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PEACE

The Meaning of the Conference at the Hague.

RESULT OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Relation of Capitalism to War-The World Market and Its Contradictions No Peace While Warring Interests Ex-ist Socialists Only True Peace Advocates of Today.

conference now being held at The observance of writers in this field. The Hague? Are the great powers there asany agreement? that are agitating the entire capitalistic a national unit into this struggle. The

The better to do this, we will examine were exploited to the furtherest degree the relation of capitalism to war and had a tremendous advantage over all international relations. When the com-mercial class began to arise within the This advantage depended upon the DEconfines of the old feudal system, they GREE of EXPLOITATION, not upon found themselves greatly hampered in the ABSOLUTE RATE OF WAGES. their development by the policial orga-nization. The old baronial castle and pelled to receive a smaller relative local government was manifestly at share of his product, by making him variance with the modern factory sys- produce a great deal more than any tem. Labor must be "freed" from the other laborer in the world in an equal the eastern end of Long Island. land, industry must be "freed" from respace of time, then the advantage lay strictions, and "free competition" in- with his master. To illustrate—the ated, without marshes and with bled to compete with each other and his master and receiving twenty-five between producers, but trade being car-ried by means of money and between of value and receives one dollar. These strangers, a strong government was figures here given are not imaginary, necessary to enforce contracts, subdue They approximate to the truth as rebellious wage slaves, define "legal shown by Robert Porter and others in tors, will not say who is backing the rights," and, in general, carry out the the tariff discussion, where it was to scheme. He stated, however, that the

how capitalists found it necessary to ficient slave in the world. create an artificial patriotism, consisting The other condition that made for that the first 1,000 negroes had already in worship of the capitalist government, sucess in international competition is been selected. He has himself been at and how all the enginery of social con- of more importance in this present dis- work for sometime throughout the

numbers of the capitalist class to have to "humanity." But, with true capital- earlier. istic morality the conditions there adopted were specifically made to appeace, when there is no peace." So "own" officers. Afterwards, when the to control the transportation business ply to war only between "civilized" nalong as capitalism remains and must Zulus and to blow East Indians from arms. No matter what flights of elothe muzzles of cannon in her Asiatic quence the eccentric Stead may take,

land for exploitation became occupied, by forces as completely beyond their capacity of industry increased to fabu- in perpetual readiness to fly at one to make New York republican for gen. this small body of men. d a continent and started out in is there, then, no hope of universal h of new worlds for capitalism. peace? Must the world ever be a scene Everywhere, in obedience to the law of carnage and battle ground for vultat industry must expand, the capi- ures? corners of the earth for new opportuni- interests demand peace. We shall not ude over the possesssion of strange numerically by many fold than all every man has an equal chance, is oples. On the plains of China in the other classes combined, whose very inntains of India, in frozen Alaska burning Africa, these modern

slave-hunters met: amid tropic palms or Arctic snows, and quarreled iver the possession of hunting grounds for new slaves. All the world seemed ready to fly at each others throats. Suddenly there rings out a cry for peace. Amid the tumult and clash of arms there sounds a despairing appeal for a cessation of hostilities. The explanation of will be found in another development of one of those deep fundamental contradictions of capitalism of which we have spoken so often.

With every step in the movement toward concentration of industry the scope of the market of each industry increased and its desire for foreign peace and foreign markets developed in like degree, thus at once demanding peace and war. There came a time when this contradiction took on a What will be the result of the peace form which has hitherto escaped the sembled in earnest? Will they come to character. The industries of the reany agreement? These are questions spective nations entered, in a way, as cialism and see what light is thrown fore, upon the cheapness of its labor-upon the matter. That nation whose workers Interests of the capitalist class. the interest of one side to show that plans for the colony were completed. It was pointed out in previous issues the American worker was the most ef. and that the building of the houses and

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Under these circumstances, those na continuous peace. So there soon began tions who were heavily burdened with candidates will be named for them to be a great cry for arbitration and armaments and at the same time postone humane warfare. The Geneva consessed an inefficient class of wage-ments" will not be tolerated in the columning of a "trust of trusts." In ad ference met and adopted a series of res- slaves began to yearn for disarmament, olutions toward this end. At this time It was no accident that Russia was the there was much to encourage those who first to make this move. It was as hoped for peace under capitalism much a result of her economic condiong the great nations. There was tion as was the late conquest of Cuba tured in the colony. Farms and a great etc., it appears that it also owns a great still much savage territory to be con- and the Philipines by the United States. quered, and the United States at least The moujik and the open door forced and other foods, and hogs, cattle, sheep, cities. Not only is the automobile still had its own western frontier to her to it as directly as the long winters and fowls will be kept. The colony will branch incorporated to operate plants "expansion." Hence it was and modern machinery forced New not difficult to secure many concessions England to oppose slavery a century

But it will be useless to cry "Peace, peace, when there is no peace," So This still left England free to fight its way on to ever new markets "dum-dum" bullets against the no modern nation dare lay down its or however fine sounding the phrases As time passed two changes took in which the czar pleads for a cessation of war, the capitalist class are driven

ransacking the must search if there be a class whose s for exploitation. In a score of have far to go. In every nation on ces they were meeting in hostile at-

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Long Island to Be Col-Some Phases of the onized with Negros.

A NEW PHASE OF WAGE SLAVERY STARVATION AMONG PEASANTS

Negro Fear of Lynching Used to Frighten Colored People Into a Capitalist Scheme - Cheap Labor for Northern Industries - Political Significance of the Pian-Old Slave Market Tricks.

