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THE IRON HEEL

A FEW CHAPTERS FROM THE RED BOOK OF : : CAPITALISM : : :

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JAPAN

"We stand on the banks of a river, not a river of crystal water, but a river of yellow, rolling, gleaming gold, sometimes it burns a dull crimson in the half light of noon, made night through the smoke of a million chimneys. But ever it flows and flows, tumbling, tossing, spreading, creeping, winding; on, on, until its yellow fingers clutch and hold the near regions and the far. Still the yellow flood rolls downward from its source, and a million springs and rivulets add

shape of all real values, all the cities, factories, railroads, farms. all, everything we see about us. The value of this runs so far into figures that it is past human understanding.

They have turned over to their masters all the monies that they, the masters, ever loaned on anything or to any person corporation or govern-

to any person, corporation or govern ment. Again here are figures that simply submerge the human mind.

ways as a tool of labor, it begets a surplus. Thus in geometrical progression the wealth accrues. To call this a "golden stream," is simply a mild form of prevarication. It is never gold. Gold is simply a relic of past and present distrust, a token of a certain "lack of confidence." Capital, roughly, in the capitalistic sense, is something from which profits can be taken. It is ever the aim of the capitalist to obtain profits, secondly, to turn his profits back into capital. We, that is the wage workers of the United States, produce for export

talistic ventures in our own country year by year. We produce also all that American capitalists loan or in-

Countess de Castellane cost us Sun.

can plutocracy roll, revel and bathe in this golden river. They exert every effort to throw it away, burn it up and squander it. They can't do it; the volume is too great.

Frenzied Finance

tained the American public with a series of articles of the above title. Thos. Lawson dug deep—almost to the bottom. He told everything exproperty consists chiefly of various kinds of paper, bearing legends indi-

In the frantic effort to invest there bound to be considerable frenzy.
In Europe the golden stream seems of come almost to the jumping off lace. The working classes are ar-

The Yellow River
"We stand on the banks of a river, into arms and munitions of war, into

and a million springs and rivulets add stream after stream to the giant river.

But spread as it may, the flood ever rises higher and higher."

All the workers of the world are All the workers of the world are busy producing wealth. There are millions and millions of these workers and, with the exception of a certain per cent whom we term the unemployed, the result of their constant effort is, first, they subsist, after that, they produce a profit. Omitting the Socialist terminology and argument for the time being, talking dollars steamship lines to carry away the spoils; more profits; more capitalistic

Ultima Thule

Asia; the birthplace of the human Asia; the birthplace of the human race; the last continent to fall before the onslaught of Capitalism, England seizes India. France takes Anam by the throat. Germany is late and gets only a small assortment. Spain and the United States toss up for the Philippines, and the United States wins Russia like an eveloning for wins. Russia, like an eveloping fog, crowds down upon Asia. From the north and west she pushes her frontiers toward Cathay. Persia. Turk-estan and outer Mongolia are prac-tically Russian dependencies. Japan steps into the game and calls for a new deal.

Such is, raggedly, the political face of affairs in Asia today. But the golden river flows on. It knows no boundaries, recogaizes no fixed channels, its yellow volume simply rises and spreads.

From the commence of the political face of the commence of the commence of the political face of the political face of the commence of the political face of the commence of the political face of the pol

From the common financial center of the world; from London, Paris, Berlin, was sent the wealth that supplied both Japan and Russia withwar-strength.

A loan to assist Russia in building state railroads, or a loan to a corpor ation to build factories in Japan-i is all one-Capitalism asks but one

question—will it return a profit?
Once more, don't forget that river; remember that it flows right along, night and day. Remember that it represents the stolen fruits of labor. "Labor produces all Wealth." Remember, and ACT.

we produce annually \$500,000,000 to pay the expenses for the annual outing of "society" in Europe.

During the past two decades 300 daughters of American millionaires have married titled foreigners.

We bought the tiaras and coronets worn by these "Daughters of the American Revolution." We paid some \$50,000,000 for the crown of Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt.

Countess de Castellane cost us

The Way of Paren
thesis

Space forbids and the occasion does not warrant me in giving a detailed account of my personal experiences in Japan. By way of explanation I will state that when I arrived in Nagasaki I had no intention of making a stay in the Land of the Rising Countess de Castellane cost us

So the mine operators and their political allies have unearthed anothLet us have this one fact sink into our brains and remain there indelibles wood and Moyer and the Western Federation of Miners. Again are these labor officials charged before a stay in the Land of the Rising Sun. I had less than one hundred his ingenuity for a passage.

I next sought out Yone Takoda

hama with a small balance in the treasury. Nearly all our traveling was done afoot. We avoided the tourist hotels built for the celebrated foreigners. The walking was good. The inns and houses wherein we found food and shelter were invari-ably clean. In the inns the beds con-sisted of a roll of padded quilts and a wooden pillow. I could stand for the quilts, but never learned to as-

government, bearing such and such interest.

The profits derived are called "dividends" or "interest." This is the later math of beefsteak and

The Source of the

Golden River

It oozes from the sweaty pores of the man who labors. It trickles in ceaseless driblets along the misshapen figures of the breaker boy. It is the life-energy of the woman who watches a seam that never ends.

Such as these are not of the "public" of Lawson.

Even though the "public" throws its money in countless millions into "Frenzied Finance," the golden river flows on and on, seeking ever new channels.

In the ports there was a chance to get filled up, but the desert reaches of vegetable soup, rice, soy beans and tea were something fierce. Meat, when used by the poorer classes in Japan, is sold by the ounce—chicken by the joint.

On the whole it was a pleasant experience. My traveling companion possessed an amazing fund of information and maintained the best of humor throughout the trip. Without him I could hardly have made in comes to dealing with foreigners.

When we finally arrived in Yoko-hama I divided the balance on hand with Yone, as we had previously

hama I divided the balance on hand with Yone, as we had previously agreed, to enable him to pay his passage back to Nagasaki. Here we parted, promising to exchange letters once a year. In due time the transport I hoped for arrived and I was lucky enough to find an empty billet

which I was qualified to fill, and arrived in the United States with something to the good.

