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THE SOCIALIST VOTE. The Socialist Party has passed through its first general election. Its growing power is indicated by the increase of its vote.

1906 (Presidential) 96,661. 1906 (Congressional) 233,762. 1906 (Presidential) 408,230.

MAY DAY IN MANY LANDS.

May Day has everywhere the same general meaning—solidarity of the workers of the world against the masters of the world. In each country, however, and each year, its observance may take a somewhat different form.

In France, this year, the interest is centered on the demand for a general eight-hour workday, together with the right of government employees to use the trade-union methods for the improvement of their condition.

In the United States the subject of central interest is, of course, the persecution, misceled prosecution, of the officers of the Western Federation of Miners, the exposure of the capitalist conspiracy to terrorize organized labor.

The New York Legislature has passed an old-age pension bill. For workmen? Oh, no; for horses. As the "Times" puts it, "The signature of Governor Hughes is all that is needed to free from an old age of slavery all horses that become disabled or broken down in the service of the city."

John Smith has taken to writing letters to the daily press again. This time he is coming to the defense of President Roosevelt, Senator Borah, and Detective McParland; his last spasm of activity, if we remember rightly, was in 1902, when he sang the praises of Divine Right Baer and denounced the wicked tyranny of John Mitchell.

ed with the station in life in which it has pleased God to place him. He is a member of a trade union; but that is not to be held against him, for free American as he is, he belongs to the union very unwillingly and frankly declares it to be a vile institution whose sole purpose is to furnish champagne and turtle soup for its leaders.

MORE LIES ABOUT GORKY.

The American capitalist press is displaying all its diabolical ingenuity in inventing new lies about Maxim Gorky. Until he became definitely and publicly known as a Socialist, actively engaged in the service of the Social Democratic movement in Russia and frankly enlisted on the side of the workers in their struggle with the capitalists in every land—until this became publicly known, and so long as he was to be considered only as a writer of powerful stories and sketches, his genius received its full meed of praise.

Side by side with salacious news "sensations" and infamous "personal" advertisements appeared editorials expressing the horror of the saintly editors at a marriage which lacked the legal sanction of the tyrant Nicholas and the ecclesiastical approval of the inquisitor Pobledonostoff. When that story was worn threadbare there came another to the effect that the Gorky's sins had brought their punishment in such ostracism and poverty as compelled the novelist's wife to work as a scrub-woman in an Adirondack hotel.

Well, that story also had its day. Now comes another, the worst of all. Gorky is in Italy, very sick, working for the beloved cause with the little strength that is left after a life of toil, hardship, and persecution. And now comes a Chicago paper—it is the respectable "Tribune" that now outdoes the yellow "World" in shameless mendacity—with a story, alleged to be founded on the statements of two anonymous Russians in Rome, to the effect that wealth has corrupted Gorky, that he has deserted his old comrades and become a selfish plutocrat, caring only for his personal comfort.

If Gorky needed any further credential to his ability and his character, the abuse heaped upon him by the American press has furnished it. And if anything more was needed to damn the capitalist editors of this country, their treatment of the Gorkys has filled up the measure.

The following conversation took place: "Ever been in trouble before?" The policeman appeared surprised, and answered: "No." "Better take a plea of guilty, then, and get off with a light sentence."

For some time the New York "Times" has been publishing every Sunday photographs of the artistic homes of wealthy New Yorkers. The pictures are certainly very beautiful, and they give a good insight into the luxury by which our leading citizens are surrounded, but the "Times" has apparently not stopped to think that by doing this it is actually assisting in the promulgation of that vicious discon-

and no influential friends often think it prudent to follow the advice. Those who can afford to retain good lawyers and bear the expense of a trial thus get the advantage, while poor men truly or falsely accused of crime go to jail.

A BLUFF THAT WORKS.

The Interboro Rapid Transit Company has notified the Rapid Transit Commission that the Company cannot enter into negotiations to build the much needed new longitudinal subway lines because a profit cannot be guaranteed when the lines are in operation.

Since people are asking why President Roosevelt didn't butt into the Thaw trial, it may be presumed that Harry Thaw doesn't come within Roosevelt's idea of an undesirable citizen.