Cheap negro labor on Long Island is ne of the latest developments of capitalism. Not only may we expect that the competition with the present white siave will make their condition much worse, but we may also expect the inworld of to-day, and for various rea-guestion of the possibility of any na-sons are of especial interest to the tion selling its goods in the markets of workingmen. Let us then as usual look at the question through the lens of so-things—first and foremost as ever bemuch an expression of race hate as an inevitable result of competition for

The plan of the New York capitalists having the scheme in charge includes the importation of thousands of negroes from the south to Long Island, and the first of these have already arrived, Within the next three months in the neighborhood of one thousand persons will be settled in a negro colony in Suffolk county, within twenty miles from

The land selected is favorably situstrictions, and "free competition" in- with his master. To illustrate—the ated, without marshes and with a good augurated. The laborers must be ena- Italian producing two dollars a day for supply of timber for building. The ground is level, requiring little grading, make "free contracts" with the employ-ers. Goods being no longer exchanged less valuable slave than the American water. The bargain for 3,000 acres will water. The bargain for 3,000 acres will

Rufus L. Perry, the Brooklyn colored lawyer, who is the agent of the propriefactories would begin immediately, and trol was used to impress upon the sub-cussion than even the one of relative south agitating for the colony and pet workers the virtue of veneration of the bourgenis state.

But this state had other purposes the workers and appropriated by the lynch law. The news spread like wild-

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perfect harmony, with the hare inside the rules under which the colony shall be governed. The negroes will be given the appearance of suffrage, but the

> of clothing, food, etc., will be manufac- rubber trust, wagon and carriage works, thus be self-supporting.

population of 100,000.

That there are plenty of politics in the storage battery patents in all large this plan it is easy to see, and it is cities and are thus able to direct what hardly necessary to say that Boss Platt transportation facilities they do not as groes are solidly republican, and that their grasp, and thus the motive force party hopes through this colonization of America is subject to the tribute of and I but serv'd my God with half the

all this period of concentration in which nor we are now engaged is that Mr. Carne-gie with \$100,000,000 is no longer an effective capitalist. The significance of this when applied to the doctrine that

Are YOU still hustling for subscribers?

Czar's New Humanitarianism.

Another Side of the Peace and Humanity Question Horrible Sufferings at Home While the Emperor Is Sending Missionaries of Peace Abroad - Hypocritical

The reports of the famme existing in large districts of the eastern provinces of Russia grow worse and worse. Scurvy is ravaging the population in some places. According to a local newspaper, in the Province of Kazan, that disease is spreading rapidly among the rural population. In the first days of Pebruary 262 cases were registered in twenty villages. In March 170 villages were know to be affected by it. The general inspector informed the authorities that the real number must be far greater, as the want of doctors and the great distances, made it impossible to gather accurate statistics. A report in another newspaper says: 'Hunger, scorry, and typhus, no bread in some places, not even substitutes for it: no corry, and typhus, no bread in some inces, not even substitutes for it. no tlaw, no cattle, everything superfluous old, even the last rag of clothing often lisposed of; children huddling together o keep themselves warm, while the dults, if not is us delirious with fever,

This would make a good subject for W. T. Stead to send a two-column callegram to some of the American capitalist dailes. It would give ample ortunity for him to use his fervid speech, and it would chime in first rate the Czdr's humanitarian endeav-

The automobile syndicate, of which mention was made last week, now apments" will not be tolerated in the col- ginning of a "trust of trusts." In adony. They will be thrown out as soon dition to the various interests it con-Everything that is needed in the way automobile rights, electric plants, the garden are to provide corn, potatoes, number of interests in various other and other foods, and hogs, cattle, sheep, cities. Not only is the automobile in seventeen different states, but it is The company is to incorporate the reaching out for all forms of so-called colony as a town, and after one year municipal industries. It has formed a will allow the colonists to choose their \$150,800,000 combination in Philadelphia reached 15,000, other similar ones shall gives a list of nineteen other cities in be formed until there shall be a total which the lighting facilities are owned by this same syndicate. They also own yet own. Compressed air is also within

combinations will see in the careful Have left me naked to mine enemies." Perhaps the most significant fact in is made to constitute a complete mo-nopoly of all branches of motive power

those names the Chicago Tribune says in a recent issue:

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"It is an open secret that the Standard Oli magnates are heavily interested in many, if not most, of the street railings, which Mr. Whitney and his friends have acquired, and many of the linancial men suspect that the Rocke-fellers are the chief backers of this many-sided syndicate, and are ready to furnish millions for anything that Messrs, Whitney, Widener and Elkins may suggest.

Messrs. Whitney, Widener and Elkins may suggest.

The members of the syndicate stand between the real backers and the public, and take off the hands of the oil magnates many disagreeable functions which are incident to dealing with the public and public officials."

By the way that last is a gem of humor, considering the character of the SOME VERY SORROWFUL HUMOR 'disagreeable functions" which it ecessary to perform when "public podies" are dealt with by modern capitalists.

Do you begin to catch the breadth and grasp of this new phase of capitalism? It means that the motive power of modern industry is in the control of those who are its owners, and when remember that it this same individual however often it has been performed ailied industries, it is evident that he often it has been heard. The genuine and matter" if you please, of modern him dearly. industry.' Standing thus at the vant- How often has it been convinced that age point of capitalism and possessed rotten planks are of the soundest tim-of unbounded resources, and compelled ber after seeing some graduate ward by the very law of growth to constantly heeler standing a-straddle, sailing extend his influence and power, it is bravely off on a sea of eloquence. How evident that the end of capitalism is often has the trick of the dollar dinner almost in sight. In fact things have and the pasing of his plate the second

Some More Poor Laborers Out Hunting for a Job.

