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## Working Class Active Among The Finns

## Montana Organizations Display Great Solidarity and Aggressiveness---Attempts to Organize the English Speaking Socalists

forming a solid, substantial part of why the delegates to the national conthe movement that is destined in time to have a most essential effect on the party, characterized throughout the state party. The Socialist thought is a part of the earnest life and effort of the Finns. It is a real cause, which affords in their eyes the most desirable of purposes to strive for. They give of their time, money and daily life to effort for the Socialist cause. They have brought it into their social life, and made it a basis of their enjoyments. In the coal camps where large numbers of Finns are employed they have their own halls, their libraries, regular weekly meetings with dances, lunch and entertainment. They organize bands and have music for both diversion and education. They take to all the demands for progress and human liberty like a duck to water. It was nothing less than marvelous that in realms of the bloody czar the Finns should have wrenched the right of suffrange from the hand of the despot. And that immediately on its attainment, on their first election, they should have thrown almost a hundred Socialists into their parliament. And they did not ask this progress for the male alone. Their demand was for universal suffrage, which included women, and nineteen women were thrown into that first wonderful parliament.

Here in America the Finns have looked in surprise upon the dilletante character of American socialism; its superficiality, its sentimental, abstract theorizing, with a most monumental indifference to the practical problems of the working class that are at our door. But they have girded up their sinews and gone forward to esthe land of their adoption, and work for the final emancipation of labor through the only possible program, the abolition of the private-owned in-Their ignorance of a foreign tongue might have proved an insurmountable barrier to natures less determined. But they established a Finnish translator in the national headquarters of the Socialist party, and pay him \$100 a month. They have now three weekly papers in the country and one in Canada. They Socialist school at Duluth, Minnesota. This school is now carrying on the inevitable fight with capitalist influences which every Socialist activity struggles under sooner or later, and which has been making such herculean efforts to ruin the News. The money which they had in the bank, about \$600, has been attached for some indebtedness, and it will take an immediate assistance of \$300 to save the hard work of the past few years.

The Finnish Socialists stand for all that is best, most uplifting and most practical for the working class. They are most strenuous advocates of temperance because they see the havoc that drunkenness works, its brutalizing influences and its disaster to the intelligent progress of the working class. They share this position with that of the European Socialist movement generally.

This demand for the recognition of the temperance principle became most aggresive in Minesota, and resulted in the Finns handing an ultimatum to the American Socialists at either insert a temperance plank in bolt in a body and carry their own your chains!

The Finnish locals of Montana are | movement on independently. That is vention of the Minnesota Socialist country for its howling impossibleism, came instructed to advocate the recognition of a temperance measure.

The Finns in Montana pay a large per cent of the state revenues of the party. They are advocates of constant organizing and supervising work done by the workers of the party. They pay their workers willingly and conscientiously for they know as a matter of course that nothing can be done without money to work on. They believe that the workers and organ izers should visit all locals regularly, say once in six weeks, giving them information of the movement, encouraging them, helpirg and strengthen ing organization in every possible way. In the Northern Montana coal district the Finnish Socialists have undertaken to see what can be done toward organizing the English speaking working men into the Socialist movement. At one time we had the districts of Stockett and Sand Coule well organized. But the old agitators have departed for other points, and though we have considerable of a vote in these sections the Socialist are taking no part in the party organization, of which there is great immediate need at the present time, no part in the trying problems that confront us, the furnishing of neces sary funds, or the taking on the burden of the responsibilities that must be borne by a working class move ment if it is to have any modicum of success. This floating Socialist sentiment must be organized here in America, and the Finnish comrades are lending their help in this directablish a Socialist movement here in tion. They have called for Englishspeaking workers. They bear the expurpose. They held a very successfifty English-speaking persons present; and the Socialists among these said they thought a local could be organized with about ten or fifteen per-

> At Stockett over sixty names have been obtained of those who are ready to form a Socialist body. What is wanted is someone who will work there and mobilize this mass. We need the boomers Socilist. The Finns are alert to the need of local Socialist papers. Their practical minds see that the only class struggle that affects the working man is the one at his door, not the one in books. And they know that working class resistance without a paper is null and void. Ne erganization in Montana stood so firmly on the ground that a paper must be supported.

> The Finns have been the most aggressive advocates for the organization of labor and their right to display the ancient banner of labor, the red flag, and to wear their party emblems, that we have in this country. It was the Finns that enabled the United Mine Workers to organize Wyoming, and they didn't hide in the bushes to organize either. They marched up to their halls and they wore their red neckties. They have made a strenuous flight in Michigan with the authorities for the right to carry the red flag.

So all tongues and nations comat their convention that they should bine to remove the ancient curse of servitude. Workingmen of the world, their platform or the Finns would unite. You have nothing to lose but

CASUALTIES AMONG THE LABOR-ING CLASS

Between thirty and thirty-five thousand deaths and two million injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workingmen, according to a duced inthe factory practices during bulletin on accidents issued by the bureau of labor. Of those employed in factories and workshops it is stated

the class working in iron and steel. Fatel accidents among electrians and electric linemen and coal miners railway trainmen were killed in the different and that many of our in-

hundredths per one thousand em-The bulletin declares that much more could be done for the protection of the workingmen is neglected, though many and far reaching improvements have been intro-

It is pointed out that the possibilities for successful accident prevention that probably the most exposed are has beenclearly demonstrated in the experience of foreign countries.

"In granting," the bulletin says, "that underlaying conditions in Eu- are entertained," he explained, his sen-

carelessnss, the fact remains that an immense amount of human life is wasted and a vast amount of injury s done to health and strength, with

resulting physical impairment, which

has a very considerable economic

value to the nation as a whole."

It is insisted that it should not be mpossible to save at least one-third and perhaps one-half by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection, legislation and control.

#### FRENCH SOCIALIST GAINS.

Two Parliamentary by-elections for the French Chamber, one at Charolles the other at Villefranche-de-Rouesque, took place on Sunday last, and in each case the candidate of the Unified Socialists was returned.

M. Ducarronge was elected Deputy for the former constituency, defeating M. Sarrien, the Radical candidate, and son of the ex-Premier, whilst M. Cabrol won the latter seat for Socialism.

If there are any persons abroad who have any doubts about the rapid growth of the Social-Democratic centennial of the Berlin section of the party should put all such doubts at rest. Where the Social-Democrats had only 8,000 votes in this city in 1883, the year in which Social-Democracy was born here, at least as an effective political power, they are now polling 100,000 votes in the third class of voters alone, as against a bare 22,-000 for all the other parties. The 35 Socialists in the Berlin city council virtually control the body, but their power is greatly restricted by national

Roy Clancy, a 17-year-old boy from Livingston, met with a very serious accident in the railroad vards in Bozeman last Tuesday morning about 1:30 o'clock. The young man, with a

companion, was stealing a ride on a freight train and ir. attempting to people know what wa happening to he slipped and fell partly under the to kidnap us. It would only take and he received injuries about the Mexico. head and body.

