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Fraser River Fishermen.

Racy Account of the Class War in the Great Strike.

Socialists in Jail—Bail Refused—They Sing "The Marseillaise."

The fishermen's strike is still raging and the comrades of the Vancouver Socialist party are also on the war-path, capturing anti-Chinese meeting called by the middle class to sidetrack the workers, denouncing police magistrate, holding indignation meeting at the courthouse, bombarding the police patrol on the high seas with good class-conscious leaflet, and playing the devil in general with the lackeys of the capitalist class.

During the trial of the six fishermen who are now lying in jail an incident of the most brazen faced character happened. While the county police magistrate was reading the commitment to send the men for trial City Police Magistrate Russell, himself a canneryman and who is responsible for the men's arrest, interfered and pointed out another section of the law that the county magistrate had overlooked, and the one which we believed was responsible for the men being denied bail.

This was too contemptible for the Socialists to stand and in the open court they entered their protest. "Clear the court," cried the chief of police. "We refuse to go," cried the Socialists "until you clear out Police Magistrate Russell. He has no business there. Clear him out first or we refuse to go." The county magistrate realized that he had struck a snag in the Socialists, and being unable to carry on the business of the court owing to the indignation aroused among the people by the interference of the canneryman judge, decided that he must ask the latter to leave the court. The Socialists then left orderly in a body.

An indignation meeting was then held on the courthouse green. When Cannery Judge Russell was leaving the court he was given a great surprise. Between five and six hundred people had gathered on the courthouse steps and green, and when his lordship had got about half-way down the step he was surrounded by the crowd and held for an hour listening to the stirring Socialist speech made by Comrade MacClain, who roundly roasted his lordship, much to the delight of the large gathering, and closed with an appeal to the fishermen to educate themselves so that they could fight intelligently and vote class consciously to free himself from the abuse of greedy corporations, inhuman hirelings and unscrupulous task masters; then and then only will Police Magistrate Russell and men of his class have to produce bread and butter for themselves instead of robbing the wife and children of the workers as they do now. Comrade MacClain's action at this meeting made many friends to Socialism.

Trial of Comrades Rodgers and Desplaines.

The next morning the courthouse was crowded when at 10:30 the magistrate took his seat. The police brought in Comrades Rodgers and Desplaines chained and ironed together like two murderers. As there seemed to be no intention of removing the irons from the prisoners the Socialists again entered their protest, and the proceedings of the court were again stopped until the irons had been taken off the men during the trial.

SUCKED IN

The Fate of the Small Fry—The Trust Devours the Small Business Men—No Escape From the Terrible Law of Concentration of Capital.



On the High Seas.

Comrades Pritchard, MacClain, Barker and Dunn sang "The Marseillaise" on the high seas while covered by guns held by hirelings of the capitalist class on a police boat last Sunday night. The above comrades were out armed to the teeth with Socialist papers for a general bombardment on the capitalist enemy by spreading the light among the striking fishermen who were out on patrol duty, and when about nine miles out to sea they were overtaken by a police patrol boat, and evidently the officers, from the way they were chucking among themselves, thought they had landed a big catch. But, alas! the police were doomed to disappointment. Having grappled the little Socialist craft and made her fast to their own boat they sent two of their hirelings on board to search the boat and men for firearms, while the others, under pilot-house protection, covered our comrades with their guns. While the search was going on the comrades entertained their guests with a few songs and short speeches, including "The Marseillaise" and the "Jubilee of Labor." The search having been completed by the police and not even a pocket knife found aboard the little Socialist craft they left her, heartily ashamed of themselves, while our comrades sang, much to the displeasure of Police Constable Johnson:

Oh, Constable Johnson, out us loose,
We've got gun aboard but a good excuse.

At arresting fishermen you have been slick
But among the Socialists you're a stick;
Oh, Copper Johnson, just cut us loose,
An anti-Chinese meeting was also captured by Comrades Boul, MacClain, Ross and Dodd. A class-conscious resolution, moved by MacClain and seconded by Dodd, was carried, after which the meeting adjourned on motion of Dodd, seconded by MacClain, leaving the poor anti-Chinese middle-class suckers to themselves and wondering how it all happened.

