copied by so-called "reform," partier o catch votes, they will let this portion severely alone. That we are making no Utopian demand, or holding out impossible hopes to the laborer, is shown by the fact that in over one hundred clies in France where the Socialists are in power, one prominent feature of their work is the operation of municipal undertakings for the benefit of the unemployed.

Plank 2-We demand the municipalization of all public means of transportation, lighting and communication, the same to be operated co-operatively under the control of the municipality, the services to be furnished at cost to all, with wages of all employes as high as are paid for similar services by any private employers, and eight hours to constitute a day's work, save in the most laborious and disagr cable forms, where the hours shall be still further proportionally shortened.

Second Demand—Municipalization.)—The Socialist sees in all middle class reform movements toward municipalization only a shifting of exploitation from the capitalist corporation to the capitalist municipality. He sees in such action only an attempt on the part of capitalism to hide its nefarious operations under the cloak of the state. So long as the government directing the operation of the industries and owning the instruments of production is composed of a different class from those who must mad operate them, such ownership and operate them, such ownership with the control of the workers. Could this movement the workers. Could this movement with all political and all economic power would be united in one class and completely unified for action, and would constitute the mightlest engine for exploitation of the workers ever devised. Municipalization under the Socialist Labor Party means that the workers have first through the election of their party gained control of the powers of government at what that the workers have first through the election of their party gained control of the powers of government and that therefore owners

dation for all children of school age; the co-operative commonwealth.

that the laws against child-labor be strictly enforced; and that provision be made for feeding and clothing school children where necessary, and that all school books be furnished free to all.

free to all.

(Third Demand-School Accommodation)

—At present the children of the workers are left without proper accommodation in our public schools, notwithsmallent in the schools are smallent in the schools of the strugclass and are more than they otherclass and are schools it is always made in the working neighborhoods. Not only should there be sufficient schools, but those pupils whose parents are prevented by the social condition into which they were born from Arcviding them with proper food and clothing should be so provided for at public expense that they may be prepared for their duties as citizens. As Socialists, we would especially call the attention of the workers to the fact that only through their ignorance can their exploitation be maintained, and only through education can their freedom be secured.

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Plank 4-We demand that the medical and sanitary service of the city shall be so organized as to secure to all good medical care free of cost.

(Fourth Demand-Free Medical Care.) Modern medical science has shown that the public health is no longer to be considered a matter for individual con-cern, and we hold that it is time for this fact to be recognized by society and action taken in accordance there-with.

lank 5-We demand that the city provide free and commodious public baths and gymnasia; small parks to be located in the densely populated workingmen's quarters of the city, and free public drinking fountains for both man and beast in each ward.

(Fifth Demand-Tubble Parks, etc.)—
Capitalist production has made the worker a slave to a machine during his working hours, and deprived him of all enjoyment in his labor. Therefore we hold that during his free hours he should have all possible means of enjoyment and recreation convenient to his home, as his meager wages and limited leisure preclude the use of those at a distance.

lank 6-We demand the abolition of the veto power of the mayor and the adoption of the initiative and referen-

Sixth Demand-Mayor's Veto, Initiative and Referendum.)—In this we enter our protest against the concentration of power as being a check on popular will and a surrender to one man of the people's rights and duties and demand that the voice of the people be given an opportunity to be heard. We recognize that this voice will be of small efficiency so long as the powers of government are all in capitalist hands, but we advocate it as a means to making audible the demands of labor, rather than to secure them. We recognize that without proper education the referendum and initiative, like the present ballot, may but prove a means to further deception and enslavement.

Plank 7-We demand that in all cases where workers are obliged to resort to strike the city government shall furnish every possible assistance to the strikers.

(Seventh Demand—Assistance to Strikers.)—Here again, as in our first demand, is an essentially working class demand and one which no reform party will dare to borrow. We hold that at present the power that makes the strike useless is the government of the whole capitalist class, which stands behind each individual capitalist whenever he is engaged in a struggle with the workers. We propose to place the power of the government behind the producers, not the idiers; the exploited, not the exploiters. That this is no impossible dream is seen by the recent action of the Socialists in the Paris municipal council, who voted the striking building trade 20,000 francs for the benefit of their families and then actively gave them sympathy and encouragement at all points. Workmen, if you believe that the powers of government ought to be on your side when you are fighting for your right to live and to enjoy the fruits of your labor, vote the Socialist Labor Party ticket. It is the only party that believes in that position. Vote the Socialist Labor Party ticket, thus

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have a rist inrough the election of their party gained control of the powers of government and that therefore owners and users of tools are the same. class to the fact that no permanent Plank 3-We demand that no pains be improvement can take place in their spared in giving a thorough, free and | condition so long as capitalism exists, universal education to all children and we emphasize the fact that the in the public schools; that sufficient | Socialist Labor Party stands for the school buildings be immediately complete overthrow of the competitive erected to afford adequate accommo-system and the substitution therefor of

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All members are earnestly requested to be

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NINTH WARD, 427 W. 18th St., every Sun-day; Sec. John Benda, 86 Fish St.

