# Tale of Three Cities

SOCIALIST VOTE: Milwaukee, 27,622; Minneapolis, 12,018; Columbus, 10,204 

# Rise of Socialism in Minneapolis vited Carl D. Thompson to come better to have lost this time for not key to its own freedom. When it

hours are not observed there and to split hairs over tactics to be purthe busy hum of the office type-writer. This man's name is J. E. mediately effective. Nash, who may, by a point of years and experience, be called the Father

state. His connection with the movement reads like a romance It is the story o a once prosperous hardware merchant, an enthusiastic Sunday school superintendent and choir leader, who finally was constrained to leave all, to preach the gospel of Socialism and plead the

J. E. Nash. cause of the poor, just as in like him because the people of Minnemanner, two thousand years ago, a apolis were sick of misrule, mislittle band of followers left every thing to follow Jesus, the prophet men's administration, which means,

of the poor. It is a story of lost trade from business because he talked Social-business because he talked Social-Every aldermanic district does its then the Socialists of the nation men; of persecution by his preacher because he wove Socialism into the sprinkling and repair, and with all them as are good, so that other Sunday school lessons. It is the story of the boundless enthusiasm he can make, you can easily imag-more quickly to their social and old soldier—a poet, an orator, who line the result. for nearly ten years has been state secretary of the party and under ment the movement has grown asked. Who will they put in place from nothing until it has reached of the trained lawyers and polititered the office we found him send- trol our cities and states. "From ing out to the local secretaries of its own trained ranks" is my anlegislature, and setting forth the debate at the meetings of the unthey wish introduced. This, with fireside lamp have studied the scienthe mailing out of the last monthly tific books of Socialism-these are financial report, showing an income the men who will as suddenly rise of nearly \$400,00 per month from to intelligent directorship as did but a force of volunteer Socialists suddenly step from obscurity to busy into the night. This is a sample of everyday. Nash is the only man I ever saw who can make poetry, write letters and work, without losing a word in a conversation or mislaying a sheet of paper. Since Van Lear came within a few votes of carrying Minneapolis in his whirlwind campaign for mayor, Socialist organizations have been formed in every ward in the Nearly 1,000 new members of the party have been added and they are laying the basis not only for electing Van Lear next time, but a city council as well. And the general opinion is that they will do it. The newspaper reporters who came to see me when they found I was from the Appeal, office all agreed that if Van Lear had had another week's campaign, he would have been elected mayor of the city. The wonder of it all is that a man, comparatively unknown to the people of the city and scare of their lives.

torn and shattered by dissension and strife. Much of it is known to others it will be of no conse-American Socialist Labor party tac- wiper in Chicago, next a machinist tion and the slums are not suscepenergy locally was diverted to this channel, but patience and perseverance on the part of Nash and others finally won, and in 1910 the filed as candidate for mayor on it all harmonius and united with Van Lear, the business agent of the Business agent of the Business agent of the susiness agent of the susine

N a little dingy back office, committee will prevent a repetition bare of all comforts and of the old troubles since the trouble luxuries, strewn with pa- makers will be removed to ward an immense audience, with a paid ment, the city wards must change will step into the control of the pers and documents, in branches and silenced by the entry the city of Minneapolis into the party, in overwhelming we found the hardest worked man numbers, of new and enthusiastic in the state of Minnesota. Union members who have no disposition often long into the night is heard sued fifty years hence, but who are

Van Lear, Socialist candidate for of the Socialist movement in the mayor of Minneapolis, on November 8th, polled 12,008 votes, a little more than five hundred short of plurality. Who voted for Van Lear? The working people almost exclusively. Hundreds of small business and professional men disgusted with the administration of Minneapolis did not vote at all, while others voted for one or the other of the old party candidates as a choice between two evils. The next morning after election, on all sides, was heard the expression from these people, "If we had known that Van Lear had a chance of election we would have voted for him." They would have voted for apolis were sick of misrule, mismanagement—the so-called business other cities. Socialists have carried is 50x150 feet ground space, and city's property. graft, loot, public debts, poor public there must have been something finest in the city and will stand as work and bad use of public money, about the movement here superior a monument of co-operative effort, that you will find many interesting contractors who boycotted Nash's Minneapolis is under an old, worn- in its methods of reaching the peoout charter just as is Milwaukee. own public work. With no uniform ought to know what these methods street grade system, street cleaning, are and apply them or so much of municipal improvement left to the cities may be carried by the party ward alderman who is out for all and the working people get the

Where will the Socialists get men to hold office and manage business whose careful, painstaking manage- affairs has long been the question all sexes and classes. When we en- cians who write our laws and conunions in the state, an announce- swer. The men who have been ment of the election of Comrade trained in parliamentary tactics, Hillman, a union engineer, to the whose wits have been sharpened in fact that now the unions have a jons, and the men who, after the representative to plead their cause day's hard toil, have stayed away then to forward all bills from the saloons, and around the dues, was keeping not only himself Thomas Van Lear of Minneapolis



Thos. H. Van Leas

fame-a man more talked about who had back of him no organiza- than any other person in the citytion of any consequence, could in a the man who, without organization few weeks give the politicians the except that furnished by his own fellow unionists, came within a few votes of election. The next morn-

to the Socialists of the nation, and trapper boy in a Maryland coal else. This is true except in the two mine; at fifteen he was a mule slum wards, where live the social quence further than to say that, driver; at eighteen he joined the outcasts. Both of these wards are like the troubles of other cities, it Knights of Labor, went on strike represented in the city council by was due to the effort to free the and never went back to work in Democrats. The Socialist moveparty from the blight of the un- the mines. He was next an engine ment is one that grows by educatics and spirit with which the in the Minneapolis car shops. Again tible to education. The slums are American Socialist movement had be went on strike and this time a always purchasable and the Socialto begin. Having gotten in the leader, and, incidentally, the settler ists do not buy votes. The honest habit of discussing tactics to the of the strike. Next he is business working men of Milwaukee have exclusion of everything else, all agent of Big No. 32, which takes in furnished both the votes to carry carrying papers to the houses, yet energy locally was diverted to this all the machinists of the Great the city and the money with which he has done it frequently. Heath

distribution organizations of union barren of any good to the city. men, they put them in the homes. Van Lear went on with his speaking campaign at the factories and

Girard, Kansas, U. S. A., March 4, 1911

Lear's victory, all agree that it was it had within its possible grasp the cry of Minneapolis Socialists.

over and explain what the Social- a single member of the council was at last realizes the power of united ists were doing in Milwaukee elected, and, to redeem Minne- action—the meaning of comrade Thompson and Van Lear addressed apolis from graft and mismanage- ship-of mutual class interest, it admission at the door. From the their political representation in the cities its hands have built, the rail-

When the American working class, that sleeping giant of indus- elected next time, and what every it brought with it the surprising re- try, finally shakes itself into life body says must be true. and action and awakens from its long sleep of indifference, it will While everybody is proud of Van open its eyes to see that always has council in 1912" is the rallying war

proceeds of this meeting they had council. All recognize that with road whose ties it has laid, and some campaign documents printed out a Socialist city council. Van whose rails it has forged. When and, with a hastily gotten together Lear's victory would have been this day comes, peace and plenty will be within the reach of all.

Everybody says Van Lear can be

"Van Lear and a Socialist city their minds, it is not possible even dinner, aside from which they were to imagine what

## How Socialism Won in Milwaukee



no other American cities, therefore when completed will be one of the economic freedom. I wanted to see if there was a real Socialist movement here, having its origin in the working people and being guided truly in their behalf. I also wanted to find out how Socialists begin to transform a city from capitalist to Socialist conditions; and then I wanted to tell this story so simply, so interestingly, and so completely, that literally millions of people would be interested in every line of it. I decided to write an article from day to day on the ground as things impressed me and in order that I might not be treated as a Socialist and hence have my viewpoint spoiled. I came to Milwaukee as Allan C. Jones, a press correspondent from Des Moines,

I know that I worked my imagination pretty hard as I fairly flew over the rails to Milwaukee. V.hat was I to see? How would it feel to step into a city at whose helm guiding its destiny was a Socialist mayor? Would things be different from the capitalist ruled city?

\* \* \* \* Well, in the main, things look here about as they do elsewhere. There are still a great many people in Milwaukee who are not Socialists. I am stopping at a popular hotel and in five minutes I can walk into the heart of Milwaukee's culture and wealth. This, as you may see their doom by way of the department store route under capi-The Socialist movement in Minneapolis for ten years has been apolis were asking, "Who is Van
the working class wards, into the factories and shows you find Thos. Van Lear at eleven was a Socialists and just about nothing

CAME to Mil-Heath; the Forwards in German, They have not wasted time in idle waukee to find by Victor L. Berger, and a Polish discussion and foolish contention, awoke the mid-out how the So-paper by A. Kowalski. These are but have kept steadily working for night echoes. rialists carried all issued from Social Democratic practical results. he city, what headquarters and by the co-opera- thought out and systematic meth- of rifles played hey have done tive printing company. This print- ods finally brought the answer-a intermittent acit and ing company and the Socialist Socialist administration-and I companiment, what they are party, by the way, is just complet- believe it has come to stay for the and long lines going to do. It ing a \$65,000,00, four-story and boys are making good. Although of soldiers pas to be assumed basement building, which is to be they won by a plurality rather than raded the streets that Milwaukee the party's official home, the print- a majority, yet they are winning menaced by anpeople are just ing office, and the headquarters of new recruits daily and new laurels gry mobs of indignant people;

I hope as you read these pages



How Miss Socialism Will Work.

Six weeks before the fall campaign things, BUT WHAT I WANT which ended in the election of YOU MOST TO GET FROM constantly followed up.