Yours for the cause, A. S.
Vancouver, B. C., July 19.

SIXTY MILES OF SALMON.

The sockeye salmon run every four years. Nobody can tell how they know their time. But when their time comes they come. They come in untold millions, this year a solid stream of them sixty miles long. They push on up in to the fresh waters where they spawn and die. They never return.

They follow an inevitable and irresistible law of nature. This year is "The Biggest Run on Record." Into every river's mouth from the Columbia to the Fraser, and on along the Alaska shores, these unnumbered throngs of the finest fish in the world come back from their ocean homes in obedience to the law of their being.

The Law of the Trust.

This custom of the salmon furnishes us a splendid cartoon. For the small capitalists are like the salmon. They too, in obedience to inexorable law, are on the home stretch into the jaws of death. "Karl Marx said, 40 years ago: "One capitalist always kills many." It is a whirlpool race now from which no small business man can draw back. He is like the salmon. He must obey. The most momentous fact of the century is the disappearance of the Small Capitalist. This is "The Biggest Run of the Season." The Middle Class is disappearing into the maw of the Big Capitalist Class. There are practically only two classes left—the Capitalist Class and the Propertyless Class. Two political parties represent them—the Republican Party and the Socialist Party. To which do you belong?

Unity Sure.

Twelve Hours Debate on Platform—New Name Adopted—The Socialist Party Forever!—Capitalist Press Lying as Usual.

That Workingman's Friend, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and that other Workingman's Friend, the Seattle Star, announced in big headlines, "Social Democrats Ront Asunder" and "Hopeless Split in Party Threatened," when, in fact, their own dispatches, under those headlines, told no such story. Nothing discloses the capitalist fear of Socialism like such an incident. They don't mention Vail's presence in this State, but give the most conspicuous place to a hoped for "shelving of Debs." Their only excuse for such lying was the following incident: A dozen hot-heads, led by Clemens of Kansas, withdrew from the Indianapolis convention because a minor vote went against them, they foolishly claiming this vote was a defeat for Debs. But they came back the next morning and Lux wires as follows: "Indianapolis, July 31, The Socialist, Seattle. After twelve hours debate a platform similar to the old one was adopted. Immediate demands retained. The name 'The Socialist Party' is passed. Debate on constitution is now in progress. State autonomy guaranteed. Unity sure. Lux."

Our Cartoon—Souvenir—Anniversary Number.

Our next issue is No. 53, the first of our second year, and in celebration of that event it will be made a remarkable number. It will be eight pages, each page packed with the various cartoons and illustrations that have made The Socialist famous. These pictures have attracted wide attention and we have had requests for them from all parts of the country. Every picture contains yeast enough to start fermentation in any brain. Invaluable for propaganda meetings everywhere. Send in your orders at once, so we will know how many extra thousands to print. Single sample copies for 2-cent stamp; ten copies or more to one address, 1 cent each. These pictures will bore a hole where mere words fail to make even a dent. Get a bundle and practice Socialist dentistry just for once. Nothing like it ever put out before by the Socialist press. Can be sold like hot cakes in any community for 5 cents each. Be sure and mail your order immediately—so that we may know how many to print.

Socialism is the workingman's politics.

The Big Fellows Win Out

Explanation of Vancouver Strike from the Inside.

Working Class and Middle Class Both Beaten.

The fishermen's strike has come to an end. Its conclusion has been heralded by the capitalist press as an honorable settlement obtained as a result of mutual and wise concessions on the part of both disputants.

As a matter of fact, the men have gone to work on what are practically the canners' terms. Many concessions have undoubtedly been made but nearly all by the fishermen.

The workings of capitalism were well illustrated in this conflict. By prolonging the strike the fishermen were playing into the hands of their worst enemies. The large canners, in fact, were playing a game of "heads I win, tails you lose."

The secret of the matter is that a majority of the small canners are on the verge of bankruptcy and it merely needs another poor season to wind up their commercial existence. What between the large canners and the banks (to whom all the small canners are deeply indebted) they are in the position of the man between the devil and the deep sea.

Recognizing the situation, the big canners made up their minds that there was more money in sight, for them, in stamping out competition and buying up their rivals' plants at a fraction of their value, than what there was in running their concerns full blast.