The Chicago Tribune announces that a machine has been invented that can mechanically calculate the odds in the etoric and extravagant figures of rise and fall of stocks. In discussing the possibilities of the machine they

that the poor overworked brokers go ple trades union, and petitioned conheartless creature of steel that is going to destroy their trade education. fancy, we can see the Chicago Board of Trade converted into a great factory with the wives and children of the pres ent brokers (for of course the mac will dispense with expensive male labor), watching automatic machines, each grinding out 2521/2 per cent profit for their owners, who will be "organiz ing and directing" them from their castles in Scotland or along the Hud-

And now the Chicago Record discovers that Edward Atkinson is a dilletanti writer, the Tribune alleges that President Rogers is an ignoramus re-

I serv'd capital, he would not in mine

You talk about the sacrifices you are

willing to make for socialism, but be and transportation, in the great care fore you announce your willingness to that is taken to cover all possible weak- die or undergo imprisonment for your nesses, marks of that same brain that beliefs as your European comrades do, made the Standard Oil the model for just try and see if you have enough all later combinations of capital.

Although the enterprise is known as pers by going out and asking your the Whitney-Widener-Elkins syndicate, and has always been conducted under Cail.

BANKS

Capitalist Jokes at the Expense of Laborers.

How the Laborers Are Fooled Year Af-ter Year Political Issues Framed Only to Delude-Lack of Class-Consciousness Shown True Line Drawn by the Socialist Labor Party.

The world loves a mountebank. gapes with open mouth at the trick, who controls the steel trust with all its and laughs loudly at the joke however has seized the two strategic points in mountebank of today is the political the economic world of today—the ma-terial and the motive force—the "mind cisms threadbare, yet the crowd loves

evident that the end of capitalism is almost in sighf. In fact things have all exhausted by insufficient nourishment and unable to work. There have even been cases of death from starvation been cases of death from starvation in a published letter, declares that it will take the pensants at least ten years to recover from their economic ruln, and that the number of catic has been reduced to nearly one-third. In his district of 45,000 inhabitants, 1,356 are ill with scurvy. Eighty per cent of the sufferers are women, especially those with children at the breast, Doctors on the spot describe the condition of those afflicted with scurvy. There is constant bleeding from the roof of the mouth, which is swollen, and the gums also bleed when touched; the testing post.

This would make a good subject for an "honest dollar" was the joke of yes terday; an improvement of the morals of China, under the direction of Miles, Shafter, Otis, and other missionaries will be the joke of to-morrow.

Pairiotism is the standing wittleism with every brand of mountebank. Old Dr. Johnson said, "Patriotism is the re-

There is a party that eschews such mountebanks and their feats glery, nor are its campaign utterances peals to race hatred in the name of pa-

It aims to show you the warped and twisted condition of humanity, to point out your true relation to these conditions, and to show you how you may register an intelligent protest against the injustice done you and your broth-

There is not a plank in the platform of this party which is not penned in your interest; there is not a straddle or compromise in it. It is the platform of the Socialist Labor Party-the party of the working class.

Socialism is of and for the working their part of a desire to live. Workingter Ocean says that Professor Laughlin own it. Workingmen receive a mere profit. Inventors are continually imthe workers displaced are thrown on tramps or commit suicide; their wives become paupers, their children beggars and criminals. Socialism says to this work, to you belong all the profits. The class that is now rich and well fed and

vulgar will then have to labor or starve.

The two chief propositions of socialism are contained herein, that the people should own and control all the means

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SOCIALISM AND GOVERNMENT.

One of the most common objection made against socialism is that it proposes a governmental tyranny. This is an objection which is put forth by many who have much more than the ordinary knowledge of socialism, and hence is especially worthy of consideration. It is this which causes Herbert Spencer to call socialism the "Coming Slavery," and has filled many persons with a horror of a sort of general inquisition that was to supervise the minut est actions of each individual life.

For this opposition a certain class of so-called socialists are largely to blame. To many who have apropriated this

ment is a government of PERSONS. directly, through our criminal legislation, which is purely negative, repressive and personal in its character, and, taken in connection with the class disreminations in its enforcement, is about as miserable an excuse for a social organ as could well be devised. In the second place, its civil legislation is also indirectly a government of PER.

SONS. It is used to secure the maintenance of the present condition of making the maintenance of the present condition of the consensus of opinion among our capit. slavery of the producers to the non-producers, to enforce contracts, alleged to be "free," but really made under to be "free," but really made under to the laboratory of the producers, to enforce contracts, alleged any knowledge of their actions getting to "free," but really made under to the laboratory of the producers to the laboratory of the producers to the carrier to the laboratory of the producers to the non-producers, to enforce contracts, alleged any knowledge of their actions getting to "free," but really made under the laboratory of the producers, to enforce contracts, alleged any knowledge of their actions getting to "free," but really made under the laboratory of the producers, to enforce contracts, alleged any knowledge of their actions getting to "free," but really made under the laboratory of the producers, to enforce contracts, alleged any knowledge of their actions getting to "free," but really made under the settleto be "free," but really made under to the laborers. Three years of per- beginning to be a tacit understanding compulsion of starvation; to secure sonal residence in such settlements has that the laborers should be kept in ig"property rights" in the labor of human demonstrated to our thorough satisfact norance and then distranchised. Again "property rights" in the labor of human demonstrated to our thorough satisfac. norance and then distranchises. Again beings, and, in general, to enforce the tion that the gulf between them and the we would call attended of seribers. On to the ten thousand. condition of wage slavery.

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ocialist really proposes as the first step fact that if its residents would make a SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE. control, including the government, by something about the using the something about the real situation he producers, and the consequent wip- powers of publication which they can ng out forever of all class rule and eco- reach would make the facts of those nomic servitude, the whole question conditions as widely known as possible, meaning of this apparent generosity takes on quite another aspect. Instead not among the capitalists, but among

recreation, education, politics and household affairs arranged for them is a promise that the spirit of rebellion still lives, even if sleeping, and may some day rouse to life.

