









CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PRINT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WILL ATTACH SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS...

WHAT TRUE SOCIALISTS LOOK FORWARD TO.

To the Daily and Weekly People: I look forward to the time when there will be only one Socialist party in the field...

The division is deplorable but comrades, when the middle class is knocked out of existence, and the pure and simple converted, it will only be a short while before there will be but one phalanx going forth to contend with the forces of Capitalism.

Fraternally yours, Harold Burnett. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.

THE STORY WAS BROUGHT TO THIS OFFICE BY A FORMER INTIMATE ACQUAINTANCE OF FORKER.

To the Daily and Weekly People: A report got into The People that Max Forker, a former member of the S. L. P. had killed himself in Pittsburg. After investigating I find out that such is not the case.

E. R. Markley. Braddock, Pa., Jan. 30.

THE MOVEMENT IN MILWAUKEE.

To the Daily and Weekly People: There are at present a great many people out of work here, and, as a result of the overflow in the labor market arising therefrom, wages are being reduced all along the line.

Samuel Gompers was in this city the other day and while here addressed a meeting of his followers. What particular business, however, brought Gompers to Milwaukee, we really do not know.

The trade union situation is critical at the present time. From all sides they are hammering the old form of trades unionism. Berger's great friend, Debs, my disciple, says Berger, "this very man, who, through my own personal efforts has become a Socialist."

Repeatedly have our comrades told the members and friends of the Social Democratic party that their leaders were playing a game on them. That the bishop would not and could not join the forces of Socialism was clear to us.

Now the prediction of the S. L. P. comrades has been realized. Upon special invitation Bishop Mesmer has the priest, Father Russ, come to Milwaukee to create prejudice against Socialism.

Owing to the lack of space, the serial "What is Capital?" is crowded out this week. It will be resumed and continued in the next issue.

On the Chicago Manifesto

From Arthur A. Prussak, Member S. L. P., New York City, Jan. 23.

The editor of The People having thrown the floor open for discussion, I desire to make a few comments on the Manifesto of the new national and international Trades Union, which is to be launched in Chicago on June 27, and what should be, in the writer's opinion, our attitude thereon.

"Craft divisions," says the Manifesto, "foster political ignorance among the workers, thus dividing their class at the ballot box, as well as in the shop, mine and factory."

"It" (the craft system) "is blind," the Manifesto states, "to the possibility of establishing an industrial democracy wherein there shall be no wage slavery, but where the workers will own the tools which they operate, and the products of which they alone will enjoy."

"Craft divisions," the Manifesto continues, "hinder the growth of class consciousness of the workers, foster the idea of harmony of interests between employing employer and employed slave. They permit the association of the misleaders of the workers with the capitalists in the Civic Federation, where plans are made for the perpetuation of capitalism and the permanent enslavement of the workers through the wage system."

Before me is the Sunday People, with the Manifesto on the proposed new Trades Union. The first thing to be considered is, Shall representatives from the S. T. & L. A. be sent to this conference?

From W. W. Cox, Member S. L. P., Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 20.

All that can be done upon the part of the S. L. P. and the S. T. & L. A. to direct this conference aright, but in no case can we give up any part of the position taken by the two organizations since 1890.

The bulk of this Manifesto is but a repetition of what the S. L. P. and the S. T. & L. A. have been speaking for eight years, but like the S. P. platforms it kicks all the good over by contradictions. For instance: "Craft divisions foster political ignorance among the workers, thus dividing their class at the ballot box."

It has been said that prejudice exists against the S. T. & L. A., and if a new union is started with a new name that the workers would join it. All right; if this be the reason which keeps them away start the new organization with the new name, but hold to the old principles and tactics.

Watch the label on your paper. That will tell you when your subscription expires. First number indicates the month, second, the day, third the year.

LETTER-BOX OFF-HAND ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

[NO QUESTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED THAT COME IN ANONYMOUS LETTERS. ALL LETTERS MUST CARRY A BONA FIDE SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS.]

TO PARTY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS EVERYWHERE - Send platforms and constitutions of your respective Trades Unions. As complete a collection as possible is wanted at this office.

T. P. J., WICHITA, KANS.-The rumpus in your Kansas "Socialist" party does not belong under the head of "Volcanic Rumbblings".

It is possible to see some of the members of such an organization start clapping their wrists on the criminal's dock. But that does not entitle the event to a place in our columns.

S. S. R., LAWRENCE, MASS.-If you could spend a week in this office; see the vast amount of correspondence sent in for publication; and realize that this office is all along placed before the alternative of either cutting down the matter, or not publish it at all.

L. S. J., CHICAGO, ILL.-To reject Socialist economics is to admit a miracle. And you know that even people who admit miracles limit them to a time now passed. Even they do not admit modern miracles.

H. W., ONTARIO, CAN.-Ist. Mr. Tommy Morgan of Chicago was once a member of the S. L. P. The organization was too "narrow" for him.

