"Workingmen of all countries unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains; you have a world to gain."

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A Description of the Interesting and Powerful Movement.

### MANY STRONG FEATURES SHOWN

Co-operative Movement That is Truly Socialistic—An Educational and Trade-

(Translated from the Polish.)

The Belgian branch of the interns tional socialistic army, undoubtedly belongs, not only to the strongest, but also to the most remarkable and inter-

ganization of our Belgian brethren. In cal structure of the land in which the the following article we will try to give party is to act. a faithful picture of the Belgian party, that our readers knowledge of the so that it is rather federalistic. This is beautiful an organization.

which has led to the establishment of workingmen. This was Belgium's first organization of workingmen of different trades. A number of unsuccessful strikes, combined with an industrial crisis and a consequent famine, disthat federation at about the year 1860. The weaver's uniou only outlasted until today.

The second period of the Belgian appeared the "red spectre of communism," embodied in the "International society of workingmen."

In all the civilized countries sections blossoms after the first spring rain.

Belgium did not remain behind. The

new movement did not limit itself to the factories of the industrial Ghent; the wool spinners of Verviers, the coal miners of central Belgium, as well as the workingmen of Brussels enlisted beside the weavers, as companions in the struggle for freedom of the international proletariat. For several years the movement developed magnificently. Unfortunately, on account of differences of opinion, the "International" disorganized (in the year 1874), and the so beautifully started movement was in-terrupted and a few years of standstill

acter of a standing party congress. have their own co-operative drug Such convenient arrangements are pos-Such convenient arrangements are pos-store, where medicines are sold at cost sible, thanks to the small distances and price. One can easily imagine what a excellent means of communication. It revolution these drug stores have takes only three hours railroad travel caused among the druggists who were takes only three hours railroad travel caused among the druggists who were to reach Brussels from the most distant used to charging exorbitant prices, point of Beigium. The more pressing Such drug stores are in existence at business is done by the officers of the Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Joliment General Council elected by the yearly and many other cities. congresses. The congresses are the only and highest legislative body of the Socialistic Party. Let us say yet a few words about the general character of the whole movement, are the comparing organization. The party organization. The party organization are two-fold-federalistic and centralistic. In the latter the central congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the congresses. The congresses are the

trai council-the chief party committee plays a very important role.

This body possesses an extensive considerable means, and in it chiefly lies the direction of the whole ment. The different sections, and even federations and local committees. are to a great extent dependent upor the Central Council; they are, so to to a great extent dependent upon the Central Council; they are, so to speak, its Branch establishments. All the Carty work centers in that Central Committee Just the contrary is the case with the federalistic organizations. Here the main work is done by local federations; they have a very extensiv autonomy. In many cases they may Socialistic An Educational and Trade-union Movement That is but a Reflex of the Political one A Firm and Unwaver-ing Class Conscious Movement. ornment of the party has less work and consequently less power. It may truly be said, that it does not direct the party work, but is rather directed by the combined local federations. In it there are reflected the movements that animate the different local organizations. Generally the socialistic organi-There passes hardly a month, or even zations are something between a week, without a visit from a repre- purely centralistic and purely federalissentative of some of the workingmen's tic types. Which of the two preponparties of other countries to carefully derates, depends upon many conditions, study the manifold and magnificent or. and first and foremost upon the politi-

As to the Belgian party we can say made possible by the great political liberty enjoyed by our Belgian comrades. The almost unlimited freedom of speech, meetings, societies, press and First we will give a short history of the projectarian movement in Belgium carry on the movement in a uniform which has led to the establishment the party of today. Already in the year 1860 we see in the big industrial stand the like. And just as in those lons, viz.: Weavers, spinners and metons, viz.: Weavers, viz.: Weav counteract all the reaction, so on the other hand the small size of the country, permits the frequent communication of the members of the General Council, which gathers at Brussels almost every week.

In countries of lesser political liber ties the organization is more cenmovement begins in the year 1867, when where the constitutional liberties are by over the whole of western Europe there far more limited, the political struggle much flercer, and unexpected measures of the brutal government much more frequent. During mere than a decade In all the civilized countries sections of the "International" sprang up like by the Bismarkian government in Germany, aiming at the destruction of the socialist party. Under such conditions the party must have means to act quickly and energetically, as a united whole, and therefore, means for imme-diate action must be given to the central committee.

> We must, however, return to Belgium. Its socialist movement extends into all the branches of the worker's life. We will try to relate its economic organizations, its political struggle, and all the arrngements concerning the mental, moral and aesthetic elevation of the workmen.

terrupted and a few years of standstill ensued. But the laboring class once awakened to an independent life can not rest for long. Already in the year 1874 a few brave men busied themselves with the newly founded Federation of Labor-societies. In the year following the workers of Ghent began an energetic agitation, and endeavored, together with those of Brussels, to combine all the Belgian societies into one party organization. At last, in the year 1879, after prolonged exertions, and notwithstanding many obstructions, the so anxiously awaited Belgian Socialistic Party was founded.

This was a great step forward. From that time begins, on the one side, the great struggle for universal suffrage, leading—in the year 1893—the prole-

The General Council assembles at "Boud Maysau" possesses 100,000 trussels, and its sittings have the char-francs capital. Many such societies

# LABORERS OF AMERICA

What the Capitalist What the Capitalist Class Would Have You Be.

# INTELLIGENT, OBEDIENT, SERVILE IGNORANT, STUPID, CONTENTED

temarkable Document Circulated by the New York Central Railroad Instant Obedience Demanded of Wage-Slaves Should do the Bidding of Their Mas-

In all this Cuban business there is one man stands out on the horizon of my memory like Mars at perihelion. When war broke out between Spain and the United States, it was very necessary to communicate quickly with the leader of the Insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail nor telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

What to do! "Some one said to the President,
"There's a fellow by the name of
Rowan will find Garcia for you, if any-

Rowan will find Garcia for you, if anybody can.'
"Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

and did not ask. Where is he at? . By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze

the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statute placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust, to act promptly, concentrate their energies: do the thing—'Carry a message to Garcia!'

"General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias

"No man, who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed, but has been well nigh appailed at times by the imbecility of the average man—the inability of unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it silp-shod assistance, feolish inattention, dowdy indifference, and half-hearted work seem the rule; and no man succeeds, unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him; or mayhap, God in His goodness performs a miracle, and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant.

"And this incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first-mate with knotted club seems necessary; and the dread of getting 'the bounce' Saturday night, holds many a worker to his place.

"Have I put the matter too strongly? who succeeds—the man who, against great odds, has directed the efforts of others, and having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it; nothing but bare board and clothes."

We wish that every laboring man who

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"A year later I heard a philianthropic Northern lecturer descant on the ignorance of this people, and beg for aid to send the school-master among them, to open the way for railways, business and civilization.

"Would not any intelligent American question seriously whether these people would be elevated or lowered in the actual scale of being by these things? "Take another community—one in a remote corner of New England. Fifty years ago, X— was a live, prosperous village. The heads of the families were whalers—captains, mates and crews. They could read and write, they were keen-witted, quick-eyed, red-blooded men, who gathered on their long voyages precisely the kind of knowledge which they needed for their calling, and brought home, too, histories and news of far-off countries beyond the seas. Sometimes, indeed, they took their women folk with them on their

mount to hardly five thousand. The great struggle for universal suffrage light of the same trade and work is scarce. Its sorting is done fine—but out and forever out, the tombet important of which are: the wavers, spinners, miners and other wavers, spinners, mi

came into the lonely hamlet. The life in it was full of hard work, but not without its fun; it was active, healthy and human.

