

## The Senate and Kidnapping

### Committee Calls McNamara's Arrest Kidnapping - Berger On Old-Age Pension.

(By National Socialist Press.)  
Washington, D. C. Aug 22.—"Within a year you will have to make up your minds on the subject of old-age pensions," declared Victor L. Berger, the Socialist Representative, on the floor of the House today. "You will have to determine where you stand. A mighty wave of demands for the passage of some such law will roll in from every section of the country, and the issue will have to be met."  
Berger obtained unanimous consent to address the House on old-age pension legislation. He spoke about 15 minutes. At the conclusion of his address he was applauded by members of both old parties.  
"In the life of the toiler," said Berger, "there are weeks and sometimes months, of enforced idleness, weeks of unavoidable illness, losses from cheating and swindling, and then, as age creeps on, from about his forty-fifth year, a constantly declining capacity to earn, until at 55 or 60 he finds himself helpless and destitute."  
"There is hardly a more pitiful tragedy than the lot of the toiler who has struggled all his life to gain a competence and who at 60 years faces the poorhouse. The black slave had no such tragedy as this."  
"Any toiler who has faithfully labored for a meagre pension in old age can repay. Every toiler produces more than he is paid. Otherwise he would not be employed. It is a condition of the capitalist order of society that the employer must get the lion's share of the product."  
"The word 'pension' is thus a misnomer. The payment ought to be called either 'partial restitution' or 'old folks' compensation.'"  
The Socialist Representative took occasion to attack the pension schemes now being established by various corporations. He said:  
"In order to gain a pension from a corporation it is necessary for the workingman to tie himself to the corporation for life. In order not to lose the pension the workingman or working-woman must be satisfied with his or her wage, laboring conditions and hours of labor. This subservience makes the laborer virtually a serf or slave and establishes a new feudalism."  
"The second objection to private old age pensions is that the system smacks of charity. It causes the worker to feel that some one owns him. The private system results in the bestowal of too much power in the hands of the employers over his workers."  
In the course of his remarks Berger included his statement which he has sued to the press at the time of the introduction of his old-age pension bill. Berger also inserted for publication in the Congressional Record the Supreme Court decision of 1868 which admitted that Congress has superior powers to the courts.  
From press clippings received by Berger it is evident that the public is greatly interested in old-age pension legislation and his efforts to secure the enactment of the same.

ed up, however, and confined at Ellis Island and ordered deported.  
Markoff took part in the capture of the warship Potemkin in the revolution of 1905. Should he be deported the Russian Government would either execute him or send him to prison for life.  
The New York Socialists, including attorney Morris Hillquit, have already taken up his case and intend to fight against his deportation by all means possible.

**Calls It Kidnapping.**  
The Senate Committee on the Administration of Criminal Law by Federal Officials characterizes extradition methods such as had been used in the McNamara case as ordinary kidnapping.  
In a report to the Senate this committee says:  
"If the court, before whom the person charged with crime is brought, in reality has no jurisdiction and the person is deprived of any opportunity to test that question by reason of his hasty transportation to and custody in a remote part of the United States, he has to all intents and purposes been kidnapped, and such person would seem to have been deprived of his liberty without due process of law."  
The committee further says:  
"We recommend to the consideration of Congress whether Congress can not constitutionally provide some remedy against the possibility of injustice in the execution of extradition under Section 2 of Article IV of the Constitution of the United States, either providing that he person so charged with a crime shall not be removed from the State in which he is found within a certain number of days, thus affording him an opportunity to test the validity of his arrest and extradition in habeas corpus proceedings, or in some other manner if authority for any such exists."  
The foregoing was signed by all the members of the committee. Borah, who was the prosecutor in the famous Haywood case, wrote that part of the report which relates to extradition matters.  
There is no doubt that the Senate committee's report and recommendations will have great influence on the House Committee on Judiciary which has charge of Berger's anti-kidnapping bill. It is generally believed that Congress will pass a law against official kidnapping in the near future.

**Taft Upholds Berger's Claim.**  
President Taft has notified Berger that he has decided to permit letter-carriers to wear either coats or blouses in the summer as the men themselves prefer. The postal employees can decide this matter by referendum vote in each city.  
Berger has failed to get a favorable ruling from the Postoffice department, but the action of the President gives the men the much desired relief. Taft's action is the result of Berger's visit to the White House in behalf of these and other postal employees.

**How Berger Voted.**  
Berger voted for the Underwood bill to lower the tariff duties on cotton imported into this country. He also voted against the various obstructive motions of the republicans during the consideration of that schedule.  
When the recommendation of a House committee to dismiss from the Government service because of their alleged complicity in the Day portrait scandal came up Berger voted with

the republicans against the committee's report.  
The Socialist Congressman agreed with the republicans that these men had not been given their day in court. They had been convicted by the committee without even a trial. The accused may be guilty, says Berger, but they must first be tried in open court with a chance to defend themselves.

**Want Berger To Umpire Game.**  
The baseball teams of the House composed of democrats and republicans suggested that Berger umpire the next game. Berger declined the "honor", stating that he could not be impartial for he has strong sympathies for the underdog, namely for the republicans.  
He recommended Taft as a substitute. Taft, he said, should be given that job as he called them into extra session to give them a chance, to play ball.

**Democrats Tapping the Treasury.**  
Down in Alabama, a corporation wants the government to build a dam on the Black Warrior River so that it would be able to use the power to produce electricity at a low price. It also happens that Oscar Underwood, the leader of the House democrats, also comes from Alabama.  
These two facts should be noted.  
The other day Representative Sparkman, chairman of the committee on Rivers and Harbors, brought up a bill to appropriate \$2,285,688 to "improve the Black Warrior River." A joker in that bill provided that the water power be leased to the Birmingham Water, Light and Power Company for a period of fifty years.  
Talk about the Guggenheims, the "honest Southern Democrats can give them cards and spades on selling out the rights of posterity! A fifty years' franchise is "going some", to use the slang.

Now, that is not all. The corporation is to pay the government only \$1. per horsepower per annum. The company expects 25,000 horsepower out of the dam and intends to sell the same at the rate of \$30. per horsepower.  
To cover up their tracks, the Alabama Congressmen argue that the dam ought to be built so that the river might be used for navigation. But the fact is that even when the river is "improved" it would be navigable for only 30 miles and then only at a six-foot depth. Besides a railroad could be built for less money that is required to build that dam.  
That Underwood is the man back of this bill is evident that the measure came up during the extra session and reported favorably by a democratic committee. But it is likely that the bill will be held back for the present as the republicans do not intend to let the Alabama bill pass without it. The democrats will wait until a making some political capital out of favorable opportunity presents itself to "railroad" it through.