When doctors were summoned, an infarounte misunderstanding arose a to whether the case should come properly under the jurisdiction of the city, county or railroad, and before any medical aid reached him he was taken back to Livingston by his companion on passenger train No. 6 When he reached Livingston it was found necessary to amputate the arm and he is still in a very serious condi-

Livingston is 25 miles away, vet common sense and humanity could not actuate the Bozeman authorities to do the remedial work that was necessary. Bozeman is almost the oldst town in the state and assumes the airs of being the most civilized. But the capitalist city governments are movement in Germany, the quarter not established for the good of humanity, but to further and protect the exploitation of capitalism.

> If your business to The News has not been attended to, write again. We find that much mail and business has miscarried in the recent confusion. But we shall soon have matters in

Don't think your hard work for The News during all these years is lost. The News is not going down SOCIALISTS are at the helm.

## Members of Mexican Liberal Party

## Pen Sketch of Victims of Mexican Despotism Aided by Russian Methods in America

concerned is essential if one would write an aedquate newspaper article dealing with facts in their lives. With this point this point in view, I cultivated every opportunity to talk wih the Mexican political prisoners.

From these interviews, several incidents stand out as showing the character of the Junta leaders.

The first meeting was with Manuel Sarabia only. It took place at the time when Sarabia's removal to Arizonia had just been ordered and was then expected to take place any day. Because of that, the authorities allowed him specia privileges. The friend who was with me and I were allowed to see him in the prison wating room-a narrow, bare room, one side of which was formed entirely of bars-white-painted to be sure yet unmistakably gratings. The interview took place in the presence of three deputies, but they remained on the other side of theroom, one reading, the others talking together, and let us shake hands with Sarabia, and talk with him with little restraint. This of interviews with Magon, Rivers gave us a good opportunity to study the man to secure whom the Mexican

Government has gone such lengths. He was short, lithe and slender, yet manner that in spite of his dark blue blouse and overalls-showed him to cado" order of the distrist attorney be a man of education, refinement and intelligence. His brown eyes looked at us clearly and honestly, and his smile was singularly winning. He talked of everything but themselves. not five and twenty.

cellent, there being only a little slip carried to an extreme. now and then when he wished for "a soon trial." Perhaps it was not a strange desire, as he had been in jail December (1907.)

In spite of the hardships through wthich he had passed, it was not of himself that Sarabia wished to talk, terest in your case. Can't you tell but of the people, for working on whose behalf he is now imprisonedreally by the Mexican Government, held though he is inthe United States.

The stories of Mexican well-being and prosperity that have been flooding American papers and magazines have people who write go to Mexico and

(As I have seen them in prison) | palaces and the cities-all that is They do not go where the people are suffering-where the peo ple are dying. They do not know.

His words were all of his country-

men. Himself he spoke of only in answer to our questinos. His loneliness and imprisonment, the shadow of death that hangs over him, he did not care to mention. Like one of his friends, he would have said "My personality is nothing." His burden was that of his people who are dying as slaves under the torrid sun of the tobacco and maguey fields, working eighteen hours out of the twentyfour in the textile factories. It is to better their condition that he has

The time alloted to us was out and we said good-bye to him. He was as cheerful and undaunted as though he were not in prison and defenseless, with his future all unsettled and possible torture and death ahead. We left him standing in the gloomy hall, a slight, brave figure with a smile upon his lips.

Since that day I have had a number

and Villarreal. Most of these interviews were upon the jail visiting days when persons who wished to see the prisoners could talk to them through this privilege, howeve, is now denied All three of these men showed the same indifference to their fate that Sarabia had displayed before. They Their personal privations were mentioned only in answer to presistent questioning. Their self-effacement is

One day, I remarked upon it in talking with Mr. Villarrel, "Why do you never say anything about yourwhich he had nassed, it was not of self?" I enquired. "A great many interesting things have happened to you. People would like to hear about your own life and it would arouse inme something about it?"

Senior Villarreal shook his head "I think," he answered in his slow but perfect English, "I think it is not easy to talk about yourself." Then evidently, that I might not think him rude or suspicious-"I will tell you about Mr. Magon and Mr. Rivera." He had given all his life to reform are declared to be excessive while uropean countries are often quite sitive, expressive face flushed with work, he had endured exile, imprisonearnestness. "They are shown the ment, and hairbreadth escapes from

bustrial accidents may be the result SERIOUSLY INJURED AT DEPOT. death, but to talk of his own achievments was beyond his power.

> I had questioned him about the arrest of himself and his companions here in Los Angeles. "We did not try to fight the detectives," he told me "We only tried to call out to let teh We thought that the men wanted His arm was badly crushed | five hours to get us over the line into

> > the house. We keew that men were watching us but we never thought that they would do anything without

> > During the four years that they have been the United States, no one of these so-called "criminals" have ever owned a deadly weapon.

Messrs, Magon, Rivra and Villarrea. and public speakers. Librado Rivera was a lecturer in a Mexican college R. Flores Magon is an able lawyer. None of them, however, feels himself apart from his humblest follower "Intellect," says Villarreal, "is only One day, in his hearing, a woman was denouncing another "And she was horrid and common and altogether shocked, "Oh, no," he protested, gently, "nobody could be all that!"

These men have been imprisoned During that time for over a year. they have had neither exercie nor a breath of fresh air . Although they are untried, their photographs have been taken for the "Rogues' Gallery, and they are forced to wear prison clothes. For months, except for the little fruit that their friends were permitted to bring them, they had only the coarsest of prison food. No complaint has ever passed their lips. We are better off than the other poor prioners," they say. "We have our fruit and they have nothing."

Their pleading is never for them elves but for their fellow countrymen; for the Yapuis robbed of their lands and driven into the sea; for the little child slaves that toil all day in fields or factories, and for their comrade Liberals who, like Manuel,s cousin, Juan Sarabia, the brilliant young vicepreident of the Junta, are dying by slow torture in the below-sea dungeon of San Juan de Ulua.

The one man in the Liberal party whom the Mexican Government most means would be too vile for it to take to bring about his death. Throught his native land his writings are ail outlawed. Six times has he been jailed tyranny of Porfiro Diaz. The first he was seventeen. The crime was a public speech critizing the Mexican administration. The sum total of these terms of inmpisonment is now forty-one months, and it is constantly increasing. Only one who himself has been in captivity can understand its weary, dragging days, its lack of air and exercise and sun, its constant mental and physical strain.

Magon has borne it all with resolutions unshaken. The two chief characteristics of the man are his perfect mastery over self, and his courage and devotion in the cause of the oppressed. He is a man who might be killed but never conquered.

"I love progress," he says, "I love liberty, I love fraternity and equalicy. For these ideals he has lived. For them, if need be, he will die.-Eliz-

#### "WRONGS OF CAPITALISM" IS THEME IN NEW MAGAZINE

The Progressive Journal of Education for January, which is now off promises to be a notable series of artiof the University of Minnessota. The the present industrial system and is entitled "The Economic Wrongs of Capitalism."