"But the whaling industry is dead in X—— now, and so are the old seamen who followed it. The generations that succeeded them have not found any industry to take its place. The swamps remain undrained, the fields untilled, the fish disport themselves by millions in the bay undisturbed. The old people in the village keep themselves and their children alive by renting their houses to summer boarders. But the children have but one ambition—to be educated; their feeble energy finds its only outlet in an academy and college course. Nothing could be more laudable, according to ordinary public opinion. Visitors look with awe at the three huge school houses and the free libr\_ry, which tower over the village houses, until they discover that there is not a cobbler nor a tailor nor a druggist nor a skilled mechanic in the village. Then they begin to wonder whether bookulearning is the only wholesome and needful thing in the life of a community.

"The young girls of X—— go through the course, inhibling at a dozen sciences, and philosophies and two or three languages, long enough to learn the flavor of each, but not long enough to find any actual food for their brains; not long enough even to teach them the first lesson of education—how little they know. They find no place as teachers, for New England is filled with women competent to teach, standing in rows waiting for a vacancy. Cheek X—— young ladles—for they are careful to give themselves that degree—settle down at home. They will not cook nor wash, as their mothers do: they are no longer of the class of tradespeople; they are unfitted to marry the honest laborers on the farms; they mope and look at the world in false lights through their tears, and join the great army of half-starved, hysteric, morbid women in New England—the most useless figures, perhaps, in the world's swarming myriads.

"The majority of the young men re-

# Laborers of America

mer.hood rises ir disgust at its insuf-

in a democratic cradle, fed on democratic the engineers may also be involved. I voted for Grover Cleveland twice, and

If he tells me black is white I'll swear to it and lick the everiasting stuffing out of the man that disputes it.
When the boss takes snuff I sneeze; when

he said free silver I echoed his words; he sald expansion, expanded my lungs fit to

and vote 'er straight.

can give any reason or not.

When the boss says go, I go; when he says come, I come; he says bark, and I bark; says vote, and I vote.
I don't think. I let my boss do that.

If you don't think I am a raving angel you ought to hear me cuss Grover.

Dod blast the Republican party; it ain't no

Gol darn my skin, I'm the bullyest sixteen to onest free silver yelper that ever soaked sixteen different kinds of politics in sixteen different kinds of red licker. I'm a demo-

If the above does not fit you substitute the word republican for democrat and try it on

about a dozen from all the Canyon creek district have secured their cards. Of those who remain many are deter-mined to stick doggedly to the union to the last. Others are afraid to take out cards until after the end of the week.

Menominee, Mich., May 15.—Five hundred spinning employes of the twenty-one mills on the river and bay

St. Louis, May 16.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Little Rock, Ark, I used to be a gold democrat.
I am a silver democrat now.
I don't know what sort of a democrat I'll be next year. I don't know which string the says: "Forty strikers attacked 25 colored coal miners behind a stockade at mine No. 53, near Huntington, today, men on guard at the stockade returned the fire, killing one of the strikers.

John Wright, one of the guards, was seriously wounded. A number of new guards have been posted about mine and more trouble is feared.

ported from Illinois several days ago to take the places of the strikers. Sev-eral warnings had been sent to them to silver or no free silver, expansion or no ex-pansion? My business is to vote the ticket, leave town or suffer the conseque Today's attack, which occurred before

> ters were going to have a "rebellion" down in Cuba also. A recent dispatch from there says of a meeting of 200 representatives of the Cuban army,

"The speakers were extremely bitter against the United States. Both General Rodrigues and General Lacret declared that it was the purpose of the United States to get possession of the Cubans' arms and then to force any terms they pleased on the island.

"After much speechmaking a resonation was adopted declaring that the Cubans would not lay down their arms, and that if an attempt was made to take them the Cubans would resist.

"A resolution was also adopted to send a dispatch to the troops in Santiago province complimenting them upostheir decision not to surrender their arms."

Wonder if they have not been reading the dispatches from the Philippines?

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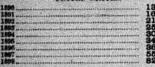
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### A LETTER TO GARCIA

The article by Elbert Hubbard, on "A more extended comment than is possible in connection with the article itself. It is probably one of the best expressions of the brutality, conceited and ignorant bourgeois position that has ever to be a nearly typical statement of the point of view of the capitalist class on recognized is seen by the fact that the New York Central Railway is Issuing it in editions of 100,000 each for gratutious distribution. We would advise every socialist to write for a number of coples of it and distribute them wherever he has an opportunity. It is excellent propogandist material for socialism. The laborer who does not feel his gorge rising as he reads it must be a very servile slave indeed, while in the majority of cases it will make him have a bad to hit back at night.

It is of interest from the nature of its authorship also. It is written by one Elbert Hubbard, a clever pessimistic scribbler, who by a mixture of eccentric vocabulary, occasional brilliant hits, and general sourness on the world, coupled up with a liberal use of archaic type, freakish bindings, and outlandish typographical contrivances, has secured a sort of mongrel reform magazine-The Philistine. He would be of very little interest to us and would not be sort of "socialistic leanings." Thereroduction to show that here he has dropped to a boot-licking attitude before capitalism, and consents to become intellectual club with which more faithful and servile submission

The article as a whole alternates between brutal insolence to the great of workers, and a positively sublime ignorance of social conditions. What he knows about socialism is shown in the statement that it is the stupidity of the workers that puts "pure sodialism so far into the future." The words he gives are absolutely corand slavishly follow a made-to-order public opinion, even though it leads of the target .. them to the shambles, that prevents the wiping of capitalism from off the face of the earth.

Then just notice the tacit warning that is held out to those workers who are to infer that those who are coine their life-blood into dollars are in any way oppressors. Such an one "is ster McKinley into office on an expanervious to reason and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a lek-soled No. 9 boot." That capitalism knows how to deal with those who ct to it is shown, however, in the iption of the fate of this "fire-

FOR WORK, THE WIND WHIST-LING THROUGH HIS THREAD. BARE COAT." Yes, but thank God there are more like him, who in spite of the threats and blows of capitalism, we are going to make you another ser-will keep on preaching the glorious gos- les of offers that will make it easy for pel of discontent and rebellion to the you to get subscribers. These are all laborers of the world until they will wipe the possibilty of such damnable tyranny off the face of the earth.

Finally, note the crocodile tears of als whimpering tool of plutocracy over ing white through the struggle to hold three months for 25 cents. in line dowdy indifference, slip-shod imbecility, and the heartless ingratitude, which but for their enterprise would be both hungry and homeless." We would like to ask where in-New York City the employer would be were it not for these same laborers, the pro- subscriptions from those among whom ducts of whose labor he has been appropriating all these years and whom he now insults with his foul abuse Were it not for him and his class there need be none "hungs and homeless" in all this broad earth. Did he not dred. To take advantage of this offer hang like a mill stone about the neck of labor and prevent him from entering upon the use of the natural opportunities that nature has showered length of time, but only make it in orupon this broad and beautiful country, der to get our paper before the socialmen, women and children would not be starving, freezing and homeless in the midst of a land that is ransacking the earth for peoples who will take the plunder its rulers have stolen from its tolling sons and daughters.

Again we say to the workers America, "Get and read this book." It will half hustle one-half of them can is the official pronunciamento of Ameri- be sold for enough to pay for the can capitalism. It bears its imprint whole hundred and have the agitation upon the cover and reeks of plutocracy from end to end. Read it workers of will no longer vote for a system that Message to Garcia," which we print on gives one class of our citizens the right you one number of the "Pocket Library the first page of this issue, deserves n to treat another like curs that incum. of Socialism," advertised elsewhere; for ber their way.