**Can a Socialist Be a Citizen?**  
Is belief in Socialism a bar to citizenship?  
Berger wants Secretary Nagel to pass on that question. In a letter to the head of the Department of Commerce and Labor Berger has submitted the case of Dr. Barkman, of Raymond Washington, who has been denied citizenship because of his belief in the Socialist philosophy.  
Dr. Barkman was denied his naturalization papers by a judge who told him that "Socialism was anarchism" and would not give him a chance to show that he was wrong. The judge seemed to have been ignorant as well as prejudiced against Socialists.

**No Publicity of Campaign Funds.**  
Washington, D. C.—From an authoritative source your correspondent has learned that Chairman Stanley, of the Steel Investigating Committee, reversed his ruling which ordered George W. Perkins to testify regarding the Steel Trust's contributions to campaign funds because it was demonstrated to him by the trust's attorney that Perkins would testify to the detriment of both old parties.  
Attorney Richard Lindabury, of the United States Steel Corporation, was closeted with the committee for several hours on Wednesday and it was he who forced Stanley to back down. Lindabury had figures to show that the trust helped the democrats in many states, and Stanley, being a good democrat, saw the point and reversed the ruling he made the day previous.  
I also learned that Representative, of New York, corroborated Lindabury regarding certain contributions the Steel Trust had made toward the campaign of the New York democrats.  
In this connection let it be stated that the motion to reconsider the committee's action of Tuesday was made by Littleton. Also that Littleton hurried to Washington from New York City Tuesday evening in order that Stanley might not have carried out his plans which would have compromised the democratic party.  
Another democratic Representative, Barrett, of Georgia, also sided with Littleton and then Stanley gave in. Stanley evidently was not on "the inside" and this accounts for his blunder.  
The chairman, however, did not want to hurt himself in the public press by reversing himself twenty-four hours after he had made an important ruling, and insisted that Perkins be compelled to make a few admissions regarding contributions to the republican party. To this the republican members of the committee, especially Representative Young, strenuously objected.  
A compromise was then decided upon. Lindabury was to state in open session that the trust contributed \$10,000. In 1904 "either to a state or national committee." The inference would be that the money went to the Roosevelt campaign. Stanley was

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug.—Stung to the quick by the wide spread publicity that has been given to his questionable methods in dealing with those who fall into his clutches William J. Burns is emitting a most pitiable whine.  
Newspapers all over the country have taken up the case, since the first exposures by the National Socialist Press and have shown how the brutal "operatives" have tortured prisoners and witnesses. It has been repeatedly said that Burns was a bloodhound and wanted the men convicted whether they were guilty or not guilty. He denies this and declares he will do all he can to help them "prove their innocence."  
"I will run down any clue the union men may give me, make any investigation. The men are going to have a fair trial."  
Burns is under indictment in Indianapolis on a felony charge of kidnapping John H. McNamara. The preliminaries to the trial have been a series of kidnapping, perjuries, lies, force and fraud and persecutions. Yet Burns, who is controlling the actions of the district attorney's office is declaring that a fair trial is a certainty.  
Police Detective Guy Biddinger of Chicago is competing with Burns in boasting of his exploits. Biddinger declares that the people here are only half awake or they would have met the McNamaras at the train and torn them limb from limb.  
Detective Burns has made a futile attempt to secure the discharge of a newspaper man whom, he declares, misquoted him. Burns said the Employers' association would send attorneys here to assist him in the prosecution.  
The detective declares his belief that the workers have deserted McNamara.  
"I don't think the working people are backing McNamara. We have about fixed that. Why, my magazine story must have convinced them that I am all right," said Burns to a group of newspapermen. When he was told that the working people of Los Angeles were a unit in their belief in the men the detective became angry and expressed his contempt for the union men and the Socialists of California who are standing so firmly on the side of the imprisoned workers.  
The detectives seem determined to still further prejudice the people against the men now in jail. It is known that it will be difficult to obtain a jury and the detectives are hourly making it more difficult. District Attorney Fredericks has written a newspaper story in which he expressed his belief in the guilt of the men and his belief that they will be convicted.  
George Behm, the old locomotive engineer of Portage, Wis., uncle of Ortie McManigal, defied the grand jury and refused to answer certain questions propounded to him. All the bluffs about sending him to jail were of no avail and there was no citation for contempt. Behm merely stood pat and the court could not force him to answer.  
The daily press made itself ridiculous by suddenly discovering that the earth surrounding the hole made by the exploding of a so-called infernal machine near General Otis' home last October had been removed by the defence. The "hole" was captured a week before the Burns people knew of it. The attorneys for the defence

had the evidence gathered to show the character of the explosion. The hole made was only a few inches deep and resembled a hole made by the explosion of a cannon cracker or a small amount of powder. It shows at any rate that the "infernal machine" could not possibly have done any harm at the point where it was "found" by the authorized "bomb finder" who was sent out on the job.  
During the past week Los Angeles has seen an influx of "gun men" imported by the Southern Pacific Rail, way in anticipation of a strike of the machinists who were reported to have asked through their national organization for an increase of pay. If a strike on the Harriman lines occurs it will affect about 4,000 machinists in California. The larger shops are situated at Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento.  
The company is building stockades at all of these points. Heavy wires are stretched over the top of the high fences and these, it is said, will be charged with electricity. Bunkhouses are being supplied with cots and strikebreakers are being sent in in large numbers.  
All these warlike measures are being taken despite the fact the men are going about their work in a peaceful manner and have made no demands of the company. At all the Socialist meetings which are being held in every part of Los Angeles every night, the crisis in the Southern Pacific shops is discussed. In case the company locks the men out their fight will be taken up by the combined Socialists and trades unionists who are now conducting the most vigorous campaigns ever known in any American city.  
Job Harriman and the other attorneys for the defense of Bert H. Connors and the other striking iron workers will make a strong effort to get the men who are held in the county jail, bail of \$25,000 on each of the men reduced to a reasonable figure so that the men will not be forced to remain in jail during the McNamara trial.  
It is generally admitted that the district attorney has no case against these strikers but that he wants them held in jail on the flimsy dynamiting charge for the moral effect it will have on the McNamara cases.  
Connors, Maple and Bender say they would be glad to get out on bail or to have a speedy trial but if it is necessary to help the McNamara case they would remain in prison an indefinite period. It is hoped the court will reduce the bail to \$10,000 each as this amount can readily be obtained.  
Newspapers and the public generally show considerable disappointment over a decision on the part of the district attorney's office that the McNamara trial must be held in a small courtroom that will hold about 100 persons. This will mean that after the newspaper men are seated, the officers of the court and privileged lawyers will take up at least half of the remainder of the room and less than 50 persons will be able to gain admission.  
The district attorney and the presiding judge came to the conclusion because they declare it will be unsafe for the sheriffs to take the McNamara brothers out of the jail and take them across the street to the court house.  
If the decision holds the men will each day be taken across the "Bridge of Sighs" connecting the county jail

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**THE WRITTEN WORD.**  
It is assented to by the authorities of the world that the written word has come to be of vastly greater importance than oratory. A man's emotions may be aroused through oratory. The orator can make him feel the extreme injustice of the present system. He may picture the advantages and beauties of the Co-operative Commonwealth. But all that is not sufficient. It takes more than a rebellious individualist or an impractical enthusiast to make an efficient Socialist.  
To become an efficient Socialist one needs a change throughout his entire system—a change of heart and of head.  
Such a change means a revolution of the mind. Such a change cannot be brought about over night. It can be accomplished only through constant effort. It can be effected only through literature—literature of the highest quality.

