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CRITICISMS OF CAPITALISM FROM THE PREMISES OF SOCIALISM.

The Deplorable Poverty of Rockefeller—Another Periodic "Puncture"—"The Peril of the Orientals"—Los Angeles "Times's" Physical Assassination Substitute—Russian Revolutionary Wisdom And America—Other Items of Interest.

Poor John D. Rockefeller. He is on the way to the poor-house. It is all a lie—those reports concerning his being worth \$1,000,000,000 and that his income exceeds \$100,000,000 a year. The poor fellow confesses to his being worth only \$300,000,000 and to an income of only \$20,000,000 a year. While the "lie" about Rockefeller may thus be nailed, the nails wander from the right ears. The question is, how did John come to that \$300,000,000 pittance?

The "Times" is satisfied that Mallock has "punctured the windbag of Socialism." Socialism shares the fate of the Socialist Labor Party. Its foes periodically declare it killed, or punctured beyond repair, only repeatedly to have to repeat the declaration, as a new occurrence, with a credulous simplicity that is just charming.

With the passage of the Immigration bill the Japanese Question has assumed a more serious aspect. The trick did not escape Japan, and she has said so. The pious advisers of the President, of whom he is himself the chief fustler, may now have an opportunity to dilate upon the "peril of the Orientals." Is there any perils greater than not to allow oneself to be humbugged?

The Los Angeles, Cal., "Daily Knack" declares in indignant notes that "the undisputed domination of Goldfield and other mining towns by the Western Federation of Thieves and Assassins is shameful to the State of Nevada." Which translated in the vernacular means that the Mine Owners' Association hires of Pinkertons to commit crimes and then palm them off on the Western Federation of Miners as not meeting with success and have found it necessary to subsidize the "Daily Times" to help them to assassinate the characters of the men whom they are failing to assassinate bodily.

A glossary should accompany every public statement made nowadays by public men. For instance, Gov. Hughes declares "the guilty must be brought to justice" in the matter of the late New York Central wreck. "The guilty" should be accompanied with this glossary: "That is to say, not the directors, who, through a system of cheese-paring, looking to higher dividends, fail to employ the necessary number of men, and work those whom they employ inhumanly long hours, but the employees who are so guilty as not to be superhuman."

To the Russian peasant revolutionist Aladin, now in the United States, the motto is attributed "Whose the sweat his the land." One locomotive engineer after another, one towerman, one flagman after another throughout the length and breadth of the land is being punished for some railroad accident. Granted it was humanly possible for them to have prevented the accidents, one thing is certain that the stockholders at home could have no hand in the matter, one may or another. Aladin's motto applies here: "Whose the responsibility, his the property."

The February Edinburgh "Socialist" organ of the British Socialist Labor Party has this flashlight paragraph: "Will Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman join the 'labouring' party?"

"C. E., speaking at Inverness January 1906, said: 'The labour members of whom Parliament has had experience are among the best members we have. I welcome this large increase of labour representatives.'"

"J. Keir Hardie, writing in Labour Leader, January 4th, 1907: 'I must say that Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman has earned and fully deserves all the praise that is being heaped upon him. He seems to be mellowing with age, and

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PATERSON I. W. W.

HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MOYER-HAYWOOD PROTEST DEMONSTRATION.

More Funds Raised for Skowhegan Strikers—Membership Continues To Increase—Course of Lectures Devised—Organization To Be Pushed In Other New Jersey Points.

Paterson, N. J., February 22.—A meeting of the delegated body of Silkworkers and Local Unions affiliated, was held last night at Helvetia Hall.

All branches and locals were represented. The committee on the Moyer-Haywood protest meeting reported, that the mass meeting held on Sunday, February 17, was a splendid demonstration of the solidarity of the working class in this city. The speakers were Frank Bohn, Redmondo Fazio, A. Chaiken and R. Katz. Chas. Trainer of Local 63, I. W. W., was chairman, Wm. Glanz secretary. Ringing resolutions were adopted by a standing vote of the audience.

A collection on the floor brought \$27.82. The Second Ward Socialist Club donated \$10.00 to the Moyer-Haywood defense fund; the employes of the Union Ribbon Co. \$8.00; Branch 30, Workingmen's Circle, \$2.00. Other organizations also voted monies for this purpose, but the same has not yet been delivered to the secretary. The report of the Moyer-Haywood Committee was received.

Branch I. (Ribbon Weavers) reported having admitted 18 new members at last meeting. The branch suggests to the central body that the organizer should visit delinquent members, collect their dues, and impress upon them the necessity of organization; give out leaflets dealing with the question of Industrial Unionism; and, in this way arouse more interest among those who lag behind. Fifteen dollars were donated to the Skowhegan strikers. The suggestion was approved.

Branch II. (Broadloom Weavers) recommends that all the branches of Silkworkers' Industrial Union 152, should charge a uniform initiation fee. This was laid over to the next meeting.

Branch III. (Italian) admitted three new members; recommends that at mass meetings where speakers of various nationalities are invited, the language branches should have a voice in selecting same. Recommendation was concurred in, with the understanding that such speakers must conform to the spirit of the preamble of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Branch IV. (Dyers' Helpers and Finishers) admitted 17 new members; desires to have a representative from the central body at all its meetings to explain the principles of the I. W. W.

Branch V. (Jewish) admitted six new members; will hold a mass meeting for Jewish silk workers.

Local 63 (Blacksmiths' Helpers) voted \$25.00 to Skowhegan strikers; efforts are being made to organize the Locomotive Engine Builders employed by the American Locomotive Company. Recruiting Local reports two new members.

A number of communications were read by the Corresponding Secretary and by the Organizer, from General Secretary Wm. E. Trautmann; from Newark, Plainfield, Elizabeth and Bayonne, relative to work of organization. The Organizer was instructed to visit these towns and attend to the work to be done, but that his expenses on such occasions should be borne by the organizations in the respective localities, or by general headquarters.

A good deal of other routine matter was disposed of. The most important were: A motion that lectures on Industrial Unionism be held in all parts of the city, the workers in general to be invited to such lectures, so that the principles of the Industrial Workers of the World be better understood by those in the organization, and also reach workers of other trades and industry, and thus make the educational feature of the union a living principle. It was also decided to issue subscription lists through the shops and mills in support of the Skowhegan strikers. The meeting adjourned at midnight.

DE LEON IN ST. LOUIS.

Daniel De Leon will lecture on the "Labor Question" at two mass meetings held by the Socialist Labor Party, one on Wednesday, March 6th, at 8 p. m., at Military Hall, 12th and North Market streets; the other on Thursday, March 7th, at 8 p. m., at Dewey Hall, 2301 South Broadway.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

On the second and third pages of this issue will be found the photographic reproductions of certain documents that all should read carefully, scan carefully, consider carefully, and, putting two and two together, consider some more.

The revelation concerning Sherman's recommendation to his "special police" to give Trautmann "a damned good licking" is not without its significance, under all circumstances. The plea, upon which Sherman secured special police service, was that he feared a personal assault in his office, it was not to enable him to commit a breach of the peace upon a peaceful man, and to commit it through the arm of an officer. That revelation merely depicts Sherman as a cowardly criminal, too cowardly to satisfy his own personal animosities himself, and himself take the consequences. None who watched Sherman at the convention, or since, in so far as his acts have come to light, would wonder at that—if that were all.

The further revelation that Sherman egged on his special police to commit murder, and that the victim marked was St. John constitutes a second link in a chain of evidence that thereby begins to point in certain directions, not previously surmised. St. John, it was known, would go to the old headquarters. The suggestion that, whatever the special police might do, would be done "in the use of his special prerogative" and "in self-defense," was in itself, quite pointed. It meant "shoot to kill." The point of the suggestion was sharpened by the articles that Sherman had inspired in advance to the Chicago "Record-Herald" and the pure and simple political Chicago "Socialist" to the effect that he expected an assault to be committed upon his headquarters by certain reputed "gunmen" of

the West. Is it altogether unlikely, that the point was furthermore sharpened by the circumstance that, abreast of Haywood, Pettibone and Moyer, St. John is feared by the Mine Owners' Association; was arrested at the same time as those other three men; was also accused of murder; but that part of the conspiracy quickly fell through and St. John had just been set free? Has this sequence of events, directly preceding Sherman's suggestion to his police lieutenant that he "shoot to kill," and that the act would be "in self-defense" and in the "use of his special prerogative"—have the two things nothing in common? Are they mere coincidences?

Furthermore, is the theory of "mere coincidence," or the theory of "link in a continuous chain," at all illuminated by the further revelation that Sherman's special policeman was a Pinkerton of old standing; that he was a veteran in the service of the Capitalist Class at strike breaking; that he was known, well known, personally known in Chicago for his record as a brutal agent of Capitalist brutality; finally, that between such intimate relations that Sherman gladly gave him a certificate of character and treated him as "George"?—Which of the two theories do these revelations illumine? Do they illumine the theory of "mere coincidence," or do they illumine the theory of "links in a continuous chain," a chain previously suggested by Fientje's allegations?

What all does all this mean? As to Sherman himself, he is a corpse washed down the stream of the Movement. Deposed, convicted, utterly discredited, without support from any tangible portion of the Working Class, the revelations on the second and third pages of this issue are merely cumulative as to him; in so far, they are superfluous.

A man can not be dead than dead. The documents are also, at best, only of incidental importance towards estimating the Mahoneys and McMullens, Sherman's understrappers, and the rest of his "Kitchen Cabinet." Sufficient facts have sufficiently exposed the whole bunch.

What, then, does all this mean? Does all this mean that the I. W. W. is dreaded of the Capitalist Class, and that the Capitalist Class will leave untried no act of chicanery, however base or criminal, to stamp out the danger it is threatened with—it and its buffers, the Mitchell-Gompers combination of Civic Federation decoy ducks? In that respect also the documents are merely cumulative, and hence superfluous.

What, then, does all this mean? What all this means to the Working Class is something without which all sense of class solidarity will be useless; all organization, however structurally perfect, worthless. To the Working Class the documents on pages two and three are a warning, loud, incisive and persuasive, that the times that are upon them lay upon their mental powers a strain which they must prove equal to or the rising tide of emancipation will roll back again, leaving the lifeless bodies of their most devoted apostles strewn the dry sands of the beach of Time.

To the Working Class the documents warn to keep their heads cool, their eyes peeled. To guard against hasty suspicion; but to be relentless when facts confirm suspicion. The documents warn the Working Class to demand the fullest publicity of their acts and of the acts of their officers. The documents caution against criticism that is untimely; they urge a careful gathering of facts, thorough digestion thereof, and independent—not angry—thought, and, that arrived at, determined, collected action.

he replied that if the I. W. W. was represented by the Cox, De Leon, Veal, Trautmann crazy faction, he would have nothing to do with it. He then read a lengthy letter from C. O. Sherman, in which among other things, C. O. Sherman stated that the Cox, De Leon, Veal, Trautmann crazy faction got in at the last convention, but at the second convention they got rid of them. He spoke of expelling Trautmann, of the injunction, etc., and that the court had dissolved the injunction and he, Sherman, was the President of the I. W. W., doing business at the old stand, 148 W. Madison street, stating that he would not pursue the tactics that the crazy faction were, i. e., grant charters to the coal miners belonging to the U. M. W. of A., but that it seemed that some plan ought to be made upon which the U. M. W. of A. and the W. F. of M. could come together into the mining department of the I. W. W.

Walker stated that he was helping to arrange a meeting for Sherman in Danville. What do you think of this alignment? Put it together, first the Western Federation of Miners' convention refuses to accept locals from the United Mine Workers of America, in its convention May and June, 1906. Second, the star chamber meeting of the Executive Board of the U. M. W. of A. of Illinois, in the Keiserhoff Hotel, during the I. W. W. convention, inviting the delegates from the W. F. of M. Two of those delegates, however, Ryan and St. John, left that meeting disgusted; third, J. M. O'Neill here on the grounds and the confession to the writer that a plan was on foot to amalgamate the two organizations; and fourth, Sherman's letter to Walker.

Springfield, Ill., February 20.—The time of the United Mine Workers of America convention, this forenoon, was taken up in protesting against the vote of locals being thrown out, because more votes were cast than per capita tax had been paid on the month prior to the election. It was finally settled by a motion to count these votes, and then so change the constitution as to fit the occasion in the future. The unwise delegates applauded this motion.

