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The Steel Trust His Object Lesson But Fails to Name the Remedy.

DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE CLASS STRUGGLE—BLINDLY AND SENTIMENTALLY HOPES THE TRUST KINGS WILL DIVIDE UP THEIR PROFITS—IMPRACTICABLE FOLLY—REAL REMEDY IS THE SOCIALIST REMEDY—THE MANY EXPROPRIATED MUST UNITE AT THE BALLOT BOX AGAINST THE FEW EXPROPRIATORS—UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE OF MODERN DEMOCRACY THE PROVIDED INSTRUMENT FOR OVERTHROW OF CAPITALISM.

Decisive battles are no longer fought with arms. Attack with weapons may constitute an incident, but campaigns from the opening of the twentieth century will be fought in the offices of those who control the world's supply of money.

That event in the world's history which promises to be the most deeply fraught with results to the human race was announced in the New York journals of Sunday, March 3, 1901, as a three-column advertisement. It was not an affair of parliament or of regal proclamation. There was no fuss no ceremony.

The average man, the welfare of whose great-grandchildren was to be affected, scarcely noticed this advertisement, which read:

"Office of J. P. MORGAN & CO., 23 WALL STREET, NEW YORK,"

and began in bold, black-faced type:

"TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF
"FEDERAL STEEL COMPANY,
"NATIONAL STEEL COMPANY,
"NATIONAL TUBE COMPANY,"
et cetera.

GOVERNMENTS ONLY COMMITTEES OF THE RULING CLASS,
SAID MARX LONG AGO.

This momentous event did not concern itself with princes or even so-called statesmen. The world on the 3d day of March, 1901, had ceased to be ruled by such. True, there were marionettes still figuring in Congress and as Kings, but they were in place simply to carry out the orders of the world's real rulers—those who control the concentrated portion of the money supply. The words, "Office of J. P. Morgan & Co.," meant, in addition to the great wealth of the firm itself, the financial support of the House of Rothschild; the approval, if not the active co-operation, of the House of Rockefeller, and the direct co-operation of the Carnegie and other great iron industries.

House of Rothschild and associated banks and industries, One thousand million.

House of Rockefeller and associated banks and industries, Eight hundred and fifty millions.

J. P. Morgan & Co., representing iron industries and associated banks, Eleven hundred and fifty-four millions.

Total, Three thousand and four millions of dollars.

Of what consequence the German playing at Emperor, or the King who recently read a speech written by ministers under dictation from the world of finance? Even the Czar of Russia seems a feeble make-believe in the presence of men who control three thousand millions of dollars and can push the endless buttons which carry their signals into every sort of mercantile house, into every military camp, which cause every court official to stand alert, and can even produce the profoundest movements in the Church itself.

Between the lines of this advertisement, headed "Office of J. P. Morgan & Co.," was to be read a proclamation, thus:

"Commercial Metropolis of the World.

"The old competitive system, with its ruinous methods, its countless duplications, its wastefulness of human effort and its relentless business warfare, is hereby abolished, the change to take effect in part immediately, and in whole as rapidly as the details can hereafter be worked out.

"The four great houses controlling the world's visible supply of money, having this day agreed to act in union under the scheme of organization outlined by Mr. J. P. Morgan, have invested themselves with the controlling interest in the three great sources by which the public can be taxed—the supply of ores, the working of the same into the raw products, and the transportation of the same.

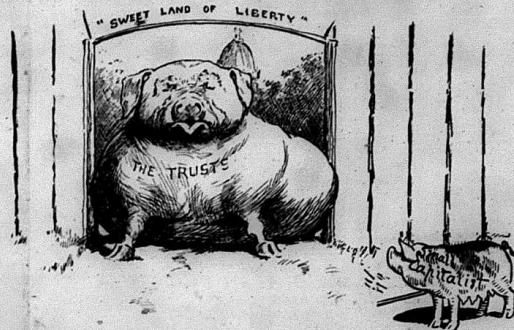
"The business public will perceive at a glance that it will not be properly safe for any individual or known collection of individuals to arrogate to themselves the right to antagonize The Organization this day created; and notice is hereby given that these commercial territories must not be trespassed upon or invaded without expectation that the full authority vested in the Organization will be exercised.

"The Houses engaged in bringing about this organization in the interests of the world's economy have taken to themselves such increment as has seemed proper in view of the important character of the service rendered.

"Further, the Bourses of the world will please take notice that, owing to the immense sums of money now in the hands of The Organization, it will be impossible to force speculation. The handing together of the Houses of Rothschild, Rockefeller, Morgan and Carnegie, representing the united metal and transportation interests, leaves no room for competition, and any

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SNAP SHOT AT CAPITALISM



All the Swill Inside the Fence—and the Big Hog
Root Little Hog or Die

THE SMALL CAPITALIST IS DOOMED. THE TRUSTS ARE WIPING HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH, AS A SPONGE SUCKS UP WATER.

THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR HIM TO DO IS—TO ROOT, ROOT FOR WAGES. FOR A LITTLE WHILE YET HE WILL TRY TO CONTINUE AT HIS OLD TRADE OF SMALL CAPITALIST—ONLY NOW IT WILL NOT BE AT PRODUCTION, BUT DISTRIBUTION. HE WILL INVEST IN A SMALL "STORE" IF IT IS ONLY A PEANUT STAND OR POP-CORN COUNTER.

BUT THE BIG HOG WILL SOON HAVE HIM THERE, TOO. LOOK OUT P. D. Q. FOR THE DISAPPEARANCE OF THESE "SMALL STORES" AND THE APPEARANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT STORE ON A BIG SCALE, WITH BRANCHES IN ALL PARTS OF THE CITY AND OTHER BRANCH STORES IN EVERY VILLAGE.

GOOD-BYE, LITTLE CAPITAL! BIG CAPITAL IS AFTER YOU, AND YOU ARE STRICTLY "NOT IN IT."

THE SOCIALISTS HAVE BEEN TELLING YOU FOR THE LAST THIRTY OR FORTY YEARS THAT THIS WAS SURE TO COME—WHICH SHOWS THEY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT.

THE ONLY CHANCE LEFT TO YOU IS TO VOTE, VOTE, VOTE, BEFORE THE BIG HOGS TAKE AWAY YOUR VOTE UNDER THE MASK OF SOME NEW PRIMARY LAW BUILT TO CATCH "REFORMERS."

IF ALL OF US WHO HAVE TO ROOT FOR WAGES VOTE TOGETHER, WE CAN TAKE POSSESSION OF ALL THE POWERS OF GOVERNMENT AND THEN WE SHALL BE INSIDE THAT FENCE AND OUST THE BIG FAT HOG ONCE FOR ALL. SEE?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM CALIFORNIA.

Abridgment of Free Speech in Los Angeles—Comrade Spring Writes of the Latest Attempt at Gag Law in the City Where Socialism Is Growing Too Fast—But It Only Makes Socialists Fight the Harder.

Editor The Socialist:

Another attempt has been made by the city council to abridge free speech by the issuance of an ordinance prohibiting any character of discussion in the public parks within the city limits of Los Angeles. With the street ordinance already in effect, this virtually prohibits free speech, so far as those who cannot afford to pay for a hall is concerned. The property line is drawn here, for the only ones entitled to their constitutional rights are those owning real estate, as they alone can hold meetings, and bring the owners of halls, and places where meetings could be held, they may refuse to rent the same to any one whose theme does not meet with their approbation.

This is an evidence of class rule, and the constitution is not considered when the interests of the ruling class are at stake.

There seems to be an organized effort on the part of capitalists and their tools to prevent as much as possible the liberal propaganda of the Socialists, who are demanding economic equality, which means justice.

The spirit of the Declaration of Independence and of the constitution, national and state, has been violated by this ordinance.

The propertyless class have been legislated against; their few constitutional rights are rapidly being taken away, and indignity after indignity is being heaped upon them.

Their only hope is in organizing for definite political action, contemplating the overthrow of the capitalists' competitive form of government by placing their own class in power, who will demand the unconditional surrender to society of all the means of production and distribution.

This will fundamentally constitute the co-operative commonwealth—a system under which no man will be permitted to reap where he has not sown, and all sowing, each shall gather unto himself the full harvest of his labor.

Constitution and law shall be made in the interest of society as a whole, and not in the interest of a few property-holding parasites.

Our economic interest will then be common, and being common, class rule will disappear and men may think and express their thoughts, and ordinances suppressing free speech will not then be passed. Neither will men of small mental and moral caliber represent the people in their legislative bodies.

E. J. SPRING.
Los Angeles.
P. S.—Received the last two issues of The Socialist, and I consider them "way up." Hope Local Seattle is vigorous in the agitation. Keep up the work and we shall win. With greetings to comrades.
F. J. S.

If you want wood or coal, see our advertising columns.

ETHICS OF CAPITAL.

More than one business man of high standing in finance has told me that he not only considered it perfectly proper to influence legislation by the use of money, but that he would consider himself to blame if, when occasion seemed to require it, he should hesitate to do so.

Their position, as one of them graphically put it to me, is this: "I am the trustee for the interests of my stockholders. When I see a lot of scamps plotting to put through a law that will cost my company a hundred thousand dollars, and know that five thousand dollars will save them off for a year, do you suppose I hesitate to pay it? I think no more of it than of throwing out a lap-trobe to a pack of wolves."

That's the commercial ethics of politics in a nutshell.—H. G. Chapman, "World's Work."

Socialism will save us from such a scramble and such a code of ethics.

