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#### CRITICISM BRIGHT

An Example of American Newspaper Intelligence.

SOME FOSSILIZED ARGUMENTS

Measure the New York Journal Takes of the Intelligence of Its Readers.

It is a saying that even a fool can teach the wisest something and hence the following selections are given from a recent article in the New York Journal by J. J. Ingals, in order that some conception of the depth of idlocy which must prevail among a great percentage of the American public to make capable the profitable circulation of such

Men are not created equal physically, morally or intellectually, nor in aptitude, opportunity nor condition.

It is perhaps accurate to say that of the fifteen hundred million inhabitants of the earth no two are created equal. Nature is incapable of uniformity and detests equality as much as she abhors a vacuum. One is made to honor another to dishonor, as one star different from another star in glory.

Were all the wealth of the country equally distributed there would be about \$1.200 per capita. Could the assets of the nation be divided pro rata, share and share alike, the first day of January, 1900, by the close of the century the soul of the philanthropist would be shocked by the same speciacle of inequality existing now. Some would be in the cab, some on the footboard, some in private cars and others walking the ties in search of a dry culvert for the night, and in six months more the reformer of the wrongs of society would demand in the name of justice another division.

It seems trite and superfluous to affirm that the equality of man can mean nothing more than the equality of opportunity in the race of life. Every man has the absolute right to the use of his faculties and opportunities to the utmost to better his condition and increase his fortune so long as he does not interfere with the free exercise of the same rights by everybody else.

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It should be apparent also upon the most superficial reflection that political liberty by maintaining equality of rights must inevitably result in greater inequality of condition than any other system. All fetters are cast off. Everything goes. Life is a grand free for all. There is no pedigree, nor caste, nor prerogative. The sway-back mule has the same rights on the track as Ormonde and Iroquois, the monarchs of the turf. The petted canary and the screaming Jay have equal rights in the atmosphere with the condor soaring above the inaccessible peak of Chimborazo or the frigate bird that sleeps at midnight with pinions outspread upon the tempest a thousand leagues from shore.

The time will never come when the race will not be to the swift and the battle to the strong. Indolence will never have the same wage as thrift nor ignorance the same reward as wisdom.

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Ambition will never lose its incentive nor genius its supremacy. Poverty and debt will never be abolished by edict, nor will those who have failed in life, having had equal opportunity, take charge of the affairs of those who have succeeded. The dreams of Jack Cade and his kindred reformers will never be realized.

The popular notion now seems to be that there is just so much wealth in the world; that life is a struggle to see who shall grab the most, and that the man who acquires a fortune has obtained by crime what belongs to some one else.

one else.

No mistake could be greater. The No mistake could be greater. The acquisition of a million by invention: by ministering to new wants; by novel applications in science and to the needs of daily life; by enterprise and skill in mining, agriculture and manufactures is practically the creation of wealth—the development of value that but for the exertions of its possessors would have had no existence.

The prosperous do not complain.
Pompey buys a brush, whitewashes a fence and carns 50 cents.

Millet, with the same outlay, paints the "Angelus," which sells for \$150,000.

So long as Pompey has the right to paint the "Angelus" and Millet the right to whitewash the fence, neither has just ground of complaint. They have equal opportunity and must be content.

remember that the New York Journal is supposed to be "socialistic" and to be "coming our way," and "preparing people for socialism." If this is a specito them without a murmur, how long

tiself: There is perhaps no one who better understands the fact that no people are created equal than does the socialist, and one of his strongest indictments against the present spring is that it insists that all shall be

treated alike. The artists, musicians, doctors, scientists, philosophers, authors, in capability, are all alike bound to the wheel of industry and crushed into pulp by its revolutions and finally east in the same identical mammonistle mold. Go into any great industrial center today and notice what opportunity is given for the development of differences and individual capabilities. Run through the same kind of a common school, forced into the "job" in the factory that happens to be open when the legal working age is reached. worked to the limit of physical existence until worn out and then thrown out into the great human scrap hear of broken down workers, to rest at last n an unmarked grave in the potters field, what opportunity is offered for the development of "physical, moral, or intellectual" aptitudes?

Then comes that fossilized and embalmed relic of bourgeois argument in opposition to socialism, that if we divided up all would soon be the same. Although this has been laughed out of court since its first appearance a half century ago, and the argument which it is supposed to answer was never of-fered anywhere outside of an insane asylum, still the Journal has enough fools among the million or so of readers who will believe in the utility of the alleged answer to make its publi-cation a profitable investment. The socialist asks, not that present property be equally divided, but that the possibility of the present system of unequal division through exploitation, be abolished. He is objecting because capitalism insists on "dividing up" the laborers' product among those who never produced it.

Just so he points out that the "political liberty' of today does not "maintain equality of rights," but that it gives a tremendous advantage to one class at the beginning of the race. It is not a race between a "sway-backed mule" and an "Iroquois," or if so the appearance of those who are victorious-the Bradley-Martins, Perry Belmonts, and auction-sold duchesses and princesses, would make it appear as if the mule had won. But the fact is that no matter what the relative merits of the starters, about 90 per cent of them are hopelessly handicapped by the terms of entry which says that they must find someone who can make a profit on their mental or physical exertions, before they can presume to live at all. And indeed the statistics of infant mortality show that at least half of them are killed before the race begins because their parents were not able to find anyone among the privileged class who would buy them.

Note how the writer again attempts to leave the impression that someone ever had the notion "that there is just so much wealth in the world, etc." The socialists have again and again called attention to the fact that the present system of production was such that but a very small portion of the possible wealth of the world was being created into forms desired by man. He has shown how the productive forces of today are wasted with reckless hand and has pointed out ways in which new wealth could be created.

Then just take a look at the bald effrontery of the suggestion that the great fortunes of today were acquired by great inventions, by "ministering to new wants" or by "novel applications in science." What great invention did the Duchess of Marlborough make? What new discovery in science is traceable to Rockefeller? What new want did Pierpont Morgan ever dis-cover and minister to? No. practically every fortune of today, great or small. is due to the fact that its possessor the production and distribution of which he was able to force laborers to sell their labor power for much less han what they produced.

The outlay of Millet on the "Angeus" is not the same as that of Pompey upon the fence. One represents the accumulated training of centuries of culture and artistic cultivation, the other the accumulated ignorance of centuries of oppression, slavery and exploitation. Untold "Millets" may be debarred the privilege of painting "Angeluses" by the fact that capital-ism killed them in their cradies or stified their lives in its industrial es-

ment" today unfit men for gaining a livelihood in the great mechanical es must spend their lives. The "medicine for the ills of society" must be found in the changing of social conditions so that such cultivation and development express itself. The only proper ground for "individual cultivation and development" is to be found in cultivating and developing among the great laboring class an intelligence which will make them revolt at such stuff as Mr. Ingals is now writing.

The Tribune says, "No more Fall

# SOME WARM BABIES PURIFYING POLITICS

the Laborers' Product.

A BRIGHT LOT OF INFANTS WHY IT CANNOT BE DONE.

One of the Ways in Which the "Organ- Present Governments Not Corrupt Toisers of Industry" Work off Their Surplus Brain Power.

Walk up! Walk up! Walk up! The performance is about to commence. Everybody is invited. You wage slaves upon whose shoulders rests the whole fabric of society. You tollers and drudges whose labor produces all wealth, including the wealth which makes possible such a performance as we will now introduce to your notice. You workers whose whole lives have been a desperate struggle for bread, you cannot afford to miss this instructive spectacle. You "intelligent' workingmen who have always voted the straight Republican or Democratic ticket, walk up and see this remarkable performance, given by actors of the same political faith as for a agree that we cannot have yourselves. And lastly, you in par-ticular, who hold that "things always were so and must always remain so,"
(and with most of you this is an es-sential article of faith), step up, and we guarantee to show you something new, something that wasn't always so, but which has arrived at last for your particular Instruction and entertainment. And it contains nothing which can offend the most fastidious taste. Its effect must be elevating and ennobling for it will recall to your minds the days of your innocent childhood, those golden days long past when you knew nought of the wickedness, care and sorrow which are the lot of most mortals in this vale of tears. And it will give you a hope that humanity is in its essence good, when you realize that there are in this land, men and women, whose noble aspirations impel them to forget the sordid things of daily life, and become again as little children. And bear in mind that these are the "best" people in the country and also that our resourceful press which as you well know is the greatest educator of the masses, considers this exhibition so important that it is given space in the front pages of the daily apers, who receive notice concerning it by special telegram. As we also are nterested in the elevation of the masses, it is here reproduced for your special benefit, a charming picture which you cannot fall to appreciate:

NEWPORT ENJOYS BABY PARTY. Young Society People Dine and Dance in Picturesque Juvenile Cos-tumes.