That it is still true that people object to being told that they live in a sium, as Mr. Woods said, is one of the most hopeful signs of the time. For that yery reason they ought to have it very reason they ought to have it

"The bourgeoisie has every reathat nothing but a long distance tele- son to fear the stupidity of the masses -so long as they remain conservative,

Another advance of wages has been made to the unskilled laborers in the South Chicago steel mills. What is the A little insight into the workings of

week 3,445. What part have you played ther sample of pure and simple practic- We would respectfully ask those who in this increase? Every reader should ability was seen when at a recent enbe a committee of one to get new sub. tertainment the mayor (also a union per to consider if it is not doing a work

The Commonwealth of Columbus, of mongrel "reformism" and claiming The Class Struggle reports that the affiliation with the S. L. P. has now strikers at Coeur d'Alene and Wardner.

Notwithstanding presperity George been definitely disavowed by Section Col., have voted to indorse the Socialist

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conservative a trade unionist as any man, but I am beginning to believe the time is fast approaching when workingmen will be compelled to rise and protect their rights. I mean through the ballot, for at the ballot box we are strong enough to secure anything we want. If we are to be placed on a level with the Cubans and Filipinos it will not be long before we will have to crawl on our knees to some military commander and beg for a card before we will be permitted to go to work. The American flag owes us liberty, and we will have it at any cost.

What do these remarks mean? Is it a call to the working class to vote themselves into power? Not much, It is merely "brave words." It is the is merely "brave words." It is the large of the Democratic heeler who has the solution of the permitted with the Cubans and Filipinos it will not be long before we will have to crawl on our knees to some military commander and beg for a card before we will have to some military commander and beg for a card before we will have it at any cost.

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Book Reviews.

Situation in the Coal AHEAD OF THE HOUNDS, by Lydia Platt Richards, published by Chas.

H. Kerr & Co., 50 cents. Perhaps no two subjects have received more attention of late years than the servant girl question and the tramp problem, both products of our present industrial order. This little book deals with the latter in the form of fiction, and, though occasionally approaching the sensational, is not lacking in vivid pictures and pertinent observations.

Society, having created this great body of homeless wanderers, uses in turn every form of civilized cruelty in her treatment of them and dooms her victims, who have once been forced to the road, to remain there for life. The very highway becomes no longer public property to the man out of a job or who has been trained by society to no longer went one. The law, with its vagrancy statutes and whole paraphernalia of courts and officials, follows the step of these "children of hunger," the disin-herited "submerged tenth," for whom "arrest for vagrancy and utter destitution means already to be sentenced."

The result of the infamous system of black listing is personified by the author. Having engaged in a sympathetic strike, the victim is thereafter blacklisted, hunted from one bit of work to another by "the members of the soulless corporation," until denied honest labor of the most menial sort, he takes up arms against society.

The best philosophy of society in the book is put in the mouths of some one "of the great roving multitude known to the public as the unemployed." The attempt, however, has been made to furnish a constructive view of industrial development or to go fully into the economic and social causes that have produced the tramp.

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ones we made then will not.
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Finally we would call the attention of brary" and Workers' Call for one year for 60 cents. The price of each alone is

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Its Development in Relation to Socialist Thought.

THROUGH UTOPIA TO SOCIALISM

Beautiful Dreams of Pla'o, Moore, Bella-my and Others, Must Always Be Con-sidered as Dreams-Products of Their Gradual Approach to Scientific

preses fully the spirit of Utopians when is marked as the flood tide of intel-ship of property,

than the one which follows the rise and bein." They "picture the inner soul of fall of Utopian thought. Children may the man, his vivacity, his restless, deshrick with rapture over the rich figments of the imagination which builds reckless wit, the kindly, half-sad humor them gorgeous castles, fairy men and that drew its strange vell of laughter men in a delicate gossamer creation, and tears over the deep, tender rev-Perhaps they are so enraptured because erence of the soul within. shortly away from the dreamland frames irresistibly a fairyland.

pure the word in Unplied. We may as possible and convex the public when from the public when from the public was a possible and convex the public was a possible and the public was a public was a possible and the public was a public was thought-Edward Bellamy's "Looking steal, and then to die." Backward." Just such dreams as this one of Bellamy's and other unwise exphan to real socialism.

In tracing the history of Utopian thought we possess a strong conviction that Utopian thought antedates re- tional, religious and penal thought. In corded history. It is, however, quite a busy undertaking to begin with Plato quote Rev. George Crabbe, whose deand give any conception of the history scription of the English give us the very short sketch of Plato is wise, since "Republic" we should have neither room | Such is that room which one rude beam add to the glut of the labor market, and is the fountain head of Utopias where other and later writers fill their tiny In the "Republic" it is said. object is not so much to make men happier or richer, as to secure a healthler civic organism, for in such a commonwealth may we hope to find Plato's speculations on justice, virtue, the family, on private property and on education are of lively the simshouse: interest to the student of Utopias. He was the source of much that was afterwards written by Cicero, Dante, More, Bacon, Campanella, and, despite the broken door;

There where the putrid vapours flaging, play.

And the dull wheel hums dole ful mighty move is on foot to force the

bizarre as Utopianism is the final word.
I only say that arguments against Bellamy are wholly devoid of humor. Utopias are Utopias; dreams are, indeed, you know, only dreams. To say that a dream is not true is funny.

