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ARE WE INTOLERANT

If So Is Toleration Always to Be Considered a Virtue.

THOSE NOT FOR ARE AGAINST.

A Voice From Australia Preaching the Same Story of the Class Struggle Between Laborer and Capitalist.

This is the age of tolerance. No fad is too absurd, no doctrine is too outrageous, to be received and discussed. We have no settled belief in anything: we are always "open to conviction." We arrange debates on the most important subjects; and then decide, by the toss of a coin, which side we shall take. We deem him most liberal who Like the Athenians of old, we are always ready to hear or to tell some new thing. Oh, that a Paul would come to awaken us as the great Paul awakened them! Our minds are common sinks for the refuse of the streets. Is there nothing higher to aspire to than thisto be a dustbin for political rubbish? Is it true, as has been said, that all the inventions and discoveries of the age are merely improvements in muck-

Friends, our tolerance is a vice; bigo try would be preferable to it. We are tolerant only because we are unbelieving. We must believe in ourselves This is the first and greatest commandment, without which all others are nothing. Let us clear our minds, once for all time, of the shifting rubbish that has so long cumbered them; let the pure streams of thought flow through them. Let us talk no more of opinions where we should have convic-tions-"opinions" in matters that concern us, heart and soul. Leave opin ion to the shallow-minded, to the chattering nonentitles. Unless we have something more than that, our talk of Democracy is a mere cant; our fight for freedom a mere sham. Have we no beliefs at all? What are our ideals, if any? Now is the time of trial. This is the touchstone that tells the gold from the dross; this is the line that separates the chatterers from the earnest soul; that you believe with your whole heart and with all your mind.

We hear much talk about the evils of party animosity. We are congratulated on the fact that that animosity is dying out; that the dividing lines of parties are being eliminated. The newspapers often preach on the text, "It is possible for the deadliest political enemies to be personal friends." Bitterness of feeling or violence of (except at election time) is now considered "bad form" in a politician. The labor members and the plutocratic members dine together and drink, and refer to another as "my honorable friend." Outside Parliamen the position is similar. All agitation, all stirring up of class hatred, is conmned on every side. We hold Eight Hours celebrations, certainly: but, lest invite sweaters to speak at the ban-quets. We applaud the cant phrases about the interest of the masters and that whosoever injures the former in-We paint on our banners, we hang in our house, emblematical pictures representing Labor and Capital shaking

Is this the true position, then? Is Capital the friend of Labor? Are the sweaters, the usurers, the land-grabbers, the stock-exchange gamblers, the lords, the syndicated exploiters, the subsidised upholders of capitalismsubsidized upholders of capitalismare these, I ask, the friends of the ter egainst them behind their backs though we cringe when they look at us; and why are we always complaining of the station in life in which it has pleased Providence and our goo friends to place us for our own good? If they are not: if, so far from being the friends, they are the inveterate enemies of the workers: if we regard them as oppressors: if, as we exclair at excited moments, they have stolen our birth-rights, and still conspire to hate and detest them and their infamous system of exploitation—why in the name of all the gods at once do we continue to palter with them?

in their brutal struggle for wealth and power. We see the victims of their brutality all around us: in the hos-pitals, in the goals, in the iunatic asylums, in the unemployed meetings, in the rookeries of the slums. How many there are that we do not see!-in the cemeteries, sent there before their time; in many a wretched home, prematurely worn out, or crushed and distorted by machinery.

Consider the fearful loss of life and of limbs, in the course of a single year, caused by machinery accidents, the greater number of which are attributable to the oriminal negligence of employers. Consider the homes ruined by the extortions of landlords and money lords. Consider the thousands that are hopelessly tolling in factories with the light of their souls going This is the greatest loss of all: the loss of soul, the loss of that individuality which is life itself.

It is surely impossible that anyone with a heart can contemplate these things without feeling the most intense hatred and loathing of those who are gives readlest ear to the opinions of the authors of them, and of those who are of soul are the great political virtues. hold the system that allows these atrocities to go on unchecked.

> This is no time for nice distinctions; we cannot stay to distinguish the ignorant from the criminal, the good or the merciful capitalist from the bad: they are all alike, supporters of the system, and must bear the consequences. Those who are not with us are against us. Nothing is so perni-cious as tenderness in such circumstances as these. The fear, that perhaps, one or two innocent persons may suffer from our action deters us, and leaves tens of thousands to go to their loom. Victor Hugo could have prevented the coup d' etat and the massacres of 1851; but he would not, because, in order to do so, he might possibly have had to kill Louis Napoleon and a few of his friends-by no means innocent. So it is always with us.

Our enemies are fully aware of the workers' weakness in this respect; and they never fall to play upon the tenderness, the mercy of the people, to stay the coming of the Day of Retribution. Every great reform has been met, and for a time delayed, by this whining cant about the injustice that it may do to some two or three worthy persons. If you abolish rotten boroughs, you ruin the "poor but honest" squire; if you aholish slavery, you starve the "poor widow with a few slaves;" if you pass land laws you ruin the "poor man with a small allotment;" if you pass factory acts, you throw the old men out of employment. Dickens admirably satirised this cant in "Bleak House:" "If you abolish Canibalism, what will become of the Vowleses?"

Let us put aside these foolish scruthere can be no neutrals: those who

hallenge to be thrown to us at a time There must be no more half-hearted fighting, no paltering, no more bandythis Fontency bowing and scraping these courteous invitations: men of the plutocratic guards please "War is never lenient," says lacaulay, "but where it is wanton." In a struggle for freedom and justice ples and no hesitation; all honorable; nothing is dishonorable, with the enemy. It is time enough to be lenient when the victory is won. "Peace after Victory:" bourne, Australia.

The emperor of Germany has again declared that he rules by grace of God alone. But nevertheless he found himcialists in the past week when he saw his Penitentlary Bill turned down. At the same time the empress is expressing her great sorrow that the disespectful socialists in the Berlin city uncil, not only refused to vote the subsidies for churches which she orbe scolded when she sent in her letter throne with the "Divine right of kings" adly battered in.

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Philanthropic Masters.

ADVERTISING AND CHARITY. DO LABORERS WANT WORK?

The Best That "Civilization" Can Do Is No Consolation to be Told That Improved to Feast Its Slaves Once a Year and Call It Charity.

"Charitable people will loosen the strings of their purses Thanksgiving day, next Thursday, and the heart's of Chicago's poor will be gladdened by feasts fift for a king." Thousands of turkeys are to be given to the hungry newsboys or waifs. The day of thanks will be celebrated in this city on a much larger scale than ever before. The hungry youngster will be hard to find in this city when Thanksgiving day is past if the plans of the different societies are all carried out.

In Tattersall's there will be a feast which it is expected thousands upon thousands will attend. Ministers of the south, north and west sides have banded together and will follow out the plan of last year on an enlarged scale. Long tables will be placed in the building and all who ask will be given a Thanksgiving dinner they will remember. Mince ple and cranberry sauce will be just as preminent as the king of the birds. The committee is depending upon the aid of the givers of charity, and while the contributions have been large more is needed to supply the demand.

The feast of the newsboys at Woolf's clothing house, Monroe and Sale streets, will be a sight worth going to see. Last year 8,000 boys dined off turkey and other good things, but ext Wednesday 12,000 boys will sit down to dine with the compliments of the Site street clothier. Senator Mason has been invited to address the boys and it is expected he will attend. Mr. Woolf has bought 480 turkeys, five barrels of ranshed potatoes, four barrels of cranberry sauce, twenty-eight harrels of apples, 1,000 gallons of mill, 550 loaves of bread, fifty boxes of grapes, 10 bunches of bananas, twenty boxes of oranges, 950 dozen cakes and 1,200 nssorted pics.

The Chicago flower mission will lend its zid in giving good cheer to the poor. Since 1874 the mission has heightered the heart of many a poor person with flowers, books or little danties, Last year 12,000 bunches of flowers were given away, but even this number will be fincreased this year. — Chicago Daily News.

And this is the best that civilization has to offer at the close of this mary dous century of progress when man his finished the fight with nature and improved the tools with which he works until he can produce a thousand fold uttermost isles of the earth can be laid under tribute for his morning meal. At a time when we are told "prosperity" reigns as it has never before been known; at a time when in thousands of thousands of churches thanks ure, not work; rest, not toil; recrea-are being given that all is so well, here tion, not labor. He does not want Let us put aside these rooms are in this great city of West, in the ples. What though a few worthy persons are injured in our struggle for of a garden spot for productiveness, and instilce; the fault is not and in communication with every corner of the earth, with its factories sup-Armageddon, whose day is almost here, piled with the most perfect machinery, duction of, the machine that it does and its laborers as skilled as the world not throw anybody out of work. Why are not with us are gaainst us. It is knows, we are told that there are still that is just what it should do. Every time to choose sides.

"thousands upon thousands" who are time a machine is made somebody expected to grasp at this chance to get ought to have more leisure. Every one full meal in the course of a year, invention should lighten the burden But why should we walt for the final expected to grasp at this chance to get when, perhaps, we shall be at a great disadvantage? Our great struggles in the past were mainly defensive. It of hunger have driven away all vestige tion We are told that there is this vast resting upon the shoulders of the workshould not be so. We are the oppressed; we should be aggressors.