VICTORY IN SHEBOYGAN.

As always, so in Sheboygan, where there is danger of the Socialists winning the Democrats and Republicans show their real capitalist oneness by uniting under one ticket against the Socialists. Nevertheless One-Half the Aldermen were Social Democrats, so the Associated Press announces.

The Sheboygan Volkblatt, German S. D. paper, has done noble work in this fight.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., April 2.—The Social Democrats elected four of the eight aldermen here today. The regular Democratic candidates were elected to the other city offices by the usual priorities.

The Five Phases of Socialism: (1) The Economic. (2) The Social. (3) Moral. (4) Political. (5) Religious.

Editor of Socialist:
I have been requested to make report of meeting addressed by myself. So here goes. The meeting was well attended, subject discussed, "Five Phases of Socialism." My reason for choosing this subject was, recognizing that the Socialist movement has been and is hampered by a certain spirit of intolerance among its members, and by that very intolerance antagonizing a great number of persons who would be earnest workers, but cannot understand the true meaning of the class struggle and cannot be appealed to on the grounds of material interest alone. And for that reason I believe there is detriment to the movement to deny what is called the sentimental side of this movement. While I recognize that Christ was not a Socialist in a modern sense, yet he stood out boldly for principles which would bring about a social and economic revolution. This statement none can deny and because the church has perverted the religion of Christ into an idolatry of mammon and caste, is that a sufficient excuse for us to ignore the true teaching of this friend of man? None can deny the grandeur of his philosophy. Surely if we cannot live up to his high standard, yet we should welcome those earnest men and women who can believe in this higher ideal. I firmly believe that if we can once prove to those earnest church people (for there are such) that it is only by bringing in a system that will permit men to live and love that we can follow the precepts and practices of him they call Master, many of them will become Socialists. No man should be more liberal minded than a Socialist, as we have truth and justice on our side. Recognizing the class struggle and the utter uselessness of expecting any lasting good from any of our old political parties, it is our duty to show to all classes this truth and the moment they grasp this truth let us welcome them as comrades and give them full liberties in regard to details as long as they stand solid for the essentials. All men cannot be appealed to on the same ground, as it takes all kinds of men to make a successful Socialist movement. While I am working in my own way for the material interest of the working class, of which I am a member, yet I take a greater interest in this movement by knowing that all men will be better and happier by the establishing of the co-operative commonwealth. And the fact that we can be among the number of those who have aided in bringing in this better day should give to us all a greater zeal in this cause. Before closing, I would like to state that I don't profess to be long to that class of men who are led forward by pure altruistic motives as my whole life has been a life of mistakes and failures, but I certainly long to do the least something to make the world brighter and better.

J. M. CAMERON.

Municipal Ownership Is Not Socialism.
This is good from "Advance," which by the way is constantly improving under Comrade Liess' management: "Let no one deceive himself with the notion that municipal ownership of water, gas or street-car lines is Socialism or Municipal Socialism. The main source of such agitation is the little middle class taxpayer, who hopes, by the profit of these industries, to get out of the city, to pay municipal expenses and lighten the taxation on his 254 property. The Social Democratic Party is not interested in fighting this battle of the middle class. It will let the "reformers" municipalize to their heart's content. Then, when the city owns and operates the "public utilities" for the benefit of the taxpayers, we shall take pleasure in showing how to operate them for the benefit of the workers. Meanwhile, we shall advance measures to get for the middle class reformers to handle—measures of real advantage to the working class."
The Social Democrats of Portland have stopped paying dues to the Chicago N. E. B., and will use the money for agitation in Oregon instead. Oregon Socialists seem to favor early union of all Socialist forces, so says Comrade J. Geo. Smith.

mind—to a workable extent, at least—what would promote their material wellbeing and their intelligence and wisdom, while not phenomenal, are yet sufficient for the purpose of securing exertion commensurate with all their physical needs. Let our critics beat this well in mind—Socialists are dealing with beings provided with brains and hearts, and not stomachs only.

Neither must it be forgotten that under Socialism people would be required to exert themselves in order to get a living. The Socialist State is not some giant who does all the work and comes around like Santa Claus and fills people's stomachs until they look like a loa constrictor that has just swallowed a deer.

The Socialist state is only a sane arrangement entered into by all the people, allowing equal opportunity to every one to work for what he needs and desires, guaranteeing that the full results of that labor shall unflinchingly flow to him who labors.

So people must work, and not be like the sloth, and if one will not work, Socialism would take no cognizance of his existence and he will justly perish by his own slothfulness.

But hold on, my conservative critic, until we get the true inwardness of your illustration. You said the sloth was a cousin of the polar bear, and changed his nature by going south. Well, what of the nature of the polar bear brought out by the extreme rigor of the conditions under which he lives? Is there not a striking similarity in the results of these two extreme conditions?

