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Workingmen of All Countries, UNITE!

You Have Nothing to Lose But Your Chains, and A WORLD TO GAIN!

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"HOBOS," TO THE FRONT

Show Your Faces of Hunger and Misery at the Fashionable Churches and Clubs.

And Line Up in Front of the Same Newspaper Offices That Ridicule and Deride Your Poverty and Sufferings!

Forget your poverty, your hunger!
There are no unemployed workingmen in St. Louis!
There are only hoboes, tramps and cranks, attracted by such hobo leaders as James D. How, Dr. Reitman, General Coxe and other trouble breeders!
The people should pay no attention to these lazy tramps and hoboes!
They are an obstacle to the restoration of confidence!
Make these outcasts keep their mouths shut, prohibit their public demonstrations, and everything will be O. K.!

The foregoing sentences express the attitude of our St. Louis capitalist daily press toward the unemployed.

Misrepresentation, ridicule, derision, abuse—this is about all the thousands of unemployed receive at the hands of our so-called public press.

There are at least 40,000 people out of work today in the city of St. Louis. In the St. Louis car shops alone, where there were about 10,000 men employed until a few weeks ago, there are today 5,000 men laid off!

Most of the building trades mechanics are jobless. From 40 to 50 per cent of all the machinists are out of work. "Hardly 10 per cent of our members are at work today!" says a member of the Pattern Makers' Union.

A metal worker said to the editor of St. Louis Labor the other day: "I have been hunting for work for weeks. Some of the employers thought I was foolish, if not crazy, to expect a job during these hard times of the industrial crisis."

But these forty thousand unfortunate citizens of St. Louis are no longer workingmen out of work.

They are classed as hoboes, tramps and cranks by such great capitalist organs as the St. Louis Times, Post-Dispatch, St. Louis Republic, Globe-Democrat and Westliche Post.

These organs of intellectual prostitution are trying to make the people believe that the financial and industrial "flurry" is all over, that the voice of starvation and misery should be suppressed and "confidence" of the financial and industrial highway robbers restored.

With big, sensational headlines on the front pages they announce the resumption of work by 500 men here and 1,000 men there, but hidden on their inside pages we find the important news that ten thousand employees of the Baldwin Locomotive Works in Philadelphia were laid off, that ten thousand of the 30,000 men employed by the American Car and Foundry Co. lost their jobs, etc.

And the same papers are extremely careful not to mention a word about the 150,000 men out of work in New York City, of the 40,000 textile workers breadless in Philadelphia, of the 100,000 or more men hunting for a miserable job in Chicago, of the unemployed demonstrations in San Francisco and Seattle.

The applications for aid at the different charity organizations of the city during the past three months have been far in excess of previous years. W. H. McClain, general manager of the St. Louis Provident Association, states that the average number of applicants during the three months was fully 50 per cent in excess of the corresponding period of last year, and that for the last thirty days they have been 74 per cent in excess of January of last year.

When the Chicago police force, by special order of Chief Shippy, clubbed the marching unemployed, the St. Louis Times, in a special editorial writeup, applauded the barbarous work and held that the policeman's club was the only means of teaching those marching hoboes a lesson.

The march of the St. Louis unemployed to the City Hall furnished the same paper the subject of a "humorous," derisive story which calls for the indignation and condemnation of any thinking man or woman.

The Democratic political organ, the St. Louis Republic, moralizing editorially on "The Hobo and the Workhouse," concludes with the following sentences:

There is vacant land enough in the Ozarks, in less than a hundred miles of St. Louis, to provide homes for a much greater surplus of workers than St. Louis is likely to have from any cause. The "hobo" view of justice, beginning at the workhouse, is practical.

Ye forty thousand unemployed of St. Louis, take your wives and children, old and young, big and small, and tramp all the way to the Ozark mountains, where you may feed on Ozark pine leaves, Ozark marble rocks and Democratic wind, which is as plentiful in the Ozarks as in St. Louis city.

