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ing their employment, and that therefore they are in effect strangers to each other.

POLICE DELAY AS BOY BLEEDS

Death Claims "L" Victim While Steward's Men Collect Legal Details

Despite the warnings and threats of a crowd of onlookers that the agonies of a boy run over by an elevated train needed immediate attention, Sergeant Jacob Richter and Patrolman Henry Olson of the Hudson avenue police station, whose duty it was to hurry the victim to a hospital, were slow to act.

When the boy was finally brought to the hospital, it was found that he had lost so much blood by the delay that an operation, which might have saved his life, could not be undertaken.

UNION BREWERS MAKE A DEMAND

Milwaukee, Wis., May 23.—The union workmen employed in the breweries of Milwaukee decided to present an ultimatum to the Brewers' association, at a meeting in West Side Turner hall last night, the proposition being unanimously adopted by 1,000 workmen who were present.

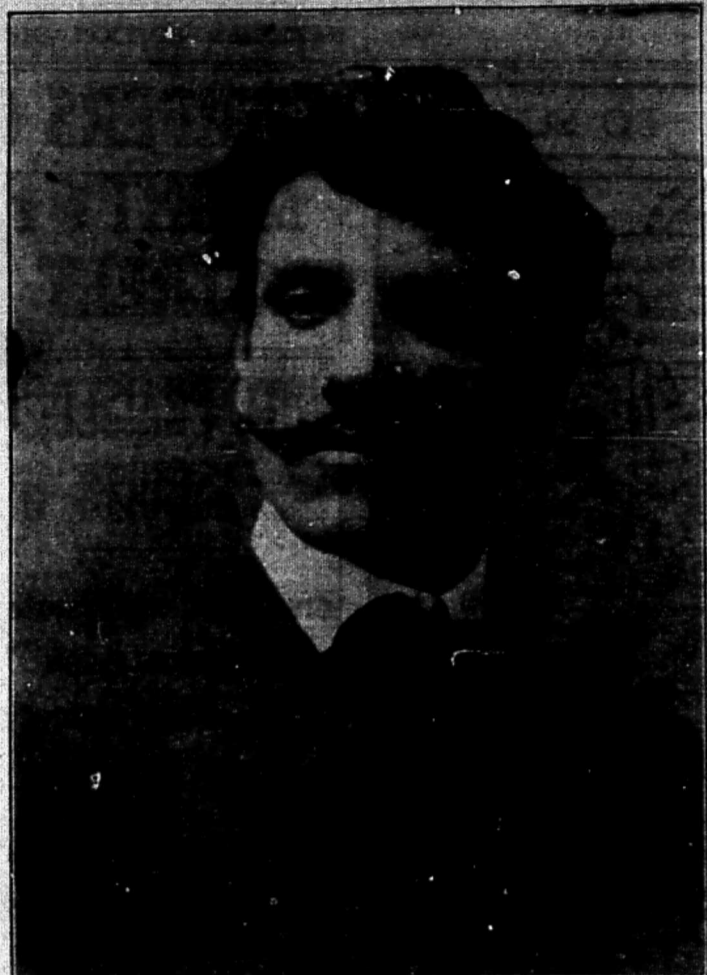
The proposition to the Milwaukee brewers' proprietors is as follows: That Joseph Uhlstein, general manager of the Joseph Schlitz Brewing company, shall prove an assertion, alleged to have been made by him, that the officers of the International Union of United Brewery workers are "bulldozers, etc."

That the twenty-seven girls discharged by the Pabst brewery on account of their membership in the organization shall be reinstated, with full payment of wages.

That only members of the Bottlers' local union No. 213 shall be employed in the bottling departments, as provided in the contract.

The presentation of these propositions at the meeting was met with the wildest enthusiasm. Speeches were made in German by Adam Huebner, secretary of the International Union; A. J. Kuegler, international organizer, and Charles Stall and Phillip Badler, members of the international executive board, all of Cincinnati.

RIVERVIEW EXPO MONITOR AND MERRIMAC FOREST PARK



GUTIERREZ DE LARA

L. Gutierrez de Lara, the Mexican revolutionist, who is here in Chicago, received assurances from several different sources that the government will be interested in an investigation into the imprisonment of Mexican refugees in this country.

Dulzell, chairman of the Rules Committee and leader in the house, is said to have agreed to set a date for the hearing of evidence, which will be furnished by Mr. de Lara and others. Representative Wilson, Representative Nichols and Senator La Follette are among the members of Congress who are taking an interest in the case.

Mr. de Lara will speak at the Garrick theater next Sunday morning. Congressman Wilson writes: "My resolution of inquiry was reported adversely by the Committee on the Judiciary, but by calling it up before the house I am enabled to present before the house a synopsis of some of the evil conditions existing in Mexico, and intended securing the passage of the resolution of inquiry."

SOCIALIST PARTY PLATFORM

The Socialist Party, in national convention assembled, again declares itself as the party of the working class, and appeals for the support of all workers of the United States and of all citizens who sympathize with the great and just cause of labor.

We are at this moment in the midst of one of those industrial breakdowns that periodically paralyze the life of the nation. The much boasted era of our national prosperity has been followed by one of general misery. Factories, mills and mines are closed. Millions of men, ready, willing and able to provide the nation with all the necessities and comforts of life, are forced into idleness and starvation.

Within recent times the trusts and monopolies have attained an enormous and menacing development. They have acquired the power to dictate the terms upon which we shall be allowed to live. The trusts fix the prices of our bread, meat and sugar, of our coal, oil and clothing, of our raw material and machinery, of all the necessities of life.

The present desperate condition of the workers has been made the opportunity for a renewed onslaught on organized labor. The highest courts of the country have within the last year rendered decision after decision depriving the workers of rights which they had won by generations of struggle.

The attempt to destroy the Western Federation of Miners, although defeated by the solidarity of organized labor and the Socialist movement, revealed the existence of a far-reaching and unscrupulous conspiracy by the ruling class against the organizations of labor.

In their efforts to take the lives of the leaders of the miners the conspirators violated state laws and the federal constitution in a manner seldom equaled even in a country so completely dominated by the profit-seeking class as is the United States.

The congress of the United States has shown its contempt for the interests of labor as plainly and unmistakably as have the other branches of government. The laws for which the labor organizations have continually petitioned have failed to pass. Laws ostensibly enacted for the benefit of labor have been distorted against labor.

The working class of the United States cannot expect any remedy for its wrongs from the present ruling class or from the dominant parties. So long as a small number of individuals are permitted to control the sources of the nation's wealth for their private profit in competition with each other and for the exploitation of their fellow men, industrial depressions are bound to occur at certain intervals. No currency reforms or other legislative measures proposed by capitalist reformers can avail against these fatal results of utter anarchy in production.

Individual competition leads inevitably to combinations and trusts. No amount of government regulation, or of publicity, or of restrictive legislation will arrest the natural course of modern industrial development.

While our courts, legislatures and executive offices remain in the hands of the ruling classes and their agents, the government will be used in the interests of these classes as against the toilers.

Political parties are but the expression of economic class interests. The Republican, the Democratic, and the so-called "Independence" parties and all parties other than the Socialist party, are financed, directed and controlled by the representatives of different groups of the ruling class.