Here follows the constitutional clauses and parts of the iron-clad agreement with the operators that got them tangled up and put them in the air. From Article XI, Section 4 of constitution: "The annual election for state and sub-district officers shall be held on the first Tuesday in February each year, on which day there shall be no work. The polls shall open at eight o'clock in the morning and shall not be open longer than eight hours.

"Section 3.—Any member or members of the organization failing to attend the election after being notified that an election of officers is to take place, unless prevented by sickness or some unavoidable circumstances, shall pay a fine of one dollar (\$1)."

From the agreement: "Any member or members of the U. M. W. of A. guilty of throwing a mine idle or materially reducing the output by failure to continue at work in accordance with the provisions of this agreement shall be fined ten dollars (\$10)."

The clincher from the agreement is as follows: "This contract is in no case to be set aside because of any rules of the U. M. W. of A. now in force or which may hereafter be adopted; nor is this contract to be set aside by reason of any provision in their national, state or local constitutions.

Then again in Article XIV, Section 2 of constitution: "Where any part of this constitution shall in any way conflict with either the interstate or state agreements, the agreements shall have precedence in all cases." They voted this morning to change this conflicting constitution, but what's the use, they may as well burn it. The iron-clad agreement is the constitution. Who will say this is not a coal operators' organization?

John M. O'Neill attended the smoker last night given by the Federation of Labor and Business Mens' Association in "honor" of the delegates to the convention of the coal operators' organization. Yet he is out in the interests of men who, by reason of their refusal to be entertained by the capitalist class in this manner, are in prison to-day. Is O'Neill a loyal member of the Western Federation of Miners, and a fit man for editor of their magazine? Will he graduate into the Civic Federation?

Springfield, Ill., February 21.—John M. O'Neill spoke last night to a good sized audience in Arion Hall, where the United Mine Workers of America convention is being held. His talk was received with cheers. No criticism can be made upon what he said; he handled the subject of the outrage against the imprisoned officials of the Western Federation of Miners in a manner that appealed to the convention and the miners of Illinois for financial assistance; and it is a foregone conclusion that the convention will at least duplicate what it did last year; but not one word was said about the support given by the United

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DE LEON TOUR

AROUSES PURE AND SIMPLE FEAR IN ST. LOUIS.

Plan to Keep Trades Unionists Away—Gompers' May Also Deliver Counter Lectures—The Injection of Socialism Into the Local Labor Movement Not Desired.

St. Louis, Mo., February 22.—The Post-Dispatch publishes an article which should prove an inspiration to every intelligent workman in this city, and in every city where Daniel De Leon, the Editor of The Daily and Weekly People, is to lecture. It is as follows:

SOCIALIST FOE OF GOMPERS COMING

"Daniel De Leon, New York Agitator—Editor, to Deliver Addresses Here.

"Unions Ready for Him

"Federation Leader May Forestall Eastern's Attacks by Prior St. Louis Visit.

"Daniel De Leon, the New York Socialist, implacable foe of the American Federation of Labor as an organization and of Samuel Gompers, its president, in particular, is slated to deliver two addresses to the working people of St. Louis during the month of March.

"The officials of the 'pure and simple' trade union movement are passing the word around that it will be proper for them to make themselves conspicuous at the meetings by their absence.

"This work is being done quietly, but it is said effectively, and the old line, union men predict that De Leon will have few to talk to except avowed Socialists, and they add that it will be impossible for him to do them any particular harm.

"The meetings have been arranged by the Socialist Labor Party of St. Louis. The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March 6, in Military Hall, Twelfth and North Market streets, and the second on Thursday evening, March 7, in Dewey Hall, 2301 South Broadway. De Leon's subject is to be, 'The Labor Question,' and as a special inducement to St. Louisians to turn out and hear him, admission will be free. In explanation of the free admission, a member of the party told a Post-Dispatch reporter that this was to be "a campaign of education," and that De Leon was to be brought to St. Louis because he is one of those members of the party who do not mince words or attempt to carry water on both shoulders.

"In New York De Leon edits a daily and weekly paper called The People, and its columns at all times bristle with stinging arraignment of the American

Federation of Labor and its chief official. He also pays his daily respects to that wing of the Socialist movement—and it is a formidable one—that is opposed to his methods, on the ground that they retard the Socialists' movement.

"Opponents Plan Cold Reception.

"There are adherents of both factions in St. Louis and the anti-De Leon men say that the atmosphere surrounding his reception will be at the freezing point.

"The attempt to inject Socialism into the Central Trades and Labor Union and the Building Trades Council of St. Louis has caused many heated debates and the officers say they do not propose that De Leon shall come into the city and accomplish that which his St. Louis followers have failed to do. They expect that the New Yorker will use most of the time he is on the platform in denouncing the trade union movement, but they say that his applause will come only from those who already hold his opinions.

"Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is now in Indianapolis, and it may be that he will come to St. Louis in advance of De Leon, in which event the local trade unionists will endeavor to have him deliver one or more lectures on the same subject as that chosen by the Socialist advocate.

These tactics will only serve to put more energy into all intelligent workmen. They will go after the trade unionists, and take care that the pure and simple boycott is rendered ineffectual, by advertising the meeting, and making the intent of the boycott evident.

MICHIGAN S. L. P.

Nominates State Ticket—Cheering News From Various Sections.

Detroit, Mich., February 22.—The Socialist Labor Party of Michigan held a mass convention, Saturday, February 16, to nominate candidates for April election. H. Richter was chairman; Geo. Hasseler, secretary. The national platform was reaffirmed; and the following ticket nominated:

- JUDGES OF SUPREME COURT: Geo. Hasseler, Detroit; Wm. Ed. Clermont, Traverse City; REGENTS OF UNIVERSITY: Archie McGinnis, Lansing; John A. Singram, Saginaw

The State Committee was instructed to fill vacancies and take necessary steps to file ticket.

The secretary, in a short address, reviewed the situation throughout the State. All reports indicate a turning of the tide towards the Socialist Labor Party. The uniting of all real Socialists is developing rapidly; and many of the sections of the State show an awakening to a consciousness of their interests as wage workers. With cheers, the convention adjourned.

JOHN M. O'NEIL

WORKING IN ILLINOIS TO GET W. F. OF M. IN MITCHELL'S UNION.

J. H. Walker, Acting State President of The United Mine Workers, Read Letters From Sherman Having Same Object In View.

Springfield, Ill., February 19.—The 15th annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America of the State of Illinois opened here this morning, 10.30, in Arion Hall. Typical of pure and simpledom, J. H. Walker, the chairman, acting state president, and the man who made the motion to expel Robert Randell, opened the convention. H. J. Ryan, state secretary-treasurer, read the convention call. Walker then announced the various committees, and called upon the credentials committee for a report, which was given. Next followed the teller's announcement of the results of the recent election of officers of both state and sub-districts.

The results of the election is not satisfactory to many. J. M. O'Neill is on the ground, hobnobbing with the officials. One of the board members told me that a move was on foot to amalgamate the United Mine Workers of America with the Western Federation of Miners; that O'Neill saw things different now.

This is the board member that told the writer in Chicago during the late I. W. W. convention, when the writer was refused admission to that state board meeting in the Keiserhoff Hotel, attended by the Western Federation of Miners' delegates, that he would have nothing to do with the Industrial Workers of the World as long as those De Leonites had control of it.

O'Neill is to speak in Arion Hall tomorrow night. The Industrial Workers of the World will hold a protest meeting in the same hall Sunday evening the 24th. W. E. Trautmann, General Secretary of the I. W. W., will be with us.

Reports of officers took up afternoon session. J. H. Walker, president, occupied one hour in reading his report which was typical of the brotherhood of Capital and Labor. The I. W. W. is bothering them. Walker made mention of I. W. W. organizers working among the coal miners and that they had organized some locals. He specifically recommended that steps be taken to expell all who joined the I. W. W., stating that a man could not be true to the U. M. W. of A. and be a member of the I. W. W.

He paused in his report and told of receiving a letter from C. O. Sherman, asking him about holding a meeting with the Central Trades and Labor Assembly of Danville. He stated that

WORKERS: Will You Stand for More Bloodshed?

(ISSUED BY THE INDUSTRIAL WORKERS OF THE WORLD)

On October 3rd, 1906, the convention of the Industrial Workers of the World, after stormy encounters between the elements who discarded the idea of compromise with graft and corruption and those who did not, concluded its successful labors. The office of General President was abolished, and a new Executive Board elected.

On October 4th, 1906, members of that executive board proceeded to headquarters of the organization, then located at 148 W. Madison Street, among them being Vincent St. John, one of the men of the Western Federation of Miners, who had been marked by the Mine Owners Association of the West for his loyalty to the working class in all actions of his life. They found the office barricaded by rough-looking characters, and upon proceeding to enter the office in performance of their duties they were brutally attacked. Although over 50 delegates were around, able to force the entrance, yet all surmised that a trap had been prepared by the detectives and those who had engaged them, so to precipitate a riot. The men attacked spoiled the chances of the conspirators by withdrawing immediately from the premises and allaying the rage of those who had witnessed the outrage. The assumption that those men who had engaged the detectives had hoped to see a riot stirred up was substantiated by the Captain of Police in Desplains Station, Chicago, who said to Heslewood, one of the parties assailed, and W. E. Trautmann, that he had received information from 148 W. Madison Street on October 3rd that a riot and shooting would take place in the morning of October 4th and that he should have a patrol wagon ready then. As a matter of fact that police patrol wagon ordered by Chas. O. Sherman, was standing at 148 W. Madison Street, at the time when Vincent St. John and others entered the building, unaware of the trap laid for them by the hirelings of the capitalist class.

The parties who had engaged the Special Detectives calculated that Vincent St. John, Fred Heslewood, Albert Ryan, and others, entering the premises would offer resistance and then the detectives, sworn in as special guards, would have had the pretext of shooting and creating bloodshed in self-defense, and kill, if necessary, those who had been marked. In fact, these were the instructions and a certain Frank McCabe was to give the orders—and he did so—whom to assail.

So absolutely sure of the successful carriage of their plot were these criminals, better defined in the following lines, that articles in certain newspapers were prepared for publication, and also published, giving a horrifying description of occurrences as these rascals thought would surely take place, and the reference to reputed "gunmen" of the West made in the Chicago Socialist, The American and Record-Herald and other papers furnishes food for a correct imagination what the nefarious plans were.

One will see the diabolic plot more clearly when taking into consideration the fact that the Mine Owners' Association of the West would gladly pay rewards to whoever would help to rid them

of those whom they had persecuted for years, brought into the courts under all kinds of charges, and failed at every instance to get a conviction.

Banking on the support mentioned the parties who engaged the detectives knew that money in abundance would have been at their disposal, as it really was, to secure an acquittal by law of any one who by sheer "accident" acting in "self defense" would have blown out the brains of the "noted Gunmen" of the West, notably Vincent St. John.

Additional light is thrown on the whole affair, beneficial though it will be for the working class movement of America, when the fact is considered that the Mine Owners' Association of the West, despite all efforts and the expense of money were unable to prove one crime against those whom they have for many years denounced as murderers and whom they tried to get out of their way because they were the most active in organizing the workers of the West on correct lines of Industrial Unionism.

Enormous sums did they expend, all in vain.

Vincent St. John was one of the men, who was also arrested in Idaho, on the same charges as Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were kidnapped for, but the network woven by Detective McFarland was not strong enough to strangle him by means of "law." He was deported to Telluride, Colo., and held for trial under the charge of murder. And just one week prior to the occurrences the Mine Owners again saw their hopes shattered as St. John was acquitted again.

The desire of the Mine Owners to get rid of those whom they had marked for slaughter, but had failed in the past, and the preparation for an anticipated riot and subsequent bloodshed, looked for by the master class on October 4th, 1906, furnishes the connecting link and the proof is established by documents herein published.

When a certain C. E. Mahoney, who was a partner of those who engaged the detectives parted for Denver he reminded the detectives that a reward was in store for them if they would hold the fort and carry out their instructions,—another connecting link.