Why do we hesitate? There is eternal who have enslaved them that the lowwho have enslaved them that the lowculture, education and refinement. It

Lord, them consume with fire and war between us and the plutocratic est animal want may be satisfied for a ought to mean fewer women in the army—war to the death. How long single time in the 365 days of the year. workshop, more comforts in the home. shall we continue to stand feebly on All hall to the powers that be! It should be the means of abolishing Lord, they are poor and ignorant, the defensive? That policy is ruinous. Thanksgiving to McKinley and prosperity, that there are 12,000 homeless, friendless, hungry boys in this city who have been denied all right of education. they might fight the battles of capitalto fire!" Leave the niceties of war to If they did not exist how else would those who fight for pleasure or for this State street vender of sweat-shop "ready-mades" secure his annual advertisement under the guise of charity? Not that he as an individual is to there should be no leniency, no scru- blame. If he did not do it someone who could devise some cheaper mode would take his place.

The place to put the blame is upor the heads of the fellows who agree that it is perfectly proper that these wanwomen and children should be cut off from all opportunity to produce: Blame those who declare each year at the ballot box that they are willing that all these wonderful instruments of production and distribution of goods be the private property of a

The only class that have the power to change this condition,—the only class who have the votes, the only class the very class from which these starv-ing, homeless, hopeless objects of charity were taken—the laboring class. If they do not like this situation then let Party and work for its abolition.

Now is the time for every section in

Chicago Slaves Fed by Their Employment Given by Labor-say ing Machines.

Machinery Makes More Work Even If True.

A Chicago paper recently contained a full-page article with the title "Employment for labor increased by laborsaving devices." In it the old arguments were all rehashed to show that the improved methods of production displaced no one. As these have been disposed of over and over again by socialists it seems useless to dwell socialists it seems useless to dwell Yet that is what capitalism preposes, upon them now. But the curious thing and those who vote for capitalist parabout it is that it is always taken for ties agree that it is correct. granted both by laborers and capitalists that, if it were true everything would be all right. It is only a part of the careful training which capitalism to make him easy to rule, that he is taught to believe that in and of itself. "employment" is the thing most to be desired. If his toll has not been lightened, if his master can still find a place to make a profit out of his exertions he never stops to think if there can be anything wrong.

At this point the wage-slave is the have ever lived. No negro would have accepted as sufficient excuse for con sidering the cotton gin a good thing that it kept more chattel slaves busy No galley slave of ancient Rome would have declared in favor of a machine for ship propulsion on the ground that he could use it more hours than he could the old-fashioned car. Yet over and over again, in the unions as well as in the fashionable clubs for economic discussion the only question ar gued concerning the effect of the machine upon the laborers is the one as to whether it displaces labor. If this point is decided in the negative then the laborer is supposed to have no reason for complaint. .

Of course this is only an illustration of an old old story of the class struggle and the two methods of looking at a thing. When industry is looked at from the capitalist point of view, the great good to be secured is to keep the wage slaves employed. It is through their work that the capitalist lives. Hence their work is a good thing in

But how about the laborers? Is not the thing which he really desires leismore hours to exert his strength, he wants more time to enjoy himself. How idictic it is then for him to accept as a justification for the intro-Every improvement in produc tion should mean shorter hours of toll, some particularly obnoxious form of abor or of creating new enjoyments for the workers.

And worse Compared with us, how different in manner, garb and lineament, And purse.

From this point of view then, let us Lord, let them never get to see some particularly obnoxious form of labor or of creating new enjoyments for the workers.

look at the above article.

"No manufacture offers a more strik-"No manufacture offers a more striking illustration of the apparent displacement of man by machine than the textile industry. With the power loom the weaver now weaves 180 picks in a minute, while with the old hand loom he could weave but sixty. When the power loom was first introduced one weaver was required for each loom, but recent improvements have made it possible for one operative to attend to ten looms."

times as much and each man tends ten times as many looms, so that each cloth as with the old hand loom. Now people did not go naked. Indeed the laborers were clothed in strong, warm homespun that kept the cold out as well as the more fashionable readywhy all should not be thirty times better clothed than then or else they should now only work twenty minutes . day where they worked ten hours then. place. On the contrary the women and children have been forced into the mills instead of the man, and more laborers with their families suffer for clothing

The socialist points out that the reason for this is that this machine is Chicago to take hold of the matter of the property of the capitalist class the Christmas Ball for the benefit of the Workers' Call. See that all tickets sent out are properly distributed hence reap all the benefits of the improved method of production. But let the property of the capitalist class produces above his cost of living and you be ready to renew. proved method of production. But let

MAN us go on with the improvement de-scribed in the article referred to.

scribed in the article referred to,

"The ring frame improvements in the spinning process have displaced that line of labor to such an extent that but one-third the number of operatives formerly required is now necessary. With the single spindle hand wheel one spinner could spin five skeins of No. 32 twist in fifty-six hours. The modern mule spianing machine, containing 2,124 spindles, produces with the assistance of one operator and two small girls, 55,098 skeins of the same thread in the same time.

"With the old hand loom one weaver could weave forty-two yards of coarse cotton cloth in a week; now a single operator can turn out 3,000 yards of the same product in the same time. The Commissioner of Labor computes that in the manufacture of cotton goods alone improved machinery has reduced muscular labor 50 per cent in the production of the same quality of goods."

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Will anyone say that the laborers have reaped the full benefit of these wonderful improvements if they are still kept busy all the time at the same rates, or even a trifle more than they were before the inventions were made?

The socialist declares that these inventions should belong to the workers who made them and are using them and that they, and they alone should cal matter-of-fact people, and we pride has given to the mind of the laborer reap the full benefit of the increased ourselves upon our up-to-date wisdom, powers of production. He declares and assume an attitude of mingled that when as laborer finds a way to pity, curiosity and contempt, when the produce ten times as much with the simplicity and credulity of former ages same amount of labor the toil of the world should be decreased and and hence he wishes to secure and utilgreatest fool of all the slaves that distribution in the interest of all producers.

THE LANDLORD'S PRAYER.

We have received the following from correspondent:

You have noticed. I suppose, that Grant Ailen who died recently was never spoken of as a socialist in the newspaper sketches which accompanied his obituary notice. I send you the following poem which I have kept by me many years, and if you are short of copy you might use it to show something of what Grant Allen's ideas were.

Lord, keep us rich and free from toil,

Lord, keep us rich and free from toil,
For we
Are honored holders of Thy soil,
Which democrats would fain despoil
With glee,
O Lord, Thou knows't we got the land
By serving men whom Thy right hand
Had chosen to be great and grand
As Kings,
Though fa'en by stealth we're not to
blame,
Thou knows't, O Lord, it is a shame
To say to us of titled name
Such things.

Lord let us live in Wealth's content And peace. For we were by Thy mercy meant To rule mankind and make our rent Increase.
The birds that haunt the moors and

The birds that swim in streams and rills. The fish that swim in streams and rills. The beasts that roam as Nature wills We own.
E'en Lord, the minerals that he Beneath the earth's periphery.
Belong to us. Thou knowest why Aione.

Lord, on the ragged rabble frown
For they
Are foes to us, Thy Church and Crown
Lord, bare thine arm and grind then
down
To clay

To clay.
O Lord our God, we make the Laws
Which they reject with wild applause.
Be Thou a Buckler to our Cause,
Caste.
They scorn our love, Thy name and
Word

At last.

The power that lies in Unity,
Keep them apart from us, for we
Are men.
Protect us from their vile demand:
Protect us from their greedy hands,
Protect us in our wealth and lands,
Amen, Amen.
Grant Allen.

It is being suggested that the congestion of population in New York be relieved by the construction of a set of "house-boats" on which the laborers idea is secured from Canton and the article concludes "Manhattan is already crowded almost to the point of inconvenience. The desire to be near the center of population will without question lead to floating cities on the inglet that since food is getting short the laborer be restricted to mice and rats with rice dressing and as there are not enough clothes they might be contented with the Chinese over-garment and wooden soled shoes. To be sure it cialists that as a matter of fact there this country and boundless riches of food and clothing material. But hold on, these are all for the use of the present owning class and the laborers

Do not fear to take this paper from the office. Some one has paid for it it you have not and no bill will be sent.

MAKE THE BALL A SUCCESS!

MODERN SORCERERS

How the Practical People of Today are Hoodwinked.

IMPROVED SORCERY OF TODAY

Up-to-date, Capitalist Methods of Weaving Spells About the Heads of the Laborers,

It has often been remarked, and doubtless with much truth, that the childhood of the human race has invariably delighted in the fanciful and unreal, and the various folklore these early periods recounting the marvelous achievements of magicians, enchanters and sorcerers, at present forms a literature whose principal object is to delight and astonish the children of this modern era, just as it performed a similar service for the adult children of the past.

But we are now of course all practiand assume an attitude of mingled is brought to our superior potice.