In the maintenance of class government both the Democratic and Republican parties have been equally guilty. The Republican party has been directly and actively responsible for these wrongs. The Democratic party, while saved from direct responsibility by its political impotence, has shown itself equally subservient to the aims of the capitalist class whenever and wherever it has been in power. The old chattel slave owning aristocracy of the south, which was the backbone of the Democratic party, has been supplanted by a child slave plutocracy. In the great cities of our country the Democratic party is allied with the criminal element of the slums as the Republican party is allied with the predatory criminals of the palace in maintaining the interests of the possessing class.

The various "reform" movements and parties which have sprung up within recent years are but the clumsy expression of wide-spread popular discontent. They are not based on an intelligent understanding of the historical development of civilization and of the economic and political needs of our time. They are bound to perish as the numerous middle class reform movements of the past have perished.

Two Policemen Under Fire Investigation will be made today into the action of two policemen who, while Joseph Otto, 15 years old, of 1356 North Park avenue, lay dying on the Northwestern Elevated structure last night, went about learning how the accident happened, instead of calling an ambulance.

The boy had clambered upon the structure at Orleans and Schiller streets to recover a baseball. He could not get out of the way in time to avoid being hit by a south-bound Wilson avenue express.

Signal Sergeant Jacob Richter and Patrolman Henry Olson of the Hudson avenue station were summoned. A priest of the Catholic church came with them.

The policemen began questioning witnesses. Kneeling beside the lad, the priest administered the last rites of the Catholic church.

Thought Mack Hanna Alive New Philadelphia, Ohio, May 23.—It was reported today to the Tuscarawas county board of elections that a man was found at Uhrichville, at the primaries last Tuesday, crossed the name of Charles Diek, candidate for re-election as United States senator of the republican ballot and inscribed the name of M. A. Hanna.

TWELFTH WARD PUSHES SPORTS

Baseball Team Aids in Spreading Socialist Doctrine There

Games Yesterday NATIONAL LEAGUE Philadelphia at Chicago. New York at Pittsburgh. Boston at Cincinnati. Brooklyn at St. Louis. AMERICAN LEAGUE St. Louis at Washington. Philadelphia at Cleveland at New York. Chicago at Boston.

The 12th Ward Socialist Athletic Association has started out for a Socialist victory next fall. Although they are only youngsters, they are awake to the fact that we need not expect anything good for the working class from any party but the Socialists.

They have started the ball rolling in the 12th ward by distributing 2,500 "Appeal to Reasons" and will keep up the good work. Although we only have 20 members so far, we were surprised to have 20 members report for duty Saturday morning, to hand out that little old appeal to the workers. Every member was instructed to see the man of the house, and be prepared for a little argument if necessary, but they all reported that the papers were accepted with thanks "and this is encouraging."

Have Successful Team After the work was done, lasting two hours, all the boys came to the practice game, which they regard as a reward for the work. And it is, as the boys work so harmoniously that the association has organized a fast baseball team which they will put into uniform.

The uniforms will bear the name Socialist A. C. in order to get the name known and well liked by all outsiders. The association was organized about four weeks ago and is getting along fine in every way.

They are going to hold a grand old smoker next Saturday night, May 23, at Soukup's hall, 25th street and Sawyer avenue. They have secured very good talent for the occasion; refreshments will be served free so as to make the occasion a sociable one as it possibly can be.

The admission is 25 cents, and a rousing good time is assured to all who attend. We are ready to receive members at the smoker Saturday night or at our "gym" every Wednesday evening in Soukup's hall, 25th and Sawyer avenue.

Airship Men Quarrel

New York, May 23.—Serious trouble is brewing among American and foreign aviators that may deal a blow to the international aviation meet to be held on Long Island in October.

The split is over the action of the Aero Club of America in deciding that no aviation meet shall be held in America unless licensed under the Wright aeroplane patent.

Delegates of the affiliated aero clubs are arriving in New York to take part in a meeting at which the definite place will be selected for the international contest and final plans made.

The Aero Club has already entered into a contract with the Wright brothers recognizing the validity of the Wright patents as affecting all makes of aeroplanes, and agreeing that certain payments shall be made to the Wright company for every aviation contest held in America. Aviators themselves are incensed over this action, declaring that to enter a contest under such an agreement is practically to admit that their machines infringe the Wrights' patents. This many of them, especially the foreign flyers, deny.

Glenn Curtiss, who won the international meeting for America at Rheims, will not participate, he says.

The Aero Club desires to place Andrew Freedman of the Wright company, and L. L. Gillespie, of the Aero Club, together with a third man they will select, in charge of the contest at the meeting. The belligerents object to the presence of Freedman as an agent of the Wrights.

Looks Into Fight

San Francisco, Cal., May 23.—Police Chief Martin of this city has returned from Rowardennan. Although he went there ostensibly because he is a friend of Jeffries, it is known he did some quiet investigating to see if the fight is to be "on the square." Martin does not want another fight scandal in Frisco. He returned enthusiastic and declared the fight would be perfectly legal and absolutely square.

Jeffries worked out nine rounds for the benefit of the visitors, three with Bob Armstrong and three with Brother Jack Jeffries and three with Joe Chivinsky. He also did a lot of rowing on the river and considerable gymnasium work and declared he felt fine.

Tex Rickard and Jack Gleason were in camp all day and when they returned to San Francisco today expressed themselves as delighted with Jeffries' condition. Rickard says Jeffries assured him he was satisfied to have him referee the match.

Johnson Beats

San Francisco, Cal., May 23.—After a long run this morning, Jack Johnson decided to do little hard work today, being completely satisfied with the condition he showed yesterday in his boxing at the gymnasium. The big negro has been taking a weight of 218 pounds, and he says he intends to ease up.

News from Rowardennan indicate that Jeffries, too, is showing in better shape than for some time past despite the constantly recurring boils which have given his handlers so much genuine alarm.

Both Johnson and Jeffries put in a lot of hard ring work yesterday. Johnson boxed eight grueling rounds with George Cotton and Marty Cutler. These two "work horses" are not members of any "old men's home," but are able to give a good account of themselves. The ease with which Johnson put them both to rout greatly elated the negro. Then Johnson did an hour's work in the gymnasium to strengthen his back muscles. Johnson at the end weighed 218 pounds, six pounds less than he did a week ago. As he intends to enter the ring at about 205 he does not want to reduce too quickly.

Langford Goes West

(By United Press Association.) Boston, May 23.—Confident that before long he will have a chance to meet both Tommy Burns and Stanley Ketchell in the ring, Sam Langford, the Boston "tar baby," his manager Joe Woodman and a trainer have left here for the west. Langford will first try for Burns and expects to meet the former heavyweight champion in California.

MASTER TYPOS 'RAISE' SCABS IN INCUBATORS

Apprentice Schools for Non-Union Printers Are Lauded by Union Haters

(By Pan-American Press.) Washington, D. C., May 23.—Beaten by the International Typographical Union in the recent contest for the eight-hour day, the Typothetae, the organization of master printers, at its twenty-fourth annual convention here, devoted most of its sessions to the all absorbing question of how best to train scabs for future use.

Not to be confused by the innocent public with the Farleys, Turners and Bergoffs, the Typothetae orators were very careful to assert that they had been prompted by the highest ideals and purest patriotism in the founding and subsidizing of labor bureaus and apprentice schools.