Imagine Victor Berger, now congressman, with his ponderous size,

Berger to congress, fourteen mem- IT ALL IS. A GREAT CONbers of the legislature and all the SUMING DESIRE, TO DO slave driver whom the southern county officials the Socialist organ-WHAT THE MILWAUKEE planters employed to manage their four-page paper, printed in English, German and Polish, splendidly written and illustrated, and which was put in every home in the city each Sunday morning. Now we come to that which has been the chief means of Socialist success—administer the laws of the aits in the laws of the laws of the aits in the laws of the la ization began the issuance of a COMRADES HAVE DONE. volunteer carriers, who very early know what to do with it. Don't head, the flinty hearted Yankee Sunday morning put them in the imagine that the boys in Milwaukee slave overseer with pistol and whip silent, effective distribution of cated in Socialism, hence they have buy the planter's whiskey, to eduthey had meetings and had them a position impossible to you so long everywhere, and they have plenty as you think that all you are fit for literature profesely distributed and is a world for you to conquer AND SAVE, and when you save it, it will belong to you.

### Winning in Minneapolis.

which he has done it frequently. Heath The says that more than once Mrs. having at the recent election, elected the

## Nearing Victory in Columbus



labor. As I look out Some 910 men-just working from my window over men-men unknown to fame-han-the beautiful city of dled the switch levers, punched the

Columbus, Oluo, and nickets and safeguarded the lives watch its busy citizens peacefully of Columbus passengers. These pursuing the even tenor of their men received in pay an average of way with the happy thought of \$1.93 per day of nine hours each, Christmas and its good cheer in were allowed six minutes to eat

must things have been like. when, a .few weeks ago, the of dynamite awoke the midthe sharp crack



that business was paralyzed and for it and a hasty truce was made the worst and most brutal pas- and the men went back to work. sions of exhibited. The Great Columbus pose to have a union among its street car strike is ended, leaving as men, and they were ready to spend memorial of the struggle a dis- any amount of money to break it credited mayor, who, like Pontius up. They openly boasted that they Pilate of old, at first showed sympathy for the strikers, but, menaced profit and even at expense, as the by the threats of the high priests of income from other cities would commerce, finally delivered the carry the Columbus system. They workers to be crucified. This may-contracted with the Coach detective or's name is Geo. S. Marshall. Then agency of Cleveland, Ohio, for it involved, too, a democratic gov- strike breakers. This Coach is, ernor, one Harmon by name, with himself, an ex-convict and his force presidential aspirations. He, too, of strike breakers is recruited from played the Pontius Pilate act trying the slums of the earth. When all to evade responsibility, but at last was arranged the street railway espousing the cause of the capital- company began to discharge union small group of Socialists who were force a strike. The strike came and the only people that kept their with the strike the strike breakers heads. These Socialists constantly with revolvers strapped around counseled patience and discouraged their waists and equipped for bat-violence. They went among the tle. No sooner did these strike working people and preached the breaking thugs man the cars than gospel of Socialism so effectively they began to flourish their weahat when the votes were counted in pons, shoot into houses, and it is November, 10,000 ballots had been even believed that they dynamited cast for Tom Clifford, Socialist the cars. The strikers picketed the candidate for governor, and almost line to request people to boycott the 12,000 for Bachman, Socialist candidate for congress.

A brief resume of the strike is

all the APPEAL readers will care

for. The street car system of Co-lumbus, like that of many other cities, is owned by the notorious Clarke syndicate of Philadelphia. E. K. Stewart, banker, capitalist, and plutocrat of Columbus, is local manager. These local managers occupy the same relationship to the working men as did the Yankee "niggers" before the war. The old whose terraced banks are covered with the palatial residences of the rich. Here you will find some Socialists but you must look for them. I felt a stranger in a strange place so far as Socialism was concerned till I walked over into the factory districts and among the smaller business men. With the latter you begin to find Socialists, for the more discerning of this class foresee their doom by way of the homes of the people. The Socialare different from you. They are ists in Milwaukee say that to this workingmen who have been eduliterature, more than anything else, something grand and noble to live cate his sons and daughters, to buy about \$85,000. It, would have they owe their success. Of course, for and have risen to self-respect, the fine gowns from Paris and meant that much more money thoroughbred horses from Ken- to have been spent in Columbus tucky. The modern manager of a -that much less to be sent east of able speakers from the unions is to create profits for your railroad or street car system and to enrich capitalists already rolling even of factories is of the same in wealth. Moody's Monual for and professional people but the employer. Do a little honest think-thing that "did the trick" was the ing and then some acting. There genus as the Yankee slave overseer. His capitalist employers are garding the Columbus end of this miles away coasting in million-dol- corporation for 1909, the year belar yachts, smoking in the cool fore the strike: shade of the Adirondacks in sum- \$5,000,000. only 20 per cent of mer or basking in the warm sun of which represents cash outlay; gross For the first time in the history of dine in palaces, and their sons revel \$125,000; surplus \$135,000, or to in luxury and ease. They never tal net carnings, above estimate

AM writing this morn- as effective as that used in slavery ing from the scene of with this one difference, you can one of the greatest tote, and you will when your dull strikes of the many brains realize your power.

not allowed to even care for those necessities which are common to human existence. Not a single owner of stock in the railroad, but who might have his porterhouse steak three times a day to be eaten at his leisure. Not a man on the line doing the work-useful-hecessary work-could on \$1.93 per day in a city even dream of such luxuries. The men organized a union, the only possible protection of a working man from capitalist oppression, until Socialism is established. They struck for better conditions, easier hours, and more pay. The union and strike was a surprise. The company was not ready men and women The Clarke syndicate did not pro-Last, but not least, was a men and so harass the union as to cars. The union men of the city, some 12,000 in number, and the great majority of the people walked or rode to and from their homes to work, in busses and wagons. The actions of the strike breakers soor



The employes asked for an inwould have cost the car company "Capitalization dertaking to make a Socialist city

in a capitalist environment and are

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become a depository for the funds

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City Treasurer

something like \$7,500,000.00 is re-

In the city treasurer's department

# A Socialist City Administration battle cleared away, Berger had \$4,000 in damage suits have been and firemen, and I am informed pervision of city engineers. This the place where the city will build that they are turning to Socialism will insure better work and do a terminal station into which all

open-handed vice, poor housing in for your government. The story tenements, improper sanitation, high of Milwaukee tells you how these light and water rates, and often an theories are working when for the appalling indebtedness, requiring first time they are being tried in an an ever-increasing burden of taxation. Is it not time to enquire what is wrong with "business adminis-trations"? The trouble is traceable directly to our excessive indi-The American business man is a trained prod-tered without private profit to any- me was that of a page and a half uct of commercialism. nothing is worth while which came to Milwaukee to find out how ton publication of the M. E. church, right to get rich is to him a sacred American privilege. The man who they have done to benefit the work- church. I cannot quote the article, can make money is his hero. Somebusiness man in America must do, and fourth, have they fur- a few sentences here and there will have three qualifications. have three qualifications. 1st, nished the working people in the give you an idea. money. 2nd, an elastic conscience. other cities of the nation an exam-ad, belong to the church. The first ple which they may follow on to gives him a start, the second, work-

does not make money. ing leeway, and the third respectability. When a business man becomes mayor of a city and the city council fills up with ward politicians, the city proceeds on the theory that all city privileges must be farmed out to contractors. Private brick companies must make the brick, and private paving companies lay the paving. Private sewer companies lay the sewers, private street car companies run the street cars, private water companies furnish the water, private gas and electric companies furnish the light, private halls for public gatherings, private parks for summer amusements, in short all publie functions given over to private companies for private profit. To protect these private grafting institutions in their exploitation of the of the city is used. As a result apolis to Girard recently we had the pleasure of meeting enroute one

of the largest contractors of city work in the nation. This gentleman was one of those remarkable products of our system that you force and genius, from a newsboy cation and abuse. to a successful business man. He was a genius no doubt,-a rare product in these days-hard as flint on the surface, just because a successful business man must be. He explained to me that he preferred to do business with city administrations on an honest basis, but that wise, simply because the ordinary matter. If it was necessary to buy thought of the commission form of shoulders and said, "It greatly the city hall officials, simplifies my work." If I have to Commenting on the

## A Socialist Administration

ically un-American.

we hear the same old profit into a public benefit, and majorities and polled so many ordinances which go to the council story, oft repeated by thereby ease the burdens of the the capitalist newspa- poor people by so much. The peo-"What we need ple will not steal from themselves, is a business man's ad- and the whole secret of making a gressional district by a small plur- tails. These Socialistic ordinances ministration." The peo- Socialist administration a success ality, 13 of the legislative dele- are not only resisted by the capitalple have been getting is to have these public functions "husiness administra-democratically administered. This tions" for years and in the Socialists will accomplish by every city of America there is the the initiative and referendumsame wail of distress. City over- direct legislation. If this will not whelmingly in debt, public service work then you might as well give bad, graft in the police department, up your boasted democracy and go construction on the streets, back to the king and the titled lord American city.

> The Socialists have promised an administration by the people, of the people and for the people, with all things, so far as possible, adminis- many interesting documents handed To him one and public benefit to all. I write-up in Zion's Herald, a Bosthey persuaded the workers to vote by Rev. Enoch Parry, D. D., pastor the Socialist ticket; second what of the richest local Methodist ing people, and incidentally all peo- which is full of kind and compliple which they may follow on to success. Throughout the pages of this paper you will find the answer to these questions.