Now, having confessed everything, I hope the reader will allow me to step gracefully into the background for the remainder of the narrative.

organize her army and rebuild her navy on improved lines laid out by Japan. The wonder of it all is that the same group of them who once thought to withstand a man-of-war with spears and arrows are the ones under whose leaders in the banners of the rising sun have beaten back the black eagles of Muscovy. Now, under the guidance of these elder statesment with a new generation versed in all the ways of modern capitalism, with its countless ramifica-

The Emperor

Under feudalism Japan was ruled very much as were European coun-tries under the same system.

Historical Sketch

A brief history of Japan is necessary to assist us in the interpretation of the growth of capitalism in

The period following the overthrow of the power of the Shogun is known in Japanese history as the Restora-

The Japanese Constitution The present constitution of Japan

vas granted under conditions that were doubtless without precedent in

the history of governments.

It was granted freely by the Mi-kado, who had hitherto exercised the ights of unlimited sovereignty.
This stamps the Mikado and his mmediate advisers as men of great

foresight.

The emissaries of the emperor, re-The emissaries of the emperor, returning from their travels and investigations in Europe and America, apparently saw at a glance the position and needs of Japan as a world factor. The participation of at least a part of the people in the affairs of government was seen to be a necessity. A stupendous task awaited the empire. The integrity of Japan depended upon the attainment by the entire race of a stage of economic development corresponding to that of the western nations. The Mikado wisely shifted the burden of administration to the rising bourgeois without a to the rising bourgeois without a struggle. The result has been that Jap-an has taken two centuries at a leap.

an has taken two centuries at a leap. Herein the Czar might profit.

The constitution of Japan contains a phrase, which, freely interpreted, reads: "Because of the changing conditions of the world, it becomes inevitable that the burden of government must fall upon many."

Some Eloquent **Figures**

The following statistics are compiled by the Department of Commerce and Agriculture of Japan, and are published in a book orinted by the Japanese government. The book is entitled "Japan at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century." It is written in English, has 600 pages, and is in itself a wonderful example of the progress of Capitalism in Japan. The purpose of the book is to furnish data to enable European and Ameri-can capitalists to determine the value famous and powerful.

The first chapter of their dream of world conquest has been written in the life blood of a million men.

of Japanese investments.

The following table is only partial.

I have selected those industries the progress of which have the greatest significance. This table shows the amount of foreign, or borrowed capital invested in Japan in manufacturing enterprises alone. By comparing this and other tables which I will submit you will be able with a little the proudest mission that has ever mit you will be able with a little mental application to read the sign-posts on the road that Capitalism fol-lows to its ultimate goal, the place

of analysis the statistics of the war period are confusing and misleading

without considerable tedious explana- call it.

tion. Imports in many lines, for in-stance machinery, quadrupled owing to the fact that munitions of war. even knock-down torpedo boats, had been sold by United States firms and shipped consigned as machinery. The

shipped consigned as machinery. The war has in many ways brought about an abnormal trade condition, showing an increase in exports from the ginning to right itself, and is the subject of much newspaper comment.

The following table does not include such industries as are conducted by Japanese capital exclusively, nor yet the totals invested in the industries enumerated, but only the amount of foreign capital invested in such activities: such activities:

	Paid-up	Capital.
Iodern rice cleaning	mills.\$	2,755,000
reweries		4,105,000
ugar refineries		3,688,000
Orug manufacture .		3.865,000
otton spinning		
otton weaving		3,469,000
oppersmithing		1,304,000
fan. wire nails		600,000
g. machine works		1,005,000
hipbuilding yards		10,394,000
ool manufacturing		1,000.000
ar shops		2,650,000
as factories		4,762,000
rinting press works		2,161,000
aper mills		9,064,000
obacco		12,189,000
Cerosene boring		16,843.000
oal mining		9,113,000
ubricating oils		
ement plants		
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ture is impossible, but I will endeavo in my next article to give statistics from British, Chinese, Japanese and United States government reports, showing, as near as possible in a limited space, the tendencies of trade in the Orient. I must beg the reader's

in the Orient. I must beg the reader's indulgence in presenting such dry matter, but I believe that if thinking Socialists will carefully digest the facts (if not the figures, they will be mentally armed against any trade expansionist they chance to meet.

Personally those figures have more eloquence for me than all the high sounding phrases that were ever strung together. If the coming of Socialism depended alone upon our puny efforts, we might well despair. Fighting for us and with us, though seemingly against us, is a mighty

Socialists of the world. Theirs is the proudest mission that has ever fallen to any group of men in the

world's history.

For Capitalism must either culmin

where there are no more markets to conquer.

These figures are the statistics of 1903. In many industries the amount of capital invested has doubled during the past two years. For purpose of analysis the statistics of the war to the Co-operative Commonwealth, or whatever we may be pleased to

anese.

ADMIRAL INOUYE.

Commander of the Naval Station at Yokosuka,

er "conspiracy" concocted by Haywood and Moyer and the Western
Federation of Miners. Again are
these labor officials charged before
the world with murder, arson and
other crimes. It is not the first time;
against the working class. It is the other crimes. It is not the first time; it will probably not be the last. For as long as Haywood and Moyer refuse to be the cringing, servile, treacherous tools of the capitalist class they will be subject to the hatred and persecution of that class.

the Japanese empire. The transition from feudalism has been more abrupt

in Japan than in any other country in the world.

The discovery and adaptation of steam and electricity had already been made. It is a mistake, however,

to suppose that Japan has simply imi

tated the western nations in the use of these great forces. Not only have they made use of Occidental methods

We do not anticipate that anything more will come of this latest attack upon the character of the western miners officials than has come out of all the other charges which have been hurled against them, and for which they have been stigmatised by the capitalist press of the world. We do not anticipate that the alleged con-fession made by the man Orchard, who was arrested for the murder of Stuenenburg, has any more basis for truth than the many other "confess-ions" 'that have been made by imprisoned men and found to be false and manufactured. In plainer words, we believe the whole story connecting the miners officials with the Stuenen burg murder to be untrue in every particular and to be part of the long sustained effort to destroy the miners organization.