For Apprentice Schools Conscious of the fact that practically all of the skilled and competent printers are members of the union and that consequently scab employers are only able to avail themselves of "blacksmiths," the various speakers at the convention urged the faithful to contribute liberally to the support of "apprentice schools" in Boston, Indianapolis, Chicago and other cities. The Typothetae, an organization, voted three yearly donations of \$3,000 each to the Winona Technical Institute of Indianapolis.

Thomas E. Donnelly, of Chicago, roused considerable enthusiasm among the delegates when he told them that his company maintains an apprentice school of its own which turns out thirty journeymen yearly who "are not only perfect workmen but absolutely free from the evil influences of the labor unions."

Start at Fourteen

"We get the boys at the age of fourteen," said Donnelly, "and this means they come straight from school to be put under our influence. They serve seven years as apprentices, and all this time they are taught both the theory and practice of the trade. Of course we employ them on commercial work."

"Let me warn you," Donnelly exclaimed. "Don't join any movement for public industrial schools. My experience has taught me that it is best for us to have the employers in absolute control of trade schools."

The reports of the officers of the Typothetae showed that no labor difficulty had been experienced in the past year, although several delegates reported on the floor that they had found it wise to "voluntarily" raise wages and inaugurate the eight hour day.

While denying the right to organize to their employees, the Typothetae delegates, in eloquent addresses, urged the consideration of a uniform price list for printing, so that all master printers will be able to say to the public, "Give us so much for the job, or we won't work for you."

Here are some epigrams used in the discussion of a cost system: "Organization is the life of modern industry."

"Better losing work for demanding a decent price than getting cheap work and fail."

"Printers, co-operate! Together you will succeed."

In all of their speeches, on standardizing the prices for printing, the delegates were very careful not to say anything that would make them appear as conspiring in restraint of trade. The officers of the Typothetae were also careful not to have any printed matter on the subject at the convention, although one delegate carelessly referred to a booklet on this matter issued by the organization.

One hundred and four delegates attended the convention. Wilson H. Lewis of West Haven, Conn., was elected president for the ensuing term.

Campaign News

BRANCH MEETINGS TONIGHT. The 1st ward, 150 East Washington street.

The 21st ward, 16 West Ohio street, ground floor.

The 1st district (Jefferson Park) of the 27th ward, Sorenson's hall, Milwaukee and Lawrence avenues.

The 30th ward, 739 West 43d street. Scandinavian agitation committee, county headquarters.

The 15th ward will meet Wednesday evening, May 25, at 7:30 p. m. shop in Kimball hall, West Division street, northeast corner Robey. Arthur M. Lewis, the Garrick lecturer, will speak.

Rubbert Cut Prices on Smart Women's Oxfords Here's your chance to get your summer shoes at a great big reduction in price. I have a large assortment of the hand-somest kind of ladies' low shoes--shoes that formerly sold at four, five and six dollars--and were good values at those prices. YOU CAN NOW TAKE YOUR CHOICE OF THESE SHOES AT \$2.85 I have placed these entire stocks in the ladies' department of my Madison Street Store and they are now ready for your inspection. Come and see them. DON'T FORGET -- WOMEN'S \$4.00, \$5.00 AND \$6.00 LOW SHOES AT \$2.85 Madison Street Store Only (McVicker Theater Building.) 82 MADISON STREET

BURKE TO GRILL BUSSE'S MAN Subpoenas Out for Cermak, Cole and Werdell; Probes Bribe Story

Springfield, Ill., May 23.—State's Attorney Burke of Sangamon county announced that a searching investigation would be made into anti-saloon legislation, when Anton J. Cermak, attorney for the United Societies, Nathan G. Cole, secretary of the Manufacturer and Dealers' association, and John C. Werdell, the "dredge inspector legislator," who was chairman of the license committee of the last assembly, appear before the Sangamon county grand jury. Subpoenas were issued and were expected to reach the men today.

Each day last week the bears on the board of trade pressed wheat prices lower, only to be forced to cover on a strong rally. On Saturday the market had its worst break and had no rally. What the big bull traders are going to do about it is the thing which makes the whole trade anxious. The weather and crop news, very weak cables, slow cash wheat demand are all on the side of the bears.

There is heaviness in coarse grains because of the change to favorable weather and large country offerings.

Noted Museum Is Burned Albuquerque, N. M., May 23.—Hadley hall, the science department of the University of Mexico, was destroyed by fire early today. The loss is more than \$100,000. The famous Indian historical museum and geological collection, long to the university, are a total loss. The former was of almost priceless value. Crossed wires started the fire and exploding chemicals made it spectacular.

Receives Vital Data The decision of the prosecutor to examine these men was reached after he had received additional information regarding the manner of handling the

UNION LABELS There are now 56 Labels and 10 Cards issued by the following organizations, which have been indorsed by the American Federation of Labor: ORGANIZATIONS USING LABELS American Federation of Labor, Bakers and Confectioners, Boiler Makers, Blacksmiths, Boot and Shoe Workers, Brewery Workers, Brick Makers, Broom Makers, Brush Makers, Carriage and Wagon Workers, Carvers, Wood, Cigar Makers, Cloth Hat and Cap Makers, Coopers, Engravers, Watch Case, Flour and Cereal Mill Employes, Fur Workers, Garment Workers, United, Garment Workers, Lady, Glass Bottle Blowers, Glass Workers, Glove Workers, Gold Beaters, Hatters, Horseshoers, Jewelry Workers, Lathers, Leather Workers, Leather Workers on Horse Goods, ORGANIZATIONS USING CARDS Actors, Barbers, Clerks, Engineers, Steam, Firemen, Stationary, Hotel and Restaurant Employes, Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen, Musicians, Stage Employes, Theatrical, Teamsters. The following crafts and callings are using the American Federation of Labor label: Artificial Limb Makers, Costumers, Badge and Lodge Paraphernalia Workers, Bottlers (Soda, Mineral Water and Liqueur), Coffee, Spice and Baking Powder Workers, Cloth Spongers and Refinishers, Carbonic Gas Workers, Cigar Makers' Tools, Nail (Horse Shoe) Workers, Neckwear Cutters and Makers, Oyster Workers, Paint Workers, Photographic Supply Workers, Soap Workers, Soda and Mineral Water Workers, Starch Workers, Suspender Makers, Steel Case Makers.

"The People's Hour" A Book of Verse By George Howard Gibson, Art Edition, Cloth \$1.00 The masses have found a voice, their own voice, in the author of "The People's Hour." The Ancient Order of Income Takers and Poverty Makers, to the last man, will be jarred by it. SPECIAL OFFER—For the next thirty days we will give "The People's Hour," regular price one dollar, and "The Road to Power," by Karl Kautsky, regular price 25 cents, both for \$1.00, postpaid. CHICAGO DAILY SOCIALIST, 180 Washington Street.

SOCIALISTS READY FOR CAMPAIGNS

Congressional Fights All Over Nation Are to Be Scene of Activity

"Now, let us go home and work!" This was the last thought voiced in the national congress of the Socialist party...

The "Marcellaise" had been sung, and "The International," a silent waving of handkerchiefs for Ben Hanford, who died recently in New York...

Much To Be Done If it failed in many other things the convention resulted in at least one good thing...

The discussions proved at least that the big problems of the world are not to be decided by the flowery phrases of the soap boxers...

Foreigners Satisfied One of the most satisfied groups of delegates after the congress had adjourned was the group of Socialists representing the foreign organizations...

To Redraft Rail Bill (By United Press Associations.) Washington, May 23.—If the program of the Senate regular Republicans goes through, President Taft's railroad bill will be sent to conference...

