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YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE FOR YOUR PRINCIPLES IN A REPUBLIC - YOU CAN VOTE FOR THEM!

The Socialist Revisionists.

L. Berger Shows the Unripeness that Underlies the Fight on Immediate Demands.
GERMANY is not the only country where the Socialist party has a faction that clamors for a revision of the Socialist platform. We have "revisionists" in America also. They all (or almost all) seem to live in Chicago, Ill.

Because he didn't want to end his days in the poorhouse, after a life of industry, Frederick Lentz took arsenic, and escaped the heartlessness of the capitalistic system. But his body will go to the potters' field and capitalism, wins, after all!

The Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones recently said that "dollars are but counters of past sweat." But the trouble is that the fellows who furnished the sweat do not do the counting!
There were 4,104 human beings on the poor list of the city of Milwaukee last year. Who says our capitalist system isn't a good thing for the people!

VICTORIES THAT COME FROM "DEFEAT."

In View of Capitalistic Lawlessness in Colorado and the Other Striking Evidences of Capitalist Solidarity. The Following Proclamation Which Comrade Debs Addressed to the American Railway Union in the Trying Days of 1895, will be Read With Profit by Present Day Readers.
Sirs and Brothers:—A cruel wrong against our great order, perpetrated by Wm. A. Woods, United States Circuit Judge, has been approved by the United States Supreme Court, and from under its shadow I address this communication to you; but though prison walls frown upon myself and others whom you chose as officials, I assure you that neither despondency nor despair has taken the place of the courage which has characterized our order since the storms of persecution first began to beat upon us.

WHICH CLASS OWNS CONGRESS, ANYWAY!

Our exposure last week of the objects of the national Corporation Auxiliary Company, with its spy system in the labor unions, created quite a sensation in the ranks of organized labor. The original of the letter is on file at this office and subject to inspection by anyone wishing to test its genuineness. We also have a circular which the company is secretly circulating, entitled, "The Unreasonable Demands of Organized Labor, and the Pernicious Activity of the Professional Labor Agitator."

The American Railway Union did decide. It espoused the cause of justice. It furrowed the land deeper with its ploughs of Truth and Courage that had fallen to the lot of any other labor organization since time began, and the seeds of emancipation which it sowed broadcast are germinating and a new era is destined to dawn upon labor.

New York, Dec. 17th, 1903.
Directly after the holidays it is expected that hearings on the National Eight-Hour Bill, so-called, will be had before the House Committee on Labor. This is now the amended McComas bill, reported favorably to the last session of the Senate. It is as unfair, as arbitrary, and as confusing and destructive as ever.

"Sons of brutish Force and Darkness" who have "drenched the earth with blood," chuckle over their victories. They point to the blacklisted heroes of the American Railway Union, idle and poor, and count upon their surrender. Their hope is that our order will disband; that persecution, poverty, and prison will do the work.

Stand by your order.
In this supreme juncture I call upon the members of the American Railway Union to stand by their order. In God's own good time we will make the despot's prison, where innocent men suffer, monumental. We will link them with the legends and lore of labor's struggles to be read by our children and our children's children when Bartholdi's goddess of liberty with her torch enlightening the world has succumbed to the ravages of time.

—of course al from the class-conscious Socialist standpoint. And especially are the Social Democrats everywhere noted for standing for honest finances and exact accounts. Nothing has ever been heard of "boodle" and "graft" in Social Democratic city councils, although in Europe also we continually hear that representatives of the capitalist parties have put the public money in their pockets.

And it is just this earnestness and practicability of the Social Democracy in Germany which inspire such fear and hatred against it on the part of the German government and the capitalistic parties.
Just so it is in America. The capitalist class is more than willing to let alone all mere babbles about revolution by fellows who have not a single gun and would not know how to use it if they had one, and who are ever ready to swear that by a "revolution" they do not mean a fight. But as soon as the working class shows a determination to change words into deeds and take a live part in politics in the interest of the proletariat, then the whole capitalist class yells murder!

If the days of 1904 do not bring joy to the hearts of the American Socialists, we greatly miss our guess. The campaign that our party will make this year will eclipse by far all the efforts of the past years combined and in many respects it will mark the beginning of a great wave of a Social Democracy that will entirely transform the character of American political life, and force other issues to the background. It is a mighty big thing to think of, this bringing of the cause of labor to the front in a country in which, politically, the people rule, and yet, misusing their power, have had to feel interested in political issues that concerned the ruling class only.