#### Who They Are

Let us put all doubt at rest from Maine to California. The Social ists of Milwaukee, who are doing things, came from the working class. No one can mingle with them for an hour and not know this. When you enter the splendid city hall you are at once struck with the fact that you have come to a place where you are welcome: where there is no arrogance; none of that air of "what do you want here" that makes you feel like getting out. You meet comrades, men of intellect, capable men, kind in their demeanor, not snobs, but men. You miss the old red noses that people all the civil and police powhalls,-the gang of hangers-on they are not there. Never have I we have a train of abuses so great they are not there. Never have 1 ficers and clerks are now found in the street car terminal, into which all a full year to complete the organithat the people groan under the burden. To get away from the burden. To get away from the burden and notorious by Socialist Milwaukee, the one in the afternoon. The mayor himcivic mismanagement of public af-fairs, the people have organized in man can get justice and feel. His office has his undivided atten-

At the election last spring in Milwaukee many people voted the Socialist ticket who wanted a light district and liquor is not perchange from the old corrupt, and mitted to be sold in disorderly mismanaged city administrations. houses. Men, regardless of party hard time of it trying to find some-It must not be understood, however, that the politicians let Milnow and then meet; a workingman wankee go by default, for they who had come up through sheer made the usual campaign of villifimade the same plea for a "business prosperity to the city of Milwau- one of Mr. Whitnall's fond desires administration", that we always hear in city campaigns. The Socialists were represented as visionaries and wild anarchistic agitators, incompetent to conduct the affairs of large city. All the methods office as & child would go to his kee working people, the bonds deusually used, such as police power, he was forced often to do it other- graft, the purchase of slum votes, etc., etc., were used. The Socialalderman expected to be paid for lists put into use their literature dis-every concession granted. The con-tributing brigade and over 400,000 ists put into use their literature distractor had no sentiment about the pieces of literature were placed in matter. If it was necessary to buy ought, and then took it out of German, and Polish. When the the city. I asked him what he returns were in it was found they had swept the city, electing a ma- faint conception of what the legal

buy I have but one man with whom to deal, and he is cheaper than a bunch of ward aldermen." There you have it. The commission form of government makes czars of five men. If they are good czars there may be an improvement but if not, all conditions are aggravated. The commission form of government of government of government but if not, all conditions are aggravated. The commission form of government of government but if not, all conditions are aggravated. The commission form of government of government premacy. Here was to be a battle commission form of government premacy. Here was to be a battle Milwaukee was an eye opener to being Mr. Charles Pfister, the is undemocratic, and hence theoret-A Socialist administration, to be-gin with, is scientific. Socialism is elected. If Berger, who became a sin university of old populist stock, the administration has not as yet a science. Its fundamental concept congressional candidate was to be and by birth and ancestry a related time to do much in the way of is democracy. If it wont work, elected he must reckon not only former. His nomination by the change, but you must look for it in then democracy will not work. The with a part of the country districts Socialists and later election was respectively and the administration of Milwaukee country of Waukesha. Socialists and later election was respectively and the administration of Milwaukee country of Waukesha. Socialists and later election was respectively and the people of Milwaukee country of Waukesha. Socialists and later election was respectively and the people of Milwaukee country of Waukesha. They have new independent and the administration of the country districts country districts. Socialists and later election was respectively and the people of Milwaukee country of Waukesha. They have new independent and the administration of the country districts country districts. Socialists and later election was respectively and the people of Milwaukee country districts country districts. Socialists are later to the people of Milwaukee have changed. They have new independent of the country districts are people of Milwaukee have changed. They have new independent of the country districts are people of Milwaukee have changed. They have new independent of the country districts are people of Milwaukee have changed. They have new independent of the country districts are people of Milwaukee have changed. They have new independent of the country districts are people of Milwaukee have changed and the people of M Socialist aims to educate the people of Milwaukee county, but the out-in government and the administra-lying rural county of Waukesha, tion of industry in such a way that The fight centered largely on Berthe people will share in all public ger, who was villified, abused, caradministration. When the people direct their affairs they will naturing to capitalistic papers, was a lines as his assistants, he has built formed city. ally so direct them that all the peo- dangerous anarchist, leading a up what is conceded to be the ple will share in the benefits. The deceived class to their own destruction strongest legal department the city people must all use the streets, tion. The streets were carpeted has ever had. He has succeeded

pected, that he was elected. Gay- with the law. This is a great work, lord was defeated in the other con- requiring the most painstaking degressional district by a small plur- tails. These Socialistic ordinances ticket, were elected, carrying the must also be so drawn as to meet wanted more of it.

#### In the Mayor's Office



ILWAUKEE has about everybody likes. Ask any preacher almost in the city, and he will say a kind word for Mayor Seidel. Among the

welfare.

torney.



"The eight hour law for city emficers and clerks are now found in intention also to build a municipal sen informed us that it would take fairs, the people have organized ing class control and where a work civic federations, good government that he is protected by his own class and kind.

He has even sold out his business and pattern shop at a saccinct be gainsaid; we are giving that he is protected by his own class and kind.

There is one thing about the cannot be gainsaid; we are giving the city of Milwaukee an honest the class and kind. affiliation, admit that all these thing to criticise. things are in the interest of the highest good of the city and they believe that the administration of The opposition Emil Scidel will carry a boon and ceived and paid out annually. It is kee. Party name is nothing; reto establish in connection with the sults are everything".

But of most importance is Com- nicipal bank. Through this bank rade Scidel's standing among the the bonds of the city can be pur-They come to his chased with the savings of Milwauworking class. father and he is never too busy to posited with the state treasurer as hear what they have to say. His collateral, and the people's money heart is large and his motives abso-

## Departments at Work

City Attorney

The average person can have but The city attorney and his staff are waukee are beginning to see that Commenting on the election, the not only the public prosecutors of royal. Not only the county officials, me and I hope to make it so to you. which with the sheriff's office car- The office is presided over by one ried with it tremendous power, but Daniel Hoan, not many years since a delegation to the legislature, and a cook, for he is but thirty years Milwaukee you must look for it, turning the laugh, for he has spirit is in the atmosphere. It has banks and other things that will Many trades were made between considerable money due the city there were rew actual Socialists at the republicans and democrats, and right now, has a case pending, among the policemen and firemen, last cent for which they can be quire land where homes with garplay grounds and a more practical administration will at once. There is no doubt that these two which he expects to win, against but some humane laws, passed by hired. A minimum wage of \$2.00 does attached may also be secured and simpler course of study. In

nate.

#### Commissioner of Health

with a municipal loan agency pitals designed. In the department, branch. The local loan agencies of Public Works they have a purwhile. A municipal bank would tract system.

time, handle our improvement bonds. We thus, as a city, would borrow our own money to make our own improvements. Then we want a municipal ice plant, through which we can make and sell pure ice at cost. We also want a municipal printing plant and there are many other things which we hope to reach in time".

"What about the street car lines," I asked, "Well," said Mr. Hoan, "the charter of Beggs', the car magnate, runs until 1934, and we are apparently handicapped, but would borrow our improvement, finding many things of great interest to those who will partment, finding many things of great interest to those who will partment, finding many things of great interest to those who will whereas, The cost of living its continuation and accessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wage for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work, but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man receiving the lowest wages for hard and necessary work but whereas, The man received to wage thereby also decides the wages of salling the lowest wage thereby also decides the wages of the party and you can be pa We could have gone through the by that body: we are apparently handicapped, but which have, during the last nine with a friendly legislature, we can, months, been confiscated from in time, find a way to get posses- dealers, and some of them made to sion of the car lines. At the pres- suffer heavy fines. We saw peck and half-bushel measures with false selves with making the car com- bottoms, shrewdly constructed panies obey the law. We have en- scales for false weights, short measforced the use of lifting jacks on ure milk cans, short ice dealers' all cars and have taken steps to en- scales; all bearing evidence that the people of Milwaukee have been subing of car fronts to protect the mitted to wholesale robbery in ployees has been inaugurated. Of motorman during winter. It is our weights and measures. Mr. Jans-

## How Socialists Govern.

tration on any matter of import- more than passing notice. Mr This, we find, is ance, acts wholly upon his own Whitnall is one of the substantial the opposition is having a very cial, the city clerk, city treasurer, temperament, and yet with all, has anything of importance requiring qualities all combined, make him of executive action comes up the priceless value to the Socialist mayor summons the council and movement and the Milwaukee ad city treasurer's department, a mu-These are gone over in detail with mind is easily apparent. used for municipal, improvements. The city is handicapped by lack of Socialists, are going up to the state caucus. capitol to work for home rule, for

If you want to see the evidences of a Socialist administration in

wealthiest citizen of a wealthy city.

## Police and Fire Departments

begin to change these public utilities from private to public control. The removal of these public parties would have been weaker than they would have been weaker than they would have been weaker than they would have been weaker than separated. When the smoke of aggregating \$1,000,000. So far but opened the eyes of the patrolmen all city work under the direct su
The removal of these public parties would have been weaker than sisting suits against the city in sums opened the eyes of the patrolmen all city work under the direct su
Mr. Whitnall pointed out to me

There is no doubt that these two which he expects to win, against but some humane laws, passed by people who desire this kind of the spring seven new members of residence, on the same terms as the board will be elected and we confidently expect to secure control of the schools."

every city election will convert this private source of har the same old profit into a public benefit, and ordinances which go to the council be my lively imagination, but I italist city governments, the convert this private source of majorities and polled so many ordinances which go to the council be my lively imagination, but I italist city governments, the convert the burdens of the more farmer votes than was experienced by thereby ease the burdens of the fancy at least that I can see a dif-ference between the Milwaukee graft. The contractor, by working for transportation of freight and policemen and those of other cities, a political pull at one end of the delivery of merchandise; the build-There is not among them that air line thus securing prices from the ing of local warehouses at convengation, together with the county ist members of the council, but they with in the city policeman. What and at the other end beating down the business section will be taken ticket, were elected, carrying the must also be so drawn as to most in is more natural than that they the price of labor, manages to ex- at night by the trolley delivery city by larger majorities than in the the searching unfriendliness of the should reflect the spirit of the ad- tract a rich sum from the city trea- cars and distributed by wagon spring. The people were finding courts. It must be always borne ministration which is sympathetic sury. A business administration, next morning. This will save the Socialism a good thing, and they in mind that the Socialists are unand charitable toward the unfortu- so called, finds no fault with this passage of heavy traffic over the system because business is founded streets and thousands of dollars in on private profit. A Socialist ad- paving, besides getting the trucks ministration takes the view that off the congested trade centers, A visit to Commissioner of serving the people, and that, since The ultimate ownership of the car tem. Our laws have been made to Health Dr. F. A. Kraft, who has they are in the vast majority, lines by the city is intended, but at conform to the idea of private charge of the "clean up and keep means the working people, is the all present impossible. At frequent property, while Socialists are enclean" work of the city, developed important thing. Among other intervals Mr. Whitnall would point deavoring to promote the public many interesting details. For in- things planned to cheapen cost of out the location of a neighborhood stance, he is organizing a women's street work, is a municipal stone center which is to be constructed "What would you like to do that inspection brigade to look after the quarry. An expert geologist from along lines described elsewhere. you can't do?" I asked the city at- tenement districts, departments of Madison has been engaged to an-"Well, said he, "I would free medical advice have been open- alyze the stone from the various like to begin on a municipal bank ed and some new municipal hos- quarries so as to pick out the best. reality and actual work is to com-By conducting a city stone quarry of Public Works they have a pur- and laying street paving under the are charging as high as sixty per chasing department which has direction of the city engineer, cutgood to you tenement dwellers in
cent on personal property. A munsaved the city considerable money ting out all side grafts, not only betthe dark, unhealthy and oversaved the city considerable money ting out all side grafts, not only bet- the dark, unhealthy and overicipal agency as a part of the munin the purchase of supplies. It is ter work may be done on the streets, crowded districts of the city icipal bank, would do away with through this department and that but thousands of dollars saved to Wouldn't a home in a beautim this injustice to the poor, who are of the city engineer's that they ex-often forced to borrow for a little pect to abolish the notorious con-resolution relating to the pay of the car line appeal to you? Well resolution relating to the pay of the car line appeal to you? Well

#### Seen From An Auto



pleasant experiences during my stay in Milwauthecommon council automobile with Frederick Heath, member of the board of supervisors and city treasurer, C. B.