Does not the polar bear hibernate one-half of his time, during which he is even more slothful and useless than his southern cousin, and in the other half he is a ferocious monster that the higher forces of nature are working against, thus predicting his extinction.

See the Esquimaux, reared in this rigorous zone, how the extreme conditions cause him to use up all his energies in sustaining his physical life, leaving the higher principles almost dormant. Placing very little difference between the man and the brute.

You have chosen two extremes, and therefore have not touched the average man at all.

Socialism would strike a golden between the two extremes of the competitive hell of today and an island of strawberries and short-cake floating in an ocean of cream.

We say the working class are subjugated to conditions analogous to the polar bear and the Esquimaux, and so are stunted in mind and body, and the capitalist class is analogous to the sloth.

Between them lies the vast majority of humanity who, when they emigrate to the temperate zone of Socialism, will then for the first time be in a natural condition to develop all the higher and nobler qualities that this present unnatural struggle for existence suppresses.

W. C. B. RANDOLPH.

A BOUQUET.

We are indebted to The Socialist, of Seattle, Wash., an out and out clear advocate of scientific socialism, for a very flattering mention of the Wage-Worker, as well as of our book, "A Paradox Explained." Keep on, comrade! We may not be "high-toned," but we can understand and make others of our class understand how they are to emancipate themselves from capitalist wage-slavery, perhaps as well as if we were. That The Socialist will continue on its way with an ever increasing subscription list, with none of them ever remaining unpaid, and that the editor will live to see the day and enjoy the consummation of the time, now only in song and story, when editors of revolutionary papers will enjoy a "full dinner pail," is our wish for The Socialist and its editor.—The Wage Worker, Detroit, Mich.

"MATERIALISTIC CONCEPTION."

Doctor.—That man I just called on has appendicitis.

His Wife.—I think an operation will be necessary, George.

Doctor (in surprise).—You do?

His Wife.—I need two new gowns next month.

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good repute are seen in gambling dens. These young men are capable of filling places of trust and they must have temptation removed from them." If these young men are so capable and so trustworthy, why is it they are not engaged in performing services for which they are so well qualified?

Joshua Flint says that the criminal world likes Chicago and considers that the powers that rule there have been eminently fair and just towards them. This should be pleasant reading for the other people in the city.—Sun-Democrat.

But are there any others?

The Socialist program differs from that of any other political party that now exists or that has ever existed, in that it does not contemplate any State secrets. If you mean to do right by everybody there can be no excuse for having secrets. When the Socialists succeed to power the senate will not be informed that "it is not deemed compatible with the public interests to transmit the report to the Senate at this time."

It will always be compatible with public interests to treat every human being with justice, therefore, there will be no such secrets, no such folly, no such hypocritical juggling with words.

All, I think, agree that a revolution has taken place in the industrial life of the nation, and that as a consequence our social relations must be adjusted to the changed conditions in industry. Capitalists want relations to conform to the necessities of private ownership which results in the establishment of two classes, the owning class and the dependent class, the wage slave. Socialists insist that these social relations are unjust and they desire to overthrow private ownership and substitute collective control of every agency of industrial life.

D. BURGESS.

MAN OR BRUTE: WHICH?

A friend of mine raises that very common objection to Socialism that it would stop the incentive to exertion and cause society to lapse into barbarism.

Now that objection has been so fully answered that it would seem superfluous to take up valuable space in The Socialist with it, but owing to the increasing number of readers the paper is securing, the answer may be of interest to the new ones.

It is argued that the sloth, who is a cousin to the polar bear, wandered into the tropics and found getting a living made so easy by nature that it could glug itself with very little energy, and as want in their belief is all that causes exertion, it gradually lost the vein and vigor of the polar bear and became a sloth, so lazy that it would hardly exert itself sufficiently to climb a bush or tree to secure its fruits and then it let all hold go and fell to the ground, declining to use its strength to get down as long as the accommodating force of gravitation would perform that service for it.

This, my friend thinks, would happen to people if it were made easy to get a living, which he writes Socialism would do.

Let us scrutinize this argument. In the first place, Socialism is not to be applied to polar bears and sloths, but to intelligent human beings. Don't overlook this, please, for upon this fact hinges most of the differences that separate the Socialist and the educated conservative.

Now, it is a law in nature very well known to any one who has taken the trouble to study the laws of biology, that the undeveloped entity has to be prompted to action by stimuli from without, as he has not sufficiently evolved his own thinking powers to voluntarily choose between two lines of action. But the knowledge gained by the effect of the varied situations he finds himself thrust into by the outward forces of nature slowly and finally awakens his power of initiating action from within, arising from his own observation and experience.

So to place mankind in the category of depending solely on the push without for exertion is clearly to set him down on the brute plane and deny him any ability to judge what is good for him by processes belonging to a rational being.