With our nineteenth century knowledge we are perfectly certain that Alcomforts increased. He insist that it edge we are perfectly certain that Alis not work but results that he is after ladin's lamp could not possibly endow its possessor with those wonderful ize all the powers of production and powers described in the "Arabian Nights," that King Solomon's ring contained no magic potency, that a draught from the cup of Circe was really incapable of transforming human being into hogs, wolves or tigers, that the stories related of Cornelius Agrippa, Dr. Faustus and a heat of other magicians are absolutely mythi-cal, and when Sir Walter Scott in describing the magical effect of a perusal of the Wizard's mystical volume upon a forbidden or unworthy reader, says that

"It had much of glamour might
Could make a ladye seem a knight
The cobwebs on a dungeon wall
Seem tapestry in lordly hal!
A nut-shell seem a gilded barge
A sheeling seem a palace large
And youth seem age, and age seem
youth
All was delusion, naught was truth."

we feel inclined to congratulate ourselves that we are living in an age of realities, where the magician is super-fluous, his profession regarded every-where as a rank imposture, and his occupation gone forever. To hypnotize us would of course be utterly impossible. We possess direct vision. have the faculty of seeing things as

This is no doubt a very comforting belief. It reflects great credit upon our intelligence, as compared with that of those past generations whom we criticize. It flatters our self-conceit, gives us a good opinion of ourselves, and is right in line with the pleasant tributes to our practical insight and shrewd business ability which are always forthcoming when certain politil cal leaders and other "smart" conclude that the salvation of the country depends upon their election to office, and perceive that our votes are necessary to enable them to accomplish that most laudable object.

Perhaps for the above and other similar reasons, this belief is almost universally held.

A slight study of modern conditions the writer now proposes—to wit: that the practice of necromancy and entionary process, through which its old names and formulas, while fulfilling the same functions, and wielding perhaps an even greater power.

Who or what class is it then, noon whom the mantle wonder-worker has fallen? Who are the present representatives of this litical seviors of society whose recogni-tion of our intellectual abilities is to us a guarantee of their own powers of correct observation? Is it possible that they would attempt to delude and mystify those whose knowledge and shrewdness they publicly proclaim upon all necessary occasions? They don't employ the mystic circle, sign, sigil or horoscope. They possess neither magic wand, ring or lamp. Inwards are not considered necessary in their business. They are quite as up-And yet a consideration of the modern parent possibilities, contrasted with the conclusion that the enchanters art or to be found amongst that class who are in possession of the economic and po-litical power, and in their hands is still capable of producing delusions which are accepted as resilities by that identical majority who pride selves so much upon their clear-vision.

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WORLD POLITICS.

There are times when the drama of history is being played for the first time with the world for a stage. Hitherto some little corner of the world has been occupied by some nation that has been the torch-bearer of civilization for its epoch and having played its part the leading position has been resigned to another.

But today capitalism has wiped out all distinctions and made the entire world one common battlefield on which the struggles for commercial and through that all other forms of, supremacy shall be fought out.

We have previously pointed out ho the process of development had reached the point where America, England and Japan were grouped as the great capitalistic nations with all the other western powers against then under the leadership of Russia. W have shown how these different forces seemed to be gathering about China preparatory to the final struggle.

During the past few weeks there have been some new developments along this line. Germany seems to have seen the handwriting on the wail and to be making a desperate effort to get into the "loaded wagon." The German emperor is trying his best to secure some form of an alliance with England which will enable him to link his fortunes with the ruling side when the fight comes. His action is hastened by the fact that the socialist movement has now reached a point in Germany there the laboring class can no longer considered as political nonenities. as they are in England and America and are having a little to say about the way their destinies shall be managed.

He sees that if his bill for increasing no longer be in a position to fight with his fellow robbers for the wealth of the workers. Hence he is seeking to ally himself with a bandit who has shown eater skill in the management of his fighting and working slaves.

Russia, meanwhile, is "making hay while the sun shines." She is doing her best to stir up trouble for England while the latter is busy with her plunring expedition in South Africa. But Japan has shown that she knows how to play her part of the scheme by howing every sign of hostility to Russia short of open warfare. America too, is hurrying up her little robbing expedition in the Philippines to be dy for any new fields for similar enterprise that may enter. There are frequent rumore affoat that Schley has seen ordered to proceed with a fleet to South Africa, merely as a "peace But we believe that the Maine was once sent to Havanna on a similar mission and in the series of eccidents that followed it "happened" that Dewey was at Hong Kong and was "forced" to take Manila.

However, the ruling class in the United States seem to be impressed with the idea just at present that they are able to "go it alone." A recent article in a Chicago paper by a German ercial agent pointed out that ell the world in an open market.

All recent experience would tend to SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE. ear this out. Consequently they have no need for conquest. All they ask is an "open door."

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Harper's Weekly expressed this very pointedly. China stands in the fo.eground and towards her are pressing all the European powers and Japan and armed with all manner of weapons. But between them and China and pushing them into the background which he is showing to China.

The lesson is deeper than appears at first sight. It means that under capitalism cheapness is more powerful than bayonets, cannons and Gatling guns, and that if the capitalists of America really have the most servile laborers can conquer the world more easily est it is wielded. with those wage slaves than other nations can with fighting slaves.

The only question for American lamarked their actoions in the past and markets of the world.

THE CONVENTION.

Every day that brings the convention convention will be the largest and most ever met in the United States, and it be an absolute failure. will undoubtedly determine to a large extent the policy and tactics of that

movement during the next few years. having rid itself of the elements that breakers. The "Owl" saloon is considhad so long made it a ridiculous anomaly in the midst of the world-wide proletarian revolt can now have an opportunity to grow and develope in proportion to the growth and development of the capitalism from which it comes and against which it fights.

It seems to us that there are certain principles of action which must be laid down around which the workers of America can and will rally. In the first place there must be no deviation from the clear-cut, revolutionary class-conscious position which has ever animated the S. L. P. in the past. There might have been a time when this position could have been ques- luge" "Whisky Row?" tioned. When the Manifesto was prophecy, not history, there was much to be determined as to tactics. But the exborers. It has shown that the material interests which lie at the bottom of every form of life dominate in the social realm and that nothing can be nopoly." accomplished save by working in harmony with them.

Historical research has also shown that social development comes through series of class revolutions-that one class having risen to the ruling position perfects the social institutions appears before the uprising of a sub- Wooten of Texas. ject class that has risen to be of prime economic importance. Socialism holds that at present the capitalist class has overthrown by the laboring class.

s the logical deduction as to tactics that the workers have no interest in reforms within day outgrown and must give way to revolutionary measures. Hence we have little need for "immediate demands" or temporary expedients.

The Socialist Labor Party must be the training ground, and to some extent the prototype of the coming society. Therefore it must be democratic to the last degree. All semblance of ber away with. Let those who wish worship the one paper, one mind, one city, interest in such folly.

It is fair to presume that all the intelligence of the party not being concentrated in any one place there are men in each geographical section who are capable of directing their own propaganda. They should have the right to choose their own organizers and not be compelled to submit to the personal tools of any clique. We want

no more Hickeys, Keeps or Keinards. These are a few general principles around which the party organization and propaganda should be built up. They are the fundamental positions which nearly every true socialist will great extent. No wonder they con-admit. Put those and the resulting de-sider the Transvaal and its people tails should at be discussed long be-fore the convention. Time is much cheaper now than when we are all as-sembled there. Let us be as ready as possible before

The authorities in New York have just put an end to what is now called A cartoon in the last number of us analyze this: - Promoter Miller advertised widely the fact that the Franklin Syndicate would pay a ten that epoch-making event. per cent dividend weekly upon capital invested. The bait was as simple as those who bit at it. And a large numwith the most hostile manifestations ber of policemen, letter carriers, church Conference insisted upon the right to members, and "business" men of about \$500 calibre, gainered around greedily to get-what? Ten per cent per week as a dividend. Something of course stands "Uncle Sam" in the guise of a that they did not work for. Something drummer with a satchel full of samples that must be the result of the OTHER tests against its use by the Boers. FELLOW'S LABOR, And these "in-nocent investors" had to be protected against their own foolish greed by the authorities. The same authorities who recently "shuffled off this mortal coil" send the police and militia and fulminate injunctions against workingmen who only strive to secure a portion of the fruits of THEIR OWN LABOR. Great is authority; great is the law; and the cheapest raw material they but it entirely depends in whose inter-. . .

borers to decide is as to whether they factory owners, but according to Busi-reward, etc., etc., etc. ences between the planomakers and the will continue the same whole-souled ness Agent Fold it is not likely that marked their actions in the past and anything will be arbitrated. The owners of the factories realize the power of cheerfully give up the larger portion of their product for their masters to placed in their hands by the lack of the former, and the former we are in reality a banquet, and that there is gamble with and fight over in the class-consciousness amongst the workers. Now if the Piano Workers' Union the latter. will spend the time that they are compelled to waste in trying to obtain more reasonable conditions of labor, in studying their real interests as worknearer should be filled with prepara- ingmen, and give proper expression to tion. There is no doubt but what this it on election day the strike will not the "sacred right" of such disposition, identical with "tenestries in lordiv representative socialist gathering that insignificant concession the strike will matter, he would have received some hawking his labor power around the Modern Socialism—Vail.

The city police are going to reform "Whisky Row," and the "Levee" is to be made a center of morality. Strange The socialist movement in America names crop up amongst the alleged latered the worst. How can that be? Its alleged owner was a member of the state legislature of Illinois, and one of the "noble 101" who elected United States Senator John M. Palmer. Can it that our law makers and keepers of houses of ill fame are the same? Not only of the same kind but cmbodied in the same person.

