

THE BRITISH LABOR PARTY AND AMERICAN SOCIALISM

By GEORGE D. HERRON
Judging by articles I have seen in our party press I fear that American Socialists have been very greatly misled as to the nature of the Labor Party of Great Britain.

should be held forever inexcusable for his absence it was this time of opportunity, with such a man as Burrows to match it, yet they of the Labor party, and they only, held critically aloof, contenting themselves with reference to the antiquity and futility of the Social Democratic appeal.

BEWARE OF THE GIFT BEARERS

By John M. Work.
In the recent campaign the Socialist Party met a severe test and met it successfully.

THE WORKINGMAN'S LIBERTIES.

"Fellow worker, they tell us since the Revolution and the Declaration of Independence all men have been free. Are you yourself free?"

"The employer."
"Who has the liberty to impose upon the worker that kind of work that will bring him the largest profits?"

SACRIFICING YOUNG GIRLS IN ROLLING MILLS.

In a Pittsburg foundry girls are employed to make simple cores for castings. A quick girl can make 10,000 a day, for which she receives \$1.

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GERMANY

An investigation having shown that the number of unemployed in Frankfurt-on-the-Main was greater than it had been for twenty years, Counselor Dittman, in the name of the Socialist faction in the Frankfurt city council, made the following proposal.

HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

In spite of the fact that over a hundred cities in this country have a regular system of medical inspection in the schools, the first book on the subject to be published in this country has just been issued.

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Choteau County.

Debs received 109 votes in this county. F. A. NYSTROM.

Teton County.

Raymond, Mont., Nov. 19. Dear Comrades:—I am so far from the county seat that I have not heard how many socialist votes were cast in my county yet.

GAINS IN WYOMING.

We are happy to report that the vote for Debs shows an increase over 1904 of 144 per cent and that of Morgan for congress over that of two years ago of 51 per cent.

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We are also happy to report that the courthouse ring is broken, a democrat being elected treasurer by 162 majority.

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FACTS OF THE FOUNDING AND WORK OF THE NEWS

On the night of the 6th day of October, 1905, there were gathered together in a bark, dingy print-shop in Helena, a number of Socialists from different parts of the state, to discuss the advisability of the Socialist Party of Montana owning a newspaper.

While these reports is too widely known throughout the country to need any mention here. The News was the only socialist paper to have a reporter all the time at all the Federation trials and the only socialist paper to have a correspondent at Goldfield during the trouble last winter.

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**A LITTLE BROTHER OF THE RICH**

The book, the society novel, written by Joseph Medill Patterson, with the above name, is one that deserves the attention of every Socialist. In the first place the book in itself is worthy. It is not mawkish, it is not filled with sickly sentimental "revolution," it is not painfully amateurish as a majority of the stuff is that is put out by Socialist authors in embryo with the expectation that a work with Socialist ideas, written by a Socialist, must be swallowed whether it has any literary or artistic merit or not. The result is that we have been deluged with trash in the name of Socialism. Whereas Socialism, with its feet on the proletarian basis of scientific interpretation, sees advocates and realizes a broader, nobler, truer art than any historical epoch has ever conceived.

But Medill Patterson's book needs no apologies and no compromise criticism because he is a Socialist. The book stands on its own merits. The story is remarkably well told. The handling is firm, true, with no wearily diffidence. And Comrade Patterson has solved the problem of putting the bare, bald, ugly facts of capitalism's utmost social results into a book, and making an interesting story, a strong story, and doing a most wonderful class protest work at the same time. He has employed the art that hides the art.

"The Little Brother of the Rich" is a young "boulder" coming from a country town, who works his way into Yale by pure mental and physical superiority and by the same high signs of prowess becomes an associate of young men of the aristocracy of plutocracy, by the friendship of whom he is enabled to obtain favorable business connections that give him a chance to become an associate and hanger-on of capitalist "high society." He is a young man nobly formed and planned vitiated by the very conditions through which he attains success under capitalism. His achievements form a hook on which to hang the characteristics of our most highly developed capitalist life, with its insensate greed and robbery, its morbid and useless waste, its functionless men and women, its human vultures preying on each other, its inane, artificial, vitiated females, its alcohol-soaked and lust-driven males, all noble and natural love, effort and ambition submerged, in an idiotic treadmill that some few may have power and drive the rest.