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## THE MASTER'S RUSE.

A year or so ago, The workers in the cotton industries of Lancashire England held a joint meeting with the factory owner for the purpose of discussing a cut in wages.

The owners argued that with Germany's competing against them they could not afford to pay the then existing wages, and suggested that if the workers would accept a ten per cent reduction in their wages they would run their plants, if not the plants would have to shut down for an indefinite period.

After discussing the matter pro and con the workers decided to accept the cut in wages.

## Now watch the boss.

This typical church going Pecksnifian English boss! What did he do when times picked up? Raise their pay? I guess not. They called another meeting and a question was put to the workers point blank.

How much of last year's wages were you able to save? In the aggregate they discovered that a saving of ten per cent had been made. Well friends we are still willing to continue running our factories providing you will accept another ten per cent reduction.

The workers were virtually compelled to accept those conditions for "Merrie England" is only "Merrie England" in theory and not in fact. This ruse on the part of the Master Class of England ought to be an object lesson to every working man and woman in the world. Why?

Let me tell you. Business is business, the employer is not in business for his health but for the specific purpose of making money and also he is not an altruist, at least not on Monday.

Now the less wages he pays the greater is his surplus.

The greater his surplus the less you have, and consequently you are a more abject slave. For a well fed Proletaire is a dangerous thing. It is only ignorant, working men, who can be controlled. So get the lesson. It is your business as a class to get all you can, for yawning just beneath the great army of the "submerged tenth" will pull you down to their level.

And it is only through encroaching on the "Surplus Values" of the master's via the Labor Union and a definite political party of your own whose avowed purpose must be that session of the countries of the world the workers shall take political position and be the owners of the world's industries can the worker settle the "Labor Problem", which is a world problem.

The private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation, is the rock upon which class rule is built; political government is its indispensable instrument. The wage workers cannot be freed from exploitation without conquering the political power and substituting collective for private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation.

## Municipal Problems.

Nearly every city in Montana is deep in debt and if not beyond the limit of legal indebtedness, are on the verge of being so.

This situation has been caused by old party officials in office and not by Socialists, and the old parties are quite willing to let the city remain in such a condition, although some of them have a hazy idea that the Commission Form of Government will purge the cities from all debts.

The way the old party officials have of meeting this situation is by issuing bonds bearing five per cent interest and maturing 20 years hence with the money realized from the sale of bonds, they pay off the outstanding warrants, or floating debts. This plan is the only one that the old party officials have and it means that they can't meet their obligations, so they leave the debts for their children to pay off.

The old party officials are afraid to increase the taxes, or to see to it that the business element pay their just share of the taxes.

The Socialists in the Butte city council are faced with a problem of how to pay off the debts created by the old party officials, and to do so

the Socialists advocated an increase in the tax levy amounting to four mills. This is considered a large increase, and the non-socialists around the state are raising a howl about the Socialists of Butte increasing the taxes. The Butte Socialists are only doing what the old parties were afraid to do. The Socialists of Butte did not run the city in debt, they are not squandering the people's money, but only meeting the obligations that the old party officials could not, or would not meet. Instead of acting cowardly like the old party officials in other cities in the state, and pass the payment of the city's debts on to the next generation, the Socialists of Butte say: PAY THE DEBTS NOW.

The old parties are driving the cities of Montana into bankruptcy and when the Socialists assume control of the administration of the cities of the state they will be faced with the problem of a depleted city treasury, and the credit of the city worthless.

It would be well for the Socialists everywhere throughout the state to be on their guard, and whenever the old party officials endeavour to have bonds sold to meet the floating indebtedness, taking up warrants, etc., make an issue of the proposed bond sale and attempt to defeat it.

Make the old party officials pay as they go. Remember the greater the indebtedness of a city, bonded or otherwise the harder it will be to put into operation the planks in the Socialist municipal platform, and to make good.

Socialist be on your guard, you will run the cities in the near future, prevent yourself from being handicapped by the old parties.

## Class Conscious Capitalists.

The city of Helena seems to be under a boycott by the bond buyers throughout the country.

Last Monday was the time set to sell the \$400,000 five per cent bonds with which to secure money to acquire the present existing water plant.

Only one bid was received from bond buyers out side of Montana, and at a premium of \$4,800.

Three of the most prominent banks in Helena submitted bids to purchase the bonds, and when the bids of the Helena bankers were opened it was found that all the bids were the same—at par, when a premium of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 was expected from the sale of the bonds.

Other representatives of bond buyers were present, but, refused to bid, and it was quite evident to the members of the council that a trust had been formed among the bond buyers, as far as the sale of the Helena bonds were concerned, and the council rejected all bids and decided to advertise the bond sale over again.

This is the second time that Helena has been unable to sell its bonds. A few weeks ago, the bond buyers refused to bid on \$650,000 five per cent bonds to build a new water system, but at that time it was quite evident that a compact had been entered into by the capitalists to attempt to coerce the city into buying the junk owned by the water company. This time, however, it is too early to give the reason for the suspected boycott by the bond buyers against Helena.

The water company may desire to hold on to its junk, since they have been able to frustrate the city in its effort to build a new system. The water company it will be remembered, offered to sell its plant to the city for \$250,000 less than the cost of installing a new plant, but at present it looks as if the company will keep its plant as the city can't raise the coin to make the purchase.

The water question in Helena is one of interest to the Socialists generally and will be of greater interest in the future as the trend towards municipal ownership becomes more general than at present.

For over 13 years Helena has tried to secure its own water system, but the usual obstacles to municipal ownership had to be met. First the fight in the courts, then the fight against the combined capitalists.

Mayor Edwards put up a hard fight for municipal ownership. Indeed, what Tom Johnson was to Cleveland, Ohio and Pingree was to Detroit, Michigan, Mayor Edwards was to Helena. He fought the interests to a finish, and beat them, but the "Jelly fish" called the public went over in a body to the corporation.

The Helena water question was fought through the courts in the state, and through the Federal courts as well, from the District court to the Court of Appeals and even to the United States Supreme Court, the city won in every court and Edwards forced the issue every time.

After the people had voted to build a new plant the water company, which was then in receivership, used money to bribe farmers into commencing suits against the city to pre-

vent the city using water.