Under the light of these explanations should this leaflet be analyzed. The capitalist class and their hirelings were ready for another bloodshed and they expected a slaughter of men who had proven true to their class. But those marked were trained in the school of Industrial Unionism, they realized that it is not the time to fight when the masters in their encroachments are well prepared, and they would therefore not give, as so often it was done before, the pretext and the shield to justify the bloodshed in the eyes of those who still today are blind and misled.

The workers will organize right in the Industrial Workers of the World, and will be able to see the truth, the light, and distinguish their enemies from those who, although their names are not printed in glaring colors, are preparing the forces for the emancipation of the working class.

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AS TO POLITICS

I. By G. F. Spettel, St. Paul, Minn. In your answer to Arturo Giovannitti you say "Accordingly, the civilized revolutionary organization proclaims the Right, demands it, argues for it, and willingly submits to the civilized method of polling the votes. And it organizes itself with the requisite physical force in case its defeated adversary should resort to the barbarous way of enforcing his will."

Now my question is: How is the organization to know when its adversary is defeated? Is there any probability that the political machine that counts the votes will become good or terror-stricken, and honestly count the votes, and thereby proclaiming the defeat of the idle class by the working class?

Yours for success, Geo. F. Spettel.

[A political movement knows from a thousand and one sources whether its numerical forces are strong or weak. In this city, for instance, Hearst was elected Mayor two years ago. Everybody knows that. The reason he is not in the City Hall to-day is that he was not equipped with the physical force to enforce his victory. The counting out of Hearst deceived nobody. The above answer is on the supposition that the political movement of Labor would triumph, and the Capitalist Class then attempt the trick played on Hearst. The chances are against such a contingency. The chances are as stated several weeks ago in the answer to Hoffman. Some capitalist outrage on the economic field will precipitate war. In that case the issue will depend upon the degree of integrally industrial organization that the proletariat may find itself in. If they should find themselves in so weak a degree of integrally industrial organization as they now are in, or in a stronger one, yet not possessed of the

minimum of strength needed for resistance, cohesion and attraction, then the armed force of the capitalist class will mop the earth with them. Then there will be born an "Underground America," as there has long been an "Underground Russia." The handful of revolutionists will be forced into surreptitious propaganda, and the Revolution will have to raise itself above ground by its own bootstraps.

If, however, the proletariat should, at such a time, find themselves organized to such a degree of integral industrialism (and the more strongly the better) that sufficient resistance could be offered to the capitalist, and sufficient attraction could be exercised upon the rest and not yet organized workers,—then the proletariat would mop the earth with the capitalist class. It would be able to do so because its industrial form of organization would not only furnish it the required physical force, but would also enable it forthwith to conduct production. But—

But that possibility, or eventuality, is out of all question if the industrial organization were to start upon the theory that there is ACTUAL WAR NOW. If it did, it would be throttled in short order. Only by recognizing the civilized method of peaceful trial of strength, implied in political action, will the proletariat be able to recruit the physical force (industrially organized workers) with the aid of which, under the first supposition, it will be in position to enforce its political triumph; or with the aid of which it may be able, under the second supposition, to meet successfully capitalist brutality.

Thus, in either case, political action is as necessary as industrial organization is indispensable.—ED. THE PEOPLE.]

II. By O. Eherich, Oakland, Cal. (January 31, 1907.)

Since the controversy as to politics has tapered down to this point, I feel

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
CITY OF CHICAGO.
APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE.
Chicago, *Oct 20 1906*
I hereby appoint *George W. Wahl* Address *287 Paulding St*
Special Police upon the recommendation of *Chas. O. Sherman*
to serve as such special police officer as premises known as *Empire News*
Redg. 148 W. Madison St.

The Revised Code of Chgo. relating to above appointment, states as follows: Page 312, Section 1491.

SPECIAL POLICE FOR SPECIAL DUTY

"The Chief of Police shall have power, on the application of any person or persons showing the necessity therefor, to appoint and remove as many additional special police as he may deem necessary at any time and place within the city, at the charge and expense of the person or persons by whom the application is made, and shall keep a correct list of all persons so appointed. He shall issue a special certificate of appointment to each of said special police and shall upon receiving a deposit sufficient to cover the cost thereof, provide them with suitable badge which shall be worn by them while on duty, and be returned to said Chief of Police upon the termination of their appointment."

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Labor may not "adopt" the methods of the Capitalist Class in the class war. The Labor Movement must, on the contrary, place itself upon the highest plane civilization has reached. It must insist upon the enforcement of civilized methods, and it must do so in the way that civilized man does. Civilized man acts equipped with experience. Experience teaches that Right is a toy unless backed by Might; experience teaches also that the Capitalist Class is a brigand class bearing the mask of civilization, and that it is helped in the cheat by the undoubted circumstance that it has been a promoter of civilization. Equipped with this experience and knowledge, the civilized man will take up political action as the only means that, theoretically, promises a peaceful trial of strength; and he will simultaneously organize the integrally industrial Union as the only available and the all-sufficient Might to enforce the Right that his ballot proclaims.

As to the question, whether or not the capitalist does not now "conspire" and act in secret, and whether the worker should not adopt that method also—that question, partly answered above, deserves special treatment. NO; SECRECY IS THE BANE OF THE UNION GENERALLY; IT WOULD BE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION! The Mahoneys and Shermans wanted secrecy. The widest publicity is essential to safety. Secrecy leaves the majorities in the Unions in ignorance of what happens at Union meetings; secrecy promotes the trade of the police spy, the "agents provocateurs," those raw-boned "anti-political revolutionists," like McParland, in the pay of the capitalist politicians. Left in ignorance of what happens in the Union, the majority of the membership is ever dependent upon private information; the informant may be honorable, he may also be dishonorable; the revolution must not be exposed to trip upon misinformation. On the other hand, the "agent provocateur" will find his occupation gone if publicity is enforced: the blood and thunder ranting, knowing HIS words would be published as coming from HIM will love his neck too well to indulge in crime-promoting declamation. Secrecy is DEATH; publicity, LIFE. Has the Movement any choice? Certainly it has.—ED THE PEOPLE.]

III.
By Julius Kiefe.
(February 7, 1907.)

The S. L. P. members of the I. W. W. always claimed, that political (parliamentary) action is an absolute fluke; except, if it is backed up by economic organization on the lines of the Industrial Workers of the World. They also tell us in word and print, that people, believing in the economic organization to be the sole factor, by using the general strike tactics are just as wrong in their theory as the Socialists from the Socialist Party, who are of the opinion that the ballot will bring them economic and political liberty. Another argument we hear at present quite often and that is: How could we (non-parliamentary Socialists) organize the workers on general strike tactics without being jailed or hung at present? Indeed very easy to answer. We tell the working class that the I. W. W. (and that is the reason we belong to it) is a revolutionary economic organization, whose ultimate object will be, that the workers, who are robbed under the capitalist system of exploitation in the production of wealth by not owning the necessary tools to produce commodities for themselves. For this reason the I. W. W. was organized and not like pure and simple unions a la A. F. of L. to get for the workers increase in wages and possibly a shortening of hours.—If the capitalist class fears this proposition so much, that it would not tolerate such an organization, because it trains their members for the Social Revolution, how is it, that it allows a political party such as the S. L. P. or even S. P. to make propaganda for Socialism. In my opinion this looks very funny indeed, or is it perhaps that the capitalist attorneys and the leaders of the different parliamentary Socialist parties have some kind of an agreement to blind the workers if you please, when the day of the social revolution arrives and is declared by the working class themselves by refusing to work any longer for the capitalist parasites? In fact Mr. Iglesias of Spain and also Mr. Vandervelde of Belgium, two of the prominent members of the international political Socialist parties blinded the workers of their respective countries, when they were in conflict several years ago, while the social general strike was tested there. (This information I received by reading a leaflet on the general strike by Walter Arnold about a year ago.) As far as the preamble of the I. W. W. in regards to organizing the workers on the political as well as on the economic field is at least said confusing and should be changed at our next convention to read: The workers should be organized on the economic field to overthrow the economic and the political state of capitalism.

Hoping you will publish this correspondence, I am, yours for the revolution,
Julius Kiefe.

Member of Local 6 (Cinn.), I. W. W. [Upon a more careful reading of the above the impression that it asked some questions was found to be false. Had a first glance at the communication conveyed the correct impression, it would have been excluded by last week's decision to close the discussion, Kiefe's contribution not only evades the question repeatedly put by The People to the total opposers of political

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WORKERS: WILL YOU STAND FOR MORE BLOODSHED?

(Continued from page two.)

If the power of speeches, the fervor embodied in ringing resolutions, were sufficient to break prison walls, Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone and Their Associates Would Be Free To-day!

But stronger than the wishes of millions, unorganized, divided as they are, are the powers at the command of the master class, who combined have challenged the class of wealth producers! Aware of their strength, of the might organized for the protection of their interests, with pulpit, press, government, Civic Federation and detective agencies obedient to do their bidding; the capitalist class may well deride the efforts of those who believe that words alone are sufficient to "arouse the slaves," not to speak of those who plead with the downtrodden in open, and under cover denounce and hold in contempt the "Proletarian rabble, the beggars, the doughnut brigade, the ever-hungry tramps." (See Miners Magazine, all October and November, 1906, issues.)

"SHALL OUR BROTHERS BE MURDERED?" In the hearts of thousands did this appeal issue on February 19th, 1906, by the Industrial Workers of the World, find a warm response!

"LET US UNITE ALL REVOLUTIONARY FORCES FOR COMBINED ACTION." was the echo to the call sent out twenty-four hours after the wires had flashed all over the land the news of the latest tragedy on the stage of war between the capitalist class and the proletariat. The tragedy of the Molly Maguires was revived in memory! The dastardly, hellish work of the emissary of the master class, Pinkerton Detective McParland, had been forgotten; not even a trace was found in the books of eminent writers of labor's history.

But a Few Tramps Had Not Forgotten!

On February 20th, the editor of the official paper of the Industrial Workers of the World, now "The Industrial Bulletin," traced up the records of the trial of the Molly Maguires, and when Clarence Darrow, chief attorney for the kidnaped officers and members of the Western Federation of Miners, left for Denver on February 24th, he had the records of Detective McKenna, alias McParland, and his connection with all crimes against the working class since the days he gained the confidence of innocent wage earners in the Pennsylvania coal districts, and led them to slaughter and to the gallows!

Proletarian beggars did remember! And their memory served as a key to the exposure of another infamous plot concocted to slaughter "men who were loyal to their class."

Moyer, Haywood, Pettibone, Vincent St. John and Simpkins, were the victims selected; four of them had fallen into the hands of the unscrupulous henchmen;—their doom was sealed!

The hand of crime had been stayed, the conspirators could not execute their plans, one of the selected has already been set free; although the corporation tools are longing for a chance to accomplish illegally what under the pretext of "legality" they were unable to do, that is to "slaughter" men picked out as a mark by the corporations of the West.

The dead body of Vincent St. John has as much value for them as that of those men now languishing in jail.

"Legal means, if it can be; illegal means if it must be," but no matter whether legal or illegal, "NO MAN PICKED OUT BY McPARLAND IN BEHALF OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS SHALL STAY ALIVE!"

Diabolic is the plot; horrible their designs!

Read and Reflect!

The reproduction of the four documents on the other side give valuable evidence to the act, so oft repeated.

"THAT THE CAPITALIST CLASS SENDS ITS EMISSARIES UNDER DISGUISE AMONG THE WORKERS TO GAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE, and through the knowledge gained, betray them, lead them to slaughter, inviting bloodshed and despair!"

McParland operating in the open; the Sherman, McCabes and Kirkpatrick acting under disguise!

Consider those points to understand their significance!

The Mooney and Boland Detective Agency operates in connection with the Thiele Detective Agency. Well known is the part the latter plays in the evidence-search against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone.

Immediately after the issuance of the call, "Shall our Brothers be Murdered?" detectives of said agency were after the trail of those who had been in conference to draw up the call.

They came to the houses of those connected with the agitation for the liberation of those in jail.

They offered bribes to secure information and letters!

They knew that participants in the February 19th, 1906, conference refused to sign their names in case the names of certain persons, one of them being Frank McCabe, were attached to the document.