"The sun and the wind touched the bosom of the earth to her awakening, crops sprang forth abundantly to the tillage of millions of men and horses and machines; grimy gnomes toiled in the dark underground to bring fuel to the light; keen-witted and resourceful railroaders guided their lightning caravans across continents; children of five years spun clothing for the race; and the two and one-half hundred young aristocrats of the handball club guessed about the prices of stocks, in the happy compact with fate that if they guessed wrongly they need but draw a check against bank accounts which had descended upon them freely and copiously, like manna from the days of their minorities; and that if they guessed aright they might still further extend the wide boundaries of their superfluities of luxury and brighten the eyes of their lights-of-love with pearls, diamonds, furs, menservants and high-stepping horses."

And here is given the cause, the economic cause of why the prospective mothers of the working class go to ruin:  
 "Do you ever go to see a song and dance or a musical comedy, Mr.

Potter?" inquired Blanche with bitterness.  
 "Yes, of course."  
 "And you pay admission, don't you?"  
 "Yes, of course."  
 "Well, its you and other men that make girls wear tights. Girls don't wear 'em for the fun of it, but because you men pay 'em to, and they've got to have money to live. You pay a girl six or eight dollars a week in a store to stand up all day and sell goods till she's ready to yell at night she's so nervous, and you offer the same girl eighteen a week to wear tights and dance and sing in a chorus. Do you wonder that those that can should choose the chorus? Let me tell you ont thing, Mr. Man. If I had it to do over again, I'm damned if I'd ever go into store work at all—I'd light out straight for the chorus. We women 've got to do what you rean want us to, to live anyhow—and it seems you like us better in the chorus—you pay us three times as much for showing our legs as for selling your wives hardware—I'm sick of all this bunk about the chorus girl—Let me ask you one thing. Which is the decenter proposition, the girl in the store who is working for her living—and working hard, too, or the rich loafer in the bald-headed row who comes night after night to look at her—and tempt her if he can?"  
 This is equal to Shaw in its power and keen analysis.

The foil to the nauseating capitalist mess is Sylvia, the young girl thrown on the world alone, but who develops true ideals out of her struggles and lives a noble life to the achievement of a high purpose. Patterson's portrayal of her character, for the opportunity it presents, is the weakest in the book. The outline permits of a highly developed and artistic execution. However, she is strongly enough sketched to bring out the coarseness, the disgusting inferiority of the best that the ideals of capitalism can produce.

"Even if now before men we cannot own that we are all in all to each other, perfectly married, yet in the sight of—"

"Oh, don't say that we can be married as truly in the sight of God. So many men have said that," she broke out, half hysterically.

And finally when she discerns the full limit of Paul's ideas of love she turns upon him with the goddess-like majesty of one who has seen the divinest aspirations of beautiful soul trailed in the mire of the gold man's lust.

"Don't interrupt me, you cur," she thundered. "Hear what I have to say—then go. \* \* \* \* \*

"You don't understand," he began. "Be quiet," she cried. "You say you fear I might interfere with your social position. SOCIAL POSITION!" Her words volleyed forth.

"What is it you mean, but the chance to go to the garrish, vulgar houses of sure-thing gamblers, to guzzle yourself stupid and talk half putrid pseudo-sentiment to their empty-pated doll-women. \* \* \* \* \*

You live uselessly. The world were better without you. You should be swept away, you and those like you. \* \* \* \* \* Social position! To whom does society owe position? To we who give it education and recreation and thought and happiness; or to you who take from it everything you can swindle it out of?"

"But Sylvia," he made one last effort, "if you WANT I will marry you—"

She stretched her rigid arm toward the door. Oh, you BEAST!" her voice rolled out, "GO!"

It may add to the interest in the work to know that its author, Joseph Medill Patterson, is the young Chicago millionaire who declared himself a Socialist three years ago, and has aided the Chicago party and the Daily Socialist to such a great extent. Because of his zeal for the great cause his annual income has been cut from \$20,000 to \$2,000 a year, and he is earning his own living by literary and other sort of work.

"A Little Brother of the Rich" is a talented acquisition to the "literature of exposure."