Newport, R. I., Oct. 21.—Some of the young society people, who have prolonged their stay in Newport, hit upon a novel plan to entertain themselves

a novel plan to entertain themselves this evening.

Invitations were sent out for a "baby party." The recipients were nonplused as to what a "baby party" might be and Mrs. William Post, who had issued the cards, was besieged for an explanation. Miss Daisy Post, her daughter, explained that the guests would be expected to wear baby garments at dinner, and at the dance that would follow.

Miss Fifi Potter, Robert L. Gerry, Miss Edith Clapp, J. Ellis Postlewaite, Miss Edith Gray, Potter Palmer, Jr. and Miss Edith Gray, Potter Palmer, Jr. and Miss Edith Gray wore a long white white stops you have that extended to the

christening robe, that extended to the floor, and a lace cap encircled her chubby face. The "infant" was re-clining in an improvised baby carriage which was pushed by Robert L. Gerry attired in plaid kilts and a black velves between the control of the control o

Miss Fifi Potter looked pretty in a short red dress. A white pinafore and a red sunbonnet completed the custom. Potter Palmer, Jr. appeared in a Little Lord Fauntieroy rig of blue velvet, with broad white linen collar and cuffs.

There now! We just knew you would be delighted. Does it not bring back to you the memories of those happy careless days when-What's that you say? It makes you sick!!! so. That expression of contempt and disgust on your faces is confirmation nough. Then our calculations must have been at fault. But nevertheles that you were all stanch Republicans or stalwart Democrats we should cer tainly consider your remarks unpatri-otic and un-American, and we might ion't love the flag. What fault do you hold the same political creed as your-selves? Are they not admittedly the Does not the pres faithfully chronicle their smallest do who "put their money in circulation" so that you fellows can get jobe? Imagine the catastrophe which would ensue if they decided not to invest their capital. Wouldn't you people tarve in consequence? Is it not fro these people come the great captains of industry, the mighty trust magnates, whose giant intelligence and

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How the "Dear People" Spend Abolishing Corruption in Bourgeois Politics.

ward the Class to Which They Belong.

That "politics" is rotten and getting more and more so is generally admitted. Many and varied are the schemes suggested for purifying politics. Our Civic Federations, Municipal Voters' Leagues, etc., have taken upon themselves the task of purifying politics. The Populists, disgusted with the two old parties have set out to purify politics by building up a third capitalist party, pledged to do justice to both capital and labor on the theory that their interests can be harmonized. The Single Taxers are ready to purify politics by abolishing landowners; other reformers by abolishing railroad and gas plant owners. All of these reanything good until politics is purified; they claim that socialism is impossible because politics is too rotten; that state socialism (the only kind they can conceive of) would simply mean the spreading out of the present political corruption over all branches of industrial activity...

Let us look at this thing called polltics, examine it closely, see if it can

be purified, and if so how, What is politics? Politics is the science and art of legal robbery. The word "mis-government" is only other name for what the socialists more clearly, express by class-government government in the interest of a class instead of in the interest of all. There is no such thing as mis-government for all: what is mis-government the oppressed is good government for the oppressors. All government in its present form is mis-government for the governed; is merely as engine, popularly and correctly styled a machine, run for the private adantage of the persons or class in control of it. Any slight relaxations from this rule are made only as a matter of policy to entrench the gov-The political organization is used to hold down the masses of the weak while the strong, the cunning and the unscrupulous rob them of the product of their labor, all strictly according to law. This is called giving

an equal chance to all, that is, giving the strong a free hand to lick the weak, and of course the weak a free hand to lick the strong. Equal rights to all and special privileges to none does not mean the PRESERVATION of equal rights to all, but means the equal right of everyone to deprive others of their rights. We may well agree with Thomas Jefferson that the less government we have (of this kind) the better; but we do not admit, as some do, that such government is a neces sary evil. It is an evil, but unneces

sary. tics, to talk about purifying politics is as senseless and contradictory as to talk about purifying prostitution. Lack of work without disgrace is at once the fruitful cause of rotten polltice among men and prostitution among women. Those well-meaning persons who are fighting what they euphemistically call the are trying, the same as the political reformers, to purify a system the esence of the helpless masses upon the tool-owning masters. They see and fight only the effects instead of the cause. The real social evil is not that white-ribboners shudder to pronounce, but is simply the economic dependence of women on men.

The idea that politics can be purifie in human nature. Politics cannot be purifying politics only means (perhaps do the bulk of the robbing, sanctioned All class parties are necessarily corrupt and cannot act impartially in the interest of all. The attempt to do just. ice between employer and employe is petual motion. The relation itself is unjust. No party founded on the wage system can be anything else than a class party. So long as the common means of livelihood are owned by a few and are beyond the reach of the em, the minimum wage and en-ed idleness (which is confiscation of labor power) so long shall we have rotton politics. When the producers ome to see that the fundamental obidle class but to enable all producers to obtain an easier and better liveli-

most economical production and distribution of wealth, stops confiscating labor power by enforced idleness and duce, then the necesity of practicing the gentle art of fegal robbery, called politics, will cease; a man will then be able and will prefer to make his living in a more honorable way; politics will cease to be rotten, in fact will be purifled out of existence to a large extent. Then the army of unemployed will be abolished; so too will private employers; and justice or harmony will be established between fellow worker and fellow worker as it never can be established between private employer and employe, whose interests are in eternal conflict.

The producing masses of all countries are beginning to see that political government is now organized and manipulated entirely for the private advantage of the class in control of it. That no matter how they vote, nor what laws are passed nor what great inventions are made, their condition remains substantially the same. They simply exist, that its all. They are be ginning to ask whether they could not run the government for their own advantage if they could get control of it and whether it is not possible by means of the universal suffrage to capture the government seeing that they are in the majority. When they g-t clear ideas on these things they not waste any time on tedious discussions about the justice or injustice of interest, rent or profits. They will unite at the polls, change the laws and let the politicians rage. Not only will self-interest induce them to do this; ecessity will compel them to do it: the law of self-preservation will force them to do it. The question of a livelihood for all will be forever settled and incidentally politics too will be

Marcus Hitch.

#### Crushing the Trusts.

The trusts have been "crushed" again. This time it is the supreme court of Illinois that deals the deadly blow. Every Chicago dally is running scare heads declaring that this decision is a "sweeping blow at trusts," When the matter is sifted down it is discovered that all that has happened is that the court in the case of "Harding vs. American Glucose Co." has decided that the trust cannot legally obtain possession as a corporation of the Pe-oria Glucose Co. Therefore the "trust is disrupted" and the process of economic evolution is to be stopped.

But if we look a little closer we find that even in this particular instance there is not even a momentary effect save in the stock market. For on investigation it is discovered that practically all the stock of the Peoria Company is owned by the owners of the American Glucose Company. The only change that this "wide-reaching and sweeping decision" will have will be to cause a slight alteration in the manner of keeping books in a couple of offices A few book-keepers will have a little extra work for a short time, and then the lawyers will have found a more economical way of evading the law and they will be discharged and all will go on as before.

### A Dividing Line.

One characteristic of the socialist knife upon any set of people who begin its study. If a body of persons who are playing with social questions can be persuaded to examine into the principles of clear scientific socialism, is only a question of a very short time until there will be a clean line of cleavage exhibited. A few of the really earnest ones will split off from the main body of dilletanti and will ally themselves with the great cause of th proletariat. The remainder will then begin to talk about the "bitterness" and "narrowness" of those who have thus had the courage to be and do omething, and will utterly fall to see that what has really happened has been that their own "flabbiness" and intellectual forginess has made them blind to actual facts and, that it these hard facts that are cutting by their "narrowness" and not the indiaccepted the facts.

As the recognized authority in rallmen of business generally. The man-ual for 1899 gives many interesting statistics. Thus, for instance, it is stated that in 1898 the total mileage was 186,810, of which New England had 7.381, while in 1850 that section had more than a quarter of the railroad mileage of the entire country. The to-tal traffic of 184,533 miles of road in 1898, all reported, reached the enor-mour sum of \$1,249,553,724, while the revenue above operation was \$494,203. 378. From this latter sum were paid the following amounts:

Total (184,532.61 miles) .. \$435,561,140

For all of this not one stroke of work

### JUST FOR A STARTER

A Little Reasoning Together With the Workers.

SOMETHING YOU SHOULD READ

Story of the Development of the Labora and the Machine-The Evolution of Classes.