Sir Thomas More's great work, however, is more than a Utopia; it is honey-combed—that is an excellent word—it is honey-combed with wise ethics, politics and economics. It is a great prophecy, anticipating reforms only now agitated. It is a great prophecy, anticipating reforms only now agitated. It is a great prophecy, anticipating reforms only now agitated. It is a startling in its discoveries and makes us bow again in reverence for that period, then only beginning, which is marked as the flood tide of intellectual power in the Teutonic people. It was More who dared to invite the fiercest criticism of any time against any government. One is always deture of Greene and look at "the keen tirregular face, the gray restless eyes, the thin, mobile lips, the tumbled hair, the carceless gait and dress, as they recould you and I with him It was More who dared to invite the conspire
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Would we not scatter it to bits — and ture of Greene and look at "the keen Would we not scatter it to bits - and three of scatter it to bits - and three then then then then the irregular face, the gray restless eyes, the Indian mutiny there had been extended it nearer to the Heart's Determined in the same of sire?"
In the entire range of history there is the careless gait and dress, as they rehardly a more charming field of study main stamped on the canvas of Hol-

It was this lovely character, the forewhich lies about us in our reminiscent. most Englishman of his time, the marladen infancy. Man loves Utopia as tyred herald of the new learning. Eng-children loves fairyland. But man cher-land's chancellor, who wrote: "Thereishes the thought because of to-day's fore I must say that, as I hope for sorrows, miseries and strife. With man mercy I can have no notion of all the the great sympathetic heart which, other governments that I see or know pained at the burdens the weak carry than that they are a conspiracy of the pained at the burdens the weak carry than that they are a conspiracy of the did not the strong shirk, sees visions of rich, who, on pretence of managing the equality and justice. With the child it public, only pursue their private ends is the frolic of childhood which sees and devise all ways and arts they can find out, first that may without danger and the severely alone. Those English malcontents made a great outcry because most of them died preserve all that they have so ill acquired, and that they may engage the focation. Now the "hole" was no Miseries, crucial periods, discontent, quired, and that they may engage the focation. Now the "hole" was no give the world its Utopias. No age exwithout them. Plato wrote his "Re- low rates as possible and oppress them and it is much easier to die in one night public" when Greek politics were in de- as much as they please; and if they can than to be worked to death for years. public" when Greek politics were in questioned by the contribution of the English gentlemen said to "Del Civitata Del" when Rome was be-tablished by show of public authority the sentry: "Here, you blackguard, we

at all, but an anachronism of Utopian driven to this extreme necessity first to

It makes one unhapy to read these To think that such simple periments, such as colonies, are both a truths of awful injustice should be re-friend, else I'll shoot you as a striker. disrespectful mother and a forsaken or. jected to-day as fiercely as in More's

> the same presciences shown in educaorder to realize the sanitary conditions scription of the English village of the of the children, anyhow. necessary backward light into Henry VIII's time:

Save one dull pane, that coarsely patched give way,
To the rude tempest yet excludes the day,
Let us quote from his description of Branches, with over 2,000 members,

Socialism, if we may call it so, such as Bellamy's, is new only to those ignorant of these prototypes. Bellamy is not painfully deficient to most people in the 16th century, More tells of a land where the streets are tells of a land which handsome, because most people do not read Plato's strongly built houses, each of which has that the anarchists and bourgeois work want to read Utopias, read Plato or More. If you want to read socialism, read neither. If you want to attack socialism, the party is agitating for old age pensions. The trades unions are breaking away from anarchist influence, and a majority are now ranged on the socialists. The funny thing in Holland is that the anarchists and bourgeois work together against the socialists.—Class Struggle.

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Utopists. Arguments against Utopian- sense prophetic, are not those of a ism are as old as Plato and as trite as strong communistic trend, which after ism are as of as riato and as ofte as the platitudes of Martin Tupper. Please understand me. I do not say that social-ism is the final social system and above was the great wisdom of the Utomans adverse argument-not at all. Ce tainly in holding their goods in common. The you would not have me say anything so houses in Utopia had no locks upon bizarre as Utopianism is the final word. their doors and windows, and the gar-I only say that arguments against Bell-dens were not inclosed with fences.

Omar Khayam, the Persian poet, ex- that period, then only beginning, which crime and poverty is the private owner-

the natives, and that at the uprising some interesting sociological experiments were made by the Sapoys, which were unfortunately stopped by the

The Manchester school had long been teaching that all restraint of the individual was unfair, that each should grab all that he could, and that, however unjust the conditions, there was nothing so good as "Laissez faire." Therefore, when the natives made their first large capture of the English, they proceeded to put these principles in practice, while the band played the march of civilization. They stuffed the prisoners into what has most unfairly

"you have taken from us everything with which we could buy; you have robbed us of all we had"

In sanitary maters More manifests | 10t, and to it, you can to subject fessor Gunkum expressed it, 'to subject

necessary backward light into Henry
VIII's time:

Such is that room which one rude beam divides
The naked rafters from the sloping sides,
Where the ville bands that bind the thatch are seen,
And lath and mud are all that lie better tween;

Save one dull pane, that coarsely

"Now, I pity you with all my charity deceiving the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters. I were to let you out now, you would add to the glut of the labor market, and if am neither going to interfere with free competition, nor with the survival my reality in the sentry: "but if the will of their capitalistic masters. I joint association Their local news comes also from a comon bureau. Every line of curent intelligence is colored to suit the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters. I joint association Their local news comes also from a comon bureau. Every line of curent intelligence is colored to suit the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters. I joint association Their local news comes also from a comon bureau. Every line of curent intelligence is colored to suit the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters. I joint association Their local news comes also from a comon bureau. Every line of curent intelligence is colored to suit the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters. I joint association Their local news comes also from a comon bureau. Every line of curent intelligence is colored to suit the public and carrying out the will of their capitalistic masters.

represented by 74 delegates, attended

CHICAGO PRESS COMBINE.

Brave Words" From the Democrats On Press Monopoly.

The following extracts are taken from an article by Thos. H. Cannon in the Democratic Magazine for May:

the late Mr. Macaulay.