**A WORD FOR THE TRAMP**

Disguised as a tramp, the chaplain of a certain workhouse in Devonshire has been visiting various casual wards in the West of England. As he succeeded in keeping his identity secret, the amateur "casual" was enabled to get into touch with the tramp at close quarters. As a result, he came to the conclusion that the tramp is more sinned against than sinning. He states, moreover, that the treatment which is meted out to the genuine unemployed man in search of work hardens him against a return to the ranks of industry. It is interesting to have the statements which have been made time and again by Socialists confirmed by an independent witness.

Reports say that the Chinese government, in the excitement of readjusting affairs subsequent to the death of the emperor and dowager empress, fears reformers. All governments are alike, they fear reformers. What better evidence could there be that they are founded on graft and injustice?

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**"Don't Be a Socialist"**

Unless you know WHY you are one. The cause of Socialism has been tremendously injured and retarded by the ignorance of those who talk and write about it without a proper understanding of its principles. The foolish notion of "dividing up" and the story of the "Irishman's two pigs" come from this source. The capitalist writers who speakers deliberately misrepresent our principles, but if every comrade thoroughly understands Socialism, it will hasten the coming of liberty for all.

**VICTOR L. BERGER SAYS:**

"Socialists are coming to understand that there is no subject which is not necessary in the Socialist movement. As our work becomes more constructive, as our opportunities widen and new responsibilities are laid upon us, it is becoming daily clearer to the conscientious and thoughtful Socialist that no department of human activity is foreign to him. It is at the same time imperative to learn how everything developed and is still developing and changing into a better system.  
 Every Socialist should know something besides his Karl Marx—which by the way, those who know the least about him quote the most. The mere knowledge of a few Socialist phrases is not sufficient to make a 'scientific' Socialist.  
 In order to know why Socialism is coming, a Socialist should have some idea of the theory of evolution, and some knowledge of history. In order to know why it is coming, he must know something of economic development.  
 We, as Socialists, are vitally interested in the development of civilization. History for us is not a collection of 'shallow village tales,' the story of the coronations, weddings and burials of kings. Nor is it simply an account of battles lost and won, so many thousand killed on either side, and this or that king or general given all the glory. No. For us the true lesson of history is the story of the progress of mankind by gradual steps from brutal savagery to enlightenment, culture and humanity. A great English statesman has wisely said, 'the history of the future is to be read in the pages of the past.'  
 No one realizes this truth more than the really scientific Socialist.  
 The manner in which one system has grown out of another, feudalism out of slavery, and capitalism out of feudalism is most suggestive of the manner by which the Socialist Republic will gradually develop out of the present system.  
 These are the most instructive lessons of history.  
 Now these lessons, as we have already said, must be sought in the history of the people, in the history of their industrial and social and intellectual life—in the ideas that ruled and moved humanity from time to time. The knowledge of these ideas is of vital interest to the Socialist. Books, pamphlets, etc., represent the ideas of their respective times and have in turn influenced the ideas of those times. Of course we have histories of civilization and of literature, but no digest or comment can give the ideas of any author or thinker so well as he can give them himself in his own language.  
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By Joyce Kilmer

When are-lights gleam in fevered streets and mock the glare of day. A mighty army comes from camp to march along Broadway.

Each is a soldier, tried and true, sworn knight of good King Lust; Each does her sovereign's bidding well, as loyal soldiers must.

"Oh Master Manufacturer! O Master Financier! If you would see what made you rich, look at your victims here.

You took our youth and innocence, our sight and blood and health, And made them into merchandise, and so you got your wealth.

O Master Financier, you have a lovely daughter there, We know she's good and innocent—as pure as she is fair.

Perhaps she will have died by then, some lucky devils do; But otherwise she will have left and looked for something new.

Then from the crowded tenements, where women are for hire, In filthy dance-halls, reeking stews, I heard a ghastly choir.

"O Master Manufacturer, how goes your Sunday-school? Go tell the kids that God is love, and teach the Golden Rule.

### National

**Kentucky Will Have 5,000**  
In Kentucky it is estimated that our party has polled 5,000, being an increase of about 10 per cent.

**Arkansas' Socialist Vote.**  
The Arkansas vote is about 7,200 as against 1,900 four years ago—a gain of nearly 300 per cent.