Socialists are not guilty of this slandering humanity. They regard humanity as capable of perceiving in the

ents would starve. Would Schwab be permitted thus to imperil this army of dependents?

Of course he would, and most of the workers have voted in support of this system. The system cannot be changed without the consent of the toilers.

For months old miners have said that it was only a question of time when there would be a sad accident at the Blue Canyon mines and quite a number of experienced miners of my acquaintance have refused to work there.

The accident has occurred. The papers say every precaution was taken that it was possible for foresight to provide. The only name for such accidents is cold-blooded murder.

American flunkies still profess to bemoan the death of Victoria. Why do they make such professions? To attract the attention of the class in England which sustains its miserable and useless life by the exploitation of the working class.

This same class of toadies profess great pity, too, but it will butcher the floors and rob their windows; it will take the products of the starving Indians and allow them to die by the million; it will murder the defenders of liberty anywhere if they are weak, and steal their products.

Queen Victoria amassed a fortune while her industrious subjects died because the products of their toil were wrongfully taken from them. The world needs better rulers than Victoria or it needs none.

The capitalist press is dancing a skirt dance now, with a view of diverting the minds of the workers from the conditions of poverty and degradation which now confront them to the princely salary paid to Schwab.

"From one dollar a day to \$50,000 per year." "From the position of humble employe to the head of the mighty industrial combination on earth."

An example of what industry and thrift joined to determination will accomplish, are some of the ejaculations hysterically set forth to catch the eye and the mind of the toiler. The writers who have prostituted their talents to the use of the exploiters seem to believe that the workers can always be deceived by a false, weak and foolish interpretation of facts, but such is not the case. Some of the workers have sobered up and they are thinking, and those who think will never be misled by such "ghost dances."

The up-to-date method of writing threatening letters to rich men, making them fork over, seems to be getting quite a fad since the precedent was first established some years ago by the oil trust, and later by the sugar, meat, iron and other numerous trusts. There is some danger, however, of the fashion becoming unpopular to some degree, because of being practiced by the low-hazard and unscientific way. Anything that makes a high-class burglar sick is to have a tenderfoot monkey with his tools, and thus it is the gross ignorance of some low person, wishing to ape the methods of his betters, and who sent threatening letters to Wisconsin editors with the idea they had money, will no doubt lead to the shelving of this particular fashion for a while, at least in the upper circles.

I observe that those who wave the flag most and shout the loudest for their country are privileged to exploit labor.

A Socialist knows enough to know that when you vote for private ownership you are a fool to complain at the consequences of such ownership. Enforced idleness, low wages, dismal homes, degradation and wretchedness are some of the consequences of private ownership, and these can be removed by the votes of the workers, but so long as the workers desire such evils to exist it is folly to strike to make the owners ease up "just a little." Remove the cause, brothers, remove the cause.

One of our mayors says: "Almost thirty young men of intelligence and

Notes by Burgess

Our capitalist friends express great solicitude for the victims of lawlessness, but it may be observed that legalized injustice is far more dangerous, and it is this manifestation of modern life that is now threatening the peace of the world.

Many of our "good" people bemoan the degeneracy of the times, saying the world is growing worse, and as evidence they point to the rapid increase of crime, of lawlessness, but they fail to see that the very blackest of crimes is sanctioned by law.

I refer to the crime of compelling industrious men to remain idle until some labor exploiter can see a chance to sweat profit out of them.

The lawlessness of Mrs. Nation is not to be compared to that of the Socialist who is trying to convince the people that the surest way to peace and temperance is to remove the cause for the existence of the saloons. Our best "sassify" praises Mrs. Nation and condemns the Socialist. Oh, but we are an intellectual people!

"Socialism is not practical," but capitalism, with its murderous wars, its bank and other failures, its army of over-worked and under-fed toilers, its army of disemployed, its crimes and its hypocrisy, is a daisy. Capitalists ought to be thoroughly qualified to judge of the practicality of socialism, seeing that they have never known such a thing.

Many of our mills burn large quantities of wood, grocers sell adulterated foods, druggists sell adulterated drugs, real estate men misrepresent the resources of localities where their land is, and all trades and professions, are guilty of deceit. Many of our people enter bitter complaint because of the existence of these evils, but such people continue to vote for and sustain a system which makes these things necessary and inevitable.

They vote for private ownership and then whine at the inevitable results of such ownership.

A bank failure in Whatcom excited little or no interest, although there were several citizens whose losses amounted to several hundred dollars each.

If a horse had been stolen the incident would have aroused much more interest, because such a thing rarely occurs, but bank failures are common enough in this era of "unprecedented prosperity," and seldom excite any special interest.

The Times says of Chas. M. Schwab: "He controls, as president of the billion dollar trust, 366,000 men, upon whom 2,000,000 people depend. To every aspiring young American his career is an inspiration."