This explains why the small canners were so anxious for a settlement and the larger ones preferred to have the strike continued.

In the meantime the merchants are winking up to the fact that their material interests are bound up in preserving the salmon fishing to the white and Indian fishermen and are now agitating to have the naturalization papers of all Japanese cancelled.

The eight union fishermen arrested for intimidation are now awaiting trial in the provincial jail. Bail has been asked for and refused in the cases of six of the men, and it is probable that it will be refused to the other two. The vindictiveness shown towards our comrades has, since the end of the strike, somewhat abated, and it is probable the authorities will see the wisdom of easing down on the prosecution in the near future.

The trackmen's strike on the C. P. R. still continues. Public opinion is entirely with the men but is powerless to affect the situation. Labor must learn the lesson: Not to strike the enemy where it is strongest—in the industrial field—but to fight where labor's numbers will carry one count—and that is in the political arena. E. B. Vancouver, B. C.

HOT AT EVERETT.

Will MacClain is making things hum at Everett. Meeting Tuesday night, eight new members for Local Everett and seventeen subscribers for The Socialist. Wednesday night, another meeting with local. Thursday night speaks before striking machinists. Friday night with comrades goes to Hartford to organize a new local there. Keep it up. Wharbyton, Graybill and the rest of you. Make Everett the heat-centre for Snohomish county.

THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle,

THE fact that an insane woman at Chicago has recovered her sanity and mental equilibrium by jumping from a four-story window to the pavement, 60 feet below, awakens new hopes in my breast for the great American Jackass. When he is pushed over the industrial precipice to which he is now being led by the capitalist parties the shock of the fall, after he has patched up his broken bones and bruises, may possibly prove beneficial as well as providential.

A SALOON in Seattle puts out this sign: "To show that we are with the mechanics we give a big free lunch with every glass of beer." Even this broad admission that charity lunches aid the workers to maintain a precarious foothold under this glorious era of prosperity does not penetrate the thick skulls of those who shamelessly crowd around this free lunch counter daily, forgetting their manhood and everything else in the vain endeavor to save a cent or two by subsisting on second class crackers and bologna that has a past life, and they seem incapable of being brought to their senses until not only free lunches are denied them but also the nickel with which to get the beer.

I want to be a worker
In this McKinley land,
A shoddy coat upon my back,
A free lunch in my hand.
I would go a-striking
For a few more cents so near,
And give it all at a higher price
For rent and grub and beer.

A TEXTILE corporation in South Carolina has built a "model mill," run by electricity, and a "model village," with free vaudeville theatres and concerts. The doing of this is much exploited by the capitalist press, which publishes most wonderful and detailed accounts of the workrooms, the cottages, etc., and incidentally the big profits the corporation expects to get out of the undertaking. The articles, for all the world, read like some of the old-time, before-the-war stories in defense of slavery, and which used to recite what a kind master Col. James or Major Black was: what pleasant, white-washed quarters were furnished the slaves, and also how one or two of the hands were kindly deputized to sing or play the banjo every evening in the quarters, to the delight and contentment of the others. The slave owners find it pays to gild the chains; the slaves will do more work; they are less liable to revolt, and in the end a bigger profit comes to the astute human spiders who have discovered how to make an increased number of meals of a fly before the latter gives up the ghost, and also that a little gilt paint is cheaper than guns or purchased lawmakers. It might be remarked in passing that it is a safer proposition than even a Seattle sure-thing game to bet that the South Carolina broilers, for all of their gilded cage, will receive no more than did the blackbirds in their humble whitewashed one—the merest to eat, the scantiest to wear, and a place to gather renewed vigor to heap up more wealth for their owner on the morrow. Only that and nothing more.

THE P.-I. of Seattle, Wash., in an unguarded moment prates of the unbounded freedom and prosperity now enjoyed by Porto Rico as compared with Hawaii. The constitution followed the flag to the latter islands' while it has not yet shown up in Porto Rico. This is supposed by the P.-I. to be a mighty argument in favor of the present capitalist plan of expansion and empire rule. But it isn't. It rather clinches the Socialist argument that the constitution is a sort of straight-jacket that hampers industrial development, and prevents it adjusting itself to new conditions. However, the capitalist admission that a people can progress without constitutional blinders is valuable for future reference.

