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## SOCIALIST ADMINISTRATION IN MILWAUKEE.

The Socialist government of Milwaukee is attracting attention throughout the country. Socialists are eager to know what their comrades in Milwaukee are able to accomplish...

The latter have thus far been sadly disappointed. Eager as the capitalist press of the country is, and of necessity must be, to pronounce the Socialist government of Milwaukee a failure...

Through the letters of E. H. Thomas, state secretary of the Social-Democratic party of Wisconsin, readers of The Call have been regularly informed of the progress made by the Socialist administration of Milwaukee during the past six months...

Reference has already been made to this article in The Sunday Call, in which have also appeared some extracts from it. But we advise every Socialist to purchase a copy of the October Review of Reviews in order to read this article in its entirety...

England's article does not deal with impressions. It is designed to be, and is, nothing more than a bare, unadorned record of actual facts. But there is one impression that his article is bound to leave upon the mind of every intelligent reader.

The first of these achievements is the establishment of trade union conditions of work in all the city departments. The Socialist city government has established the union rate of wages for all its employees and the eight-hour working day.

But these union conditions apply not only to the common laborers. When Mayor Seidel announced that henceforth eight hours will constitute a day's work, every official immediately took the hint and began to do a full day's work for the city.

It has achieved economy in municipal affairs. Economy, honest and efficient government, is the one thing that all middle class reformers have been striving to obtain in city, state, and national government, and striving in vain.

Almost simultaneously with the publication of Comrade England's article in the Review of Reviews there has appeared another article, entitled "Social Democracy in the Saddle in Milwaukee," in the Boston Christian Register of the 13th inst.

When disinterested circles entertain opinions such as these of the Milwaukee Socialists, the latter may well look forward to success in the coming congressional elections.

## BARBAROUS AMERICA

By ROBERT HUNTER.

You will notice that everybody is very sorry that accidents must occur. The bosses, the Manufacturers' Association, the Steel Trust magnates are all awfully sorry.

Of course, the employer would properly care for the injured if they wouldn't lie about the matter and make the injury seem worse than it is.

Minnesota some time ago appointed a commission to study this question. A search was made of the records in one county and it was discovered that the people of the county paid out yearly in court costs, resulting from the trial of personal damage cases, a sum far exceeding the damages recovered by the plaintiffs in such cases.

The taxpayers of that county would have saved a lot of money if they had paid out of their pockets all the damages claimed by the injured. Even the damages awarded to the injured, they learned, are mostly paid to lawyers and others who help the injured to win their case.

Official reports show that employers pay certain insurance companies about \$20,000,000 a year to protect themselves against damage suits, and out of the twenty millions less than half goes to the injured and the remainder is used to support needy lawyers.

## THE SETTLEMENT OF 1902 AND AFTER

By JOHN MAHONEY, Hazelton, Pa.

"Another such victory and I am undone." This, or words to that effect, was the exclamation of King Pyrrhus when, after a triumphant battle with the Romans, he beheld with dismay the frightful losses and havoc wrought in his own army by the death and destruction of thousands of his bravest troops.

One of the most deplorable circumstances in the affairs of the mining industry today is the distressing fact that the mine workers are not organized, and it would seem from the appearance of things that it is almost impossible to organize them.

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Knowing something of the difficulties and discouragements confronting the organizers and officials of the mine workers' union and the utter degeneracy that has overtaken the rank and file, I asked an officer of the union the other day how he accounted for the fearful apathy and lack of interest on the part of the miners in joining the organization.

"You would hardly believe how utterly cowardly and fearful of the bosses a body of men could become." This cowardice and fear is one of the after-effects of the great Pyrrhic victory of 1902.

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It would indeed, and like his interference in the Russian-Japanese war, when the Russian aristocracy was on the verge of annihilation and the emancipation of the poor, persecuted, down-trodden Russian masses seemed to be an imminent realization and their freedom within sight, the evil genius once again appeared on the scene and, as with the miners of Pennsylvania, succeeded admirably in postponing the

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## Russian Political Police Secrets

By MOSES OPPENHEIMER.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Vienna Arbeiterzeitung gives interesting details about disclosures of Russian police secrets recently made and to be continued in the near future.

He seems to be a sort of psychological puzzle. His name is Leonid Meshnikov. During his many years of activity as a secret police official he used to make private notes of all matters of importance.