When the machine had been invented he men who owned it had a great advantage. It was not necessary for them to work. They could compel all other men to work for them, and as they paid the men who worked no more when the machines were improved, but rather less, every new invention increased the amount which they received from the produce of the laborers. Now, as they owned the things which everyone else must have in order to live, they soon became the ruling class in society. We will watch how this was done.

Before them the landlords had owned the most important thing in the production of wealth-the land-and they had ruled society. They had so arranged the laws that the laborers who did their work were forbidden to leave the farm upon which they were born. They were required to work a certain number of days each week for the lord of the manor (the landlord), and during the remainder of the time they had to support themselves. We are very apt now, in looking back on those times, to think that it was a strange thing that the serfe, as the laborers were then called, were so foolish as to allow the landlords to make laws saying that the land was their private property and that no one should be allowed to live unless he worked for the landowners the most of his time. But we must make sure that we do not live in any glass houses before we throw stones

The landlords being the rulers at the time we speak of they, like every other ruling class, made the laws only in their interest. They wanted things to stay just the way they were and they were especially anxious that no labor-ers should be allowed to find any way of living except by working on the land. So they laid many restrictions on trade. They had laws saying just how wide and how heavy all cloth must be spun, and when and how all exchanges must take place. They had many provisions about apprenticeship that made entrance into a trade very difficult, although in the end the laborers themselves advocated such laws. fixed the wages of the laborers by law and decided what kind of goods should All of those things were be made. very distasteful to those who were engaged in any kind of manufacturing. In the early days of which we speak, when all manufacturing was carried on in such a simple way with hand tools, the laborers banded together in cities and resisted the laws of the landlords. So there was always a struggle going on between the town and the country.

As soon as the new machines were invented the towns grew very fast. Thousands of laborers were brought together in each manufacturing together in each major shop. As the and often in a single shop. As the markets grow, things were not produced, as they had once been, be cause the owner thought he could flad some place to sell them. All this re-quired that there should be no restrictions on trade. All the laws that the terests were opposed to the interest of those who were manufacturing.

Here a very important change is landlord and the artisan. The old guilds of workmen had fought long and hard for their right to live in "free cities" and to enjoy the rights of "citihad perhaps come as close to ruling as they ever have in the history of the world, and we of today still look with wonder upon the marvelous things they did — the great cathedrals they wrought in iron and bronze, and wood our wonderful machines of today can

But we have seen that when the machine came in, the man who ran it not own it. He only sold his labor power day by day and week by week the serf on the land, was allowed to re-tain just enough of the product of his labor to keep him alive while he created wealth for his master and owner; for lives, owns him, no matter whether that thing be LAND or MACHINESno matter whether that owner be called LANDLORD or CAPITALIST, and no matter whether the man owned be named SERF, SLAVE, or WAGE LA-

BORER.

But let us get back to our of
The owners of the machines, or

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#### THE CLIMAX OF CAPITALISM.

The Boers are being rapidly whipped into "benevolent assimilation." Dumdum bullets and dynamite mines are powerful civilizers and diamond and gold mines are great ethical reasons for action. The fact that Krueger a temporary victory and forced the conflict before England had him where he could not even kick is eagerly seized as an excuse by the plutocratic press of America as a reason why there should be no sympathy with him, But indeed why should American capitalism object? Has it not its own little war of extension on hand?

If anyone wants to get a little view of world-politics in the final days of capitalism let him take a map of the world and watch the geographical changes that are taking place. Up from the South of Africa English greed is steadily creeping to join its forces in the north. France and Germany are between the "upper and the nether millstones" of Cape Colony and Egypt, and whole may be illustrated by two paralon be crushed from the field. The few sullen growls that they are uttering now are being silenced by the appearance of a powerful British fleet off their coasts and the plainly expressed ville warning that they must neither be seen nor heard. It is simply the department store vs. the corner grocery on a big scale, with governments and gunboats and battalions as outward weapons instead of hard looks and rival bill boards and circulars. On the world's shop counter England and America offer the better bargains and her smaller competitors are being forced each year to accept a decreased space for their trading. But while England is uniting across

Africa she is sending her "advance agents of prosperity" out from India toward China, well knowing that once the Phillippine controlled by the Americans, that between them they must fight the Russian bear that is creeping down from the North, for the rich pickings that will result when the thunder of the 13inch guns and the roar of capitalism awakes the Celestial kingdom from its long centuries of Rip Van Winkle sleep. For to the close observer of to-day it looks as if this oldest of the nations was destined to be the battle-ground, and the burying ground of capitalism. That its cheap labor will conquer its conquerors there seems no doubt. For. in spite of the strength of modern armaments there is one weapon which constitutes at once the god and the devil of capitalism, and that is cheapness. Before its magic power all things at home or abroad must bow. It is this enables England and America to drive before them all the nations of the world. It is this same power that will wreak their downfall if wielded by another. Not that the time could ever come when Chinese cheapness would tavade and crush American or English society as Chinese social organization is being crushe today, but simply that when that process is even threatened It will awake the laborers of America and England and the world to the ne. cessity of dethroning the god Cheapness and overthrowing the whole capi-

Hence the prejetariat of today looks head is quite level, just the same,

the process of expansion. They see perhaps clearer than many of the "antis" the barefacedness of the greed that inspires it. They know, often from bitier experience, the sufferings of a crushed people. But they look back on the time when machinery was sending them to starve upon the fleids and in the roads and lanes, and capitalism told them all this suffering was a necessary accompaniment to the struggle for survival. Some of them have just been thrown out to starve by the closing of trustified industries, but they are beginning to know that pro test is useless and to look on to some thing beyond the trust. Just so they see in expansion the last step that great development of capitalism that transfers the struggle of shop-keepers to the arena of the world and increases the scale of the battle and the strength of the weapons, but, as before, they see that through and beyond this there lies the possibility, nay, the certainty of the downfall of the whole system, from the intelligent, class-conscious awakening of the proletariat of the world. He is just beginning to grasp the fact that from being the football and catspaw of every capitalist squabble, he is growing into a great compact body that will soon demand that it shall rule the society it supports and enjoy the wealth it produces.

#### GOOD RIDDANCE.

Disappearance of Undesirable Element. From American Socialist Movement.

If there had ever been any doubt in the past three months about the ne cessity of a revolution in the Socialist Labor Party and the utter abolition of DeLeonism from the American socialist movement, that doubt should be removed by a glance at the last Beekman street "People." From the threecolumn bluff on the first page through took the only possible chance of even the lying acceptions that preface an alleged criticism on the editorial page. down to the "suppressed correspondence" of three months ago, resurrected for the sake of the influence carried by the name signed, there is nothing that would give a visitor from any other country the idea that it was a s. dalist paper. Everybody, deserving or unde serving is denounced, villified and lied about from the S. D. P. and Jones to long-tested comrades like Matchett. Harriman, Wilkins, Hilquitt down to your humble servant "A. M. Simons Editor." All are alike "cussed and discussed" and given a liberal supply adjectives and consigned to everlasting oblivion.

All the tried and true followers of the Prophet Daniel are conjured up to assist in this work of destruction. The reliability of the "facts" in general and the intelligence of the writers as let quotations from the main article which is supposed to be a "killer." is entitled "The Tramps of Slatersville" and these are the quotations:

"All mill villages are bad, but Slater-ville is so much so that it is the last resort of the tramp mill worker. Its help comes and goes: itis always look-ing for help. None stay long but a few families born and bred there and who know no better. The rest are a poly-glot collection who rove and roam un-der the harsh circumstances attendant on mill life."

Now place this from the next column beside that and decide who lied

"When it is remembered that one family of nine members had been thirty-five years in the place, and another thirty-three years, and both readily rent asunder all associations rather than yield, we can appreciate the victory that socialism won in Slaterville."

And then place both beside of this from the Beekman "People" of August 13th and decide which is the biggest liar in the bunch.

"When it is taken into consideration that not one of the families had lived in Slaterville less than two years, and that, the majority had been resident there from ten to thirty-five years, the full meaning of such a settlement of the strike can perhaps be realized." When it is taken into consideration In other words they were all fools

tramps to begin with, they were all wise men, old residents and socialist agitators (see further in the same article) and not a tramp among then when the strike was over a few weeks later. Truly we will admit our mis take. It was a marvelous victory and not least among its results were the historians it produced.