The Thiele and Pinkerton detectives spied in vain!

There was no "Inner Circle" among those who appealed to the class-instinct of the workers! Yet a certain Charles O. Sherman, Frank McCabe and Charles Kirkpatrick, backed by C. E. Mahoney, engaged detectives of the same agencies



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Chicago, Ill., January 5th 1907.

To Whom It May Concern:-

This is to certify that Mr. George W. Wahl has been in my service for three months, acting as Special Officer, and during his period of employment he has always proven himself to be proficient, sober and industrious, and it affords me much pleasure to recommend him to any one who might be in need of his services.

Respectfully yours.

Chas O. Sherman GENERAL PRESIDENT, I. W. W.



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AS TO POLITICS (Continued from page two) action, but it is cast in an unhappy controversial mold, unhappy because in not a single instance are its premises correct, the whole thing reveals a woeful confusion of facts and rashness in arriving at a conclusion.

vestige of evidence, can only work against the unification of the working class—if this is thus, Kiefe should not despair of the "dullards." Taking up Kiefe's statements serially we shall rapidly run through them. "Parliamentary" action is not "political" action. With "political action," true enough, there could be no "parliamentary" action. But the latter need not follow the former. For instance, There was a campaigning and election for delegates to last year's convention of the I. W. W. Some of the delegates tried to parliamentarize at the convention. Those were the ones who favored compromise with treason and corruption. The revolutionists refused to "parliamentarize." They stood to their guns. They neither compromised nor bolted, and they triumphed.

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In 1904	34,172

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My slight studies have forced me to abandon the idea of individuality, and to frankly attack it as an enemy to progress. And I think all the evidence is in my favor. Nature offers no individual analogies. Everything material is compounded.

THE OLD SPHYNX QUESTION.

The New York "Evening Post," the organ of the Wall Street gamblers, shrewdly surmises that the lectures of the "distinguished English writer on social economic subjects," Mallock, are not likely to hold back the in-rush of the flood of Socialism, any more than lectures could hold back the in-rolling tide. Gathering comfort out of its own simile, the "Post" is of the opinion that, as the in-rolling tide rolls back and out again, so will the flood of Socialism. The "Post," one time a valiant preacher against Socialism, has evidently discovered that the waves are deaf to its "wisdom"; that it is not quite sure about the quality of the Socialist "wave" to recede as unbidden as it pours in is equally evident from the "Post's" effort to back up its simile with something more than a figure of speech. That on which the "Post" pins its faith is what it calls "the old Sphinx-Question"—"Who will pay the bills of Socialism?"

It is the fate of these capitalists, whom terror has deprived of reason, to drop one broken reed only to pick out another, still more broken, to lean upon. Who will pay the bills of Socialism?—Why, the identical class that now pays the bills of capitalism—the work-

The claim of capitalists that their "management" is a wealth producer, and the main factor, at that, in wealth production, is a myth. What Capitalism "manages" to do to-day is not to promote but check production—nearly 3,000,000 tons of Maine ice left to rot in the interest of the Ice Trust; patents untold kept under lock and key, as recently revealed in the suit of the Eastern Paper Bag Company, in the interest of high prices; vast areas of the Nation's territory, vast enough to support the bulk of our present population, left to lie fallow in the interest of monopoly; a volume of unemployed equivalent to not less than 5,000,000 potential wealth-producers kept in enforced idleness in the interest of capitalist economic rule;—these and thousands of other instances tell the tale that the tale of capitalist "management's" being a factor in production is a "tale for the marines."

The claim that the capitalist "directs" and thereby makes production possible is a nursery tale. The capitalists "direct" conspiracies only against one another. The celebrated decision of Judge Van Brunt some fifteen years ago, acquitting the directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad of crime on the occasion of a disastrous wreck in the tunnel, was to the point. The directors were set free on the ground that there can be no crime without intent, no intent without knowledge. The directors had no knowledge of how the trains were being run. Hence they were guiltless; the only guilty ones were the workmen. They had knowledge because they ran and operated the trains from top to bottom, from end to end.

The claim that the capitalist "works" is a "fish story." Work is only that human effort that produces wealth where none was. The effort of the pickpocket, intense, mental, manual and artistic though it is, is not "work." It PRODUCES nothing. It only TRANSFERS wealth, already in existence in one pocket, into some one else's pocket. The "Post's" Wall Street gambling clientele ever talks of how much money they "make." They "make" not one copper. What they do is to transfer wealth from other people's pockets into their own. The fish story about how much the capitalist works will never cause the in-rushing flood of Socialism to recede.

It is Labor that to-day "pays the bills." Idleness can produce nothing, hence can pay nothing. The Labor that

to-day "pays the bills" of capitalism, having, under Socialism, blotted out the bills, together with the thing itself, will have its funds, multiplied a thousand fold, at its own disposal wherewith to pay its own bills. It will then no longer be a case of paying the bills for feasts that others enjoy, but for feasts that Labor itself will revel in.

ROMANCE IN ECONOMICS.

Long has political economy been pronounced the "dismal science." It is not the fault of Miss Violet, daughter of Sir Thomas and Lady Brocklebank, & the opinion should continue. The young feudally noble lady has done her share to show that, either the romance of Love can penetrate into the most dismal of sciences, or that, after all, economics being an offshoot of man's doings, can not be inherently dismal, but may any moment thrill responsive to the magnetism of Fact.

The Single Tax advances the theory that ownership of the land is ownership of the people on the land. The theory does not limit itself to explaining that such a state of things was only an early manifestation of society; that the manifestation was possible only when the creation of Capital had not yet been fashioned, and had not yet stepped in between man and land. The Single Tax theory set itself up as of all time, for all time. With a view to compress its economic reasoning into a picture, the Single Tax quotes from a Hindoo tract the following passage: "White parasols and elephants mad with pride are the fruits of a deed of land." The quotation is graphic. It implies that landlordism imparts such a degree of haughtiness that the latter manifests itself in the expensive luxury of parasols or spottish white, and that it pervades even the owner's beast of burden, rendering the same "mad with pride." Into this "dismal science" Miss Violet has injected the romance of fact.

Pittsburg despatches announce the engagement of the young lady with George Westinghouse, Jr., the heir of \$50,000,000 in capital. The despatches also tell how the young lady inspected the Westinghouse plant, thither by her parents, out of "mere curiosity," how her eyes alighted upon one of the workmen (as he seemed to be) in greasy overalls; how the charmingness of his bearing took her eyes-captive; how she approached and asked him a question; how the Orphean sound of his voice pierced her heart; and how it was only a year later when she discovered that the "workman" was the millionaire heir.—Tableau!

Sic transit gloria White-parasols and Elephants mad with pride. The heiress of landlordism, walked down into a "horrible" and "vulgar" capitalist establishment sniffing for a capitalist bridegroom. Social science is the touchstone of facts. Fiction can not stand its test. Capital is to-day the Ruler to which all other previous rulersdoms how submissive, and not always coyly.

A RICH MEN'S STRIKE FOR JOBS.

The State Civil Service Commission recommends in its annual report to Gov. Hughes that "confidential offices" be also submitted to the best Civil Service examination. What the Commission says in support of its recommendation is the need of mentally well equipped "incumbents" in confidential offices. What the Committee means is that the concentration of the capitalist establishments is not merely knocking out of jobs whole rafts of workmen, (that the Commission can look upon with Christian fortitude), but that the said concentration is also wiping out no end of "gentlemanly" jobs that sons of stockholders formerly enjoyed, and that there is need of the Government's providing soft berths for these idlers. What the Commission does in its recommendation is to act as a strike committee for the idle youth of the rich in quest of jobs, that is, salaries.

The extension of Civil Service tests to confidential offices will not of itself furnish jobs. Not exactly. What it would do is what the Civil Service does, and is mainly intended for—exclude from the Civil Service, by disqualifying them, the large numbers of applicants whose parents were too poor to afford their children much schooling. The scheme thereby opens the doors only to the children of the rich, they having had better opportunities; being the only "qualified" applicants they have the only show to secure the jobs.

During the ante-bellum days, the Civil Service was a particular hobby of the Southern aristocracy, and a particular bogey of the Northern working bourgeoisie or oncoming plutocracy. The children, cousins and nephews of the former, having enjoyed extensive education, while the children of the latter had their minds turned to money-making, rather than to the acquisition of learning, Civil Service tests would have played havoc with the Northern, but smoothed the

path of the Southern applicant. The steady growth of the North in economic power enabled it successfully to oppose the Southern scheme. Times have changed. It now being the North that has an educated set of idle boys, while the South has declined, the Southern aristocracy rather objects to, while the Northern shoddyocracy is pushing the Civil Service for all it is worth.

With the historic key to the Civil Service scheme, the attempts—of which the present one of the State Civil Service Commission is the latest—to extend the tests to wider and wider areas, and also to raise the tests more and more, will be seen to have their roots in the shifting sands of economic changes.

Education is priceless. But education is becoming a quality to give a color of propriety to intensified capitalist iniquity towards the Working Class. Kept out of school and college through the poverty of their parents, the children of the Working Class are to be furthermore mulcted in being deprived of opportunities to live, by the children of the rich, whose education was acquired by virtue of the very cause that kept the children of the workers uneducated—the plunder of the Working Class.

THE BED OF PROCRUSTES.

Butte, Mont., is just now furnishing a sight that is supplemental to that other sight furnished to the country when the Cleveland tariff reduction law was enacted.

Before the enactment of the Cleveland "free trade" bill, the workmen had been told by their loving friends, the free traders, that a lower tariff would reduce prices, and that the prices of the necessities of life being reduced Labor would be the difference in pocket. No sooner, however, did the law begin to operate than a new song was sung. "We have all come down in our prices," said the capitalists: "Labor must also pay its quota"—and down came wages. That happened then.

In Butte the letter carriers have unanimously "tendered their resignations." (They may not strike: they are Government employes; to strike against the Government is to wage war against it—treason.) The letter carriers resigned. They resigned for the complex reason that Butte is an exceptionally high-priced city, and that the Federal law on the uniformity of salaries keeps the salary of the Butte letter carriers at a grade, which, although it may enable letter carriers to live in other cities, would leave them to die in Butte. Owing to the increased cost of living, Congress generously raised the salaries of its own members. Letter carriers, unable to combat starvation by legislating to themselves, higher pay, have nothing left but to "resign."

Among the wicked men, who, according to the Greek legend, Theseus rid the world of, was a certain mechanical genius named Procrustes. This ingenious individual had contrived a bed of peculiar mechanism, on which he strapped the wayfarers that he laid hands on. If the wayfarer was longer than the bed, the excess of length was sawed off at either end; if, on the contrary, the wayfarer was shorter than the bed, his limbs were stretched to match. Procrustes was killed, but though not hanged to a sour apple tree his soul evidently goes marching on. It has reappeared re-incarnated in the capitalist class.

The bed on which capitalism stretches the wage slave is a regular Procrustean affair. If wages exceed the prices, as happened during free trade periods, the excess is sawed off—Labor is made "to pay its quota." If however, as is happening in Butte with the letter carriers, wages are shorter than prices, then the wages are expected to be stretched, even to the point of dislocation, to match the bed of prices.

The jungle of capitalism is full of the bandits, that, of old, it took heroes to smite. The names have changed, the things have remained. The job has to be done all over again. It is the working class Theseus whom the doing of the job, once for all, is patiently waiting for.

Capitalist society, especially when it has reached its present American stage, is essentially a polygamous and polyandrous state—such are the "family" relations among the plutocracy. Economics cites the facts, though these can not be ascertained in all their disgusting fullness; economics gives the irrefutable reason; and the palatial houses of prostitution, so say nothing of the recurring deaths from "appendicitis" as the result of the clash with some irate husband, furnish a big chunk of the evidence. The nature of the present indignation over the Utah Senator Smoot, who is not a polygamist, and whom they seek to deprive of his seat in the Senate, is the latest evidence of the extent to which practical polygamy is practised among the ruling class. Criminals, undetected are the loudest moralists.

The People is a good broom to brush the cobwebs from the minds of the workers. Buy a copy and pass it around.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

(From the Daily People of February 22).