Attitude on Labor In this way the Socialist party will be in a position where it will be able to point the way rather than assuming a position where it would attempt to dictate the line of action to be pursued by the labor bodies of the country...

Not an Easy Problem The unanimous sentiment seemed to be that the immigration question was one that could not be settled overnight as some had seemingly previously supposed...

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Reports Adopted The entire report of the committee on this subject is to be found in another column...

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study of this problem in charge is as follows: J. J. Jacobson, Iowa; Carl D. Thompson, Wisconsin; S. W. Rose, Mississippi; William E. Brannetter, Oklahoma; and Jasper McLevy, Connecticut.

Farmers' Committee Several excellent authorities on this subject, however, are to be found on the committee chosen to carry on the study of "Farmers and Socialism" during the next two years.

With the first real prospects of getting Socialist representatives into the national law making body the congress turned over to the national executive committee the work of choosing a committee on congressional program.

Campaign Attitude It is provided that the program shall state, among other matters, the attitude of the Socialist party nationally relative to the following subjects:

Just as anxious as the foreign delegates to secure legislation in their favor were the women delegates to secure rulings from that body to enable them to carry on their work among the disfranchised toilers of the land.

Little debate occurred over the various amendments proposed and adopted to the constitution of the party, all of which will go to a referendum.

Most of It Accepted "And, by the way, this congress has already adopted a large part of my report. The report of the Women's National Committee included one portion of my report bodily, and this convention adopted it.

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J. M. WORK IN STRONG SPEECH

Iowa Delegate at Closing Session Gives Views on Party Needs

At the closing session of the Socialist Party Congress the committee to consider Delegate Work's report on organization, consisting of Berger, Prevey, Maynard, Moore and Fraenkel, reported favoring the reference of Delegate Work's specific recommendations to a committee...

Charge Is Not True "My report on organization has been charged with not dealing with the subject. That charge is not truefully brought against me. I always stick to the subject, and to show that the report was entirely on the subject I am going to read the subjects that it dealt with...

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POISON CASE STIRS ST. LOUIS

Woman Is Placed on Trial for Alleged Slaughter of Husband

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RETIRES HORSE ON FULL PAY

Porter, Faithful Worker for the Lincoln Park Board, Has Retired on Full Pay

Washington, D. C., May 23.—Thirty aged employes in the treasury department, many of whom have served the country for years, have been notified that their services will not be required after June 1.

Attack Liquor in Capital (By United Press Associations.) Washington, May 23.—Urging the convention to unite in a monster movement to eradicate the saloon from the national capital, Rev. Frank P. Fitch of the Iowa delegation today introduced a resolution before the world's Sunday school convention demanding action by Congress.

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WOMAN'S LEAGUE IN BIG SESSION

The Socialist Woman's League, at its last meeting, Saturday, attended by over a hundred of the members, was addressed by Mrs. Dora Montefiore, the English Socialist and suffragist, on the English suffragist situation. Mrs. Montefiore was made an honorary member of the league. The meeting was the largest and most enthusiastic held since the league was organized.

Electric Men Gather (By United Press Associations.) St. Louis, Mo., May 23.—Four thousand members of the National Electric Light Association are expected to attend the annual convention of that association, which opens here today. Over one-half that number arrived in the city yesterday and today.

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'COMMISSION' IS MENACE TO ALL WORKERS

Des Moines Plan of Government Is Scored in Reports Adopted by Socialists

For the first time in the history of the Socialist Party the commission form of government was brought to the attention of a national congress in the report submitted by a committee especially chosen for the purpose.

Two reports were submitted; a regular and a supplementary report. The regular report was adopted in full, while the last two recommendations of the supplementary report were defeated.

Report of Committee on the Commission Form of Government for Cities

"At least twelve different states have already passed laws authorizing their cities to inaugurate the Commission Form of Government. These states are: Texas, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Massachusetts, California, Idaho, Tennessee, Mississippi and Oregon. The total number of cities thus far having adopted some form of commission government number at least seventy-five.

"A steady agitation is being carried on through the magazines and various capitalist sources for the extension of the system. It is evident, therefore, that this form of municipal government is destined to be quite widely applied.

II. Features of the Commission Form of Government

"There is a great variation in the different laws pertaining to commission form of government. However, a casual study of the various state laws and the forms contained show the following characteristic features:

- 1. Non-partisan nominations and elections.
2. Elections at large eliminating ward representation.
3. Majority elections, provisions that allow only two contesting nominations for each office in the final election, thus compelling the majority vote for choice.
4. The recall of elected officers.
5. The initiative.
6. The referendum.
7. Popular approval required for all important measures.
8. Publicity of all business.
9. Expert accounting.
10. Civil service provisions.

III. Consideration of the Various Features

"It will be seen at once that many of these features are not only objectionable from the Socialist point of view, but are actually elements in the Socialist program. We cannot, therefore, indiscriminately stand against this commission form of government. Other features, however, are not only objectionable but seriously so from our standpoint. It becomes necessary, therefore, to study each feature by itself.

"Furthermore, the form of the law is different in different states. Each state organization, therefore, will have to make a careful study of the law in its own state. With this in mind, we may offer the following observations in regard to the features in the law mentioned above:

"1. As to the non-partisan nominations and elections, this committee holds that they should be opposed. There seems to be a wave among the so-called reform elements throughout the country in behalf of non-partisan municipal elections and administrations. This is perfectly natural in capitalist circles where there is no issue whatever between the existing capitalist parties, but with us, the Socialist Party, we hold a very definite program and represent a very concrete and vital issue, and the matter is entirely different.

"The old party voters neither understand nor appreciate the fundamental causes underlying the failures of American municipal government. The conception of the reformers that it is due to the intrusion of national politics into municipal affairs is entirely foolish. And the idea that the elimination of partisan politics from the municipality will solve the problem is equally absurd. The Socialists alone see and understand the fundamental causes of municipal misrule. They see that it lies in a general way in the capitalist system itself. And this they seek to overthrow. This is the vital element in every municipal problem and the vital issue in every municipal campaign.

"The Socialist Party, therefore, with its whole strength must insist upon its rights to keep this issue before the people at every point in the whole political situation. And especially is it important that the party shall be able to give its members and those who seek to support its principles an opportunity to do so.

"Therefore, the Socialist Party must oppose the elimination of party designation from the ballot because it destroys the facility with which its voting power can be brought to bear in behalf of its principles. And, besides, it tends to confuse the voters and causes principles to be lost sight of and at the same time results in an advantage to those who are able by personal means and resources to obtrude themselves upon the attention of the voters.

"In most of the forms of commission law both the primary and secondary elections are made non-partisan by denying the party a right to any designation. We hold that the party should be given its right to designation, at least, in the primary election.

Election at Large

"With reference to this provision this committee holds that it should be opposed. We feel that the representation by wards in the legislative body is more democratic. The ward representatives are nearer to the people in the various sections of the city and, therefore, more likely to bring into the legislative body a knowledge of the will and wish of the people. Whatever evils arise from the

The Hustlers' Column After the Congress Is Over

The first great educational congress of the Socialist party is over. The delegates have returned to their homes. A big work has been well done. The Socialist party has fairly faced the fact that it is going to be confronted with the actual settling of political, economic and social problems within a few years and has set about determining the best methods of solving those problems.