Landlords are reported to be going to make a bitter fight against the proposed changes in the Tenement House law, which would provide for better ventilation and light and the greater safety of tenants. One provision especially, which would either cause sweeping improvements in basements, or abolish them altogether, is called mischievous, principally on the ground that the janitors would have to have "more expensive apartments."

"CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 29.—An explosion of dynamite at John Linn's sheep camp in Trapper Creek, Big Horn County, last night killed 700 sheep and destroyed the camp wagons and outfit."

This is but the latest of hundreds of acts of violence in the long war of interests between the sheep men and the cattle men in Wyoming and the neighboring states. This time it is only 700 dumb brutes that are killed; but there have been plenty of human victims on both sides.

It is reported that Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco, under indictment as a grafter, has offered to resign his office, turn state's evidence against his accomplices, and "join the ranks of the reformers."

AN ABUSE OF JUSTICE.

A common abuse in the administration of the criminal law was brought to attention in New York this week by what was considered an amusing incident in the District Attorney's office. A policeman had been indicted for assault. He went to Assistant District Attorney Ely, who failed to recognize him, as he wore plain clothes.

G. E. R.—You are right. We were careless in describing the observance of the First of May as the International Labor Day as dating back "about twenty-five years." The custom was introduced on the initiative of the St. Louis Convention of the American Federation of Labor in 1888 and the International Socialist Congress of Paris in 1889, and May Day was first generally observed in 1890.

The capitalist press is seeking on every minutest pretext to minimize the protest of organized labor against President Roosevelt's attitude in the Moyer-Haywood case. Thus, on Tuesday, the headlines ran: "Boiler Makers Approve the President." The editor knows his business—knows that many persons read parts of the paper by headline only.

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NOTE, COMMENT AND ANSWER.

L. S. J.—We don't know just what "great men of science" you refer to. Certainly, some who make great pretensions to scientific achievements are really pretty ignorant; they show their weakness by losing their tempers in discussions. But we should not make the mistake of concluding that scientific knowledge is useless just because some vain humbugs make themselves a nuisance.

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Current Literature.

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happier, better cared-for children, a low birth rate but an equally low death rate—that is the demand of modern civilization. To fully realize this ideal our present barbarous con-

RHYME AND REASON.

BY TOM SELBY.

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THE DOPEY DEMAGOG.

"Mr. Bryan is an unconscious Socialist"—New York World. Socialist? Oh, fie! But he's unconscious, all right enough. Safe bet. He's asleep. Stunned. Logey. He's in a condition of coma.

GLORY BE!

Every Socialist is an "undesirable citizen," and is proud of it. We're undesirable to the robber class who control the means of life, and we would scorn to be otherwise. The worker who merits the approval of capitalism, merits also the scorn, suspicion and contempt of his class.

THE PHARISEE SPEAKS.

Notwithstanding the fact that he is an immigrant, imported under contract, Dr. Aked, in his first public utterance, takes occasion to vilify all other immigrants who differ from him in that they perform useful service to society.

PARTY NEWS.

National. James McCarthy, was expelled by Local Cook county, Ill., for advocating the election of the Democratic ticket in the recent municipal campaign.

of labor in the industrial movement," is scientific. And I can very well maintain that this is so without being reproached with "ideological interpretation of this trade union resolution as an endorsement of the American Federation of Labor."

but in its stead will in the latter part of May give one hall lecture. On last Sunday in Local Hall an immense meeting was held. At first, it had been intended to have a debate but it was impossible to obtain an opponent to Socialism so Comrade Sykes addressed the meeting instead on Socialism versus Individualism.

ence with reference to the admission of the I. W. W. to the May Day parade was left to the Conference. An invitation was received from the Butchers' Union No. 174 to be present at their picnic at Bulzer's Westchester Park on May 12.

to volunteer for the mob scenes in Julius Hopp's play, "The Friends of Labor", at the Kalich Theatre, beginning with May 21, are requested to be present at the first rehearsal on Monday and Tuesday, May 6 and 7, 7:30 p. m., at the headquarters of the 8th A. D., 106 Ludlow street.

