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AFTER THE STRIKE YOU STRIKE AGAIN.

By Horace Traubel.

After the strike you strike again. The strike fails. The strike succeeds. The wage scale goes up or down. The worst thing happens or the best thing happens. Yet you must strike again.

become one strike you have your revolution. When you have your revolution you have justice. Some morning all the workers of the world will get up with one resolve. It will be a holy morning, that morning.

PROGRESSIVE STAGE.

A Lecture on Bjornson this Sunday—His Greatest Drama to be Produced the Sunday Following.

Under the auspices of the Progressive Stage Society, on Sunday evening, Mar. 10, at 8 p. m., Mrs. Amelia von Ende will speak on Bjornson and His Works, at the Hall of the League for Political Education, 23 W. Forty-fourth street.

Sunday afternoon, Mar. 20, at 2:30 p. m., the next production of the Progressive Stage Society will take place at the Murray Hill Theater, Lexington avenue, near Forty-second street.

JOHN COLLINS FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Mar. 2.—The city convention of the Socialist Party yesterday nominated John Collins for Mayor, James B. Sullivan for City Treasurer, Marcus H. Taft for City Attorney, and A. W. Mance for City Clerk.

LET ALL STUDY UP.

There are monopolies of various kinds. The monopoly of the means of production by the capitalist class is not the only one. Monopolies, no matter of what nature they may be, are dangerous.

MAY DAY IN NEW YORK.

The International Socialist Holiday to be Celebrated by a Great Meeting in Carnegie Hall at Which Ben Hanford and J. W. Brown Will Speak.

The Social Democratic Party of New York will hold its May demonstration for the international solidarity of labor in the form of a great meeting and concert in Carnegie Hall on Sunday afternoon, April 30, at which Ben Hanford, our late candidate for Vice-President, and John W. Brown will speak.

There will be an excellent concert program rendered by the following artists: Mlle. Ducre, dramatic soprano; Miss F. Iselin, lyric soprano; Miss Jeanette Hugman, contralto; Miss Julia Weinstein, violinist; Miss Sara Gurovitch, cellist; Mr. Boris Steinberg, baritone; and Mr. A. Silverman, bass.

Limited membership tickets have been issued for this performance at fifty cents each and can be had in any quantity at the office of The Worker or from the President, Julius Hopp, 215 E. One Hundred and Thirtieth street.

On this day Carnegie Hall should be filled to the doors with Socialists and their friends. The sale of tickets has just begun, but from present indications it is anticipated that the success of this undertaking will outdo all former meetings.

SOCIALISM IN DUBLIN.

At the recent municipal elections in Dublin the Irish Socialist Party determined to test the value of its propaganda amongst the working class.

GAIN IN PEEKSKILL.

Socialist Vote Nearly Doubled—While Part of Our Gain is Due to Democrats' Failure to Nominate, Much of It is Real and Permanent.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., Mar. 8.—At yesterday's election, Everett L. Holmes, Social Democratic candidate for President of the village, polled 403 votes, the other candidates of the S. D. P. polled from 419 to 462.

The Republican politicians were really scared until the votes were counted, and made every effort to get out their voters. The local papers did us a good turn, too, during the campaign, by abusing and misrepresenting us so violently and persistently that people were stimulated to find out what Socialism really is.

The pretense that the Democrats united with us is entirely false. They knew better. They made us an offer of fusion a couple of years ago and got a refusal so plain that they could not fail to understand.

THE SERVANS SPEAK.

In Belgrade, Servia, a large and enthusiastic meeting was held on Feb. 16, which adopted the following resolution: "In the name of the Servian proletariat we extend fraternal greeting to the Russian working people who are making such heroic sacrifices to put an end to the barbarous régime of Tsarism."

FOR "DAILY CALL."

Three Days' Fair in Clinton Hall to Swell Fund.

Comrades in Charge Hope that This Week's Entertainment Will Net a Considerable Sum to Hasten the Establishment of a Socialist Daily Paper.

The German workmen of New York City already have their own Socialist and trade-union daily paper, the "Volkzeitung," to represent their interests and tell the truth about their conditions and their upward struggles.