Katherine E. Dopp of the University fo Chicago has an article on "The New Education," and William Heaford writes of "The New Movement in Spain." Professor Dewey has another article on "The Bearings of Pragmatism on Education," and A. M. Simons continues his sketches of American history with a chapter on " Why the Colonists Came to America."

Val Ormand has a powerful poem. G. O. Mudge treats of "The Esthetic Side of Education." Thomas J. Lloyd has an articl on "School Dicipline a Symptom of Failure." in Linguo Internaciona are continued.

The new magazine are published at 108 Washington street , Chicago, and the subscription price is 50 cents per

#### INDUSTRIAL SACRIFICE.

The Manchester strike, which kept 100,000 men idle for seven weeks, cost the men \$18,000,000 in wages, and inflicted a damage upon the people directly concerned in the business of the district a large enough sum to bring the total up to \$40,000,000. And after all that sacrifice the men were only able to stave off the wage reduction for two months. The cut in their pay will begin on March 1, instead of anuary 1. It was a disastrous piece of business all around. A real war could be fought between small countries without costing much more.-Forsyth Times.

One hundred thousand men idle seven weks. How much is sacrificed by the three or four million unem-

#### NO "CANNED TALK" BY BEBEL.

That the Kaiser is not the only personage whose voice is popular with the phonograph companies is shown by the fact that one of these enterprises has offered the veteran Socialist leader, August Bebel, \$750 for a single speech in a machine, also guaranteeing him a royalty of one and a quarter cents upon every record that should be sold. Bebel promptly refused the offer, saying he did not care for that kind of popularity.

Hans Knudsen, a Danish engineer, has invented an apparatus for typewriting messages by wireless telegraphy. By his device a message tapped out on a form of typewriter at one place is transmitted to another form of typewriter at a place many miles away, and is written directly on the paper. As each key on the transndtter typewriter is pressed down a little pin corresponding with that particular key comes into contact with a traveling metal band and so starts an electric wave from the antennae of the wireless apparatus. This wave !s caught by the antennae at the distant station, is communicated by it to the receiving machine and is recorded on paper as a letter of the alphabet. The inventor says that the same invention can be made to set type by means of the linotype machine.

## Man is Offered to Highest Bidder

## Mechanic Out of Employment For Nine Months is Willing to be Sold

street, Brooklyn, secretary of the hibit him to anyone who wants to see Park Slope Board of Trade, and a prominent member of the Brooklyn look him over, and, if he is satisfied Economic Society has inserted an advertisement in the morning papers, offering to sell a man to the highest bidder. Mr. O'Loughlin declares that the advertisement was the last resort to produce a livelihood for a man who had been out of employment for nine

"This man came to me two days ago after he had tried to get work for over nine months," he said "and he asked my help. At one time and another I have obtained positions for men, and I suppose some one told him to come to me. At any rate he came. I said I saw no chance. "Then sell me" he said. I thought the matter over and decided to help him out. Hence, the advertisement. "I am not going to give the name pipe."

E. T. O'Loughlin, of No. 730 Carrol of this man at present, but I will exhim. The prospective purchaser can with him, and if I am satisfied with the purchaser, a bargain can be quickly struck. I know the man to be honest, sound and capable."

#### Will Sell Cheap

Mr. O'Loughlin is prepared to sell the man cheap, the price being food, shelter and clothing. "I hope to sell out to a man who

will agree to an eight-hour day." said Mr. O'Loughlin, "but I will not press that point too hard. If necessary the day will be increased to eleven hours. This man doesn't drink, but he doe" smoke. smokes a pipe and will add an extra hour, so many days a week, to his working time, if the purchaser will provide tobacco. I will provide the

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islature with the Socialist," is making its influence felt among the va- its. The argument from the capitalist rious United States legislatures by its side of the collapse theory is null and legislation in behalf of the working void. class. Already the Montana legislature has received two resolutions from and "collapse" comes from the workit, one memorializing congress in be- ing class side of the existing productive half of a child labor law, and another system; at the extreme other end of providing for the direct election of stupendous and awe-inspiring problem United States senators. Illinois also the proposition. And this is the great, joined in the demand for the change of unemployment. These hungering Helena, in the method of electing senators by hordes in the midst of vast productive usking congress to call a constitutional industries are a menace whose increasassembly to adopt an amendment to ing ferocity is alarming the approthe constitution to that effect.

Floyd-George, chancellor of the British exchequer, has decided not to address any meetings in the future at nation. Its horrible nearness, its sufwhich women are present. This is ferings, its physical plagues are underthe result of the noisy demonstrations the suffragettes have decided to make at every meeting at which the government ministers speak.

## TIONS.

Carrying out its efforts to reduce the number of fatalities, the United States on a program of its own that can turn geological survey is about to establish the tide of production to the commonrescue stations in the principal coal weal. The functions of concentrafields of the country, in addition to the experiment station now located at italism, but not in the interest of the Pittsburg. It will be the purpose of the experts to teach the miners and This is a task that the workers must mine bosses how to use the most approved apparatus for rescue.

Government mining engineers will be assigned to the stations and will be ready at a moment notice to go to any district. They will be equipped with oxygen helmets which will enable them to enter a mine at once even though it is filled was gas or smoke.

It is the intention to have every station fitted up with an airtight room party candidates . This fact was where gas can be generated. The coal mining companies have been invited to send picked men to these stations Legislature. The Socialists are highat which they will be trained by gov- ly indignant and declare they will ernment experts in the use of the oxygen helmets.

One of the stations may be established at Salt Lake to care for the Utah, Montana and Washington coal

portunity be given the miners to become familiar with the apparatus, but safety lamps of all designs will be between Painter and Gmelich. tested for their general safety and ef- In the Sixth Precinct Painter was cialist.

ficiency in the presence of the miners and mine owners.

FOLLY OF "CAPITALIST COL-LAPSE" NOTION.

Word comes with the late dispatches that the Bank of England is aising the per cent. of interest. This means that investment is calling for capital. There are certain Socialists inclined to be sensational that strike terror to the unworldly and give vast encouragement to the "right-away" "revolutionaries" by assuming the airs of surpassing prophetic vision, and solemnly announcing the impending "collapse" of capitalism because of no further opportunity to invest the surplus product created by labor in productive enterprises. That is, the contention of these preachers who have to deal in frivolities is, that the power J. M. Kruse..... Bozeman of business concentration has proceeded so far towards an inevitable ultimatum, the industries of the world are so nearly gathered into great trust petition practically eliminated, that the enormous surplus product produced by the workers is being applied with all-devouring rapidity to the acquiring and organizing of all existing industries, until we stand on the verge where all required productive machinuse a phrase-worn term of these own fat." In other words, the period-The intention of these emphatic

industries being displaced by collechave been, are, and will be. But this does not affect the conclusion that the ment of fact. In other words, the complete conquest of productive forces lous future. So far away are we from this possible culmination that it might barbarism. We have only commenced to conquer the earth. There are navies of air ships to be built, the earth most ordinary activities of everyday shore to shore. There is no immediate indication that capitalism will abdicate because there is no more The Wisconsin legislature, "the leg- work to do, or that capitalists will cease employing the workers for prof- LIVINGSTON,

A more plausible source of danger priators of labor's products with an icy and unreasoning terror. This army of unemployment is increasing worldwide and beseiging the gates of every mining the very foundations of existing society. They are urging concessions, paltry and shameful though they be, from governments and institutions. The working class, both in WILL ESTABLISH SAFETY STA- the pit of unemployment and without, are forced to action by its existence. It is only the conscious resistance of this working class and united action tion truly is being performed by capworkers-in other words of Socialism. do for themselves. God is on the side of the heaviest battalions.