> But there is something strange about this. There are saloons in "Whisky Row" just as vile as the Owl, kept by has so far managed to elude the ex-policemen and active politicians, grasp of the glove and leather trust, but they are neither mentioned or disturbed. Can it be that the coolness to continue to hang on to his little said to exist between "Bath House chance to exploit until he is crushed John, "Hinky Dink," and the owner of by economic development. He is perthe "Owl,"

perience of millions of socialists in all about the blighting influence of mo- the "shallow philosophy" of socialism. every land on earth has shown that no nopply" and how advantageous it Does he realize that that "shallow one but the laborers can free the la- would be to them to be robbed by a philosophy" is today the accepted ecohost of small plunderers whose identity

> The make-up of this gathering is peculiar. It comprises Jones" of no party, William Sulzer, York, Robert McKisson of Cleveland,

From the nature of the proposed them, and we will no longer gathering and the large, variety of him. The paper will be stopped. species represented, the manager would performed its work and is about to be do well to visit Lincoln park too and get a few pointers from the keepers, which might be of value in keeping this happy family in order.

What are they after. That will make of capitalism. Those are the tasks of to prepare a tall for the Democratic popularly supposed peculiar political howl, to tell the credits them. orkingmen in what their interests don't consist.

Emperor William has honored the the residence of the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, who as we all rememofficialism, or dictation must be done The fact that we workingmen provided the wealth which enabled her to purchase the Duke, and as we still prowe can justly claim the right to bask through the Duchess,

It is a curious spectacle to see Dr. | Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the which is the essence of the wage sys Transvaal trying to enlist the aid of tem, and who have actually feit the the capitalist governments of Europe, heavy hand of capitalist class law, by asserting that "the mining laws of still adhere to the curious theory that the Transvaal are the met liberal in they are "free"men? the world, aand prevent capitalists "liberality" is not calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of capitalists to any "undeveloped." and laugh Dr. Leyd" pretensions as a "diplomat" to scorn.

The remarkable results of the Peace

with the war in South Africa. Such captions as "run the Boers through with bayonets," "British officers the "Franklin Syndicate swindle." Let moved down with dum-dum bullets." "treacherous use of the white flag," etc., are a beautiful commentary upor

> Incidentally we might call attention to the fact that Great Britain at the use the dum-dum. But now that the other fellow is firing it, it at once be comes a barbarous instrument of warfare, and General Methuen with a fine sense of morality and humanity pro-

Private William Anthony, the coolheaded hero of the "Maine" disaster, by swallowing two ounces of poison. He couldn't get work after leaving the service, became despondent and followed the example of thousands of others similarly situated. Yet less than ers similarly situated. Yet less than two years ago his name and fame was widely advertised and he was spoken of as a splendid specimen of American heroism. It is now in order for some heroism. It is now in order for some bourgeols objector to bring out the old left left with the old state of the similarly situated. Yet less than garded as dreamers and visionaries, if wealth. Engels—Development of Socialism from Utonia to Science.

Such curious paradoxes chosen at random might be continued almost Benham—The Crimes of Capitalism. Benham—The led Flas. The authorities have also been cafled heroism. It is now in order for some upon in this city to arbitrate the differ- bourgeois objector to bring out the old indefinitely. gag "How do you socialists propose to

> Thanksgiving was celebrated by all sure gave thanks for the stupidity of no possibility of better fare.

Dewey the hero of Manila Bay has those who maintain at the same time cotton draperies on her windows pointers no doubt, as to the nature of city on the chance of securing a possi been spared much annoyance.

LETTER BOX.

The Workers' Cail. Chicago, III.—
Gentlemen—You are sending your paper to the wrong man when you send it to me, and I want you to stop sending the paper to me, as it annays me to take it out of the postoffice box, as I am not a believer in your shallow doctrine, and would not take time to read the sheet anyway. Trusting you will try your efforts on some one cisc which you may convert. I remain, etc. which you may convert, I remain, etc.

The above letter is from a manufacturer of gloves and mittens who chance to exploit until he is crushed stroyed him, is again paralleled in the the "Owl," is responsible for the feetly correct. Some comrade made a "moral wave" which threatens to deper sent to this man. It is not yet to his interest to know anything about next January in opposition to the to hear a man who has closed his eyes trusts. Workingmen are going to hear and ears to its truths talking about nomic creed of the greatest thinkers is often concealed, instead of by a few the universities of Europe have pro-"Golden Rule Does he know that it is today the accepted doctrine of over ten million Tammany Congressman from New thinking people scattered in aimost every land the sun touches on his daily strictly republican; John P. Altgeld of journey? Does he know that it is the the "Altgeld" party, and a whole host theoretic expression of a movement of other non-descripts including that before whom he and his class will be which are to its interest and then dis- famous rhetorical wind-bag. Dudley like mounds of sand before a tidal wave? Oh, no! He knows none of these thighs, nor does he want to know

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Modern Sorcerers

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the capitalist class. It is for the laboring but the Democratic "Anti-Trust" evil spirit, to whom they had sold ist sorcery will no longer possess the ers of it and would be working out ers to show that such reforms are to- plank will be practically adopted just themselves by compact, and in whose power of distortion over the eyes and their lives for the privilege of living the same, and when they adjourn, each interests they performed the marvel- minds of the workers, and a new era (tit death crued them to the potier's animal will go home emitting his own lous actions with which tradition

And this parallel holds good at pres ent with their modern pretotypes. Many of our "silver-tongued orators and political "spell-binders" are merely terests they operate, and with whom Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt certain amount of the realized plunder shall be their reward.

If the practice of sorcery has really disappeared, if it is no longer possible one-man principle-socialists have no vide targely the means for his support to make fiction appear as reality, there are certainly many questions relating in the reflected glory which the visit to the mental attitude of the working of the Emperor has conferred upon us classes on matters economic, that urgently require explanation.

Why is it for instance that millions who are doomed to the life of slavery

Why is it that many people insist upon the fact that this is an "age progress," and boast of the wonderful give books with single six months of changes which this century has seen. and then hurl the "As it was in the beginning" theory at those who tall ing offer for clubs: For each dollar's their attention to the effect of those

What is the reason that those who

headlines of the various papers dealing render a further portion of the very things for which they are desperately struggling) acquire a reputation as officers philanthropists and benefactors of the human race by so doing?

Why is it that the greed, villany and amongst peoples extertion, current outside our own borders can be clearly perceived, while the same or even greater abuses in our midst generally pass unnoticed?

What sort of knowledge is that which consists in allowing others to do the thinking? Can men become intelligent by proxy? Why is it that the everdiminishing chance of acquiring "property," mainly represented by a cheap frame house and a twenty-five foot lot, can blind many workingmen to the fact that the chief object of life is-to

What is the reason that those who point out the plainest and most palpable facts in our social structure, and show their causes with scientific preeision and exactness, are often regarded as dreamers and visionaries, if

It may perhaps be insinuated that writer himself labors under the same delusions he attempts to describe. That may be so to some extent. But the people last Thursday, capitalists he has never for instance been misled their ewnership, and the protection and workers alike. The latter we sup- into believing that the coarse and He doesn't entertain the idea that his cheap and unpretentious lodgings bear

the slightest resemblance to a palace, been snarled at for disposing of his and it would need a very persuasive own property as suited himself, by tongue to convince his wife that the have been in vain. But if they neglect Had the admiral consuited his cousin hall." An enforced leisure of two or this, and even gain some temporary who is said to be a socialist, on this three months, which is occupied in this crowd, and would possibly have ble purchaser, does'nt tally with his idea of "freedom" in any respect. And he has remarked that when he speaks with most of his fellow workmen acquaintances upon these matters, they generally agree with him-until social ism is mentioned, and then, hey!

> shams and defusions are in the end self-destructive, and that a society based upon them cannot be of a permanent nature

The old familiar story of the magician whose incantations raised a mighty spirit which he was powerles to control, and which eventually deeconomic conditions of the present The possessing classes and their hired "spell-binders," in the effort to exercise and at the same time maintain A convention will be held in this city socialism. But really it is a rich joke themselves, generated the spectre of life. Fearful and appalling as its re-

> meeting places of the workers, men are that upon which you are now to be found who perceive more or misery of the working class.

chanted sleep those upon whose men see things a hey really are and no longer enchanted by the gleam this civilized nation, others would "Prospero:"

"This rough magic, I here abjure I'll break my staff Bury it certain fathoms in the earth And deeper than did ever plummet Sound
Pil drown my book."

Jos. Wanhope.

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ial Limited Offer to Those Wh Are Willing to Do a Little Work for Socialism

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The Effects of a System.