The representatives of the water company,—its receiver—admitted in court that the engineer of the company had spent \$700. in cigars and water county, in an attempt to get whiskey in treating farmers of Broad-then under the influence of bad whiskey to commence litigation against the city and help frustrate the will of the people.

This receiver of the water company is an officer of the court and therefore all employees of the water company were under the jurisdiction of the court. The receiver must give an accounting of all accounts of the company and his acts to the court, yet here we find an officer of the court, the receiver of the Helena water company appointed by a Federal Judge spending \$700. of court money in cigars and bad whiskey in order to get court decisions. This looks to us as a case of contempt of court on the part of the receiver, yet nothing is done by the judge, the receiver is not even reprimanded. Had a working man or an officer of a union committed such an act, he would have been sent to the jail for a few months.

The present plant is practically the property of the bondholders of the water company. The water company's bonds sold on the market for as low as 25 cents on the dollar, and purchased at 30 cents. With the city a large amount of the bonds were purchasing the plant at \$400,000 means that the bondholders of the water company will realize 40 cents on the dollar, a profit of from 25 per cent and upwards. Had the city built its own plant the bond holders would only receive what the water plant would have sold for as junk.

This is the reason of the great fight on the part of the bankers and capitalists of Helena against the city building a new plant. The local bankers and capitalists fought municipal ownership for years, then when the people demanded that the city own its own water system, the local bankers and capitalists said: Buy the old plant or we won't let you own any. This is a situation that Socialists will have to meet everywhere, and at all times when the people take over the industries.

The capitalists will want compensation, and when they have bled the public as they can do, and their plants are run down and worn out they will demand as much for the old junk as it will cost to build a new one.

However, as the Socialist sentiment increases the capitalists will have less show to work the game that they have worked on the people of Helena.

The present problem that the city of Helena is facing is one that the Socialist of constructive Socialism will be interested in and one that the Socialists will have to meet in the near future. Where is the money to come from to take over the industries?

That is a question that will be answered satisfactorily to the working class when the Socialists control the government of the state. But in the meantime the question of finance to the Socialists in office in municipalities will be a source of worry.

## THE CHAIN GANG IN HELENA.

The city council of Helena passed an ordinance last Monday creating a chain gang in which all prisoners are to be worked on the streets.

Unemployed wage slaves who can't find work will be arrested as vagrants and given a ten days sentence on the chain gang. In this way the business element of Helena hopes to get the street work done free.

Herman Leuhman, the Socialist, alderman protested against the chain gang and was the only member of the council to vote against the passage of the ordinance.

In this instance, as everywhere else where Socialists are in office, the Socialist was found standing by the workers, and advocating that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

The Womens' Socialist Local of Livingston donated \$10.00 to the Mc Namara defence fund at the last meeting of the local.

Since the government has begun busting the trusts, the trusts have begun busting the people. And the trusts are more successful at the busting game than is the government.

When the working class strikes for better conditions the newspapers refer to them as mobs, and when the are "contented and satisfied" and offer no objection to being exploited, they are considered lambs.

The United States Constitution and Socialism, by Silas Hood, price ten cents a copy or 25 copies for \$1.75 Just the thing to hand to your neighbor, order a dozen from the News.

## THE BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT.

In his letter to the scout manual, Colonel Roosevelt says:

"The Boy Scout movement is of peculiar importance to the whole country". I think the majority of your readers will agree with Colonel Roosevelt that the movement is important—so important that boys should not be encouraged to enter it until the general public is fully informed of its origin and purpose.

The Boy Scout movement is distinctly "un-American," being an out-growth of the Boer war, when England awoke to the alarming fact that poverty had emasculated the nation, and only by reducing the standard of height required for admittance could she fill the ranks of her army. At the siege of Mafeking boys were employed as messengers. This opened the eyes of one man to the possibility of utilizing children in the new field, and Baden, Powell founded the Boy Scouts. The idea sprang from war, and was developed for the frankly acknowledged purpose of training future soldiers. Transplanted to this country, and "grafted on to the helpful organization of Dan Beard and Ernest Thompson Seton," the military idea is still paramount, as may be gleaned from Roosevelt's letter, wherein he says:

"You do not try to make soldiers of Boy Scouts, but to make boys who will turn out as men to be better soldiers for having been scouts." This sentence is somewhat involved, but it can be deciphered by patience and application. Its first explanation is this: Boy Scouts, but you train them to be You do not try to make soldiers of better soldiers when they are men; or, still, further simplified; you do not train Boy Scouts to be soldiers, but to be better soldiers. Whether the scouts will await maturity before they make practical use of their military knowledge depends altogether upon when the war trumpet sounds, or the children are needed to put down strikes. War has a greedy paw, and never questions the age of its victims. From statistics relating to our civil war, published recently in the Durango (Colo.) Democrat, we learn that of 2,278,558 men who enlisted on the Union side, all but 118,000 were under 21 years old. The ages of these children who fought our battles ranged from 10 years upwards. If parents bear these facts in mind they will refuse to let their sons take the scout oath.

Colonel Roosevelt also suggests in his letter that our public play grounds less armed with real guns, and should be policed by scouts—doubt-grounded through the tactics of war in gentleness, the ten commandments and the golden rule. From this we may infer that our public play grounds are to be turned into military kindergartens, where our children will unconsciously grow into the good soldier attitude of mind; which is to obey, and never think.

The whole tenor of Colonel Roosevelt's letter goes to prove that the Boy Scout movement is part of a relentless scheme to turn our country into a vast military camp. It was the instigator of the Dick military law, which makes every able-bodied man liable to be called out at a moment's notice; it taught fag worship in our public schools, and is now laying stress on a form of medieval patriotism which has no place in an age of all nations, and the locomotive when every port is open to the ships thunders across the boundaries of states.

"War is hell!" but it has played a useful role in the past. The time is now here, according to Professor James, when the discipline is afforded young men of the nation should be superceded by work that is constructive as soldiers of the common good, and and beneficent. Let our boys enlist they can live the two commandments "on which hang all the law and the prophets", and it will be no longer necessary to slough the golden rule at the church door.

MARTHA E. PLASSMAN.

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Have you signed the petition for the referendum on the Donohue Militia law?

All classes of labor as well as business and commercial institutions are organized into associations to advance their welfare. The farmers are the class that is not organized for mutual protection. Even the beasts of the field as well as the human that preys on the farmer is organized self protection. It is time that the farmers were organized into unions to secure the benefits and protection that can only be got by force of numbers.

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The birds that haunt the moors and hills, The fish that swim in streams and rills, The beasts that roam as Nature wills, We own.

E'en, Lord, the minerals that lie, Beneath the Earth's periphery, Belong to us! Thou knowest why Alone.

Lord, on the ragged rabble frown; For they Are foes to us, the hurch and Crown, So bare Thine arm and grind them down

To Clay

REFERENDUM NOTES.