**The Montana Socialist Vote.**  
Reports from Montana put the Socialist vote here at 6,000.

**New Hampshire Official Vote**  
The official count in New Hampshire shows 1,228 votes for Debs and Hanford, an increase of 138 over the vote cast for them in 1904.

**Socialist Vote in Virginia**  
Of the 137,555 votes cast in Virginia, Bryan had 82,948, Taft 52,579, Chafin 1,104, Debs 254, Watson 196, Higgen 52 and Gilhaus 25.

**Socialist Vote in Oregon.**  
Oregon gives about 6,500 votes. This is 400 less than we had four years ago. It is not certain, however, that the official report will not show a better result.

**Our Vote in Texas.**  
Texas correspondents estimate the Socialist vote in that state at 20,000 to 25,000. If the official count verifies these estimates, it will show an increase of 600 per cent or more.

**Kansas Vote.**  
Debs 12,420.

**New Jersey**  
Debs 9,587.

**Delaware**  
Debs 240 as against 146 in 1904.

**Local San Diego Cal.** admitted 142 new members last week, making a membership of 550 all told.

The latest report from State Secretary Bell of Texas shows that 148 charters have been issued between March 1st and Nov. 1st.

State Secretary Krueger of Washington reports the election of Emil Herman and Arthur Jensen, address Box 52, Seattle, as National Committeemen for Washington.

State Secretary Geo. B. Kline of West Virginia reports the expulsion of Jack Rubensthal by Local Sistersville, Nov. 15th, for voting the democratic ticket.

Comrade Sumner W. Rose of Biloxi, Miss., who toured the south for the party during the campaign, is soon to issue a book entitled "The South for Socialism."

The returns from the state, which are now nearly all in, show a fair gain in the straight Social-Democratic vote of Wisconsin. While the Debs vote of 1908 was only slightly larger than the Debs vote of 1904, when Debs ran over 4,000 votes ahead of his ticket, the straight Socialist vote this year was 3,692 higher than in any previous year.

A lecture course for the Wisconsin locals is now being arranged. The locals entering into this arrangement will take one lecturer every month, either for a single lecture or for two or three in one town. That the comrades throughout the state are ripe for this work is proved by the promptness with which they responded to the proposition. One local voted to suggest this plan to the state headquarters before they had learned that it had already been adopted by the board. The comrades have earnestly resolved to begin the campaign of 1910 at once and to so educate and organize that we shall double our membership before another election.

### Women's Clubs

#### GRAFT IN HOSPITALS.

There are different methods used in the game of graft. It is seldom that we hear, or not at all, of the fine moral manner in which hospitals are conducted.

We know people are underpaid for their services and some of these are nurses. Firstly, nurses have a three year term which could be very easily reduced to one-third that time, learn that is about necessary for a nurse to know, but instead, the girl in training must put in a lot of time which gives the hospital proprietors a chance to have work done for almost nothing.

Secondly, the small amount of money given each month is not called wages, but the education she receives is for services rendered.

So with only the small sum of \$4.00 a month the first year in training (excluding 3 months probation) and a little more the second and third years, the nurses are expected to furnish their own uniforms, both for indoor and outdoor use, also wearing apparel such as might be necessary, for what little the girl might have had when she first entered the institution would never stand through three or two and a half months, but medical books must also be had, and with an income of \$4.00 per month it is a difficult matter to get along, but the hospital authorities are real generous and let the nurses run an account with them, paying of a dollar or two each month and at the close of three years allow the girls to work it out by giving them \$35.00 a month, while if they could get out of the hospital and do private nursing they could pay it off in less time, for trained nurses never receive less than \$25.00 per month. But instead, these hard worked slaves must remain with them until these debts are paid.

If only these girls could see how much is asked of them for so little pay in fact, the wages in comparison to their labor, is no pay at all.