"That was a period in Chicago journalism when competition, which our ancestors believed to be the life of trade, was a living reality. That time belongs to the days called "halcyon." It fled when gas became a thing to corner. It pased away when railway companies took sole possession of the streets and when city councils became merchantable commodities. Independent journalism in Chicago became a memory when department stores set their imprint of "for rent" upon miles of vacant business houses outside the charmed circle of "business interests." As Monopoly waxed strong, the voice of the independent press grew weak or piped faintly in protest against the rule of Mammon. As the trusts and combines flourished, the newspaper owners, already enrolled under the banner of republican plutocracy, became easy marks for the gas magnates and other dispensers of "good things." Partaking of the fleshpots temptingly set before them by the Corporate Fagan, it was but a further step to act as press agents of the corporate fence house, where the plunder wrested from an easily deceived public was distributed in a manner which would not disturb the "business interests" of those concerned.

"This dastardly surrender of the press was but the lorical sequence of fire ten.

"Buy!" answered the unhappy Briton, you have taken from us everything roaded another newspaper publisher to with which we could buy; you have obbed us of all we had."

"Don't use anarchistic phrases, my resent else I'll shoot you as a striker,

"The members may at times, differ as to unimportant details, but when it to newer and higher type to the degrading competition of the older and lower."

"Well, for mercy's sake take out some of the children, anyhow."

"Now, I pity you with all my charity when it to the complete and the children, anyhow."

"Now, I pity you with all my charity when it to unimportant details, but when it as to unimportant details, but when it is to unimportant details, but when it is side of assassination and arson.

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"In 1894 the Chicago newspaper trust "In 1894 the Chicago newspaper trust is trained a position where it could defy popular opinion and ride rough-shod over the rights of the people. The lockout of employes at Pullman and subsequent railway strike gave to the editorial combine it first opportunity to ride at the crupper of its master—the Corporate Fagan. Its record during the stirring events of the summer is red with the blood of those who were crushed beneath the wheels of the Plutocratic Juggernaut."

Still, after all this has been said the writer seems to think that he can at-

writer seems to think that he can attack this combination with the pop-gun long as that class rule is untouched by the alien-contract labor law," says the whole structure remains intact. the San Francisco immigration comWhen will the voters of America have missioner. "They are not even fit to become citizens," says the United states as clearly as do the capitalists? States consulate.

American Pauper Labor.

the engineers strike of two years ago, ist political opinion for the masses:

loss of foreign markets" club over the view of the fact that the Appeal to were able to build up the powerful trade unions that are the peculiar feature of the English labor movement.

But there is much worse to follow:

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But there is much worse to follow:

"If arrears of work is all that keeps British manufacturers from promising prempt delivery they would not be badly off. They have a more serious difficulty to contend with. They have a bundant employment for their workmen and are paying them good wages. But the wages are so good that many of the men can earn in three or four days enough to live on during the week. Therefore thousands of them refuse to work more than three or four days in a week. The manufacturer, hampered by the uncertainty of labor, can make no definite agrement as to the date of delivery of goods.

"This is a charge against British labor which nobody world be prepared to believe unless made by a responsible English paper. It is well-known that one of the drawbacks of colored labor in the South is the unwillingnes of the laborers to work six days when they can earn enough in two or three days to loaf on for seven. The same is said to be true of Malay labor in the Philipines. The negroes and Malays are thriftless and shifless. They take no heed of the morrow. If English workingmens are becoming equally thriftless they are degenerating. The industrial supremacy of a country is based upon the intelligence and ambition of its labor. If English labor will work only about half the time because it can earn a week's food and drink in three days, England never will regain that industrial primacy it once enjoyed."

There is the rub. English workingmen have been allowed to raise their wages a little above the subsistence of late freedom, and the wages a little above the subsistence of late freedom was to solve the following the properties of the men and are paying them have been allowed to raise their wages a little above the subsistence of late attention of Brother ways, expenses by sending one copy to Mr. Devlin, and, having converted him, and se expenses by sending one copy to Mr. Devlin, and, suggest he save, expenses by sending one copy to Mr. Devlin, and, suggest he save, sexpenses by sending one copy to Mr. Devi

A Voice From the Antipodes.

We clip the following from The People and Collectivist of Sidney, New South Wales, which is of interest as showing the international uniformity and especially since some people in this country seem to think that Australia has "reformed" capitalism into a little paradise. But this article sounds amazingly like Chicago:

That there is a giut of men in Victoria is not surprising; the contrary cannot be expected under capitalistic conditions. In every country the number of the unemployed is increasing and must continue in spite of all the lolly-pop methods to cope with it. What else can be expected, when the whole of the land, machinery, shops, and all are in the hands of a few people, who mampulate them for their own profit. The perfection of "labor-saving" machinery is driving thousands of men out of the workshops, and their places are being taken by women and children—the latter increasing in numbers as followers of the machine. Also the planlessness of our commercially run competitive system is so chaotic and wasteful, that thousands more are turned adrift and left stranded in I world chock full of the necessaries they have produced and require, but are shut out from. The fatuousness of the labor now the following resolutions, which were preceded by a whereas clause stating that the had the 'monster unions' by the throat.

"Then he introduced the following resolutions, which were preceded by a whereas clause stating that he had the 'monster unions' by the throat."