Sometime ago he transmitted all this mass of material to Paris, out of reach of the czar. From there he intends to launch his revelations.

In Germany the government paid out pensions to 150,000 injured employees in the year 1904. It also awarded pensions to some 600,000 employees who had been injured in previous years and who remained totally or partially incapacitated.

Leonid Meshnikov rose in the Czar's service to the high position of a councillor of state. Nobody knows for certain what caused him about a year and a half ago to quit the service and to place himself at the disposal of the social revolutionists.

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## The Boy Scouts

By JACK BRITT GEARTY.

The Boy Scouts are a menace to progress; they inspire the youth of the land with the spirit of servility; they inspire the boys with a false sense of patriotism.

The Boy Scouts drill with rifles as soldiers. The savage instinct in the boys is aroused. They are taught to obey the orders of their officers without questioning them.

Organize a city of Socialist boys and study and romp together. Have lots of fun, but bear in mind that you are going to be a worker, and that instead of being an obedient, contented worker when grown up, you should be lover of freedom and being to the great world party, which seeks to make this world a happy, healthy place for every man, woman and child.

Resign from the Boy Scouts if you belong to them. Get your schoolmates also to resign.

## THOUGHT PROVOKERS.

Gathered by Emanuel Julius.

More of Shaw's aphorisms: An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable.

Anyone under the age of thirty, who, having any knowledge of the existing social order, is not a revolutionist, is an inferior.

The worst sin toward our fellow-creatures is, not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that's the essence of inhumanity.

## NEW YORK SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, of New York. For Lieutenant-Governor—GUSTAV A. STREBEL, of Syracuse. For Secretary of State—BERTHA M. FRASER, of Brooklyn. For Attorney General—HENRY L. SLOBODIN, of New York.

## PENNSYLVANIA SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—John W. Slayton, of McKeesport. For Lieutenant Governor—Louis Cohen, of Meyersdale. For State Treasurer—Charles McKeever, of New Castle. For Secretary of Internal Affairs—Beaumont Sykes, of Philadelphia.

## NEW JERSEY SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—Wilson B. Killingbeck, of Orange.

## CONNECTICUT SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—Robert Hunter, of Noroton. For Lieutenant Governor—William Applegate, of New Haven. For Secretary of State—Ella Reeve Bloor, of Waterbury. For State Treasurer—James J. McIntyre, of Hartford. For State Controller—Emil Goris, of New Haven. For Congressman-at-Large—S. E. Beardley, of Shelton.

## MASSACHUSETTS SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—Daniel A. White, of Brockton. For Lieutenant Governor—Patrick Mahoney, of Boston. For Attorney General—Harold Metcalf, of New Bedford. For State Secretary—Harriet D'Orsay, of Lynn. For Auditor—Ambrose Miles, of Lynn. For Treasurer—Sylvester J. McBride, of Watertown.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—Asa Warren Drew, of Ashland.

## RHODE ISLAND SOCIALIST TICKET.

- For Governor—Edward W. Theinert, of Albion. For Lieutenant Governor—Samuel H. Fassell, of Johnston. For Secretary of State—Israel Percourt, of Riverside. For Attorney General—Frank Keenan, of Peacedale. For General Treasurer—Peter Marcus, of Providence.

## Potpourri

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FORETASTE OF AUTUMN. By W. R. Van Trench. Red and gold each spreading tree. All the flowers in gaudy dress, All birds filled with glee.

THE LAZIEST MAN. During the civil war a captain of a company which had sixty men in its ranks, none of whom were as energetic as the officer thought they should be, hit upon a plan which he believed would cure their habits of laziness.

REAL MODESTY. "An actor should be modest, and most actors are," said James K. Hackett, at a luncheon in Pittsburgh.

OH, THERE, JEALOUS. "The American eagle," said the orator, "knows no fear."

ONE LIFE AT A TIME. First Gossip—Well, good-by, dearie. Be you happy and virtuous.

THE PRIMROSE PATH TO RUIN. "Prosperity has ruined many a man," remarked the moraliser.

THE HIGHER LIFE. Aero-Ambulance Man—Wot sorter plane wosst that run yer down?

NEWS TO HEEL. He—Concerning love, everything possible has been said and thought.

HE MATCHED IT. After ten years he returned, footsore and weary. His wife met him at the door. "I thought you were dead," she told him.

SOLOMON. By Heinrich Heine. Dumb are the trumpets, cymbals, drums and shawms tonight.

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