To-day is the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of him who has acquired the title of "the father of his country." The name is not inappropriate. Washington's genius was many-sided. On the field of battle he aroused the admiration of the veteran campaigners of Europe, who followed, upon maps in their closets, the moves of the "rebel General" in what seemed an unequal contest with the military forces of Great Britain. The war being over, he as the chairman of the Constitutional Convention, became the subject of the fascination of statesmen. The Constitution being adopted, and he being chosen the first President of the new Nation, his tactfulness and energy became the marvel of both foes and friends, domestic and foreign men in political life. At the close of his second term, Washington became the idol of still a third set of men. His voluntary retirement into private life made him the wonder of a world accustomed only to the sight of grasping personal ambition. He became the subject of enraptured poets, painters and composers. Each of the episodes in the life of Washington are footsteps on the sands of time, footprints to be emulated. It would seem that such a career was a series of culminations, and that the last culmination reached heights not to be excelled. Not so with Washington. His farewell address was his highest contribution to mankind.

Washington's farewell address, though frequently referred to, is rarely read. It deserves a place beside the Declaration of Independence—each holding unique eminence. Washington's farewell address is a collection of maxims in the shape of suggestions for future guidance. To-day, one hundred and ten years after the issuance of that document, there is a passage of peculiar fitness to the great issue that presents itself to this generation—the issue of the removal of the capitalist system and its substitution with the Socialist Republic—the issue that involves the transition of society from the TERRITORIAL to the INDUSTRIAL basis.

Capitalism, being the culmination of the social order grounded on property, recognizes territory only as the basis of constituencies. The thing, advantageous to the capitalist order, brought along its resulting inconveniences. In Washington's days parties had a tendency to form themselves on territorial basis—Eastern and Western, Southern and Northern. The consequence was the engendering of a special set of animosities and rivalries, and these ripened into latent treason, signalized by an inclination to enter into dealings with foreign nations. Washington sketched the fact and the evil, and referring to the citizens who lent a willing ear to men who led on that false path, he asked: "Will they not henceforth be deaf to those advisers, if such there are, who would sever them from their brethren, and connect them with aliens?"

The question is an admonishment, today, to the rank and file of the Working Class, who are misled by such labor-leaders as seek, through the craft system of Unionism, to connect them with the aliens to their class, the Belmont Civic Federation of many disguises, and thereby to sever them from their brethren, their fellow proletarians.

A new Nation is aborning. The Nation of Labor—the Socialist Republic. That Nation's constituent parts are, not territorial districts, but the Industries. These, and the men engaged in them are brothers; the Capital Class is the alien, an alien foe, at that. Alliances with the latter means the keeping apart of the limbs that are to form the new Nation, the keeping apart of brothers. The reasons why in 1797 the life of the Nation depended upon the people's being deaf to those advisers who would sever them from their own fellow citizens, and connect them with aliens, is the reason why, today, the Working Class must be deaf to those insidious characters who point to the Capitalist Class as the "brother" upon whom to rely, and with whom to ally themselves.

The world over there are to-day but two Nations—the Capitalist Class and the Working Class. The worker allies himself with aliens when he clasps the hand of brotherhood with any but his class.

"The finest railroad in the world," as Depew loves to call the New York Central, has added another horrible disaster, the most horrible yet on record, to the long list of disasters that are directly traceable to the policy of overworking the men for the sake of keeping up and raising dividends for the "wages" of such "workmen" and "workingwomen" as Chancey and Duchess Consulso. The accident on the 16th on the Harlem nets, as far as ascertained, 21 killed and 140 more or less seriously injured.

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NEATLY DONE

Both the Ears of Fred L. Schwartz of Allegheny Pa., Pinned to the Pillory by a New Orleans Member of His Own Party.

[EXPLANATORY.—Mr. Schwartz is a leading officer of the Socialist party in Pennsylvania. The gentleman uses with frequency the columns of the "Leader," a capitalist paper of his town, with letters intended to "make propaganda" for Socialism. In numerous instances, if not in all, the "propaganda" consisted in making false statements, frequently slanderous, against the S. L. P. S. L. P. men of the locality have camped on Schwartz's trail, and exposed with answers in the "Leader" the untruthfulness of his assertions. He then seems to have been seized with the delirium of culprits who feel themselves pursued, and recently, in further pursuit of his "propaganda," had a letter in the "Leader" making some gross and even deliberate misstatements about Local New Orleans, La., of the Socialist party, for having proposed a national Unity Conference between the S. L. P. and the S. P. That letter must have reached Covington Hall, a member of the New Orleans S. P. Local. Covington Hall sent to the "Leader" an answer to Schwartz. The answer was published in the "Leader" and triturated "propagandist" Schwartz's contention. Thereupon, it appears, "propagandist" Schwartz wrote a personal letter direct to Covington Hall. What that letter contains, together with a fuller picture of the "propagandist," will be found below. It is a copy of Covington Hall's answer to the "propagandist."]

New Orleans, La., Feb. 14, 1907. Fred. L. Schwartz, Esq., No. 860 Concord Street, Allegheny, Pa.

Dear "Comrade" Schwartz:—I note your favor of the 11th inst., which you assert to be an answer to a recent letter of mine in the Pittsburgh "Leader," in which letter I used your own statements to hang you with. Judging from the mild and un-"De Leonistic" language of your reply, the hanging must have far exceeded my wildest hopes.

I am very sorry to have goaded you so far as to make it impossible for you to call me "Comrade," but, being noted for my meek and Christian spirit, I overlook the terrible injury, and address you as a true brother in the Cause, for has it not been often told to us that the enemies of Socialism are its truest friends? And, this being true, as it is, does it not follow that you and your kind will do more to enflame the revolutionary spirit of the working class than a thousand De Leons and St. Johns and Halls? Indeed, my "Comrade," you are invaluable to the cause, for, without you, the working class could never learn the difference between reason and unreason. All things have a purpose and a use, and you enable us to hold up to the workers all the tenors of unreason.

Pardon me if my language is "De Leonistic," and pardon me if I suggest that had you read the "New York Sewer" oftener it would have been absolutely impossible for you to talk the nonsense you indulge in.

Now, "Comrade," to prove me a "liar" when I charged that the Socialist party press—there is no such thing in existence; a privately owned press cannot be a party press—suppressed the New Orleans Unity Conference resolutions, you tell me that three two-by-four sheets did publish the resolutions, which is the same as saying that because the Hearst papers gave space to the Moyer-Haywood-Pettibone trial the capitalist press did not suppress the proceedings. You see what your wonderful reasoning leads to, do you not, my "Comrade"?

Again, having proven by your own statements that the National Committee did what it had no right to do when it passed a resolution prohibiting the National Secretary from furnishing addresses of Local Secretaries, you still defend the Committee and say that "they did what was right" when they refused to the addresses asked for. Talk about "De Leon worshippers"! You have us beat a mile, and then some. So you have "800 members in Allegheny county" and "700 of them read the National bulletins and most of them are subscribers of the "Worker," "Vorwarts" and "Sentinel"? Well, I have never seen a copy of the "Vorwarts" and "Sentinel," but may the shades of Marx and Engels have pity on those who have fallen into the habit of doping their brains with the "Worker" and with National bulletins. I pity them from the bottom of my heart!

As to your having "made a technical error in quoting the constitution," I don't believe it. You, being a member, I believe, of the National Committee, simply wanted to show how ignorant we down here were, how wise yourself, quoted the constitution and, when I exposed your ignorance, got up on your hind legs and howled "liar," "fool" and other choice names at me, which is just like your crowd everywhere.

In such as you language is a sign of reason and culture, but in us only an echo from the "New York Sewer." One thing about the "Sewer," it rarely calls a man a "fool" or "liar" without giving pretty solid reasons therefor, which is more than your side can say.

Lord, how you howl! Listen: "Talk about revolutionary Socialists. I doubt if you understand the Socialist Philosophy; your Socialism, i. e., your knowledge is about as much as the average S. L. P. man. 'Fakir,' 'Crook' that's their conception, even Lucien Sanial

showed up De Leon's knowledge of Marxian Economics." Well now, "brother," I did say something in my letter to the "Leader" about "revolutionary Socialists,"—I said that our great Editors did not dare to open their columns to them, and I reiterated it—but it is news to me that I howled "Fakir," "Crook," and, were I you, I would not be so quick to don the cap, which, however, if it fits you, wear it. I never said it, was you YOURSELF. And "Sanial showed up De Leon's knowledge of Marxian Economics," did he? Please forward me the show-up. I would like to read it. I, unlike your side, am not afraid to read anything. I have even gone so far as to read such stuff as Marx, Engels, Lafargue, Bebel, and Kautsky have written; having been guilty of reading such trash I am, of course, unable to appreciate the deeper and more scholarly work of such intellectual giants as Hillquit, Hanford, Berger and yourself. For this lack of mental capacity you should pity and not curse me as you do.

Don't worry about the Pennsylvania S. L. P. men who "left De Leon in 1902" not coming back to "lick up the vomit" which they spat out in 1902," for the "vomit" spat out was not "vomit," but the honey of class-conscious Industrial Organization, and the working class MUST "lick it up," or suffer the worst licking any class ever got in the history of the world. The I. W. W. will yet make you and yours sing and dance to the music of the Revolution.

Following your suggestion that the "best place for my letters is in the 'New York Sewer,'" I am going to forward it a copy of this letter, which I hope it will publish, purely to please you. Strange how you fellows rush to the capitalist press and then how because some one else uses that same press to nail you to the cross, isn't it? But probably what you object to so much is not the fact of my using a capitalist paper, but that my article in the "Leader" was read by too many to please you? And, again, did you ever stop to think that civilization could hardly exist without "sewers"? And that sewage will make the most barren fields fertile and luxuriant? Real sewage is filled with life. All the good that ever came into this world came out of its sewers. Try a little of it, and, probably, in a million years or so you will be able to reason out that two and two make four.

As you say, very probably I "ought to be with that crowd," the S. L. P., and, if your crowd, which is in control of the S. P., had any grit they would compel Local New Orleans to expel me, or expel the Local. It is all up to your side, for I have never made any secret of what you call my "ulterior reasons" for being in the S. P., which are a deathless determination to help wrench the party from those who now control it, to help reorganize the Socialist movement on revolutionary lines; political and industrial, no matter what it costs.

Another thing, many of us are getting rather tired of being invited out of the Socialist party by "our leaders" every time we criticize or take issue with them; and you had best look to it lest we take your advice. From the way the most of your crowd talk and act one would suppose them to be living off their own quarters and dimes instead of ours.

In conclusion, you have the power; we only the truth; but truth, like love, is invincible and all-conquering.

Awaiting its triumph, I remain, Yours for the Revolution. COVINGTON HALL.

P. S.—If you want to know why De Leon does, did, or does not do thus and so, so badly, why don't you challenge him to joint debate? I understand that he is to make a trip through Pennsylvania soon. Don't lose the chance. Nail him.

A GOOD THING

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UNCLE SAM AND BROTHER JONATHAN.

BROTHER JONATHAN—I wonder why it is the Socialists must season so benign a principle as theirs with the sauce of class hatred.

UNCLE SAM—Do they?

B. J.—Why, certainly they do. Don't you know that they preach class hatred?

U. S.—No; I don't; and what's more I know they don't.

B. J.—Will you deny that the Socialists are always saying that they aim at the conquest of power by the working class?

U. S.—No; I won't deny that; on the contrary, I admit it and approve of it.

B. J.—Very well, and what, pray, do you call that if not seasoning a good principle with hatred, class hatred. How can one class win without another losing?

U. S.—It simply can't be done; right you are in that.

B. J.—Now, how can you deny that that sort of thing is seasoning of hatred? Classes are bad things; where they exist rows, conflicts, hatred must be. What could be the use of wiping out one class to set up another?

U. S.—Now you begin to talk sense. B. J.—There, then you agree, don't you, that this setting up one class and setting down of another keeps up class rows and hatred?

U. S.—I fully agree that to set up one class and set down another and keeping up class distinctions don't set us further on the road toward a humane existence.

B. J.—Well, I'm glad to hear you say so. That's what I meant.

U. S.—And, if that means anything, it means that you suppose the victory of the working class would be similar to the victories of all other classes; a change of oppressors.