On Friday evening the program will consist of a sketch by the Progressive Dramatic League; recitations by M. Winchewsky; a sketch by the Progressive Dramatic Society and one by members of the Actors' Protective Union, followed by music and dancing.

On Sunday evening there will be a concert under the direction of Platon Brouhoff, with the assistance of Mr. Sam Mensch, pianist; Mr. A. Silverman, baritone; Miss Henrietta Mensch, soprano; Mr. Maurice Diamond, violinist; Mr. R. Reichman; Mr. J. P. Katz, bass; and the Socialist Choral Union.

The doors open on Friday at 8 p. m. and on the other two days at 2 p. m. All committees are requested to report at Clinton Hall, 151 Clinton street, Thursday at 8 p. m. to lead a band in fixing up the booths, also on Friday at 2 p. m.

WORTH LIVING OR DYING FOR.

You have a greater privilege than any people on the face of the earth have ever had before. In all previous revolutions, none of them, not one of them, ever had it in its power to do anything more than liberate a certain group of people, or a little nation of people.

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

Workers of All Lands Look to Russia.

Even in Such Backward Countries as Spain and Servia Public Expression is Given to Class-Conscious Workingmen's Sympathy with Russian Revolution—Aid Extended from America.

The last bulletin of the Russian Social Democratic Party brings us news of the active sympathy that is being shown by the Socialists of all European countries. Not only in Germany, Holland, Belgium, England, France, and Italy, where we should expect it, because of the advanced economic development of those countries, their more or less liberal institutions, and the strength of their Socialist organizations, but also in such very backward nations as Spain and Servia the international solidarity of labor is recognized.

In France and Italy the authorities have tried to prevent, so far as possible, the public demonstration of sympathy with the Russian revolutionists, but with little success. In Spain, however, freedom of meeting is a mere legal fiction and the government never hesitates to use violent measures of repression.

Sympathy in Spain.

The government, when it saw that the news from Russia was inspiring thought and unrest among the Spanish working people, issued an order forbidding any public criticism of the massacre of January 22 and forbidding the holding of any public meetings to discuss Russian affairs.

In this appeal the Committee says: "We well know in what a bad condition are the Spanish workmen in consequence of unemployment and of the high prices of the necessities of life. Nevertheless, we consider it the duty of the Spanish working class to set an example of international solidarity, even though their contributions can be but small. We therefore appeal to them without hesitation, hoping that all comrades will respond to the best of their ability."

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This resolution was afterward endorsed by workmen's organizations all over Servia.

Aid from America.

Secretary Looptoff and Treasurer Ingerman of the Russian Social Democratic Society of New York acknowledge the receipt of the following contributions: Previously reported, \$1,056.67; through "Volkzeitung," \$74.75; W. S. & D. B. F., Br. 18, Williamsbridge, \$5; Br. 98, Peoria, Ill., \$5; Br. 194, San Jose, Cal., \$5.50; Br. 165, West Newton, Pa., \$2; Br. 11, So. Boston, \$3; Br. 105, Jersey City, \$3; Br. 21, Manchester, N. H., \$20.35; Br. 27, Elizabeth, N. J., \$5; Br. 166, Brooklyn, \$10; Br. 48, Guttenberg, N. J., \$3; Br. 12, Oneida, N. Y., \$3.00; Br. 188, Cleveland, \$5; Br. 96, Chelsea, Mass., \$5; Br. 153, New York, \$5; Br. 102, San Francisco, \$5; Br. 45, Harrison, \$5; Br. 172, Easton, Pa., \$5; Br. 87, Peabody, N. Y., \$3. Social Democratic Friends, N. Y., \$3; Local Democratic Friends, Verden, Br. 17, Cleveland, \$5; Br. 25, Syracuse, \$5; Local Chicago, Thirty-first Ward Br., Socialist Party, \$4; Local Club, Anacosta, Mont., \$10; Local New Bedford, Mass., \$5; Bismische Bildungs Verein, New Bedford, \$3.25; Local Franklin, Pa., \$4; Local Washington, D. C., \$11; Local Saginaw, Mich., \$2; Local Burlington, Ia., \$2; Karl Marx Club, branch of Local Chicago, \$5; Local Stevensville, Mont., \$3.50; Local Rock Island Co., Ill., \$1; Local Kane Co., Ill., \$1; Br. 2, Local Paterson, N. J., \$5; Br. 2, contributed, \$3; Local Orlando, Fla., \$3.75; Local Idaho Falls, Ida., \$2; German Branch, Local Pittsburgh, \$5; Local Detroit, Mich., \$3.25; Local Chicago, \$17; "Työväen Suora Ystävä," per Thome Hakala, Duluth, \$16.80; N. I. Stone, Washington, \$10; W. Atkinson, Brooklyn, \$1; W. D. Altman, Rosemead, Pa., \$5; H. M. Reding, Clarksville, Ark., \$20; W. C. Nelson, Chelsea, Kas., \$1; N. O. Nelson, St. Louis, per A. M. \$8.00; total for Mar. 13, \$1,406.62. Contributions should be sent to J. Looptoff, Secretary, 121 E. One Hundred and Twelfth street, New York.