Victor L. Berger

the land of the autocrat, liberty is unknown. In that thrice damned country liberty and justice, free speech and free press and trial by jury are banished, and a trial of blood and tears from the palace of the despot to prison and to death, made by men and women whose only crime is a desire for freedom, tell their doom; and yet in Russia imprisonment, torture and death only increase the ranks of men and women who cry "Give me liberty or give me death!"
In Russia, the victim of autocratic displeasure is denied a trial by a jury of his peers. Wm. A. Woods carries out the Russian practice. In Russia the doomed man or woman is arraigned before the supreme despot or one of his numerous satraps. Truth, justice, mercy are forever exiled, hope disappears and only words of satanic cruelty are uttered. Age, sex, character, innocence, name and condition count for nothing. It is enough to know that the brave soul yearned for freedom, and the penalty of exile, imprisonment, torture or death is inflicted, and it has come to this at last in the United States of America, that the law of injunction is the will of a despot, and by the exercise of this Russian power, American Railway Union officials go to prison and the hope is that by the exercising of this power the American Railway Union will be crushed.

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An address "to the officers and members of organized labor" has been issued by the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners.

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"We know no surrender, and justice will arise from the staggering blows administered by a soulless executive, and the future will record the political revenge of an oppressed people, who are awakening from their lethargy to smite unbribe tyranny a blow that will end in its eternal death."

Shameless Judge Jackson!

Judge Jackson, notorious as the father of government by injunction, has delivered another of his extraordinary decisions.

Sitting on the bench of the United States circuit court, he freed two men indicted as murderers by the West Virginia courts.

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The economic interests of the capitalist class dominates our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned...

"HAND-OUT" SOCIALIST MAKERS.

- 1. "Parable of the Water Tank," by Edward Bellamy.
2. "Death Knell of Liberty" (on the new military law) by Herald Editor.
3. "Does Labor Conquer Everything?" by Eugene V. Debs.

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OFFICERS:

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Committee: F. E. Neuman, Chairman, 318 State St. ... A. J. Welch, Phil. Ebert, Aug. Dittmer, Louis Ayres.

ALWAYS DEMAND THE UNION LABEL!

Barber Shops Council.

Wednesday meeting, Jan. 7.—Delegate Neuman presided, Delegate Hein vice president.

For Committee on Sanitary Conditions Bros. Lemke, Heise, Zorn, Gauer and Diederich were nominated and elected by one ballot cast by secretary.

For Committee on Nominations Bros. Bletcher, Scott, Schwab, Koshmann and Griffin were nominated and elected by one ballot cast by secretary.

The verbal resignation of Bro. Chas. Nicolaus from the Executive Board was placed before the meeting and accepted.

Executive Board report. The books of the council were audited and found correct. The totals of receipts and disbursements for the quarter were as follows: Receipts \$1,739.52, disbursements \$910.72.

For the Committee on Legislation Law Bros. Berger, Brockhausen, Heise, Hendrickson and Kagi were nominated and elected by one ballot cast by the corresponding secretary.

For the Committee on Grievance and Arbitration the vote stood as follows: Sheehan 103, Kagi 76, Han- sen 75, Hunger 71, Hanley 67, Hach 20, Reese 38, Harbicht 43, Raasch 53, Hammer 37, Brockhausen 2, Arnold 1, blank 7—131 ballots cast.

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crowd. One trouble, Bro. Weber said, was that Gimbels' contractor, Luozmann, had a brother who was a city inspector.

The call for the Building Trades section was read and the recommendation to endorse occurred in subject to the meeting of Jan. 24.

Whereas, The attention of the Federated Trades Council has been called to the loose methods employed by the building department of the city in issuing permits for buildings, and remodeling and reconstruction, and

Whereas, Organized labor of the city of Milwaukee and vicinity, not desiring this city to be visited by any loss of life through the neglect of such department, be it

Resolved, That the attention of the proper authorities be called to same and that any defects that are in building contracts be changed so as to insure proper safety in the future.

The Organization committee reported in retrospect for the past six months. Treachery by persons unknown had blocked the work of uniting the local tailor bodies, and an effort would be made to get John B. Lennon here, Received.

The Committee on Legislation reported in full in the loan shark case, submitting a report from Attorney Walker. Report accepted.

Report of Label section. The Bakers will issue a list of union bakeries. The plan for a Woman's label league was making favorable progress.

A circular from the national headquarters of the Brewery Workers was read and discussed. The circular held that the action of the executive council of the A. F. of L.

Receipts for evening \$97.58. Disbursements \$167.13. Adjournment. Frederic Heath, Rec. Secy.

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Wisconsin State Federation of Labor Unfair List.

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Financial Report of the Secy.-Treasurer for the Quarter ending December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Table with columns for Union Name and Amount. Includes Amalgamated Wood Workers' Union No. 8, Amalgamated Wood Workers' Union No. 60, etc.

EXPENDITURES.

Table with columns for Description and Amount. Includes Printing 4570 circulars, Printing 500 large envelopes, etc.

VOTE ON STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN.

Large table showing vote counts for various candidates across different unions and locations. Columns include names like F. Bauer, E. J. Berner, etc., and rows for various unions like Glidden, Jefferson, etc.

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