PLANS INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CLUB. To the Editor of The Worker.—For some time past I have been thinking that it would be a good thing if the comrades all over the world could be brought into personal contact with each other.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CONVENTION. The State Convention of the Socialist Party of New Hampshire met in Concord hall on April 25. The convention was called to order by State Secretary W. H. Wilkins.

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE. The following motion has been proposed by National Committeeman King, Mich., and will be submitted to a vote when one-sixth of the National Committee has endorsed it.

Resolved, In view of the divergent opinion amongst Socialist Party members in reference to the trade union question, that we instruct our delegation to the International Socialist Congress to refrain from introducing any trade union resolution.

THE SOCIALISTS OF GREAT BRITAIN intend to take part in the parade and demonstration for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone on Sunday May 5, are requested to gather on Elliot street between 12 and 1 p. m., when the formation of the Socialist column will be made.

Queen's County. Local Queens Executive Board held its monthly meeting April 11. Organizer Burkle acted as chairman. Fifty tickets for the Bronx Educational Club Fair were bought, and it was decided to attend the affair in a body.

AMERICAN AID FOR RUSSIAN REVOLUTION. Secretary Rubincov and Treasurer Romm of the Russian Social Democratic Society of New York acknowledge receipt of the following contributions for the Russian revolution:

RAILWAY CLERKS ORGANIZING. Railway clerks, who have heretofore held aloof from organizing, have now started to join unions in earnest. They are affiliating with the International Freight Handlers' Union.

SOCIALIST SUNDAY SCHOOL. Beginning Sunday, May 5, the Socialist Sunday School will continue its sessions each Sunday afternoon at 106 Ludlow street, in the rooms of the 8th A. D., where the work will be carried on without further interruption.

ROOSEVELT Calls EVERY UNION MAN an UNDESIRABLE CITIZEN. EVERY UNION MAN SHOULD WEAR THIS BUTTON. 5 CENTS Am an Undesirable Citizen. 5 CENTS Organizations, order at once for Moyer-Haywood Demonstrations. \$3 PER 100. \$10 FOR 500. SOCIALIST LITERATURE COMPANY, 15 SPRUCE STREET, NEW YORK.

COST OF LIVING STILL GOES UP.

Labor Bureau Price Statistics for 1906 Show Highest Record.

The latest investigation of the United States Bureau of Labor into the course of wholesale prices, including the year 1906, shows a continuance of the upward tendency of the cost of living in this country. The investigation covers the prices of 258 commodities and gives a comparison for a period of 17 years, beginning with 1890.

FOR ADULT SUFFRAGE.

German Socialist Women Appeal for Aggressive Action.

The Social Democratic Women's Organization of Germany, represented by Ottilie Baader of Berlin, has moved that to the agenda of the International Socialist Congress to be held in Stuttgart this summer to be added the article: "The struggle of the proletariat for the complete democratizing of the suffrage."

SOCIALIST PARTY PICNIC AND SUMMERNIGHT'S FESTIVAL AT SULZER'S WESTCHESTER PARK SUNDAY Afternoon and Evening, JUNE 9

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CAMPAIGN FUND. DANCING, AMUSEMENTS, GAMES, ETC. CONCERT. CHORUS by the FREE GERMAN SCHOOLS. TICKETS 10 CENTS A PERSON BARBECUE AT THE GATE 15 CENTS. HOW TO REACH THE PARK: Take Subway Trains to West Farms, within two blocks from Park, or 2d Avenue "L" road to West Farms, or 3d Avenue "L" road to 140th Street and 3d Avenue and change for West Farms (Subway).

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Ethel Barrymore's Season Nears Its Close—"Man and Superman" For One Week—New Theatrical Merger—Notes.

By William Mally. Ethel Barrymore will appear for the last time this season in "His Excellency the Governor" at the Empire Theatre this Saturday evening, and the last two weeks of her annual engagement will be given up to a revival of "Cousin Kate," in which she made a popular hit a few seasons ago.