### WHERE SOCIALIST VOTES GO

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26,-Great excitement has been caused here by the discovery that scores of votes cast for the Socialist party at the last election were devided between the old brought out in a recount being conducted by a joint committee of the make trouble for the election officials. The "Post Dispatch" prints the fol-

owing account of the affair: "In the returns of three precincts of the Second Ward counted Saturday by the joint committee of the Legis-At these stations not only will op- lature it was found that 68 Socialist votes had not been counted for the Socalists at all, but had been devided

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credited with 19 Socialist votes and Gmelich with 8; in the Seventh Precinct Painter was given 7 Socialist votes and Gmelich 4; in the Eighth Precinct 17 Socialist votes were counted for Painter and 1 for Gmelich, making a total of 43 for Painter and 25 for Gmelich.

"These votes were taken away from Painter and Ghelich by the counting committee, leaving Painter with a net loss of 18 votes as against Gmelich. "The entire Socalist vote in the three precincts was counted for Stone.

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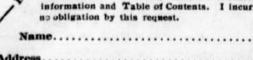
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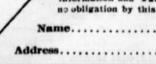
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## Poet's Corner

DRUNK!

Drunk! Well, what of it if I am? It's got nothing to do with you. I mean to get as drnuk as I can, For it makes me forget, that's true. Yes! forget I was ever a man, if you like.

What's manhood to do with me? A broken wreck, with no friends, no hope,

No home, and no family.

Don't talk to me of humanity, And your God that you say is good. Don't prate of your love for your fellow man.

It's a lie! there ain't no brotherhood. You all lie and cheat, and pretend to be good,

But your only god is gold; You live by robbing your fellow man, And you murder the young and the

Oh yes; it's true I was once a man, I then had my children and wife, And I tried to be honest in business,

And to lead an upright life. But your thrice-cursed system ruined me.

And left me to starve on the street, And denied me the opportunity To earn what my children could eat. Yes! they're dead, they died on the

road. My God! Shall I ever forget? They were asking for bread which I could not give;

I can hear them even yet. Give me a drink! No. damn your food,

I want brandy, it sets me free From the thoughts of my murdered children

And my wife as she used to be. There she is, I can see her now, As she was when I first saw her

face, A bonny lass with a loving heart And a form full of womanly grace. When misfortune came, she bore it

well, She was loving and patient and brave,

Till she died from exposure and want in the snow.

She's at rest in a pauper's grave. Yes, Parson, she's been murdered, And thousands of others as well, And you think you can frighten the likes of me

With your tales of the Devil and Hell.

There ain't no Hell, but the one that's here. And it's made by the cursed crew

Who sweat and crush their fellow men And share the spoil with you. Don't waste your time in preaching to

I'm going to get drunk when I can, It helps me forget my misery, And to think I am still a man;

The rags I wear seem to change their form. And the frost don't cut me through

And the knawing of hunger ain' quite so bad, And the earth wears a brighter hue.

Go out to the people, Parson, And tell them their poverty Is caused by the plundering idle class

Who are living in luxury. Don't preach of a heaven hereafter, But help them to make one here. I'm drunk! but, by God, on a question like this

I can see thinks remarkably clear. -Val. McEntree.

### THE DREAM OF DEBS

Jack London's latest story, bearing the striking title "The Dream of Debs," will appear exclusively in the January and February numbers of the International Socialist Reviewwhich hereafter will be sold by newsdealers generally. The story is of what may happen thirty years from now. The capitalists have crushed out the American Federation of Labor but a new union, the I. L. W., has risen on its ruins. This union, after laying in a stock of provisions sufficient to feed its members for many weeks, declares a general strike for the closed shop, and proceds to starve out the capitalists and their retainers. What happened is told in Jack London's vivid, virile style. The story is good literature and good propaganda as

Besides Jack London's story, the Review will contain Joseph Cohen's Study Course, his subject this month being "Socialist Economics." I. M. Robbins has a valuable article on "Lynch Law," in which he continues his study of the "Economic Aspects of the Negro Problem." Edlington Moat, a new writer of great promise, tells of "The Education of the Devil." in whic hthe working conditions of printers are graphically described. There is more than the usual variety of news and short arti-

By a recent refrendum, C. W. Barzee, 154 East Eighteenth street, street, Portland, was re-elected State

## International

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS LEAVE

RUSSIAN DUMA IN BODY. St. Petersburg.-During the debate n the duma M. Fokarovsky, a social democrat, remarked:

"When an Armenian applied to Christ for help during a massacre of Armenians, Christ was dumb, being silenced by Russian diplomacy."

This remark created a scene in the chamber and President Komyakoff suspended Deputy Pokarovsky for three sessions of the duma. M. Gegtchemrin, another Socialist Democrat, was also excluded from the session for protesting against the president's action, whereupon the social democrats left the chamber in a body.

#### SPAIN.

Last Sunday was a great day for the organized workers of Madrid. It was the day of the inauguration of their "Maison du Peuple." This has been accomplished by 28,000 trade unionists and a handful of Socialists. On the ground floor is the "co-operative" and a cafe which, as "El Socialista" says, rivals the best cafes in Madrid. On the first floor is the meeting hall, capable of holding 300 persons, the library, and numerous offices of the unions. Higher up a school will be established lated on. In the large garden it is hoped, later, if the funds allow, to build a theater to contain 4,000 persons. The house formerly belonged to an aristocratic family, that of the Dukes of Bejar. The secretary of our party, Garcia Cortes, writing on the subject in "El Socialista," refers to the historical associations of the place in which the Constables of aCstile and the Chevaliers of Caltrava and Alcantara played a part, and hopes that the succession of the proletariat to the departed nobility a streets of our town. happy omen.