You will have to tramp there, tramp over vales and hills, for no railroad will furnish you free transportation, although there are at present 300,000 freight cars out of commission.

Will the unemployed quietly endure the misery and accept the insult by the public press?

Some day these mercenaries of newspaper editors will find their offices surrounded by the vast army of indignant "hoboes" demanding justice and fair play. The editors may then arouse the police department by telephoning a riot call, but this will not solve the problem.

We say to the unemployed of St. Louis:

To the front! Organize!
Don't hide in your dark corners of misery and freeze to death!
Don't hide in your dark corners and starve!
Don't sit down patiently looking in stupor at your suffering wives and children!

You can not live when the means of life are taken from you.

To the front!
Don't be huddled at the police stations, with the cement or stone floor as you bed.

There are hundreds of fine buildings, conveniently furnished and well heated in St. Louis—buildings erected in honor of God Almighty God, your Father, in honor of His son, the carpenter of Nazareth. These great church buildings shall be opened for your sake, for God's sake, for Christ's sake, for humanity's sake.

Insist that the West End aristocratic church buildings be opened every day, every night in the week, for the unemployed, for the homeless, for the freezing, for the starving "hoboes."

God, and Christ, and the Holy Ghost will take care of themselves while this industrial crisis is on; now let us take care of the poor victims of the crisis. Give them a chance to establish their temporary home in these aristocratic temples of God! This will be an act in line with true Christianity, with true religion.

We say to the "hoboes": "Go to these aristocratic churches! Make your demands known! Push your claims as Christians and equal children of God!"

The Toilers' Marseillaise

Translated from the German of Jacob Audorf.
By SHERLIE WOODMAN.

Onward who right and justice cherish!
Behold our flag which waves on high!
Nor yet in falsehood's midnight perish—
Ere long shall morn illumine the sky.
A warfare stern is this we're waging,
But tho' in legions rise our foes,
And perils like hell's flames oppose,
And round us now are fiercely raging,
We do not heed our foes,
No peril us restrains;
Stand fast! Stand fast, and falter not,
And rend our slavery's chains.

The foe for whom our hate surpasses
All else, surrounds us, dark and fierce—
The lack of knowledge by the masses—
Which but the spirit's sword can pierce;
This bulwark first must fall before us,
Then who our progress shall withstand
When from on high, on every hand,
The flag of freedom shall float o'er us?
Then heed we not our foes,
No peril us restrains!
Stand fast, stand fast, and falter not,
Till burst are slavery's chains!

The ballot is for us the token
That we shall yet triumphant be;
Class hatred preach we not—we've spoken
One word alone: "Equality!"
By ties of love we are united;
Hands clasped, in brotherhood we stand,
The blot to wipe out from our land
Of want, by which men's lives are blighted.
Then heed we not our foes,
No peril us restrains.
Stand fast, stand fast, and falter not,
And rend our slavery's chains!

Men yet unborn shall tell our story.
E'en now the prospect bright appears!
Haste then and join the dance of glory!—
Tho' rough the floor, we have no fears.
In phalanx firm our ranks are forming;
Tho' high around us sweeps the flood,
Devotion deepens in our blood—
This holy war all hearts is warming!
Then heed we not our foes,
No peril us restrains.
Stand fast! Stand fast, and falter not,
And rend our slavery's chains!

Up toilers, then—one tie unites us!
Be strong today and join our band,
That hope's green crop, which invites us,
May never wither in our land;
And that the seed today we're sowing
May soon take root in fruitful soil—
Our dauntless deeds on all who toil
A holy legacy bestowing.
Then heed we not our foes,
No peril us restrains.
Stand fast! Stand fast, and falter not,
And rend our slavery's chains!

JACOB AUDORF.

Biographical Sketch of the Author of "The Toilers' Marseillaise."

Jacob Audorf, the author of "The Toilers' Marseillaise," was one of the pioneers of the German Socialist labor movement.