MONG my

Whitnall. The latter is one who is destined to play an important part ments of the population, Berger's in the future of Socialist Milwau-No Socialist in the city adminis- kee and in that connection deserves council which consists of that offi- is a florist by trade, an artist by attorney, comptroller, and public a substratum of clear practical works commissioner. Whenever sense and a poise of mind which the whole matter is gone over, care- ministration. In addition to being support is from the working class fully threshed out and a decision the guardian of the city funds, he reached. Then there is what they is a member of that important body call the caucus which consists of known as the Park board, only him as their champion. When he the above named officials and the three of whom are Socialists but speaks, he speaks in revolutionary city council. This caucus meets all favorable to the Socialist language and his words come hard Saturday afternoons and carefully scheme of parking and beautifying and crisp. He applies no soft epiconsiders all matters to be pre- the city. The influence of Mr. Whit- thets to capitalism, but he lays bare sented to the common council, nall on this board and his directing its hellishness and hypocrisy in a

full and free discussion and then a majority decision is reached and auto, Mr. Whitnall at intervals way that hards. Therefore, capitalist Milwaukee does not love him. We majority decision is reached and auto, Mr. Whitnall at intervals went over with him the clippings home rule privileges which only the state legislature can grant. The entire legislative delegation from Milwaukee, both Socialists and non-for any measure decided on at the through the center of a block in made the subject of energy will be cut, some of them directly was called every hard name and for any measure decided on at the through the center of a block in made the subject of energy will be for any measure decided on at the through the center of a block, in made the subject of every vile in-Then there is still another order to carve out streets and parked sinuation that corrupted genius government. He shrugged his like the leaves of a could create. This strong, hard-control to work for home rule, tor supervising body. This is the city hall officials as well as all department of a great city is like. be it known that the people of Milcentral committee, to which many fan, will spread out from the heart fighting man is sensitive and the matters are referred for decision, of the city to the suburbs, permit- fight got on his nerves and it took and back of all this is the referenting people from all parts of the him weeks to recover from the dum to the membership. It will city to reach the downtown dis-thus be seen that the Socialist administration is not, nor can it be, proach. These wide parkways will him. He will be heard. We saw a one-man affair. Many people be- be planted to trees and shrubbery, his great library, said to equal that lieve that Victor L. Berger is the with parks and comfort stations at of the University of Wisconsin. Socialist boss of Milwaukee. This intervals and as the outskirts of With these books he is familiar. is not true and no one would re- the city are approached, residence sent this more than Berger him-districts with parks adjoining will self. I have found men of talent be provided. In addition to this two other Socialists, Mrs. C. B. in all the offices filled by the So- the city is being divided into zones, Whitnall and Henry Raasch. cialists, many of whom, in fact all where business, manufacturing and called at the Berger home as much of whom measure up to Berger in residence will be grouped for conability. They do not all have his venience and comfort. Factories learning nor his aggressive fighting will be placed in factory sections, qualities, but they each have pecu- business in business sections and schools of Milwaukee," I asked her. that fitness for the work in hand. The Socialists of Milwaukee are health and comfort. To this end reply. "We have but three memnot trying to save money by econo-the city is almost weekly buying bers on the board and being in the mizing in the conduct of public af-land and parks, issuing therefor minority have not been able to do fairs through decrease in salaries real estate mortgage bonds to run much. However, we have placed and wages. Socialists do not be- twenty years with small annual Mr. Raasch on the building comlieve in that kind of economy. They payments. Where residence dis-mittee and through his practical have raised many salaries through tricts are opened, modern homes ability as an architect we have been the various departments in order will be built and sold to the work- able to get better school room and to secure efficient men. One note- ing people on long time with easy sanitary conditions. The Socialists These departments are under worthy thing is that they have payments and small interest rates, of Milwaukee have in mind free light, water, ice, heat, street rail- with abusive literature, and the bill in making the corporations sit up civil service direction and when the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the raised the wages of the street In this work the county administration to the poor that the poor the poor that the poor that the poor that the poor that the poor the poor that the poor the poor that the p ways, parks, halls, school houses, boards with vituperative cartoons, and take notice and has recovered banks and other things that will Many trades were made between considerable money due the city there were few actual Socialists took control of

a "pipe dream" but it is to be a mence in the spring on all that I have outlined above. Does it sound street workers introduced by Vic- dear worker, there is not a city in tor L. Berger in the council, passed the nation that cannot be doing likewise. Give a little study to

Now all this, dear reader, is not

stormy career as a Milwaukee Socialist, Mr. Berger has had the support of a brainy and loyal woman. This in no small degree has contributed to his final triumph. Ber ger is called "The Socialist Boss of Milwaukee. This charge comes not from the Socialists, who, themselves, know that in no sense is it true, but from his enemies.

Berger has the courage of a lion and that fighting disposition that never quits while breath lasts While Mayor Seidel and others of the administration have not only the support of the working class but the sympathy of many other ele-



The working people exclusively. of Milwaukee have come to know way that hurts. Therefore, capitalist

Mrs. Berger is a member of the school board, on which body are to see Mrs. Berger about the public schools as anything else, "What have the Socialists done for the

newspaper office with ment.

the town.

The first caller one morning was dressed. She carries a baby in one arm and with the other leads a sec-

ond baby. Her husband is in jail awaiting trial for assault and battery. In a trembling voice and with wet eyes, the woman says, the woman say "It is his first offense. He is good to me and the it. He won't do it again. We

Next follows a man with a par-



calendars from house to house. An resort of the "plutes" for an injuncuenmployed man stopping at the tion to restrain the city from em-Rescue Mission gives the information that a lodging house advertising 'Men Wanted for Work," is a fake-The place has no jobs and runs its advertising to get lodgers.

A tall, strong fellow enters carrying a basket of hulled nuts. He is a moulder by trade but has been laid off. It has taken him two days to hull the nuts. "You've got to give me a permit," he says. "I can't get a job, and I've got to make a living. If you don't let me sell these on the streets, you'll have to throw

me in jail.' Next is a scrubwoman. Her husband drives a dray, but business is poor and there is not enough to live on. Her health is breaking. Consumption is fastening on her. Can't the city put her husband at work so there will be steady pay and she can have a chance to live?



Then comes fifteen-y e a r-old girl. Her father worked for the Illinois steel company. His legs were broken by

By Carl Sanberg, Mayors' Private Secretary. where else is there | from gutters. To each and every the excitement of a letter is made reply or acknowledge-

prosperity and all the misery of sign painters' union and the merchants' and manufacturers' associaaldermen, had a short talk with the health commissioner and said goodby to Abe Gordon, the garment workers' organizer, who was leaving the city following the adjustgoing to the board of estimates Seiago he didn't understand when he joined a gang of boys and threw little ones. He didn't mean to do rotten tomatoes at a Socialist parade in which the present mayor of don't want him to go to the work- Milwaukee was marching.

When the Socialists took over the city they adopted the policy of alyzed arm and another man with placing experts in charge of all dea crippled leg. partments. They went out of the One gets a per-city when necessary to get these experts, and did not hesitate to employ cards near a rail- non-Socialists when advisable. One way station. The of these experts is Charles Mullin, other gets a per- superintendent of street construcmit to sell shoe- tion. One of the first steals that buttons. As they had been mulched of \$1,500,000 in leave a man en- street paving construction. The ters stumping on contractors had been permitted to wooden - leg lay paving twelve inches thick, while that is worn and that of other cities is six. It has He been found by experience in New has just come to town. He has York and other cities that six-inch been a dishwasher on a railway paving lasts as long as twelve. The construction train. He is pale and extra thickness was just so much sick and wants to go to a hospital. graft permitted the street contract-Comes next a woman from the Holy Jumpers' colony at Waukesha and wants to know if she can sell went to the courts, always the first ploying Mullin on the ground that he was not a resident of the city. Courts are human and in time rethat be, just as do the preachers. Judges in Milwaukee see the handwriting on the walls, and realize that if they are to hold office they must get in line with the new or must get in line with the new or a clean up. that if they are to hold office they must get in line with the new order. The city will now under its own clalist workingmen from Milwaukee, construction system be able to save and the Farmers' Union, from the countries of the countr They denied the injunction. Milwaukee people about \$100,000 try. annually. Score another point for these "visionary" Socialists who know nothing about business. All

#### not be done in a day or a year. Unionism at Work



merous of all who come to get the mayor's help or advice are men out of jobs and women deserted by their husbands. One man lifted two strong arms and begged with teats in his eyes for some kind of a job, anywhere. "I'll work for a dollar a day," he said. "The four kids at home haven't got anything to eat that'll make 'em grow. I don't want to go on the county. I want work!"

Such individual relief as is possible is always extended to these who are at the pit's bottom. The fundamental work of relief and better the said work of relief and better the said work of relief and better they are under the padrone system."