### UNITY.

plaint that the S. L. P. will not unite columns. been put into print. It may be taken with others who are "going the same with others who are "going the same those who are not at present subscrib-way." Many undoubtedly think that it ers, to our offer of the "Pocket Liis only "pure cussedness" that makes brary" and Workers' Call for one year the subjects treated. That it was so us so unaccommodating. We are told for 60 cents. The price of each alone is over and over again that socialism means co-operation, and yet we are the most "unco-operative" people imaginable.

But what constitutes true co-operation-true union? It is the union of forces for a common work, all will dealing out: agree. But it does not follow that all agree. But it does not follow that all that the same thing are united in a common work. Because a rock should be moved it does not follow that all who are pulling at a rope attached to it are working together. Neither is it necessarily true that the efforts of all who happen to be kicking off pleces here.

"After sixteen months of successful trial in a small way, the Chicago branch of the Salvation Army, under Lieut.-Col. George French, has put in a Salvage Warehouse, and a system of collecting the waste paper, rags and to it are working together. Neither is it is believed to go a long way towards solving the problem of providing work and a place to eat and sleep for homeless men. taste in the mouth all day and a desire to it are working together. Neither is it who happen to be kicking off pieces here and there or painting beautiful pictures upon its sides, are to be encouraged by

considerable notoriety as the editor of ship of the tools and land. The obstacle mentioned were it not for the fact that uance of the present society. This class he quite frequently claims to have a rule must be overthrown, and by the fore we call attention to this present lie in the formation of this co-operative reach capitalism for the co-operative organi-

vage philanthropy cannot be enlarged until larger quarters are found.

"Forty men are now supporting themselves by this work in the Salvation Army Salvage Warehouse.

"A man of average intelligence and deterity can sort 30 pounds of paper or rags for commercial use in ten hours. Only the overseers, who are promoted from the ranks, are paid, and they are given only enough to serve as an encouragement. They got \$1\$ a week and board, where the others get simply their keep. The scheme is only intended as a temporary employment for men who are trying to find work at their proper trade.

Here is the point at which we will "unite." This is the stategic position against which all the forces of society in 1st be hurled. Union must be at the central point, not all over the field. The spokes of a wheel meet at the hub, not his plutocratic master seeks to stap the through their votes if the change is to Only the suffering workers of America on to be peaceable, as all socialists desire that it should be. Each of these positions and all together point with unwavering finger to the vital point in the whole tory by the laborers.

against which all the forces of society n ast he hurled. Union must be at the rect, but the interpretation which he central point, not all over the field. The gives them is the exact reverse of the spokes of a wheel meet at the hub, not fact. It is because the workers are so at the rim. Rays of light are combined stupid that they allow their minds to at the focus, not at the surface of the made up for them by their masters, lens. The place to send a combined fire is at the bull's eye, not around the edge

> Hurrah tour throughout the country to revive the fading enthusiasm. If they enough and get him around to sufficient fairs it may be possible to bol-

tion is fer profit and not for use, and profit, not human wellfare, is the guidbrand of discontent." "TONIGHT HE pelled to be poisoned with more or less rapidity with every meal that is eaten. —From The People.

### Call for Hustlers.

Ten thousand subscribers in the next three months. That is what we want That is what you need. That is what we are bound to have. For that reason in addition to those of last week, and are intended to reach those whom the ones we made then will not.

In the first place if you want to always have your pockets full of first class socialist literature we are willing to help you by sending you four copies the employers whose "hair is fast turn- of the Workers' Call to one address

If you have some members who will work in a factory where there are a number of fellow-workmen whom you wish to convert, we will send you twenty copies three months for \$1. If take advantage of this offer we shall expect you to do your best to get you distribute the paper, as otherwise we could not afford to make these

we could not afford to make these terms.

Finally, for the next few weeks at least, we will send—bundles of 100 or more to one address at 50 cents a hundred. To take advantage of this offer the orders must be at the office by Tuesday morning of the week in which they are desired. We shall not agree to keep this offer in force for any length of time, but only make it in order to get our paper before the socialists of America and as a means of propoganda. We will keep it up as long as we can afford to do so, and how long that will be depends upon the support we receive from the socialists of America in getting subscriptions. There is not a socialist section in the country that cannot afford to take 100 copies a week at these rates. If you will hard the renowned heretic holds orthodox orthodox theremose defends a propogarity of the meath that the renowned heretic holds orthodox of those of suits orthodox of but one result and that is victory. Since 1896 trusts representing billions of dout one result and that is victory. Since 1896 trusts represently be foundered and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the record and News has developed two large the printers against the ready and record and News has developed two large the printers aga copies a week at these rates. If you free. There is no surer way of making socialists than this way.

the extra papers. Remember that for a 50-cent subscription, or three twentyfives we send Liebknecht's "Socialism:" and for each additional 50-cent or three 25-cent subscriptions we give 10 cents Over and over again comes the com- worth of any books advertised in our

Finally we would call the attention of 50 cents a year.

### Salvation Army Philanthrophy.

The following is taken from the "War

"After sixteen months of successful

less men.
"Not only is the scheme a self-sup-porting one, but the Salvation Army has found that what started out as a purely philanthropic institution may be a good deal more, for the paper-mill

How do you like it laborer of Chicago? Is it not a bright condition of affairs where a man must work ten hours a day in the refuse and garbage of a great city with its disease breeding, filth and stench for "simply their Undoubtedly if the "big whole salers of waste paper and rags" have Before "patriotism" gets all run down their way this "charity" would go on the way this "charity" would go on until all laborers were reduced to ten hours a day and keep.

San Antonia, Texas -- On May 2 we increased our vote ? per cent, and this in less than three months. Municipal election was held on February 13. That ster McKinley into office on an expansion platform.

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sion platform.

of May 2 was to elect a school board.

We had a full ticket and received 10

Billy Mason's food investigation comper cent of total vote. We entered the
mittee has "discovered" what everybody knew before, that while producnate a candidate for city collector on
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B. T. Harris, Organizer,

stand "prosperity."

Ex-Governor Flower of New York is dead, but capitalism is still very much alive, and will demonstrate that this that they will not, under all circumst

We. also observe that this distinbeing taken sick at the dinner table. Gluttony and paresis are fast becoming the orthodox manner of help you distribute them, or if you this mortal coil" with our capitalist by A. S. Trude of this city at a recent

> That eminent theologian Rusell Sage, expresses his disapproval of the ordina- the next presidential campaign. tion of Dr. Briggs as an Episcopa Bishop. We are inclined to think, however, that this censure will be drawn if it can be demonstrated that the renowned heretic holds orthodox

presents a puzzle in its front page car-toon. Three figures are presented, the will be deluded by this "red herring." first a Republican with Democratic Why should we fight the most econom-Then we would emphasize the offer views, but still a Republican; the sec- ical, thorough and intelligent method of America, and as its insulting words previously made to encourage you to ond a Democrat with Republican views, doing business the world has ever slap you in the face resolve that you get subscribers after you have obtained but still a Democrat, and the third a we will use it. We will not batter our nondescript mugwump, anti-everything wewill use it. We will not batter our every 25-cent subscriber sent in we give except himself. The question is asked: brains out against it we will simply you one number of the "Pocket Library" How will these men vote?" That's change the ownership from some of us "How will these men vote?" easy. They will vote for capitalism, of to all of us. course. It is only workingmen who vote against their own interests. The Meeting of Illinois State Comother fellows are not so foolish.

> The delectable affairs of our "society" people from time to time furnish material for our daily newspapers, and this time the Belmont-Sloane marriage is prominent, and provides an opportunity for "moral" essays by the selfappointed guardians of Law and Order, Prosperity and Society, Religion and the Family, especially the family.