Our poet was born in Hamburg, August 1, 1835, the son of very poor parents. His first education he received in a private "School for Poor Children." At the age of 13 he began his five years' apprenticeship as a machinist. This was in 1848—the year of the German Revolution. The few leisure hours he enjoyed he would spend in the Hamburg Self-Culture Society, which was then a stronghold of democracy.

In 1857, with \$2 in his pocket, he went to Switzerland, where he became active in workingmen's societies. In Zurich he made the acquaintance of the revolutionary poet George Herwegh.

By his own efforts Audorf mastered the French language, and in 1861 he left Switzerland and went to Paris. Later on he went to London, and from there returned to Germany, where, in 1863, under Ferdinand Lassalle's leadership, he assisted in the formation of the "General German Workingmen's Association" (which later on developed into the present Social Democratic Party, the most powerful labor party that ever existed).

When, in 1864, the first anniversary of Lassalle's death was celebrated, Audorf wrote the poem of which the above is a good translation. This poem became known as the "German Workingmen's Marseillaise."

No German Socialist song has infused into the hearts of millions of men and women more enthusiasm, love and devotion for the great world-wide labor movement than Audorf's Marseillaise. Indeed, the "Workingman's Marseillaise" has practically become the official song of the German proletariat.

In 1868 Audorf went to Russia, where he worked as a machinist, but soon returned to accept the editorship of the Hamburg Socialist paper. Several years later he again went to Russia, where he held a responsible position in a leading business house in Moscow. When in 1881 he returned to Hamburg for the second time, Bismarck's anti-Socialist laws were used against him; informed by the Hamburg police that he had to leave Germany within a given number of hours, he again went to Moscow, where he secured a position as a traveling salesman, which gave him an opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the conditions in the vast Russian empire. He visited Odessa, Sebastopol, the Caucasus, Baku, Tiflis and other districts and learned the Russian language thoroughly. Thanks to special efforts of the German Consul in Moscow, Audorf was permitted to return to Hamburg, together with his wife, who was a native Russian woman.

A collection of Audorf's poems, in one volume, was published by the Socialist Party of Germany some years ago. It is a valuable booklet full of poetical gems of interest to all men and women interested in the Socialist and labor movement.

SEDALIA LINING UP

The Socialist Party Adopts a Sound Platform and Nominates a Full Ticket.

A Sound Party Policy Prevails and Sedalia Comrades Are Enthusiastically Entering the Campaign Year.

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 6, 1908.

The Socialist Party of Sedalia held its city convention Saturday, Feb. 1, and placed a full city ticket in the field, including members of the school board, to be voted for at the ensuing city election to be held Tuesday, April 7.

It was by far the largest and most enthusiastic convention of Socialists held in Sedalia in recent years, and undoubtedly will mark a new epoch in the Socialist movement in the Queen City.

The error of two years ago, when Sedalia local, the majority members of which had become impatient with the apparent indifference of many and avowed hostility of some of the trades unionists to the Socialist movement, rescinded a plank in the party platform which declared for the employment of union labor on all public works and structures, under union conditions, etc., was rectified, and the party, so far as concerns the local movement in Sedalia, again places itself squarely on record as the only party which truly represents the aims, the hopes and the aspirations of the organized wage-working class. Not only did the party readopt the trades union plank of previous years, which was eliminated two years ago, but gave still greater emphasis to its expressions of accord with and support of the trades union movement. The action of the party in Sedalia two years ago proved disastrous to the Socialist movement. The club's membership declined to barely a corporal's guard, and the existence of the party organization has ever since been hanging in the balance. But things are changed now. The old-time trades union members are again getting in line, and many new ones are applying for the "little red membership card."

At the regular meeting held Sunday, Feb. 3, twelve new applications were acted upon, and as one of the comrades expressed it, there is no reason why Sedalia should not boast of a local with at least a hundred and fifty members.

