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HARD TIMES AND CONCENTRATION.

We have more than once remarked that, while a period of financial and industrial depression means a reduction for the time of the profits of the capitalist class as a whole, it means also a step in the concentration of capitalist control, assuring greater profits in future to those capitalists who survive the ordeal.

consequent calling in of still more of the loans secured by it. So they did the best thing they could. They went to Mr. Morgan and arranged terms by which the land and mines and mills and railroads formerly under their control pass into the hands of their large competitor, the Steel Trust.

It is all simple enough. And it is part of the normal process by which, thru good times and bad, the ownership of the means of production and opportunities of employment become more and more completely concentrated in the hands of a small and ever a smaller class.

THE PRESSMEN'S OPPORTUNITY.

One indication of progress in the trade unions is the movement now gaining strength in the International Pressmen's Union to disregard the injunction prohibiting them from striking. The Typothetae at Cincinnati has charged that the pressmen have issued a circular that violates the injunction and complaint is made in New York City that the pressmen have struck in two local offices.

aid in the process two officers in the service in the Philippines tortured two prisoners by mashing their fingers in a vise. At the trial which followed the court refused to admit the testimony of the Inspector General who investigated the case.

"CONSERVATISM."

One labor exchange is continually harping on the necessity of labor organizations having "conservative" leadership and on the wisdom of keeping "radicals" in the background. Just what virtue there is in conservatism and what it consists of the reader is left to guess.

sions of Local New York should not be allowed to affiliate with the Jewish Agitation Bureau, the majority in the General Committee holding that the Jewish district branches have ample opportunity to carry on by themselves and thru the First Agitation District the work of educating and organizing the Jewish proletariat in this city.

STATEMENT OF THE STATE COMMITTEE.

Comrade Lee's letter in The Worker of Nov. 9 in which he criticizes the action of the State Committee at its meeting of Oct. 29 when it voted to reduce The Worker from six to four pages, contains certain statements which the State Committee feels obliged to correct in order that the party membership may not misunderstand the position of the State Committee.

THE WORKER BENEFIT AT DALY'S THEATRE.

There is every indication that the benefit for The Worker to be given at Daly's Theatre, Broadway and Thirtieth Street, next week, will be a great success. Tickets are selling rapidly and those who desire seats for any of the performances of "The Great Divide", from Monday to Friday, inclusive, should get tickets at once and exchange them for reserved seats so as not to risk being disappointed by delaying until attending the performance.

on her brother's ranch in the Gila Desert of Arizona. Returning from a drunken spree, three roustabouts enter the cottage and two propose to shake dice as to who will have the girl. Ruth, in desperation, proposes to the third rowdy, Stephen Ghent, that she will go with him, providing he will marry her.

PANIC WEEK IN WALL STREET.

The week beginning Oct. 21 was full of excitement, and crowded with object lessons of the ways of capitalism so plain that he who runs may read. The news, adulterated tho it was in the capitalist press, was pregnant with meaning for the Socialist, and verified the statements of the Socialist, as news from capitalist sources so often does.

By Harvey Russell.

of the insurance companies inasmuch as the depositors know from the start that all that is made above the fixed sum of interest on his money is to be kept by the bank. It was not loans for commercial or manufacturing enterprises that brought the banks into undesired prominence lately; stock-market loans caused all the trouble.

shown by the drop in the prices of leading stocks on the New York Exchange next day. The foreign weakness of course did not help to restore confidence on this side of the Atlantic, but on the contrary was a signal for nervous holders of stocks to sacrifice their holdings for whatever they would bring.

Aiding the Gamblers.

When things looked darkest, after having held off until the last possible moment, Rockefeller and Morgan came into the market with millions in cold cash to help the banks over their difficulties. This action was taken after a whole night spent in consultation with Mr. Cortelyou. Cortelyou also put \$25,000,000 United States Treasury money into the banks—perhaps to illustrate the fact that the administration was hand in glove with the trust magnates, Rockefeller and Morgan.

LIFE vs. PLUNDER.

Railroad workers of New York state have filed a complaint with the state Public Service Commission against the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. The complaint charges that there are between New York and Albany a large number of bridges and tunnels which are not at proper height to enable employees to perform duties in safety.

A "Prominent Man."

Samuel Brass of New York City is not a distinguished name for there are so many of his kind. But he got his name in the newspapers and for one brief moment was distinguished from all the rest. Then he sank into the obscurity from which he came.

The Full Dinner Pail.

What has affront to come to me to send ye back to power again! Think ye to still my holy needs with bits of Diner-Pail Hopped hind, aspid? Bourgeois Republican and Democrat, ye know not me. I score ye back and all your growling ways; your just!

The Loan Graft.

The week started off with a big bank failure, and the next day a couple of trust companies closed their doors—not because they were insolvent no indeed—(see any capitalist newspaper and you'll find out that they are not insolvent)—but simply because they didn't have on hand the money so trustfully deposited with them.

NEW YORK ORGANIZES THE WORKER CONFERENCE.

The Worker Conference of New York was organized on Tuesday evening, Nov. 12. There was a good attendance. Edward F. Cassidy presided. S. Solomon was elected Secretary of the Conference and A. Chess treasurer.