The working classes might be interested in knowing something of the pedigree of the Belmont family, whose Cry" and gives an idea of the sort of sturdy "democracy" has always voiced charity" that the Salvation Army is the interests of the "common people." The first August Belmont was for many years the chairman of the Democratic National Committee and his descendants have kept alive the political faith the first of the name.

In the latter part of the '30's a German Jew, said to be an illegitimate son of one of the Rothschilds 'came to the United States to establish a branch of the then growing firm of Rothschild. His name was Abraham Schonberg. bas found that what started out as a good deal more, for the paper-mill men and the big Canal street wholesaliers of waste paper and rags are importuning Lieut. Col. French to start similiate waste waste paper and rags are importuning Lieut. Col. French to start similiate of good salvage going to good salvage going to good salvage going to waste.

This is the case with the social question to-day. The coming society that is to grow out of the present one will be co-operative with common ownership of the tools and land. The obstacle to this growth consists in the rule of society' by the capitalist class, whose interests as capitalists lie in the continuance of the present laboring class whose interests rule must be overthrown, and by the present laboring class whose interests lie in the formation of this co-operative society and who have been trained by Desiring to establish himself firmly, he

It would seem that anyone who heard phetic of the broader onc. Mayor Jones of Toledo, at Steinway hall in this city last Tuesday night, must have been impressed with his utter lack of knowledge Throughout his talk there was nothing but saved pennles they have raked together named.—Times-Herald an almost childlike criticism of political oras soon as those pennles had reached a Our readers will ren ganizations. He does not seem to see that hundred million of dollars, or thereanachines and trusts. In both cases what is point. se things, not to abolish them. Of course it is all a sort of a joke to Mayor Jones abusing political machines here, and then puffing Perry Beiof New York city, in his paper, The Toledo

There was an utter disregard of the class both the exception of the socialists) but diisions of the ruling class who are quarreling over the division of the spoils. To be are had he told this there might have been meone smart enough to see that Jones uself was but the head of one of these divisions who are misleading the laborers while they are being plucked.

the following as the The Record gives statement of Mayor Jones after the lecture, which needs explanation:

"I can't tell at all how that will be. Some thing will undoubtedly be done by the so cialist labor party with regard to a nominee When the republican convention meets it Toledo, June I, the socialist labor party will present a statement of its principles, asking to the independent of the convention.

If Jones said that it is as contemptible a gogue. If he did not there was some clever lying done by th Record reporter. Suffice to say that whoever is the author, it contains

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE, the following falsehoods, either directly or by implication. First, that Mayor Jones is
The irrepressible Teddy has beet
in any way connected with the Socialist Laing the public some more advice. There were 39 suicides in the city bor party. They have no use for him in any last week. Probably they could not form, as whatever else he may be, he is in no himself of the following, which is of insense a socialist. Second, that the Socialist Labor party ever compromises or asks for an tocracy at the present time, for His endorsement with any other political party
—Republican, Democratic or Jonesite. Third, Flower is by no means the Last Rose of run an "independent" candidate. Mayor Jones may rest assured that whatever antics he may perform in the political ring, the Socialist Labor party will be found at the guished gentleman died of indigestion, same old task, helping the workers to secure

> The following extract from a speech gathering of representative Democrats is a straw that indicates the direction in which the laborers are to be led in

"Fellow democrats, an issue which will win in 1900 and of which little was said in the democratic platform of 1896 is that relating to trusts and combines. The war waged upon industrial and commercial monopoly can be productive

ploiters. win. Every wife, every boy, every intelligent man will party that supports the trusts. will fight the

We wonder how many workingmen change the ownership from some of us capitalists, to be good or

# mittee.

Session of May 13th, 1899, with R. A. Morris in the chair. Communications were received from Jacksonville, Glen Carbon, Springfield, Peoria, Pekin, Galesburg, East St. Louis and Quincy. Carbon, The organizer was instructed to answer The following bills were ordered pace in pursuit of pelf. same. paid: Labor News Co., 84 cents; post-age and stationary, \$4.41; express on literature for Peoria, 26 cents. treasurer was ordered to buy 200 stamps. The treasurer reports having sold 163 stamps. The organizer was instructed to see about the distribution of literature. The State Committee will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 65 N. Clark street, room Next meeting to be on Friday, May 26th, 8 p. m. Adjourned.

The State Organizer.

Meeting held Saturday, April 21st. Comrade Baustian in chair. All members present.

Comrade Smith presented creden Comrade Damm pre-Seated. sented resignation. Accepted.

A letter from Comrade Fry of St. Louis, concerning printing of Comrade

tion, etc. Applications for charters from Du

granted

J. R. Pepin, Sec. pro. tem.

streets, but that later he was permitted to continue. Pittsburg, Kansas; Los Angeles, Cal.; Chicago, Ill.; Boston, Mass.—all the same story of attempted muzzling of free speech by capitalist prise the greater part of the funds necessary hirelings, and ultimate victory by the to float it, and the shares of the concern are socialists. This minor struggle is pro-

Now that Carnegie and Tom Johnson have set such a good example by retir- broad of the questions concerning which he spoke ing upon the hard earned and carefully ch organizations are means, not ends and bouts, we hope that none of their emthat to abuse or denounce them is all of a ployees will be so ill bred to go on savflar abuse or denunctation of ing after they have reached the same

> You ought to have a half dozen numbers of the "Pocket Library of Socialismy with you all the time to hand out when you get into an argument. member you get a copy with every twentyfive-cent subscriber you send in to The Workers' Call.

> Suppose that the automobile should be perfected tomorrow, liquid air be all that is claimed for it, wireless telegra phy be perfected, and Tesla communicate with Mars, how much better would the workers of the world be?

> The first car to be run by compressed air in Chicago went over the North Chicago street lines this week, but it will not be the last. "Wanted-a po tion as teamster or hostler."

> So Herbert N. Casson is to be assistant editor on the New York Journal. Verily virtue(?) hath its own reward.

Are yeu going to send in a club to

We are giad to announce that arrangements have been made with "Th People" and "The Tocsin" by which w Workers' Call for 88 cents.

### Roosevelt.

The irrepressible Teddy has been givrecent banquet in Buffalo, he delivered terest as showing the attitude of plu-Conceitedness naver looses his clear class-consciousness:

Buffalo, N. Y., May 15 .- "The rich" man who buys a privilege from a board of aldermen for a railway which he represents, the rich man who gets a privilege through the legislature by bribery and corruption for any corporation, that man is committing an offense against the community which it is possible may some day have to be condoned for in blood and destruction, not by him, not by his sons, but by you and your sons. In other words, if I could only make our people realize that their one hope and one safety in dealing with this problem is to send into our public bodles men who shall be honest, shall realize their obligations, for rich and poor alike, and who shall draw the line, not between the rich man and the poor man, but between the honest man and the dishonest man."

"On the one hand we have the perfectly simple savage who believes that you should tax franchises to the extent of confiscating them, and that it is the duty of all railroad corporations to carry everybody free and give them a chromo. On the other hand we have the scarcely less primitive mortals who believe there is something sacred in a franchise and that there is no reason why it should pay its share of the burdens at all.

"Now, gentlemen, remember that the man who occupies the last position inevitably tends to produce the man who occupies the first position, and that the worst enemy of property is the man who, whether from unscrupulousness or from mere heedlessness and thoughtness, takes the ground that there shall be something sacred about all property, that the owners of it are to occupy a different position in the community from all others and are to have their burdens not increased, but diminished, because of their wealth."