IT AVERAGES UP.

"Their pay is shockingly small for some of our public officials," said the broad-minded man. "Yes," answered the cynic; "but it averages up. Some of the public officials are shockingly small for their pay."

ISN'T IT QUEER

—that Republican and Democratic newspapers are writing long articles about "American sympathy for the Russians" which is not worth the paper it is printed upon.

TRUST INVESTIGATION.

"You favor an investigation of trusts?" "Certainly," answered Senator Sorghum. "I have investigated several. I always used a firm to determine the responsibility of a firm before I consent to do business with it."—Washington Star.

HUMAN LIFE IS CHEAP.

Another Tenement Fire Illustrates Profit Rule.

Thirteen Children and Six Adults Burned to Death in a Few Minutes—Poor Working People, of Course—Why Such Horrors Are Permitted.

Nineteen persons were burned to death last Tuesday morning in a tenement on Allen street—thirteen children, four women, and two men. This adds one more to an already long list of such horrors in New York City within the last few years. It is the sensation of a day, and then it is forgotten. Those who were responsible and caused them are never punished, nor is anything done to remove those causes.

It is only poor working people, living in the miserable tenements, that are burned; those in power are making good profits out of the conditions that jeopardize those poor people's lives; and the working people have not yet learned to stand together and take power into their own hands and protect their own lives.

One of a Long Series.

The day before the present Mayor was elected, while Reformer Low had still two months to serve, a like holocaust took place on the West Side. It was then shown that the building was a standing violation of nearly every section of the code, but the Reform Administration had not lifted a finger to compel the owners to comply with the law and reduce its dangers.

Firetraps Are Profitable.

It goes on and it will go on because it is more profitable for landlords to own cheaply-built tenements, with small rooms, few windows, steep and crooked stairs, narrow hallways, and few fire-escapes or none, than to spend a fraction of the rents they collect in making these populus tenements something else than fire-traps.

No Effort to Enforce Law.

In the present case Commissioners Crain excuses himself for having allowed the violations of law which resulted in the death of nineteen people by saying that "there are 85,000 tenements in New York and only 100 inspectors." In saying that he condemns the administration for being too "big" has just found money to employ 400 additional policemen to catch law-breakers who encroach on property rights; but it could not think of spending "the taxpayers' money" in setting 400 extra building inspectors at work to examine the tenements and compel the remodeling or demolition of those that are so constructed in violation of law as to endanger the lives of the tenants. That would be too extravagant and too paternalistic.

There is but one class whose interest is opposed to overcrowded fire-trap tenements—the working class that pays the bills and takes the risk; and there is but one party that represents that class—the Social Democratic Party, which stands for the abolition of landlordism and all other parasitism and for every measure that may help toward that end.

LECTURE CALENDAR FOR NEW YORK.

Lectures under the auspices of the Social Democratic Party or auxiliary organizations, whether by Socialist or non-Socialist speakers, and by Socialist speakers, are listed below. Unless otherwise stated, lectures are held at 8 p. m., and admission is free.

WADSWORTH BERD OF PRIVILEGE AND POWER.