I went down on the shore of the great Pacific. I laid down and, on the sand I noticed many tiny white creatures. One would walk along awhile and then stop and take some sweet their economic power, have in spite of morsel, then go on to his satisfaction and another would come slowly on. Want and Hunger, a grisly phantom. These little creatures had no shame, the terror of which constantly and in- being perfectly naked. They are and creasingly dogs the footsteps of their rejoiced in their contentment. At first dupes during their progress through I was glad that they were so; they were happy and knew no better. Then sults may seem, it is after all only a another mood fell over me and I said: temporary phase through which the Tis a pity that your evolution has not larke ones who come into plain view duced? Does he know that it was a source of the thought that in the end under the name of "trust" or "modeveloped thought of thousands source of the thought that in the end developed thought of thousands must and will compel men to see things leaders, a know-it-all as it were. Had no carefully trained minds from must and will compel men to see things leaders, a know-it-all as it were. Had such been the case some of you would such been the case some of you would be accomplished in their true proportions. And everywhere, in the field, the be clothed in purple and white lines. shop the mine, the factory, and all Others would be owners of parcels of while others would control that upon less clearly, the nature and purpose of which you are feasting and would dine the delusions which now appear as sumptuously. Then you would be great truth, and which blind the eyes, per- and called civilized. Yes, some would vert the judgment, and perpetuate the have soft snaps, but what of the misery of the working class. Others? Others? Innocent efeatures, ict me explain to

persistence, and grim determination, you. The moment you begin to think they labor to awake from their en- of any of your number as greater than yourself you place yourself in his shoulders rests the burden of the world. power and become his slave for free-"though that day-dawn be cold dom is the reward of one's thought and gray and surly, yet by its light toward one's self. If some of you were lothed in purple and white lin of the moon and the glamour of the clothed in rags. If some of you had dream-tide." And when, through the warm places others would have noth capitalist society-in improvements itself plain. An attempt will be made Many of the ancient sorcerers were comprehension of the philosophy of where to lay their heads. If some of socialism, the human race has attained you were owners of that upon which based upon a higher, broader, stronger field. It some controlled your feed the and nobler ethic will be inaugurated, remainder would be at their mercy. And looking into that future, we can No. No. Never look for a leader, perhaps discern the shadowy outlines Lead yourselves, each one of you. Let of the last capitalist political wizard, each be attracted by that alone which who, finding his occupation gone for will be a comfort and pleasure. Our American people by visiting Blenheim, the puppets of the class in whose in- ever, and his conjuring apparatus a civilization is all a vast mockery, and mere useless incumbrance, may ex- the future will look back in amazement they have a tacit understanding that a claim figuratively with Shakspeare's and say: What fools these mortals were.

> Condensed from J. Steen by Bolton Hall.

> The London papers now begin to declare that a war between Japan and Russia is inevitable. It is shown how that the developing trade of Japan must spread into China and come in conflict with Russian influences. is but another indication of the fact that capitalism has reached a ripe development in Japan, which has also begun to produce, in the form of a growing socialist movement, the powers that will destroy it.

Owing to Thanksgiving holiday publicaion was delayed one day.

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Socialist View of Ethics.

MAY WOOD SIMONS.

made that a universal system of ethics the savage whatever secures him life has never yet existed. In different is in his view right.

of writers on morality.

Regardless of fact, they have gone on termines his course of action.

In few cases have they fitted man and wrong that actually exist.

If we are to arrive at anything like logical conclusions concerning ethics we must begin with the same foundation from which government, religion and all other social institutions have had their origin, that is, on economic

Each great economic change in society has brought a corresponding change in morality. Men are compelled by new material conditions to manner, and along with this the rela-tions that exist between the members on which pended. tions right, while past acts which are not in harmony with the new period become wrong.

Since changes in morality therefore only follow changes in economic conditions we may speak of the environment of men as the variable quantity in the question. For the constant erate eaters. term we must turn to the motive force in man. Under every change we shall his own self-interest-constantly he ure, but in every case this self-interest point that the ethics of socialism differentiate from the older form of

However various the conditions. bodies of men have declared one after at that time best served their interest.

All historical data prove this statement that morality arises from a constantly changing economic foundation. It is commonly pointed out that

tribes or nations that have reached equal stages in their economic development no matter how far separated in time or place show striking resemblances in their religion, government and ideas of right and wrong, even after taking into consideration the different geographical and climatic surroundings under which they may have evolved.

Men still in a state of savage warfare viewed certain acts as right. In the nomadic stage other virtues suited to people. the time appeared. With agricultural

Turning next to the rise and growth which predominate.

their fierceness in meeting their oppon- code.

by Leslie Stephen in his Science of Ethics, in early social stages ganized on the tribal basis a form of no boats. Tribal morality prevailed. Within the "Penite" flourished most, conquered. cultivation of military qualities, the most conspicuous of which was bravery, was characteristic of the dominant races. But since the savage was identified with his tribe to be brave was to be socially useful. In all peaceful times this virtue has become of less importance.

The strong warrior was especially cient Gauls.

Aggression in different forms continued throughout the period of savagery and into semi-civilized and civilized society until a new economic condition was introduced. Co-operation of some sort became necessary between men. They have been forced together indus trially and gradually aggression became a vice save when at certain times economic conditions have again brought about its sanction as today in the case class, and since through their po of the foreign wars of England and the sion of this advantage they had the United States, when the interests of the capitalist class demand new terri- of government, all social institutions tory and new markets and to them and likewise the codes of ethics have open aggression has once more taken on the form of a virtue.

Likewise many savage people regard robbery as quite right. The Patagonsurrounding tribes living in more favorable districts, for their existence. Among the Comanches the greatest thief is the most respectable member of society. When questioned on this point they answer, "How shall we live

The observation has frequently been without stealing?" showing that with

actions considered right by one have the robberies committed by the nobles. been viewed as highly immoral by Says Bax in his history of "German So- which it has been the practice to give another."

Says Bax in his history of "German So- in previous issues: far-reaching change it produces in the point of view from which the subject must be approached seem, however, to have been lost on the great majority the exercise of which was honorable rather than disgraceful."

Thus these robber barrons mainseeking to construct a standard of tained their existence by preying on the so-called "Pentientiary Bill" proright and wrong applicable to all times the surrounding country and unwary and places. Theories of morals have travelers. Society offered no condembeen formed by these teachers working nation of these acts until economic on the hypothesis that man alone dechange gave rise to the trading class. As this class grew in strength and social power public opinion began to look into his surroundings and then recog- unfavorably on the nobles when they nized the fact that his material en-vironment has been the determining These acts were now injurious to the factor in producing the ideas of right growth of merchantile interests, respect for private property was demanded by the new conditions,

The trading class interests had now ecome powerful enough to dominate public opinion and open robbery finally became a vice.

It may be pointed out here that the killing of female infants among numerous savages had purely an economia of this, that the capitalist press of cause. Too many women were a America feel called upon to offer what hinderance to the tribe since they were little assistance they can afford to of no use in either war or the chase, their German brothers in exploitation obtain their livilhood in a diffrent on which the livilhood of the tribe de- and the Berlin correspondent of the

We may further illustrate this fact of ing: of society are also altered. These an economic basis for morality by changes force men to consider new ac- mentioning the great quantities of food consumed by some tribes of men.

Among the Australians, Spencer tells us, when a whale is killed they feast for days to prepare themselves against times of famine which are frequent in certain localities. These same people when put on a regular diet are mod-

So the Esquimaux, living in a frigid climate where life can only be mainfind that so far as he has been free to tained by furnishing a large amount of do so he has been moved to action by feul for the body, considers the eating of much food as highly virtuous. Oh has shunned pain and looked for pleas- this Spencer writes: "Where survival depends on this ability to eat and dihas been merged in that of the tribe, gest enormous quantities of food this clan or later his class. It is at this ability acquires ethical sanction. With the rise of settled societies a utilitarian condemnation of excess of food arose."

Again veracity is by no means universally regarded as a virtue. Among bodies of men have declared one after an oppressed people where their com-another those things to be right which fort or life depend frequently on concealing the truth from their oppressors, veracity becomes to them a vice. The Egyptian people for ages oppressed by ruling classes are rarely truth tellers.

The sentiment of revenge which is today regarded as highly immoral at certain economic stages has been quite the opposite. It took the form of a species of wild justice when tribes and clans could protect themselves in no other way. The Hebrew records fre-quently refer to revenge and no better example is given of the change of moral ideas following each shift and in the Vorwaerts: "The Penitentiary change in social surroundings than is Bill is not the only danger that threat-

pursuits new changes arose, while in-dustrial growth and modern capitalism have yet further modified the moral the outgrowth of the kinds of activity, help of the Junkerthum (Agrarians) that is to say the economic conditions,

on the boldness of its members and per moral sentiment to carry out this

Looking next at the early systems of morality we find that with men orrace; those in which it tribe certain acts done to its members Thus a were right or wrong, beyond the tribe this code of morals had no influence.

Across the "mark" which divided tribe from tribe, tribal morality was no restraint. Within each tribe, eco nomic interests however demanded that its code of right and wrong should be that one which best served the good

of the tribe as a whole. The destruction of the tribal rela held in esteem by the Norse and an- tions and the growth of private property divided society into classes

founded on economic differences. The "mark" now changed its form and became the line separating classes.

A new development appeared. Class ethics have since that time prevailed. Whenever in history one body of men have gained possession through conquest or otherwise of any positio of natural or artificial advantage they have constituted themselves a ruling power to dominate society, the form been such as the economic interests of these successive propertied ruling

classes required.

We are then presented with the pheend upon thefts committed on nomena of one part of society owning all those things with which men mus work in order to live, and invariably governing its ideas of right and wrong by the economic interests of that class

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FOREIGN NEWS.

of the World-wide Struggi of the Proletarian Army for Its Liberty.