Surely America is to be congratulated that those who are responsible for this criminal deception and miseading of its suffering workers are now but drift-wood by the side of the gree flood-tide of socialism, and that the day when such stuff can be palmed of as the expression of the intelligent revolutionary movement of the proletariat of America is gone never to ea

tariat of America is gone never to return. Relieved of this incubus there is no reason why the socialist movement here should not now develop a strength and a clearness commensurate with the capitalism from which it springs.

Nelson Morris, the packer, declares that the war in South Africa will cause an immense demand for "our" (he means his) meats. If there were no war we think the same men would probably consume as much meat—if permitted; and the difference in their vocation should certainly entitle them to consume more when engaged in production fistead of destruction. Capitalism may present strange and contradictory festures, but Mr. Morrishead is quitte level, just the same.

### with something of equanimity upon SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE,

"Sir Thomas" will give us another race for the cup, even if he has to cut the wages of his employee once more "Sir Thomas" is "a dead game sport."

Speaking of the effect of the cup race on an enthusiastic populace, one of our daily papers has the following:

"When the bulletin announcing the third and decisive victory of the Columbia was posted they were so jubilized they were so jubilized to know better, wrote this and passed it around:

The Columbia, she
Has won supremacy;
Sir Thomas Lipton, he
Advertised his tea."

\*Considered merely as postry perhaps the above may properly be called "sifly." But as a bald plain statement of fact it is irrefutable. It may not be "rhyme" but it certainly contains "reason." On the whole we think it is 'an excellent good song."

In view of the events which have occurred in South Africa last week, the impression is gaining ground that after all, the Boers are "incapable of selfgovernment," 

And the Chicago Tribune which has een printing hysterical editorials in denunciation of Great Britain's shameless and rapacious policy in South Africa now prints large type headlines like the following: "Heroism of the like the following: "Heroism of the English Soldiers," "British Storm the Heights and Defeat the Enemy," 'Enemy's Position Captured, etc. etc.

Why is this thus? The Boer is now the "enemy" to the "Chicago Tribune" and this only demonstrates the capitalistic character of that paper. Whatever obstructs the march of capitalism s always the "enemy."

The "Record" believes that

"If the United States interferes in the Transvaal case and makes another job for Ex-President Harrison the lat-ter should be careful to collect in advance."

A very wise precaution no doubt but Record should remember that there is "honor among thieves." of the street himself, he will not inter-Lere with the "graft" of "our kin bethe Boers will get our "moral sympathy." What more do they want?

That eminently respectable business firm known as the British Government is fully capable of doing all the "collecting" in this matter itself. It has had ample experience. It is unfortunate of course that Ex-President Harrison is in the ranks of the unem-ployed, and that his "wages" for the last job are endangered. But in the Transvaal there is seemingly "nothing to arbitrate."

decision of the Illinois Supreme Court regarding the Glucose Trust was known in La Salle street by some of such division. the favored ones for over a week before it was announced. A lot of empty 'honorable' judges are not responsible, yet it is funny just the same.

tain and Germany, a proceeding which that "all just powers are derived, etc., etc."

It is stated that in his forthcoming message President McKinley will make no suggestion regarding the proposed legislation on trusts. What's the matter with Hanna?

The Chicago aldermen being Repub lican in majority are going to investigate the police department, and they will "astonish the public by discoverthe hearts of the survivors, among the
ing that the police take bribes, protect
vanquished workmen and successful
attended to, and you know that this has
consist of the articles now running in
not been from wilful neglect on your
the Call under the title of "Just for a just mention this to our readers so that cre." On page 377-9 this shrewd ob- have done, for your whole life has been comes from the press. The articles when the iniquity is revealed, the unble community are grossly outraged, tion. the effects are often physically injurious times brings on apoplexy, so our readers should heed our warning and keep ent time is quite significant. It is by

We give the following without comment as it speaks for itself. Mr. Wool- thor's name, its careful observance o precise language and explodes the research, all show that it was meant theory that "competition is the life of very seriously and not as a burlesque,

Chicago Chronicle, October 17th;

PAPER MAKERS PLAN A TRUST. Independent Concerns May Unite With

a Capital of \$50,000,000.

### BOOK REVIEWS.

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SOCIALISM. Gustave Le Bon; Macmillan & Co., N. Y.; pp. 415.

When one has finished this book h wonders if there are enough fools left in the world to make profitable the publication of such stuff as it contains The author holds a brief for capitalism, and no lie is too grotesque, no reasoning too fallacious, no distortion of positions too great to find insertion His thesis is fairly well stated on page 19,: "all these social iniquities seem inevitable since they lave always ex-He sums up the argument which he intends to make against so cialism, on page 29, as follows: "Al stimulus being destroyed, no one would make an effort to ameliorate or to escape from his position. It would be slavery of the gloomiest kind, without hope of enfranchisement."

He then, page 49, declares that "the Socialist, above all the Anarchist-Socialist, is usually a bachelor, without home, means or family; that is to say, a nomad, and in all ages the nomad has been a refractory and a barbarian.

After this we might expect almos anything but are scarcely prepared for the ludicrous falsification that is to be found where he declares (p. 49) that socialism has shown hardly any increase in France since 1893, and "it is more especially in the United States that the Socialists possess an immense army of disciples" (p. 124), and declares that "the United States already forsee the days when it will be necessary to plunge into bloody wardefend themselves against these multitudes. It will be a merciless war of 'extermination, which will recall, but on a far larger scale, the destruction of the barbarian hordes. to which Marius was forced, that he might save Roman civilization from their invasion. Knowing the qualities of the two combatants, the issue of the by De Leon or some of his tools, conflict is certain; but it will undoubtedly be one of the most frightful struggles that have ever been recorded in history. Yet only, perhaps at the the "if" renders it needless. The price of such holocausts, can the holy cause of the independence of man and While Uncle the progress of civilization be saved; Sam is determined to "work" this side that cause which more than one nation today seems ready to abandon Next we are told (p. 223) that the Socialists, who were the first to ex-

press the fact of internationality and o denounce national exclusiveness, Always reason as if though the universe were limited to the country in which they lived." Occasionally he Occasionally he throws in a few glaring falsehoods about Marx, just to keep his hand in as on page 304 where he says that 'Marx understands by the term work nothing but manual labor." Then he trots out for one more heat that old stale falsehood about socialists desiring to "divide up" capital, and insults the intelligence of his readers (if those with any intelligence would ever read Funny isn't it? It now seems that the that far) with the antedeluvian "exposure" of this straw man by showing how much each one would have after

But it is when he speaks of the United States that he fairly revels in the railway men, in the United States, ble state of affairs was only ended But perhaps you look at this exhiupper hand only by suspending civil haps you conntrast this make-believe rights, proclaiming martial law, and baby scene with the actual condidelivering veritable battle to the in- tion of the children amongst surgents. The strikers were shot down you live, perhaps with that of the without pity, and defeated; but we children who call you father. You can imagine the hatred that must fill know that neither mentally or physiexpected shock may be mitigated strength of socialism here is among the brought barely enough to satisfy the simpler and stronger wherever possicomewhat, for it is a sad fact that southern negros who are going to do post pressing animal wants of yourself ble. when the moral feelings of a respecta- terrible things to our present civiliza-

Such a work as this would not, on Excessive indignation some- any other subject be worth a moments from, As soon as it was possible for special election orders, but the space. But its appearance at the presall odds the most pretentious book ever written upon Socialism in the English language. Its size, the auworth defines the object of the trust in the forms of scientific reasoning and make life tolerable, a confused idea one of intelligence might urally think. That it has not failed of bility of change; considering all these one hundred, and the rest be left to its mission is shown by the fact that things it is not wonderful that the give away. Remember that it is not a it has been quite favorably reviewed in several American periodicals. Fur. ading as infants, brings from you that 32 pages, and giving in simple casy thermore we would not be afraid to offer large odds that it will be assigned university this coming winter as a valuable criticism of the socialist theory. Such facts as these speak eloquently for the thoroughness with correct. which capitalism has preserved the ignorance of its subjects. In no other of human knowledge such a gigantic boax be perpetrated. But if one but attacks secialism and which your labor creates, save enough defends present institutions he is al- to keep you in working condition and facts and logic before the average reader's intelligence revolts.

paper, 25 cents.

a strong; keen reasoner, one who knows how to wield the shafts of wit and humor with force and logic. His analysis is keen, his criticisms sharp and cutting, his liustrations apt. He seems to grasp the class antagonisms and the fact of class subjection and even the class revolt. Under the disguise of the King he satirizes govern ment; under that of knave, the false teachers, preachers and writers who sustain class rule, while the laboring class is most fittingly caracturized be-

neath the donkey's skin. But when he comes to draw his conclusion there is a most terrible fall. He has no remedy save more individual education which shall fit the donkey for the practice of the virtues of thrift and economy, and he would have these lessons inculcated in the home and seems to think that thereby the donkeys would all be able to become Kings and Knaves. It is one of the worst cases of anticlimax that has come to our notice.