#### SOCIALISTS DEFIANT.

St. Petersburg .- At the opening of the Duma the Vice Speaker read Emperor Nicholas' response to the telegram offering congratulations upon his birthday. All, with exception of the Socialists, rose when the response was read. When they were requested to do so they maintained their seats. This provoked the Rightists, and a disturbance was imminent. The Vice Speaker cussing Socialism, if we may judge by again and again ordered them to rise, but rather than do so they left the at this office for information to be

A bill continuing the increase in pensions to army officers of the Russian-Japanese war was passed by a which is not sufficiently considered. large majority. In reporting on the The Sheboygan Falls comrades took bill Deputy Bazak, a retired army of- part in the affirmitave on a discussion ficer, paid tribute to the "loyal officers of the resolution: "Resolved that free who bravely crushed the internal en- | text books should be introduced in our emy." Deputy Sokoloff, Progressive, pudlic schools" and carried it. Then denounced him and a scene followed thay brought up the same subject at a n which the reactionary harshly treated."

SOCIALISTS AND THE CONGO.

Emile Vandervelde, the Belgian Socialist leader, who has just returned from a visit to the Congo, delivered a telling speech in the Belgian Chamber last week. He denounced the forced labor and exploitation of the Congo natives, and announced that the Socialists would oppose the Colonial Budgets until these abuses were rec-

Regarding the exploitation of rubber, M. Vandervelde said that there had been a notable reduction in production, and that the negroes had decided not to gather any more rubber. He declared himself in favor of the abolition of forced labor, the introduction of commercial freedom, the extension of the use of coinage, and the expropriation, with compensation, of the trading companies. The present Budget, he said, was founded on forced slavery.

#### GREEKS WAKE UP.

Athens, Greece .- With the appearance of the "Future," a weekly paper just started in this city to propagate Socialist ideas, it may be said that the Socialist movement has at last taken firm root in classic Greece, and it is thought that within a short time a powerful Socialist party will be built

Up to the present the political partles of this country have existed only because of the desire of certain prominent individuals to be elected to the Boule (Parliament), and their petty quarrels and jealousies have brought the country to the verge of genreal ruin. With the appearance of a Socialist party in the field, new lines will have to be drawn and exciting times are in sight.

About six months ago a Socialist paper called the "Worker" began publication in the city of Volo and is all records. It is addressed no longer gaining constantly, both in circulation to the "superior few"-if there be and influence. The "Worker" has such a class—but to workers who wish delegates came from Germany. The published a Greek translation of the Portland, Ore., has been re-elected a Communist Manifesto. The Socialist jumped from 4,000 a year ago to 25,member of the National Committee, propaganda is also assisted by the 000, and contracts have been made and Thomas A. Sladden, 309 Davis literary weekly, "Ruma," which has which insure this figure being exopened its columns to contributions by ceeded every month during the coming relationship of Socialist women to-Socialist writers.

## **National**

MESSAGES OF TEDDY

That Carl Marx was right when he told the workers that the government was bnt a committee to do the bidding of the capitalists is proven by the following quotations from the letter of President E. C. Simmons of the National Prosperity association. The letter is in part as follows:

"The work of the National Prospehity association is finished. The object of which it was organized, viz., to hasten the return of prosperity has been accomplished.

"Results far better than we had expected were obtained. Among the most important of these was the visit to President Rooseaelt, which resulted in his not sending any more messages to Congress or doing anything that had the appearance of being an attack upon railroads or other large corporations.

"Perhaps the most important thing is the change in public sentiment towards railroads and other large corporations, especially in the South and Southwest. 'Muckrakers' have ceased to show their heads; demagogues have quit talking, and a very healthy state of mind prevails toward these industries; whereas, previous to our work, a vicious antagonism was clearly evident among the masses of the people, most of whom held views or opinions without giving the subject proper thought.

"We confidently believe that the work of the association has in great measure prepared the commercial mind of this country for the quick return of a full meashre of prosperity."

This will explain to the complete satisfaction of the workers of this city why their pockets are full of money and that there are no idel men on the

#### WISCONSIN NOTES

The Social-Democratic members of the Wisconsin legislature are now engaged in drafting the bills which they will introduce at the present session. The Social-Democratic measures which were turned down by the last legislature will again be presented, with some new demands added.

The high school and debating societies of Wisconsin seem all to be disthe number of applications received used in such debates. In this connection, the good which Socialists can do in such debating societies, is something chool meeting and there also they carried it through. The result is that free text books have been introduced in this town directly through Socialist agitation.

The Rhinlander comrades have devided their city into ten distribution routes. One comrade has charge of each route. Socialist papers are kft for one week at each house and then echanged. After some weeks of such distribution subscriptions are solicited.

Comrade May Wood Simons will speak in Milwaukee at Meier's Hall next Sunday on "Education and Soclaism' or what we demand for the Chil

#### WEEKY BULLETIN

The proposed National Party Referundum submitted by Local Lima, Ohio, and first published Sept. 12. 1908, has received indorsements from the following locals: Fostria, Ohio: Aline; Okla.; Muscarine, Iowa, and Azetc, N. Mex

Charters have been granted since last report by the National Office to locals in unorganized states as follows: Danbury, Redwillow County, Nebr. 11 members; Omaha, Nebr., (Italian) 12 Ga. 10 members; River View, Va. 5

By recent referendum Jos. E. Voss. Jackson, Tenn. has been re-elected a member of the National Committee and S. Friedman, 176 South Main St., Memphis, has been elected State Sec-

Comrade Victor L. Berger wishes it to be stated that he recently failed to vote on several National Committee motions owing to illness by which he was confined to the house.

The International Socialist Review has taken a new start and is breaking

## Women's Clubs

THE SOCIALIST PARTY NEEDS WOMEN

The Socialist party needs women members. It recognizes this, and at its last National Convention appointed the National Socialist Woman's com mittee.

The work of that committee has been recently defined by the National

"In our opinion the women's National committee and National Organizer was created as a committteeof the Socialist party, and their efforts should be directed towards increasing the membership of the women within the party organization and not the formation of separate organizations."

The function of this committee is to advise and outline methods by which women may best be interested in Socialism and brought into the Socialist party and to keep the need of agitation fir suffrage for women before the locals.

How to Interest Women in Socialism. The work of interesting and educating women should be taken up systematically by every local of the party. Let every local appoint a committee consisting of women who are already members of the local. If no women are at present members let the secretary of the local act as a committee. Arrange a lecture or entertainment which it is believed would interest women and make an effort to get as many women as possible to be present, wives of Socialist members. teachers, clerks, trade union women, etc.

Secure the addresses of all women present. Then make it a point to see them within a few days and invite them to attend Socialist meet-Have some literature to give them.

Follow this work up and finally urge the women to become members of the local. This method works. It will bring women into the party. It has been tried and when carried on systematically shows results.

When You Have Secured a Woman Member, Plan to Keep Her.

Make her feel she is necessary to the local. Give her work to do. Make her a member of the committee. Set her to work to educate and secure more members. If she makes errors In the business meeting help her to correct them.

The National Office now maintains National Organizer. As soon as possible every state should put a woman organizer to work.

The working women of the country are ready to learn of Socialism. If they are not brought in now it is because the locals have not done valuable work that should be done.

Leaflets suited for distributed meetings have been printed by the National Woman's Committee.

The last Sunday in February has been set as a day on which special meetings should be held in every local for women and to agitate for the ballot for women. Will you not begin this work at once?