If my trades union brothers would only recognize the cold economic fact that no benefit can be derived from an increase in wages under the present system because of the power of the capitalist class to immediately absorb it by way of increase in either rent, interest or profit, they would immediately cease the useless struggles which mean merely additional worry, strife and lost-opportunity, and cast about for some method whereby the devouring capitalist class may be forever de-throned.

The above paragraph will also serve as an answer to many Christian, sentimental, one-step-at-a-time Socialists, as well as our single tax friends, who demand that we fall all over ourselves in an eager effort to elect any old party that promises "government ownership of public utilities," or put into office some "golden rule" Jones who wants municipal ownership of street cars. Therefore it is again demonstrated that only a complete and entire industrial revolution—the absolute overthrow of the whole capitalist class—will ever give to the working class and guarantee its keeping that which belongs to them—the fruits of their labor.

A FRANKLIN COUNTY (Wash.) editor has discovered that he runs the only paper in that county, and so he refuses to publish the long list of delinquent taxes at 10 cents per title, the legal rate. He wants more. Nothing like robbing the people when you have a chance. And it's dollars to doughnuts this same editor yells "patriotism" and "the country's honor" on the slightest provocation. The funniest part of it is that the county is legally advised that it can do nothing. The advertising must be given to this Franklin county editorial hog and let him charge whatever he pleases. The lawyers are so true to their class interest that their parasitic instincts would not allow them to suggest that the county officials establish an official paper for the publication of all legal matters and thus save the county thousands of dollars.

A KENTUCKY machinist while at work the other day had an eye put out by a pants button pulling off and the suddenly released suspender end hitting him in the face. It begins to look as if the capitalist assertion is true that the workingman is too extravagant and should be more ready to economize. Besides, by tying up our pants with a bit of rope we can save both four bits and an eye or two occasionally. Of course, accidents might happen even then, but they would not necessarily be personally painful.

"THERE goes one of them dividers-up," remarked a woman to a friend the other day, as a Socialist passed up the street. Her idea of Socialism is the result of reading the daily papers which lie with such unctious and extreme polish to maintain their preying position as to cause Baron Munchausen to groan in jealous agony in his grave. How many times must we repeat that Socialists are Socialists, not because they want to "divide up," but because they object to dividing up! This slight difference in the proposition ought not to be entirely overlooked.

HARRIMAN, the railroad magnate and many times millionaire, who started in life as a speculator in a small way in stocks, and who is now a spectacular example of the way our "Christian civilization" rewards the gambler instead of the honest man, is, the papers say, greatly interested in improving the type of horses. If he had begun in improving the type of men the country might be spared the pangs of shame it feels every time it looks at the millions of disinherited and pauperized who exist only that Harriman and a few others like him may remain actualities. UNCLE SAM.

SOCIALISTS EVERYWHERE

Assistant Organizer Cameron Makes a Hit Visits Three Places in King County—Organizes a New Local Among the Miners.

At North Bend Comrade Besse is a leader for Socialism from the word go. Sunday morning July 14, Besse and I did our best to advertise a meeting Sunday evening. We asked the Baptist minister to notify his congregation of our meeting, which was to begin at 8 o'clock. He protested, as his services commenced at 8, so we agreed to postpone our meeting half an hour if he would start 15 minutes earlier. He agreed, but he did not start his services till 8:10, ten minutes later than usual. However, at 8:30 we made the school bell and the greater portion of his congregation left and came over to the school house. We had a good audience and a great deal of interest was shown on the subject of Socialism.

North Bend gives every indication of a good strong local. At next election we can expect a larger vote than either of the two capitalist parties.

Snoqualmie.

Walked down to Snoqualmie. Met Comrades Lawson and Rankin, two good class conscious Socialists who have got a hard row to hoe, as Snoqualmie is a rank republican town. Held open air meeting at night, but only 15 or 20 persons came to hear me and could get no questions.

There are seven comrades there now. They have promised to organize a local Sunday, and as every active Socialist can make at least one more we can bank on good returns from this republican stronghold.