In a speech in the House of Commons on the great Reform Bill, Lord Macaulay commented on the advice of the Conservatives of his day in a famous passage describing the effects of the French Revolution. Had these men, he inquired, never heard what effect counsels like their own had produced when too faithfully followed? And he continued: "Have they never walked by those stately mansions, now sinking into decay and partitioned out into lodging rooms, which line the silent streets of the Faubourg St. Germain? Have they never seen the ruins of those castles whose terraces and gardens overhang the Loire? Have they never heard that from those magnificent hotels, from those ancient castles, an aristocracy as splendid, as brave, as accomplished as ever Europe saw, was driven forth to exile and beggary, to implore the charity of hostile governments, to cut wood in the back settlements of America, or to teach French in the schoolrooms of London? And why were those haughty nobles destroyed with that utter destruction? Why were their titles abolished, their escutcheons defaced, their parks wasted, their palaces dismantled, their herbage given to strangers? Because, no discernment of the signs of their time; because, in the pride and narrowness of their hearts, they called those whose warnings might have saved them 'theorists and speculators'; because they refused all concession, till the time had arrived when no concession could avail."

THINK OF THIS PARADOX.

To think that here, of all places in the world, where for the first time in history the ballot of the common man is equal to the ballot of the priest or the soldier or the judge, where by every political and economic faith-to think that, in the face of the greatest opportunities for freedom which the world has ever seen, it should now be possible for any workingman to stand penniless and hungry outside a factory door within which lie the privately owned tools and opportunities which should be his own—opportunities possessed by the ruling class themselves—Franklin H. Westworth.

DEFINITIONS.

Stealing \$1,000,000—genius. Stealing \$500,000—agacity. Stealing \$100,000—shrewdness. Stealing \$50,000—astuteness. Stealing \$25,000—brilliantly. Stealing \$10,000—integrity. Stealing \$5,000—imagination. Stealing \$2,500—eventuality. Stealing \$1,000—ambition. Stealing \$500—selfishness. Stealing \$250—treachery. Stealing \$100—larceny. Stealing \$50—theft. Stealing a base-war on a society—No change.

HOW ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN?

When you go back to the early years of the nineteenth century, and read the accounts of children's sufferings due to the cruelty of their fathers, your hearts appear to cry out in anguish. Just think of today. Think of day-in these great United States, children five and six years old, working from six in the morning until six in the evening, and at the hardest and most trying kind of labor. These children are being ruined by thousands by the manufacturers. It is killing the whole white race of the South.

PAINT AND WHITEWASH.

"If a coat of paint is applied to a man's body," said the scientific boarder, "it will do within a few hours." "It doesn't seem plausible," rejoined the cheerful host, "when you take into consideration that an occasional coat of whitewash is necessary to keep some politicians from becoming dead ones."—Chicago Daily News.

THE BROOKLYN "EAGLE" IS STILL A SCAB PAPER.

The Brooklyn "Eagle" is still a scab paper. Socialists should not buy it.



PARTY NEWS.

National. W. E. White of New Haven has been re-elected National Committee member for Connecticut.

Carl D. Thompson of Milwaukee has been elected additional National Committee member for Wisconsin.

National Secretary Barnes has received letters from A. M. Haysman, Secretary of the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels, urging the collection of money for the assistance of the revolutionary movement in Russia.

By a vote of 26 to 4 the National Committee has adopted Hillquist's motion: "That the National Committee proceed to elect two party members to act as international secretaries of our party on the International Socialist Bureau; the said secretaries to make reports to the National Committee at least once in three months, and to serve until including the next International Congress. The mode of selection of said international secretaries shall be the same as that adopted by the National Committee for the election of an Executive Committee."

The new ones: McAllister, Ray, Brautman, Gilbert; not voting—White, Putnam, O'Neil, Floyd, Lovett, Berger.