There are tricks in all trades and so are there tricks in the professional world. For example, when a patient has what is called a "special nurse," she must pay the hospital \$25.00 for her services, and in one particular case mentioned, the patient offered \$25.00 to the nurse, which surprised her greatly, no doubt, but the nurse thought it a mistake and decided to turn the money over to the superintendent and it so happened that the head nurse (or superintendent) came in this very room and told the nurse to see her in her office, where the girl was given to understand that the patient must be answered in as few words as possible regarding anything she should happen to ask, and that she, Miss Superintendent, should always be referred to by the name of "Miss Superintendent," who had hardly slept for seven days and nights, had her eyes opened to this graft. She saw for once that swindle is in every kind of an institution and felt her blood boil when she saw that the nurses, whose services have to be paid in every case, are really not so hard-hearted as they are made out to be. Among these girls one would be surprised to learn how little they know, what a "make-believe they know" sort of set they are in astonishing.

Another case can be related of how hard-hearted this work makes one. In a ward where several women lay, one of them had to be taken to the operating room for the amputation of a limb which could not be saved and this patient cried most pitifully, which caused the other patients in the ward to weep also. The nurse in charge of the ward was affected by the cries of the patients as well, but before many moments had passed the head nurse of the floor (each floor has a head nurse) in charge, this honor being generally given to the longest in service) appeared upon the scene and this nurse in charge of the ward was given to understand that such soft-heartedness would never do in such work. It would take a heart of stone not to become affected by scenes such as witnessed, but tears must never be seen in the eyes of a nurse.

It always impressed me, from childhood until recent years, that one engaged in the occupation of a nurse would be sympathetic, loving and kind to any unfortunate one and would have a willing heart and hand, but to my disappointment, it is hardly so. The dollar is looked up to and it is always in the mind of the would-be trained nurse that some day she will get a nice salary. No thought is ever given to how much good they do for the helpless. The dollar, yes, that plays the biggest part! And that they must have for a big debt is always to be remembered. So like any other laborer, these strugglers plow along, giving all, receiving very, very little for their services, and their brains do not seem to inform them that they are taken advantage of, and should one try to explain how they are exploited, they turn away and call you a "kicker."

In another case a nurse used a little too much alcohol on a sore back of one of the patients and was reprimanded for this, also punished by having her two hours for rest taken away from her. Nurses work from seven to seven when on day duty, and two hours each day are given to nurses for rest and when punished severely, these hours are taken away for an entire week. This not only angers the girl, but overworks her strength. The rules of hospitals give one to understand that eight hours of rest must be had in order to be fit for next day's work. By this punishment the nurse not only exhausts herself, but does not do justice to her patients.

Then there is the night work that each nurse gets her share of. From seven p. m. to seven a. m. the next day and night until the patient can take care of herself somewhat, then the nurse gets a few hours to go out doors or put in the time on her lessons.

A course of lectures goes with the lessons. Lecture season opens up Oct. 1st and ends June 1st, and this means three to four lectures a week. Night nurses and nurses on "special duty" get their pointers from the nurses attending the lectures.

The nurse on "special duty" has the worst end of training on account of having hardly an hour for herself. She is confined in the hospital and cannot take care of herself until the patient can take care of herself somewhat, then the nurse gets a few hours to go out doors or put in the time on her lessons.

These are some instances and facts of hospital life. How much clearer is this task would be if it were not the dollar that plays such an important part both with the hospital proprietors and nurses. I might also

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### International

#### HERVE GETS OVATION

When Gustave Herve, editor of "La Guerre Sociale," who was released Saturday after having served nine months of a two year jail sentence for his exposure of the brutality of the French troops at Casablanca last year, arrived in this city he was met by an enormous crowd of friends and sympathizers and accorded a veritable ovation.

The general opinion is that the government has resolved to change its tactics in fighting anti-militarism and will try to use reason instead of force. It is practically certain that the charges of insults to army officers recently brought against Marchal, Martini and Grandjean of "La Guerre Sociale," will be dropped at once.

A potent factor in bringing about this change of front has been the biting criticism by Jean Jaures' daily, "l'Humanite," and the constant agitation carried on in behalf of Herve and other political prisoners.