#### A Few Traitors

ossdom, villification, one-man-power and ignorant abuse in the ranks of the American socialists included the following: Matchett, Hayes, Lee, Bandlow. Harriman, Benham, Beresford. Hanford, Long, Barnes, Wilkins, Lucas, Hilquitt, and a majority of the rank and file of the S. L. P.

Among the traitorous sections were New York, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Rochester, Chicago, San Francisco, Baltimore, Boston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and the rest of future a knowledge of these things will the large cities where socialism has make you more "sick" than the vathe large cities where socialism has ever shown any energy and strength, and where it would naturally be the clearest.

Among the "treasonable sheets" are the Class Struggle, Cleveland Citizen, Proletarian, Workers' Call, San Francisco and Philadelphia Tageblatt, Volkzeitung, The People, and nearly all other papers not personally owned

# Some Warm Babies

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placed our country in the front rank of nations, and without whose directing quiring a corps of socialist writers and genius our institutions would go to eternal smash. Are they not the same folks who endow universities and col- the strongest socialist paper in the leges, and support the charitable institutions which exist simply aand solely tude of writers that all views of so for the benefit of people like you? many sided a subject as socialism can And only the other day did they not be explained. Often times one person rally nobly to the defense of the will say the same things in such a "America" cup, and prevent the audaclous Lipton from making a prize of than another. A "one-man" paper is that historic trophy? All these and altogether too cramped a vehicle to many other benefits too numerous to mention, they have conferred upon you, yet you ungrateful wretches, you turn away in disgust from their innocent pastimes and declare that "they make you sick."

We expected that there was some sentiment in your composition, that long ago, but we see we were mis-"Miss Edith Gray in a long white MENSE WORK-SHOPS OF THE when these things only "make you doing, how are you doing it, what ar-PULLMAN COMPANY." This terri-sick."

drudgery which was the condition of mailing by the first of November, which you received, it became necessary to send them into the market also. insufficiency of the things that over 500, \$1.00 a hundred. that the good things of this world could be more fairly distributed, and a this rate as it will take but a few min spectacle of Newport society masquerexpression.

"It makes you sick." Yes, and it cialist philosophy. or reading in more than one American ought to. And if you knew a little more it would make you ashamed as wait. For it is your class who say year after year that these condition That power which if you were sensible you would use in your own interests, you place in the hands of these "babies," and that power they use to extract from you all the wealth owed a most tremendous license with raise a few children to take your place when you are worn out. And every function of government from the THE KING, THE KNAVE AND THE lice officer, they employ to maintain at your shop or in your block. If you maner, 25 cents the social conditions which your foolhe social conditions which your fool-shness and apathy have assented to three months subscriptions to All through the main portion of this And in doing this they don't display Workers' Call and you will se

ing of, but on the contrary the shrewd. est and keenest comprehension their own class interests. But if your class foolishly attempt to annul or set aside the conditions for which you have voted, by breaking the laws which these "infants" have had made in their interests, you will speedily cover that they are the "warmest babies" that ever came down the pike.

But playing at babies is foolish and

ludicrous, you may say. Just so. And in making that statement you con-What about your demn yourselves. conduct at the ballot box, the only place where you can express your wants and realize your power? You have been playing baby right along with results disastrous to yourselves. The Newport "infants" first got an invitation, then they were fed, and then followed a dance. And with you workingmen the same program has been carried out. Before the election the bosses, the politicians, ward heelers and fakirs of every description sent you the most pressing invitations to do the political baby act. About elec-Up to date the list of traitors, to tion time you were fed upon political "pap"-all the rotten trash that embraces every question under the sun except the question of the wealth you produce and are not permitted to consume; for your masters understand thoroughly the value of the particular brand of "infants food" that you are to be stuffed with. And then when this part of the program is completed the dance commences, and in that dance it is you who have to pay the piper. and don't you forget it. In the near garles of your masters at and you will begin to put off the childish ideas by which you are enslaved, and to stand up and become men in intellect. And when you have done so you will be socialists and you will use as your weapon of emancipation the political organization that is ready to your hand, the Socialist Labor Party.

We want to extend our thanks to the many comrades who have favored us with communications during We are rapidly acpast few weeks. contributors in connection with Workers' Call that will make it by far country. It is only through a multiway as to carry far more strength carry the message of socialism.

We have lately received so many contributions that we were obliged to reject several. Now we hope those who fail to see their productions appear in print will not jump to the conclusion that they are "suppressed correspondence," and blame the editor. some tender chord might be touched It simply means that in his humble that would awaken sweet memories of opinion there was something else which was better propagandist taken. It is true that we did not ex- terial than that which was not printed, pect that your emotions could be ex- In this he may have been all wrong. cited to any appreciable extent by the but one thing is sure and that is that pockets are the result. Of course the fantastic lies. On page 336 we are in spectacle of "Potter Paimer, Jr. in the more he has to choose from the formed that among the crimes com-mitted by "the advanced guard of were almost certain that the short red fore we hope that all comrades who Socialism in the last fifteen years," are dress and white pinafore of "Miss Fifi have anything to say on the subject of The Samoan islands are to be divided to be reckoned the railroad strike of Potter" would carry you by storm, and socialism that they feel would be of between the United States, Great Bri- 1894, which "ended in the strike of all how you can resist the fascinations of interest and help to their fellow work-Potter" would carry you by storm, and socialism that they feel would be of ers will not hesitate to send it in. But will emphasize that good old maxim and had as its further results the christening robe and lace cap," passes more than anything else we would like BURNING OF THE PALACES OF our understanding. But it is very evi- to know the news of the S. L. P. move-THE EXPOSITION AND THE IM- dent that "the age of chivalry is dead" ment in your locality—what are you rangements you are making for agitation, how you are circulating the party when "the government assumed the bition from another standpoint. Per. press, what increase in membership you are having, etc.

### The New Pamphlet.

From present orders it looks as though the larger part of the first issue of 10,000 copies of the pamphlet Starter." will be ordered before it

and those dependent on you. And the It is hoped that it will be ready for your life you could not save them having been hurried through to meet them to earn even a trifling wage to offer will remain open until the 15th as supplement the beggarly pittance announced last week. For all orders received prior to then the rate will be: Ten to 100 copies to one address, Bitter poverty, constant uncertainty, a cents each: 100 to 500. \$1.50 a hundred:

There is not an individual in the party that cannot afford a hundred at sullen fatalism that can see no possi- utes to dispose of enough to pay for leasiet but a neatly bound pamphlet of language the main points in the so-

### Exchanges Attention.

All publishers of socialist papers are requested to send a copy to the Soclalist Reading Room, 484 Noble St. Chicago, Ill., where they will be kept on file and subscriptions taken. As this reading room will be open continuously and is well frequented this affords a good opportunity to bring any paper addressed to the laborers before the attention of many interested persons.

book one feels that he is defling with any infantile simplicity worth speak-that everybody is talking socialism.

# I'he Communist Manifesto

(Continued from last week.)

In what relation do the Socialists stand to the proletarians as a whole? The Socialists do not form a separate party opposed to other working class

They have no interests separate and apart from those of the proletariat as

They do not set up any sectarian principles of their own by which to shape and mould the proletarian move-

nent. The Socialists are distinguished from the other working class parties by this only:1. In the national struggles of the proletarians of the different countries, they point out and bring to the front the common interests of the entire proletariat, independently of all nationality. 2. In the various stages of development which the struggle of the working class against the bourgeoisie has to pass through, they always and everywhere represent the interests af the movement as a whole,

The Socialists, therefore, are on the one hand, practically, the most advanced and resolute section of the working class parties of every country, that section which pushes forward all others; on the other hand, theoretically, they have over the great mass of the proletariat the advantage of march, the conditions, and the ultimate movement,

The immediate aim of the Socialists is the same as that of all other proletarian parties: formation of the proletariat into a class, overthrow of the bourgeois supremacy, conquest of political power by the proletariat.

theoretical conclusions of the Socialists are in no way based on ideas or principles that have been invented, or discovered, by this or that wouldbe universal reformer.

They merely express, in general terms, actual relations springing from an existing class struggle, from an historical movement going on under our very eyes. The abolition of existing property relations is not at all a distinctive feature of Socialism.

All property relations in the past continually been subject to historical change, consequent upon the change in historical conditions.