B. J.—That's it! U. S.—And that is wrong. B. J.—How so?

U. S.—If you drop a lighted parlor match into a box of gunpowder, it will explode, eh?

B. J.—Yes. U. S.—And if you drop a lighted common sulphur match into that box—

B. J.—It will explode likewise. U. S.—Does it follow from that that whatever you drop into that box, an explosion will follow?

B. J. ponders. U. S.—If you drop a tumbleful of water into it—

B. J.—No, no explosion will then follow.

U. S.—And the gunpowder's explosive powers—

B. J.—Will be at an end thereafter. U. S.—Just so in this gunpowder social system that our race has been living in. The successive victories of the several classes were so many lighted matches of different composition dropped into it; "explosions" had to follow; that is, class distinctions, with all the conflicts and hatreds thereby implied had to continue. Why? Because the program that each of these previous classes brought along with it, and had to bring along with it, obedient to the law of its own existence, was a class war program, it was because they were all based upon a principle that was the PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE THINGS NEEDED TO EARN A LIVING BY. With the working class it is otherwise; the program that it is bound to bring along with it is the PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE THINGS TO EARN A LIVING BY. Thus the victory of the working class necessarily means the abolition of class distinctions, the wiping out of class wars, the doing away with class hatred, the laying of the only foundation possible for "Peace on Earth, good will among men." Catch on?

B. J.—Somewhat. U. S.—Thus the Socialist's principles alone are the principles that are not seasoned with hatred, but are seasoned with love; all other political and economic movements, on the contrary, whatever their name, whatever their pretences, are ones that are seasoned in hatred; each and all of them cling to the PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF THE THINGS NEEDED TO EARN A LIVING BY, consequently, all start from, are built upon, the source of all class hatred. Think this over.

MALLOCK

THE BEST THEY HAVE.

(By Frank Bohn, National Secretary of the S. L. P.)

In this arrangement of their latest attack on Socialism, the members of the Civic Federation were extremely ill-advised. The most remarkable feature of the Socialist movement at present is the hold it is getting upon the reading, thinking portion of the working class. Later there will come a mass movement. Just now the half-dozen men in a thousand who really use their brains are the ones upon whom the burden of the revolutionary agitation rests.

The way it happened:—"Socialism! Socialism!" said Gompers and Mitchell in reply to a question by Belmont at the last dinner of the Civic Federation, "why, that's what we fellows always kick out of our conventions. It's pensions for old people what can't earn anything. Don't worry. Leave that to us. Just you pay for the dinner." "But," said Belmont, "my man Farley told me that he heard one of them talking to a crowd of my Interborough Railway dupes the time you leaders had such a hard time breaking the strike. He told the crowd that I received \$75,000 in fares per day and paid out \$9,000 in wages. Say, he put those blokes wise to our whole game from beginning to end, just as well as you or I could have done. He rolled up facts and figures until the crowd got pretty mad and Farley sneaked away. Farley said the man called his talk economic science."

"What's that?" asked Gompers and Mitchell in the same breath?

"Whatever it is," put in Ralph Esaley, "it's awful."
It was President Elliot's turn to speak up. "Economic Science," said that dignitary, "if you will permit me to make an observation, is not necessarily vulgar or nasty. Neither is it dangerous to the social well-being. We have much of it at the universities. It is true that a century and more ago Adam Smith taught that labor produces all wealth. But, like foot-ball, we have so revised and reformed this science that it can be indulged in by gentlemen. The people I have in my employ to teach it, on \$700 or \$1,000 per year must say that bread, meat, and steel rails could not possibly be brought into being unless Harry Thaw and the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough gave their consent and directed the operations."

"That's us," said Gompers. "John, didn't we tell 'em that at the last convention? We didn't quite know what it was. So its 'economic science'!" And so Elliot moved and Gompers seconded the motion to bring Mallock to America. Mallock was selected because in one book ("Cowardly Agnosticism") he had fought and killed the theory of evolution, and in another ("Is Life Worth Living") had destroyed the Protestant religion. The third of the Hercules tasks should be done in America.

Whatever flaws we of America may find in the Socialist movement of Continental Europe, it is certain that Mallock would not have had the cold nerve to stand before five hundred students and teachers in Paris, Berlin, or Moscow and say of Socialism what he said at Columbia University. Only Freshmen snickered at his hopelessly stupid attempts at being funny. But after he attacked not only industrial but political democracy and stated that the many could not rule—after he had cited France as an example of the failure of republican institutions, the whole audience applauded vociferously. It showed the tendencies of the times. Here is proof that the disfranchisement of all the black and four-fifths of the white voters of Virginia and Texas has the consent of America's intellectuals.

The general drift and import of Mallock's reasoning may be gained from a half-dozen remarks which I select—most at random. One after another we trotted out our old acquaintances:

"Giving the producer all he produces by dividing capital would be inadvisable. In Prussia, when the peasants produced separately, life was poor, hard and uncivilized. Would the wage-workers wish to return to that state of poverty?"

This man traveled three thousand miles to ask "What would Socialism do with the idlers?" and this, while London alone has a million or more of starving miserables and the United States 10,000,000 a half of which are regulars at the profession.

It was just about the time of day, when a mile distant, on Fifth Ave, hundreds of shiftless worthless, drunk and lascivious millionaires were rolling out of Central Park to their homes when this "scientist" asked the question—"what will Socialism do with the thinkers?"

Throughout the world, wherever the

Socialist movement has found a footing, every Socialist platform, manifesto, book—every hopeful word or glance from worker to worker has spoken of their demand, for democracy in the government of industry. But Mallock, after a half-decade of writing on the subject declares that "Socialism is impossible because military methods cannot be applied to industrial operation."

So much for what he said. Just as remarkable were his omissions. Think of a man trying to deliver a knock-out blow to the Socialist movement, and the theories of Marx, and refraining from uttering a syllable concerning the economic interpretation of history. The reason for this, on second thought, is obvious. Economic theories have and will always be a subject for theorists. The struggle of social classes, as the chief causal element in history is a glaring reality which to-day stands in the market place.

One argument alone, an argument which Mallock worked to death throughout his five lectures is worthy of refutation by the Socialists. The "power of direction," as Mallock called it, is an element in the labor process which observing people have always recognized. Walker harped upon it as much as Mallock. To Marx it appeared as a form of highly skilled labor. Mallock makes of it an ineradicable cause of aristocracy and slavery. We take the answer to this Seventeenth Century contention from a well known capitalist paper, the Chicago Record-Herald of the 19th of February, which wise enough to note that the Mallock and Chancellor Days are doing the Socialist movement more good than harm, replies with the following editorial:

The Fuss Over Mr. Mallock.
The "discovery" of Mr. Mallock is an amusing episode. That skillful controversialist and able writer has been combating social and economic reform of a "socialistic" character for twenty years, but in England he is known merely as a sophisticated defender of the existing order of things. The trouble with Mr. Mallock is that his arguments are full of fallacies and assumptions—that he is setting up men of straw and triumphantly destroying them; to the delight of a handful of complacent persons whose philosophy is summed up in the phrase, "whatever is is right." Neither the socialists nor the consistent individualists recognize Mr. Mallock as an intellectually honest and earnest thinker.

Mr. Mallock lays great stress on "ability" and claims proper regard for it as against that school of socialists who would ignore all natural inequality of intelligence and capacity. Not all socialists advocate equal pay for unequal work, and very few of them dream of denying that ability is a real factor in the production of wealth. Aside from this, however, what Mr. Mallock always forgets is that to defend ability and superiority is by no means to defend the present order. Mr. Mallock is not living in a society of equal opportunities, of "a fair field and no-favors," in a society in which wealth is distributed in accordance with an exact principle of justice. He is living in a society full of privilege, of survivals of a feudal order, of laws and institutions which had their origin in conquest, war and rapine. Can Mr. Mallock find any connection between industrial "ability" and the Irish or British system of land tenure? Is equality of opportunity possible in any country whose natural resources are monopolized by a small privileged class? France needed a terrible upheaval to destroy land monopoly and establish a system of peasant proprietorship. If Mr. Mallock had lived in the days of the French revolution he would doubtless have talked, as he does now, about all progress being due to the minority, about the rightful rewards of capacity and the justice of unequal pay for unequal service to society. He would have been absurdly irrelevant then, and he is, for the most part, absurdly irrelevant to-day.

He is not only assuming industrial conditions that have never yet existed, but he is also confounding the ability to produce wealth, to discover markets, to improve methods, with the ability to grab, to exploit, to manipulate, to gamble, to plunder society. "Jim the Penman" had unusual ability—to forge signatures—but society has been fit to discourage that sort of ability. The ability to extort, to devise schemes evasive of law, to secure unfair privileges at the expense of the community, need not be "rewarded" for the sake of progress. Rather does it need "choking."

Mr. Mallock's arguments are "pure-

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENTS WHO PREFER TO APPEAR IN PRINT UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME WILL ATTACH SUCH NAME TO THEIR COMMUNICATIONS, BESIDES THEIR OWN SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS. NONE OTHER WILL BE RECOGNIZED.

THE ROCKEFELLER GIFT TO "EDUCATION."

To the Daily and Weekly People—The recent gift of \$32,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller consists of stocks and bonds of the various railroads and industrial corporations and not in cash as some people think.

Rockefeller means by this "gift" to still further subsidize the seats of learning by the record donation, because of the fact that should a strike occur on any of the railroad systems for a shorter work day and more pay or a like move on the part of the employees of the various industrial corporations, a howl will go up from the heads of the college institutions on account of the danger to their dividends or the interest which accrues from the ownership of stocks and bonds respectively.

It is another bid to bolster up the capitalist system, on the part of the Standard Oil magnate, and it is in order that the Socialist exposes this phase of the "gift," which no privately-owned press dare do.

Timothy Walsh,
New York, February 16.

THE JOLIET REPUBLICAN PRINTING COMPANY.

To the Daily and Weekly People—In "The United Mine Workers Journal" of January 17, there appears the report of Secretary Wilson to the recent Indianapolis convention. On page eleven of this issue the following items appear in the report:—

Jan. 11, Joliet Republican Printing Co., stationery for Dec. . . . \$157.50
Feb. 8, Joliet Republican Printing Co., stationery for Jan. . . . 212.75
Mar. 17, Joliet Republican Printing Co., printing for Feb. . . . 588.50
May 10, Joliet Republican Printing Co., bill for Mar. and April . . . 688.25
June 12, Joliet Republican Printing Co., printing for May . . . 490.86
Aug. 9, Joliet Republican Printing Co., bill for June . . . 520.50
Oct. 20, Joliet Republican Printing Co., printing, stationery, etc. . . . 313.75
Nov. 27, Joliet Republican Printing Co., stationery, circulars, etc. . . . 227.65

It was Smith of the Joliet Printing Co. who secured the discharge of Philip Veal, organizer, from Chas. O. Sherman, ex-president of the I. W. W. Smith is now, as formerly, printing Sherman's "Industrial Worker." John Mitchell is his friend. He is evidently acting in Mitchell's interest, in directing and aiding Sherman.

A Miner,
Bluemond, Ill., February 17.

PROGRESS IN DAYTON, O.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—It has been a long time since Dayton O., has been heard from in our English organs, so I write these lines. We have a select bunch of S. Pites here, who take care not to mention the S. L. P. They are led by one Caldwell. The principal agitation is done for some mail order house in Chicago. The older element in them are all Bergeristic; the younger is uninformed. When I first went to their meetings they tried to capture me, but instead of turning captive, I gave the younger element some light on the difference.

Though the S. Pites take care not to mention us, we of the S. L. P. were very much in evidence on February 13th. We held a meeting, our principal speaker being Louis Nagy, from Chicago. There were about 125 men and women in the hall to listen to him. We sold 17 English pamphlets, among them "What Means This Strike?" "Reform or Revolution," and "The Burning Question of Trades-Unionism." We have also broken the ground for another branch on the north side of the city.

The S. Pites do not take any stock in organizing the foreigners, as there are but few votes among them; and they only care for votes. Now, we are only Hungarians, but we are to meet them in a joint debate, and will easily prove that we have the only revolutionary organization in the city of Dayton.

Yours for the S. L. P.
C. Sautho,
Dayton, O., February 21.