#### Hungary.

The Hungarian government is doing everything in its power to crush the strike movement by means of spies, agents, provocateurs and terrorism of the worst possible kind. It is supported in its action by the bourgeois press, as for instance, the "Alkotmany," which urges that the whole Social-Democratic Party organization be smashed up, if it is discovered that secret meetings are held in its offices and that the same fate be meted out to trade unions when any weapons or any "seditious" leaflets are found in their offices, that every "seditious" number of the "Nepzava" be confiscated, and that demonstrations every disturber of the peace be expelled from the capital; in fact, that the most brutal Cossack methods be adopted. And the police are but too ready to adopt them. On the Sunday before last they made a wild attack on a peaceful surface demonstration and persons who had been fired at by the police from among the crowd, doubtless by agents-provocateurs, upon which the chief of police posted up a notice forbidding all street demonstrations. Eight Socialist meetings were forbidden on October 8, and those persons who had been arrested were brutally ill-treated in the police cells in order to extort confessions from them.

The police arrested the secretary of the Machine Workers, Karl Payer, for having distributed revolvers amongst the crowd at a street demonstration on Thursday, and suggesting to them to shoot down the police.

The minister of commerce has ordered the suspension of the activity of the Union of Railway Workers, because it has sometimes disobeyed and criticized his orders, and has refused to hand in a list of its members.

#### Socialists Let Labor Party in.

Brussels.—The International Socialist Bureau and the International Journalists have finished their annual meeting at the Maison du Peuple in this city.

The International Bureau, almost unanimous vote, decided that English labor party should be admitted in good standing to the Bureau.

This proposition was put forward in a resolution by Karl Kauteky, editor of Die Neue Zeit. It read as follows:

"In consideration of the resolutions of past International Congresses, according to which organizations which take up their stand upon the ground of the class struggle and recognize the need of political action;

"The International Bureau declares that it admits the English Labor Party to the International Congresses, because without explicitly accepting the proletarian class struggle, it is practically engaged in that struggle; because, thanks to its own organization, it is independent of the bourgeois parties and places itself in consequence on the ground of international Socialism."

It was decided that the International Press Bureau of the Socialist party should meet annually. It was further voted that International Socialist news should be sent to the Socialist press of the world through the present German Central Bureau, which is the best organized of the Socialist press bodies.

On October 6 of the current year, on a board where all the world can see their falsity," was the keynote of the speeches at the meeting.

#### Russia.

Vassiliev, who was given up to Russia by Switzerland, is now in one of the "secret" cells of the prison at Pensa. It is a dark, damp cellar, and as it is overcrowded the air is absolutely pestiferous. Vassiliev is half suffocated. He is never allowed to walk in the prison court and has not once been allowed a change of linen. The place is swarming with vermin. He may have neither books nor letters. Vassiliev and his wife wished to make their marriage legal; but even this has up till now not been allowed, and she is not allowed to visit him until the marriage be blessed by the church. His mother is allowed to visit him at rare intervals, but can get no news of him between her visits, except that he attempted to take his life by hanging himself, but was prevented in time.

The above is taken from a letter written to the "Tribune de Lausanne," in which the writer implores that Switzerland take some action in behalf of the unfortunate man.

A few days ago the session of the court-martial in Saratov came to an end. During three months it had condemned 40 people to death, most of whom have already been executed.

On October 6 three prisoners in Kiev were to be executed. They managed to procure poison which they took a few days before. One of them, a woman named Prissjaehnik, died, but her two companions were "saved" by the prison doctor after much trouble in order to be executed "officially" the following day. Russian justice is now satisfied.

#### South Africa.

A Socialist Literary Society was formed in Germiston four months ago, and we have already a membership of 50.

#### Education and Drunkenness.

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## OUR PROMOTERS

By A. W. Harrack

Local Butte has come to the front with the most practical proposition for removing the indebtedness of the Montana News which has as yet been conceived. She is promoting a "Montana News Thousand Dollar Fund". By the time this paper goes to press all of the local secretaries of the state of Montana will be in possession of blanks bound in book form sent out by C. A. Smith of Butte, which blanks when filled out are signed pledges to pay to the Montana News one payment of Five Dollars on or before Dec. 31st, provided, that at least two hundred others have, by Dec. 15th, signed a similar agreement. The plan is to raise One Thousand Dollars. There ought to be no trouble to get 200 signers. The plan has met with very favorable response and pledges in possession of the Montana News office up to Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1908, are as follows:

Butte, Mont., 33.—C. A. Smith, L. A. Van Horn, A. E. Cox, Hugh M. McManus, Ernest Kearney, Henry Geick, F. W. Utter, H. Hutchinson, M. Lourens, Maec Hendricks, A. D. Alterton, Pat King, R. C. Scott, A. M. Jennings, Henry Schmidt, H. S. Davis, J. B. Hesselbrock, Nels Olson, G. L. Bruno, Jos. Scharrer, Wm. Futschke, Bruno Reichelt, Frank Schubaerer, George Wutz, Henry Jemihen, William Krieger, John Ferrman, Alfred Ritzl, Henry Winterhof, Louis Heller, Gottfried Yaurb, Paul Stephan, Max Dothe.