WINNIE BRANSTETTER. Secretary, Estancia, N. M. MAY WOOD-SIMONS.

Chairman, 180 Washington St., Chicago, Ill. National Socialist Woman's Com.

It is well for us American women

#### SOCIALIST WOMEN IN GERMANY. By Dr. Antoinette F. Konikow.

Socialist to study the work of our sisters in German. Their organization is yet quite young, but still they have achieved a great deal. Our woman Socialist movement, is just born. The election of a national woman's committee on our last national convention was an acknowledgement from our brothers that the work among women is of importance. Our brothers of the padty ought to peruse the report of Comrade Baader, the German woman organizer, with members; Griffin, Spaulding County, just as much interest as every woman comrade, for it will open their eyes as to the possibility of women's work 116-120 Broadway the attention shrdly etaino etaoinnnn attention to the recommendations worked out upon a conference of comrades in Germany which define the position of women in the German party. Those propositions had to be discussed upon the national conven-

> Comrade Baader's report is very long. I selected only the more important points and offers in it in as much condensed form as possible.

tion of the German party.

Comrade Baader points out the importance of the first international congress of women, which took place August 19, 1907, at Stuttgart. Fiftynine delegates participated, representing fifteen nationalities. Fourteen to change things. Its circulation has Russian Social Democratic party and the Jewish Board were also represented. Two important questions were discussed at the convention. The wards woman suffrange and the ways

and means of international exchange of experience and information concerning the Socialist work among women. The office of the "Ileichhert" (Equality), the organ of the German women Socialists was elected to be the International Center of Exchange. Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England, United States and lar communication with that international office.

An interesting phase of the work

of our German sisters is the organizing of the servant girls. It started in Nurmberg in 1900 and found enthusiastic support all over Germany. The servant girls in Germany have not only to suffer from the usual form of exploitation but also from some laws of old standing which give the master unusual rights over the individual freedom of the servant. Of such importance became that special work that a conference to consider this question alone was called at Berlin November 10, 1907. Twenty-five delegates were present. There was a tendency to have all employment bureaus directly in the hands of this organization to do away with the many abuses of those tureaus.

When the German Socialists decided to start a special effort during the election in Prussia for direct and equal suffrage the Socialist women threw themselves body and soul into the struggle and earned the sincere thanks of the party through their earnest work.

The German women were very much handicapped in their work by special legislation, which prohibits women in Germany to participate in political organizations. For years they were forced to keep up separate organizations from the party and to sail under all kinds of assumed names: educational alliances, debating clubs, etc. Only lately women received the right to organize politically. This new law brings forth the question of new forms of organization and relations toward the party. much interested in the same ques-

ganizations would temporarily be of greater use. Our German Comrades have achieved a great deal in separate organizations, but they never liked it, and considered the enforcement of such separation makes an impediment to their growth. Now the question of organization is before them and on a special conference on May 9, 1907, Denmarks have now come into regu- the following recommendations were

1. Every woman comrade ought to belong to her respective party organization. Politically women should not organize separately from men, but wherever separate educational organizations have proven to be of value they should be continued. But members of such organizations, if Socialists, ought to belong to the party.

2. Separate meetings for the instruction of women in the theories of Socialism ought to be arranged.

3. The amount of dues should be decided by the district organization; it is, however, recommended that women should pay less than men.

4. Women should be proportionately represented in the executive organizations; one woman should always be elected.

5. The central bureau of women wil be continued, to work in conjunction with the executive committee of the party.

I recommend to our comrades to pay special attention to paragraph four. If our party organizations would do likewise, they certainly would encourage the interest of wo-

Let us follow the example of our comrades in Germany. We have already our Women's National Committee, but that committee can achieve but little, unless it find support among the members of the party.

Women comrades of the Eastern states, our sisters in the West are far ahead of us. If we are ready to work, the Women's National Committee can be of great use to us, for it can supply us with leaflets and with an or-We American Socialiste are very ganizer. But it will do so only if the women of ours and neighboring tion. There are two currents among states will prove their interest in the our women workers. Some believe work by responding in one or another emphatically that women should only way to the small beginning of special be organized by the party, others are work among women started at our inclined to think that separate or- last national convention.-Daily Call.

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My Dear Comrade:

In the last chapter of his "Woman -Post, Present and Future," Bebel states with great clearness and emphasis his firm belief that the prolethe colleges and universities of Germany are sure to become revolutionary in their criticism of the present industrial system, and that they will you? be of great service in our Socialist movement. One brief paragraph runs thus:

"The consequence of all this is that Germany has a more numerous Proletariat of Scholars and Artists than any other country, and a large proletriat in the so-called liberal professions. This proletarit is constantly increasing and carrying fermentation society. The idealistic spirit in these circles is roused to criticism of actual universal dissolution. Thus is the present system being attacked and undermined from all sides."

Capitalism digs-and should be assisted in digging-its own grave. (1) By overproduction of material

goods-that cannot be sold-profitably. (2) By overproduction of men,

wage-slaves, who can not be usedprofitably.

(3) By "an overproduction of intelligence"-unusable, insulted, humiliated and REBELLIOUS-

By these overproductions capitalism is bound to commit suicide.

Comrade, let us-with Bebel-give attention, at least for a moment, to the student proletariat, not to pet them, but to get them.

liberalists, tens of thousands of them are economically cornered and belong am sure of two things; first, that The strictly to the proletariat. Thousands of them will presently enter the men as no other paper in the struggle for existence-and find themselves "Not Wanted."

These are already becoming splendidly revolutionary-in Europe.

Comrade, right here in American universities, colleges, normal schools and technological schools-are thousands of the academic proletariat, waking, rousing, growing bitter in we should enlist them in our ranksas soon as possible. Their training, their intelligence, their pride, their And thousands of men will line up- struggle." proud, defiant, rebellious-on OUR SIDE—WHEN THEY UNDERSTAND. All possibile is done to prevent them from understanding. It is up to us to have them understadn us-our philosophy, our movement and our purpose.

An organized, systematic effort is now being made to have these our academic proletariat, understand us. The organization undertaking this special work among students is called the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. This organization has one purpose-a large purpose: The promotion of Socialism among students and teachers.

An organizer for the Intercollegiate Socialist Society I seek your co-operation. What I need most just now is:

(1) That the existence, purpose and methods of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society should be as widely advertised as possible.

(2) That names and addresses of Socialist students and teachers, Socialistic students and teachers-should

be called for and searched for in every college, normal school and univehsity in the United States-and sent to me here in the office of the I. S. S., 112 E. Taft ..... 14,214 19th St., New York, N. Y., as soon as possible.

> (3) That party newspapers, state secretaries, local secretaries, state and national organizers and lecturers-and members everywhere should loyally assist the I. S. S. in securing these names and addresses.

There are about four hundred and fifty higher institutions of learning in the United States. We aldready have tariait in the technical schools, and in a beginning for our movement in about fifty of these institutions. The work is expanding rapidly.