After seeing Miss Barrymore as Mrs. Jones in "The Silver Box" it is rather difficult to have to adapt oneself to her as Stella de Gex in "His Excellency the Governor." I don't know how she feels about it, but to me it seemed almost a sacrilege to have her, so familiar with such a part as the adventurous flirt when Mrs. Jones showed so plainly that she was capable of much bigger achievement. Of course, all her radiant and fascinating beauty has a full chance for exhibition as Stella, and her gowns are "dreams" to the enchanted ladies and dazling mysteries to the men, but that's not all the candle in the theatrical game.

Notes. "Votes for Women." a woman suffrage play by Elizabeth Robins, being played at matinees at the Court Theatre, London, has attracted much attention as a clever exploitation of the campaign carried on by the "suffragettes" in England. The great scene of the play shows a suffrage meeting on Trafalgar Square. Miss Robins calls her play a "dramatic tract."

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BRITISH LOCAL ELECTIONS.

The Socialists continue to make gains in the British local elections. According to the latest number of the "Labour Leader" at hand, three Independent Labor Party men were elected to the Board of Guardians at Shipley, two in Norwich, seven in Rotherham, two in Morpeth, one in Warrington, three in Kettering, three in Swansea, one in Wellington, one in Dudding, and two in Southwark. This means a net gain of about 10 seats. Two L. P. men were elected to the Urban District Council in Aberdare, one in Abersychan, and two in Barry. This list does not include a large number of Labor representatives who do not belong to either of the Socialist parties.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA.

Mr. Sidney Olivier, the new Governor of Jamaica, is a member of the London Fabian Society, the author of a number of sociological works, and a special student of conditions in the West Indies. His latest book, "White Capital and Colored Labor," shows great insight into the character of the negro race in Jamaica. The Socialists of England express gratification at his new appointment, for which he is deemed eminently fitted by reason of his long service in high administrative positions.

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ject much earlier than the bourgeois youth to all the effects of political events, and are thus educated to political interest and brought to political ripeness. On the other hand, with the increasing intensity of exploitation, the average length of the proletarian's life diminishes alarmingly. Factory inspectors' reports, statistics, etc. leave no room of doubt of this fact. The early beginning of the economic majority of the proletarians, as well as the premature end of their political activity, both forcibly show the necessity for them to take up the fight for their earlier political majority with all energy.

"Of ever-increasing importance for the proletariat is the introduction of the proportional system of election. The more industry spreads from its former centres into rural districts, the more class-conscious proletarians have to follow it there from the modern strongholds of industrial life and of the Socialist movement—the more Socialist votes are split up, and therefore lose their direct effect of winning seats, as long as the proportional system is not introduced. As long as this is not the case, the same will apply for a long time to the votes which the Socialist party wins in the newly-developing industrial centres and among the country proletariat.

"The Socialist women of Germany need not mention all the other well-known reasons in favor of the proportional system, nor need they here go into other demands which the Socialist parties must make in order to attain the complete democratizing of all suffrage—such as the new division of the constituencies, fixing of the polling-day on Sunday, abolition of the political ban on the receiving of so-called 'poor relief,' etc., etc. In their opinion it cannot merely be a question of the International Congress expressing principles about the democratizing of the suffrage, with regard to which there is surely no difference of opinion in the whole Socialist world. They expect that the Congress, as the present historic situation and the interest of the proletariat demand, will do its part to turn the principles into practice by means of the united, far-seeing, conscious struggle which is borne forward and inspired by our theoretic conception."

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GREAT DEBATE!

BETWEEN HENRY CLEWS, Banker, AND GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK, Socialist. Subject: CAPITALISM versus SOCIALISM. Columbia Theatre, Washington St., Brooklyn, Sunday, May 12, 2.30 p. m. ADMISSION, 10 CENTS. RESERVED SEATS, 25 CENTS. EDWIN MARKHAM will preside.

"THE FRIENDS OF LABOR"

DRAMA IN 4 ACTS BY JULIUS HOPF WILL BE GIVEN AT KALICH THEATER, 45 BOWERY, N. Y. CITY MAY 21 - 25 incl. for the benefit of the MOYER-HAYWOOD DEFENSE FUND. TICKETS: 25, 35, 50, 75 and \$1. ON SALE AT THE WORKER OFFICE. Secure Your Seats NOW.

ARE THEY GOING TO HANG MY PAPA?

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