But there is one feature of this das-But there is one feature of this das-tardly affair which requires special attention. It is that Haywood, Moy-er and Pettibone were taken from the state of Colorade, under arrest, and shipped to Boise, Idaho, in secret, without a word of publicity being given out about the extradition pap-ers granted by the governor of Col-orado until after they had left the state, without a chance to be heard, and upon the sole charge of murder state, without a chance to be heard, and upon the sole charge of murder preferred by paid detectives working in the interest of the corporations. Condemned as criminals by the Governor of Colorado, deprived of their liberties, branded as murderers with no opportunity to defend themselves. Kidnapped at the behest of Capital and by the assistance of the constitut. and by the assistance of the constitut-ed authorities.

Where is this sort of thing going

Are the capitalists inviting their own destruction?

Are the workers going to submit always to seeing their representatives browbeaten, maltreated, imprisoned unjustly, their characters assailed, their health destroyed, their liberties wrested from them, treated worse than the beasts of the field made the

This race spirit, or whatever we may be pleased to call it, is the secret of Japan's wonderful spontaniety. It

ITO AND INOUYE

Some years before Japan opened her ports to the world, two young noblemen, still in their teens, resolved to go to Europe and learn the secrets of western power and ascendancy, and, returning to Japan, lead her to the conquest of the world.

The penalty for leaving Japan was solved the secret they sought. Redeath. Fired with patriotic zeal they turned to their native land. Became the emperor's chief advisers. Became and in London, underwent many privations and hardships in a strange land. Learned the English language.

tions, Japan aspires to become the England of the Orient. "Little Japan" is the largest nation

ruled by one race in the world.

For centuries the amalgamating

but in many things they have made of Japan's wonderful spontanicty. It original researches. This applies to makes mightily for progress, and is sciences. Today, England, Japan's move made by Japan on the chessnew ally, is calmly requested to re-

processes have continued, until today there is no people on earth who are so thoroughly annealed as the Jap-

MARQUIS ITO HIROBUMI.

the Privy Council-Framed Jap-an's Constitution.

real as well as the apparent ruler. The Shogunate was abolished. Under feudalism the nobility were the landed proprietors. No merchant could aspire to a title. Here again will the student of economics find an interesting parallel. He will find the peddler transformed into the merchant-manufacturer, and his power recognized by patents of nobility. Baron Shibusawi is one of these. His fortune is reputed to be \$50,000,000.

parent, and the power of the Mikado lessened in the same degree.

This finally terminated in a con-flict wherein the Mikado became the

ens, Russell and other reformers did not refer to the working class. Striking confirmation of this comes in the shape of the cover of "Everybody's Magazine" for March, just out. A shape of the cover of "Everybody's Some of the things Pat Dolan is the speakers were enthusiastically applications of the cover of the cover of "Everybody's Some of the things Pat Dolan is the speakers were enthusiastically applications of the speakers were ent

monopoly of the scandals also, you

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Mayor Brand Whitlock is tearing up the earth these days protesting against capital punishment. All very good in its way, but what about the thousands of workingmen, women and children that are being daily slaughtered in the workshops for the profit of the capitalist class? A little attention to the causes of present social conditions would reduce the num ber of criminals and make the dis cussion of capital punishment unne

Attorney General Hadley says Rockefeller's business methods are "distinctly dishonorable and commercially immoral." Mr. Hadley is excited. Rockefeller's methods are no more dishonorable or immoral than are those of the ordinary business. no more dishonorable or immoral than are those of the ordinary business man or capitalist. Rockefeller had the ability and opportunity to do on a large scale what the smaller fry did not have. The methods themselves are as honest as the system which makes them necessary. If the methods are bad then the system is bad. If the system—the wage system—is correct, then the methods necessary to commercial success are necessary to commercial success are correct also, and Rockefeller is not to be blamed for using them to his own persona ladvantage.

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In an early issue of The Socialist will appear the first of a series of articles on Elbert Hubbard's Roycroft shops at East Aurora, New York, and N. O. Nelson's model town Leclaire, Ill., written by a Socialist

face of a single workingman in the job for the coal operators as could young people, in its crusade against whole group. Business men, professionals, farmers, capitalists, priests, is giving his case away. For instance, influence just at present. Look on preachers, travelling men, perhaps he is reported as charging Mitchell our streets Sunday nights. You can preachers, travelling men, perhaps some clerks, comfortable, well fed, complacent women of the middle class order, but not a typical working class face appears. And there are thousands of workingmen who do read "Everybody's." This will help to drive Comrade Titus' point home.

The "better classes" are having a monopoly of the scandals also, you would explain why he threatens a monopoly of the scandals also, you would explain why he threatens a strike now, for the miners themselves are restless under the conditions which are not at all as idyllic as Dolan would make it appear. The one grant them the right to dictate how significant thing about the mining we shall enjoy our Sunday. The Sunsituation at present is the unanimity day closing law is an unjust one, be-of action shown by the anthracite and cause it permits one class to dictate bituminous operators in contrast to to another on personal rights."
the division among the miners national officials, a division which the of the theaters," said Walter G. Gun-

J. Pierpont Morgan, James J. Hill, Thomas P. Fowler and W. K. Van-derbilt are going abroad within a week. 'Tis sad, but the country will try to worry alond without them.—

Certainly, they never will be missed. The industries which these men own will run on as usual, because the workers will still operate the industries, which would continue to run if tries, which would continue to run if all the capitalists left the country. Doesn't this innocent remark of the "Press" prove that the country can get along without the capitalists altogether? If the workers who believe they cannot get along without having the capitalists exploiting them would only see it that way! only see it that way!

held a meeting under the auspices of Local Toledo of the Socialist Party to protest against the Sunday closing of theaters. This protest was made because Sunday is the one day in the week in which the workers can go to the thetaer and Sunday closing de-

both places. These articles will be less ways of enjoying himself. The worth reading. Don't miss them. meeting was most successful in every respect, was largely attended, and

the first speaker at the meeting of the Socialists at the Central Labor

Anniversary issue. No. 286. Six pages. Order a bundle now. See prices in ad. prive the laboring people from their recreation. The country is growing broader minded. In the early days of the New England states, the blue laws would not permit a man to kiss his wife on Sunday. Neither could the baby look out of the window. Such days have passed

Thomas A. Bragg did not like the idea of enforcing all the statutes be-

cause they were on the books.