Local Milwaukee, Wis., has adopted the following resolutions:

In view of the fact that it is our chief desire to educate the workers of all nationalities, irrespective of color, creed or previous condition of servitude:

And, whereas, we, who are familiar with the economic development of capitalism in all branches of industry throughout the United States of America, can see from the press and other sources of information that the Southern States have become inoculated with the virus of capitalism, and in this transition we can see the old form of agriculture transmuting into the new and more economic form which means the displacement of labor, thereby creating an unfavorable herd of unemployed workers;

And whereas the manufacturing interests have located in this portion of the country an amount of the opportunity of securing cheap labor, it being a commodity exchangeable in value on its ratio of substitutes, they have taken, therefore, advantage of this condition:

And whereas the natural growth of competition, coupled with the unstable methods of capitalism with its modern machinery, and thereby reducing labor far below its former status of existence, hence creating a discord which they, the capitalist class, are incompetent to harmonize;

And whereas the great industrial army of that portion of the country are nearly equally divided as to negroes and whites, and owing to the unfortunate prejudices which exist between the two races, meaning the enhancement of capitalism from the standpoint of exploitation, therefore be it

Resolved, that we, the Social Democratic Party of Local Milwaukee, with its committee Executive body that there be a complete negro apportioned as National Organizer, and it further

Resolved, that his territory shall be where he can reach the greater number of the people of his race, notwithstanding the fact that we, as Socialists, cannot, and will not, fuse or cater to any political party, creed, race or nationality, but owing to the present unavoidable condition of race prejudice which does exist, we deem it expedient for the advancement of Socialism to take this course, as the majority of negroes are workers and in our class, hence must be reached and educated.

It was further moved and carried that the Central Committee of Local Milwaukee recognize the engagement of Comrade E. P. Sims of Milwaukee, Wis., for the position of organizer among the negroes.

Further, it was resolved that the Central Committee of Local Milwaukee request the National office of the Socialist Party to call for and receive contributions at its office for the human laboring classes and forward them to some Russian authority.

By a vote of 48 to 14 the National Committee decided that the additional members elected in Ohio and New Jersey should be entitled to vote in the election of the National Executive Committee.

The new ones: Andrea, Lovry, Platon, Stealy, Carter, Berlin, Work, Towner, Poc, Boon, McHugh, Kearns, Lampan, Band, Masche, Hump, Gilbert, Hastings; Nos, Richardson, White, Reynolds, Putnam, Gibbs, Lamb, Holman, Ray, O'Neil, Hill, Quill, Floyd, Kerrigan, Arridson, Berger, not voting—Barnette, McAllister, Trautman, Healey, Lovett, Zimmerman.

ELECTION OF N. E. C. The fourth ballot of the National Committee to choose the seventh members of the National Executive Committee did not result in a choice and a fifth ballot is being taken, to close Mar. 21. The result of the fourth ballot was:

For Hubert Bandier of Ohio—Beriza of Illinois, Work of Iowa, Hillquit of New York, White of Connecticut, Gilbert of Utah, Ray of Nebraska, Towner of Kentucky, Poc of Maine, Masche of Oklahoma—total, 6.

The Geo. H. Goebel of New Jersey—Barnette of Arizona, Carter of Idaho, Headley of New Jersey—total, 3.

For John Kerrigan of Texas—Bandier, Hastings of Wyoming, Kerrigan, McHugh of Montana, Lovry of Arkansas, Booley of Florida, O'Neil of New Hampshire, Lampan of North Dakota, Putnam of Louisiana, Richardson of California—total, 10.

For A. M. Simons of Illinois—Trautman of Ohio, Arridson of Vermont, Andrea of Alabama, Platon of Colorado—total, 4.

For Seymour Steidman of Illinois—Hoehn of Missouri, Lamb of Michigan, Gibbs of Massachusetts, Holman of Minnesota, Berger of Wisconsin—total, 5.

For Chas. G. Towner—Reynolds of Indiana, Kearns of New Jersey, Floyd of Rhode Island, Ramp of Oregon, McAllister of Kansas—total, 5.

For a choice, Goebel not having received 10 per cent. of the votes, his name is dropped, and Bandier, Kerrigan, Platon, Steidman, and Towner remain as candidates.

New York State. Dan A. White spoke in Peekskill on Mar. 9. The very bad weather made the audience small, but those who came were greatly pleased. It is hoped that White will soon visit Peekskill again.