Helena, Mont., 18.—Carl Weiss, John M. Shoeffler, Christ Voelker, Jos. Bauer, C. M. Batch, Fred Naegle, H. S. Thurber, J. T. Taylor, H. Luehmann, Paul W. Koeltz, G. A. Willett, Chas. J. Tipton, Louis Arnold, James Taylor, Ida C. Hazlett, A. W. Harrack.

Belt, Mont., 7.—A. Fischer, D. E. Sullivan, Wm. S. Baker, M. J. Morris, R. E. Davis, C. J. Croft, H. P. Nevills.

Missoula, Mont., 5.—J. W. Reech, C. A. Fisher, G. N. Cabbage, Fred Chunging, J. N. Woods.

Monarch, Mont., 5.—G. H. Gorham, J. M. Rector, A. Comrade, Anast Demopolos, Lawrence J. Frey.

Stockett, Mont., 3.—O. Anderson, Stockett Finnish Local, 2.

Total, 75 pledges.  
This is indeed a good showing, considering that it is but a little over a week since the blanks have been sent to the various locals throughout the state.

Local secretaries must not fail in doing their duty in having every member who is able to sign one of these pledges do so, and immediately forward SIGNED BLANKS to the Montana News, Box 908.

Comrades, strike while the iron is hot!  
Others who have joined "Our Promoters" with cash donations since last week's issue are:

Local Red Lodge.....	\$ 40.00
Local Great Falls.....	10.00
Jesse Selby, Great Falls.....	5.00
Mrs. Rae, Great Falls.....	5.00
Geo. W. Harris, Raymond.....	1.00
E. H. Carlson, Helena.....	1.00
Geo. Gotthardt, Helena.....	1.00
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**Three Leaders in "Prize Contest".**  
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Herman Brown, Lewistown, 6 points  
O. Anderson, Stockett..... 3 points

**READERS, ATTENTION!**  
Any one desiring to be informed on the "Library of Original Sources", may receive full information from Manager Montana News, Helena, Mont., Box 908.

Stockett, Mont., Nov. 21, '08.  
Comrade Jahka Rauhola, a Finnish Socialist speaker, has just finished some good work in the Cascade county coal fields. Good meetings were held two nights in Sand Coulee and also at Belt and Stockett. From there the speaker went to Red Lodge, and then into the Wyoming coal district. All the meetings had a full attendance and everybody is well pleased.  
A. ANDERSON.

### THE REVOLUTIONARY PROLETARIAT

Of all the classes that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class. The other classes decay and finally disappear in the face of modern industry; the proletariat is its special and essential product.

The lower middle class, the small manufacturer, the shopkeeper, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle class. They are therefore not revolutionary, but conservative. Nay, more, they are reactionary, for they try to roll back the wheel of history. If by chance they are revolutionary, they are so only in view of their impending transfer into the proletariat; they thus defend not their present, but their future interests, they desert their own standpoint to place themselves at that of the proletariat.

The "dangerous class," the social scum, that passively rotting class thrown off by the lowest layers of old society, may, here and there, be swept into the movement by a proletarian revolution; its conditions of life, however, prepare it more for the part of a bribed tool of reactionary intrigue.

In the conditions of the proletariat, those of old society at large are already virtually swamped. The proletariat is without property; his relation to his wife and children has no longer anything in common with the bourgeois family relations; modern industrial labor, modern subjection to capital, the same in England as in France, in America as in Germany, has stripped him of every trace of national character. Law, morality, religion, are to him so many bourgeois prejudices, behind which lurk in ambush just as many bourgeois interests.