"Take for instance the speed ordinance," he said. "Automobiles dash about on our streets at a tremendous rate, but our police never make an arrest. It's simply a question of whose bull is gored.

"This Sunday theater question is only the old story of the capitalist"

class trying to tell us how to behave."
"Speed the time when we will be free from the maudlin rot dished up as the lurid melodrama," said Com-rade Engle of Detroit. "The working class ,after all, craves

for and is better able to interpret great artists. When some of the for and is better able to the spice, great artists. When some of the masters come to the city, you can see the laboring people standing out in the cold for hours that they may se-

cure a seat in the gallery."

About 200 attended the meeting. While the Sunday theater question was to have been discussed, all of the speakers strayed from their subjeet and dwelt more or less on So-

"The Cleveland Citizen" and The

effort is, first, they subsist, after that, they produce a profit. Omitting the Socialist terminology and argument for the time being, talking dollars and cents, the workers of the United States alone have created all the wealth in the United States in the shape of all real values, all the cities.

The workers struggle and strike, win or lose, still the ever increasing volume of profit swells, grows and accumulate. cumulates. The surplus of today must be re-invested, and in turn, al-ways as a tool of labor, it begets a

United States, produce for export something like \$2,000,000,000—Two Billions, annually. We produce also, in the shape of profit, all that is re-invested in capi-

vest abroad. We produce all that is paid to for-eign stockholders and investors in

tire titled pauperdom of Europe.

The profligate sons of our Ameri-

Thos. Lawson has vastly enter cept where the real values came from with which the poor suffering public bought the worthless bonds, stocks, etc. The "public" of Lawson is that portion of the population of the United States whose income bearing cating that the holder thereof has a certain interest, worth a certain amount, in this or that railroad, mill, mine, factory, farm or trade estab-lishment; or bonds of this or that Of food I ate everything set before

dends" or "interest." golden river.

in. I had less than one hundred In short the American working the fare back to the United States.

An old acquaintance held a berth on an American transport. I decided to an American transport. I decided to take chances in meeting his ship in Kobe or Yokohama and relying on

> and told him my troubles. Nearly every Japanese workingman is more or less of a tramp, and Yone had walked many times, so he told, from one end of the empire to the

> The result of our interview was that Yone and myself formed a company capitalized at one hundred dollars, gold, to see Japan. Some five months later we arrived in Yoko-

ownership of the state that enables the capitalist class to throttle economic protest and to thwart economic action. It is the ownership of the judicial, executive and administrative functions of government which gives a few men in Colorado and Idaho the power to lay helpless the strongest,

best disciplined, the most aggressive labor organization in the West. In the name of the state, the capitalist class can do anything—because it is legal for them to do it.

When the working class own the state they can do anything—because it will be legal for them to do it.

The capitalist class fortifies its own rship of industry, pursues its cam paign of exploitation on the economic field, riddles the ranks of the organized workers, batters down all opposition to its rule, through its control

and exercise of the political power. The workers must organize econ omically or be submerged beneath the lowest sink of degradation. But the workers economic activity is rendered futile and abortive because the thrust in their way, barring their pro-gress, enmeshing them in increasing difficulties, entangling them in wasteful warfare with the state, crushing them with all the brute force of a brute class determined to control, despoil and destroy for profit.

That is the immediate lesson to be

drawn from the screaming headline and lying dispatches from the West. And until that lesson is learned and the workers of the East and West and North and South take heed of the lesson their efforts to defeat the capitalist class upon the economi

The working class must own the government and control the political power. And they must do it through a political party which declares war upon the wage system and the abolttion of the wage system by the establishment of the Co-operative Com

Anniversary issue, No. 286. Six pages. Order a bundle now. See prices in ad. In his article in last week's Socialist contrade Titus pointed but that the

Toledo Press.

Sunday Closing Sunday evening, February 19, was

BY JAMES ONEAL

What means this cry of "reform" now engaging public attention? Is Lawson, Russell and the host of oth-Lawson, Russell and the host of others that are probing capitalist ulcers "coming our way?" Why is Lawson lauded as the intellectual god in his chosen field? What do his exposures mean for you and I of the wealth producing class. After consuming hundreds of pages in a monthly magazine he has not touched the grievance of the working class and that is why he is the lauded Lawson of a press devoted to the defense of capitalism. Lawson is simply telling us how some of the big swindlers trick the smaller ones out of their "share" of the plunder, but is silent as to how either of them came in possession of the swag in the first place.

Suppose a train of prairie schooners

Suppose a train of prairie schooners suppose a train of plante schoolers are enroute across western plains loaded with the wealth of its occupants. A band of outlaws descend on the unfortunate pilgrims and at the point of guns compel them to surrender their wealth. Some of them are experienced in their chosen profession; others are new to it and profession; others are new to it and profession; others are new to it and acquiring that skill necessary to pose as "self-made men." They are in the "business" in common with their more skillful and experienced "pals" of the robber band. They are robbers all and all peaceful travelers are their reasy. After executing a "husiness" all and all peaceful travelers are their prey. After executing a "business deal" they retire to their caverns in the mountains to divide the loot. With the stolen goods they proceed to gamble and the more experienced swindle the less experienced out of their "share."

One Mighty Warrior Squeals.

One mighty warrior, the hero of a hundred raids, Tom Lawson by One mighty warrior, the hero of a hundred raids, Tom Lawson by name, gets squeezed in the game, He discovers that others are dealing cards from the bottom and some have "hand-outs" up their sleeve. Still others have another deck and flash four aces when occasion re-

Tom becomes a "reformer." He rushes into print to tell us that some of the plunderers are using crooked methods in cheating their "pals" out of their "legitimate" share and asks the plundered pilgrims to give him their attention while he tells how the cards were dealt! The multitudes whose pockets are rifled await with breathless awe the new deck he proposes as a "remedy." His "remedy" is a "fair" division of the loot!

All of the "reformers" may be included and classified by the warrior above described. Tom becomes a "reformer." He

above described.

A Terre Haute Outburst.

Just at present a local example here in Terre Haute has become of here in Terre Haute has become of national interest because of a movement to impeach the Mayor for non-enforcement of a law providing for Sunday closing of saloons and at eleven o'clock at night.