Note the kindly advice he gives to the

things will be taken away. Observe the contemptible fling at those who would take away the power of plutocracy to rob, and finally the demagogic attempt to frighten people back into conservatism by talk of "blood and destruction." But it is all a waste of time Teddy, the capitalists would not check their hoggish greed for you even if competition would allow them to relax their furious Nobody is scared at your bogy man of blood and fire, and most significant of all the signs of the times indicate that the day is not far distant when the workers of The treasurer reports having America will no longer care for your stamps. The organizer was inproceed to vote you and your class out of a job.

# Steel Cars.

An immense plant for the construction of steel freight cars will be added to Chicago's industries before the close of the present The establishment will not only have a larger capacity than any other steel car building plant on the continent, but it also own the most modern and approved designs and patents known to the industry.

A corporation with a capital of \$10,000,000 will be organized within the present month and will start out with contracts already placed for the construction of 700 cars. All Hickey's Graphic Pages," was referred of the plants now engaged in the building to Comrade Simons for cost of publicaat Pittsburg, and their extreme cap contracted eighteen months ahead Quoin and Springfield received and Chicago concern expects to be able to put its first cars on the market about July 1, though it will not be running to its full capacity of thirty cars a day during the current year. Now it is Philadelphia. The People With its own plant in running order the conreports that Comrade Clark was eern will use 500 to 600 tons of steel plates stopped by an officer while speaking on daily and will employ between 1,500 and 1,800

men Several western railroads will furnish enough capital to insure the success of the enterprise, though eastern capital will com-

Reports that the concern was to be controlled by officers of the American Tin Plate Company and of the National Steel Company ght out denials from both the pron of the deal and the officers of the companies

Our readers will remember that it was pointed out in these columns some weeks ago that this was one branch of the great steel trust. We want you to watch from week to week as this great combinati gradually draws in one after another of the ndustries of America. It is rapidly paving the way for socialism.

The Socialist Labor Party in the 24th warp has placed in nomination as candidate for merman Comrade James Bain, 377 Oak St., for the special election to be called soon. A convention will also be held in a few days to place a candidate in the field in the 35th ward, comprising the recently annexed dis-All comrade friends or acquaintances living in Austin should, for the best interests of the party, send in their names, and if any comra time to work there some Sunday collecting signatures, by notifying us, his expenses will paid by the party. For good reasons you must assist in getting names to which to se sample copies of the paper, etc. It is to your interest to do all you can in this matter.
Address all matter pertaining to the above to
the Organization Committee, care of The Workers', Call, 36 N. Clark street

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# Packingtown.

(Signed)

se who have ordered copies of the pamphlet on "Packingtown" we would say that it will be a week or more before it will be ready for mailing, and all orders will then be filled without further writing.

The receipt of a sample copy is an invitation to subscribe.

# CATHOLICISM and SOCIALISM....

The following is published by request of the Roman Catholic Socialistic Society of

Chicago, Ill.:
"To the Clergy and Laity, Greeting:

"The object of this society is to pro-mote the interests of our Saviour and to help elevate the oppressed poor. The social conditions of this so-called Christian civilization are barbarous. Selfish capitalists are using their superior ability to crush the poor, body and soul, by means of trusts and monopolies, department stores, and sweat-shops. The results are that honest men and women are not allowed to obey God's command. In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat thy bread." There are no human beings of any creed that are suffering more by these evils than the poor of the Catholic church. Crime sins, tramps and suicides and other numerous evils are increasing among creatures are waiting patiently for those that God has appointed to look after their interests to come to their assist-

ance, and they are the spokesmen of the church. There are in this city, of Chicago about three hundred priests. Their mission is to protect the poor from the real lieve the only practical solution of the and a lot of other sharks, who are continually scheming to rob the poor of We are aware of the prejud their earnings. The poor complain that ists against such theories. the priests do nothing, practically, to believe in them are called dreamers, protect them. The voice of the priest is never heard against such oppression. On the contrary, the poor claim that the spokesmen of the church, by their intimate acquaintance with this robbing class, encourage them to go fur-ther in their villainy. The Mark Hanthe Vanderbilts, the Goulds and Charles Yerkes and many others, and some of our high church men, are used against socialism is that closely united. The priests asserts that do away with individuality. not their duty; that their mission it is not their duty; that their mission only refer those to the freedom of the is to preach degmatic theology and to citizens of the last presidential election administer the sacraments to all who come voluntarily to receive them. The or answer that they have learned these dogmatic truths by heart and that a pious old woman could administer the sacraments if she was commissioned to do so. The priests assert of them believed in private property, that the wrongs that the poor complain (except St. Thomas) for well they knew of should be attended to by statesmen and politicians, and the poor answer back that if the priests do not encour-age those who are elected, they will do nothing and are doing nothing. All they do is to accept bribes from the corporations. Furthermore, the poor point out the scandalous fact that the parish priests do have these boodle politicians run for contests at their bazars and church fairs every year. This is nothing less than blackmail. By encouraging those politicians, when they get in office, to be dishonest, the poor further complain that when the clergy accepts money from the employers of labor, and railroad passes, and rate tickets, they living a life of luxury. We don't ex-pect any help from the Catholic wardencourage those soulless corporations to cut the wages of their employes more and more. The priests assert that heeler politicians-they are too much these corporations give these favors out taken of respect for them. The poor answer back that these corporations muzzle the ing. It is the duty of every honest and intelligent person to agitate the quesmouths of the priests, and that the tion of the important duty of the govproof is that the clergy never protests ernment owning all of the public moagainst the robbing of the poor. The nopolies, such as railroads, telegraph priests know that the Holy Scriptures teach that robbing the poor of their wages is a sin that cries to heaven for vengeance. What Catholic ever heard such a sermon being preached? The priests assert that if the poor would sep more from intoxicating liquors, they could not be in such miseries. The poor answer that they need stimulants, as much as the clergy themselves. They parish houses the bills for such liquor every month are equal to two months rent for a poor family. The poor fur-ther declare that in nearly every parish there are poor families of from five to ten persons who have to live on from five to ten cents a head each day. The properties of the properties of the pricest goes away every year to some pricest goes away every year to some which deny the right of a poor man. The co-operatives belong to the party, factory laws for the protection of labor. The whole data special labor ministry, nished them with the revolutionary cialism is the same the world over:

"The result of the election for a n dependent of the socialistic spirit and forms a deport in the different trades, and the working out of means for the protection of labor.

The co-operatives belong to the party, factory laws for the protection of labor. The co-operatives belong to the party, factory laws for the protection of labor. ten persons who have to live on from some of them taking their relatives along, and have a good time with the priest and know the sad fact that in money which the people gave them for the church. The priests remind the poor to be resigned to God's holy will and poverty. The poor declare that Christ young women to lives of shame and young men to thievery, and old people to the poorhouse or to a suicide's graye, and that, while the Almighty God perthe name? What will be your defense on judgement day? There are some mits those awful miseries to fall on his declare that if the poor who are driven they are good for is calling names. May God forgive them for they do not know that the priests have all they can do to walk in the narrow path with all the nal Father through the merits of our Saviour suffering to protect the people assistance and opportunities they have and His representatives on earth from and physical faculties, and that the or read a book or paper, reither have. There are some things about the to say their prayers. The poor assert the well-known fact that they are to say their prayers. The poor assert to call attention. With much of it operative movement all over Belgium, party group itself around the economic worse off now than the negroes were in the south in slavery time, and furthermore, that this so-called Christian civities that no body of laborers should their members. The "Progress" at financially by the co-operative societies, tion and property rights than it does of human beings and human rights. The their assistance." If they do so wait, brewery. The "Peoples' House" has mention the "Young Socialistic Guard," they will have a long tiresome wait. 15,000 members, and bakes half a mill—an organization that has for its special more responsible for such wretchedness. The laborer must work out his own lon pounds of bread weekly. It gives aim to combat the military spirit. It