All the preceding classes that got the upper hand sought to fortify their already acquired status by subjecting society at large to their conditions of appropriation. The proletarians cannot become masters of the productive forces of society except by abolishing their own previous mode of appropriation, and thereby also every other previous mode of appropriation. They have nothing of their own to secure and to fortify; their mission is to de-

stroy all previous securities for, and insurances of, individual property.  
All previous historical movements were movements of minorities, or in the interest of minorities. The proletarian movement is the self-conscious, independent movement of the immense majority, in the interest of the immense majority. The proletariat, the lowest stratum of our present society, cannot stir, cannot raise itself up, without the whole superincumbent strata of official society being sprung in the air.

Though not in substance, yet in form, the struggle of the proletariat with the bourgeoisie is at first a national struggle. The proletariat of each country must, of course, first of all settle matters with its own bourgeoisie.

In depicting the most general phases of the development of the proletariat, we traced the more or less veiled civil war, raging within existing society, up to the point where that war breaks out into open revolution, and where the violent overthrow of the bourgeoisie lays the foundation for the sway of the proletariat.

Hitherto every form of society has been based, as we have already seen, on the antagonism of oppressing and oppressed classes. But in order to oppress a class certain conditions must be assured to it under which it can at least continue its slavish existence. The serf, in the period of serfdom, raised himself to membership in the commune, just as the petty bourgeois, under the yoke of feudal absolutism managed to develop into a bourgeois. The modern laborer, on the contrary, instead of rising with the progress of industry, sinks deeper and deeper below the conditions of existence of his own class. He becomes a pauper, and pauperism develops more rapidly than population and wealth. And here it becomes evident that the bourgeoisie is unfit any longer to be the ruling class in society and to impose its conditions of existence upon society as an over-riding law. It is unfit to rule because it is incompetent to assure an existence to its slave within his slavery, because it cannot help letting him sink into such a state that it has to feed him instead of being fed by him. Society can no longer live under this bourgeoisie; in other words, its existence is no longer compatible with system.

The essential condition of the existence and for the sway of the bourgeois class, is the formation and augmentation of capital; the condition for capital is wage-labor. Wage-labor rests exclusively on competition between the laborers. The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the laborers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination due to association. The development of modern industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products. What the bourgeoisie therefore produces, above all, are its own grave diggers. Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable.—Communist Manifesto.

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**Race Suicide.**  
In 1850 there were 5.6 persons to each family in the United States, and in 1900 there were but 4.7 persons to each family. A decrease of 16.1 per cent in the past fifty years.—Page 66, "Vital Statistics", Census Report of 1900.

**Per Capita Wealth.**  
According to a report issued by the Treasury Department of the United States on Sept. 1, 1907, there was \$2,789,201, 620 in currency in circulation in the United States. Estimating the population in this country at 80,000,000 persons this would make the per capita wealth \$34.86.

**Starvation Wages.**  
A recent report of the United States Census Department shows that in certain lines of industry the weekly earnings of children amount to \$1.84, of women \$2.26 and of men \$5.23. The figures which make up this report are secured from 123,703 establishments in the United States, 63 per cent of all manufacturing concerns having employees.

**Child Labor in the United States.**  
1904—"In 1904 there were 1,752,187 children between the ages of ten and fifteen years at work in the United States, or 18 per cent of all children of these ages."—Bogart, "Economic History of the United States," page 441. Published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York.—Fred Schwartz, Book of Important Information.

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### Persons Engaged in Gainful Occupations.

There 29,074,117 persons at least 10 years of age engaged in gainful occupations in the United States.—Page 24, "Abstract Twelfth Census."

### Prostitutes.

There are 500,000 prostitutes in the United States, 100,000 of which die each year of diseases peculiar to their profession.

### GRAFT IN HOSPITALS.

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add with the physicians, for many of them call at the hospital and take a nurse to a patient's home, then make believe that she (the patient) has a trained nurse at her service, and for this the M. D. gets a big half of the \$25.00, the hospital the remainder, and the nurse must be grateful for being taken out on the case.

This is how it truthfully is in these medical institutions and when I think of how these places are looked up to, I feel ashamed, knowing how they are conducted. They deserve no praise or esteem. But this occurs in the capitalist system of today. In the future all this will be changed and better work will be done for humanity's sake and not for the love of money.  
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