One man, a road contractor, told me I had no business going around agitating in these prosperous times, and that Mark Hanna should be shot for giving us such prosperity; men could get too many free lunches and wouldn't work. Poor fool. He cannot see the poverty around him, because he can, through exploiting labor, get his wants supplied. But he is only a small fish and his days are numbered. I believe with Rankin, Lawson and other comrades that we will yet awaken the jaspers of Snoqualmie.

Big New Local.

Issaquah is the most promising town I have as yet seen. Were the election to come off tomorrow they would make a big showing for Socialism, and what is best, we have good active comrades there. Comrade Geo. Greenhalge was elected as organizer of Local Issaquah. He is like Comrade Besse of North Bend, a hustler, and there are many others.

Tuesday evening we organized a local with 17 members and some of them claim they will have at least 50 members by the first of August. The old parties had better take a tumble, as we are growing so rapidly that ere the next election we may be the whole thing.

We had a public meeting Wednesday night. Had a full house, and the way they fired the questions and applauded answers which hit the old parties was most gratifying, as it showed that the miners of Issaquah are conscious of their own interests. We even half converted one rank democrat. We are sure to get all honest men who belong to our class who are capable of thinking. This man was opposed to Socialism, but admitted he had not read two pages of Socialist literature in his life. That is the great reason so many are hanging back. They are prejudiced and do not know what we want nor how we propose getting what we want. No intelligent person can study the principles of Socialism without believing in the justice of our cause.

J. M. CAMERON.

Exceedingly good returns from my ad. in *The Socialist*.—Many merchants.

Have you forgotten to send in your renewal? It will save us a lot of trouble if you will send it along tonight.

Socialism is the only hope of the race.

Go to Germania Hall next Sunday night and hear what machines have done for men.

BURGESS SAYS

Since the recent manifestation of growth by Socialism, Republican papers are supporting the contention of Democracy, that the negro is not qualified to vote. Evidently the two old parties want to disfranchise the toilers, and it may be their only way to perpetuate their supremacy.

According to the Reveille a Mr. Wright thinks "the man with a hoe" can make a living in the South. So he can, and he not only does make one, but he supports countless idlers in luxury.

The problem of the age is to induce the idler, the rich and useless idler, to make his own support.

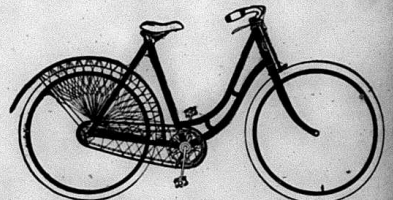
The Reveille says that mechanics in the Fairhaven Sheet Metal Works get \$3.25 per day of ten hours, and are satisfied. These mechanics must have satisfied of the brain if they are satisfied with anything less than all they create.

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"ALL BORN FREE AND EQUAL."

"The heat, the heat, the heat!" That has been the one topic of conversation for the last two weeks. In conjunction with the fact that this is Fourth of July week, this "hot wave" suggests some remarks on that declaration, which was spouted by politicians and schoolboys all over the country last Thursday, that "All men are born free and equal."

Nothing serves so well as some universal calamity—excessive heat or cold, a famine or a plague—to expose the horrible inequality that actually exists. It tears away all the nice, pretty masks by which we hide the fact of social inequality and injustice.

Ten days of excessive heat. That is all. A mere freak of the weather. But in this city of New York alone it has meant hundreds of sudden deaths, and accounted hundreds of cases of health forever ruined—and, not temporary physical suffering alone, but lasting sorrow and heartache for thousands upon thousands of bereaved parents and orphaned children.

Were we savages, roaming through the woods or over the plains, this would not be so. Why should ten degrees difference in temperature be so much more disastrous to a civilized community than to a savage tribe?

Because our civilization, built upon class-rule, and organized for private profit, robs the majority of our people of the opportunities of savage life and gives them next to nothing of the benefits of science and invention.

Read the death lists in the New York papers. Note the quarters of the city where they occur. Are they on Fifth Avenue? Are they on Central Park West? Are they in any of the places where the owners of the city live? With comparatively few exceptions they are in the tenement districts, where the MAKERS of the city dwell.

"As usual," says one of the news-papers, "the greatest suffering was among the poor." Yes, "as usual."