poor believe they could tie them to the outraged by the actions of capitalism. protest against the system that the clergy have of building expensive in his time on earth, and the poor themselves must live in wretched places. The time organizing socalities for the young the important truth that good environments and healthy conditions will do gether. The church societies are good for those boys and girls who have all the good things of life. The poor protest against the annual custom of so-

want alms giving. It is only adding insult to injury for those rich. After robbing the poor of their earnings these grading the poor by means of that suit. beautiful word "charity," which has no The other meaning than that given it by St. Paul. All the honest poor want is tion will contribute to harmonize the clergy and the poor, the labors of its members will not be in vain. We bepoor man's wrongs lies in the doctrine of Christian socialism or co-operation We are aware of the prejudice that exand are scoffed at in many ways, and on account of such ill-feelings, we the members of this society in branches in the different parishes, are compelled to keep our identity unknown. It is a sad thing that in this glorious land of the free the citizens are not allowed to exused against socialism is that it would for an answer. All of the great fathers of the church believed in and taught socialism or co-operation. We will mention a few such as St. Jerome, St. Augustine, St. Basile the Great, St. Greg-

press their opinions. We wish to state now that one of the arguments that are ory, St. Chrysostom, St. Ambrose, none it bred crime and sin and ignorance and bloodshed, as it is doing in this so-called Christian civilization. All of the religlous societies of the present time in the church are socialists or co-operators. They are all helping each other to live happy here in this life and are helping each other for the next. We think it would be good for our Holy Mother the Church to encourage and spread the same kind of socialism among the poor. We therefore appeal to all honest intelligent Christians who are not educated on those economical truths to study them. We appeal in particular to the honest poor. We don't expect any help from the clergymen who are

and mines. The post-office is a sample of socialism. We believe this great city should own and operate its own stree cars and gas and telephones, as it does now operate its own water plant and electric light, a good example of socialism. We desire to remind all the good priests of the encyclical of Pope Leo XIII on the condition of labor. He says it is the duty of the priests to look after the temporal interests of the people Dear Reader, if you believe in the great truths contained in the literature that we send you, it is your duty to spread them amongst all followers of the lowly Nazarene. When you repeat the Lord's pe. do you think you are a consistent this city of corruption and boodling where the most of the voters are Catholics and who vote year in and year out for the most dishonest holders, and then go to church on Sunday and con tribute liberally to the support of the clergy as they do, and you, as a priest, say nothing, when you are called a hypocrite don't you think you deserve

weak, ignorant creatures who will call us heretics, infidels and A. P. A's.

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the corrupting influence of dishones wealth. Amen. above statement to which we wish to call attention. With much of it their assistance." If they do so walt, responsible for such wretchedness. The laborer must work out his own he spokesmen of the Holy Catho- salvation. The Catholic priest, like the than the spokesmen of the Holy Catho-lic Church. The poor expect the clergy to be leaders of the people, to be active, energetic—in a word, to be real live priests, and if they are not, it would be better for them that they were never born. A good many priests in this city are only posing, putting on a lot of ex-ternal devotion. The bonest poor desire to remind the priests that they are not in Eurose, where the priests make the

nd, or put horns on them. The poor and the principles of government instituted by capitalism now demand that houses for themselves and making the system's downfall, just so the fundapeople pay the interest on the mortgage mental principles of the religion that to a crowd of money changers, a cursed capitalism prefers to follow is at evertransaction that our Saviour denounced lasting war with every feature of the mammon-worship we call civilization.

honest poor desire to remind those zeal. But the way in which these contraous priests who spend so much of their dictions will be abolished will not be by dictions will be abolished will not be by because each of them desired to have appealing to those who are in power in the government in their hands, but in these respective spheres. It is not from more to keep the young men and women the teachers of morals, but from those moral than all the sodalities put to- who are being odtraged by the present moral system that a better morality appears on the political field a new will result. It is not from those who party. The proletariat, up to then will result. It is not from those who govern, but from those who are opcalled Christians getting up charity pressed that true democracy will be reballs for their benefit. The poor don't alized. It is not from those who conduct our present religious institutions, but from those who are outcast from alleged respectable classes are only de. its circles that a pure religion must re-

Therefore, we would say to those Catholics who really wish to secure the work, they demand that right and they interests of themselves and the laborers will have it, even at the point of the of the world-use your ballot to vote sword, if necessary. If this organiza- yourselves into power. You have in that a more powerful weapon than the sword.

# BELGIUM

(Continued from page 1.)

the more so as the Belgian party is the ed In Inoculating the co-operative movement with the socialist spirit and thus make of it an excellent weapon in the class struggle of the proletariat, To give an idea what in Belgium a

of one of them.

a result of the wholesale production of bread; Vooruit greatly reduced its price vote three or four times. bread, vooruit greatly reduced its price in Ghent, selling a two-pound loaf for complete, was a truly great one. A suftimes

The 12 centimes per loaf which remain in the hands of the co-operative parliament. And it cannot be expected during one quarter of a year forms the working capital of the enterprise, con- easily the power it wields. tributed by the members.

Every workman may become a member provided he buys bread.

nes amounts to over 2,000,000 francs a socialists. take formerly.

Many a one may ask: What is there means for political agitation. In case the influence of the socialistic moveof a strike they give money and all the ment is felt on every step. bread necessary. They help to maintain the socialistic press, employ, on They help to mainworkingmen, and what is of an immense practical value, in comunities where, the socialists are in majority they teach the workingmen the art to government and administer large enterprises. It is indeed impossible to enumerate all the numerous advantages, but it may be rightly said, that the only point of contact of a Ghentian workingman with the capitalistic system is the factory where he is exploited, because every cent he spends is used in the class-struggle against the said system. let us consider the state of the co- sively. The political organization of the n thinks more of the brute creat "patiently wait" for anyone to "come to Joliment, among other establishments, and usually grow livelier before the owns several slaughter houses and a election time. We would particularly brewery. The "Peoples' House" has mention the "Young Socialistic Guard, borrowed from the State Savings bank, ing in the ranks of the army, and in the ranks of South Dakota have already been given the biggest kind of a purple with the Social Settlement people vited Jones to come to Chi. Cark about stopping strikes?

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a new building at a cost of half a million francs, the money for which was the socialistic ideas are rapidly spread-borrowed from the State Savings bank, ing in the ranks of the army, and in

was reached to combine all the co- consciousness than to the orders of the operative societies into one federation. bourgeois officer. It is to be hoped that this measure will greatly aid the ever increasing power of the co-operative societies.