Isidor Ladoff lectured before the Workers' People's Forum last Sunday on "The Revolutionary Movement in

Russia. The audience showed its keen interest both by frequent applause and by the many questions that were asked after the lecture. Next Sunday afternoon Rev. Marie St. Croix Wright will lecture on Religion and Modern Science. The Forum meets in Odd Fellows' Hall on N. Broadway.

Dan A. White is now filling his dates in the up-state cities and has been in some good meetings. The audience in Peekskill was much pleased with his presentation of Socialism. On Friday, Mar. 10, he spoke in Berlin, an unorganized place, to a good audience for the size of the town. The comrades there who arranged the meeting say that the whole town is talking nothing else but Socialism since the meeting. All were evidently well pleased and the consensus of opinion was that Comrade White was "the finest speaker that ever came to Berlin." An organization will be formed there in the near future, and they are anxious to have more speakers. Comrade White spoke in Albany on Sunday to an audience somewhat smaller than usually attends the meetings of the Socialists; the poorer attendance is accounted for by lack of proper advertising. White's date for Monday was in Glens Falls. Up to this writing we have no reports of his meetings. There is much interest manifested, however, in our movement in Glens Falls and in South Glens Falls. In South Glens Falls the comrades have nominated a full village ticket and are making things hum. Secretary Wright informs us that the village has not been stirred up so thoroughly over politics for years and there is so much talk of Socialism among the paper makers there that the old party leaders have instructed their followers to cease arguing with the Socialists in order to check the movement. Comrade White's dates for the next week are as follows: Utica, Mar. 14 and 17; Rome, Mar. 18; Watertown, Mar. 19; Syracuse, Mar. 20; Waterbury, Mar. 21; Rochester, Mar. 22.

Comrade White reports that the meetings are not properly advertised and urges all local arranging meetings to do their utmost to make the meeting known. There is no reason why a speaker sent through the state should talk to Socialists only. The general public must be reached, and if the meetings are boomed there will be much better audiences. For all future speakers and meetings, the State Secretary will endeavor to furnish advertising matter in the shape of posters or handbills so that all meetings will be more thoroughly advertised.

The next speaker to go through the state will be James F. Carey of Massachusetts, ex-member of the Massachusetts Legislature. Comrade Carey's wide experience as a Socialist legislator and speaker should insure him a big list of dates. The commencement of Comrade Carey's tour has been purposely delayed until April 15 in order to allow the comrades to have time to handle White's meetings and to make arrangements for Carey. Dates have been assigned for his tour as follows: Albany, April 16; Glens Falls, April 17; Schenectady, April 18; Johnstown, April 19; Gloversville, April 20; Utica, April 21; Rome, April 22; Auburn, April 23; Syracuse, April 24; Geneva, April 25; Rochester, April 26; Batavia, April 27; E. Aurora, April 28; Gowanda, April 29; Buffalo, April 30 and May 1; Jamestown, May 2; Salamanca, May 3; Wellsville, May 4; Hornellsville, May 5; Corning, May 6; Ithaca, May 7; Yonkers, May 8; Port Chester, May 9. Promptness in acceptance or rejection of these dates is very necessary so that the tour can be arranged in the most economical manner for all concerned. It must be borne in mind by the locals that the price charged for speakers is insufficient to cover all the expenses of the tour and that the State Committee has to stand a part of the expense. The Committee is willing to do this just as long as it possibly can. It cannot continue to do so, however, unless the locals are more prompt in their remittances of dues. Already a marked improvement from all over the state in this matter is noticeable and there is no doubt about having a much better organization after the speakers have been through the state. The co-operation of the membership is needed in order to carry on the work of organization in the unorganized places. If the necessary dues paying membership can be secured, the State Committee can do much work during the coming summer. We must have organizers constantly on the road when the time comes when they can hold outdoor meetings. Letters are being received from individual Socialists in all sections of the state asking that a speaker be sent to speak to the people and to help them organize.