The following survey is compiled from the pages of the Berlin "Yor-yaerts" and "La Petite Republique" has never yet existed. In different ages and among different tribes of men settons considered tent by one have tions from the pages of those papers

> these bodies. In Germany, the govern-ment has laid before itself the accomplishment of three measures. viding for criminal prosecution strikers; second, the increase in the tariff of food products, designed as a sop to the agrarians, and third, the enlargement of the navy.

> cialist members of the Reichstag. The "Vorweeits:" "The Socialist represubstitute for this law PROHIBITING the organization of laborers, a law se curing and LEGALIZING such or-ganizations. Is it any wonder, in view

> Chicago Tribune sends in the follow-

"Although expected, the burial of th anti-strike bill came more swiftly than anti-strike bill came more swiftly than anticipated by either the government or the Reichstag. The collapse was due to the conviction of the Centrists that their amendments would not be accepted by the government. There is due to the conviction of the Centrists that their amendments would not be accepted by the government. There is no intention to introduce another anti-Socialist bill at present. Emperor William no longer attaches the highest importance to an anti-strike bill, and even the canal bill for a time has given way to the naval bill, the passage of which engrosses his thoughts. In the meanwhile. Count Posadowsky-Wehner, the Minister of the Interior, and the Berliner Correspondence, the special organ of the government's internal policy, severely reprimand the majority of the Reichstag, which, on the rejection of the bill, was made up of the entire left, center and Socialists. Because of the lack of courtesy, the high officials threaten that, as every bill designed to restrain or repress Socialists is defeated, the government will have to find other means to accomplish this is defeated, the government will have to find other means to accomplish this end, as it is claimed to be necessary to curb the growing insolence of the Socialists. The government officials also say plainly there is no intention of redeeming Prince Hohenlohe's promise to enlarge the right of political coalition throughout Germany until the Reichstag has passed measures to quard against the "growing abuse of the right of coalition among the laboring classes."

But there is no need to worry about what "high officials threaten." The German laborers have learned to use their brains and their strength at the -the ballot box-and hence are able to care for themselves.

shown in the history of the Hebrew ens us and that will call upon the rep-people. Accepting this historical proof we are to show that they are worthy of that

. . . But the 'Junkers' are practical people and they do not rally to personal regiment. The monarchy the support of 'throne and altar' for shattered in all its foundations. Con-Turning next to the rise and grown of certain virtues we will note their change as the conditions which produced them disappear.

Among warlike tribes any form of aggression was considered as one of aggression the highest of the virtues. At a certain stage of society while tribes of men struggled with each other over their hunting and fishing grounds, the very existence of the tribe depended to the members of society likewise a property, some degree of honesty and the property, some degree of honesty and the property, some degree of honesty and the property and the property, some degree of honesty and the property an who followed the probverb 'Kein anything through positive action have Kreutker, kein Schweitzer' (No money, no Swiss), so their saying is 'No pres- to prevent any action whatever ents, no Junkers;' no tariff, no canals, taken that this tumbling confusion

tax are unseparable, and more interesting than for the Penitentiary Bill will be the struggle for the corn tax that the Junkerthum have demanded from the present class state as the the government members if he had any price of their services. stars of the reaction' have united to head of the Mafia. A few days later themselves a third—the new navy law, it was developed that its leader was law of 1837 should not be changed or to show, a prominent member of the exceeded, the government has propose new navy bill, that is dictated by the chimerical idea of raising Germany to her old position as an equal marin power with France and England. This himercal plan chases after imaginary dvantages, without the least regard as to the wellfare of the people, and an have as its only result that both the above nations will increase their fleet more than we, especially as a veritable epidemic of navy building has seized all present governments, and in spite of the fact that while we have sunk millions in the water we never vere further from the goal aimed at

Now that the "Penitentiary Bill" is completely killed and it is becoming evident to King Billy that he can no onger control the German Reichstag, seeking to make an alliance with England, that he may secure the as istance of a strong marine power. He sees that his efforts to increase th vavy bill will be fotile, and since he cannot hope to be strong enough to ight he seeks an alliance.

He also sees that he cannot much

onger depend upon the "Junkers' to sustain him. Perhaps nothing has been more significant in the development of the German movement in the last year than the rapid spread of socialism among the farmers. Every effort is being made to stop this move ment. Bribes, in the way of favorable legislation, punishment in the way of radical enforcement of disagreeable spreading, the writing of books by the tools of capitalism (one of which is exposed in a late number of the Vor-waerts), all are in vain to stop the rising tide of socialism in the country the same as they were formerly in th

FRANCE.

In France, while one might gather rom the American press that the wonderful Gallifet, whose character was discussed last week in these columns. was carrying all before him, yet a perusal of the speeches as reported in "La Petite Republique," and the descriptions of the work done in the Chamber of Deputies show that he is by no means having as easy a time as All of these are opposed by the So- when, during the Commune, he fought women and children and helpless prisresult on the first is now known to all oners with Gatting guns. The recent of our readers. It was defeated at speech of Comrade Zevaes, a member every point and the Emperor is in a of the Guesde faction, in the Chamber fine rage over it. Not only was it de- of Deputies, at the same time Gallifet feated, but as Liebknecht says in the was supposed to have dumfounded speed that no slave-driver would ever The work is done both by piece and everybody, shows that it was time the sentatives in the Reichstag propose to latter did something as he had just been exposed to a merciless scoring and that he was simply on the defensive against an attack by the socialists upon the alliance between the Church and the capitalist state.

But the most important thing in France at the present time is the effort which is being made to unite all the socialist parties into one compact fighting army. At the present time the several socialist parties having repseparate caucuses and determine their action in these various groups. Jean Jaures is urging with all his power through the columns of La Petite Re- you find out."

Chases."

"Know what you wish to buy when you enter the store, and thus save the salespeople valuable time in helping chosen to collect material, etc., for agiresentatives in the Chamber hold publique that this be done away with and that all meet in common caucuses and determine upon united action in most any large department store to de- us and the time comes again to prethe Chamber. There seems to be a crease its force of clerks ten per cent good prospect that at the convention and then they could watch the re- lay out a campaign of action. which is soon to be held the various parties will unite for some common them at least ten per cent harder. action in all places. It this is done it will at once place the French socialist movement in the front rank for size line had been reached in this "Consumand strength.

ITALY.

In the editorial in the Vorwaerts, from which we have already quoted so extensively, there is a passage in which Italy is used as an "awful example" and it gives so vivid a picture of the Italian situation that one cannot do better than to quote it:

"At the same day and almost the same hour that the German Parliament meets there isanother parliament assembling-the Italian. The kingdom of Italy is our fellow kingdom-less because of community of interest as because of the close political unity between it and Germany. It has had exactly the same politics as Germanyapparent constitutionalism, with actual point where it does them some good tyranny, tariff, indirect taxation, militarism, marineism, colonial and world politics

"All the ideals of our re-actionists have been realized there. And what are the results. Two famine revolutions in six years and a third in sight A frightful catastrophe, in which the colonial and world-politics have col-The monarch compromised by his own fusion and disorder reigning in all Through branches of the government. short-sighted 'Penitentlary Bills' and similar measures the way to reform

representatives, neeing that all ways make her comfortable. simply adopted an obstructionist policy may completely collapse as soon as "Penitentiary Bill and increased corn possible and give room for building anew upon its ruins.

However, during the past week, on socialist representatives, De Felice, had the audacity to ask one of two information as to who was the actual olemn agreements that the exactly what the socialists were trying Chamber of Deputies.

In Vienna, Dr. Adler, together with other comrades have just been sent to prison, because they sought to calm the socialists who were taking part in a recentanti-Semite demonstration. Although it is admitted that his efforts and that of the other comrades were in th interest of order, yet by some twisting of justice, which we would charac terize as peculiar to Europe-did not Wardner ever loom up to show there are no national lines in capitalist outrages-they have all been condemned to imprisonment for various period varying from ten days to one month. Dr. Adler receiving the extreme pen-

Meanwhile in the Austro-Hungarian Parliament the socialist represents tives are forced to much the same tac tics as in Italy and on a recent sitting they forced the Minister of the Interior V. Korber, to cease reading a ru port praising the action of the police

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Womans' Department.

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, 604 Washington Ave., Chicago, Ill.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The Proposed Abelition of Abuses by the Illinois Consumers' League - A Ridiculous Reform.