Please co-operate with us-won't

Comtade Buzzell came over to Helena holiday week on his way to the opening up of his lecture tour. He remained several days, and, after eating New Year's dinner with the Montana News force, left for Missoula, where he spoke Sunday night in the Socialist hall. A good crowd was in attendance and the comrades were and discontent with the existing state pleased with the lecture, giving Comof affairs into the highest ranks of rade Buzzell \$10.75 to help him on his way. Monday he left for Spokane, his old home. After speaking conditions and helps to accelerate the in this vicinity for some time he will return via Kalispell and will put in some good strokes for Socialism in northwest Montana. Those wishing to make arrangements with him should apply to the state secretary.

> The following is taken from a private letter from Comrade Charles Kerr of Chicago:

> "I want to congratulate you on your editorial entitled 'Popularity and Party Tactics.' I am taking the same position in an editorial to appear in the anury Review which was in type before I read yours."

In the midst of the turmoil that has swept over and around The News for the last few months, when it seemed almost as if there were no ap-Thousands of European university preciation anywhere for any honest students are Socialists, thousands of and true work, it is a great comfort to others are political and intellectual get these words of commendation from Comrade Burgess of Seattle: "I News has the confidence of the union United States; secondly, that you have made the best Socialist paper in the United States.'

One of the most prominent labor leaders in Montana, we might truthfully say, the most prominent, said recently: "We have got to have a labor mer in Montana to fight the battles their poverty. In every possible way of the working class. It has got to be a Socialist paper, for such a paper alone is fearless and understands the economic question. The News has energy, their enthusiasm, their liber- pre-eminently filled these requirealism, their revolutionary possibilities ments. Those who wish to kill it BELONG TO US-to our movement. know little of the needs of the class

> The Woman's Progressive League of Livingston are slowly but surely gaining a foothold. They were organized last August by Comrade Bauman and fifteen good hustling members with prospects of a few more soon. The last meeting was held at Comrade O. S. Anderson with good attendance.

The following subjects made an interesting discussion: "Why Union Men and Women

Should Be Socialists?'

"Why Are the Employed Opposed to Chinese Immigration and the Employers in Favor of It?" "Can a Workingman Become as

Rich as John D. Rockefeller and Do So Honestly?"

"So This a Free Country in the

True Sense of the Word?" The league has placed in the public library three leading Socialist publi-

cations. Next meeting will be held at Com-

The following letter was received from our Comrade, Mrs. Bauman, Dec. 22:

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 21, '09. Dear Comrade-If space will permit, I wish, through the columns of The News, to thank those who worked so hard in helping me to win The News prize. I am also sorry that the contest was not extended longer, as it would thus have been made more interesting. The books are just fine. I will present them to our league for Christmas gift. I am also sorry you could not be with us on the evening of the 10th. I was at the train to meet you, but we heard the Park train was in the ditch. All were disappointed, but we had wine and cake and a good social time. We hope you will be able to come again. Wishing you the best of success, I am,

Yours fraternally,

MRS. WM. BAUMAN. Bauman writes: "This week's News is O. K. Just keep at

It has been very encouraging to see the letters come in from the old supporters expressing their gratification that The News was on its old basis once more. The struggle of any reform movement is terrible, but there are always those who cannot be discouraged. It is these brave souls that move the world.

We have the following letter from subscriber to The News:

"My object in writing you is to the effect that a reform paper should be so in fact. So here is my say. Owing to the fact that the Montana News advertises banks and saloons, it cannot stem the tide. Our banking system is wholly bad and is the curse of the whole human family; also the saloon is almost as bad. So until you cut out these two advertisements do not count me as a subscriber any more until it is a clean sheet. Then I will take it and work for it."

While appreciating the good intentions of the writer of the above, we wish to state that The News is in no sense a "reform" sheet. It is a revolutionary sheet. If we were a reform paper in the reform business we would endeavor to be "clean" in the bourgeois ethical sense of this term. That is the difference between a revolutionary movement and a reform movement. We who work for the revolution know that the evils of modern commercialism are the result of the system of profits and the mad race after profits. Socialism recognizes the utter futility of striking at the result of conditions instead of the cause of conditions. If we tried to live without the evils of capitalism we should be forced to eschew civilization altogether; but we have got to take it as living We wish we could run a Socialist paper without taking any advertising. It is all we can do to get the means to run a Socialist paper at all. If the subscribed who writes the above will agree to replace the income furnished by the advertisements to which he objects we will cheerfully remove them. Until that time we consider the active defense of the working class through a paper of infinite more value that doing without it because we must carry the advertising af capitalism.

It has been a touching matter to notice the disappointment, not to say the real grief, that has marked the receipt of the small spurious sheet that was sent out in the name of the Montana News. A number of earnest and long active labor men said they shed tears when the little sheet came, and some have said they had carried it in their prekets constantly since. It seemed to them too bad after all the struggle of these years to have the paper ditched and ruined. The attempt to suppress it was the most brutal blow ever aimed at a working class struggle. The News will ride the storm. The ship freighted with the precious cargo of the hopes af labor is blown by too strong a current to founder in the old straits of superstitution and ignorance.

Camrade Meagher, formerly the energetic pusher for all forms of working class activity in Sand Coulee, and one of the best friends The News ever had, now resides in Stockett and is still pushing the cause of his class with his old-time vigor. He thinks a local that means business can be organized in Stockett.

Comrade H. P. Neville, one of the most tireless propagandists that the Great Falls local ever had, is now conducting a picture show house in Belt. He gives his hall for the Socialist speeches, and by assisting with the attractions of his house is enabled to present socialism in popular form to the mining camp population. Mrs. Neville, who was a member of the Great Falls Woman's Socialist Club, that has done such splendid work in that section of the country, is taking steps to organize a similar club in Belt. There are several bright women that have specified their willingness to assist her. These clubs, which are

rade Benolkens at 416 South I street run upon general educational lines, of the class; indeed compares favorably furnish a pleasant opportunity for with them. Nevertheless I regret to useful and entertaining study and a see a thing of that kind pushed by a means of passing many delightful af- Socialist paper, which implies to a certernoons in social discourse.

Mrs. Nevils has also got the Socialist Primer, arranged by Nicholas Klein of Cincinnati, for her little girl; and it is contemplated to form a class of little ones, and instruct them in working class principles, as they are so attractively presented in this mostvaluable little work.

Any woman who is an earnest Socialist looking for some way in which she can help this great marching cause of the people can go out and gather up a class of six or eight children, send for these books and the books of Socialist songs, and instruct these growing minds with thoughts that will remain with them forever. No better work for Socialism can be done in this generation. Social peace and joy can only be here with the coming generations, and some one must instruct them for their work. The little primers are illustrated by Ryan Walker, one of the most skilled illustrators of New York City and an ardent Socialist. The capitalist, trusts, the strike and the shop are all illustrated. Language, arithmetic, spelling and reading are taught in the book. They can be obtained from the Appeal to Reason.