The Mayor had discharged his Board of Safety for attempting to enforce the law and appointed a "liberal" Board.

entorce the law and appointed a "libcrail" Board.

Immediately the "reformers," composed of "substantial business men,"
"best citizens," and a number of minsisters, were conveniently "shocked"
at the Mayor's refusal to have the
laws enforced.

The Ministerial Association and
Manufacturers' Association "denounced" and "deplored" this action
in long resolutions. The press joined

evident intention to have a "clean government."

Impeachment proceedings began and failed by one vote of convicting the Mayor. The "reformers" now threaten to carry the fight into the courts if the Mayor persists in his

has continued for a long time and it would seem sufficient justification for such a "moral wave" as the ministers and press ascribe to it.

However, that it offers no excep-tion to the economic motive that forms the basis of all other similar movements is apparent from the following interview with one of the "reformers" that appeared in the "Terre Haute "Star" of Dec. 29, 1905. It is a frank and bald admission that capitalist interests are threatened profits curtailed by the Mayor's pol-

Property's Patriotism. Hear Mr. Daily, capitalist "re-

The minds of the people should be disabused of any thought that this movement is fathered by the churches.

While it is a move for better morals, Milwant Mil the members of the Manufacturers' Club were moved primarily by purely business motives. The inefficiency of the city fire department has been responsible for large losses from fires that should have been controlled. Who is responsible in the last analy-sis for this condition? The Mayor is at the head of the city's affairs. In the long run the property owners pay for these losses in higher insurance for these losses in higher insurance rates, to say nothing of the owners of property lost by fire. But, worse than this, I have found as a member of Commercial Club committees that men object to bringing their business enterprises to this city an account of its bad reputation morally. This is common and the Club has been repeatedly embarrassed by confronting our reputation. We are interested in building up our city's industries. The

Could the case be stated plainer by any Socialist? The "moral crusade" is based on the material interests of the class whose sales of cheese and poisoned jams are not as great as they would be if those who sold beer ob-served the law.

building up our city's industries. The brewing companies are, of course, in-

terested in boosting their business, but it happens that in the conflict of interests we have the law on our

Morals Reflect Material Interests This recalls another "moral wave" which enlisted the support of the churches alone a few years ago.

In the middle states street carni-

recent years. The mail order houses are pressing on the preserves of the "independent" business men and in looking around for some means to recoup their losses, they hit on the novelty of holding street carnivals to attract trade from the "independent" business men of the smaller towns.

The chief "attractions" secured for these carnivals consisted in the main of vile and indecent shows with "free exhibitions" outside under the glare of a brilliant cluster of lights. These were preliminary to and suggestive of the "real thing" that was to be seen inside. The trafficker in cheese, jams and shoddy, who also represents the "culture" of the city, joined with the dispenser of "booze" in arranging for these trade catching public orgies. Both "were interested in boosting their business" and both "had the law on their side" as the first day of these carnivals consisted in the ceremony of having the Mayor turn over the keys of the city to these liberty of the city to these liberty and issued the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon of the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon interests alone! Can one conceive of more looked "the saloon one can exiliate business interests. Should some chance occurrence make it necessary that "legitimate" and illegitimate business interests should again support an open town, one can rest assured the "pillars" would exercise enough influence to again restrain the ministerial moralizers from engaging in a "moral crusade."

Working Class Against Capitalist "Reform." mony of having the Mayor turn over the keys of the city to these liber-tines during the period of the carni-

The vile exhibitions had the official approval of the promoters of the car-nivals as a written contract with them was necessary to secure space in the streets. Here the profit managers whatever given merchandise, they trafficked in, whether it be beer or bibles, stood on common ground in support of these annual trade stimulating enterprises.

The Churches Investigate.

This was too much for the churches

This was too much for the churches and they had to take up the battle for "reform" alone. A committee of ministers was appointed to investigate and make a report.

They investigated and—waited till the orgic was over before making known their report for fear of injuring "business interests." These valiant conservers of "morality" dared not report while the carnival was in progress. "Pillars" were interested and had to "make good" the amount invested. When they did report the resolutions declared "allegiance to the legitimate business interests of the"

whole rotten structure of capitalist rule in the air.

When the working class rise triumphant and impress their character and genius on all the institutions of our time, every factory will become a studio and the vulgar farce of reform, together with the class who as extinct as the dodo.

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whiskey trust in order to establish effective sanitary and scientific laws in regard to the manufacture and sale of liquor.

3. That the state legislature, governor and representatives to congress shall take such action as will be calculated to bring about the national ownership of the railroads, telegraph, telephone, express companies and

So much for capitalist "reform."
The unfortunate aspect of these
movements is that many ill-informed
Socialists are carried off their feet by them. A clean comprehension of the economic basis of society and of the class strugg would develop a re-liance in their own class for any bet-terment in conditions that come from

capitalist rule.

However, the disappointment that must come to them from all triumphant capitalist reform will in the end steel them from service in a working class party that will spring the whole rotten structure of capitalist

MAINE SOCIALISTS ADOPT OPPORTUNIST PLATFORM

Maine Socialists recently held at Augusta. We are publishing the plat-form adopted in full in order to call the attention of our revolutionary comrades to the distinct tendency toward opportunism which is develop-ing in the movement and which The Socialist has been compelled from time to time to point out.

It much out of harmony with the spirit of the Socialist party and which shall of the Socialist party of the working class.

Maine State Conplatform, the Socialist party is declared to be a party for "better food, better clothes, better houses and more culture" for the working class. It is culture" for the working class. It is true the Socialist party is all this, and more. The Socialist party is the party of the working class for the abolition of the wage system, but nowhere in the Milwaukee platform or in that later adopted by the state convention of Maine will you find a word to that effect. In fact the wage system is not mentioned at all. The in long resolutions. The press joined in the chorus in the name of "civic system is not mentioned at all. The morality," "law and order," and all fact that all the ills of the workers the other blessed virtues of capitalist politics. It marveled at the awakening of the "people" and their not one word said about the necessity evident intention to have a "clean for aboliching the wage system and for abolishing the wage system and substituting collective ownership of the means of production and distribution.