The French revolution, for example, abolished feudal property in favor of

bourgeois property. The distinguishing feature of Socialism is not the abolition of property generally, but the abolition of bourgeois property. But modern bourgeois private property is the final and most complete expression of the system of producing and appropriating products, that is based on class antagonisms, on the exploitation of the many by the

In this sense the theory of the Socialists may be summed up in the single sentence: Abolition of private property.

We Socialists have been reproached with the desire of abolishing the right of personally acquiring property as the fruit of a man's own labor, which property is alleged to be the ground work of all personal freedom, activity and independence.

Hard-won, self-acquired, self-earned property! Do you mean the property of the petty artisan and of the small peasant, a form of property that preceded the bourgeois form? There is no need to abolish that; the development of industry has to a great extent already destroyed it, and is still destroy. ing it daily.

Or do you mean modern bourgeois private property?

But does wage labor create any property for the laborer? Not a bit. property for the laborer? Not a bit. after the drill-sergeant and blucherthem have different privileges and opwith just the kind of ideas the capitalboot methods to which they have been portunities than the others do. Now ist class wished him to think. Everymoney is the object of universal ideamoney is the object of universal ideatry where that he went he heard the same try where the only pleasures are in property which exploits wage labor, and which cannot increase except upon condition of begetting a new supply of wage labor Property, in its present form, is based on the antagonism of capital and wage Let us examine both sides of this antagonism

To be a capitalist, is to have not only a purely personal, but a social status in production. Capital is a collective product, and only by the united action of many members, in the last resort only by the united action of all mem bers of society, can it be set in motion,

Capital is therefore not a personal

Here is a point that might not be seen at first sight. Capital today is valueless save as it is used collectively. Its power lies in the fact that its ownership has the faculty of extorting from those who use it the major portion of their product. It can only be used through the cooperation of great numbers of men. But while it is thus a social power it is owned by a class who use that social power to exploit all non-owners. The socialist simply proposes that the ownership of capital shall also be social and not class, to accord with its inherent nature.

into common property, into the property of all members of society, persona property is not thereby transformed into social property. It is only the sochanged. It loses its class character.

Let us now take wage labor, The average price of wage labor is the minimum wage, i. c., that quantum of the means of subsistence, which is absolutely requisite to keep the laborer in bare existence as a laborer What, therefore, the wage laborer appropriates by means of his labor, merry rufficts to prolong and reproduce a ture existing. We by no

means intend to abolish this personal appropriation that is made for the maintenance and reproduction of human life, and that leaves no surplus wherewith to command the labor of others. All that we want to do away with, is the miserable character of this appropriation, under which the laborer lives merely to increase capital, and is allowed to live only in so far as the interest of the ruling class requires it.

In bourgeois society living labor is but means to increase accumulated labor. In Socialist society accumu- and a fine of 600 frances because of an lated labor is but a means to widen, article appearing in the journal. to enrich, to promote the existence of the laborer.

In bourgeois society, therefore, the past dominates the present; in Socialist society, the present dominates the past. In bourgeois society capital is independent and has individuality, while the living person is dependent and has no individuality.

Today labor is the slave of capital. The man is subject to the machine. The stored up labor of his predecessors enslaves the present worker. Socialism would reverse this. It would make capital the slave and helper of labor. It would use all the stored up wisdom and slave and helper of labor. It would use all the stored up wisdom and wealth of the ages to lighten the toll of the workers of today.

And the abolition of this state things is called by the bourgeois; abounderstanding the line of lition of individuality and freedom! And rightly so. The abolition of bourgeneral results of the proletarian geois individuality, bourgeois independence, and bourgeois Freedom is undoubtedly aimed at.

By freedom is meant, under the present bourgeois conditions of production, free trade, free selling and buying.

But if selling and buying disappears, free selling and buying disappears also. This talk about free selling and buying, and all other "brave words" of our bourgeoisle about freedom in gen- ployed in such enterprises. eral, have a meaning, if any, only in contrast with restricted selling and buying, with the fettered traders of the middle ages, but have no meaning when opposed to the Socialistic aboli tion of buying and selling, of the bourgeois conditions of production, and of the bourgeoisie itself.

(To be continued.)

### FOREIGN NEWS.

Glimpses of the World-wide Struggle of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

As we go to press Bernstein and his and disposed of, as it was certain they would be, at the Congress of the German Social-Democratic Party at Hanover. There were some who, were in favor, we believe, of leaving Bernstein to stew in his own Fabian-Liberal juice. We are glad on the whole that To secure this they enlisted the labor- urers upon the platform repeated the this view did not prevail. It is far better to meet a man like Bernstein, who held at one time an important position which the capitalists overthrew the ligion were all of the kind that pleased in the party, fairly and squarely in open debate, than to rely upon the fact that his abandonment of all that he in the French revolution. But in all lished only those things which would formerly strove for has had no influance whatever upon the overwhelming majority of his Socialist compatriots The washing of Bernstein's head was Bebel, who had an innings of six hours at it. By common consent the lavation was done very completely; but the debate seems likely to last a long time, and a six-hours' oration-well, we English are a much-enduring folk, but could we quite stand that? It is really very strange what a corroding effect rangements have on many well-meaning and intelligent Socialists of the class war carried on more relentlessly class: nowhere is there such a mass of hopeless degradation in the great more insidious or more effective; nowhere is charity more hypocritical or nore neglected; nowhere is Liberallsm more completely effete and incapable. Bernstein's notion that socialism is the logical outcome of Liberalism is so utterly absurd that we are surprised that a man of his ability should have accepted it even for a moment. However, attacks upon socialism, no matter from whom they come, are welcome to us. Our difficulty of late has been to get anyone to contradict or attack Remstein turned bourgeois has come helps our propaganda like opposition -Justice, London, Eng.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says that after giving rise to much uneasiness for twenty days the strike at Le Creusot has really come to an end. The arbitration of M. M. Schneider on Friday. The workmen's delegates and their spokesman, Comrade Viviani, together with M. Devin, who represented M. Schneider. find that they are all in the interest must end in the overthrow of capitalmet the Premier at the Ministry of the of the capitalist class, then we shall be isim and the coming of socialism. We Interior on Saturday morning. chief clauses of the settlement are as

follows: 1. The increased pay for piece-work and day jobs, promised last June, will be observed by the company.

That unionists and non-unionists will be treated impartially.
 That M. Schneider will recognize

the existence of the Le Creusot Trade

4. Nomination of representatives oth from workshops and corporations, ing part in strike, or for acts committed during strike.

6. Work to be resumed at Le Creusot as soon as possible.

The workmen have won all along the line. A procession was formed after through the town.-Justice, London.

#### Hungary.

Editor Weltner-of the Nepszava (the Voice of the People), the organ of the socialists at Budapest has been condemned to six months imprisonment

#### Russia.

The police have arrested forty workers and five students at Tver. In the neighborhood of forty persons have, also been arrested at Odessa, Besides taken place in other cities throughout the empire.

#### Austrian Socialist Congress.

The congress has once more refused to admit the Co-operators for Consumption as a constituent element of the party; but it recognizes that such co-operation may in certain places and under certain conditions be useful to the working class.

It recognizes above all that it is to the interest of the organized laborers to participate in the work of, and make their influence felt with, the cooperatives, and not leave them to be ments.

The congress declares finally that It is the duty of the comrades who may participate in co-operative enterprises in consumption, to energetically seek to secure that the best conditions of work be secured to those who are em-

### Just For a Starter

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capitalist class, as we will call them from now on, were the ones who were reaping all the benefits from the intro- author, the speaker and the editor duction of the machines. Because they must say the things that are in the the machines they retained owned ownership in the product, only reck- that our books have largely been writoning the labor power in with the other expenses of production.

which to sell these products. Therefore strong and good these rulers are they were the ones who were inter- They told the laborers to be honest ested in getting rid of the restrictions and industrious and saving, and held bourgeols notions are being refuted which the landlords had placed on out before them as the greatest possitrade.

ballot. the capitalists were forced, sometimes vertisers. by the discontent of the laborers (more working class the right to vote.

lords, and the capitalist class became and

as such until the present day. Let us see about this. What is it that IDEA of right and wrong. middle class from the Continent who makes classes? Is it not divisions of York or Chicago or San Francisco or school, in books, pictures, and newsthan in England by the dominant of any other great city, is not born into papers, from press, pulpit and lecture a class with very much different oppor- platform his every means of informatunities from one who is barn on Fifth cities; nowhere is political corruption Avenue or the Lake Shore Drive or interest it was that he should learn Nob Hill? More than that, we have nothing regarding his own real wellmore disgusting; nowhere is education to make all other people work and and that a great majority of his class support them in idleness. Someone may still votes, as the capitalists wished object to this and say that the capital- them to vote? ist class do a great deal of work, but before we are through we shall try gining of the contest between and see what kind of work it is that landlords and the capitalists to get they are doing, and whether it is him to fight the capitalist's battles of the capitalists as doing.