However much the delegates and the membership behind them may have disagreed as to the details of these solutions, there was universal agreement that the one great thing needed was education. THAT CAN BEST BE DONE THROUGH THE PRESS.

The Daily Socialist learned a lesson from this convention also. It learned that the demand for education was even greater than had been thought. So we are going to take up some of the problems presented at the congress and ask our readers to help solve them. This will make the paper even more valuable and interesting than it has been before.

To make this matter of greatest value, however, it must reach many more than at present. There is a great crisis and opportunity right upon the Socialist movement of this country.

The workers are ready for the Socialist party. If the Socialist party is ready and able to reach them, the next year will see the United States alongside of the European countries in the strength of working-class representation in legislative bodies.

The one thing we must do is PLACE SOCIALIST LITERATURE IN THE HANDS OF THE WORKERS.

No one can do this but the thousands who are reading this. They are the ones who will decide the fate of Socialism. They will decide it by their efforts or lack of effort in adding to circulation.

The list of prizes on the convention series will be announced in a few days.

Fifty copies a day of convention series is taken by Robert Hughes, Iowa. He is going to organize a Socialist club, and this is a fine way to do it.

Inclosed find three dollars to renew my subscription. I do not wish to lose a single number.—A. Dagget, Washington.

Thirteen unlucky? Not so you could notice. I, Comrade N. A. Beamer of Pennsylvania, did not receive a single copy, everybody concerned is only so much happier.

A gilt-edged bond, value ten dollars, is taken by E. E. Benson, Ohio.

This is about the last chance you have to get in on that convention series. Better sit down and write your order now.

J. W. Bagby, Pearl, Ill., spots three that need a little education and get them a nice reading course by making them subscribe.

Another bunch of twenty-five a day during the convention is taken by Comrade T. J. Smith, Kansas.

The same game is played by John Sullivan, Jr., of Ohio.

E. P. Chadwick, Michigan, insists on doing the same, and we see no reason to object.

Thinking that things are not moving quick as fast as they should, Comrade J. Stidham, Texas, gets out against the heathen and hauls in two.

Is the Socialist party alive? Watch the convention.

We are in receipt of a letter from Fred E. Miller, Michigan, showing that he is still whooping it up for Socialism. Through an error we did not acknowledge his last "killing." But that does not discourage him. He gets out those real hustlers that work for a purpose.

A comrade in Chicago, who does not wish his name published, sends in a sub for Ohio. How did he do it?

"We hope to have things a little more our way," writes J. N. Carter, Nebraska, as he sends his order for the convention series to the extent of fifty each day.

Two curious ones drift in with the breeze from W. B. Johnson, California.

Two subs, a nice bunch of sub cards, and a bundle of 1,000 fall under the powerful blows of C. C. Campbell, Indiana. To show

ward system, as at present organized, may be eliminated by redistricting or other devices. We believe that the advantages of the ward system of representation outweighs the advantages of elections at large because it allows a representation for the minority.

The committee holds that the executive and legislative functions of the city government should be separate. And we hold that a better arrangement than that proposed by the commission form would be ward representation in the council for legislative functions and the election at large for executive functions if that system seems best.

Majority Election "It is perfectly clear that majorities should not rule. There are only two ways in which this can be avoided, either by the form of majority election provided by the commission form of government, or the Socialist plan of proportional representation. We, therefore, favor some form of proportional representation for the secondary election.

The initiative, referendum and recall are, of course, well known Socialist principles. They constitute the most redeeming features in the commission form. However, in many cases the state laws omit one or the other of these provisions, or restrict them with certain limitations as to percentages, time limits, etc., so as to practically nullify them. These details, therefore, should be carefully provided for.

Publicity of Business and Expert Accounting

"Several provisions are made in the several laws against secret sessions of the commission. This, of course, would also be an excellent feature. However, in some cases the very section that ostensibly provides against secret sessions is so worded as to make the very opposite possible. For example: the Iowa law reads: 'All meetings of the council, either regular or special, at which any person not a city officer is admitted shall be open to the public.' Obviously, therefore, this law permits of the meetings of the council to be secret. All that is required is that everyone except officers be excluded and then under the law the meeting is secret. This is a vicious feature of the commission law and could be provided for just as well without it.

"In some states there are provisions in the law prohibiting the granting of franchises until they are first approved by popular vote. Furthermore, in some cases the law provides that no measure which is once decided upon by a referendum can be rescinded by the commission.

"However, it would appear that these features are not essential parts of the commission form inasmuch as they are already required by the state laws in those states, and, furthermore, could without question be secured in any state without the commission form of government.

Objectionable Features

"Reviewing the above paragraphs we would urge upon the party everywhere the necessity of guarding carefully against the objectionable features in the commission form of government. Among

be the attitude and tactics of the Socialist Party in cities having the commission form of government that led to the appointment of this committee in the first place. This committee, however, felt that a preliminary report covering the general question and setting forth the general features of the law must precede our report on this question. But we have no disposition to shirk the responsibility of facing the problem which the commission form of government forces upon the locals where it is in operation.

"The following telegram was received by Delegate J. Stitt Wilson of California, and by him turned over to the committee:

"Question of party tickets in cities having commission form of government should be decided. Should we voluntarily disfranchise ourselves and refrain from voting after losing out at primaries? Hope you have full information San Diego case."

"Comrade Wilson also presented documents giving a statement of the case. It is typical of what has already happened in other cities and undoubtedly will happen in a great many more. So it is worthy of consideration.

What Charter Does

"In brief, the situation is as follows: 'The San Diego city charter prohibits all party action, party designations and party tickets. There are two elections—a nominating or primary election, and the election proper. To secure a place on the official primary ballot the candidate must file with the city clerk his personal verified notice of candidacy, a petition supporting such candidacy, signed by not less than fifty electors of the city. There is no limit to the number of candidates permissible at the election. In prescribing the form of the primary ballot the charter reads as follows: 'The ballots shall have no party or other designation or mark whatever.' The election is held under the general election laws, and the returns are made and certified to by the city clerk in the usual way. These returns are officially canvassed by the Common Council and the results published in the city papers. The charter provision prescribing the form of the official final ballot, and what it shall contain, is in part as follows: 'The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for each of the offices to be filled, except for the members of the Common Council and Board of Education, shall be the candidates whose names shall be placed on the ballot for election.' In the case of the Common Council and Board of Education, each composed of five members, the names of the ten candidates for each body receiving the highest vote, are put on the ballot."

"The case then is this—the state constitution of the Socialist Party of California compels the party organization in every locality to put up a distinctly designated Socialist Party ticket. The state and charter laws of California under the commission form of government makes it impossible. The provisions of the state constitution are very rigid, however. It prescribes that a local charter may be revoked (Sec. 14, Div. 6) 'For nominating as a candidate any person not a member of the Socialist Party, or for supporting, aiding or failing to repudiate, and expel from the party any candidate, even though the regular nominee of the party, who shall accept any nomination, made with or without his consent, by any other political organization or party, or allow the same to stand without protest in the public press and other available means, or for neglecting to make nominations where there are members who have signified their willingness to serve.'

"The California constitution further declares that any member may be expelled—(Sec. 9, Div. 6) 'For voting for, or aiding the election of any candidate on any ticket other than the Socialist Party ticket.' 'For voting the official primary ticket of any individual or organization other than the Socialist Party.'