The demand for a referendum on the Donohue Militia law is still in doubt. Petitions containing signatures of over 15 per cent of the voters in the county have been filed with the Secretary of State, from the following counties.

Deer Lodge, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, and Silver Bow.

Signatures from 15 per cent of the voters in 15 counties are necessary to make the law inoperative pending the referendum.

Signatures of five per cent of the voters in three more counties must be secured before the law can go to a vote of the people.

258 more signatures are needed in Cascade county, and 208 more signatures in Carbon county and these two counties can be added to the list of counties demanding the referendum.

All petitions should be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder not later than August 28.

It is to be hoped that those interested in securing signatures will become more active during the next ten days and get the required number of signatures.

SHALL WE AGITATE FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS.

By W. R. Shier.

What is your local going to do in regard to Berger's Old Age Pension bill?

Is it going to pass resolutions in its behalf for transmission to congressmen, to the daily papers, to the labor unions, and to numerous other organizations?

Is it going to distribute special leaflets explaining this great humanitarian measure?

Is it going to hold great mass meetings to stir up public opinion in its behalf?

What think you?

Do you not think that a great nation wide agitation will do more than anything else break down prejudice against the Socialist movement? Do you not think that disseminating a knowledge of this bill

will convince people more than any other one thing that Socialists merit support at the polls?

Do you not think that there is even greater propaganda value in Berger's old age pension scheme than Berger's Reciprocity speech?

Do you not think that this bill should be purchased in large numbers and mailed under the government franking privilege, to every voter in the land?

Do you not think that all the machinery of agitation that the Socialist party has set in motion to save McNamara should also be set in motion to save the veterans of industry from dishonorable old age?

Do you not think that the Socialist party would do well to invite the Labor Unions, the Woman's Suffrage League, the Single Tax Associations and other radical bodies to co-operate with it in making Old Age Pensions a great national issue?

Do you not think that the whole country should be apprized of the fact that this is a Socialist measure, introduced by a Socialist representative, and backed by the Socialist party, before the republicans and democrats realize the advisability of stealing our thunder?

In England the working class political movement is stagnant because the Liberal party has stolen a march on the Socialist by enacting great Social Reforms.

If the Labor party had introduced a liberal old age pension scheme into the British House of Commons five years ago, and conducted an active agitation in its behalf, it would have a more promising outlook than it has to-day.

It is not sufficient to nail a beautiful plank into the party platform, and say nothing more about it. That makes no impression on the public mind. The plank should be torn up now and again, brandished dexterously in the air brought down with a resounding smack upon the public pate and made as live as a buzz-saw.

Let Us Get Busy.

So let us initiate a nation wide agitation in behalf of old age pensions. Let the National Executive Committee, the State Executive Committees and local campaign committees swing immediately into line.

Let us pass resolutions, hold mass meetings and put out such special leaflets.

Let us get up petitions, circulate the unions and write letters to the press.

Let us send copies of the bill itself to every voter in our respective constituencies.

Let our comrades in the various state legislatures and municipal councils seek to get those bodies to memorialize congress in its behalf.

Let our public speakers dwell on this subject at all their meetings.

Let our Socialist writers discuss the subject frequently in their articles.

Let us use every agency at our command to make political capital out of this measure and hasten the day when the workers of America will be assured a comfortable old age.

Will you comrade reader, bring this matter up at the next meeting of your local?

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British Strikers Win Victory.

London, Aug. 20.—The great railway strike has been called off, the men winning a complete victory, so far, at any rate, as their demands for increased pay and working conditions have been conceded.

This result of the government, which felt the position was impossible agreeing to allow the public at large to be fleeced by promising to introduce legislation to allow the railroads to increase their fixed charges.

The men are ordered to return to work, and the soldiers to their barracks at Aldershot and other quarters. The end of the strike came more dramatically in its suddenness than did the declaration of the strike.

To the very moment of the official announcement of a settlement the course of the negotiations was kept an absolute secret. Even the most optimistic thought that Sunday, with its meetings, would pass before a settlement could be reached.

There seems little doubt that the pressure of public opinion, without any special regard to the rights or wrongs of either side, but honestly shocked at the situation so forced the government's hands.

The companies apparently realized that they were in a Frankenstein situation. They had become alarmed at the monstrous situation they had created, while the position of the "democratic government," whose peaceful profession and bloody actions are now historic, obviously was fast becoming impossible.

After its Postmaster General had humbly asked permit of Ben Tillett and Tom Mann, of the Strike Committee, for the safe conduct of his majesty's mails, this government was obliged by the interests of the people at large to overawe the people it specially professes to consider by a display and use of force.

Its bribe to the companies to come to terms obviously was the promise to recommend to Parliament to consent to the companies increasing their fixed charges at the expense of that portion of the public whose lack of combination and cohesion causes them to be least considered by the government of which they have been angry but impotent victims.

Fifteen Thousand Women Win.

Fifteen thousand women factory strikers, most of whom have been out for weeks, today won their strike. Most of the firms involved granted increased wages and recognition of the union.

The condition of the women strikers were pitiful. Their leader, Mary Mac Arthur, declared that most of them were facing starvation, but that they held out heroically to the last.

"It's a step away from the bread line, that is all," said the leader today. "Our women fought a glorious fight. With empty stomachs and famished children, they never wavered, and now with recognition of the union for the first time, we expect to accomplish working conditions and better wages, great improvements in the way of this victory is but the first step in our fight to live."

Sympathy Is With Strikers.

The demoralization of the mail service caused the postoffice department today seriously to consider numerous offers of aéroplanists to deliver the mails.

The newspapers admit that the labor leaders have made good their prediction that they would tie up transportation everywhere in the United Kingdom. Sympathy seems generally to be with the men whose pay as a class is pitifully inadequate.

The London Times today said: "It is a mistake to minimize the gravity of the situation, which is far more serious than anything that has previously occurred in the history of industrial troubles in this country."

London Tube Men Strike.

All traffic through the city and South London tube was suspended today as a result of the strike of the car men and hoist men. This artery connects the city proper with South London across the Thames. The suspension of traffic through this tube city.

Reports from Northumberland state caused serious delay to business in the thrown out of work by the closing of the plants.

A motor bus got beyond control of the driver and crashed into the middle of a company of soldiers marching to do guard duty at one of the railway stations. Several of the men were so badly hurt they had to be sent to the hospital.

Reports from Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds say that many mills and collieries have shut

down on account of the strike. It is feared that tonight 75,000 miners will have been thrown out of work.

The average wage of the 450,000 men employed by the railways is \$6. a week. They demand increases averaging 50 cents a week. They also ask for changes in working conditions. The main issue and the direct cause of this strike, however, is the question of direct recognition of the unions.

What do You Think of This?