He controls 366,000 men! This number of workers are exploited by a company of idlers of which Schwab is president, and because he possesses such power his career should be an inspiration to every aspiring youth of America.

We welcome the trust, and we admire the talent which can form such gigantic combinations, but we cannot see that there is anything very inspiring in the spectacle presented by 366,000 men bowing to the will of one.

We would preserve the industrial organization which makes the efforts of these 366,000 men so effective, and remove the exploiting power of the one man.

The following appears in the editorial columns of the Times of recent date:

"Thirty women have struck for higher wages in a woolen factory in Massachusetts, and as a result 1,100 people are turned out of employment."

What does the editor mean by this? Did those thirty women have a right to strike?

Do not the trust magnates have a right to strike for higher profits even if thousands of men and women are thrown out of employment?

If Schwab were to give the word 400,000 men would be thrown out of employment and the 2,000,000 depend-

Two Million Spindles Idle at Fall River



The Workingman Who Voted for Four Years More of the Full Dinner Pail.

(We will print the picture again two years from now.)

BELATED, BUT GOOD.

The following letter was mislaid, but is just as good as ever. Some excellent hints for other Locals will be found here: "Only Seven" by regular meetings will be certain to capture some of those outsiders soon.

Socialism must grow from such active centers as this. It is the most natural way.

LA CENTER, WASH., Feb. 19, 1901.
Editor of The Socialist—

Dear Comrade: By the inclosed copy of a resolution, adopted by this Local, you can readily see where we stand in regard to union of the Socialists.

Will say that we hold regular meetings and have debates regularly every Sunday at 2 p. m. Our membership is small, only seven, but we succeed in getting some outsiders to attend and we make our meetings as interesting as possible. We never had an organizer or a speaker to encourage us, but we will try to stick to Socialism in thin and thick.

I see in The Socialist there are some people that think they are Socialists, but kick as hard as they can against being organized. There is nothing that will please some people. How in the name of common sense will it be possible for us Socialists to succeed without being organized? To talk and write against organization might be a very good excuse for those that don't want to be out anything in time and money, that's all. Comrades, that wouldn't do. Let us all do all we can united and not single-handed. The enemy is numerous and powerful and for my part I have no fear of getting Socialism introduced any too soon.

Last Sunday this Local discussed the features of the proposed primary law, and it was concluded that a protest against the passing of same be sent to the Governor and to the legislators for this district. (This may have been the deciding influence which defeated the bill.—Ed.) Yours for the co-operative commonwealth,

A. H. AXELSON.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, It is very essential that all persons, who really believe in the fundamental principles of Socialism, unite and make only one solid front against the common foe, instead of each faction fighting one another, thereby making Socialism a laughing stock, instead of commanding respect; therefore be it

Resolved, That Local La Center earnestly demand of those whom it concerns, leaders or not leaders, and who stand in the way of unity of forces, to at once set out and work for accord and not discord of minds amongst the Socialists.

Resolved, That, as long as the leaders of the Socialist movements cannot or will not agree, it is hardly worth while for the rank and file to make any efforts for Socialism; and

Resolved, That we earnestly believe that if the leaders of the different factions of Socialism unite, it will be a question of only a short time before Socialism will be inaugurated in this country.

Unanimously adopted by Local La Center, Feb. 9, 1901.

A. H. AXELSON, Sec.

Our entertainment on March 30 called out the largest crowd the Socialists ever got together in this city, so a critic says.

And you gave a dollar's worth for two bits, says another.

Better than the theatre say they all. And that comrade is now ashamed of himself who didn't try to sell tickets because "it seemed like begging." Nearly everyone who bought a ticket was there and was more than satisfied.

It cost a good deal of money to get up that program and advertise it and pay for all the prizes. But The Socialist was bound to gain the confidence of the public for its future entertainments.

It will be easy to sell tickets hereafter for any event backed by The Socialist.

Much the larger part of the audience were not Socialists. One comrade who sold above 50 tickets sold only two of them to Socialists.

That is our method. Make the capitalists pay for this paper. Our advertisers are another example. Patronize them because they patronize us.

WINNERS OF THE PRIZES.

First Prize—For guessing nearest to number of beans in water bottle—**Won by R. J. Roallo of the Carpenters' Union.** The actual number of beans, 2,284. Winning number, 2,274. Next guesses were 2,300 and 2,257.

Mr. Rouillo chose the elegant lamp.
Second Prize—For highest number of tickets sold—**Won by John Cameron, of the Mill Workers' Union.** Number sold, 42. Mr. Cameron chose the 50-piece dinner set. (Mrs. Titus sold 93 tickets, but withdrew from the contest.)

The amount of money made from the entertainment is not yet known, but it is already larger than that obtained from any other of our entertainments except the first of all, held last June.

Have you voted for members of the International Committee? The vote has been called for some time and closes April 18th at 6 p. m. That is, the vote of your Local must be at Springfield by that time.