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Up to 1880 there were in Belgium only two political parties, viz.: the Clericals and Liberals. Both of the two capitalistic parties fought one another, regard to economical matters, namely, to the exploitation of workingmen, they were in perfect harmony. At the beginning of the eighth decade there sunken into a deep sleep of unconsclousness, begins to awaken to a new sciousness, begins to awaken to a new political life and to loudly ask for his rights. By the Belgian constitution all the bigger cities of Belgium. These extensive liberties were insured to all citizens. When speaking of the organ. citizens. When speaking of the organization of the socialist party we mentioned that the workinmen enjoy a perfect freedom of speech, assembly, organization and press. This gave the proletariat all the facilities to carry on a vast agitation an to organize economi-It was, however, completely deprived of a representation in the legislature, because Belgian capitalists have kept the right to vote for themselves. One can easily imagine that a parliament solely composed of capitalists legislated in the interests of property alone. The whole burden of serving in the army was bourne by the sons of the workingmen as the rich escaped by buying substitutes; there were almost no factory laws for the protection of of the laborers, etc. The first task for only one in Europe which has succeed- the workingmen's movement was to obwas "universal, equal and secret sufindefatigable and unceasing agitation and struggle the Belgian proletariat model socialistic co-operative society is, forced the bourgeoisie to yield. Under we think it best to describe the details the pressure of a general strike, in which the whole land was involved, to avert a For this purpose we select the Ghen- revolutionary outbreak, the parliament tian, "Voorust" (forward), because of decided upon a changing of the constiits arrangements being the most dis tution. The proletariat has received versified and interesting ones. The basis the right to vote, although not yet an of the co-operative is the bakery. As equal one, for while a workingman casts a single vote the bourgeoisie may

while individual bakers charge 25 to 28 frage based on manhood was hardly to centimes. The members pay not 20 but be expected. There are in industrial 30 centimes a loaf, receiving back, however, 12 centimes per loaf quarterly, among them so many socialists that This finally reduces the price to 18 cen- the enfranchisement of the workingmen on an equal footing soon result in a socialistic majority in form the capitalist class to give up so

Already in the first election the so-cialists received 350,000 votes and elected 29 representatives, the fifth part Let us say just here, that Vooruit, of the parliament. In the year 1896 the which started in business in the year general elections showed an increase of 1880, with a capital of 400 francs, is immensely rich today. Its curent busi- gium haif a million votes are cast by

The presence of socialistic members. year, and it nets 150,000 francs yearly. The presence of socialistic members, Besides the bakery the Vooruit possesses four drug stores, four grocery workers' interests, has completely stores, shoe and metalurgic shops, a changed the appearance of the parliacigar factory, immense tailoring and ment. From now on the social question, seamstress establishments, and four the relation of labor to capital, has big real properties. All the products grown to be the most important object are cheaper than elsewhere and of the very best quality. The members re- bers laid before the parliament a great ceive 6 per cent from the amount of number of reform proposals which were purchase made in the stores of the in the interests of the proletariat. Vooruit. Two hundred thousand They brand from the national tribune pounds of bread are baked weekly. In all the abuses committed upon the work-base of sickness of a member he religious the exploiters. The official ceives as much bread as he used to reports of the parliamentary sittings, previously not read by anybody, are The society owns a magnificent as- now distributed by the thousands all sembly establishment with a big gar- over the land, being one of the best den and an immense hall. In summer means of propagation of socialistic 4,000 workingmen with their wives and principles. The socialistic members of children gather in this garden and parliament compelled the government amuse themselves listening to the to take considerable care for the work-sounds of an excellent band. ingmen's weal, and under their pressure ingmen's weal, and under their pressure very good laws for their protection socialistic in such an arrangement? were introduced. There was even ex-This is readily answered. The whole tablished a special labor ministry, thus every member of the co-operative To this ministry also belongs the insociety isco-ipso a member of the party. spection of industrial establishments. They furnish the party the material Indeed, in the political life of Belgium

Though the suffrage laws of the communal councils is worse yet than those conditions imcomparably better than of parliament, because the rich men are anyone else, hundreds of workingmen given four votes, the workingmen have and clerks, who may, without fear of successfully attacked and succeeded in

For the sake of completeness of the description of the Belgian socialist party, it is necessary to add a few words about the work that is constantly carried on in regard to the mental, moral and aesthetic elevation of the workingmen.

The press, libraries, and special institutions for education serve for the instruction and elevation of minds. The press consists of four daily, a great number of weekly papers and one scientific monthly magazine. Nearly all the larger organizations own rich libra-ries. The Vooruit has one of 7,000 volumes. Socialists with university education take a lively part in the people's versity at Brussels, founded five years ago, is mainly the work of socialists. It does everything that is in its power to secure a higher education to the sons of workingmen, and socialistic communal councils eagerly assist it in that work.

The moral influence of socialism upon workmen is an immense one, and even the more honest of our adversaries readily own up to this. A special merit of socialism is its successful struggle against alcoholism. Party establishments do not keep any alcohol at all. Milk, light beer and wine are the only beverages served there. There is no doubt that such a Vooruit has done for the struggle against drink than all the preaching of capitalist moralists put together.

There is no lost traffic, and was the cause of inconvenience and docking of wages to thousands of laboring men who had to walk to their places of work."—Dally Mews. readily own up to this. A special merit moralists put together.

They preach, and we act. Not less

that take the last cent out of the workingmen's pocket and cause his fall into debauchery. Here also they do not only talk-they act. They arrange for home amusements which are better, nobler, loftier and which make of him a better

man. The Belgian socialists also work for an esthetical elevation of work

clalists steadily demand an artistic exe, Already the mammoth structure of cution of public buildings, and greater capitalistic greed is shaking to its cution of public buildings, and greater capitalistic greed is shaking facilities to make use of and enjoy the foundation, preparatory to plu museums, theatres and concerts.

When, during the last carnival, the ism has ever produced. This wor when, during the last carnival, the capitalists and small middle classes that sunk into immoral orgies—2,000 workingmen filled the theatre where the great opera "Tannhauser" was being performed. The Vooruit rented the whole house, to take the people away the ushering in of the co-operative from immoral amusements, and sold to its members all the tickets in the course of an hour, at the nominal price of 40 Notice too that "the death of Mr. Notice too that "the death of Mr. Flower did not in any way affect the course of the properties them. opera manager expressed his thanks to earning power of the properties the the workpeople in the press for the in. selves." "I told you so," says the telligent, and in general appreciative cialist, "but you still vote to keep the

behaviour of the audience. Belgium is situated at the point of give them all you produce, save the contact of three great civilizations— that of England, France and Germany, ducing power." The Belgian labor movement unites all the best qualities of each of these nations. From the English it took the strong economic organization in the co-operative form, from the Germans Veendam, Holland, by the "Ams learned the thorough socialistic spirit, and to strive bravely in the political country, is of interest to show that It knew how to build up an indestructable the between itself and the laboring men, with all his desires, thoughts and feelings; it understood how to exclusively take hold and jealously guard his whole spiritual and material life. Thus it realized, as far as perfection can be reached, a perfect model of a class orsanisation of the worker's life.

Democrats. Not as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as the mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as the is say, as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as the is say, as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as the is say, as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as democrate do mourn, for who is more purely a figure. School as the is to say, as democrate do that is to say, as ganization of the proletariat.

"While preparation for professional side and the continuous seems to me that the vast majority of our young reople spend too many of their vigorous years of youth inside schoolrooms and not enough in the practical work of life."—Chicago Tribune.

"The bourgeoisie has every reason to fear the stupidity of the masses—so long as they remain conservative; and their inteligence—so soon as they be for his little booms. The second is contains a double column scare-has contains a double column scare-has a double column scare-ha

their conductors and motor men to have police power. How handy that Perry Belmont, whose speech is given would be in case of a strike. With the United States mail which "must not be would, shock South Clark street, in

"LAW AND ORDER."

Workingmen Fight Employers' Battles As Usual.

Janesville, Wis., May 14.—(Special.)—
Trains were in enforced collision here
today as a result of differences between
the Chicago and Northwestern and the
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad companies. A gravel train was
sent crashing into a line of box cars
on the Northwestern track by the Milwaukee people.

The trouble grew out of efforts of the
Chicago and Northwestern railroad
company to lay half a mile of new side
track here through the manufacturing
district along River street, in territory
used by the Chicago, Milwaukee and
St. Paul railroad company. There was

used by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad company. There was a free-for-all fight between 300 Italian laborers and several bosses on the Northwestern side and 100 laborers on the Milwaukee road's side.