The Finnish local of Sand Coulee is making an attempt to organize the English-speaking Socialists. Finns hold their meetings on Sunday afternoons. Comrade Emil Smed, the barber, who speaks English fluently, s especially active in this direction, crowned with success. There are a and no doubt his efforts will be number of well-posted Englishspeaking Socialists at this point, but they are mostly not Americans-Bulgarions, Germans and Norwegians. They say a local can be formed of ten or fifteen good men.

The Socialist voters of the state MUST ORGANIZE for the purpose of carrying on the routine work of the party, even if they do not feel that they are strong enough to do much propaganda. We ned all Socialists to assist in the interior work of the party. We need each locality to be represented by its state committee in the party councils, referendums and decisions. The party is dealing at this time with grave measures that are threatening its very existence, and those who call themselves Socialists must be prepared to come to the front and handle these questions. Now if there are five or six Socialists in a community, get together and organize, elect a secretary and a state committeeman and send the names to the state secretary. with Socialist party proceedure and ot be lost like children when any serious matter comes up for them to

Dupuyer, Mont., Jan. 18, 1909.

Ida Crouch-Hazlett: Dear Madame-It was with pleasure that I received the number of The News which followed the leaflet announcing its dissolution. The propaganda of many of the ideas for which the paper stands has been near to my desires for many years. I admire your courage and wish you success and, more to the purpose, will aid when I can. You know the value of nonmalignant critcism and I feel will take mine like a true Socialist.

In the issue of Dec. 17, 1908, on the editorial page, in adjacent columns, stand an editorial on "Scientific Living" and an ad, urging all that run or read to procure a "Physician in the House." I purchased that book hecause I am interested in that sort of literature. It differs little from others tain extent endorsement of its teachings. I believe it will have a bad ef- help.

fect upon intelligent people who are wavering to our side. Those who would take it for a text book may be dismissed as hardly an acquisition to any party. We who think along Socialist lines are fond of dwelling upon the scientific attitude. I. E. D., pleasing or not, is final for us. No matter how sacred a superstition is, we must bid it farewell once its fallacy is proved. Therefore, Socialists, especially those in position to influence others, must be very careful what sort of literature they stamp with their approval. To the point: Waiving all else in the book above mentioned, l wish to point out what to me is the

most serious fault, because it throws

doubt upon the honesty of purpose of

the writer.

On page 282, in speaking of diphtheria anti-toxin, the author writes "Dr. Winter, of Willard Parker Hospital. New York City, when anti-toxin was extensively experimented with upon suffering children, condemns it as useless and dangerous." Grammar aside, if he had put "condemn" in the past tense, the statement would be true. That he does not do so, and that he does not follow the changes which later Dr. Winters' opinion underwent, points either to willful concealment or culpable ignorance. It happens that at that critical time my work, as a recent graduate in medicine, was in the Willard Parker. Dr Winters was much opposed to antitoxin and with others carried the controversy to the floor of the New York Academy of Medicine. The word "controversy" is perhaps unhappy; it does not mean wrangling or bitterness the members are men of science and seek only the truth. The result was a committee appointed to study the question in all its phases. They did so most thoroughly and the result of their work with the material upon which it was based can be obtained by anyone from the dealers in medical books. Suffice it to say that before the committee made its report Dr. Winter, on the floor of the academy, in an open meeting, stated that he was convinced that he had been wrong and that in anti-toxin we had a therapeutic weapon of inestimable

I have dwelt upon this, first, because I was a witness, and, second, because it bears so vitally upon the gravest question that can be raised concerning one who presumes to teach others-his honesty of purpose.

Though I am a physician (here for reasons of health, not practice), I ask you to believe that in calling this to your attention I have in mind solely We want Socialists to get acquainted the ill effects which such a book may have upon onr. I hate to see a Socialist put a wes pon into the hands of our enemies. In the name of all the gods at once, stand before the people and shout, "Hear me for my cause." Selling 30 cents worth (?) of trash for \$2.00 will only detract from the respect that the high ideals of Socialism demand. Respectfully,

CHARLES VINCENT BURKE. The advertisement of the book in question was handled by the former manager as a matter of profit. The editor has never even looked over the book. In a system of universal fraud for profits it is almost impossible to escape the general evil.

Mrs. Downhour of Orvando sends us 2.50 for due stamp and 50 cents for

Comrad Meisenbach of Boyes sends in \$3 dues as member at large. His card was sent him.

sends in \$8.00 for stamps and state it means a substantial percentage to

#### A RINGING CALL FOR A RE-FERENUDM

Whereas Article 3, Sectiont 3, of the State Constitution reads, "The State Committee shall be allowed transportation and hotel expenses while in session, out of the State fund." The foregoing clause was put in the Constitution in order that meetings of the State Committee would be representative of the Socialist Party of the State, and:

Whereas, an attempt is now being made to hold a meeting of the State Committee when there are no funds in the State Treasury and the State organization in debt; contracted durirg the campaign, and:

Whereas to hold a meeting of the State Committee without provisions being made to meet the expenses of delegates, would be not only violating the State constitution of the party, but, would also result in these members of the committee who, could afford to pay their own expenses attending and those locals large enough to raise the money to send a delegate being represented. Therefore, be it: Resolved. That we the members of Locals, Belt, Stockett and Lewistown condemn such methods as being dangerous to the party welfare, as having a tendency to creating minority rule, as most of the locals are located a long distance from the seat of headquarters, and be it further:

Resolved: That we call for the following referendum to be submitted to the members. "No meeting of the State Committee shall be held until the Executive Committee have raised sufficient funds to guarantee the traveling and hotel expenses of the committeemen of every local entitled to representation on the State Committee, and further, before a committee meeeting can be held the Executive Committee must reduce the indebtnees of the State organization to at least \$25.00.

After the foregoing has been complied with, and in order that the wage working members of the committee can have an opportunity of choosing a day convenient for them to attend the committee meeting. The State Secretary shall call for nominations for date of meeting of the State Committee. After nominations have been made, the State Secretary shall submit to a vote of the committee, such dates as have been nominated and a majority vote of the committee shall be necessary before date of committee meeting is determined.

The following letter is in from Comrade Goodson, who says The News can have three or four boxes of applies if it can make use of them:

"It is my opinion that there should be live members of the executive committee, and that they should be elected by the members of the party. But I do not think that three of them should be at headquarters. I believe that they should be distributed over the whole state, and ho two should be frem the same place, but they should ne as far apart as possible. It looks too much like old party tactics for me. It would give too much of a monopoly at one point and make necessary the trouble and expense of an appeal to the referendum. Would like to hear through The News the opinion of others."

Comrade Mrs. Bauman was the successful winner of the beautiful News prize of ten volumes of "Original Resources." These volumes are well worth the money, comrades. Send to the address in the advertisement for information on them, cut out the coupon, put your name and address on it and mail it to the firm. It costs Comrads Alays Wuits of Silver Bow you nothing, and if you purchase a set The News.

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