I found that in most places the work are under the padrone system. I am conducting a large garment workers only program that will meet the conditions, and we are patiently waiting for the people to understand. Upstairs, in one wing of the capitoh, the University of Wisconsin maintains a legislative research bureau, conducted by Dr. McCarthy, a versatile Irishman. He has traveled extensively over Europe and has a mong the Polish people and now the unions are invading the Italian to go on the county. I want work!"

Such individual relief as is possible is always extended to these who are at the pit's bottom. The fundamental work of relief and better the padrone system. I found that in most places they are under the padrone system.

In the Milwaukee Mayor's Office penter by craft and one of the old The mayor promptly issued the follife and color of a met that day from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. before the various committees to railway station. Here with three hours recess. At 8:30 which are referred labor bills, and you may touch el- a. m., the mayor had a conference is a power at Madison, the capital. bows with all the with representatives from both the This year fourteen Socialists are in the legislature, eleven of whom are trades unionists. The union men of tion on a new ordinance regulating Milwaukee have learned to send woman, clean and fairly well signs. He then attached his name to their own representatives to the a number of school bonds, went legislature rather than old party over matters of city business with politicians. In the city administration, out of twenty-one Socialists holding office, nineteen are unionists. Of the ten Socialist members of the board of supervisors nine are union men and of the county ment of the strike. Just before ticket, one-half. And yet we want to make clear to you that there has del has a minute's chat with a young been no attempt whatever to conworkingman, who explains that he trol the unions by the Socialist parwas sorry now and that ten years ty or by the unions to control the Socialist party. The two movements one economic, the other political -have been kept separate. No union in Milwaukee or the state of Wisconsin has ever been asked to pass Socialist resolutions.

> "Is the Socialist administration of any value to the trades unions in Milwaukee?" I asked Comrade We-

"Of inestimable value," was his reply. "We know that now we have friends in the city hall who will seek by every means in their power to assist us. This official sympathy strings and collar he unearthed was that Milwaukee has been the means of our recent rapid growth."

During the garment workers' you quit putting your enemies into strike, information was brought to office, only to have them club out

remables both in union and Socialist lowing order to the chief of police, no sooner had the echoes of the movements of the city. He is called who is not a Socialist. As you read speaker's gavel died away in the assets of the city. the "Foxy Grandpa" of the unions, it, brother union man, you will no because of his tact and skill in hand- doubt wish that you had an adminling union affairs. He has served istration like this in your city. Just the added gloom of On the day that was outlined two terms in the state legisla- remember that you can have one a charity bureau above Comrade Seidel was attenda charity bureau above Comrade Seidel was attend-combined with the ing the board of estimates, which winter. He makes the arguments talist ticket and put your own class into power:

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

"Complaints have been made here that disemployed citizens have re-

stood that no man on the police one who desires to be a candidate may force has the right to interfere with

The two names which receive the high force has the right to interfere with a citizen who is not violating the lot as rival and a reddens for election. The two names which receive the highest color, we found indubitable set vote, will appear on the official ball-lot as rival analysis for election.

"I expect you, as chief of police, designate for what set of principles these of legislation. Trained lecturers are choice. He will simply choose whether he wants Smith or Brown without citizen is within his legal rights he either Smith or Brown having been reto make it clear to the members of

Since my visit to Milwaukee the garment workers' strike has been garment workers' strike has been bility, and in the main these parties, occupied the executive chain settled, and the employes are back whose continued existence is always at Foliette left it for the Ut whose continued existence is always at Foliette left it for the Ut senate. Dr. McCarthy of senate. waukee, and the capitalist one in

## In the Wisconsin Legislature

is said to be the most radical ever asroom. Every bill must be reported for
sembled in the history of the state. It
action. was preceded by the most corrupt and reactionary, having been elected for the purpose of electing Lon Stephenson to the United States senate, who is said to have bought his way in, beginning his corruption tactics, by securing the electron of the legislature, though not unanimously line of legislative candidates favorable. tion of legislative candidates favorable to himself. This seems to prove that Courts are human and in time re-flect the economics of the powers even insurgent Wisconsin, state of La- islature can be judged from a laughable

try. These two organizations, repre-senting the two wings of the industrial army have been able to make common cause in many ways, and together have a strength of about twenty-five in the house. Then there is a radical insurgent republican group of the type of the governor, who are out for a state income tax, popular election of United the Socialists of Milwaukee need is h time to undo the crooked work of former administrations, and to work States senators, a guaranty of bank deposits, the initiative, referendum and recall, and various other reformatory will see in them a distinct type—that will see in them a distinct type—that the control of the contro out Socialism, which, of course, can measures. There is a smaller group of "half-breeds," a very small group of "half-breeds," a very small group of union workingmen. The rise of So out-and-out stand-patters, and thirty-dree democrats. With two or three of workingmen in the halls of legislations, the democrats train with the

The present legislature of Wisconsin bill can be pigeon-holed in a committee

I was fortunate to hear the joint

Several national bankers were heard a clean up.

Two new elements entered the legislature in formidable numbers, the Socilealist workingmen from Milwaukee, and the Farmers' Union, from the country of the same o heard Him gladly, It was the Scribes and Pharisees who cried, Crucify Him." tired.

Into such a legislature, fourteen Socialists have thrust themselves. Our boys in the house sit in a group. I say boys, because with the exception Weber and Brockhausen, they are kind that you can see in any city group of union workingmen The rise of So-cialism in Wisconsin marks the entry ound numbers 20, exceptions, the democrats train with the tion. They are there, not petitioning as stand-pat republicans, and pursue the in other states, where workingmen still usual obstructionist tactics of the demo-

two lawyers, thirteen workingmen, mine insurance agents, seven inerchants, nive bankers, live manufacturers three teachers, two physicians, two editors, and thirteen from other occupations in which are represented preachers, lumbermen, creamery operators, etc. two lawyers, thirteen workingmen, nine hermen, creamery operators, etc. The lawyers, in the main come from small county seat towns, and are not cor-poration attorneys. Milwaukee county is represented by fourteen Socialists and seven republicans. Of the latter one is in close sympathy with the So-

terment, it is well understood, must the padrone system be along the line of transforming a kind of feudal leadership. It is with these leaders who, for some gamization of society.

Letters from the world over come to Comrade Seidel in the morning of mail. There are constant inquiries. Socialists are, what Socialists are, what Socialists are, what socialists are, what socialists are what socialists is and how the Socialists are what socialists is an all what socialists are what socialists are what socialists are what so what so what what we was a social make every effort possible and possible what what we was a social make every effort possible and possible what what we was a social make every effort possible and possible what was a social make the support of the was the what what we was a social make the support of what was a sociali common exploiting enemy. The Scany danivian people who have an old country history of co-operative experience,
will be first of the farmers to espouse
Socialism. This explains the great increase of Socialist votes in the countradistricts of Minnesona and North Dakota sluth dwellers scrawled in lead pencil as of voices crying desperately from dark places. There are complaints from Milwaukee citizens off ashes not collected, scarlet fever ashes not reported, high taxes, street lights not burning, holes in paveness agent of the Milwaukee Trades ments, and dead dogs to be removed.

The First Battle.

kee, was on his feet and offered two partisan judiciary and the other a non partisan school board election in all cit ies having more than 100,000 inhabit-ants. As Milwankee is the only city in the state having such a population, the bill of course, was aimed at that place, and is intended to prevent the Socialists cently been subjected to abusive epithets and rough handling by policemen.

from having a party ticket under their party name on the ballot. The bill provides for a primary nomination election to be held ten days before the "Whatever may be the basis of legal election for judges of the court these complaints, I want it underparty organizations a necessary part of public procedure. The people can hold

The tendency of industrial classes to waukee, while in Chicago they have form political groups and through such been clubbed, abused and starved groups act with a class solidarity is into submission. Do you think that the Socialist administration in Milton and the Socialist administration and the Socialist administration and the Social and t watkee, and the capitalist one in Chicago has had anything to do with it? When, oh, union men, will construct the cost of this accounts on the with it? When, oh, union men, will construct the cost of this accounts on the cost of this accounts of of the cost of this accounts of this accounts of this accounts of the cost of cial-Democratic party. This political and playgrounds, trade schools and enparty has possession of the city and gineering service. As a result, the mucounty. It was about to capture this micipal experience of the old world—nicipal experience old world—nicipal ex

> and democrats under any party name, so with fine cunning, he and his political associates developed the beautiful wankee administration a tone and city so with fine cumming, he and his political associates developed the beautiful to them of robbing the Socialists of their party name on the ballot, and of forcing them to depend solely on the personality of their candidates. Under this arrangement it is condently expected that three will be a grand condition of old party politicians, the big brewries, the saloons, merchants and manufacturers association, the stilk stocking element, the slums and the combined course of the sole of the sasembly manufacturers association, the stilk stocking element, the slums and the company approximately \$10,000 are common cause against the same blue to the company approximately \$10,000 are common cause against the measure, the same being the twelves of cialists, the farmers' union men, the speaker and a few insurgent regulation, the strike cost probably \$1,500,000 are largely in the carried of the speaker and a few insurgent regulation, the strike cost probably \$1,500,000 are regulated to the carried of the carried of the speaker and a few insurgent regulation, the strike cost probably \$1,500,000 are considerable number of progressives, out of the twelve and become a law, which means that the circulation of the speaker and a few insurgent regulation, the city, county and state. The strike cost probably \$1,500,000 are considerable number of progressives, out of the speaker of the spe

one men and women in its organized trades and this number is being rapidly increased. Of these the members of the assembly, studying increased. Of these their faces, watching their methods, I came to this conclusion:

In other states, where wording and the wording and the class of society. It is needless to say that they are treated with respect, for they represent the industrially largest class in the state.

Over in the senate, Gaylord and Zophy

Over in the senate of the senate of the mation should be placed at the substant should be placed tute the larger numbers go to work. But she can not read nor write. So the factory inspector cannot issue her a permit.