"A desperate battle between working gangs of the West Chicago Railway company and the Chicago General Railway company was precipitated at 5:30 today at the crossing of the two roads at 22d street and Blue Island avenue by an attempt of the former line to repair its tracks at the crossing, without, it is said, giving the 22d street of Chicago General company sufficient notice to enable it to get cars east of the crossing before traffic was interrupted. "During the melee paving blocks and pieces of railroad iron filled the air, three cars of the Chicago General Railway company were wrecked on the

Same old story. The defenders of energetically do the socialists fight "law and order" hound their wage-against all the immoral amusements slaves on to fighting their master's quarrels for which they get only the times they fight with stones and crow bars, sometimes with Krag-Jorgen and machine guns, and SOMETIMES WITH BALLOTS.

### The Coming Panic.

for an esthetical elevation of workingmen. They teach him to enjoy works of art, as music, painting and sculpture, Each larger organization possesses its own band—often the best in town—and does not hesitate to spend for it large sums of money.

In the "Peoples' House," at Brussels, there exists a section devoted to art which continually arranges lectures upon that subject. These are often ii. liustrated by music and stereoscopic pictures. All party establishments have an actistic character. They are beautiful buildings decorated with paintings and sculpture.

The grand street manifestations also are arranged with the co-operation of artists, and form, with their wagons, decorations, pictures, flags and music, a very magnificent aspect. In the parliament and communal councils the so-cialists steadily demand an artistic exe-

into a crisis the most terrible cap before the dawn.

men in power who produce nothing

The following comment on the ricent election of Comrade Schafer a capitalist paper of damner, while the Frenchmen have fur- clear class-conscious movement of a

the democratic voters, the laborers are small storekeepers, could not possibly put their trust in a number of gentlemen, who are excellent liberals, but can hardly be called democrats; men who want to be liberal and democratic at the same time; ambiguous political creatures.

"If now another person runs against such an ambiguity—a full-blooded democrat who does not want to go two different ways, but marches right straight forward to his object, then democratic voters cannot but favor him."

so-called Liberal-Democrats did not protest, when the election laws were so have forgotten that."

Mayor Jones has just begun the pi The street railways of Chicago want New York, and the only other person

### ILLINOIS.

Prophecy Come True." Written The People, by W. S. McClure.

It is not often the writer hazards a hesy; but during the excitement rophesy; but during the last presidential campaign, ile combating the idea that a vote for a minority party was thrown away, I ventured to affirm that but e hundred thousand resolute sodalist votes would be a powerful check to the rapacity of our marters, and, given a million votes, the politicians would be stealing from our platform at the next election. It is coming evident that I vastly under estimated the power of a social ist vote. For, though we have not yet reached even the hundred thoumark, socialism is today a word to conjure with, and already word to conjure with, and already special attention is called to the meeting to the stealing from our platform has be held next Sunday afternoon at the corner begun. Advocacy of the municipali- of 92nd and Commercial Ave., in S. Chicago now one of the indispensable weapons of the shrewdest political trimmers, and bobs up irrespective of party. One day it is in the hands of in the neighborhood should make an effort to a Pingree or a Jones, the next it is delded by a Croker or an Altgeld. These are men who keep in touch with the public pulse, and through their astuteness seem to lead, whereas they but follow.

"Here in Chicago, in the recent campaign, we had the edifying spectacle of three capitalist candidates for mayor vying with each other in the'r declarations in favor of ownership of the street railways by the city. That it was not practicable of accomplishment during the next two years, the period of incumbency, was carefully kept in the background; and very likely the sense of security which this gave added to the exof their professions. They knew they could not make them

So far as the talk of men who are shaping the policy of the Democratic party in the West may be taken as an ndication, there is a strong probability that a similar phenomenon will soon appear in national politics. A declaration in favor of nationalization of the telegraph and the railways may be looked for in the next democratic platform. Should this prove to be the 'case, and sooner or later it is almost sure to be so, we may have to face in the national arena what we have just experienced locally-the appearance of a temporary check to our growth as expressed at the polls through the ropping off of weak-kneed brethren to whom the vision of one thing at a time, (any old thing labeled Socialistic), is as the candle to the moth.

This need be no cause for discourgement. On the contrary, to the well grounded socialist this blowing field. Mass. Just watch us grow. off of a few loose bricks from the top of the wall is but the spur to renewed effort, the incentive to a firmer upbuilding.

The emergency is upon us and it cigars and Tobacco. vigorously. Fabianism at such a time is a source of weakness, its day is past and all taint of it must be thrown off. The worthlessness to the workers of middle class municipalization or nationalization must be thoroughly exposed. It is the sig-nificance of the class struggle we nificance of the class struggle we must preach in season and out of season. Once grounded in that the comrades will never waver before the comrades will never waver before the onslaught of capitalistic schemes of governmental monopoly with which are threatened. In the class struggle we have a weapon the capitalist will not dare to fool with. That plank of our platform will never be

I see that I have used up my space limit, and can give but a word to the movement in this state. Our progress is steady and encouraging. though we have had much to contend with. There have been times in the fight when it has seemed difficult to tell between friend and foe. We ave been forced to hit hard, but we have always tried to strike true. We feel that the foundations are being firmly laid, and that through and perhaps because of our present strug-gles the movement will grow daily clearer in purpose and more vigorous in endeavor. New centers of agitation are being established and the state will soon be well covered. The pirit of the comrades is shown in the sacrifices that are being made to establish the "Workers' Call." It ustified its existence from the first clear note of its salutatory, and it is needless to say we are proud of its achievement in the fine rendering of Liebknecht's powerful exposition of

othing has happened at Wardner but the seted. Civilization stands aghast and obfounded at the brute frenzy and disre-t of law shown by the Idaho miners a they go out on a strike,—[Porland Ore-ical).

aghast at the brute frenzy of a white mob of nigger-burners. In ds our civilization has to stand words our civilization has to stand is at itself every few days. But when on to imposing itself on distant pec-ta cost of thousands of lives, it is the most perfect embodiment of the lass spirit which could be conceived, some who refuse to accept it at its face ought to be killed.—Springfield Repub-

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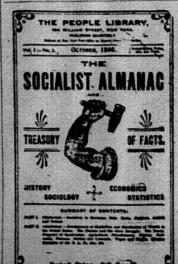
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# United States.

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suit of happiness.

With the founders of the American With the founders of the American 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 happiness.

With the founders of this republic we hold that the true theory of poli-tics 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 neonle in common. people in common.

To the obvious fact that our despo-

tic 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 alienation of public property, public franchises and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the mightiest of nations upon that class.

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

Ignorance and misery, with all their concomitant evils, are perpetuated, that the people may be kept in bondscience and invention are diverted

from their humane purpose to the en-slavement of women and children. Against such a system the Socialist
Labor Party once more enters its protest. Once more ft reiterates its fundamental declaration that private
property in the natural sources of production and in the instruments of lahor is the obvious cause of all econbor is the obvious cause of all econ-omic servitude and political depend-

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 apitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have

of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have 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 substitution of the Co-operative Commonwealth for the present state of planless production, industrial war and loccupations, and an illumb in all occupations, and an efficient employers' liability law.

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3. The municipalities shall obtain

poleession of the local railroads, fer-ries, water works, gas works, electric plants and all industries requiring municipal franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operatively un-der the control of the municipal ad-ministration and to elect Their own superior officers, but no employees shall be discharged for political rea-

sons.

4. The public lands declared in-allenable. 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 ex-

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

on inheritances; the to be exempt.

9. School education of all children

9. School education of age to be com-

under fourteen years of age to be com-pulsory, gratuitous and accessible to all by public assistance in meals, clothbooks, etc., where necessary.
Repeal of all pauper, tramp, spiracy and sumptuary laws. Un-

congitacy and sumptuary laws. Unabridged right of combination.

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