A year ago a gang of convicts were taken from the penitentiary to the State Fair grounds near Helena, and were to be used in building a boulevard from the fair grounds to the city of Helena, and a sub-way under the tracks of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways.

The Montana News took up the fight against convict labor and the unions of Helena likewise lined up in protest.

A joint committee composed of representatives of the Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly and the Helena Trades and Labor Assembly interviewed the Prison Board, which is composed of the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State, and discussed the subject of convicts competing with free labor.

The conference between the Prison Board and the representatives of organized labor resulted in the withdrawal of the convicts from the State Fair grounds, but not before organized labor threatened to put the State Fair on the unfair list.

Harry Pickett, President of the Helena Commercial Club, appeared before a meeting of the Helena Trades and Labor Assembly, and pleaded with the union men to allow the convicts to work, and stated that if the convicts did not do the work, it would not be done as the taxpayers could not afford to pay the cost.

One Year Later.

Today a large force of men are employed at union wages, making a road from the city to the fair grounds and building the sub-way under the railroad tracks.

A street car line is being laid through the sub-way and along the boulevard, connecting the fair grounds with city and the expense of building the sub-way is paid by the Northern Pacific, Great Northern, and Helena Street Railways jointly, and the grading on the Boulevard is being done by the Helena Street railway, and the city, county or state are not contributing one cent to the cost of building this road.

It is quiet evident now, although it was not a year ago that it was the corporations that were anxious to get convict labor to build the Boulevard and sub-way, thereby getting the work done for nothing, and all that the street railway would have had to do was to have laid the rails without any expense of grading.

It was a smooth piece of work that the corporate interests and their tools, tried to work through.

An extension of the street railway to the fair grounds was contemplated a year ago by the street railway company but it was kept silent, with the hopes that convicts would be used in the work of grading the road, and a year ago the sentiment was created that the taxpayers could not afford to build the road, and if convicts did not do the work it never would be done.

Today the work is being done and a large force of men given employment, who otherwise would be out of work or have displaced some other men out of a job.

Mr. Wageworker, when you hear some wise guy and representative of some corporation advocating convict labor and giving as an excuse for the same that the taxpayers cannot afford to pay for the work, and that if convict labor is not used the work will never be done, just tell the wise guy, or corporation flunkie the story of the building of the sub-way Boulevard from the State Fair grounds to the city of Helena.

Remember, Attorney General Galen was the man who sent a telegram to the warden of the penitentiary a year ago ordering him to bring the convicts to Helena, and that the cost of building the Boulevard and sub-way by convict labor was estimated to cost \$40,000 which was to be paid by the State, Lewis and Clark county and the city of Helena.

What do you think of this?

After committing some ordinary piece of thievery, it is a customary thing for a capitalist to have a law passed making that outrageous act legal.

Los Angeles Labor War.

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with the Hall of Justice where the trial will be held.

It is apparent from this that the public is not wanted at the trial and that the prosecution prefers for the people to get their knowledge of the trial from the press upon which they can rely to tell the story from the capitalistic standpoint.

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# News From Milwaukee

The Socialist health commissioner of Milwaukee has been doing splendid work for a clean and sanitary food supply in Milwaukee. The bake shops have been in an especially filthy condition. The former administrations have absolutely neglected the bakeries, and the result of this neglect was frightful. The dough in the bakeries was literally swarmed over by innumerable flies, heaps of filth in close proximity to the ovens sent forth noxious odors, and every sanitary rule was violated. In some cases, flies were found baked into the bread and cakes.

The health commissioner has compelled the bakeries to put in screens and clean up their premises. Cards containing seventeen rules will be carefully enforced by the health department.

Butcher-shops, restaurants, and all factories where food is produced have been carefully inspected and required to observe the laws of cleanliness and sanitation.

In short, the health department under the Socialists has become a live institution. It has ceased to be a sort of doctor's office, dealing mainly with disease. Prevention of disease, by the removal of its causes, is now the work of the health commissioner and his able assistants.

A department of "child welfare" has also been organized under the Socialist administration. This is beginning to do excellent work.

But for all the good work of the Socialists the capitalist press takes care to give them little or no credit. Here are two samples of the methods the capitalist papers employ in order to knock the Socialists and the Socialist administration.

One of the Milwaukee daily papers invited the Socialists to run a Socialist column as one of its departments. The Socialists were to be allowed to furnish the material for this column. This capitalist paper, on the strength of this column, advertised far and wide and in outside states, that it "presents the truth about Socialistic Milwaukee." Then it proceeded to blue-pencil and limit the Socialist material in its column until the Socialists were obliged to withdraw it altogether. Now the paper howls at the Socialists as "hypocrites, cowards, sneaks," etc. But the profit it made by advertising "the truth about Socialistic Milwaukee" is still on the right side of its ledger.

Another Milwaukee capitalist daily uses a still slicker trick. The Socialist administration of Milwaukee has established a bureau of economy and efficiency. The object of this bureau is to point out just where better or more economical methods might be employed in the various departments. The bureau has issued an interesting and valuable report embodying its suggestions in this line. Now the newspaper above mentioned has obtained a copy of this report, and is issuing editorial after editorial about the defects and the inefficiency of the administration, taking the suggestions in the bureau's as texts. But here is the trick: This paper never once refers to the report of the bureau.

Each suggestion or criticism made by the report is brought out as an original discovery by the Journal. "See how inefficient the Socialist administration is! This, that and the other should be changed. Let us have efficiency!" Never once does this crafty paper suggest that the criticism came originally from the administration itself, and that the Socialists are taking steps to remedy all these defects and stop all these leaks. But just as soon as the improvement is made, out comes the tricky sheet. "See, the Journal has forced the Socialist administration to change its methods! We pointed out the necessity of this reform and compelled the administration to do better!"

These two samples of what Milwaukee papers are doing will give a little idea of what Milwaukee Socialists are up against. More and more pressing, more and more insistent and unavoidable becomes the need of a Milwaukee Socialist daily.

E. H. Thomas,

### A WOMAN'S PLACE.

By Robert H. Howe.

#### Chapter VI.

But what of the unmarried woman who is dependent on her own exertions for her livelihood? She is out in the world of work, facing problems that the spinster of a century ago never dreamed of, and competing with men in the arena of industry on unequal terms.

A curious and instructive fact is disclosed and a strong light thrown on the new complications in industry by the twelfth census where 293 separ-

ate employments are listed; in 295 of which women are employed, leaving only eight employments in the United States in which men can be found exclusively.

The list in which no women are reported as being employed is as follows: United States soldiers, United States sailors, United States Marines, Fire Department foreman, apprentices and helpers to roofers and slaters, helpers to steam-boiler makers, helpers to brass workers, and street car drivers.