"Here then is a party constitution only a year old and a single turn in capitalist evolution in government puts the whole party organization out of gear, disfranchises the comrades completely, ties them up in their own party entanglement, and, worst of all, reopens at once most serious party controversies.

"Clearly we must not allow ourselves to be so easily put out of the battle. And certainly we must not allow the capitalist politician to strangle us with our own constitutional limitations.

"It is perfectly clear that an intelligent, aggressive working class thoroughly aroused to the issues of a fierce struggle in which they are conscious that their lives and welfare of their class is in the balance will not sit idly by nor consent to their own disfranchisement when they know they have in their own hands the power to turn the tide of battle for better conditions for themselves and the industrial masses.

"Such a course would be in itself both denial and abandonment of the class struggle. And we hold that whatever be the difficulties or danger of the battle that capitalism forces upon us as a party, above all things we MUST NEVER FOR ONE MOMENT IN ANY CITY OR STATE ABANDON THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

"Your committee would point out

that for many years our comrades of the great European countries have faced just such situations as this. Some of them have never had any other opportunity. In Germany, for example, the comrades have their candidates in the primary election. They strive hard to win a place on the second ballot. But if they fail, and they often do, they do not therefore refuse to vote in the second election. Much less do they force their comrades to do so. They choose themselves.

"The permission of our comrades to vote in the secondary elections, whose capitalist laws deprive us of our own candidates is, therefore, a well established tactic of international Socialism. The committee holds that our American comrades would be willing to learn from their experience and follow their example.

"Your committee would further point out that our national constitution does not prevent our comrades from taking part in a secondary election from which their candidates have been eliminated, assuming that they have done their full duty to win a place for their candidates in such an election.

"Furthermore, your committee would point out that this situation will persist only to the earlier stages of the movement in each locality. As soon as the party grows strong enough to capture second place in any locality the difficulty disappears.

Advice Is Given

"The committee, therefore, is of the opinion that: "Resolved, That wherever the capitalist election laws, whether under the commission form of government or otherwise, prohibit the use of party candidates and party designations on the ballot that our comrades be advised: "1. To use every possible means to get their own party candidates on the ticket to maintain as completely as possible their own distinct party organization and party campaign.

"2. To use every device possible under the law to make the party candidates known to the public.

"3. To use their utmost energies to win a place for their distinct party candidates on the secondary election ballot.

"4. And finally having done all this, if they fail to win in the primary, the Congress advises the comrades nevertheless to leave their members free to vote in the second election.

"5. And since the tactics of the international movement does not aim to disfranchise our comrades under complicated election laws, and since our national constitution does not impose arbitrary restrictions, the Congress, therefore, advises the state organizations to revise their constitutions so that our members shall not be disfranchised nor our locals suspended or disrupted for no other reason than for encountering new and unexpected complications arising from capitalist election laws, such as the new commission form of government imposes."

Near Fatal Blaze

A press agent enterprise nearly ended in a dangerous fire in Madison street in front of the Hotel LaSalle today. A lighted match was thrown into several gallons of gasoline that had overflowed into the street from a machine which was part of a parade led by twelve mounted officers from the Union station to the hotel.

There were six machines in the party and they were full of Morris, a tribe of New Zealand natives who came here to open a theatrical engagement.

The Maoris, forty-two strong, had been refused shelter at the La Salle, where they had created excitement by trooping into the foyer and giving their "haka" when the blaze started.

Arrest Due in Scandal

Arrest of a prominent Chicagoan suspected of embezzling \$67,000 from fraternal orders, with that of another man who is believed to have pocketed \$14,000 and is a fugitive, was threatened today in the big scandal affecting four fraternal orders.

Policeman Dies

Louisville, Ky., May 23.—Patrolman Frank Weber, who was shot by Richard Moore, a negro, last night, died this morning. The negro shot by Patrolman Scanlan, is in the hospital and may die.

COAL GANG IN PRICE BOOSTS

Strike is Excuse for Kiting the Cost to the Consumers

With millions of tons of soft coal stored up pending the strike of coal miners, the big fuel barons are now using the miners' strike as an excuse for boosting the price of coal to consumers \$1 a ton. The coal barons even have given notice of a further rise in the prices.

Soft Coal Mined

Soft coal is not now being mined and Chicago and all the other manufacturing interests in the state are dependent upon coal from North Carolina, Oklahoma and Indiana for their fuel supply.

Francis S. Peabody, head of the Peabody Coal company, claims that the coal market was in a state of chaos, and that, there was no telling where the prices would go. According to Mr. Peabody the market is now in a state where it can be manipulated, and that dealers are selling at prices which are not fixed.

The coal mines in Michigan re-opened today after a shutdown due to a disagreement over the wage scale which went into effect April 1. The trains to the Ells and Swan Creek mines are running and a roodly portion of the 8,800 men who were affected by the tie up are back at work.

The new scale is effective for two years. The men will work eight hours a day, closed shop rule exists, and the scale is satisfactory to both miners and operators.

Woman Plays Detective

(By United Press Association.) Rochester, N. Y., May 23.—Policemen here declare that Mrs. Ruth Vetter has missed her vacation. She should apply her talents to detective work.

Two men, identified later as notorious crooks, with police records, were arraigned here today and committed on a robbery charge. They were caught by Mrs. Vetter late last night, after they "snaked" a diamond stud from the shirt front of her father with whom she was returning from a lake resort. She grabbed one of them by the collar, threw her weight against the other and held them until policemen arrived.

The pair are Thomas Geoggan, 60, of Chicago, and Edward Fitzgerald, 40, of Philadelphia, also known as "Fitz, the Owl." When confronted with their rogues' gallery pictures the pair admitted their identity.

Tell Quake Cause

(By United Press Association.) Salt Lake, Utah, May 23.—Scientists explained today that the recent slight earthquakes felt here were caused by the slipping of a great fault scarp at the base of the Wasatch mountains. They expect a few more slight quakes within the next month, but declare it will be dangerous for any of them to assume dangerous proportions. The most severe shock was felt yesterday morning when several chimneys were hurled to the ground. Several light shocks have been felt here in the past few weeks.

Two Burned to Death

(By United Press Association.) Adrian, Mich., May 23.—Lizzie Lehman, aged 29, and a cripple, and Evelyn Lehman, aged three, were burned to death today in a fire which completely destroyed the home and office of Dr. C. G. Dehman, at Palmyra, near here. The former was the sister of Dr. Lehman, and the latter his youngest child. The only others in the house at the time were the other two children, aged seven and six, who escaped. The fire is thought to have started from the house lighting plant.

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Lying About the Socialist Congress

There would have been a feeling that something was lacking if a great Socialist gathering was held and at least one falsehood was not sent out by the capitalist press.

There was the common, ordinary, worn-out lie about the "split" in the congress. That went out early and is probably now making the circuit of the "patent insides."

Then came various minor ones, some of which it would be only charity to conclude were due to the dense ignorance that prevails on all matters relating to Socialism in most editorial rooms.

But the last days of the congress disclosed an apparent agreement upon one falsehood which had a very definite object.

The Chicago Tribune, always first in falsification, carried a news story and then an editorial commenting on its own falsehood, to the effect that Mayor Seidel of Milwaukee had expressed himself as disgusted with the congress and went home.

On the last day of the congress the Journal sprung another and similar fake. In two-column headlines it informed those who were unfortunate enough to look in its columns for news that "Socialists Amazed as Berger Leaves."