The candidates for these positions, which are most important, representing us on the International Socialist Committee, with headquarters at Brussels, are: Geo. A. Eastman, of Detroit, Mich.; Job Harriman, of New York; Max Hayes, of Ohio, and G. A. Hoehn, of St. Louis.

Vote for two.
Locals are specially requested to pay up all assessments now due so that the Provisional N. E. C. may pass over a clean balance sheet to their successors now being nominated by the National Council.

The stamps to pay for Delegate Harriman's expenses to the International Convention at Paris, have not been taken up by all Locals yet.

Two French papers added to our list of "Socialist" exchanges, L'Union des Travailleurs, Charleroi, Pa., and Eveil au Peuple, Nashua, N. H.
Workingmen of all tongues are uniting, you perceive.

S. E. U. TREASURER'S REPORTS.

| Receipts. | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Previously reported | \$724.81 |
| Mar. 17—Job printing | 1.40 |
| Mar. 17—Books | .80 |
| Mar. 17—P. C. Fund | .50 |
| Mar. 25—Subs. and donations | 20.75 |
| Mar. 25—Papers | .05 |
| | \$748.31 |

| Expenses | |
|---|----------|
| Previously reported | \$739.33 |
| Mar. 17—Deposit at P. O. to cover postage | 5.29 |
| Mar. 20—Mrs. Vail, com. on subs. | .80 |
| Mar. 25—Klamroth, com. on subs. | 7.05 |
| Mar. 25—Postage stamps | .50 |
| Mar. 25—Printer | 12.00 |
| Mar. 25—Electric light (4 bill \$3.70) | 1.85 |
| | \$766.82 |
| Deficit | 18.51 |
| | \$748.31 |

| Plant Fund Receipts. | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Previously reported | \$243.20 |
| Expenses. | |
| Previously reported | 221.74 |
| Bal. | \$21.46 |

| Receipts. | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Previously reported | \$744.31 |
| Mar. 31—Subs. | 24.80 |
| Mar. 31—Books | 7.85 |
| | \$776.96 |

| Expenses. | |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Previously reported | \$762.82 |
| Mar. 31—Klamroth, com. on subs. | 12.40 |
| Mar. 31—Presswork on 3 Nos. | 10.40 |
| | \$776.96 |
| Deficit | 8.26 |
| | \$776.96 |

| Plant Fund Receipts. | |
|---|----------|
| Previously reported | \$243.20 |
| Expenses. | |
| Previously reported | \$221.74 |
| Mar. 31—Planer, mallet and shooting stick | 1.00 |
| Mar. 31—Machine work on No. 30 | 10.64 |
| | \$233.38 |
| Bal. | 9.82 |
| | \$243.20 |

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| Frankfort, N. Y., election: Total vote, 498. Socialist vote, 128. | |
| North Lubec, Me., election: Citizens' ticket, 100; Socialist, 66. | |
| Springfield S. D. P. vote on Unity Convention, 2,700 in favor, 100 against. | |
| Chicago S. D. P. vote on same, 1,500 for, 100 against. | |
| And all other Socialist bodies call for same. | |

Of course, what else could you expect when you give the rank and file a chance to express themselves? Now, don't get to quibbling about when, where or how—you two boards. No sparring for points, please. Just go straight to the point and let us meet. We will settle the whole matter in short order, once give us a chance.

In Toledo, the home of Non-Partisan, Golden Rule Jones, the S. D. P. is putting up a redhot fight against capitalist sentimentalism. 20,000 big dodgers have been distributed, street meetings held, comrades arrested for holding them, and so forth.

Yet the Associated Press reports this week give no hint of the Socialist vote in St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, Toledo or any other place except Sheboygan. Why not?

Isn't it about time, comrades of the Socialist press, that we found a news agency of our own? We can afford to interchange a few small telegrams, so as not to wait a week to know what's what.

BUY YOUR

WOOD AND COAL

From SEATTLE FUEL CO.
Water-front, foot of Wall Street.
Only yard in city supplying short wood by measurement. See our Needle Case for prices. Tel. Main 15.

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attempt in this direction will be met with the fate which should attach to an effort to return to the methods of barbarism.

"Finally, it is our intention ultimately to take in hand the smaller industries and organize them upon a scientific basis calculated to reduce the waste of human effort to a minimum."

MUST BE OBEYED.

These are the words which have been read by every fairly intelligent business man in the advertisement headed, "Office of J. P. Morgan & Co.," and nominally concerning itself with the exchange of certain stocks. Unlike the proclamations of kings and princes, no man will be found bold enough to defy its orders. From March 3, 1901, the entire aspect of the business and political world will be changed. Financial ambitions will quickly render themselves subservient to this overruling power. The faculty of political hopes which do not attach themselves to the financial center will be quickly apparent.