This points more graphically than words, the stupendous change that has taken place in the status of woman in a few decades. As a wage-worker, her appearance on the economic stage is, speaking historically only a recent occurrence. The employment of saleswomen in stores began only a few years before the civil war, but now she nearly monopolizes that line of effort.

Is it any wonder that women are developing an independent and self-reliant spirit and are demanding a place in public life, formerly the exclusive domain of man? Who could know better what laws are needed for the protection of the health and morals of the children than the mothers who bore them? Who could know better what is needed to protect lives, health and virtue than the woman of the working class, who under present conditions suffers most from the want of proper safeguards? The loadstone of the modern commercial system first drew from the home the household industries, and made them factory industries,—and the women followed, drawn by the same irresistible force. New conditions have been created, new problems are arisen and man alone can not be depended upon to deal with them. They affect the whole womanhood of the Nation, and she must be allowed to have her full share in their settlement.

Who could be more depended upon for the proper enforcement of a pure food law than woman, whose duty it has been for countless centuries to prepare the food for the human race? The capitalist system of production germinated in the feudal system, and in its growth disrupted and finally overthrew that system. It had a historic mission to perform, which was to organize industry and increase the production of all commodities. It has accomplished its results, brutally but effectively. In its progress it has transformed the whole of society it has practically destroyed the hand, crafts and has made the former skilled workman a mere feeder of a machine. It has invaded the home, and the old family life has been destroyed. The sweet peaceful village has disappeared and in its place has grown up the huge city, where hovels, brothels, dens of vice and iniquity flourish side by side with palaces and cathedrals.

The old has passed away and all the wizardry of fabled Arabian magicians cannot recall it to life. The new is here and its new problems must be faced and solved.

Problems there are,—enough and more. Why should one half of the adult population of the nation refuse the assistance of the other half in meeting the new questions and finding answers? Is not woman herself one of the problems? She must be allowed a voice in matters relating to her own sex and her own children. Woman's horizon has widened. Her sphere is no longer circumscribed by the four walls of a house. The walls have disappeared and her view is as wide as humanity.

Women are banding together in organizations whose object is to conquer for woman her rightful place in the new civilization that has dawned upon the earth.

The spirit of the matriarchal gens that has long lain dormant is awakening and will lead every woman to recognize a sister in every other woman, and will also lead her to recognize that she has a mother's duty to perform for every child in her world.

A woman's place is in her home, but her home is now the world.

The end.

Geo. H. Goebel, National organizer for the Socialist party, now touring Alaska, while attempting to reach the cliff mine on the coast below Valdez in a gasoline launch with heavy sea running, was swept overboard, but fortunately managed to keep afloat until rescued. He has spoken in every town on the Alaskan coast. He has had enthusiastic meetings with halls filled, and has organized a local in every town. At the time of this appearing he will have left Dawson for the journey down the Yukon to Fairbanks enroute to St. Michael and Nome.

Buy a share of stock in the Union Printing and Publishing Company, and become a partner in the Montana News. Shares are sold at \$5.00 each.

We want two thousand new subscribers by the first day of October. Will you help us to secure same?

# Ten Billion Newspapers.

By Carl Sandburg

Is your brain in good working order? Are you ready to take hold of a big powerful idea?

If so, then look for a moment at these figures.

In a magazine article, Col. Charles H. Taylor, of the Boston Globe, makes the estimate that in one year "the total circulation of the newspapers of the United States was not less than 10,000,000,000 copies.

Ten billion copies in one year with facts and thoughts and pictures and impressions in them.

Ten billion papers telling the people what to think and what not to think. Ten billion newspapers that enter the very brains and lives and acts of the people.

Ten billion newspapers crammed and packed with colored and shaded statements with poisoned and prevented information.

The knowledge and opinions of the masses of people, controlled by a people, the very brain life of the Master Class!

O, yes, there are a few Socialist papers. And there are some radical independent sheets here and there. But they do not represent a half billion out of this total of ten billion.

The thinking of the country is done for the people by the powers who control the overwhelming mass of this ten billion.

WE MUST have a stronger American Socialist press.

We have made splendid forward strides during the past few years. As against the sixty working-class daily newspapers of Germany, however, we have less than a half dozen in America.

As necessity arises, driving us like desperate men backed to a wall and forced to find new weapons and new methods, so here and there over America, are daily newspapers going to be established by Socialists.

The one point where a daily newspaper is a desperately needed weapon is the city of Milwaukee. Nine opposition newspapers are daily shooting their volleys of falsehood and vile insinuation.

Before we can answer one lie with our weekly paper a dozen others have been started.

You can help in this situation. You can do your share toward getting a battery started that will answer shot for shot the attacks on the Milwaukee Socialists.

A daily newspaper will be started here when \$100,000 has been raised. Of this amount nearly \$50,000 has been subscribed in ten dollar bonds.

In charge of the bond sale is H. W. Bistorius, Brisbane Hall, Milwaukee, Wis. Write him about it.

### THE TIME AT THE FLOOD.

By John M. Work.

Shakespeare says:

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;

Omitted, all the voyage of their life Is bound in shadows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat,

And we must take the current when it serves, Or lose our ventures."

One interesting gentleman who is falling to take the tide at the flood is Robert M. Lafollette.

He is a man who would like to do right. But he has an inordinate personal ambition which chains him hand and foot.

He goes about the country advocating skim milk reforms.

How a man with a grain of sense can waste time on such moonshine can be explained in only one way.

He is a moral coward. His ambition will not permit him to do anything that will endanger his re-election and his momentary glory, and his chances for the presidency.

He therefore looks about him to see how he can make the people adore him for the present and at the same time not alienate the fellows who furnish the campaign funds.

It is said that when a well known Socialist left the ranks of the alleged reformers and came into the Socialist movement, Lafollette said to him, "You are ahead of the times, I intend to stay behind and come along with the people."

Which was as much as to say that he knew Socialism was right, but that he had the itch for office and would therefore sacrifice his principles in order to stay at the pie counter. "Oh lame and impotent conclusions!"

What a glorious tide that man is missing!

If he could only put aside his moral cowardice and his personal ambition,

and come out squarely for Socialism, what a powerful influence he would have for good!

He would incur the maledictions of hundreds of influential and so-called respectable citizens.

He would convert thousands of really respectable—because useful—men and women to Socialism.

He would hasten a little the coming of the Co-operative Commonwealth.

He would satisfy himself much better than the presidency would satisfy him.

He would be able in future years to look back with pride upon his past.

And future generations would rise up and call him blessed. But if he continues to waste his time on trifles, his life will be spent in shallows. He will die disappointed and chagrined, like all selfish men die. And he will be known in history as a trimmer—a compromiser—a man who did not measure up to the need of the hour—a man who failed to take the tide at the flood.