PUTTING THE BLAME WHERE IT BELONGS.

To the Daily and Weekly People:—A few days ago, I read in a local paper, 'ly academic' where they are not absolutely unlearned or sophistical. That's why he has made no impression whatever in England and why he will fail here.

When the struggle against the working class takes the form of serious argument, the intelligent protagonists of capitalism are ashamed of themselves. But Mallock, applauded to the echo by crowds of the "purely academic," never realizes his position.

"Steamship Collision. Cowardice of Crew Blamed for Loss of Many Lives." I have read similar news before. What I want to say is this: I wonder that no one arises to hurl back this malicious lie, this dirty slander, from whence it comes. Where are the seamen of the Gompers' Seamen's Union, when Brother Capital so maligns Brother Labor?

I think that a workman when in danger, is in duty bound to save his life, as nobody will care a bit for his wife, children—family; perhaps, even a helpless old mother. He would be criminal to throw his life away, when the capitalists make no provision for the rescue of life. Everyday we read in the newspaper how the capitalists kill the working class by the wholesale. They care more for profit than for life. And it is their criminal policy that is breeding disaster; they alone are responsible for it.

E. B.
Columbus, O., February 21.

"MARE'S NESTS" AND HORNET'S NESTS.

To the Daily and Weekly People—Henry Laurens Call having used the sacred precincts of Columbia University to justify Socialism before the American Society for the Advancement of Science, it seems quite natural that Mr. Mallock should be imported to nullify that justification. Has he succeeded? I for one am afraid that Mr. Mallock's lectures characterizing Marx' theories as "an intellectual mare's nest," will prove that, if there is any nest in the matter, it is the wrong kind of a nest, as far as capitalism is concerned. Those lectures have stirred up a discussion, which betrays the weaknesses of capitalism throwing it on the defensive and leaving it open to destructive attack. Considering the conditions in this country, revealed by the various investigations, proving capitalist ability to be synonymous with swindle, it would have been better by far, had the capitalists acted on the principle of letting well enough alone and thus save themselves from the vigorous attention now bestowed upon them. As it is, from Mr. Mallock's "intellectual mare's nest" there has issued a hornet's nest for capitalism, which the capitalists will yet live to bemoan. Artemus Ward has shown that even New England runs and measles have a place in the scheme of nature; who, then, will argue that Mr. Mallock has lived in vain?

James Donnelly,
New York, February 19.

THE ANARCHISTIC "CALL."

To the Daily and Weekly People:—If any one doubts the existence of an anarchist newspaper in Paterson, let him be deceived by reading the Lincoln's birthday editorial "comments" in the "Morning Call." Referring to the killing of Cortese, the Call says:

"This crime is without parallel in the State of New Jersey and there are very few precedents in the country. There was a similar case in the murder of a Western Governor in the same manner, and it is no credit to this city that such people as Anson Phelps Stokes and his wife, in company with some prominent anarchists, were permitted to hold a 'protest meeting'—that is a meeting to protest against the prosecution of Governor Vardaman's murderers. We think it is now time for the city authorities to put a stop to meetings of this sort. Of course the lawyers will say that it is unconstitutional to prevent free speech, and it is, but the authorities could and should suppress such meetings and then discuss the question of unconstitutionality afterward. In a measure the aldermen are responsible. They should pass an ordinance preventing public meetings of any sort without a permit from some proper city official, and the latter should have the right to use his discretion in granting the permit. This would give the police authorities jurisdiction. Of course if some one took the suggested ordinance to the United States supreme court it probably would be declared unconstitutional, but who is going to take it there?"

A comment on the "comment" is almost unnecessary, but I will call attention to a few clauses. Mark what the "Call" says about meetings held to protest against the illegal kidnapping of Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and their confinement in prison as convicted criminals. Note further the statement which follows it—regarding the aldermanic passage of an unconstitutional ordinance. Is not that the limit? Is it not anarchy of the most dangerous type? The Call admits it to be unlawful even to the extent of being recognized as unconstitutional by the court, and yet in the face of all that it advocates setting aside all law and becoming a law unto itself. Is that not anarchy?

Is it not time the working class organized on just lines to protect themselves from the capitalist anarchists who are a unit with the "Call's" statements; and who aim to suppress the working class? The proper working class organization is here, known as the I. W. W. or Industrial Workers of the World. Its mission is to organize THE WHOLE WORKING

CLASS regardless of where they are or what they do. The interest of one is the interest of all, and an injury to one is the concern of all. The I. W. W. aims to take and hold all the industries and products to operate and distribute them in the interest of the whole producing class. If we do not combine on I. W. W. lines, the anarchistic suggestion of the "Morning Call" will be forced upon us.

Fraternally yours,
R. Berdan.
Paterson, N. J., February 18.

AS TO RACE AND LANGUAGE FEDERATIONS.

To the Daily and Weekly People—Comrade Stromqvist is irresistible—irresistible in the temperance of his language, in his sweet reasonableness, and above all in his pathetic appeal to be taken seriously. He shall have his wish. And first permit me, as one of the comrades responsible for the movement criticized, to assure our comrade that no one realizes the potency and force of his objections more strongly than the men and women who have initiated this organization. If we have persisted in spite of these objections it was because we believed that the arguments on the other side were, and are, still more potent and powerful.

Personally I am as much opposed to Race and Language branches within the S. L. P. as any one can be; I would vote to abolish them all. I hold that if men or women are not sufficiently acquainted with the language of the country to conduct their political business in it then they ought not to have an equal vote in directing the activities and shaping the policy of a party whose discussions are carried on in that language. But as strongly as I am opposed to Language Branches in the party am I in favor of Race or Language Federations to organize all the sections of our heterogeneous population. The function of such bodies is to act as organizers or drill sergeants of that Socialist army of which the American proletariat must furnish the main and directing body. I have long been of the opinion that there is a crying need for a German Federation to assimilate and prevent the dispersion of the numbers of Socialistically-inclined German workmen whom we are told emigrate to this country and from lack of such affiliation become lost to the movement. Such a Federation would also help to educate and develop the true Socialist feeling amongst the German Socialists here at present, and put an end to the scandals arising from the efforts of unscrupulous grafters to play the German branches against the American members—a thing that was only possible because we have had in the party organizations of men speaking different languages, but having equal voting powers.

With the Irish although the language creates no difficulty the case for a distinct organization is stronger than for any other race. Note well this point! The Irish are the only race in America among whom are organized associations for the express purpose of assisting capitalist political parties in the old country. The United Irish League of America is a case in point. Its one end and aim is to boost the reputation of the representatives in Parliament of the Irish capitalist class to popularize their propaganda, and finance their organizations. As it claims to speak in the name of Ireland it holds the attention and wins the sympathy of the Irish in America, and working on this basis, it succeeds in delivering the Irish vote to the political parties of the American capitalist class, and the Irish dollars to the Irish capitalist class. We propose to fight these tricksters with weapons somewhat like their own; to the capitalist organizations of Irish-America we will oppose a Socialist organization of Irish-America, and to the warm-hearted Irish laborer desiring to help the people at home in their fight for freedom we will appeal to aid that fight through the Socialist organization of the Irish Working Class whose history and struggles it will be our duty to keep him posted on. It is our belief, a belief founded upon experience, that nothing will so quickly attract the sympathetic interest of an Irishman in America to the Socialist propaganda as the knowledge that the same fight is being waged and the same teachings being spread by men of his race and class in Ireland. The enthusiastic outpourings of the Irish to hear a speaker from Ireland, and their readiness to buy literature from Ireland is proof of this, and it will be part of our duty to take advantage of this tendency to push such Socialistic literature from Ireland as will broaden and develop the mental horizon of our countrymen, and prepare them to take their place in the revolutionary army of the American proletariat. That is why we wish to affiliate directly with the movement in Ireland—to give our organization a proper standing amongst the Irish in America.

Finally let me ask all our critics: Is Socialism an international movement, or is it not? If it is, why do you object to us trying to help the movement in Ireland? We have already secured over thirty names in New York District, and many inquiries and promises from all over the country. Every indication points to our festival on the third of March being the greatest feat of revolutionary song and comradeship New York has ever known, and so all is well with the world.

Yours fraternally,
James Connolly,
152 Hawthorne Ave, Newark, N. J.

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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.

F. H. KALAMAZOO, MICH.—The capitalist press has had the kindness to remove doubt from the workers' mind. In 1905, when the I. W. W. was launched, the capitalist press had nothing but curses for the I. W. W. and loving compliments for the A. F. of L. Since the last convention the same press has kept up to the old courses against the revolutionists who overthrew Sherman, and has transferred to Sherman the loving compliments it had bestowed on the A. F. of L. He who has eyes can see.

R. L. MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Yes, Labor produces all wealth. That does not mean that Labor is the only source of material wealth. In the language of the quotation cited by Marx, "labor is the father and the earth the mother of use-values."
Next question next week.

S. J. B. CANTON, O.—The feature of the Dick militia law is that it transforms the whole population of the land into a reserve militia, and that it transforms that reserve militia into a U. S. military force, with the President as its commander in chief. Useless to speculate upon the "scheme" back of law. Let the scheme be the worst, it cannot be worse than in Russia, and yet the Czar is kept in perpetual hot water, emulating the martyrs on the catalogue of martyrs.

F. K. OMAHA, NEB.—The feature of Sherman's bills is, not so much their hugeness, but the padding that they underwent. The Toronto case illustrates the point to perfection. He charged for hotel when he took none; for meals which were paid for by I. W. W. members; for "incidentals" that he did not have. He was in the company of I. W. W. men from the time he landed in the morning to the time he took the train that same evening. It was a pure case "wrong charging."

HARTFORD, CONN., S. L. P. ORGANIZER—Notices must be in on Tuesdays, 10 p. m. If later, they are too late for the Weekly.

A. L. BROOKLYN, N. Y.—Ely's book on "The Labor Movement in America" is as good as any. Apply Labor News.

J. S. S. NAPIERVILLE, ILL.—Now to your last question—Whatever benefit the craft Union confers upon its members is conferred at the cost of the rest of the Working Class. Consequently, in the end, everybody, the craft Union included, is dragged down.

A. M. S. GAGETOWN, MICH.—Now to your last question—The worker could not be robbed at all in consumption but for the circumstance that he is a wage slave, that is, is robbed in production. As a consequence of the robbery he is submitted to in the shop, he is likewise afterward robbed in consumption.

C. N. C. PAWTUCKET, R. I.—Guede's calculation is surely correct. It is one of many calculations on the subject, all of which demonstrate that excessive work is now no longer necessary for an ample supply of wealth for all.

W. G. KALAMAZOO, MICH.—John Jacob Astor was, and all his descendants are gentiles. He was not a Jew.

A. G. TRENTON—With next week's issue the promised answers to the specific questions put by correspondents on "As To Politics" will all have been given, and, as announced, the discussion will be closed. That column will remain open only for the attempted answers to the question put by The People. Those answers must be ANSWERS, that is to say, no attempts under the pretense of "answering" to relash the matter.

C. H., NEW YORK—If "yes" or "no" must be the answer, without any qualifying explanations—yes; the Russian Government is controlled by the capitalist class.

F. H. B. BOULDER, COLO.—Communicate with Frank Bohn, National Secretary of the S. L. P., 2-6 New Read street, this city.

H. J. B. FLORENCE, COLO.—First—Next week, as promised two weeks ago, all the questions on "As to Politics" will have been answered, and the discussion will be closed. No further contributions against the Party's attitude will be accepted. Under a new head "Unionism and Politics," your article will then be published, also the articles of all Party members and friends who may wish to contribute arguments and facts in favor of political action.

Second—You are implored, when writing again, to number your pages. No end of confusion and trouble arises from the neglect to do so. All other sinners take notice.

I. S., LOS ANGELES, CAL.—The Daily of the 11th of February, the earliest possible date on which to communicate and acknowledge receipt of your first letter, contained this Letter-Box answer to you:

"I. S., LOS ANGELES, CAL.—One critic out of season can raise more dust than a dozen constructionists can ally. The part of the I. W. W. man now is to organize, rather than to find fault with I. W. W. headquarters."