And the "poor"—who are they? They are the people who have paved the streets and laid the car tracks and built the tenements and the mansions and the factories, who run the street cars, who work in the factories, whose labor creates all the wealth of the city. "As usual," it is they who must lay prostrate and helpless under the burning sun and leave their wives and babies in destitution.

And the babies in the tenements! This paper will think the eyes of many workingmen. Return how many of you there are whose memory goes back to some tiny grave—perhaps, alas! to a grave in the Potter's field. Think of those babies—loved no less dearly than the babies of Fifth Avenue—who have been stifled to death in the foul air of the tenements, who have died for the lack of pure milk, of ice, of medicine, of the things that a little money could have provided.

A great deal of maudlin sympathy with the poor is being poured out just now. They are so sorry, those men who own the factories and the tenements, that their employes and their tenants suffer. They are willing—provided it does not cost them too much exertion, this hot weather—to "do something" for the poor. Yes, if necessary, they are willing to do almost anything except—the one thing that they must be made to do—EXCEPT TO CEASE LIVING AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WORKINGMEN AND THEN MAKING THEM POOR.

There is no reason in justice nor in nature why a factory should not be made as comfortable as a business office.

There is no reason why workingmen should have to toil ten or twelve hours a day whenever they get permission to work.

There is no reason why all the devices of science and ingenuity should not be used for the comfort and health of the whole people, instead of for a small class alone.

There is no reason why the people who do the productive labor should have to live in crowded, unventilated, ill-drained tenements, along narrow, dirty streets, without so much as a glimpse of blue sky or green trees.

There is no reason why the working people should have to deny themselves

every luxury, often to suffer actual hunger, to become old men and women at forty, through overwork, anxiety and hardship, and at last to be turned off, like worn-out horses, to drag out their lives in pauperism and shame.

Considering the advance that has been made in science and invention, there is no reason in justice or in nature why these things should be so. But they are so. And the only reason is that the capitalists live on the means of production and levy tribute upon the product of the workers.

The capitalists are willing to continue this murderous arrangement so long as the workers are willing to endure it. The Social Democrats declare that all this must be changed. We want real freedom, equality and fraternity. We want no more exploitation and no more charity. We want no more idle rich and no more working poor. We want it to be impossible for anyone to say: "As usual, the greatest suffering was among the working people."

If you want this, work for Socialism. —The Worker.

Johnny Morgan plays the organ, and Chauncey blows the horn. The people go broke as they dance for the joke, And wish they never were born.



THE FAKE STRONG MAN.

Friend Morgan is only making a play to the gallery. The people are really carrying the load and don't know it. It will soon be openly shifted onto their shoulders in exchange for interest-bearing bonds. They provided these "step-at-a-time Socialists," who only know enough to holler "government ownership" and applaud a capitalist Jones or Johnson every time they promise something of the kind, are not headed off.

The scheme to saddle the people, with a perpetual debt is assuming shape. The Denver Times says "a gigantic scheme is under way to transfer the railroads of the United States to the government. A western financier declares that within a few years Rockefeller, Harriman, Vanderbilt, Gould and Morgan interests would turn over to the government every line of railroad in the country, the government to pay the total value of \$10,000,000,000, a string of banks to be controlled by the same interests and to finance the deal." The people control their own railroads and the capitalists will own the people. Thus Morgan, et al., can escape the worry of management but still swipe all the profits, as usual. And the "public ownership of public utilities" Socialists, in their pitiful ignorance of the class struggle, is helping along this scheme of modern bondage all he knows how.

THE LITTLE WORD "CLASS."

Olympia, July 22, 1901. Dear Sir: No matter who I am, the little word "class" ought to be eliminated from the Socialist vocabulary.

Yours Respectfully, J. W. BATCHELLER. You might as well say the little word "Slave" ought to be eliminated from the human vocabulary. Or, the little word "war," or the little word "black," or any other disagreeable quality in the world.

Socialists deal with facts, and classes and struggles are facts which we would be fools not to recognize and make use of.

When you recognize the fact of the Proletarian class and that you belong to it or soon will belong to it, you'll be a Socialist for keeps. But with your present blinking at facts, you're likely to be chasing after "Reform," and side issues and any old issue the Capitalist class (another fact) may put forward to defeat the real issue and mislead the timid and unthinking.