borers sometimes become capitalists that had come over industry. and vice versa. But this proves noth- while the free laborers of the old Free ing. If it could be shown that quite Cities were battling for the right frequently soldiers in opposing armies produce goods that were to be their deserted to their respective enemies own; the modern laborer is fighting amps, that would not lessen the fact that he may produce goods that below or the existence of two different armies. to the capitalists, So the next thing will be the question as to whether one of these classes s ruling and the other is subject to between the capitalist and the landlord. the ruling one. Let us examine some in which the laborer fought the battles of the facts that are around us and of the capitalist. Now the laborer is Waldeck-Rousseau was accepted by see the things which are being done beginning to see that he has interest and then afterwards we will see if that are opposed to those of the capi-these are in the interest of the capitalist class or the laboring class. If we another great class struggle which solace and giory of mankind? find that they are all in the interest must end in the overthrow of capital-

> today insist upon is the right of pri- ing forces, and the final outcome of perity. They say that there can be no vate property. It is to secure this right the battle. of men to own the things which other men must use or die if they cannot use, that our land are enacted, our outside Are TOUsillihustling for subter there

and jails established, our police and army maintained, and the whole machinery of government kept in metion. If you do not believe this, just look 5. No discharge of workmen for tak- over the proceedings and actions of any of these branches of government and see for yourself.

The laborers, however, have nothing but their labor power, and hence are not interested in the protection of private property. It might be said that an enthusiastic meeting, and marched they own this labor power, but, if so, there are few laws to protect it. When the machine or the trust renders valueless, there are no laws to protect it, and no one compensates its owner When he tries to raise its value by witholding it from the market by a strike, he finds that all the laws, courts, police, armies, etc., are used to destroy his "private property." So we will have to conclude on this point that most of the laws are in the interest of the canitalist class

But there are other means of ruling society than through the direct making of laws. In fact, we are constantly told that the laborers, being in a ma these numerous arrests have recently jority, can make any kind of laws they please. And this is perfectly true, and the reason why this is written is to fact that the question of sex does not these of the capitalists.

Let us now see if we can find the way laws so against their own interest as these appear to be. If we look close we shall see that the real foundation is to rule himself for the benefit of his masters.

Because the capitalist class control all the wealth of society, they were offered. operatives, and not leave them to be directed by indifferent or hostile elewhat should be produced in the mines and factories alone. They could also say what kind of books should be written, what kind of pictures should be painted, etc., etc. They can do this because of the fact, which we noticed, that things are now made to sell, and the existence of the producer depends upon his being able to sell his goods, But in literature and art the market consists very largely of those whose interests and ideas are with the capitalists.

They will not buy anything that does not please them and so the artist, the interest of the ruling class. Thus it is ten to tell how wrong it is to do anything that affects the They wanted to find markets in private property, and how great and ble reward they could hope to have, To whip the landlords they had to the chance of becoming rich. The cut have the help of the laborers. The cap- of the clothing, the manners and cusitalists wanted to have control of the toms of all kinds were fixed by the rich. government - to become the ruling The artists painted only the things class just as the landlords had been, which told the same story. The lecters on their side and gave them the same lesons. The preacher in the pul-Sometimes the conflicts by pit declared that the teachings of relandlords were peaceable, as in Eng- the ruling class and tended to keep land; sometimes they were violent, as them in power. The newspapers pubcountries, at some stage in the game, make their papers sell and please ad-

All these things taken together built often because their votes were wanted up a custom and a state of society in wing is used, and laboring men recogentrusted to our comrade August to whip the landlords), to give the which everything that strengthened nize their interests as identical with the rule of the capitalists was called those of laboring women can we hope The capitalists soon succeeded in RIGHT and GOOD and everything for a united effort against capitalism. very thoroughly whipping the land-WRONG. Of course no the ruling class, and have continued wanted to be bad or wicked and so everyone did the things that the capi-Some people will not believe this. talist class wanted them to do, and They will say that it is not true in very few of them ever stopped to ask our political institutions and social ar- America at least, because this is a whether it was not possible that there "free country" and there are no classes. was something wrong with the whole

The result was that from boyhood to middle class from the Continent who makes classes? Is it not divisions of settle among us. It all seems so free the people in such a way that some of old age the laborers' mind was filled than half of the population is in base truth that nowhere in the world is the child who is born in the slums of New story. In day school and Sunday tion were controlled by those whose seen that the class of owners are able fare. Is it any wonder that he voted,

It was particularly easy at the b worth doing and who is really doing cause he had long been himself strugmuch of the work we commonly think gling against the landlords. So now f the capitalists as doing.

The thought that he was still fighting there will point to the fact that lafor himself, not seeing the great change.

Society advanced from feudalism into caphalism through the class struggle justified in claiming that that class is shall rext take a look at the parties to this last great class struggle and

(To be continued.)

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All women socialists are requested to send in contributions for this department. Original articles, items of interest or clippings will be gladly received. Address all communications for this department to the editor, Mrs. May Wood Simons, 6044 Washington Ave., Chicago, Iii.

#### WOMEN LABORERS.

The Lowest Standard of Life and Least Power of Resistance Governs Wages Regardless of Sex.

It has often been stated that since omen accept lower wages than men, they destroy the effectualness of trade unions and lower the rate of all wages. This argument has frequently resulted in creating antagonism between the two sexes among laborers.

A closer view, however, reveals the

help them to find out how to make really enter into the matter but that laws in their own interest and not in the difficulty arises purely from economic causes. Woman had grown accustomed, be-

in which the laborers are made to make fore entering the industrial field, to accepting what was given to her.

Suddenly she became a laborer producing for commercial exchange, laid in the fact that the laborer's mind capitalism, recognizing two facts, first is ruled first, and through this he is led, that she would maintain her existence on less than man and further that she likewise exercise less power of resistence, forced her to accept what it

But now we must meet the fact that woman is frequently underbid in the labor world by workers with a yet lower standard of life than hers, who at the same time exhibit the same lack of resistance.

For instance, the shirt makers of this city were a strong and well-orgarized union when the Russian Jews began to enter the trade: The Jew had from certain causes grown customed to an extremely low standard of life and had also apparently lost all inclination to resist his further oppression. We find him, therefore, constituting the great majority of the workers in the "sweated" trades.

Stronger physically than the women shirt makers they could run the machines longer, and willing to work even cheaper than the women, the latter soon found themselves constantly underbid in the labor world and eventually their union was destroyed. "We cannot work as long or live as

cheap as they can and must give up, sald one of these women shirt makers. Aggin the Chinaman living on his few pennies a day can easily compete with women in the laundry trade.

All this goes to prove that in the onomic conflict it has been those who, maintaining life on the barest ne essities, have at the same time been able to make little resistance who have been pushed closest to the wall in the struggle for existence.

Woman, as we see, has been frequently outdone in this, so that the argument of sex opposition falls.

Only when the strength thus wasted by labor in dividing its own ranks, which is exactly similar to one wing of an army turning to rend the other

### Some Tragic Truths.

Well, sir; it is funny, just as funny as a funeral.

A political organization calling itself the Socialist Labor Party has arisen in America, an organization which is so blind to the tendency of the times as to declare that that state of society is not try, where the only pleasures are in banquets and races and other demoralizing sports, where no value is placed upon truth and infinite value outward success; where there is no true fraternalism, no true compassion no tenderness; where no poor man can go to law; where no genius is encouraged except for util arian ends where genius is not even appreciated or understood, much less rewarded where no high state official dares to use his voice against any crying evil, especially of a political nature; where the whole civilized world is fettered. deceived and mocked and made to con tribute to the power, pleasure and pride of a few rich individuals, and the minions upon whom they smile.

This party is so ridiculous as to ask if nothing is to be considered in life but the external glories, which appeal to the senses alone? They even inquire: makers union, Shall our eyes be diverted from the operations of universal law, and the inevitable consequences of its violafuture condition of our families and our country, in our estimate of himan Shall we ignore, in the happiness? dazzling life of a few favored extortioners, monopolists and successful gamblers, all that deep thought on the subject point out as the hope and

These people say that those things which are most valued today mpty, rotten, trifling; that everything in life which is truly precions is lost in First about the government. The see what are the ways in which it will the senseless grasp after what can give one thing which all the governments of b. fought, the character of the opposite the happiness, no permanent prostrue contentment while the frest masof the people are ground down by Handlert for all ares

they have an inexhaustible supply of riches within their own hearts and minds. They are warriors who care nothing for personal glory, and in their arguments they appeal more to the reason than to the passions or the imagination.