The time is almost at hand when the sufferings of the shop girls in the them. A girl entering the stripping great department stores. And there is room is at once made to feel that she no possibility of exaggeration. Little is a mere piece in a machine without a children scarce out of habyhood will be mind or feeling. So as her face takes furnished with the necessary 'certifion the sallow complexion that always the parent to perjury the factory in-spector considers his duty accom- Grade distinctions are made by the plished and declares that he "cannot go workers in the tobacco trade and the back of the certificate." Men will be stipper is invariably looked down upon kept upon the wagons all day and by the cigarmakers and others emnearly all night and will be driven at a ployed in th business. dared attempt to secure from the negro by the week. Wherever any skill is chattels of earlier days.

required they are paid by the week.

this year in Chicago. The Illinois Con- \$1 to \$5 a week but seldom rise above sumers' League to the rescue. At its 32 or 23.50. meeting last week they decided upon certain rules which must be observed during the holiday shopping and will send out letters of instructions to shoppers. These instructions will consist of the following suggestions:

Now there is a set of rules that if carefully observed would enable al- rich in labor and struggles lies behind mainder so close that they could work

idiotic absurdity in the philanthropic great activity in the party is comparaers' League." It is difficult to see where it could be improved upon without subjecting its members to danger of confinement in an imbecile asylum. These wonderful instructions are to

be sent out to various addresses (90 per cent of which will be taken from the "Blue Book") with the idea that some effect will be produced upon the conditions of production. We wonder how many cards will be sent to the laborers of Chicago. And if they are so sent we hope that our readers at least will be sure to obe, the first of these rules and shop early, say between 8 and 1 a. m., and not let a little thing like losing their job interfere with their efforts in the cause of suffering humanity.

anthropists will see to it that the stores where three-fourths of the shopping of Chicago is done—the cheap department stores on the West and South Sides. where shoddy goods are dealt out to workers, are also forced to subscribe to these rules and regulations. They will never be so foolish as to seek to confine their efforts to the three or four places where they intend to do their own trading in order that the surface may be smoothed over a little more there and thus their own Christmas shopping be made more pleasant by having their consciences relieved. the same time that they are dailying over the silks and baubles upon which they propose to spend their surplus they can chat comfortably with the shopgirl who is waiting on them tobserving a proper amount of condecension) and cally." This then is the point: If la-

nauscating. But it serves its purpose. It helps to while away the ennul of point of your class. those who feel that they must somehow play at social questions and not accomplish anything. It is interesting to the socialist because of the wonderful detail in which it demonstrates the class philosophy. It has never entered into the heads of these dilletanti bourgeois that it is possible that the laborers might have something to say about the way their destinies should be directed. From beginning to end they start on the supposition that they-the capitalist class-are "the people and wisdom shall die with them." They are to ar range everything for FOR the laborers. and (although this is kept carefully in the background) in the interest of capitalism.

Just let us whisper a word to them and that is that they are simply the last remnants of a practically outgrown class and that they will have about as much to ray about determining the trend of future events as the eyes of the cave fish have in determining the arrangements in piscatorial society. That God the master over all, in mercy made their portion small, Today they see with clearer eyes. That they have believed in cunning lies, and they will decide upon the conditions of preduction is the laboring class and they will decide that they propose to themselves consume what they produce and when they have so much to gay about determining the d they will not have to organiz any "Consumers' Leagues" to tell them

THE TOBACCO STRIPPERS.

Few persons not employed in the tobacco inclusivy have any knowledge of
the conditions under which the women
known as the strippers work. Although numerous tobacco factories are
to be found in the city it is no easy

5,612—Justice, London, England,

matter to obtain admittance to the room where the strippers are employed. This work which consists in pulling the tobacco leaves in pieces is done in a sitting position with no support for the back which means that in time every woman has more or less of a

deformed back.

Said one tobacco worker, "Stripping is a torture and more than that it is one of the most degrading employments women can enter."

The worker must perform her task in perfect silence, no conversation is ever allowed in the room. In no em plopment are the foremen more brutal stories will begin to be whispered of in their treatment of the workers under cate" of legal age and having forced marks the stripper her life is at the

required they are paid by the week. But held en, all this is to be remedied. The wages of the stripper vary from

GERMAN SOCIALIST WOMEN.

The last number of the Berlin Vorwaerts gives an interesting and extended account of the work being done by the socialist women of Berlin. A "Shop in the morning." large and successful meeting was hel "Don't ask to have your bundles sent out on the day you make your pursectured on "Woman in Public Life." large and successful meeting was held November 13th at which Frau Zepler

They say: "Party Comrades-A year pare for new work and in general to The number of women in the Social-

Democracy of Berlin who take part in It really does seem as if the height of the work of agitation except in times of tively small. "The greater part of the comrades

wait to see what will happen for women, and yet it is the highest duty of every woman comrade to work the first ranks for the education of laboring women in socialism.

It is your knowledge of this that has made comrades of you and since you have this knowledge you must carry on the struggle with double energy against, indifference, indolence or loss of courage in our ranks?

At a recent meeting of women Mrs. Helen Henrotin made the statement that women from having once been producers have become consumer's only. For the great body of women this is so entirely false that it seemed that it must be at once questioned, but though

dience we were surprised to find it generally accepted as true.

When, laboring women will you think clearly for yourselves on these questions and not allow your thinking to

a few working women sat in the au-

be done for you? Have you become consumers only? On the contrary millions of you have ecome producers for exchange in the industrial field while many thousands

mere are producing in the home. It is then only women of the capitalist class who have become consumers and produce nothing.

Why then was this statement made? It was further enlarged on that since omen were only consumers it became highly important that they be taught to spend money well and "economitell her how much they have done to live a little more cheaply—wages can be Such playing with awful facts is forced still lower. Laboring women, see these statements from the stand-

THE PEOPLES' PRAYER.

Since nature saw the first man's birth, Each breeze has risen from the earth O'er inden with unnumbered prayers. From people broken by their cares. Tormented with devouring pains, O'r croshed beneath a tyrant's chains. But deeper, stronger than the rest Resounds the voice of those oppressed Ard in an agony is buried. From every corner of the world. The people's prayer for bread.

From every land and every elime, Down all the corridors of time That prayer has sounded and still sounds

sounds.

And gathers force as it rebounds

Among the columned isles of fate.

Now low with fear, now loud with hate,

Now walled in tones of facre despair,

Or tinged with hope this solemn prayer

Tells of a universal wee;

Calls to some Ged to look below.

And give the people bread.

In days of faith they prayed with hope. And believed the word of priest and

At the election last Sunday for the National Council the Socialists succeeded in returning three candidates-at Zurich, Basel and Geneva- and they have hopes of returning a me Neufchatel in the second bollo

I am not able to discuss that subject ry largely because my education in that directtion is very limited, and ined my education in general is a very limited one, because my time since my boyhood was mostly occupied in struggling hard for a living, working hard when I had a job and working hard to get a job when out of one.

But from personal experience observation I have learned that those who survive are usually the fittest; and it is therefore my firm opinion that in the present struggle of labor against capital the fittest also will survive.

But who are the fittest? Go ye to the capitalist and he will tell you, 'The capitalist like any other human must have in order to survive food, shelter and clothing." When the capitalist wants food who will produce the same for him? Will his capitalist neighbor, the president of the farming implement trust or the stockholder in the great bonanza farm till the ground for him or raise for him wheat or corn?

No. No! they will tell him "we are not fit nor willing to do that work, but go," they will tell him, "to the farm la-borer who handles the plow and he, the laborer is fit and able to produce your

When the capitalist also wants home built for his family who will do that work for him? Will the president of the brick and tile trust or the director of the building association build the same for him? It is true they will tell him that "our parents they were workingmen but we are not fit nor able to work, but go you to the brickmaker, mason and carpenter, they, the prole-tarians, are fit and able to prepare you shelter." When the capitalist also wants clothing who will make the Will the stockholder in the New England mill or the great clothing merchan, spin him any yarn or sev him clothing? It is true they will tell to him, "though we also were and workingmen we have now swallowed so much of the wealth of other working men that we can hardly move. We are not, therefore, fit nor able to do any work; but go ye, they will tell him "to the yarn spinner, tanner, toiler and shoemaker they the workingmen are fit and able to cover your pakedness." When the capitalist also wants the raw products that the farmer raised converted into food who will do it for Will his wife, the capitalist women bake him any bread? no!" she will say to him that is not what I married you for. How do you expect me to spoil my hands in either dough and flour, while the Prince of Wales or President McKinley is liable to come in any time to shake hands with me. No, no! I am not willing nor fit to do that work; but go you to the

slums and get the working girl she is

fit and able to bake bread for you."

Yes, yes, fellow workers, the capital ist woman is right, the proletarian girl is the one who is fit to bake and cook, keep house and also able to make a husband and family happy. She the workingwomen is fit and she is the one who shall instruct the young generation into true socialist morals, and by her doing so she will be fit to be the mother of that generattion who will not have to struggle against capitalist barbarism. And when the time will come that the capitalist will die, as be is nothing but a mortal after all, his family will upon someone to bury him. Who will come to do the last work for the capitalist? Will the president of the casket trust respond to that call? It is true he will tell to them, that I buried the very same capitalist many times over on the stock exchange, but I am not fit nor able to do the lastburying; but they will have to send for men with the pick and shovel and to the men who handles the arm and the hammer, they the workingmen are those who are fit,, they the proletarians are the only ones who will bury the you are called upon to do the last rites its self-interest; on the other, if these who had been trained for brutality, careful what you are doing. Don't be like the proletarhalf done, but try to make it the most fitting job you have ever done. Look ahead before every step you take toward burying the capitalist so you won't have to look backwards. Every grain of sand you shall weigh and every inch of ground of that grave you shall measure and bury him so deep that he shall not be able to com out and then we shall not have to bury

And then when you will have buried the useless and unfit capitalist you the fittest will survive and then you be fit and able to use all the fitting things you will have chose to make in peace and comfort.