Again, the platform does not even declare for the collective ownership

creasing consciousness of their interests on the part of the workers, is the fact that the class struggle is not mentioned. The class struggle is the central fact upon which the modern Socialist party is based and we can afford to lose no opportunity to point it out. Any platform which does not call attention to this fact, which does not point out the workers interests in the struggle, and which does not call upon the workers which does not call upon the workers to act in their class interests to overto act in their class increase of pro-duction and distribution and substi-tute for it the collective ownership and operation of all the means of pro-duction and distribution is NOT a and operation of all the means of pro-duction and distribution is NOT a Socialist platform AND BY NO STRETCH OF THE IMAGINA-TION CAN IT BE CONSIDERED

Such a platform as was adopted in Milwaukee and in Maine is hardly as revolutionary as the declarations made by the Hearst papers in recent days and which will probably be the basis for the platform to be adopted by the Hearst party of reformers. In their desire to leave nothing for the reform parties to use to catch votes with the Socialists of Milwaukee and Maine have apparently entirely lost sight of the proletarian revolution and have accepted every reform advo-cated by the little bourgeois.

We fear our comrades of Milwaukee and Maine will fail in their somewhat questionable effort to bring about the social revolution by

1. For Unity. Resolved: The Socialist party of Maine in contion assembled, recognizing the necessity for working class solidarity, hereby endorse, and commend the ac-Following this article will be found | cial declaration, at every opportunity report of the state convention of laine Socialists recently held at Austa. We are publishing the platorm adopted in full in order to call a cattention of our revolutionary will do their part and do it well.

All of this shows the necessity for

a national convention of the party which will frame a constitution mak-ing it impossible for any subdivision of the party to make declarations so much out of harmony with the spirit of the Socialist party and which shall

By M. W. Wilkins.

Delegates of the different locals of the Socialist party of Maine met in convention at Carpenters' hall, Augusta, 10 a. m., February 15 and were called to order by State Chairman H. H. Mayers of Hallowell. The call H. H. Mayers of Hallowell. The call was read by State Secretary W. E. Pelsey of Lewiston and the convention was organized by the election of Chas. L. Fox of Portland, as chairman and W. E. Pelsey of Lewiston as secretary. Committees were elected as follows: Credentials, Rules and Order of Business, Resolutions, Constitution and Platform Constitution and Platform.

Seventeen delegates were declared entitled to seats in the convention, as

organization of the wage workers, both hand workers and brain workers, for better food, better houses, sufficient sleep, more education and

Electricity and steam have struck the death blow to production on a small scale. Monopoly is here whether we wish it or not. The question that confronts us is whether private monopoly shall control the people or whether the people shall own the trusts. The trust question is both a national question and a live state question.

The Socialist party pledges itself and its representatives in congress to work for the national ownership of the trusts. In the state, the Social-ist party stands for every radical change that shall bring more wealth, more culture and more safety to the

masses of the people.

The Socialist party believes in home rule for cities, in the direct control of the legislature by the people and in the making of laws directly by the people through the initiative and referendem.

We demand better legislation for the protection of life and limb in facthe protection of life and limb in fac-tories and protection against the hard-ships and miseries of old age. The Republican party of Maine is the ab-ject tool of capital. Every Republi-can legislature refuses to pass any laws of real benefit to the working class of Maine. The labor laws of Maine are therefore behind the times

and the purpose of this report is fulfilled in assembling the figures and

granted in unorganized states and ter-ritories direct from the National Of-

erstown, Md., 16 members; Allegheny, Md., 10 members; Rhyolite, Nev., 18 members; Sparks, Nev., 14 members; Asheville, N. C., 20 members; Greens-boro, N. C., 23 members; Greenville, S. C., 6 members; Jackson, Tenn., 9 members; Newbern, Va., 7 members.

which we omit.—Ed.) Assets January 1, 1906. Cash on hand......\$
Accounts outstanding against states and locals for dues, stamps and supplies......
For Weeks' pamphlets......
Office furniture and fixtures \$470.80 Less 25 per cent wear and tear.... 117.70

950.85 Total assets\$3,374,99 Liabilities January 1, 1906. H. G. Adair Printing Co....\$ 179.25

ian revolution.

2. Denouncing Passes. Resolved That we denounce the present practice of the legislators and other state officials of accepting free passes on the railroads and then drawing mileage from the state; and pledge our candidates, when elected, to refuse to accept such passes and to legislate against the tractice.

against the fractice.

3. On Prohibition. Resolved:
That the Socialist party of Maine
declares emphatically that the question of resubmission and prohibition
of the sale of liquor are used by both
the Republican and Democratic parties to excite popular feeling and to
blind the working class to their own
condition of servitude with its lack
of opportunities to life and its comforts.

We declare that the working class we declare that the work and kept in ignorance of its economic bondage.

The liquor question cannot be

The liquor question cannot be solved either by prohibition or license. It will never be controlled till the nation shall own the manufactories of liquor and shall sell only pure liquor at cost under proper restric-tions; under such conditions the ma-jority of the people could absolutely control or even prohibit the output.
We condemn the incensistency of prohibiting evils by statute and fostering them through economic sys-

eight hours a day on public work, raising of the age for child labor and better enforcement of the law pro-4. On Coal Strike. A coal strike tecting children.

10. An atc to enable cities and towns to erect apartment houses .o again threatens the country. Organ-ized capital in the persons of the coal be rented to wage workers at cost of production and maintenance.

barons is more strongly intrenched than ever in their "divine right" to leece the nation. Coal has never returned to the

Coal has never returned to the normal average price for which it was sold before the great strike. The coal barons are robbing the people while they grind out the lives of the miners in their employ.

We demand justice.

We demand the abolition of the State Committeemen, subject to a referendum of the party:
Cumberland County, Curtis A. Perry of Portland, Ralph E. Day of Yarmouthville; Sagodohoe County, Fred E. Irish and Frank Young of Bath; Knox County, D. T. Moxey and Wm. O. Rogers of Thomaston; Lincoln county, W. E. Gorham of Wiscassett, H. E. Sawyer of Alva; Washington County, G. W. Saunders and E. D. O'Donnell of Lobec; Kennebec county, H. H. Mayers, I. B. Hoskins

We demand justice.
We demand the abolition of the "divine right" of the coal baron.
We demand that coal, one of the great necessities of life and one of the gifts of nature to man, shall be owned by the people as a whole.
We demand the immediate national ownership of the coal mines.