"Then he introduced the following resolutions, which were preceded by a whereas clause stating that this country had come to be the land of the starving thousands and the home of militarism that the classor of the general were first to the idahot mining trouble is the first step in a militarism, and suggesting a national proclamation that the United States is under the litter in the fathous mining trouble is the first step in a militarism, and suggesting a national proclamation that the United States is under the later in capitalists of the world are building and in the process the opportunity for the worker is becoming narrowed and beautifully less. When a man can find no one to employ him, it means that he has no money to spend on the wants of himself and his family, multiply him by the thousands and it will be seen at a glance that it means food, clothes, houses, etc., which would be otherwise used or consumed, are offered in a market that can find no purchasers. So the system that is able to produce in such abundance, and with such ease, more than enough for any one, leaves thousands starving and in want. Production is all right, but distribution is wrong. How is it to be altered? By socialism. The workers produce everything, but allow them solves to be robbed by the small section of the community who own the land and tools of production. We say to the workers: "You are a distinct class—the class which is not a class, but the whole nation." Every other class lives on your exploitation. When you have developed sufficient sense and courage to understand this obvious fact, you will join the socialist movement, which aims at the complete overthrow of the capitalist system, and the substitution of the collective ownership of the whole means of production. Until that time to comes, we shall have unemployed and all the misery and degradation which now surrounds us.—The People and the your exploitation. When you have developed sufficient sense and courage to understand this obvious fact, you will join the socialist movement, which aims at the complete overthrow of the capitalist system, and the substitution of the collective ownership of the whole means of production. Until that time comes, we shall have unemployed and all the misery and degradation which now surrounds us.—The People and the Collectivist, Sydney, Australia.

"The American consulate at Zurich was visited recently by a Filipino who demanded American citizenship papers. He was much grieved to learn that his countrymen had not behaved themselves sufficiently well to entitle them to this right, and he left the office with his interpreter."—Chicago Record.

They are as much citizens of the of old party reform politics. We quote and resistance to United States authe article, on the other hand, only as thority is therefore rebellion," says the an illustration of the most effective Postmaster General. "They are for-form of class rule known. And just so eigners and are prevented from landing

A Capitalist Press

The Chicago Tribune quotes from the London Daily Mail conncerning Ameri- interview with J. P. Altgeld in the Chican competition to the effect that the cago Inter Ocean, as suggestive of the reason for the American superiority lies wholesale way in which the press of in the bad effect upon British trade of this country is manufacturing capital-

the engineers strike of two years ago. It then goes on to say:

"There is a lesson in this for American workingmen. There have been many strikes in this country. Some of them have paralyzed great industries for a time, but not industries which depended on foreign purchases for prosperity. That dependence begins when the exportation of manufactured products on a large scale commences. Should there be now a strike affecting the metal industries of the United States, the consequence would be much more serious than if it had happened ten years ago. Americans might be deprived of that firm foothold in the foreign markets they have gained, partly because of English strikes."

Exactly so. And it was because English laborers were able to hold the "loss of foreign markets" club over the heads of their employees' that they have got foreign markets club over the heads of their employees' that they have got foreign markets in the foreign markets of the product of the masses:

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heads of their employees that they Reason is calling for contribution to a fund for the purpose of sending their paper to 15,000 editors, whom it is proposed to convert en masse to socialism, We would call the attention of Brother Wayland to the item and suggest he

slavery with political freedom, and the

Idaho. But here in Chicago the trades' union is under militarism just as bad. If workingmen refuse to obey a boss he sends word to Kipley, who sends a body of blue coats to keep the complaining workingmen half a mile away from the boss and let scabs in. The ordinance should be drawn by legal counsel so that it will be good. The motion was adopted unanimously."—Inter Ocean.

The delegate who introduced the reolution regarding the police rule Comrade Collins of the S. L. P., thus brought the fact of the unive ity of class rule home to the Federa and at the same time upset the i democratic boom contained in the i

REMEMBER YOU HAVE AN GAGEMENT FOR JULY STH. at 1

More Police Interference.

At an out-door meeting of the 7th ad Blue Island avenue on the evening of the 19th Inst., Comrade Tuvin had ed speaking and Comrade Collins was addressing the crowd when's po lice officer came along and asked how long he had been speaking and how long he intended to speak, etc., and then told him to stop. This Comrade ins refused to do, and as the crowd Sunday at 3:30 p. m. was shouting for him to keep on, the

officer went away.

On the the 20th Comrade Colline was again speaking at Milwaukee Ave. ings. Everyone invited. Free disand Paulina St., when an officer ore him to move on. This he refused to do, and the officer then tried to disperse the crowd, but only succeded in evening doubling its size. He then again ordered Comrade Collins to move on and threatened to arrest him, but instead only pulled him off the chair on which. as speaking. The comrades soon. cured possession of the chair and informed the officer that he would have to arrest them if he accomplished any-committee of Section Chicago is now vering questions and dragged him off the chair, and again walked off with chair. The comrades demanded and secured possession of the chair once at Room 19 Commercial Block, South more, and then adjourned the meeting

This continual budgering by the police would indicate that the old line politicians were determined to drive the 92d ocialists off the streets with petty annoyances. But they have miscalculated their task; they are but making propaganda for us. Let the good work

Bread and Circuses.

Chicago is to have a "Stadium" down on the lake front to seat 100,000 persons. All manner of games and athletic events are to be conducted and amusents furnished on a grand scale for the antumn festival, when the corner stone of the new Federal building is to McKinley, and probably Dewey will be there, but report does not may whether they will enter through a triumphal arch with Aguinaldo chained to the charlot wheels or not. Perhaps they are waiting to see whether they going to catch their game before they advertise its exhibition.

However, if McKinley and Dewey can be brought out and put through their es in the grand arena with plenty of red fire and pyrotechnic oratory, it sible that the "patriotism" of sev eral hundred thousand idiotic workingmen in this country may be tuned up so high that the Republican party can sure another four years of life.

The whole thing has a tremendous similarity to a period in Rome when "bread and circuses" were provided to keep the populace quiet while they fought their master's battles. To be sure modern capitalism has made imements on the cumbrous methods ose crude and early days. It has found a way to make its proletariat a source of undreamed of revenue, the they are being amused, and it finds it no longer necessary to provide than the circuses, but on the contrary compels the proletariat to feed its

Romans to give the proletariat the ballot and then tell them they were the real rulers, while their pockets were being picked. But then humor never was one of the Roman's strong points

Social Democracy.