These particular falsehoods are not wholly without an object. The one consistent effort of the entire capitalist press since the victory in Milwaukee has been to show that the Socialists there are at war with those in the remainder of the United States.

The Milwaukee Socialists are far out in advance of the main army. They have captured one of the citadels of the enemy. If they can be cut off from the main body of Socialists and isolated from the support of the party as a whole, it will be easier to defeat them, and their victories will carry little support to the workers of other cities.

The Class Struggle

Few phrases are more frequently used by Socialist speakers than "the class struggle." By this they mean the struggle between those who own but do not use and those who use but do not own the things with which the work of the world is done.

The owners seek to secure as much as possible of the product in the form of rent, interest and profits. The users seek to obtain all the product, first through increased wages and finally by becoming themselves the owners.

This struggle is carried on in every field of our present society. It finds expression directly in unions and employers' associations, in strikes, boycotts, blacklists and injunctions.

The owning class—the capitalist class—controls the government. It organizes political parties, which it controls, and encourages sham fights between voters BELONGING TO THE WORKING CLASS.

The Socialists carry this struggle on to the political field directly. They organize a party representing the interest of the wage workers, the producers of wealth. This party fights to obtain control of the government for the benefit of the workers.

That party is the Socialist party. Like the class for which it fights, it is international in its scope. It reaches every important country where the relation of employer and employe exists. It fights for every possible advantage for labor. It fights for better factory legislation, against child labor, for laws protecting machinery, giving pensions to sick, injured, aged and unemployed workers, etc.

It fights finally and fundamentally for the complete control of government and industry by the workers, to the end that they obtain all they produce, which is all the wealth there is.

The Price of Tobacco

"Did you ever hear of a Kentucky farmer being prosecuted when tobacco was three to five cents a pound?" asked Representative Cantrell of Kentucky in discussing the recent efforts of the federal courts to protect the tobacco trust by imprisoning and fining the farmers who are fighting the trust.

It appears that while tobacco was low the trust was not anxious to prosecute violations of the Sherman law on the part of the farmers. But when the union of tobacco raisers was effective and the price which the trust was compelled to pay the grower went up, then the federal department of justice (?) became very energetic.

The Kentucky congressman is close to discovering a big truth when he points out the connection between the price of tobacco and the action of the federal judiciary. Some of the greatest movements in history are closely connected with price changes.

When the workers become as quick to recognize their class interests they can make government respond in the same manner.

THE POWER OF SUGGESTION—THE PRESS

BY LEWIS G. DE HART.

As a youth of seventeen or eighteen it was my somewhat unusual privilege to know a hypnotist, who, though not a professional, had read much of the subject and for his own instruction and amusement often practiced on the local youth of the village.

"In the first place," said my instructor, "you must put the subject at perfect ease, both of mind and body, by a confident air and speech make him forget his surroundings and be interested only in what you are saying."

Now, I did not start out to give a correspondence course of hypnotism in one lesson, but only to demonstrate the power of suggestion. I am sure that such readers as are familiar with the theory of hypnotism will confirm my statements. Granting them to be true, I am still following the same line of reasoning when I assert that up to the present time the majority of the American newspaper readers have been in a complete state of hypnosis, induced by the countless thousands and millions of

suggestions which the capitalist press throws off daily and yearly. Very positive suggestions too, as all must admit. They did not say:

And suggestion won the day. Now, you hustlers, who built our Socialist press, you Jimmy Higginses who carried the circulars and soap boxes—I love you like a brother, but what I have got to say, now is not for you. You are going to keep on hustling because you can't help it.

The Republican press of the country elected W. H. Taft by suggestion. It elected Roosevelt—McKinley—follow the list backward as far as you like. Democrats or Republicans, suggestion won the day.

THE DAILY GRIND



BY WARD SAVAGE.

Uncle Joe Cannon recently emitted some pious remarks to the effect that all of the progressives in his party (and elsewhere) ought to be hung.

Chief Steward's refusal to act in placing the blame for the assassination of



a young foreigner rather puts him in the same with a certain ex-chief, who, on the contrary, was a little too active in the killing of another foreigner.

Mr. Steward had better hark back to the history of the late, esteemed Chief Shippy and take some notes, before he finds Miss Chicago politely bowing him to door.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, of Texas, a former resident of Lincoln, Neb., who, if memory serves us faithfully, once or maybe twice ran for president, according to tradition, wished to humiliate Roger Sullivan. He called him a "train robber."

It is peculiar how a little Socialist pow-wow over party politics can as-



sume the form of "a field of carnage" between the place of occurrence and the capitalist newspaper offices.

If the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employes had any busy notion that the court was the friend of the workingman, particularly the union man, the position taken by the Appellate Court ought to relieve them of it, if anything will.

First call for that big Socialist picnic at Riverview Park.

Don't forget to take HER along.

It's only a few days away.

On the Firing Line

BY MONOSABIO

I see a lot of human sandwich men going down the street, advertising Socialism. They imagine they are exposing it.

No man has a right to complain of present conditions until he has voted right. Every complaint an old party voter utters is aimed at himself.

You buy apples at the fruit stand. Will the smiling son of Italy reach for the best? No, they are for show—they are his bait. He, too, is a capitalist.

Have you a slice cold because the landlady would not take the chill off your fat these shivering days? Send him your doctor's bill and watch him pay it.

And in those days people will not be obliged to rush to a dime museum for an engagement after accomplishing some great achievement or doing a brave deed.

The runner is running a race with Fame. The pretty lady who lures him on is Feet as Atlanta and he puts forth his best efforts. Suddenly a Crooked Dollar waddles into the arena. The runner immediately forgets the glacial vision and imitates the waddle. This, too, is capitalism.

Did you ever see a plutocrat employe who could "afford it" if asked for an increase in wages? Even the "philanthropist" Fleischmanns, advertised to the skies by their grand old bread-line, do not propose to allow the striking bakers to reduce their bank account by \$8,000 a year. Now, if they could raise the price of bread, and take it out of the poor that way—but, ah! We shall stick it to you and the bread line.

WHAT IS SOCIALISM?

BY T.

There is Socialism. Then there is more Socialism. There are books. Then there are more books. That thing which used to haunt the respectable only in the black of night now stalks the common street at midday.

The American idea required no restoration. But history has not proceeded according to the program of the owls and the bats. The thing that could not happen is happening. The country that did not need it is getting it.

Instead of needing Socialism least of all we need it almost most of all. We have gone the other way farthest and fastest. Goin' about as far as goin' can go. Now what will we do? Sit down and rot or stir around and raise Cain? I guess we'll raise Cain. I guess the republic will have to make good. Being what it is today is not making good.

Nursing and perpetuating capitalism is not making good. Giving every man his pay, giving justice its pay, giving our dreams their pay. That is making good. Nothing else. We have got to fulfill the old promises. It's up to us to get the dollars out of our minds and hearts and into our pockets. Better still, out of our pockets into the com-

mon pockets. In order to open up life. To provide for it on all sides. To free it. To give it a chance to be life. Life is half life today if that. The other half of life is death. It struggles and poverty. It worries and distrust. We want to orb life. To give it a touch of the perfect. Not as though it ever could be perfect. But only because being perfect is the only being. Though we only always go toward it and no more, never arriving—still, the only being. So Kauffman's good book comes to join the choir of the other good books.