About the saddest and most numerous of all who come to get the mayor's help or advice are men out of jobs and women deserted by swelled to 2 2000 for mayor's help or advice are men out of jobs and women deserted by swelled to 2 2000 for mayor's help or advice are men out of jobs and women deserted by swelled to 2 2000 for minute that the larger numbers is a body of men, without machine organization, most of whom are willing to be governed in their actions, lay the standard of right. They reflect the popular protest against the high-cannot issue her a permit.

Over in the senate, Gaylord and Zophy occupy conspicious seats and are expositions sand are evillent maniful to other cities if it continues triumphant lay to the speaker, and when he talks, the lamb of it continues triumphant in two to the capitalist class see in the popular protest against the high-cannot issue her a permit.

About the saddest and most numerous of all who come to get the mayor's help or advice are men out of jobs and women deserted by swelled to 2 2000 for most of whom are willing to be governed in their actions, by the standard of right. They reflect the popular protest against the high-cannot issue her a permit.

Socialism, while the capitalist class see in its opensus, and we are patiently respected. Gaylord, of course, willing to be governed in their actions, lay the standard of right of the popular protest against the high-cannot issue her a permit.

Socialism, while the capitalist class see in the legislature to stay. It is to be a desperate battle, coming it is to minute the coming it is to minute to the popular protest without a program. Of course, willing to be governed in their actions, lay the senate have the senate have the senate have a protect without a program. Of course, will it is to be a desperate battle, coming it is to minute the capitalist. It is to be a desperate battle, coming the popular protest ever raised aloft the banner of human freedom. They deserve every assistance that we can give them, because they are fighting our battles, as well as

ganization, and is equipped with means to care for its interests. It has added to the delegation a competent attorney who scans carefully very bill presented sembly hall at Madison on the open-ing day of the legislative session, than Representative little Stern, of Milwauand is present at all committee hearings where the interests of working men is involved.

Comrade Berner early offered a joint resolution which passed both houses, requiring all lobbyists to register and This has had a salutary effect in ing out the gratting vermin which is always attendant on legislative sessions. Nothing that effects labor has escaped the Socialists.

#### Service of University.

"The University of Wisconsin is nearer to the people than that of any other educational institution in America." Thus spoke A. M. Simons of the est vote, will appear on the official particle of the strength of the lot as rival candidates for election. There will be nothing on the ballot to designate for what set of principles these men stand to guide the voter in his of legislation. Trained lecturers are citizen is within his legal rights he should not be manhandled nor insulted. Officers telerating such tactics and patrolmen practicing them will be held accountable.

"Hoping that reports referred to will on investigation prove to be exaggerated, I am Respectfully, (Signed):

"Respectfully, Mayor."

(Signed):

EMIL SEIDEL, Mayor."

Mayor."

he wants Smith or Brown without either Brown having been required to make any declaration whatsos schools, experts for city parking, organization of social centers, city accounting, etc. It has adeveloped, as have the Socialists, a pronounced social constant who asserts that he is sincerely trying to establish a clean and honest election, but it is very clear to me that he is either deceived or is himself to me, but it is very clear to me that he is either deceived or is himself a deceiver, for it is a step away from that evolution in public affairs which has made party organizations a necessary part of the great Socialist city or Milwaukee. Ithe great Socialist city of Milwankee The governor of Wisconsin is perhaps the most aggressive insurgent who has occupied the executive chair since Lafor the United States tive research bureau is in his element aving the most apt students in the has ever had to deal.

The Socialists had the good sense to open wide the doors of Milwaukee and strike, information was brought to office, only to have them club out.

Mayor Seidel that some of the policemen were misusing the strikers. tice and a living wage?

Sometimes and county. It was about to capture this incepting experience of the old world—
sometimes and public school board. This would complete its control of the city and county.

Sometimes at the disposal of Milwaukee people. It is quite true that Berger is perfectly. spring, the local judiciary and public school board. This would complete its control of the city and county.

Mr. Stern, doubtless, knows that it would not be possible to form a successful fusion between the republicans and democrats under any party name. the university experts has given the Mil wankee administration a tone and char-acter that has commanded respect. It has

he wanted to set the banker right on his historical reference. Said the C. M. "The old book says the common people heard Him gladly. It was the Scribes and Pharisees who cried, 'Crucify Him.'"

This finished the banker and he retired.

This finished the banker and he retired.

there are some things that are fused to club the strikers, gave up their stars, and quit the service. Many of the soldiers refused to bayonet people and openly frater-nized with the strikers. One company of militia from Toledo, after their return home and receiving their pay, sent \$500 to Columbus as a donation to the strike fund.

This is the story of the Columbus trike from a Socialist viewpoint. The strike ended in gloom but the rising of the sun on the morning Tuval theater.

March 17, Tampa, Fla., 8 p. m., Tampa a bunch of battle-scarred veterans as In the reports from the polling places there was cheer and comfort. The workingmen lost the strike but they are going to win something a thousand fold more valuable-the city of Columbus-the capital city

been a Socialist member of the assembly of the prisoners from between the bars for several terms. Frank Weber, another member, is Milwankee business agent for the unions. Every member of the Socialist delegation is a card man save Gaylord. Brockhausen is on the special committee, which inspects state institutions, and hence is in a splendid position to study labor conditions in these institutions. He has some important hills, covering convict labor. The state federation is a high dues or-

BY J. B. NABH.

A financier drove out to see
A farmer, who professed that he,
(Although his farm was rented)
Had found the surest means to the
Aud own the westit which others
Yet keep his dupes contented.

The farmer proudly led him out.
To see his owen strong and stout,
His pride and greatest treagure;
They came, almost before he spoke,
And placed their necks beneath the yoke.
Apparently with pleasure.

"What makes them come?" the other "With nothing but a nubbin fed; Indeed, I don't see through it. The farmer smiled, and said, said he, "I broke them in as calves; you see; They're edicated to it."

"They do my will, my word obey, Without reward, not even hay, Although I let them pass An hour at noon and all the night Down in the pasture, out of sight, A henting 'round for grass'

Thus spake the financier then
"You deal with cattle, I with men,
Whose toll has greater worth,
Financially, I reign a king,
Invest in hearly everything,
Some day I'll own the earth."

"Men come to me in sorest need; They beg for work; implore and plead; If I a job assign. The highest ware I ever give. Is fixed by what it costs to live. The product, sir, is mine." "Your nubbin represents the wage for which the working class engage, To live so mean and humble; and grind out profits, don't you see, that comes to me, yes, comes to me, What cause have I to grumble?"

"I serve the farmer much the same, Ha! Ha! But they are easy game, And think they're independent, I set the price and profit well On all they buy; on all they sell, And roll in wealth respiendent."

"And price or wage, which e'er it be.
The system soon returns to me
in infrest, profit rent.
Yet, all the same my victims cheer
and shout with joy when I appear,
So well are they content."

The farmer asks: "What makes the for you to plurder, rob and spoil? Gee whit! It bears the nation." "Ah, well! they are taught as babes you know, That Ged Almighty wills it so; Tis all in education."

"I pension men to teach our youth As I direct; to bide the truth, And regulate instruction. For, if the truth were known, you see My dupes no more would give to me The fruit of their production."

standard of conduct is justice, and coroner working overtime, and who in-tended to go to the root of all acci-dental deaths—and, but who can tell it all I could write a book and then a supplement, and not finish. You must look for the rest in the weekly news.

### Turner on the Revolution

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Mar. 13. Pomona, Cal., S p. m., Fraternal Aid hall.

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March 17. Douglas, Ariz., S p. m., theater., March 21. Albaquerque, N. M., S p. m., Eik's Opera House.

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win's ball.

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ing for a change have never been able to correct this of conducting evil and they never will. The power

from the capitalist to conditions are and must be deter- port, turn against it. mined largely by economic condi-The saloon keeper is gov- conditions never come from the top erned by his desire to make money, hence he uses the methods, and sells the bottom. Wealth is complacent the kind of poison that will make amid evil and injustice. It lives on him profit, just as any other busi- the high ground and breathes pure ness man does. Poverty forces peo- air; it comes seldom in contact with starvation wages force girls into pathy for suffering. It was Linprostitution. The Socialist knows the preaching, and all the social the common people of the land, crusading will come to naught, for who will never disappoint you." poverty and distress will inevitably But just how to handle the vice force people back into the same old question is a big one. Our friends, channels. Immediately on coming the prohibitionists, rant about deinto power the Socialist will begin stroying the saloon and the preachto make conditions easier for the ers tell us that all the troubles of working people. He will make his workers come from their intemperfirst attack on graft, wherever he ance. Workers deny they are grossly home getting possible and provide that the saloon is their club roommunicipal lodging, amusement and their common resort for social inagencies for crime and lust on which most cities levy a license tax. He does not believe that humanity is naturally depraved, and he does believe that when you give people a chance to be good they will choose You tell them to come to church, that rather than evil This is his but are your churches open on week theory. We shall now see how it days and evenings? Will you proworks in Milwankee.