F. G. R. Gordon sold that party, in so for which their masters fight, whose far as he could "deliver the goods," to blood has ever reddened the battlefields old line capitalist politicians. A photograph of the receipt annd a letter in reaped the benefits—who have no intertograph of the receipt annd a letter in reaped the benefits—who have no interon's own handwriting is shown.

act for two facts—first, that such actions are a legitimate outgrowth of the producers of the world.

D. P. tactics, and second, that the All over the world this class is gathered. of Gordon's character for some time, whose demands is universal disarma-even if they did not know of this par-ment. In every war they send messa-

ith capitalist politics, is bound to be- hope of universal peace. It is gues of all kinds.

Ex-Secretary of State John Sherman as joined the "traitors." In a recent der that there shall come the time of the deriview he gave expression to the folwing views regarding our present we bunt in the Philippines:

"The war that is being waged by this government against the Filipinos is as cruel as it is unnecessary. We promised them independence, and instead gave there mercliess and devastating strife. It is too bad that we ever got into this trouble with these people. The poor fellows have always been our friends. They helped us when we needed help. The United States should have with trawn from the Islands the moment peace with Spain was assured. When the Filipinos had looked forward toward the same independence which our own the Filipinos had looked forward toward the same independence which our own freedathers won, their subsequent action in taking up arms against their former allies is not unusual or unprecedented.

The Socialist Bicycle Club will make a run to West Pullman next Sunday afternoon, leaving 35th and Union Ave at 1:30 sharp. All socialists having wheels are requested to be present and accompany the club.

In socialists in teaching capitalistic fake economics is brother to the meanest ward. For councilman of 1st ward, about 100 per cent since the November election. For councilman of 1st ward, and the socialists having as such will posterity regard them.

J. JEFFERSON NOEL.

Are you going to send in a sloth to the meanest defection. For councilman of 1st ward, as such will posterity regard them.

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The 5th Ward Branch holds out door agitation meetings at 33rd St and Wentworth Ave., every Sunday

Tenth Ward Branch at California Ave. and Madison St. every Sunday

Fourteenth and Fifteenth Wards at California and North Ave., every

Eighteenth Ward, Peoria and Madison Sts., every Sunday at 8 p. m. Good speakers present at all meet-

Thirteenth Ward-Corner of Western and Grand Aves, every Thursday

4th Ward Club will hold a special disussion meeting next Monday evening at their rooms, 2701 Wentworth Ave. Comrade Wanhope will speak, All comrades and others interested are in-

thing. He then went away, but came changed from 48 W. Randolph street to back later when Comrade Klenkie was 65 N. Clark street, and all the business of the Section should be addressed

> At 7:30 p. m. sharp, Saturday, May 27, Chicago, the organization of the 33d Ward Branch will be completed. mediately after, at 8 p. m., an agitation meeting will be held at the corner of street and Commercial avenue.

How Capitalism Rewards Art.

Banks of the Wabash," "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me," and similar high grade productions, is said to have realized \$250,000 from their sale. Brahms produces music that makes an epoch in the progress of art and nearly dies for want of food. But socialism would find no way to reward talent! ! !

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Sections or branches not yet having a duly
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once and send his name to this office.

PEACE

(Continued from page 1.)

terest demands the cessation of con flicts. These are those who must fur Gordon's own handwriting is shown.

This would not be of so much importside of peace—who have no paradoxical ance, because any party is liable to contradictions to secondle—who have have its individual scoundrels, were it everything to gain and nothing to lose

wn ering in a class-conscious body, one of cular offense, and yet they have done ges to each other across the contend-othing towards clearing him out of ing armles of their masters declaring the common brotherhood of labor. This Any party that is built upon other class, the socialists of the world, is han strict class-conscious lines, that now marching on to certain victory, idmits the possibility of compromising and in that victory alone is there any a retreat for fakirs and dema- when all the interests of mankind shall shall no longer rule, when society shall cease to be based upon universal plun-

"The wardrum throbbed no longer, and

realm of mediocrity forever. In a few years the line of demarkation between

Socialist Labor Party

United States.

PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in Convention assem-bled, re-asserts the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pur-

of all men to life, liberty and the pur-suit of happiness.

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 de-structive of life, of liberty and of hap-

With the founders of this republic we hold that the true theory of poli-tics is that the machinery of govern-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

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 exis-tence 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.

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 de-prived 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 bond-

Science 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 pro-test. Once more it reiterates its fundamental declaration that private property in the natural sources of pro-duction and in the instruments of la-bor is the obvious cause of all economic 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 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 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, trans. of all the means of production, transof all the means of production, trans-portation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitu-tion of the Co-operative Common-wealth for the present state of plan-less 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.

With a view to immediate improvement in the condition of labor we present the following demands:

1. Reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the progress of production

duction. 2. The United States shall obtain possession of the railroads, canals, tel-egraphs, telephones and all other means of public transportation and communication; the employees to op-erate the same co-operatively under the control of the Federal government and to elect their own superior officers,

but no employee shall be discharged for political reasons.

3. The municipalities shall obtain possession of the local railroads, ferries, water works, gas works, electric plants and all industries requiring municipal franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operatively unthe 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-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 7. Inventions to be free to all, the inventors to be remunerated by the

nation.

8. Progressive income tax and tax on inheritances; the smaller incomes to be exempt.

9. School education of all children

under fourteen years of age to be com-pulsory, gratuitous and accessible to all by public assistance in meals, clothing, books, etc., where necessary.

10. Repeal of all pauper, tramp,

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 applies authorities of the convict labor system.

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 occumentors and en

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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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 in-troduced. 20. All public officers to be subject to recall by their respective constitu-

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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