New York City. CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. The City Executive met on Feb. 27. Light schain in the chair. The Organizer urged that districts buy dues-stamps regularly in accordance with their needs and delegates were accordingly instructed to bring the matter to the attention of the districts; reported tickets for May Day celebration ready. Elected members of C. E. C. were assigned to agitation districts to help and encourage their work as follows: First, Lichtschain; Second, Oberst; Murray Hill, Lichtschain; West Side, Berlin; Yorkville, Kelly; Bronx, Oberst. Recommended that General Committee ask State Committee to initiate referendum for city convention to be held in Manhattan on May 30; also that ratio of representation be one delegate for each district and one additional for each ten members in good standing.

City Executive met again on Mar. 6. Edwards presiding. Nineteen applications for membership were received and all favorably recommended. The Organizer reported visiting the organizations in the First Agitation District. The Second Agitation District made financial report, showing receipts of \$200, expenses of \$175, and debt of \$25; will work in the unions; Comrade Fred announced as speaker; the 6th and 20th A. D. in bad condition. The West Side reported successful lectures; communication from Comrade James calling attention to bill for \$7.50 due to Comrade Hahnemann, which was referred to the West Side for payment. Murray Hill reported sending out letters to enrolled voters; lectures are well attended. Yorkville reported successful lectures; letters will be sent to enrolled voters; 2nd A. D. and 24th A. D. are in very good condition, last steps are being

taken to build them up; 21st A. D. and 23rd A. D. are doing well. The Organizer reported preparations being made for issuance of leaflets on issues of municipal campaign, which should be published early, and was instructed to proceed; is also making arrangements for out-of-town speakers; instructed to take steps in regard to municipal platform; authorized to print 50,000 leaflets on the rapid transit strike.

A special meeting of the City Executive was held on Mar. 6. Mayes presiding. The Organizer was instructed to communicate with the strikers' committee, extending sympathy and wishing success; also to have 50,000 more leaflets printed.

John Spargo will speak in Cooper Union, Sunday evening, on A Socialist View of the People's Institute. On Mar. 31 he will lecture there on Forces That Make for Socialism in America.

The entertainment held last Sunday at Dispensary Hall, in West Third-sixth street, was a great success financially and otherwise. Although many of the comrades of these districts failed to appear, nevertheless the hall was packed. Prof. Beringer, his daughter Miss Kate Beringer and his niece, Mrs. Kate Beringer, and his niece, Mrs. Kate Beringer, assisted by Prof. Joseph Ehrlich and the Musical Section of the W. E. A. of Yorkville, Julius Hopp, President of the Progressive Stage Society, spoke to the assemblage on art and the working class, and invited the comrades to attend the next performance given by the society. Comrade August Funk, as a German comedian, and Comrade Charles Hoins, as a magician, entertained the audience during the evening; but the feature of the program was the appearance of the little daughters, Florence and Ida, of Comrade E. Spindler, in their singing and dancing acts. The little ones were received with great applause and were so well liked that they will repeat their performance at later party festivals.

BROOKLYN. At the Speakers' Class in the Labor Lyceum, 949 Willoughby avenue, on Friday evening, Mar. 17, a part of the time will be devoted to the discussion of plans for the future. All are cordially invited to attend.

International Labor Day will be celebrated in Brooklyn on April 30 at the Labor Lyceum by addresses in English and German, entertainment, moving pictures, illustrated songs and ball. Admission, 15 cents.

A sociable, with entertainment and refreshments will be held by Branch 1, 21st A. D., this Saturday evening, Mar. 15, at Wohlra's Hall, 675 Glenmore avenue.

Dr. E. P. Robinson will lecture at Buffalo Hall Sunday evening. There should be a good attendance. William Epstein has kindly consented to give four violin solos, accompanied on the piano by Miss E. T. Marr, so that artistic as well as scientific minds may be gratified at this meeting.

QUEENS. Queens County Committee met Mar. 10 at headquarters, 65 Myrtle avenue, Evergreen, Organizer Hahn in the chair. Communication from State Secretary Chase, asking if Local Queens had any objection to the city convention being held in New York City, was favorably received and no objection made. Glendale reported that it held a successful festival on Mar. 4 and received one proposition for membership in the near future. The next festival reported by Branch 50 and 150 of the Workers' Sick and Death Benefit Fund of Queens County elected committees to act in conjunction with the committee elected by Local Queens, and that the other branches will be visited in the near future.