2nd, The "Unity Convention" did not meet in Chicago, nor in 1900. It met in Indianapolis in 1901. The "unifiers" were the two warring factions of the now "S.P."-the Butcher, or Volkszeitung Corporation faction, and the Berger, or Chicago faction.

D. R., LONDON ONT.-The communication is safe in the hands of the N. E. C.

F. L., MANCHESTER, ENG.-Your quandary is easily explained. What is here known as "the Volkszeitung Corporation" element cares not a straw for the American Movement.

T. A. F., WATER TOWN, N. J.-The S. T. & L. A. never was a hobby. It was the result of calm deliberation upon carefully ascertained facts.

being as clarified as it should be. But the "Wellington Square" never broke; it pounded away. And now, all is coming its way.

W. W., DOVER, N. H.-Bah! Bah! Bah!!! The S. L. P. has an ORGANIZATION. It will get the signatures for its candidates to go on the official ballot in this State, easy as rolling off a log.

E. W. B., HENNING, MINN.-No need of further bothering on that line. Only keep the office posted should new matters arise.

A. C. F., NEW HAVEN, CT.-Ist, We speak for America, not France. A Godin's familistere in America would be opposed by the S. L. P., as emphatically as all other co-operative schemes within capitalism are opposed by the Party.

3rd, A point implied in your passage touching the "experience" of the Unions to manage the nation's plants of production will be covered in the near future by an article, now in preparation (at least mentally) on "A Mission of Trades Unionism".

SECTION LONDON, ONT.-Alas! send more than one circular, if for publication. Matter written or printed on both sides of the paper is inconvenient to handle by printers.

E. H., EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND -Ist, We do not know who Robert Michels, the author of the article "The Dangers of the German Socialist Party", that appeared in the "Movement Socialist" and was translated in the "Edinburgh Socialist", is.

L. S. J., CHICAGO, ILL.-To reject Socialist economics is to admit a miracle. And you know that even people who admit miracles limit them to a time now passed.

2nd, The German Unions are, most of them, officered by members of Social Democracy. That would appear from Michels' article. From which it also appears that these officers are no better than the rank and file.

3rd, By the light of Michels' article we should say that the German Social Democracy is now falling below its duty - a natural result of their having neglected to inform themselves properly on American conditions.

4th, Not unless the Russian disturbances assume the proportions of a revolution, with the consequences indicated in last week's article "An Ominous Cry", is there the remotest chance of the Russian workers' emancipation through what is now going on there.

H. F., CINCINNATI, O.-Is any "telos" necessary? Remember Laplace's answer to Napoleon.

E. B., COLUMBUS, O.-The S. L. P. has a German paper - the "Socialistische Arbeiter Zeitung" published in Cleveland, O. Your matter has been forwarded thither.

E. J. D., ST. LOUIS, MO.; J. C. M., FALKIRK, SCOTLAND; SECTION NEW BEDFORD, MASS.; S. L. P.; M. E. H., CHICAGO, ILL.; P. J. NEW YORK; J. B. N. Y.; H. K., RED ADENA, CAL.; Wm. S., FALL RIVER, MASS.; G. O., NEW YORK; F. F., HARTFORD, CT.; B. E., RID WING, MINN.; P. W., NEW YORK; A. O., NEW YORK; W. E. K., NEW ORLEANS, LA.; P. V., EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.; E. B., COLUMBUS, O.; F. W., BROOKLYN, N. Y.; E. F. S., ALBANY, N. Y.; F. L., ROANOKE, VA.; A. E., PORTLAND, ORE.; B. A., LOUISVILLE, KY.-Matter received.

SWEAT SHOPS OUTDONE

KANSAS CITY PACKING HOUSES PLACES OF INDESCRIBABLE FILTH.

They Remind S. L. P. Organizer Frank A. Bohn, of Milton's Description of Hell During Satan's Absence - Minds of Employees Open to Conviction - Socialism and Unionism Appeal to Them.

Kansas City, January 28 - One would imagine, after traveling through the interminable cornfields of Illinois and Missouri, with their innumerable flocks of well-fed crows, that the working class in western cities would fare better than in the East.

A large number of young women are employed in the packing houses. There they breathe in the awful stench and work in the indescribable filth, listening to and echoing the fouler language and curses. Womanhood - manhood, if saved at all in such lives, is buried deep down and must be grappled for.

The evening of our meeting at Armourdale, a Kansas suburb of Kansas City, was extremely cold, still quite a few were present. Their minds having been so lately opened up to conviction, the subject of "Socialism and Unionism" seemed to appeal to them.

The fellow whom I have mentioned as not interested in the subject under discussion arose and broke forth in a tirade against most everybody. The principle part of his noise took some such form as this - "We polled more votes than you. Why are you out talking when you have no business to?"

5th, The workers ARE used as voting cattle by capitalists. (To People readers, in view of the above first three questions, the announcement should here be made that the Michels article will speedily appear in these columns.)

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