TENTH WARD, no regular meeting place; Sec. R. Finstrom, 1004 S. Wood St. THIRTEENTH WARD, 624 Grand Ave., every Wednesday evening at S p. m., and every Sunday at 3 p. m.; Sec. John T. Gillespie, 719 W. Ohio St

FOURTEENTH WARD (Skandinavian) 739 Wa North Ave., cor. Campbell, 1st and 3rd Friday each month, at 8 p. m.; Sec. Lauritz Olsen, 744 N. Artesian Ave.

FIFTEENTH WARD, 962 N. Tolman Ave; 2nd and 4th Friday evening each month; Sec. Adam Harvey, 962 N. Tolman Ave.

SEVENTEENTH WARD, Danish; Sec. Albert Olsen, 225 Ohio St. TWENTY-SECOND WARD, 380 Larabee St., 2nd and 4th Mondays; Sec. O. Gritchke, 34 Reese St.

TWENTY-THIRD WARD, 32 Clybourn Ave; 2nd and 4th Sunday each month; Sec. H. Thurnberg, 2006 N. Paulina St.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD, 173 Wells St.; every Thursday evening and Sunday after-ternoon; Sec. R. A. Morris, 314 Indiana Ave. TWENTY-SINTH WARD; Secretary, 670 Osgood St.

TWENTY-EIGHTH WARD, Brett's Hall, cor. 48th Ave. and Lake St.; 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings each month; Sec. Carl Peterson, 249t Lake St.

THIRTIETH WARD, German, 1718 W. 51st St., 2nd and 4th Mondays; Sec. H. Stein-

THIRTIETH WARD, Danish, 1148 63rd St., 2nd and 4th Fridays; Sec. Carl S. Lavdahi, 6802 Justine St. THIRTY-FIRST WARD, 6310 Halsted St., 1st and 3rd Fridays each month; Sec. J. Wanhope, 6620 Aberdeen St.

THIRTY-FOURTH WARD, 113 S. Michigan Ave., every Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; Sec. G. F. Denne, 11437 Perry Ave.

# POLISH BRANCHES.

POLISH CENTRAL COMMITTEE—meets every Monday at 571 Noble St., 8 p. m.; Sec. A. J. Borkowski, 709 W. 21st Pl.

NINTH WARD meets every Saturday at 800 S. Ashland Ave. (Pulaski's Hall), 8 p. m. FIFTEENTH WARD, meets 1st and 3rd Sat-urdnys each month, at cor. Levitt and Ham-burg Sts. (Sobisski's Hall).

SIXTEENTH WARD, meets 1st and 3rd Sat-urdays each month at 1571 Noble St., 8 p. m.; Sec. M. Pisch, 53 Elston Ave.

SIXTEENTH WARD, meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month at 571 Noble St., 8 p. m.; Sec. A. Gembicki, 11 Chapin St.

THIRTY-THIRD WARD (South Chicago) meet every Saturday at Si-6 Superior Ave., 8 p. m.; Sec. I. Rogowicz, Sil 8 Green Bay Ave.

ADIES SOCIALIST BRANCH, meets 1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 963 N. Paulina (Comrade Odalski's nouse), 3 p. m.; Sec. M., Tylicko, 769 W. 21st Pl.

# BOOK LIST.

General Works on Socialism.

Any of the following books may be had by addressing The Workers' Call, 36 N. Clark St.-Sombart-Socialism and the Social Movement of the Nine-ism 1.20
Marx—Capital 1.75
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Ferdinand La Salie: 1.00 McClure—Socialism .... Utopia to Selence..... HISTORICAL WORKS.

Benham—History of the Com-PAMPHLET LITERATURE Five cents each unless otherwise

stated.

Kautsky—The Proletariat.

The Capitalist Class.

The Class Struggle.

The Co-operative Commonwealth.

DeLeon—What Means This Strike?

Reform or Revolution.

LaSalle—What is Capital?

Joynes—Socialist Cathecism.

Harriman and Maguire—Single Taxvs. Socialism.

Kropotkin—An Appeal to the Young.

MISCELLANEOUS. WORKS.