Diebknacht in Modern London.

And now I look around me—the new streets—new names of streets. Everything overturned. And the new larger, more beautiful than the old, Dudley street and St. Giles, where the misery huddled together—swept away. The slums and dens and rookeries—all gone. And neat clean streets. The moral and "respectable" society has had an attack—not of decency, but of

"moral blues," and in this attack it has been ashamed of itself, and in order to avoid having its sins always under its nose and in its nose, it has swept away the filthy—swept it to some other place, as lazy housekeepers and house maids sometimes carefully sweep the refuse and rubbish in a room into a heap and then convey it under the bed or into a hidden corner. Only out of sight!

Was it not yesterday, that Lord Shaftesbury had "cleaned" London, removed the dens of vice and misery and "lastingly" improved the condition of the unfortunate seamstresses?

Was it yesterday? Yesterday? When was I here last? When did I come from Switzerland and France? Yes—Robert Peel who abolished the taxes on grain, had just fallen from his horse and broken his neck. It was in June, 1840. Forty-six years. And today? Are the slums, the dens and the rookeries abolished? Yes—in one place, but they are in another. Just as bad, just as horrible as of old.

And the social evil? The "social evil," that is prostitution discreetly so labeled. Has it ceased to exist? Not in the least. Has it decreased? Twenty

Mere charlatan cures! Mere Penelope work! "Plowing the sea," the Englishman calls it. To draw a furrow through the water—nothing is easier. But over the furrow the waters close again, and the plowing has been in vain.—Biog. Memoirs of Karl Marx.

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Could the Rev. Mr. Simonds have heard the hot burst of applause that greeted Comrade Gilbert's indignant exposure of these facts last Sunday evening he would have learned how an audience of workmen despise such cowardly conservatism.

This incident is further confirmation of Herron's other words: "All this is a revelation of the spirit and temper of the church. It will not be lost on the working class, and that will not fail to disclose the immense and awful gulf between the spirit of Jesus and the church that claims his name."

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General.
Nebraska State Democrats held state convention on July 3.

New Decatur, Ala., Social Democrats elected the mayor and a majority of the board of aldermen.
Comrade Yall reports rousing meetings and increasing enthusiasm everywhere in California. He is speaking every day.

The state of Maine seems to be at last waking up. Comrade Carey's tour arousing immense interest, big meetings are being held, and hundreds of converts to Socialism are being made.

Things continue to boom at San Francisco. Over thirty members are being gained for a continuing increase. A new life, a new hope, a new enthusiasm, have been imparted to the organization.

A group of over fifty Socialists started on their "Wander" from Chicago on July 23d, for Indianapolis to attend the convention, and others from Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana joined on the way. Messages were read and literature distributed all along the route, and they will do the same coming back. Among them are a number of the most effective campaign speakers in the Socialist movement.

"There is nothing of greater interest or importance to the Socialist movement than the very great interest which the Chicago trades union are now taking in the subject," says the Workers' Call. "A number of our comrades are speaking frequently at the regular meetings of the trades unions, and the interest is rapidly increasing. Walter Thomas Millis has lately spoken for the painters, paperhangers, glassworkers, caterers, bartenders, cigar makers and the bricklayers. There are four thousand members of the latter union in Chicago, and probably there is no group of workmen anywhere who would so largely a percentage of active and effective workers for Socialism." That's how it's moving in Chicago.

NOTES A-FIELD.

Socialism is making splendid progress in the Argentine Republic.

In spite of the war Socialism continues steadily gaining in South Africa.

There are now 14 Socialists in the parliament of the Faroe Islands, a gain of two in the last election.

Bricklayers of Chicago have started a Socialist Educational Club and are spreading propaganda in a lively manner.

The Social Democrats of Belgium have issued a manifesto declaring that the government must grant universal suffrage or face a revolution.

Few of the leading dailies in Japan have been successful in giving accounts of the organization of the Social Democratic party in that country.

At the last annual congress of the railroad machinists of Japan a resolution was adopted declaring that they consider Socialism the goal of all labor organizations.