Your present letter, dated that very 11th, finding fault with this office for NOT YET having published or acknowledged your letter, vindicates the apprehension entertained with regard to your letter criticising I. W. W. headquarters—the apprehension of rashness and hastiness on your part.

J. I., TORONTO, CAN.—The Anarchist's false conception regarding Government is, to a not small degree, due to the capitalist's false claim that his style of Government is the only style of Government that ever was.

V. H. K., NEW YORK—When you were told that you surely thank your stars that we are not in a state of actual war to-day, the meaning was not that the capitalists would have jailed and hanged you for your letter. The meaning was that neither could your letter have appeared, nor The People's answer, and we would BOTH, and all of us, be skulking about dodging bullets. What was meant was just what was said.

J. A., CINCINNATI, O.—The sight is of frequent occurrence—clergymen in belligerent nations, both simultaneously blessing the arms of their respective sides, and alternately, with the soldiers, of the opposite lying dead or wounded on the field, singing Te Deum—rejoicing. It is Socialism, and Socialism alone, and no other movement before Socialism that does establish and practice the principle of the brotherhood of the race.

I. A. B. READING, PA.—Whenever The People is found in error, let the correction be sent in. No greater favor can be rendered to this office.

R. B. PATERSON, N. J.; J. B. PHILADELPHIA, PA.; M. P. H. BUTTE, MONT.; W. W. C. SPRINGFIELD, ILL.; H. F. CINCINNATI, O.; P. C. J. SPRINGFIELD, MASS.; W. G. BELLEVILLE, O.; E. A. C. EAST PROVIDENCE, R. I.; J. W. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.; B. S. F., CINCINNATI, O.; H. G. SCHEENSTADY, N. Y.; F. S. H. SHIELDS, B. C.—Matter received.

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Postponed regular meeting held at headquarters, Daily People building, 9-6 New Reade street, N. Y. City, February 23.

Correspondence Bureau reported letter from Queens County in regard to reorganization; also on state campaign lists.

Reinstein having offered to visit sections on his return trip to Buffalo, it was decided to instruct the Correspondence Bureau to write and arrange dates and meetings.

WASHINGTON S. E. C.
Minutes of Washington S. E. C., February 15. Absent, Riorden, Present, Debby, Hertz, A. Brearcliff, S. Brearcliff, O'Hanrahan, Fagerdahl.

Financial report was read and adopted as follows: Balance in treasury, \$159.42. Stamps on hand, January 31, 1907, \$5.26.

The Tacoma letter was taken up and discussed. Owing to information extended to Section Tacoma by Section Seattle pertaining to the De Leon tour, a motion prevailed to place the same on file.

The State Bulletin was continued another month, and the comrades of the State asked to contribute to its columns. Meeting adjourned to meet the first Friday in March.

COLORADO S. E. C.
Colorado S. E. C. has been reorganized, with headquarters at Denver. The State secretary is Alban E. Higgins, 2619 16th street, Denver.

MARCH FESTIVAL APPROACHES.
Program Will Include Four Soloists—Leo Schultz to Lead Orchestra.
The entertainment committee of Section New York County, Socialist Labor Party, is actively engaged in completing arrangements for the coming Daily People festival, to be held on Sunday, March 17th, at Grand Central Palace.

Ten thousand throwaways announcing this concert and ball have been ordered printed at the last regular meeting of the entertainment committee. The same will be ready in a few days to be had at the office of L. Abelson, 2-6 New Reade street. Members and sympathizers of the S. L. P. should provide themselves with a number of them and pass them over to their friends.

thought, are called upon to emulate the Socialist Women. Many things are wanted. The committee will profitably dispose of everything sent, for the Daily People. Get busy, comrades and friends. Exercise your talents. Show what you can do.

The restaurant will as in the past be under our own supervision, and we intend to improve the service on this occasion. Assistance is wanted. We therefore call upon all men and women who are able and willing to volunteer to send their names and addresses at once to L. Abelson, 2-6 New Reade street.

Members and sympathizers are again reminded of the journal which the committee will issue on this occasion to secure advertisements at the rate of \$1.00 per space or \$5.00 per half page. Speak to your grocer, butcher and others with whom you deal about it.

BAZAAR AND FAIR.
We are pleased to announce the first acknowledgements of presents for the Bazaar and Fair to be held in connection with the Daily People Festival at Grand Central Palace on Sunday, March 17th.

THE DE LEON TOUR SCHEDULE.
New Castle, Pa., March 3.
Chicago, Ill., March 4.
St. Louis, Mo., March 6-7.

San Francisco and Oakland, Cal., April 3-7.
Portland, Ore., April 9-16.
Tacoma, Wash., April 11.
Seattle, Wash., April 12-14.

DETROIT LECTURES.
Section Detroit, Socialist Labor Party, will hold a series of lecture meetings at Wannabeach's Hall, 273 Gratiot avenue, Hastings street entrance, 2.30 P. M. Sunday afternoons.

REINSTEIN'S LECTURE
Delivered to the Largest Arlington Hall Audience Yet—A Splendid Discourse.
February 20th was the best all-round evening at the Arlington Hall lectures, held under the auspices of Section New York, S. L. P., since their opening.

Those sending five or more subs were: D. L. Munro, Portsmouth, Va., 8; Press Committee, Cincinnati, 8; Fred Brown, Cleveland, O., 8; Nils Reubound, Boston, 6.

Labor News business was fairly good the past week. Cincinnati, O., \$27; Organizer Gillhaus, Fresno, Cal., \$17.94; Boston, Mass., \$6.25; Dimond, Cal., \$3; Pittsburgh, Pa., \$5; London, Ont., \$4.78; Butte, Mont., \$3; San Francisco, \$2.80; Chicago, Ill., \$2.50; Spokane, Wash., \$2.15; Minneapolis, Minn., \$2; Philadelphia, Pa., \$1.25.

MOVING FUND'S STEADY CLIMB
TOWARD \$3,000 MARK ENCOURAGING—OVER \$1,800 IN HAND—LAST WEEK'S RECEIPTS EXCEED THOSE OF PRECEDING WEEK.

The Moving Fund continues to move up to the \$3,000 mark with encouraging steadiness. This week's receipts show an increase over those of the preceding week. One hundred and thirteen dollars and forty cents were added; bringing the grand total over the \$1,800 mark.

Table listing amounts received from various locations including British Columbia, Canada, Kansas City, and others. Total amounts are listed on the right side of the table.

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GRAND JUNCTION
SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY ON CONSOLIDATION.

Extends to Politics As Well As Economics—Two Parties Are One, Run For and by Capitalists, in State and City—Orson Adams the Bill Evans of Local Politics.

Grand Junction, Colo., February 26.—Consolidation is the order of the day and, in Colorado, it has extended to the political as well as the economic field.

The first thing to do when a consolidation of this sort is on foot is to extend all franchises that may expire within a few years, and as the electric light franchise was to run but four or five years longer, Mr. Adams had his Demo-Republican Council give him a new franchise to run 25 years.

THE UNITY QUESTION
A CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN LOCAL CINCINNATI, SOCIALIST PARTY, AND SECTION CINCINNATI, SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY.

In answer to a proposition from Section Cincinnati, Socialist Labor Party, to hold joint discussion meetings, Local Cincinnati, Socialist party, elected a committee of three to meet a like committee from the Section and devise ways of bringing the two parties into closer relations.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 4, '07.
Dear Comrades:—I, as secretary of the properly accredited conference committee, elected by the Socialist party, in mass ensemble, to forward to you the following answer to the question submitted by this committee to its respective organizations: Question was, "Are you ready, at the proper time, previous to the 1907 election, to hold a joint nominating convention, for the purpose of placing a single United Socialist ticket in the field upon a single Socialist platform?"

Dear Comrade Eisenberg:—Your letter of the 19th ultimo was taken up by the City Central Committee at its meeting last night, and it was the opinion of the committee that my reply to Comrade Frayne should be the reply of the Committee. Comrade Frayne asked us to call a discussion meeting between the S. P. and S. L. P. I answered that meetings of this character in the past rather retarded than helped unity and no good was accomplished.

Very fraternally,
Nicholas Klein, Chairman.
To Miss Katie Eisenberg, Secretary, General Committee, S. L. P.

fact that some thirty or forty men learned through those discussions that they were in the wrong camp.
But you make a mistake when you assert that there "was no difference" between the two organizations in principles. We beg to remind you that when the Local and the Section met in discussion last year, the two parties held opposite views on the relation between the industrial and the political wings of the Labor movement; the S. L. P. taking the position that the emancipation of the working class must be accomplished by an industrially organized Union based on the class struggle, the function of the political party, at present, consisting in educating and arousing the proletariat to a realization of its slavery and a knowledge of the weapon—the Industrial Union—with which to end it.

This difference between the two parties existed last year, it is possible that it does not exist to-day. If Local Cincinnati has changed its attitude toward industrial unionism, it has materially strengthened its position and has nothing to fear in meeting the S. L. P.

On January 4th we received a letter from Mr. Zitt who informed us that Local Cincinnati voted in favor of the proposition submitted by the joint Conference Committee. From that letter we gather that your organization is ready to unite with us on one platform, to unite with us on one ticket, to vote with us, in short your organization stands ready to do anything together with us, but there is one thing you will not do, and that is discuss with us.

How shall we answer your assertion that you are going to devote your spare time in building up an organization to "battle against capitalism," a formidable enemy, when you throw up your hands at the mere suggestion of meeting Section Cincinnati, a handful of men, armed with no more dangerous weapons than arguments?

After two or three months of "diplomatic" fencing, we have again reached the point from which we started. Section Cincinnati proposed to Local Cincinnati to inaugurate a series of discussions with the object of bringing about Unity. The City Central Committee "believes" that Local Cincinnati is not in favor of such meetings.

Yours for revolutionary Socialism,
Katie Eisenberg, Secretary.
JOHN M. O'NEIL.

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Mine Workers of America from an organizational standpoint. How much good will a \$5,000 contribution do, when it is followed up with such as the following extract from the report of W. D. Ryan, State secretary-treasurer:
"I recommend that members of our organization who become members of the Industrial Workers of the World be at once expelled from membership in the United Mine Workers of America. I take this position on account of the fact that the principles advocated by the representatives of the two organizations are so far apart that no man can consistently hold a membership in both and retain his own self respect."

BETTER RESULTS
IN PROPAGANDA FIELD LAST WEEK—IMPROVEMENT IN SUB-GETTING
—CINCINNATI PLANS TO PUSH SUE BOOKS.

For the week ending February 23rd, we received 180 subs to the Weekly People, and 32 mail subs to the Daily People, a total of 212 for the week. This is an improvement over the past few weeks and we hope the comrades will strive to hold it.

and other books, with the result that the Section sends a cash order for \$27 worth of Sue books. Comrade and Mrs. Edward Gardner, the committee in charge, report several sets already sold. The profits will be used to establish a literary fund.

DE LEON TOUR.
Organizers of Sections are requested to NOTIFY THE PEOPLE OF THE PLACE AND HOUR of meetings. Many comrades and sympathizers coming to the meetings from a distance will be assisted by this information. Send in the information at least three weeks before the meeting.

GRAND JUNCTION
SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY ON CONSOLIDATION.

Next week we will explain how the Democratic Mayor J. N. Bunting, and the Republican city Attorney, Cole, backed by the Demo-Republican city Council, (Czar-like) tried to stop peaceful assemblage and free speech in Grand Junction and how the city paid all the costs in the case.

THE UNITY QUESTION
A CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN LOCAL CINCINNATI, SOCIALIST PARTY, AND SECTION CINCINNATI, SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY.

Discussion meetings in themselves, can neither retard nor help unity. The knowledge acquired in the exchange of ideas, may, and does help, but can never retard a union of forces. You state that there "was no difference in our principles," then the question naturally arises, how could a meeting of two organizations, a unit in principles, aiming to wipe out "tactical" differences, and prepare the ranks of both parties for the united political action which your Local favors, how could such a meeting, we ask, retard unity?

GRAND JUNCTION
SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY ON CONSOLIDATION.

Owing to lack of space, due to the presentation of the matter exposing the Sherman detective agency, the reports of the Moyer-Haywood protest meeting, received from numerous cities, and published in the Daily People, are unavoidably excluded from this issue. For complete working class news read the Daily People.