Victor L. Berger in his statement just after election says: "We were opposed by the Retail

Liquor Dealers Association-the saloon keepers. These organized saloon keepers did their very worst at the last moment to defeat our

Why? Mr. Berger does not say but it did not take me long loon which will obey the law, but to find out the reason. Four years ago, when the first Socialists broke vals over the city, neighborhood into the city council, they began meeting places. These buildings is known as the Socialist will contain a gymnasium and swimblack list on saloons and dives ming pool, divided for men and Each year the chief of police certifies to the city council the list of rooms and play grounds for the saloon keepers entitled to re-license. These are passed on by the council women and children, can come, get and new licenses issued. Frederick acquainted, visit, exercise and enjoy Heath, formerly of the council, now co-operatively what is not possible Socialist member of the board individually. Men will not go home of supervisors, showed me the vote from these places intoxicated and of the council the first year of his office as councilman, wherein he and drink question. the two other Socialists recorded themselves against licenses to the dives. When the Socialists finally dives of this sort in the city and given under the encouragement of there are no licensed houses of pros- the city administration, and mantitution. I do not mean to say that aged by a capable committee of repassert that the Socialists have gone at once proved a great success and as far to remove prostitution as at will be extended over the city. present possible.

fought the Socialist ticket, and while some saloon men (a goodly name in Milwaukee) are Social- were gathered in the three large ists and will continue so to be, the saloon in general and its influence warmth and sanitation made everying the last final roundup will be thing conducive to good behavior. in the last final roundup will be thing conducive to good behavior to furnish opportunity for virtue against the Socialist movement. The and gentility. A hard working and not try to enforce it. saloon and prostitution are boon corps of ushers of both sexes made companions, and both of them go everybody feel welcome. Strangers is scarcely a city in the land where

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have good amusements they don't Warring Vice in a Great City care for the other kind. HEN it comes the old party administration does to a discussion not levy tribute on vice, which tribunder- Tammany lives on vice and its cam-

Another undertaking fostered by of this phase of the becomes a great pollution fund the Socialist administration is a se-our subject you to corrupt the ballot. In New York ries of municipal concerts at the people's auditorium every Sunday stand that So-paign funds are drawn from the afternoon, given by the cream of cialists make no traffic in deprayed appetites and Milwankee's musical talent. The pretensions to lusts. Chicago is the same, like-being moral cru- wise St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha nationality and, of course, is music saders. The So- and a host of American cities. The loving and music talented. An adcialist is fight- so-called good people of the cities mission of ten cents is charged for these concerts. Just think of it. evil and they never will. The power Hearing an orchestra almost equal of the liquor traffic in politics will to that of Theodore Thomas for the His con- never be throttled until the working sum of ten cents. But, you see, this tention has ever been that moral class, those who form its chief sup- is not a business man's administration with everything run on the Changes in social and economic profit basis. This is a Socialist administration, conducted on the principles of service to the people. When of society; they must begin from the summer months come and the parks are open, it is the intention to provide free concerts on Sundays and entertainments during the week ple into crowded tenements, and distress and finally loses its sym- at stated intervals, under administration guidance and at a small cost. coln who said, "If you want to find This will take the people to the that while these conditions last all sobriety, virtue and honesty, go to parks nearest their homes and draw them away from the beer gardens and drinking resorts which are conducted with the sole purpose of parting people from their money. The summer resorts of all cities are usually at the outskirts located thus for the purpose of promoting street car fares. The Milwaukee idea is to put on entertainments at all the finds it. He will raise wages, make intemperate, although they admit parks so that they will be within easy reach of the poor people and at a nominal cost. As one local Sorecreation, in place of the private tercourse. Just because the saloon is cialist official expressed it, "We their club house and the only one propose to make Milwaukee a good they have, is the precise reason why place to live and a safe place to rear children." I can add my own perthey often indulge to excess. You sonal testimony that never in my would take away their saloons, but what would you give in return? life have I been in a city where law and order are so apparent and such You tell them to come to church, confidence is reposed in the integrity of the administration. We, days and evenings? Will you prooutside, hear much of Milwaukee vide them with a warm room, a as a beer-soaked city. This is due cheap lunch, a place to smoke their to the presence of its big breweries. pipes and where they can visit to-Milwaukee is not beer-soaked in the common acceptance of that term. Her brewery workers are nearly all "We are going to solve the vice question," said Frederick Heath, Germans and practically to a man Socialists. They make beer, but by making virtue and virtuous they do not wollow in it and I have

to even attempt to destroy that sa- the impression that prevails abroad. One of the crimes that cry to heaven in all cities is the treatment of clerks and department store girls. The rule of clerking and prostituwomen, smoking rooms, visiting tion is pretty well established in all cities. Girls are hired at wages children. Here the people, men, which will not permit of self-support. It is expected that these girls will piece out their income through some kind of polite prostitution. The girl who sells her labor power for \$4.00 or \$5.00 per week and her this will in a large way solve the virtue for what she can get sets the standard for all other girls. No girl can maintain herself in a city on \$5.00 per week. Board and lodg-The Socialists have closed up the ing will consume the amount and controlled the council, they took dance halls that have been run in nothing left for clothing. Just so away the licenses of all the dives, connection with the saloon. This soon as the legislature of Wisconsin bed-houses, and places where sale at first raised a howl of protest but will give over through home rule of liquor and prostitution go hand the need for dancing by the young to the cities the full control of muniin hand. At one blow they wiped people was quickly met by dances cipal affairs, the city of Milwaukee out one hundred of these notorious promoted by lodges and clubs, and under her Socialist administration will proceed to erect municipal dance will be erect municipa Today there are no longer by establishing a municipal dance will proceed to erect municipal lodging houses for both men and women to be conducted at cost. Here, under the direction of kind prostitution has ceased, but I do resentative citizens. These dances matron, the wayward girls of the the ones whose city can find homes and safety. This is work never adequately done by any charity organization. The It was our pleasure and privilege Young Women's Christian Associa-It is not strange that the saloons while in Milwaukee to attend a sestion has tried it, but the system of while in Milwaukee to attend a sestion has tried it, but the system of questions, while in Milwaukee to attend a sestion has tried it, but the system of questions, while in Milwaukee to attend a sestion has tried it, but the system of questions, while in Milwaukee to attend a sestion has tried it, but the system of questions are the system of questions and the system of questions are the system of questions.

things attractive. We do not intend seen no evidence whatever to justify

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as I was to paying profit for every-thing of this kind I had ever en-

warmth and sanitation made everything conducive to good behavior and gentility. A hard working corps of ushers of both sexes made everybody feel welcome. Strangers were introduced and partners found by introduction. While the young people predominated, as was to be expected, many with gray hair were present, and all seemed to be having the time of their lives. Three along with corrupt politics. There were introduced and partners found al of vice until some fundamental Hats and coats were checked free, pride. When these conditions are and hi an adjoining room refresh- met and only Socialism can meet ments were served which included them, very few women will be prosice cream, lemonade and soft drinks. titutes. Opportunity for social in-This was not a drinking crowd, but tercourse between the boys and a company of citizens come to en- girls by means of the municipal play oy themselves in their own audito- grounds for ball, tennis, croquet in rium, the property of the people of summer, and skating and toboggan Milwaukee, and which for the first sliding in the winter, all at a small ime was opened to public use. All cost, and in reach of the poorest, this cost how much do you suppose, will reduce the social evil to a minithe sum of fifteen cents. It all mum.

seemed a dream to me, accustomed I was not surprised to find the Socialist administration in Milwaujoyed in my life; but you see Mil-kee engaged in the work as outlined wankee is in control of a new spirit, above. Is it not what we have all The people are finding that the best been talking and dreaming about? happiness that can be had in life It is just what you would expect a is in sharing your joys with others, Socialist administration to be doing, and that by simply switching the and it is just what other Socialist lever of the mind and getting the administrations will do, my brother Socialist viewpoint, it is easy for working man, when you get into the people to provide themselves the Socialist ranks and take over with plenty of amusements at a the property you have helped to very small cost; and when people create.

What They Say of It.

Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kansas.

The Mayor. Dec. 8, 1910. Dec 8, 1810.

Mr. Allen C. Jones, care Phister Hotel, City:

Dear Sir.—In compliance with your request of Dec 5th, I berewith submit the following replies to your inquiries:

1. "How did the Socialists carry Milwaykee?"

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stry other city can be carried in the
way. Stop "speechifying" on "ecodeterminism" and demonstrate how
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every judicial railing favor the interof capital, while the workers are
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of itself.

derman at Large.

We carried Milwaukee by continually agitating, and distributing literature, setting forth the manner in which the working people were continually exploited, and the things possible to be done by electing our own class to the city council.

As an individual control and that they done much we cannot say that I have done much. We always as until the specially on important matters. I have as chalman of the theories committee, ander to possible to stop the evil of Sunday might denses, and gambling by withdrawing the licenses to such places. I intend to follow up such legislation, and to stand with my comrades for the interests of the working thats.—Jacob Rummel, Alderman 19th Ward.

#### County Attorney.

Sir-In raply to your communical desire to answer your inquiries a

follows:

The Social-Democratic victory at the last election was, perhaps, mostly due to an efficient party organization. Every ward and country district has its permanent branch organization and every individual was prompted to exert his efforts, not for the sake of office, but in the collisment of the a cause, which is deeply embedded in the class conscious mind of all members of the party.

We have benefited the working class chiefly and foremost by giving it an efficient and homest administration in our

#### County Treasurer.

In response to your inquiry, I herew

#### County Clerk.

To the Editor: The people's dances at the Milwaukee auditorium under the supervision of the city administration are "relatively" good. It is disgusting that some people, even Catholic priests, find all the time famit with every step towards better taken by anybody else than by themselves. Let the Catholic priests of Milwaukee get a move to themselves and do something, and there will be less for the Socialists to do. If many of the Catholic priests of Milwaukee would now and then visit the slums of Milwaukee and the many private dance halls as does Mayor E. Seidel, they would realize, as he does, the necessity of finding some steps to remove, and save our girls and boys, physically, morally and mentally from the many alluring craters of hell. We cannot save our young girls and boys except by going after them, by seeing where they go, what they do, and by being with them. The act of lamenting and criticising cares nothing and helps nobody. If we think that the siums and the dance halls are too dirty to be handled by us, then the Socialists will have to do it. We ennnot with good grace criticise the Socialists for going abad of us in our own work. County Ciers.

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### The Coroner.

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## City Treasurer.

## City Comptroller.

City Comptroller.

We won Allwankes to Socialism by persistent agitation in the Social Democratic-Herald, many meetings, and the systematic distribution of literature showing the inconsistencies and mismis of the old parties, and pointing to Socialism as the only cure for the ills of existing society. To your question, "What have we done?" I reply when our officials were elected, we inspired hope in the working class by showing that our organization esercised complete control over its officials, that no individual could be the party boss, and this organization compelled the strictest adherence to platter in the future, we intend to improve existing conditions as fast as the capitalist system will permit, always keeping in mind the final purpose of our organization, viz., the Cooperative Commonwealth.—Carl P. Dietz, City Comproller.