Yes, measure them if you can my jocund friends, by your miserable scale of dimes and pence. Empty upon them your vials of mean, contemptible, flippant criticism. Laugh at them to your hearts content, you frivolous, pleasure-seeking accidents of fortune. but through your laugh will leer the conviction that the Socialist Labor Party is the embodiment of a new spirit which has arisen in the world to break fetters which centuries of fraud and superstition and injustice have forged. Laugh, then, if you must, for fools always laugh at what they do not understand.

"Be good, be good," the father said, the the way be rough and stormy. some day you may be president, or a general in the army."

And the socialist son, wise in the ways of his generation, said, with due promptness, "Orrah, go on, you're only

fooling." Wise boy! Only too well he knew that in these days of grace the Be Good trench, and that which is due out in the way of high official position run lines which are far apart, and have to pass through the grave before they meet.

Mr. Dooley has characteristically expressed himself on the above subject in these words: "Ye're goin' to have them believe that if they behave thimselves and lead a virchuous life they'll marry rich an' go to congress. They'll wake up some day an' find out that gettin' money an' behavin' yerself don't always go together."

Benjamin was a little boy. He drove down to our house one evening with is father. The latter had some business to transact inside, and so left Benjamin sitting in the team. Seeing the little chap there alone, I went out to talk with him. He was not, however, a talkative child. He merely greeted me in return to my greeting, and sat thinking. The situation grew awkward, and by way of coaxing him to talk, I ventured the rascally statement, "That's quite a fine horse which you have there. Benjamin.'

He opened his sleepy eyes very wide. A queer light played over his face. Then he asked, with a quizzical grin,

What makes you think so?" I scanned the beast with a critical eye and after mature deliberation felt perfectly safe in speaking of the one virtue that displayed itself in his

"He never runs away, does he?" I

"Yes he does," was the reply, "he ran away the other day, broke the riage all to pieces, and nearly killed mamma and the baby."

Whenever you hear anyone who wishes to have something to say, lauding his country to the skies as a haven of rest for the average man, just look that person in the eye one minute and

What makes you think so?" See if you cannot by this one ques-tion put him in as bad a fix as my well meant praise put me. Catherine A. Tierney.

-The Proletarian.

There is but one kind of genuine socialism, however there are several grades, just like everything else in this anity one of the apostles speaks of feeding a certain class of converts on milk—of course, figuratively—they were so timid and fearful. So in these days we have a lot of "milk-sop" cialists (7) who are afraid of every idea that is strong and radical. These like the old party followers want a leader. in fact they need one, and most always have a "leader," too. But observe him closely and you will find a sly connection with capitalism. For that class never persecutes milk-sop socialistsdenounces their publications .-Pottstown Blade.

### Sweden.

The socialists of Sweden started a new daily in Goetelborg called "Ny Tid"-The New Time. The editor is E. Lindblad, prominent in the shee-

The following advertisement recently appeared in a St. Paul, Minn., daily:

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The members of the Socialist Labor Party have been "favored" recently with a circular letter purporting to be issued by the California State Committee, S. L. P.

It is a most artfully worded document, and has a long preamble upon the necessity of class-conscious organization and states that "revolutionary talk does not disturb the capitalist class but that an organization on revolutionary lines does," which is frue, but without establishing any relation between this truth and the possent party trouble the circular denounces as re-actionaries all comrades who do not endorse the deposed N. E. C.

The names signed to the circular are F. W. Low, J. H. Hall, H. McMahon, S. B. France, George Speed, E. W. Carpenter.

Whoever will refer to the "Class Struggie" will see that these men do not constitute the California State Ex.

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Committee

### Los Angeles.

Whereas, On July 10th, Section Greater New York of the S. L. P., through its General Committee, constitutionally deposed the then existing N. E. C. of the Party, and appointed another in its stead, which action, on referendum, vote was sustained by three-fourths of the Section members of Section New York, who had jurisdiction in the matter, subject to a vote of the entire party, and Whereas. The City Central Committee of Section Los Angeles, after an alleged trial, sustained a charge of treason against our Comrade Job Harriman, for expressing his opinion on the constitutionality of the act of Section Comrade Job Harriman, for expressing his opinion on the constitutionality of the act of Section Comrade Job Harriman, for expressing his opinion on the constitutionality of the act of Section Comrade Job Harriman of said City Central Committee, and thereby honorably acquitted said Job Harriman of said Cammittee, and thereby honorably acquitted said Job Harriman of said Charge, and

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Whereas, Section Los Angeles, as a
whole, through a majority of its members, by said referendum vote, repudiated the action of said City Central
Committee, and thereby honorably acquitted said Job Harriman of said
charge, and
Whereas A materity of said City

Section Los Angeles, S. L. P., to en-dorse these resolutions; and be it fur-

Hesolved. That we recognize the ac-Resolved, That we recognize the action of Section Greater New York and of Sections New York aforesaid, as constitutional, and hereby endorse the new N. E. C. subject to a convention or a referendum vote of the party.

W. A. Corsy,
Secretary 1rd Ward Branch,
J. T. Spring,
Chairman,

# METHODS OF PROPAGANDA.

Suggestions for the Help of Chicago Workers.

been sitting down long enough waiting at absence of facts.

Job Harriman, G. B. Benham, Willlam Edlin, Cameron King, Sr., Camgroup King, Jr., are all called 'traitora,'
adventurers, 'rascals,' with 'smooth and unctious speech,' they should be 'shunned by every honest man, and 'should be branched as rascals,' to the assistance of their New York counterpart they immediately flew, as buszards scent a putrid carcass and gather to the feast, there came a choice collection of adventurers, legal lights, cockroach business men, etc., all because of the natural crookedness, etc.

No facts being given, and nothing but, yituperation being their stöck in trade, it is only necessary to call attention to the character of the circularin order to expose its flagrant discgard of honesty and truth, and its opposition to the cardinal principles upon which the S. L. P. was founded. It is to be lamented that men professing to be socialists will stoop to such billingsgate. There are many things that could be said about the supporters of this unprincipled coterie in regard to 'exploitation' and 'natural crookedness' but it is sufficient to say against them that they acknowledge the authorship of this inframous document.

As reprehensible as the end they seek, these men, most gross and shortsighted, think that such abuse will serve to further their cause.

As to the charges made against the members of the S. L. P. it is certain that no facis have ever been or can be brought against them. Until facts are produced, authors of such circulars should be looked upon as persons to be avoided in society and outside the paic of socialist consideration.

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prosperity for the capitalists and over-work for the laborer, it is possible for every member to get twenty names in two months without sacrificing his im-mediate individual interests. And if any socialistic propagation worthy of the name is to be carried on, the method should have a permanent place in the resular factics.

quitted said Job Harriman of said charge, and Whereas, A majerity of said City Central Committee in violation of the party constitution, and section by laws altered the returns of said referendum vote, discarding sufficient votes in favor of said Job Harriman and accepting sufficient votes against him to make it appear that said charge of treason was sustained, and Whereas, It is evidenced by these acts, has violated the constitution of the S. L. P. and by-laws of Section Los Angeles, in good standing, do hereby declare that said City Central Committee has, by its gets forfeited all rights to recognition as an official body of this Section; and be it Resolved. That we a majority of the Resolved. The transfer of the Branch Secretaries to make final arrangements for the to make final arrangements for the wither's indoor meetings in the wither's indoor meetings and to E. M. Stangents for the wither's indoor meetings arrangements for the wither's indoor meetings and to E. M. Stangents for the wither's indoor meetings arrangements for the wither's i

#### THE WAGE SLAVE.

is jubilant with easy markets and five hours a day; the use of the fines great profits and the time of overwork and here animal existence for deluded wage slaves. It is trange to one who has read the economic truths of Marx. Morgan, Letourneau and like sociologists to see how ignorant the present workers of many capitalistic countries are about the relation of labor and capital, etc. This is especially true of

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SYRACUSE, N. Y.
General Section meeting every Wed-needsy evening until election, at Staub's Hall, corner Knaul and But-

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BRANCH 2 meets 2nd Tuesday each BRANCH 2 meets 2nd Tuesday each month.

BRANCH 5 meets 3rd Thursday each month at Huar' Hall, corner N. Sa-