Fox for Governor.

has. L. Fox of Portland, was minated for governor on the first Lewiston was continued as the seat

of state headquarters.
A strong, new, workable state constitution was adopted.

tion of our New Jersey comrades in initiating the move for unity with the Socialist Labor party; and we hereby recommend that our national organi-

ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

The report of National Secretary Barnes for the year ending December 31 is at hand. Lack of space prevents a reproduction of the tables showing financial dealings of the party during the year, but we give the summary compiled by the National Secretary. The complete report will

telephone, express companies and steamship lines.

4. The establishment of the parcels post and postal savings banks and life insurance for the people.

5. The election of United States content by direct vote of the people.

senators by direct vote of the people of Maine through the initiative and referendum, with home rule for cit-

7. No franchise to be granted that does not provide that the property may be bought at any time after ten

years by the state, county or municipality for what it could be duplicated, less depreciation due to use or age.

8. An enabling act to allow cities to raise the debt limit to 10 per cent. of the assessed valuation in order that

the municipalities of Maine may own and operate municipal utilities of a

9. Efficient laws protecting labor, such as an employers' liability act,

State Committee.

The following were nominated for

State Committeemen, subject to a

county, H. H. Mayers, I. B. Hoskins and W. E. Pelsey of Lewiston. The

present state secretary was re-nomi-nated, subject to referendum.

Resolutions.

Bublic nature.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10, 1905. To the National Committee Socialist

Party: Comrades:—In presenting a review of the work of the National Head-quarters for the year 1905, I call your attention to the fact that complete detailed and frequent reports of the office transactions have been rendered

ritories direct from the National Office, as follows:
Poteau, I. T., 15 members; Okmulgee, I. T., 25 members; Castle, I. T., 8 members; Dućan, I. T., 13 members; Vinita, I. T., 10 members; Hartshorne, I. T., 9 members; Dow, I. T., 10 members; Ada, I. T., 10 members; Ravia, 7 members; Milburn, I. T., 12 members; Tulsa, I. T., 10 members; Enville, I. T., 9 members; Hagerstown, Md. 16 members; Allephany.

(Here follows a detailed report of the work of the National Committee and National Executive Committee,

53.03 iterature in stock Official party supplies, type-writers, mimeograph sup-plies, account books for lo-

714.73

Total liabilities 1,560.36

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Balance, net resources

Jan. 1, 1906 \$1,814.63

The following amounts are due by the respective state committees for the "Weeks' Pamphlet":

Michigan \$6.50

Kansas \$3.10

Massachusetts 39.91

Montana 11.80 Montana 5.00 35.00

Financial Summary.

The total receipts of the National Office from all sources, including a cash balance of \$56.49, January 1, 1905, were \$17,527.37. The total expenditures were \$17,474.34, leaving a balance of \$53.03.

The principal expenses noted under the head of miscellaneous are as fol-

The Real Inspiration of Reform.

On the surface one would conclude that this movement was inspired by other than economic considerations of interest to the capitalist class for it cannot be denied that the city has been controlled by a vicious crowd of political adventurers. Graft is a very rare thing to see murderer's row vacant in the county jail. This has continued for a long time and it is a very rare thing to see murderer's row vacant in the county jail. This has continued for a long time and it is a very rare thing to see murderer's row vacant in the county jail. This has continued for a long time and it is a least workers, is the would seem sufficient would seem sufficient workers and the near trust and other trusts, but nothing about working objects. Elies, Locals were organization and the head of miscellaneous are as follows:

Madison, Fred Johnson; Bath, Fred as seventies, Cowenties, Elies, Isose, Goweltand, W. R. Pickering; Lewiston, W. E. There are at present 38 states and derritorial organizations affiliated with the National Party and duly represented.

Utah organized and received a charter during the year, and the Instead of miscellaneous are as follows:

Madison, Fred Johnson; Bath, Fred A. Bowie; Skowhegan, W. G. Hapgood, E. Cowett; Auburn, W. R. Pickering; Lewiston, W. E. Three; Yarmouth, Elmer E. Bailey, Henry W. Mitchell; Portland, Chas. L. Fox; Rockland, Simon Goldberg; Lobec, Geo. W. Saunders, E. D. O'Donnell; Wiscassett, W. E. Gardham; Thomaston, Fred H. Fernald; Anson, F. A. Mannot the county jail. This has continued for a long time and it is a struct and other trust and other trust and other trust and other trusts and trust January, \$59.30 for quorum meeting in December, 1904. In April, \$43.65, balance due Algernon Lee, expenses to the International Socialist Congress. May, \$50, donated to the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party and \$96.90, dues to the International Socialist Bureau. August and November, \$50 each month to the Nebraska State Committee for Douglas ed in the month of December.

Agitation Fund

Attention is called to the compara tive small amount received for the agitation fund during the year, which including contributions and sale of Perpetual Campaign Coupons, amounted to \$891.13, against \$11,-865.15, the campaign fund of the pre-vious year. This is due to two caus-es: First, the fact that nearly every division of the party had exhausted or overreached their resources in the presidential campaign, and, second, that there were so few important elections and these affected a limited territory. I would strongly recom-mend the general use of the Perpetual Campaign Coupon books as means to gather funds to assure an advance all along the line in the coming general elections in the year 1906. It is a convenient and attraction It is a convenient and attractive method, and secures funds for each division of the party; by its use thousands who are not party members but are sympathizers or voters of the Socialist ticket, can be reached and waste may become regular contributors. It prices. is a significant fact that about twenty Socialist votes have been cast for each dues-paying member of the Both Phones 1699. party. Lecturers and Organizers.

Table "B," "Lecturers and Organizers.