I. Israelstram.

Brooklyn.

At a joint meeting of Section Brook-lyn, 26th Ward, Branch No. 2, S. L. P., and Branch 15, N. Y., S. D. P., held at Rapport's Hall November 12th, 1899, the following resolutions were unani-mously adopted:

Whereas, We resilze that the spirit of intolerance and unsocialistic tactics adopted by De Leon and his followers has split the socialists of this country into small but hostile factions;

Whereas, We realize that such division campot be and has not been in the past productive of good results, but, on the contrary, it has demoralized and retarded the socialist movement;

Whereas, We desire to strengthen add movement;

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST. conventions, are identical; therefore

Ksolved, That we urge and appeal to all Socialists, and especially to the members of the S. L. P., to do every-thing in their power to bring about

members of the S. L. P., to do everything in their power to bring about such union;
Resolved, That we strongly advise the N. E. C. of the S. L. P. to propose to the N. E. C. of the S. D. P. to send their delegates to the national convention of the S. L. P., to be held on the 22d day of January, 1906, for the purpose of uniting both parties;
Resolved, That we hereby request the N. E. C. of the S. D. P. to send delegates to said convention for the purpose above set forth;
Resolved, That we strongly appeal to the members of both parties who have the interests of socialism at heart to do everything in their power to bring about such union; be it further.
Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the N. E. C. of both parties and all official organs of both parties.

A. I. SHIPLACOFF.

A. I. SHIPLACOFF, Sec. Br. 2, 26th W. Brooklyn, S. L. P. SAMUEL HOROWITZ. Sec. Br. 15, Brooklyn, S. D. P.

BROTHERHOOD.

cannot sing the songs that others sing. The idle songs of pleasure, love and mirth, While all the lands are full of sorrow-

and hate and tyranny encompass

I cannot close my eyes to sighs of pain: I cannot shut my ears to sounds of The grief I see fills my heart and brain;
The wrongs that others bear I feel and know.

The want and privations of the poor.
The shame and the remorse of those who fall.
The aching back of labor—I endure
Their hardships and I suffer with them all.

My heart goes out to all their wretchedness. Partakes of their soul hunger and their grief, Bleeds at their misery and their distress.

And bears their burdens, nor can find relief.

I know not why it is God made it so That some the harvest of all pain That some the harvest of all pain must reap, And share the common grief; I only That in my brother's sorrow I must

Sometimes I long to bar the grewsome

sight: I would that I to suffering, were blind: yearn to know the music and the light
And not the hurts and heartaches of

The moans of the downtrodden and the weak.
The cries of those beneath the feet of Wrong;
And something in me forces me to speak.

As through the night I hear their voices plead,
There rises up a tyrant in my breast,
That ever whispers of their pain and need,
That drives me on and will not let

The tragedy and pity of it all themselves forever on my sight;
And voices to my spirit seem to call,
As if from the eternal realms of light.

They bid me sing the death of hate and wrong;
They bid me sing the birth of love and good;
And through my soul they pour a sweet, new song—
The sacred symphony of brotherhood.

Socialist Ethics

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The other part can live only as it gains access to these means to-work and exists, therefore, in a state of economic slavery. Its code of morals, impressed upon it by the ruling body, is an expression of the relations between the two classes which that body deems will be most advantageous to itself.

Thus this economic change produced a dual system of ethics. On one hand capitalist. But fellow workers when the dominant possessing class seeks the subservient non-possessing class must be trained not to follow its selfinterest.

This statement of class ethics is also

capable of historical proof.

While men were settled to no peaceful pursuits they willed their prisoners taken in war and since this was necessary if they were to maintain their conquests they considered it right. As the hunting and later the grazing grounds grew insufficient to support the growing population they were forced to occupy certain districts and cultivate the soil. Thus the early possessing class developed from the nomadic owners of herds and flocks. The subservient class on the other hand ine alive his prisoners of war and compelling them to till the ground for him. Slavery was a this period, therefore exceedingly moral.

came necessary to make his own self-interest appear to him a dangerous thing quite wrong to follow as a guide and to instill into him a new moral sanction. This early took the form of fear-fear of punishment, fear of the master or of supernatural powers.

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Whereas, The principles and platorms of the S. L. P. and the S. D. P.
adopted by their respective national

Socialist Labor Party of the United States.

PLATFORM.

The Socialist Labor Party of the United States, in convention assembled, re-asserts the inalienable rights of all men to life, liberty and the pursais 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 destructive of life, of likerty and of Rappiness.

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

To the obvious fact that our despotic system of economics is the direct opposite of our democratic system of politics can plainty be traced the existence of a privileged class, the corruption of government by that class, the allegation of public property, public franchises and public functions to that class, and the abject dependence of the mightnest of antions upon that class.

Again, through the perversion of democracy to the end of public-racy labor is robbed of the walls which it alone produces, is denied the means of referential public functions to the ends of the holds it alone produces, is denied the means of referential public functions and the power and natural forces are thus wasted, that the plutocracy may rule.

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

In our power and natural forces are thus wasted, that the plutocracy is produced in the produce of the mightness of life.

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Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party once more enters, its protest. Once more it

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Against such a system the Socialist Labor Party once more enters its protest. Once more it reiterates its fundamental deciaration that private property in the natural ources of production and in the instruments of labor is the obvious cause of all economic servitude and political dependence.

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 indencies of its trusts and other capitalistic combinations on the other hand, shall have worked out its own downfail.

We, therefore, call upon the wage workers of the United States, and upon all 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 truggle, we may put a summary end to that barbarous struggle by the abolition of classes, the restoration of the land and of all the means of production, transportation and distribution to the people as a collective body, and the substitution of the Cooperative Commonwealth for the present state of plantess production, industrial war and social disorder; a commonwealth in which respy worker shall have the received and the barbarous struggle, which is faculties multiplied by all the modern factors of civilization.

Immediate Demands.

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.

2. The United States shall obtain possession of the chiroads, canasi, telegraphs, telephones and other means of public transportation and confinmingation; the employes to operate the same operatively under the control of the Vedera's government and to elect their own superior officers, but no employee shall be discharged for political reasons.

2. The public lates shall obtain possession of the local radiroads, ferries, water works, electric shall be a superior officers, but no employees shall be discharged for political franchises; the employees to operate the same co-operatively under the manufactual manufactual maintained and to elect their own superior officers, but oemployees shall be discharged indications and to elect their own superior officers, but oemployees shall be discharded indicatable. Revocation of all land grants to corporations or indiciduals, the conditions of which have not been compiled with.

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

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

7. Inventions to be free to all; the inventors to be remanerated by the hation.

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

9. School education of all children under fourtien years of age to be compulsory, gratutions and accessible to all be public assistence in meals, clothing, books, etc., where accessary.

10. Repeal of all paper, tramp, conspiracy and samptuary laws. Unabridged right of combination.

11. Prohibition of the employment of children of school age and the employment of female inbor a occupations detrimental to health and morality. Abolition of the confract labor system,

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12. All

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 appr legislative chambers.

18. Municipal self-government.

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

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

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

ENTERTAINMENT AND BALL

By Section Chicago. S. L. P., assisted by the Socialist Sangerbund

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WORKERS' CALL

ULRICH'S HALL, 27 N. Clark St.

Afternoon and Evening, December 24th, 1899.

All readers of The Workers' Call and their friends are urged to be present. Both 5. REALISM IN LITERATURE AND halls are hired for this occasion and a continuous entertainment will be given in one while the ball will go on without interruption in the other. One ticket admits to both halls.

Admission 25 Cents a Person,

PATRIOTISM.

Equal Disregard by Capitalism for Fight-ing or Working Slaves.

The revelations that are leaking through regarding the troopship Tarter gives something of an idea of the way in which capitalism cares for those who are fighting its battles. It should prove a good thing to arouse "patriotism." It seems that in the first place the ship was so overloaded that the British authorities only allowed it to leave Hongong when pressure was brought to bear through the United States authorities. Then there was no sufficient food supplied for the trip and so men were forced to go on short rations most of the time. The men muntinted and took the food and deli cacles intended for the sick leaving them to suffer and die.

Another item Blustrating the same point is the suicide during the past week of "Brave Bill Anthony, the marine who reported the blowing up of the Maine to Capt. Sigsbee, because he was unable to find any employment It would seem as if such lessons would begin to teach the laborers of this country just what "patriotism" means Can they not see that capitalism cares no more for fighting slaves than does for working slaves and that it discards either as soon as they are no longer doing its work.

Foreign News

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some recent outrages committed by the government, and compelled the Parlia standing many of the more conservative socialists urged against such ac-

BELGIUM.

In Belgium, they have been so greatly encouraged by their late suc esses in the municipal elections that they are making preparations for a complete victory in the coming national and parliamentary election. Comrade Enrico Ferri from Italy is delivering a series of lectures in Brussels, having oeen brought there by one of the great universities at the request of the socialists. On his way there he was so unfortunate as to be quite badly inmuch so but what he is still delivering

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Books

Socialists

December is the time when, if ever

people think of adding to their home

libraries or of sending presents of books to their friends. On this account

we use our space in this number of

The Workers' Call to describe some

new and standard books for the holi-

days. We still have a full stock of the socialist pamphlets heretofore adver-

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