The mind is fascinated with the field of operations presented to the controlling minds of this new organism. Two things immediately suggest themselves. It seems probable that the danger of financial panic will be wish for stability of finance. Their hopes are based on the savings resultant from complete organization and the continuous labor obtainable only by the general consumption of their products by the public. This consumption can only accompany the prosperity resulting from financial stability.

Should, however, any private interest or desire within this new organization seek to carry out its desires, the opportunity would be presented to cause untold misfortune and wretchedness to mankind at large.

VAIN HOPE, MR. WALKER!

We now come to the most important question in this connection—the distribution of the immense increment resulting from the economies permitted by organized effort. Will the dividends be made commensurate with the power? Or will a wisdom superior to any hitherto exercised in the business or governmental world fix the earnings at such percentage as will seem reasonable to the public mind and prevent unrest?

Undoubtedly the matter remains with Mr. Morgan to determine. Upon his decisions the welfare of the people of the United States—it is not too much to say, even the world—depends. With all ores, metals and transportation in his hands, the question is not, What can he tax the public? but, What will he? It would be interesting to penetrate the guiding motives of the mind of this man at this time. To what extent do Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Morgan realize the far-reaching character of this change of base? It is a revolution so radical in its sweep, so wide in the area affected that in comparison the most important movements of history become insignificant. Those of Greece, those of Rome and that of France, substituted other measures and other men for existing ones. This substitutes a machine which depends for existence, not upon men, but upon ten thousand parts. Any one wearing out can be replaced without perceptible stoppage.

HEAR THIS, MR. BRYAN.

Because this new organism is in the direction of perfected economies, there will be no return to the old system. This is gone forever. The law of civilization is the law of nature. A million million orris moving throughout limitless space are eternally attracting and holding the smaller fragments of the universe.

One thought more: Human effort scientifically directed could supply every real necessity, comfort and pleasure of mankind with hours of labor certainly not to exceed four a day. Sufficient food, comfortable homes and clothes, and proper enjoyment, can all be obtained with four hours of labor, properly directed, thoroughly organized labor. It is the ignorance of scientific methods, the duplicating of tasks, the labor in unprofitable directions, and the endless waste of conflict, which keep man the slave he is today.

Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Morgan have shown their appreciation of the problem of organization. They themselves must be surprised at the results. Both have in many ways displayed their desire to be of service to those about them.

They have together solved the problem of production. Will they now apply themselves to the greater and vastly more complex problem of distribution? To the men who would free the world from the superfluities of the competitive system, the greatest wealth was first necessary; because it meant the greatest power. The world has been governed by selfishness. It obeys the commands of unlimited money; therefore accumulated millions were necessary as a fulcrum from which the business world could be pried from its wasteful selfishness.

The type of mind required to reorganize the world's system of distribution is of the keenest and highest. Will the men who have shown such incomparable skill in solving the problem of production find themselves equal to the consideration of one's neighbor in the superfluities of the world on the basis of recognition of one's neighbor in every labor, granting remuneration the more or less real excuse of today that greed is necessary for self-protection, and substituting in the business world that intelligent appreciation of our own and our neighbor's wants—a willingness to concede to others—which we see best exemplified in the guests brought together around a well filled table?

We sit at the bountiful table of Mother Earth and know that there is enough for all. Hitherto it has been a scramble. Are we soon to be assembled under an intelligence of higher order, which, after requiring of each his proper proportion of labor, shall give that reward which will be in degree sufficient?

OF COURSE, CAPITALISM IS INTERNATIONAL.

March 3d marked the beginning of the most wonderful revolution in the world's history. This will be a bloodless revolution and will eventually carry its blessings to the most remote parts of the earth. Governmental divisions will cease to exist except as means to carry out mandates decided upon in the executive offices of the world's commercial metropolises. We are living in what is without doubt the most interesting period of the world's history. Will Messrs. Rockefeller and Morgan, having reduced production to scientific lines, proceed to the analysis of the problem of distribution?

They must.

What is the meaning of money after it has reached a few millions? It has no significance for the owner. The building of palaces becomes little more than the setting of toy blocks. The powers held within the hands of the hundred-millionaire struggle for exercise. They must have an outlet.

Mr. Rockefeller has hitherto found this opportunity for exercise mainly in the founding of colleges; Mr. Morgan, in the endowment of hospitals. That sort of individual effort will do for men with a few tens of millions, but not for the scientific minds controlling a thousand millions. For them the final analysis must rest always in the selection of the one problem worthy of encouraging the master mind—the Problem of Distribution.

How to organize mankind—

First, so that each man will be forced to do his share of the world's work;

Second, so that each individual will have the product of his own labor;

Third, so that the temptation of man to eat his fellow man may be removed by a scientifically designed system.—John Brisben Walker in April Cosmopolitan.