The Socialist movement in Sedalia is assuming its old-time activity. It has successfully passed through the experience which many other locals had to pass, and which only still further emphasizes the fact that the political movement of the working class can not be divorced from the economic movement.

The Socialists of Sedalia are just now confronted with a "Labor Representation Committee" scheme, by which the trade unions hope to elect good union men to legislative positions via any old party. It is needless to say the Socialists in Sedalia will not waste their energy and ammunition fighting their misguided brothers, but will endeavor to show them the wrong of their position, and not needlessly arouse opposition from a source that ultimately will supply the greatest number of recruits to the Socialist movement.

PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF SEDALIA.

We affirm the national platform of the Socialist Party of America, which declares its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aims to be the organization of the working class and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of wealth production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

As the prevailing method of economic production has largely shaped institutions and affected progress in all ages, we recognize the revolution in production caused by the development of power machinery as the dominant fact of modern times.

Never before could so much wealth be produced with so little labor; yet the producing classes of all nations are in poverty, a larger proportion of the people are in actual want and a larger percentage of the working forces are unemployed than ever before, while the non-producing class revels in unprecedented and undeserved luxury.

Labor produces all wealth, therefore all wealth belongs by right to the working class. There can be no peace while want dwells with the toilers and luxury is monopolized by the employers.

The private ownership in the means of life—the land, machinery, tools and implements of production—by a few, has given the owners thereof the power of life or death over the workers who must use them. Hence we find society divided into two classes having antagonistic economic interests. These two classes are constantly arrayed against each other in an economic war. The one class, the tool-owning or capitalist class, seeks to buy labor power just as cheap as possible, while the working class strives to sell its labor power just as dear as possible. Any effort to harmonize the interests of these two contending classes must necessarily prove abortive. On the industrial field the capitalist class is most powerful, because it dominates the governing power, national state and municipal.

Industrial conflicts as manifested in so-called labor disputes, where the weapons of the workers are the strike and the boycott, and the weapons of the employing class are the blacklist, discharge, injunction, Gatling gun, sheriff's posse, Pinkerton thugs, militia and national army, will never disappear so long as private ownership in the means of wealth production and distribution obtains.

To abolish industrial conflicts it is necessary to abolish class rule, and to abolish class rule it is necessary to abolish the industrial system which creates classes by substituting collective ownership in the means of life for private ownership.

The Socialist Party came into existence not to amend existing economic evils, but to end them. It has but one issue, the complete overthrow of capitalist class rule. It has but one mission, the dethronement of Capital and the enthronement of Labor. It assumes no compromising position on any question affecting the interest of the working class. The Socialist Party everywhere uses all political power gained by it for the benefit of the working class. This has been proved by the Socialists of Milwaukee and the Socialists of German, French and European cities.

Every political party outside the Socialist Party reflects the interests of the employing class and is dominated by that class. The Socialist Party is a working class party, controlled by the working class in the interest of that class. It is the political expression of the class struggle so nobly waged by the trades unions in the economic field. But the sphere of the trades unions is necessarily limited, circumscribed. They can not of themselves win complete emancipation for the workers, they can only check the rapacity of the employing class. In conflicts with the employing class, the trades unions have arrayed against them all the powers of government. The strike and the boycott are being outlawed, the funds of the unions confiscated, and by injunction process their activity in the economic field is becoming ever more and more restricted. Therefore,

Its Socialism is as inevitable as the Toryism and Individualism of the capitalist organizations. And let those Trade Unionists who are inclined to listen to the traitorous counsels of capitalist newspapers and capitalist political puppets bear well in mind the fact that any attempt to disrupt the Labor Party because of its Socialist declarations will only result in disrupting the Trade Unions.

VAN CLEAVE'S JOKE.

"Let us cease fighting. Let Organized Labor and capital go forward in peace, now that the Supreme Court of the United States has determined the rights of each. It would be too bad if the employers are forced to drastic measures to prevent their property from criminal practices."