Coming in simply way, making no noise about itself. Not holding its nose up in the air and throwing out its chest. Just simply joins the choir and sings. Just simply comes in and sits down. Just tells what Socialism is and what it proposes to do and says without a threat: Think it over. Contains no clubs. Is without venomous arraignments of persons. Is kept statistical and representative. Is kept statistical and representative.

Kauffman can't be said to argue. He cites a cause. He makes it exhibit itself. Requires it to say what it is resolved to do and why it came to its resolution. It is a good book to put into new hands. Except in two or three minor paragraphs is revolutionary rather than opportunistic. Suggests the best way to get results is straight ahead rather than round-about.

Kauffman might have ornamented his book. But he has chosen the severest simplicity. He comprehensively puts the case both pro and con. Such a brief might be read to a jury with great effect. A jury interested rather in truth than in oratory.

Kauffman has done a job that has been done before. And though his book takes the place of no other book, no other book makes his book superfluous. Though no one needs to be shoved out to let Kauffman in, Kauffman not only has a right to get in but will stay in.

THE CONSERVATOR.

PARAGRAPHS FOR PEOPLE

BY R. P. PETTIPIECE.

There may be some justification for the determination on the part of the corporate employers in British Columbia for assiduously attempting to flood the labor market with Orientals. Hindus or any other living thing that will do service—cheap. In last issue of the Fernie Ledger, published by District

of the United Mine Workers of America at Fernie, there is some interesting correspondence, written by coal diggers. Listen to this one: "On Monday evening when the midnight shift was preparing for work the whistle piped three distinct screams, the announcement that there was no work for that shift. On the following morning a repetition of the previous night took place. This was the signal for an almost complete strike from camp."

When they returned it was to be informed that there was no work for them. Reason assigned was a stock of coal on hand and no orders in view. The result has been that many willing

Two men of West Philadelphia were exchanging greetings the other day when one of them exclaimed:

"Why, Edward old chap you're in fine trim! You're positively beaming! I've never seen you look so satisfied with yourself and with the world. Any particular reason?"

"Yes," answered Edward. "The fact is, I've just succeeded in signing up our leading lady for another season."

"I had no idea you were in the theatrical business."

"Nor am I. I am referring to our

BARBAROUS AMERICA

BY ROBERT HUNTER

A good deal has been said recently about barbarous Mexico. A few years ago a good deal was said about the barbarous Congo.

It is pleasant for us to read of barbarism in other countries than it is to dwell upon barbarism in our own.

It is terrible to see the pictures of Mexican peons working under the whip of the master.

It is terrible to see the picture of a group of negroes, half-naked, with their hands and feet cut off.

But all the atrocities of the Congo will not equal the atrocities committed in one year in America.

Of course, it is done differently here. There is no evil intent. The employer doesn't cut off legs and arms through revenge. It is all done in the natural order of industry.

Industry must have its killed and injured, and to build up the world's wealth men must sacrifice their limbs, their health, their lives.

Whether working for others or for themselves, as they will later, the workers must sacrifice much to industry.

But if we today could see a half million white men, half-naked, with stumps for legs and arms I wonder whether anything in the Congo or in Mexico could equal that.

Each year in this country hundreds of thousands of workers are injured or killed while at work.

And while this is terrible enough it is even more terrible to think that instead of these men being generously compensated for the sacrifices they have made, we add to our barbarism by brutally throwing them on the scrap heap.

Thereafter their families or their comrades are forced to support them and if that is impossible they become vagrants, beggars, and mendicants.

As a result we are coming to enjoy a certain distinction in this country over all other industrial countries in that we are looked upon, along with Mexico and the Congo, as one of the most barbarous countries in the world.

The European workmen and even the European capitalists read of our industrial accidents and their appalling record of killed and injured with amazement.

In Europe the employers are considerate of human life for the very excellent reason that the burden of caring for the injured of industry falls upon the employers.

Here it falls, like all other burdens, on the poor, who give without just compensation not only their labor to industry, but even their arms, legs, health and lives.

To realize the extent of our barbarism, read the following table showing the amount of compensation workmen in Europe receive because of accident or death:

Table with 3 columns: Country, Employee Killed, Employee Totally and Permanently Disabled, Receives

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Now compare the situation in our own country where there is no compensation, except that which is fought for and won despite unfriendly courts, powerful corporations and their trained, well-paid lawyers.

For some reason Germany is omitted from the above table, as prepared by the Bureau of Labor at Washington.

Yet in Germany alone the workers who suffer sickness, old age, accident death receive each day nearly \$400,000.

Up to 1903 the German government had paid out to the workers through its insurance funds over a billion dollars in compensation.

More than sixty million persons had in some manner benefited by the distribution of this fund.

Well, what about barbarous America? Industry here not only claims the labor of men, it claims also their health, their limbs, their lives and when it is done with the workers the invalids, the aged and the disabled must manage somehow to shift for themselves.

That is the condition in a country that claims to be civilized and loves to show tears when it reads of the barbarism of Mexico and the atrocities of the Congo.

Another George on the Throne of Old England

BY VICTOR L. BERGER

It is of small importance whether Edward VII or his son George V occupies the throne of England. The occupancy of that old piece of furniture has little significance in England or any other constitutional country.

There was a time when the personality of the potentate was a big factor for the general welfare of the people or otherwise. But nowadays the ermine and the crown and all the empty pomp overawe only people who do not think.

Especially in England the king has very little to say since the day that Queen Anne. The English parliament reigns supreme in Great Britain.

When it was suggested to Emperor Napoleon I to rule France in the English way, he said that he did not care to be the prize pig of the nation. That was not very polite, but not far from the truth.

However, the king of England cannot be much more. He is well fed and brilliantly taken care of and is told that his duty is "to represent the country." But as far as the business of the country is concerned, that is usually none of his business. He is required to call in Mr. Asquith whenever it is proven that Mr. Balfour does not have a majority in the House of Commons. Or to call in Mr. Balfour whenever from every squint is short of votes.

This king of England is proverbially "a king in hell"—but he has much less power than the president of the United States.

So it really happened that one of the Georges "ruled" England although he was insane for about twenty years. Nevertheless the business of the country went on in the usual way and nobody noticed that the king was "bug house."

As for Queen Victoria, she spent the first fifteen years of her reign in giving birth to children so frequently that the business of the government could not possibly have received very much of her attention. Yet that was the most important period of her "reign" from every point of view.

The king of England, in fact, is just as superfluous for actual work as the stockholder of a big American corporation who lives in England. Both of them have only to regularly clip their coupons and spend the money.

In that sense, Edward the Seventh was a model monarch.

Of course, he was prince of Wales until he was sixty years of age. And not having even any representing to do, he had too much time on his hands. Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands. And Edward naturally for a sensuous man, or at least very much inclined to "love" women very "freely"—although a pillar of society and the future head of the English church.

But when he became king at sixty, he considerably changed his mode of life. Other men usually do the same when they get to be sixty.

However, there was not very much for King Edward the Seventh to do when he became king. His reign fell in a quiet period of the world's history. There was not much to rob, as far as countries were concerned. Everything worth grabbing had been grabbed under the reign of Queen Victoria, his predecessor. The few pieces of desert land still left in Central Africa were not worth a real war.

Moreover, John Bull wanted peace and rest in order to be able to digest property that he had swallowed. John Bull wanted peace and rest in order to be able to digest property that he had swallowed. John Bull wanted peace and rest in order to be able to digest property that he had swallowed.