### The Aldermen.

The Socialists carried Milwaukee after a fiteen-year literature campaign, which in the spring of 1910, reached 400,000 copies of the Feice of the People placed in the homes of the people by our 1,200 yourn here brigade. Result-Soldel elected by a pincality of 7,122. We are doing all that wa can do for Milwaukee people under our restrictive charter. We are planning many things which will benefit the people many things which will benefit the people but of first our guardians, the state legislature we will ask lin our budget to the legislature we will ask lin our budget to the legislature we will ask lin our budget to the legislature we will ask cold storage plants, free dispensaries, ice cold storage plants, free dispensaries, ice plant, singhler house, loss birds, and the course pursued by the first our dispensaries, ice plant, singhler house, loss birds, and the course pursued by the course plants, free dispensaries, ice plant, singhler house, loss birds, and the course pursued by the course plants free dispensaries, ice plant, singhler house, loss birds, and the course plants free dispensaries, ice plant, singhler house, loss birds, and the course pursued by the course

# Attitude of the Churches. Initiative, Referendum and Recall.-Albert P. Giese, Alderman 18th Ward. F. Giese, Alderman 13th Ward. We carried Milwaukee by educating the people, and showing them that we had something worth while to offer them. When the working men get organized politically and understand what they want, their superior numbers, enable them to get not only benefit for themselves but all the people. The people of my ward tell me that the streets are kept cleaner and their interests looked after better than ever before. This is what I have tried to be—the people's servant, and not a self-seeker. We expect to get better paying, better

connected with churches.



obstacle hard to overcome. The time is indeed marvelous. Socialists of Milwaukee have cul-Numerous vital points attached to your first question. How did the Socialists carry Milwaukee?" Perhaps I will not be far churches just as they have so suctions the truth when I say that heart to beart talks of comrades with fellow workers and neighbors, not to ask for votes, but to urge them to and y Socialism, for we know that the only real enemy of Socialism is ignorance. I was unable to find any outism and neither have they tried to get church congregations and preachers to do the same. But they have cultivated the friendship of the ministry and the individual members of churches with the result that they have been able to speakers in many place their churches for Sunday evening services and have had the cordial friendship and assistance of many who comprise the ministerial body On Sunday morning, as is our custom, we went to church and the Congregational being that of our preference, we attended Plymouth The fine church, the grand choir and cultured preacher, all spoke the aris-I had at first a strange out-of-place feeling until the minister began his prayer. Imagine my surprise when among his first words was an appeal to the Divine to "Teach us the full meaning of the brotherhood of man that we may be willing to see that brotherhood is impossible until we have devised a better system of production and distribution to the end that the greatest possible comfort and enjoyment may come to all men. That the church might see that it was not its work so much to engage in philanthropy and reform, but its mission was to inspire mankind with a higher sense of justice and brotherhood, so that in other walks of life these things might be brought to · Sounds rather socialistic. pass."

> Nazarene Carpenter? You see, Milwaukee is changing its economic viewpoint and the view of the church will change with it. Just remember, however, my dear Socialist friend, that the minister will not need to change the gospel to suit conditions. The New Testament is a revolutionary document Its highest concept has been the brotherhood of man. Brotherhood without some degree of economic equality, is impossible. When you fail to make use of your opportunities to do propaganda work in the church you are losing out on one of your available resources. The congregational church in its national council, held in Boston during September, 1910, organized an industrial committee, whose work it is to promote the study of economic conditions. In the resolutions passed, among other things, they

doesn't it? Well, is it not what you

would expect from a disciple of the

it seems to me that the Social-Demo-cratic administration has been for the good of Milwankee. Moral reforms have met with kind reception. Interest in the wel-fare of young people and children is marked. The unusual support of the ad-ministration given to the working class is a saintary emphasis.—R. L. Donaldson, Perseverence Presbyterian Church. blysical and moral heatth

munity

"For the suppression of the 'sweating system."

"For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practicable point, and for that degree of leisure for all which is a condition of the highest human life.

"For the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised." "For the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised.

"For the suitable provision for the old age of the workers and for those incapacitated by injury.

"For the abatement of poverty.

"To the toilers of America and to those who by organized effort are seeking to lift the crushing burdens of the poor, and to reduce the hardships and uphold the dignity of labor, this counsel sends the greeting of human hrotherhood and the pledge of sympathy and of help in a cause which belongs to all who follow Christ."

Lutheran pastors refuse to have anything to do with politics. They have more than enough to do to preach the Gospel.—Rev. C. F. Dietz.

We won our victory by persistent agita on, education and organization. We have

We won our victory of the control of

The Preachers Testify.

While in Milwaukee I addressed a com-munication to some of the resident clergy-men of the city asking for an expression of opinion on the question whether or not in their judgment the administration had been of moral benefit to the city. Following are some of the replies received: "It has in my judgment endeavored to promote the moral and social welfare of all classes, I hope for great things, and certainly there is room for expansion and development."—

great improvement on the corrupt admin-istrations of the past dozen years and nore.—Henry Colman, Simpson M. E. Thurch.

previous administrations were

I cannot set in order the things the inistration has done for the city, and the can be no doubt that it has it

I am not in condition to say what the Socialist party has done as yet for the good of our city.—Archbishop Messner,

I believe our city government is run more honestly, if not more economically than formerly.—Rev. S. C. Haskin, Pligrim Congregational Church.

I will say that Mayor Seidel seems to be honestly, sincarely, and heartily endeavoring to promote the moral welfare of the city. His public addresses heathe that spirit. His influence is good. He says, "Mother, If I am to keep my daughter pure you must keep your sen pure." As far as I know they are enforcing the law against vice.—W. A. Cutler, Westminster Presbyterian Church.

N MILWAU-group. He is a ripe scholar and a KEE there are good speaker. Then we have Re-something like Carl D. Thompson, city clerk, and three hundred Rev. W. H. Gaylord, state senatchurches. Esti- who each do work among the mating the aver churches both in the city and the age membership state. In my mingling with the each, including for the Socialist administration, and Catholic, an appreciation at least, for the there must be honesty and integrity of Socialist 150,000 people officials. The Socialists have ap-churches. Here pealed to the civic pride of the peois a moral force for us which, if ple and created a desire for a beau directed toward Socialist ideals, can tiful city, one that will make living not help being valuable. Estranged more enjoyable and life less selfish from the movement, it would be an To have done this in so short a

> spoken support of the Socialist movement from the Catholic clergy This is said to be due to the antag onism of local Arch Bishop Mess ner, who, it is claimed, was brought here to handle the Socialist situa tion. However, I am informed that some of the priests are secretly in sympathy with the movement, but are restrained from saying through fear of the disapproval the Arch Bishop. There are Cath olics among the lay members of the church in great numbers who rigidly maintain their political right of preference and choice. They all agree that they are willing to take their religion from Rome, but not their politics. This is becoming the attitude of the Catholic working men everywhere, and as we have long believed, the opposition of the church to the efforts of the workers to remedy their conditions through political organization will, finally, avail the church nothing. A case was brought to my attention concerning a Catholic choir in one of the local churches which was active in the Socialist movement. They received orders "To cut it out." but instead of doing so they discon-tinued singing. The Socialists have treated the Catholic churches as they have all others, with courtesy and consideration.

## Capitalist Lies.

Alderman Bogk, a hold-over democratic official has made himself famous as the collossal liar of the city. He has writen an arraignment of the Socialist administration accusing it of ex-travagance and increase of taxes and misuse of money. This tissue of false-hood has been industrially circulated to the capitalist press in cities cialists are near to victory. Its design therefore, is plain.

levy on which Milwaukee people are now paying taxes was made by the now paying taxes was made former administration and the ment made by former capitalist ap-pointed assessors. Only the new levy to be paid next year is by the Socialists, and will be assessed by them. The Socialists fell heir to the extravagance misuse of money, and debts of the no torious Rose administration—the man of many wives and the celebrated lec-turer of the wholesale liquor dealers' association. These debts they must pay and their levy must be higher to get out of democratic debt. The pay rolls have been increased because the city the work will now be done by the ci-direct, and the workmen paid by the city. Then, too, it will be remembered that the city closed up the dives and lost this revenue. If the legislature the work will now be done by the city lost this revenue. If the legislature will give the city administration the power to operate public utilities, the So-cialists will in a few years give the tax payer the lightest burden he has ever borne.

The new system of accounting, the purchasing department which line ished the purchase of scab made goods I believe the Socialists are giving us a good administration. Conditions are better than they have been and I have confidence that they will grow more so.—Raymond G. Pierson, South Baptist Church.

With the conviction that Socialism in this country will become constructive. I am ready to subscribe to the carnest—Give them a chance, since we must have a change and have nothing better in sight.—Rev. Aug. T. Bendler, St. Mathews Luth. Church.

It seems to me that the Social-Democratic administration has been for the good of the conditions and arbitration in industrial dissensions.

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The present administration is making efforts to fulfill its promises. They have not aucceeded so rapidly as some imagine they should, simply because they became helrs to usiny tils. I'think the administration would do a great deal more for the city if it were not handleapped by lack of means.—C. L. Linley, Episcopal Church.

I helped put in office the present admin-istration. Mr. Arnold, the sheriff is a Methodist and a good one. They seem to be trying to make good.—Rev. P. W. Peter-son, M. E. Church.

### PROPAGANDA NUMBER

No. 799, dated March 25, will be special propaganda number prepared under direction of C There is a strong Christian fellowship organization in the city which meets each Sunday evening in a good hall and interests many terian Church

The Socialist administration is the best that I have keen in a good flair and interests flairly people. Not only are the sessions of the fellowship valuable in them that I have known in Milwankee during the decade of my solourn here. I think the decade of my solourn here. I think the decade of my solourn here. I think the rest of the average citizen toward the pressor will and eager endeaver of the pressor into local pulpits on Sunday evenings and speak on socialistic to improve matters has ever been heretofore. We have feeling of security and hope, and on the whole are inclined to vote for the containst at the next election.—F. W. C. Meyer, Pastor First German Ruptist Church.

I have been favorably impressed, espeto come. It is intended to make this absolutely the best propaganda likewise the Sunday evening lecturer for the Christian fellowship