

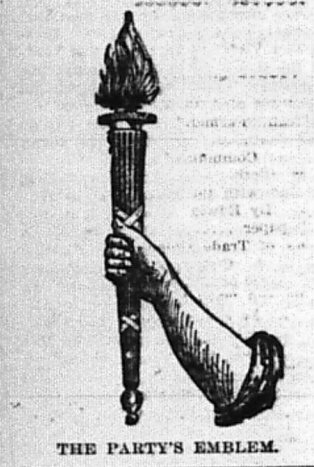
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FOR MAY DAY. The Worker will issue a special eight-page number in celebration of May Day.

THE COAL-STRIKE DECISION. The tone of the labor press in commenting upon the decision of the coal-strike arbitrators is most significant.

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Those who wish to locate the headquarters at Chicago, with Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, and Kentucky at the head of the Quorum will vote "Yes" on Referendum No. 1 and on the first clause of No. 2, and "No" on the other three clauses of No. 2.

Those who wish to locate the headquarters at Omaha, with South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, and Missouri as the basis of the Quorum will vote "Yes" on the first and third clauses of Referendum No. 2 and "No" on the others.

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era, if there were the slightest assurance that they would be observed. There is no such assurance. The mine workers are pledged not to attempt to force the unloading of the mines. The owners are to "run their own business."

The decision is not worse than was to be expected. Perhaps it is not so bad as might have been expected. The great strike is still remembered, the support it had from the workers of all trades, and along with it, the immense increase of the Socialist vote is borne in mind.

THE REFERENDUM ON HEAD-QUARTERS. The question of location of headquarters and composition of the Quorum of the National Committee is now before the party for general vote.

Referendum No. 1 (moved by Locals Toledo, Akron, Findlay, Fremont, Massillon, Springfield, and Branch I of Cleveland, O.; Lyon, Lawrence, Natick, Malden, Chelsea, Salem, Worcester, Haverhill, and Everett, Mass.; Portland, Me.; Rochester and New York, N. Y.; Beaver and Poplar Bluff, Mo.; Indianapolis, Marion, and Terre Haute, Ind.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Arlington and North Yakima, Wash.) proposes:

Referendum No. 2 (moved by Locals Omaha, South Omaha, Grand Island, and Plattsmouth, Neb.; Kansas City and Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Franklin Heights, Kan.; and Sioux City, Ia.) embodies the following questions:

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THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS.

By Peter E. Burrows.

The working people of the world are not able to keep the capitalists in such profit-making employment as will suit capitalism all the time; therefore the majority of the world's people must go without work and their share, or any decent share, of the affluence and culture of the century.

"The progress of mankind," says the private owner, "must now stand still. Science must be arrested for under the private régime man are neither fit nor able to know more of her, having proved so abundantly unfit to wield what they know."

We all have been at a loss to know why social science should so long have continued to be the will-o-wisp of sciences, why its teachers continue in the world to this day contradicting each other.

Whatever we are to make of the private life later on, we must now be content to drop it, until we ascertain, first, what constitutes it. It includes, secondly, the science of the public life. The scientific Socialism is this attempt.

The difficulty in the way of social science is of much the same nature as that which lies in the way of the old-fashioned revivalist. "It is not God, they cry, who is unable to save you; it is you who are standing in his way."

The economic business of a true society is the humanization of force for its individual lives, to initiate, to direct and to use it on matter for them.

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COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS.

The Philosophy of Association—Different Forms of Collective Consciousness—Class-Consciousness Its Only Vital Form To-Day, Patriotism Being Anti-Social and Complete Social Consciousness Impossible—The Social Source of Morals.

BY COURTENAY LEMON.

Wherever, and in whatever way, men are drawn into association and bound together by common interests and co-operate for common ends they come under the influence of ideals originating in the interests of the group, become subject to moral laws created by the interests of the collective body of which they are members, and develop a collective consciousness.

One individual may be allied with a number of different groups such as a family, a club, a fraternal society, or other voluntary association, a political party, a church, a particular race, and a social class; his thoughts and ideals will be moulded to some extent by the interests of each of these groups and he will have a certain degree of consciousness of each.

The appeal to patriotism is still made by the supporters of the existing social system of capitalism, but patriotism is giving away to class divisions. The international investments of the capitalists, the progress of intercommunication, and the growing intensity of the struggle between the two classes, are obliterating national divisions and making the conflict between the international labor movement and the international capitalist class the paramount and international issue of the present time.

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vival which are to be seen in the being together of animals. No man lives and man has never lived unto himself alone; an isolate life is not possible; he is a social being and a social product. The human race, which is first distinguished from the lower animals by self-consciousness, has now passed through kin-consciousness and nation-consciousness and is rapidly reaching class-consciousness which will finally lead to social consciousness—a sort of social Nirvana in which the individual is exalted by being merged into society; as the Eastern devotee dreams of being merged in God, and finds a sufficient substitute for the idea of immortality in the persistence and progress of the race.

That group feeling, that collective consciousness coming out of co-operation for social survival is the source of all morals and the secret of all progress. The realization of its full significance no longer leaves the hope of the individual greatness but finds it bound up in the general average. Some individuals may go astray all the time and all individuals may go astray some of the time but the whole class or the whole race can never lose its way permanently.

Our Esteemed Contemporaries

Since the recent town elections throughout the state the result of the big gains made by the Socialist Party has been clearly felt at the state house and the representatives of the Socialist party have been given undivided attention almost on every occasion on which they have spoken.

Among the signs of the times are the growing strength of the Socialists in national legislatures; the concessions of various sorts they have been able to secure or extort, and the recognition of some of their most prominent members by their election or appointment to high public positions.

The path leading to industrial freedom is strewn with many wrecks. The trade union movement has seen many failures. But the saddest wrecks and the greatest failures are those of the organizations and leaders who have gone astray listening to the blandishments of employers with a trade-union substitute.

The Commission, after many grins and a bundle of groans, has produced and handed to the anthracite coal miners a gold brick and its laborers have served this purpose—it has, at the expense of paying to the miners what they would have secured anyhow had the strike been held on, saved the life of the Coal Trust so that both the miners and the exquisite pleasure of securing the grip of its claws. It has secured to the members of the afore-said commission the pleasure of posing in the public eye at the public expense for a good, long time and has again demonstrated the fact that the same and half the other points in the game and still be in at the winning with a straight flush and rake in the pot.

Next in interest to the sweeping Republican victory in the elections last fall was the large vote polled by the candidates nominated by Socialist and Social Labor parties. This vote