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The Coward.

What! has the coward love of life Made one shrink from the righteous strife? Have human passions, human fears, Severed me from these Pioneers? Whose task it is to march first, and trace Paths for the progress of the race?

THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Committees representing the Switchmen's Union of North America, which has a membership of 25,000, have decided to ask for an increase of six cents an hour and half pay extra for all work over eight hours a day.

Members of the Iron Moulder's Union of America have been denied a jury trial by Judge Barnes in the Superior Court at Chicago. The case involves a long-standing controversy between the Employers' Association and the union.

Mexico Labor Conditions. Mexico is perhaps the worst type of a capitalist republic that exists to-day. A Mexican refugee, in an article in the "Nevada Workman", gives some idea of the terrible conditions brought about under the rule of President Diaz.

At the same time the American government is playing the contemptible part of a policeman for Diaz and is trying to turn refugees over to the Mexican hangman.

Four thousand miners in the Danville district of Illinois are on strike as a result of the financial situation. They were informed last week they would be paid in checks instead of currency and the strike followed.

That Japan has entered on a career of "civilization" is evident from a Socialist exchange from Osaka. Osaka is the center of the glass industry of Japan.

To Prison for Contempt. Unless a rehearing is granted four members of the United Garment Workers of America may serve four months in a Chicago jail for violation of an injunction.

There is no change in the strike of the shoe workers at St. Louis if the hostility of the police department is excepted. Men are arrested by the dozens in the vicinity of the factories and discharged when they reach the station houses.

An international alliance for common defense between 60,000 American and Belgian glassworkers was effected in Cleveland recently. The American union, which numbers 30,000 members, is now on strike.

South Australian Labor Party. The fourth annual conference of the United Labor Party of South Australia was held in Adelaide on Sept. 11.

port shows that there are 36 unions, 7 democratic clubs, 90 local committees and 9 electorate committees affiliated with the party. The local organizations have nearly doubled their membership during the year and 20 new organizations have been formed.

The end of the railway strike in Italy was certain when the Confederation of Labor and the Socialist leaders refused to declare a general strike.

Brewery Workers' Appeal. A conference of various trade unions affiliated with the A. F. of L. of New York and vicinity has adopted resolutions asking for support in its effort to get a reversal of the decision revoking the charter of the United Brewery Workmen of America.

The threatened strike of the railway employees of Great Britain has been averted. An agreement was signed last week by the chairman of the principal railway companies and the representatives of the railway employees.

A strike of the Hebrew bakers in Harlem was declared last Sunday, after the Hebrew Bakers' Association had decided to increase the price of long rye loaves from 7 to 8 cents each.

A Traffic in Scabs. The frequency with which scabs have been imported from England to break strikes in Holland, Italy and other countries, is provoking a discussion in the European Labor and Socialist press.

The Women's Trade Union League of New York City is forming a woman's auxiliary to the Grocery Clerks' Union to help the early closing movement.

Teaching the Teachers. The New York Board of Education has adopted a by-law which prohibits school teachers from lobbying for legislation at Albany. Under its provisions charges may be brought against any teacher that violates the rule and the offender discharged if found guilty.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM

Australia.

The Socialists of Sydney in the Darling Harbor district of New South Wales concluded a remarkable campaign for their candidate for Parliament, H. E. Holland. The campaign was waged along clear Socialist lines and independent of the Labor Party.

The result was 746 votes for Comrade Holland, giving third place to the Socialist Party with six candidates in the field. This constitutes by a large majority the largest vote ever polled in Australia for a Socialist candidate.

Germany.

At the funeral of Julius Motteler at Leipzig nearly 7,000 people marched in procession, wreaths and telegrams came from trade unions, party organizations and friends all over the world.

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Switzerland.

The question of army reform was submitted to referendum of the Swiss people, and by a vote of 300,000 to 250,000 a law providing for improvement in the army was adopted.

Russia.

The Black Hundreds and other government supporters are preparing to bring about the dispersal of the third Duma, altho that body should prove to be as tame as the autocracy could wish.

India.

The first branch of Socialists formed in India was organized by Kier Hardie in Calcutta during his recent visit to that country.

Great Britain.

Socialists have always had difficulty in organizing the workers of Ireland, but the government has at last secured a firm foothold in the Emerald Isle.

Branches have been formed in the past only to die soon after. Of late the working class have become more responsive to our principles and now there are six fairly strong branches of the I. L. P. in Belfast and one in Dublin.

The Executive Council of the Social Democratic Federation has adopted resolutions of condolence with Comrade Liebknecht "on his unjust condemnation to imprisonment for his peaceful and constitutional agitation against militarism in Germany."

Belgium.

The Socialists made great gains in the recent municipal elections. In the industrial district of the Berenage they gained twenty-four new seats; at Liege a new seat and 2,000 more votes were gained.

Japan.

The tendency toward "direct action", which has manifested itself in the Socialist movement of some of the Latin countries of Europe, has reached Japan. The tendency in this direction is not very strong, but it has some forceful advocates.

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