WILL THEY DARE DO IT?

Will the Citizens' Alliance dare push the advantage which recent Supreme Court decisions have given it? Will it flave the nerve to arrest Samuel Gompers and the members of the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor for continuing to publish the "We Don't Patronize" list after having been forbidden to do so by the court?

Missouri Socialist Party

State Secretary: Otto Pauls, 212 South Fourth St., St. Louis, MISSOURI FINANCIAL REPORT FOR JANUARY.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures, listing various individuals and amounts.

FALLING INTO LINE.

Local Phelps pays back dues and gets in good standing again. Comrade McCalmont of Unionville buys stamps and will no doubt get the local there in shape again.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

May 10 is the date and Chicago is the place of our national convention. The special stamps, to pay the fare of all delegates to the convention, have been sent to all locals.

NOMINATIONS.

The call for nominations for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner, Judge of the Supreme Court and Judge of the Court of Appeals has been sent to all locals in good standing.

THEY WANT TO ORGANIZE.

G. W. Bailey of Bartlett, J. M. Wyckoff of Jamestown, Squire Cahill of Rosebud, Jasper Long of Kennett, N. B. Wilkinson of Willow Springs, J. F. Knox of Clifton Hill and Wm. Murphy of Warrenton have been furnished with charter applications, and instructions how to organize.

NEW LOCALS.

Jasper County comrades have organized a local at Prosperity with 26 charter members. Fred W. King has organized a local at Prosperity with 26 charter members. Fred W. King has organized Thayer with 15 charter members.

Schools and Patriotism

Comrade Lipscomb of Liberal sends us the following copy of a letter which he addressed to a local school teacher:

Miss Kit Curless, Teacher: Dear Madam—My son, Forest, tells me that on Feb. 22—Washington's Birthday—your room proposes a military drill in which swords and daggers and small flags are to play parts.

SOCIALISM AND THE PRESS IN ENGLAND.

Socialism is a subject which, in these days, has leaped to the front with a bound, says the Labor Leader. Press, pulpit and platform are all resounding with references to Socialism; and the intellectual Rip Van Winkles of the day have suddenly awakened up.

Fifteenth Anniversary Entertainment and Hop

OF THE WORKINGMEN'S SICK AND DEATH BENEFIT FUND Saturday Evening, March 7th, 1908 at Concordia Turner Hall

ROSTER OF MISSOURI LOCALS.

Table listing local addresses and secretaries for various Missouri locals.

a diabolical delusion and a Satanic conspiracy. Finally, after having exhausted the vocabulary of abuse, the antagonists of Socialism are now coolly announcing to the world that they are undertaking a serious inquiry into Socialism to find out what it really does mean.

The boycott will not be driven from American soil in spite of all made-to-order Supreme Court decisions.

Advertisement for Star Brand Table Salt, featuring a star logo and text: STAR BORDER TABLE SALT HAS STOOD ALL TESTS 33 YEARS.

DRINK ONLY UNION BEER

Advertisement for Union Beer, featuring a logo with a hammer and sickle and text: NATIONAL UNION OF THE UNITED BREWERY WORKMEN.

Bartenders' Union Local 51

Advertisement for Bartenders' Union Local 51, featuring a logo with the letters 'HB' and text: Patronize only Saloons displaying Union Bar Card.

ASK FOR MANEVAL'S BREAD

Advertisement for Maneval's Bread, featuring text: Because It is Strictly Union-Made and MANEVAL BREAD CO. Both Phones.

Union Farmers' Distributing Agency

Advertisement for Union Farmers' Distributing Agency, featuring text: 202 N. Main St. Bell Phone Olive 3667.

Remember, no CIGARS are Genuine Union-Made

Advertisement for Union-made Cigars, featuring a logo with a hammer and sickle and text: UNLESS THE BOX BEARS THE Blue Union Label.