The first Socialist has just been elected to the legislature of Prussia. He won in the district of Eichenberg, and now something new will be heard in Kaiser Wilhelm's pet stronghold.

New Zealand is taking over coal mines which, Premier Seddon says, will supply fuel for the state-owned railroads and to consumers who care to purchase. The profits of the industry will go partly toward increasing wages, cheapening coal and adding to the public revenue.

Capitalist papers are keeping very quiet as to the result of the late general election in Holland, but from recent European papers it is learned that the Socialist vote increased to 28,279 from 12,025 four years ago and that the Socialists will probably elect five or six members of parliament on the second ballot.

Every Socialist should have the Council Reports. They are published monthly by the government, and you can have your name put on the subscription list free by making the request to the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C. Much valuable matter is given in them that Socialists can use, because it is official.

The Australian Socialist League has issued a manifesto in which it says: "In order to give practical effect to the principles of Socialism through the ballot box, the members of the Australian Socialist League have decided to enter the political field, recognizing that only by these means can the working class obtain control of the governmental machinery and the aims of Socialism be realized."

After Forty Years.
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"Diabolical Skill" Appreciated.

Editor Socialist—I enclose another time for which kindly continue my paper. I have graduated out of the S. D. P. I'm a member of the New York People. The more I study the conditions the more clear becomes the evidence to me that the S. D. P. is the enemy of the real Socialist movement in this country. I need not enter into details. You probably would not read them, or if you did, would not understand. I note from time to time your sneers at the Socialist movement which was organized by class-conscious students and thinkers years before you had begun to study methods for leading the working class away from the emancipating movement, as you are now doing with this diabolical skill.

Respectfully, Word H. Millis, Dallas, Texas.
[This chestnut argument that because the S. D. P. was the first in the field, therefore no other Socialist party has any right to exist is like saying that because the same suit of clothes he had when he was a boy. Or, you might as well say that the field that we are concerned about. We know of no worse enemy of the working class and of the cause of Socialism than the class and the S. D. P. with their aggressive and savage disposition. We have to meet that reproach on Socialism at every turn. Comrade Millis has joined a crowd that has antagonized the working class and a disgraced human nature, but which fortunately killing itself off at a rapid rate.—Ed.]

Right in Oregon.
Comrade Chas. H. Yall says he has twice to fair houses or tents (all our meetings are in tents now). Comrade J. Stitt. Will soon give us three or four good addresses. Comrade M. Capeland of the Barley Crocker spoke on the "Seven Causes of the World's Progress." On the whole, things are looking bright for us. I hope whatever the convention does it will unite all the forces under the banner of progressive humanity. Fraternally, J. D. Stevens, Portland, Oregon.

Captured by Socialists.
Thursday night, July 15, an "anti-mongolian" meeting was to have been held in Labor Hall, Homerstreet, to start a branch of an organization with headquarters at Victoria B. C. The organizers, according to the program, were to speak in favor of the proposition, was to be strictly non-political, although later on he said the organization was to bring pressure to bear on the government to get the mongolians out of the country. Everything was to be done both individually and collectively to protect and persuade the mongolians of the Orientals, the admission fee to be \$1, and the organization to be absolutely secret. Captain Anderson, a prominent member of the fishermen's union, was in the chair, and Captain Tatlow, member of the provincial parliament, was one of the chief speakers. But the Socialists were there, and the moment Capt. Tatlow saw the speaker a sneak, leaving the meeting early in our hands. The meeting was thrown open for the personal and private views about forty or fifty to express his views, and the Socialists did justice to the occasion. After about six or eight minutes he had aired their views one of them moved a resolution in favor of collective ownership and revolutionary Socialism as the only scientific cure for all our economic ills, and after it was seconded it was put to the vote and carried unanimously! This is an absolute fact, and the insinuation in the local daily press that the Socialist party prearranged what action to take, and had gone there to capture the meeting, is absolutely false. Capt. Anderson, after Capt. Tatlow had left the platform, asked Mr. Will McLean to air his views and then threw the meeting open to all those present. I have since heard that one of those present signed the membership roll of the "Anti-Mongolian League," but Mr. Le says it will be formed in spite of the Socialists. It pays to go to some meetings, and I hope that some of our comrades elsewhere will take note and act accordingly.

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