### Plan An Efficient Government.

The city of Milwaukee, which is under the control of a Socialist administration, is engaged in a work which may bring results. There have been many different reports as to the accomplishments of the Socialists in Milwaukee, and at this distance it is difficult to learn the truth. Whoever may be responsible for the plans now being perfected for the better government of that city, they at least show some one is asking the right sort of interest in the welfare of the municipality. The city council of that city has created a Bureau of Economy and Efficiency, the idea being to place the city on the same foundation of efficiency and economy as that of a carefully managed private corporation.

According to one report the work of the bureau is systematically planned. The bureau first secured complete information as to the work undertaken and the general method and methods then were critically analyzed details of procedure. The work and betterments developed in detail and tested in actual operation. From this it is intended to build up and install a final efficiency plan. There are five divisions of the work: A legal survey of business procedure, an engineering survey and a survey of accounting practice. A digest of laws and ordinances is being made. Its results will be graphically depicted so that officers easily may learn the duties of each, the limitations, the prescribed methods of action.

Experts from the University of Wisconsin and elsewhere have been engaged on the efficiency and economy survey. It is aimed to install a unit cost system in the city so that one department can be compared with another, one month's with another, and one year with another on an entirely definite basis. That will make it possible to ascertain whether the city is progressing toward economy and efficiency or is retrograding.

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# Montana News Prospectus.

The Montana News will be issued hereafter by the UNION PRINTING and PUBLISHING COMPANY, from its offices at Helena, Montana.

The said company is incorporated under the laws of the State of Montana. Authorized Capital Stock \$10,000 Shares \$5.00 each

### Object of Corporation.

To print and publish at the City of Helena, Montana, a weekly newspaper to be devoted to the interest of the working class of the State of Montana and the Northwestern States, and for the purpose of transacting, carrying on and conducting a printing and publishing business in all its branches.

### Need of Local Paper.

The working class movement must have a powerful local press before it can hope to influence the government or the state as a party. Such a press can be a power in the Northwest as the expression of a working class remarkably aggressive and devoted to freedom and justice. Without a paper of protest against the horrors of a system of profit and plunder it would have been impossible to expose the Donohue Militia bill passed by the late legislature!

There is tendency to reaction in the state at present. Franchises are being given away lavishly to the exploiters of the working class—street cars, electric lines, electric lighting, and gas— with no provisions to allow the public to own these necessities in the future; whereas, ten and twenty years ago such franchises contained specifications for the transfer of such property to the commonwealth.

### Blows at Labor.

The last legislature in Montana appropriated \$10,000 for the purpose of bringing in labor to compete with the laborers already here. Montana employers are even advertising in Europe for men to work in the state, while we are already overladen with idle men.

### Little Revolutionary Reading.

There are only 9,000 subscribers to Socialist papers in Montana. We must have at least 50,000 persons reading Socialist papers before the spirit of protest can be aroused or the workers make their impress upon the state and municipal governments.

There are 80,000 voters in Montana, and a population of about 375,000. Cold figures tell the tale of work to be done.

### Purposes.

The News will fight the battles of the workingclass through all present evils and obstacles of exploitation.

It will point out the emancipation from exploitation in the abolition of the private ownership of the industrial machinery.

It will direct the workers to co-operate production.

It will expose the outrages of capitalism which we encounter at our door.

It will enter the arena and struggle with strong and self-interested opponents to construct better laws, institutions, and opportunities.

It will, at all times inform the populace of malicious laws passed and enforced by our law making bodies.

It will also be a center from which the Initiative and Referendum will circulate.

### Plans of Operation.

The News will henceforth be a Socialist party paper, but not a party-owned paper. It will be handled exclusively by the Union Printing and Publishing Company. This company will own its own machinery, equipment, linotype, motors, and presses, and is pleasantly and commodiously situated at 19 Park Avenue, Helena, Montana. It makes a specialty of union job work, bills constitutions, by-laws, headers, and whatever organized labor may require in the way of printing. We support you; you support us. Labor withdraws its support from its enemies and co-operates with its friends.

It will issue special editions dealing with the local issues in any town or community at the minimum cost, so that any such point may have all the advantages of a local paper, and scatter it by the thousands.

### Advertising.

The News will carry a special line of high class advertising, covering a widespread territory. It has applications from and companies, book firms, library associations and other enterprises of a general character to advertise on a large scale, and will give special attention to this valuable feature in the future. The News is an unusually able medium as a publicity organ because of its extended circulation, entering almost every state and territory in the United States, crossing the borders of Canada and Mexico, and going also to many foreign countries. It is read by the buyers, the chief consumers, the workers, who are 90 per cent of the population.

### Policy and Program.

The News will stand for the constructive program of Socialism. It will work for the industrial revolution through the conquest of political power by a new class, the workers. It will take an aggressive part in all political and municipal activities. It will encourage and serve in every way the organization of the workers both Politically and Industrially. It will be first to serve the unions in time of trouble and to reprove them for errors that obstruct their progress. It will be labor's staunchest friend when in trouble no matter what the cause. It will be the fearless advocate and labor leader of the Northwest, and the rallying center for the activities of the Socialist movement.

### Financial Support.

If you want to help in this grand world movement of labor you want to put some money into it and be a part of it. You want to take several shares of stock and get your union and neighbors to take some. You can pay \$5. down for each share of stock or you can pay \$1.00 a month for five months, or for as long as you please, and every \$5.00 you pay will give you an additional share of stock.

This method is a sure winner so far as a solid support for Socialist enterprises is concerned. It is what has made the success of the Kerr Publishing Company, The Social Democratic Herald, and the Chicago Daily Socialist. Everybody's business is nobody's business, but definite system will make a paper in the west as successful as those in the east.

The News is 50 cents a year, one cent each in bodies.

Further information can be had by writing G. A. Brown, Box 1132, Helena, Montana, and send all money for stock to the above address.

All subscriptions for the News and orders for printing should be addressed to Montana News, Helena, Montana.

### The American Movement has thus far

failed to engage any one of these factors for the benefit of Socialism. He stated that the International Congress at Copenhagen unanimously indorsed co-operation as part of the Socialist activities. He said that the Socialist activities in regard to the Co-operatives were inefficient because of lack of information on the subject.

The Society of Equity has organized Michigan and Iowa alone more than a large number of Co-operatives. In 700 are in operation. As a whole they seem better informed on the subject than the Socialist.

A motion was unanimously adopted by the Conference to request the National Executive Committee to issue a list of desirable from a Socialist leaflet stating which form of Co-oper-

### viewpoint.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Vlag, whose address is 112 E. 19th street, New York, will gladly disburse any information he has on the subject. He states in reply to queries, that he would prefer to have stamps enclosed to partly pay for literature and other expenses, with each request for information.

Hundreds of men idle and nothing to do! This is a result of a crazy senseless lack of system and an orderless way of planning the work of the world. When we have the collective ownership and work co-operatively there must be system and order and all who need it can be given work. Do you want a job, Mr. Workingman? Study Socialism.