It was requested to appoint committees for the joint festival on Sunday, Mar. 28, at Liberty Park, Evergreen. All comrades who are members of the said committees are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday evening, Mar. 18, at headquarters, 65 Myrtle avenue, Evergreen. County Organizer Hahn was instructed to have 15,000 leaflets printed by the Co-operative Press, Comrade Uhl, committee to buy books for a systematized form of bookkeeping, reported progress. The next board meeting will be held at 12th and 10th streets, Yorkville, on Saturday evening, Mar. 24, at 2 p. m. sharp. The Organizer was instructed to notify all the comrades in Queens by post card.

New Jersey. It has been decided by referendum that the state convention of the Socialist Party shall be held in Newark on May 30. Each branch, or local not divided into branches, is entitled to one delegate and one additional for each ten members in good standing or major fraction thereof. Locals and branches will now proceed to elect delegates. The attention of branch secretaries is called to the following resolution adopted by the State Committee on Mar. 12—

That the Branch Secretaries shall furnish the County Secretary with the names of delegates elected by the branches at least two weeks before such convention, and that the County Secretaries furnish a list of all such delegates to the State Corresponding Secretary, W. B. Killingsback, 210 York street, Orange, at least one week before said convention.

The State Organization Committee has decided to send out Geo. H. Goebel for a short tour of central and southern New Jersey, beginning sometime around the end of March. Local desiring his services should write at once to the State Organization Committee, 220 Washington street, Newark.

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More class instinct, which per se is necessarily anti-social, can never give us Socialism. The lower class instincts are capable of being purified through their grosser elements, and transformed into that higher instinct which, though on its face it has the impress of a class, is in its essence above and beyond class; which sees in the immediate triumph of class merely a means to the ultimate realization of a purely human society, in which class has disappeared. With those who have attained to this instinct, class-hood or class interest has become identical with humanity or human interest.

One thing there is which will give us cause to take heart of grace: There has been no evil of which mankind has once become conscious as such that mankind has not already half vanquished. The acute dramatic evils of the middle ages—insecurity of life and property, feudal trammels and imposts, ecclesiastical abuses—three centuries ago filled the field of human vision. Thinking, forward looking men saw in the vanquishment of the evils of their ages—the effete feudalism—the goal of all human hopes. It steadily and surely withered, and now it is long since first its place knew it no more. The evils they saw were vanquished, with what result we now know. We in our turn see a fatal upstart, blasting all human aspirations and happiness. The fact that we see it as it is, in the earnest that its destruction is nigh.

One can scarcely conceive the nobler life which will result from generations of satisfied, rather than repressed, annual desires, once they are the lot of this or that class but of all. With food, drink and other creature comforts to be had for the asking, they will cease to occupy the attention of human beings to an extent previously unknown in the world's history. Then for the first time will the higher aspirations of man have full play, the something more, the "odd trick," which is the real goal of human life, will assume a new character, and be pursued with an energy rivaling that hitherto devoted to personal gain, ambition or glory, since the path to these things, as in the old sense, will have been closed forever.

We have to do with no mere circle continuously returning in upon itself but with a movement which never touches the same actual spot twice, though it continuously recurs to one analogically the same. All concrete evil, etc., passes away never to return, and the issue of the process of which it forms part is a relative "good" (happiness, knowledge, etc.) That a new cycle arises out of this, also embodying the category of evil in another shape, need not trouble us since we know that here also the final result must be similar, and the end of every cycle is the good.

PARTY NEWS.

(Continued from page 3.) We come in the form of neither god nor prophet, but of the humanity whose religion is human affections, not the welfare of a race or class but of the whole; our doctrine is its attainment through human solidarity, or, in other words, Socialism. What in earlier phases of human evolution has been accomplished as in pre-human evolution by the survival of the fittest in the struggle for existence, in other words, what has been hitherto accomplished physically or unconsciously, must in the future be done physically or consciously—the struggle for existence must give place to co-operation for existence, and this co-operation, though in one sense the result of commercial evolution, implies on another side a correlate change in the basis of ethics and religion. Then and not till then will the contradiction of our age be resolved in the unity of a fuller and more complete life than any yet experienced by humanity.

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