Table "B," "Lecturers and Organizers," shows the accounts of those working under the direction of the National Office, including amounts collected by each, amounts paid to them by the National Office, and all expenses, together with the number of states visited, days in the field towns visited, meetings held, miles traveled and locals organized. It is here set forth that organizers

It is here set forth that organizers under the direction of the Natio. In Office were a-field tor 1,752 days. While the dates were distributed among a number of speakers, it was equivalent to having four speakers permanently employed throughout the year. A total of \$6,547.91 was expended for this purpose, of which amount \$2,714.90 was borne by the National Office direct, and \$4,433.01 by the places visited. In the average the daily expense for the maintenance of each speaker is found to be \$5.81.

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FROM NATIONAL **HEADQUARTERS**

National Secretary, J. Mahlon Barnes, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ills.

Comrade Guy E. Miller organized a local at Cleaton, Ky.; 14 members. National Organizer Petriella (Italian) has organized a branch at Staunton, Ill., with 14 charter members.

The resolutions submitted by Local Omaha, Neb., as published in the Weekly Bulletin of September 16, 1905, have been endorsed since last report by Local Osmond, Neb.

Dates are being secured for Com-rade Arthur Morrow Lewis, San Francisco, Cal., for an eastern tour, starting April 1, through Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas and

Local Cook County, Ill., has passed resolutions calling upon the National Executive Committee to invite Com-rade August Bebel to make a tour of this country some time during the fall of this year.

Arrangements are under way tour beginning latter part of March, for Comrade John M. Work, through Missouri, Arkansas, Indian Teritories. Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and

Local Philadelphia has passed resolutions requesting that the coming state convention of Pennsylvania be made a unity convention, and calling on the national organization to make the proposed national convention a unity convention also.

Ballots containing the state and municipal program for a referendum of the entire party membership known as National Party Referendum "A," 1906, will be shipped from the National Office February 20. State secretaries and secretaries in unorganized states failing to receive them within a reasonable time should notify the National Office. the National Office.

Comrade Debs recently spoke in the court house at Winston-Salem, N. C. Upon an application being made for the same privilege for Mother Jones, the county commissioners passed the following resolution: "In the matter of the application made by Chairman Junius Spease and others for the use of the court house on Friday evening, Febcourt house on Friday evening, February 9, and Saturday, February 10, for old Mother Jones, the same is hereby declined for the reason that we are opposed to the court house being used for continued agitation of

Dates for National Lecturers and Organizers for the Coming Week. James H. Brower—Feb. 25, Spring-field, Ill.; 26, Decatur; 27, Mattoon; 28, Olney; March 1, Noble; 2, Salem;

E. E. Carr—March 1-2, Russiaville, Ind.; 3, Ft. Wayne. John Collins—Feb. 25, 26, 27, Madison Co., Ill.; 28, March 1, 2, 3, St.

Clair Co.

Guy E. Miller—Feb. 25, to March
11, So. Carolina, with headquarters at
Columbia, after which he will tour
No. Carolina for three weeks.

John W. Slayton—Feb. 25, 26, 27,
28, March 1, Prescott, Ariz.; 2, en
route: 3. Globe.

route; 3, Globe.

M. W. Wilkins-Maine, under the

Resolutions By State Local Quorum, Washington.

So. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 9, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary, S. P.:

Dear Comrade: At a meeting of the Local Quorum of Washington, held on January 14, 1906, the follow-term of the control of the Local Quorum of Washington, held on January 14, 1906, the follow-term of the control in resolution was adopted: "That the Washington National Committeemen be requested to ascertain from the N. E. C. the duties of each employe communication be published in the Weekly Bulletin, so that all the members may become familiar with the request of the Washington State Local Quorum.

Fraternally Yours,
M. J. KENNEDY.

Proposed National Party Referendum

Whereas, the National Convention of the Socialist Party, held in Chi-cago, May 1904, provided for a Party Bulletin; and

Whereas, said convention did not provide a practical method to distrib-

Whereas, for that reason the bulle tin has become an expensive incum-

brance to the party; and
Where even with all its faults
the bullets has demonstrated its usefulness to the membership; therefore

Resolved by Local Seattle Socialist Party, That the National constitu-tion be amended by inserting the fol-

lowing:
1. That the official Bulletin be changed to a Weekly Socialist News-

paper.
2. That said paper be called "The

and from the membership of the state or territory which they respectively represent, whose terms of office shall

be one year.

6. The members of this board shall be subject to removal by referendum vote of their respective states

done by correspondence.

8. The duties of this board shall be to receive and pass upon all reports and actions of the executive

board shell consist of five members of the Socialist Party in good standing, elected by the board of managers from nominations made by the different locals in and within a radius of fifty miles of Chicago, Ill.

10. The executive committee shall meet at least once in each month; it shall supervise and direct the work of the editor, transact all business of the board, and adopt its own rules of procedure.

procedure.

11. The editor shall be employed by the executive committee.

12. The executive committee shall

transmit copies of the minutes of all meetings to each member of the madaging board, and all its acts shall be subject to revision by said board.

13. The executive committee may be removed by majority vote of man-aging board of members voting.

14. The term of office of the exec-

committee shall be one year The state committee shall pay to the national committee every month a sum equal to six cents for every member in good standing with-

in their respective territories.

16. Two cents of the dues per member received by the national secretary shall be set aside to maintain

his paper.
18. It shall be the duty of corresponding secretaries of all locals of the United States to forward names and addresses of newly acquired mem-bers to the business manager of this

paper.

19. It shall be the duty of all locals in the United States to notify the business manager every three months (with names and addresses) of members who have not paid dues for four months, such names to be dropped from the subscription list.

20. This paper shall be sold to locals and others in bundles at usual rates. To subscribers not members

rates. To subscribers not memb of the party, fifty cents per year.

21. All articles and sections in the National Constitution in conflict with these amendments are hereby re-

A. In event of this referendum having carried, it shall be the duty of the National Secretary to initiate

C. M. PARSONS, Sec. 406 Pine.

National Committee Motion to Be Submitted February 27th. So. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7, 1906.

So. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 7, 1906.

J. Mahlon Barnes, National Secretary S. P.:

Dear Comrade: I wish to offer the following resolutions:

"Whereas, when the last general strike of the coal miners occurred in the anthracite coal fields, there was a splendid opportunity, to carry on

a splendid opportunity to carry on the propaganda of Socialism amongst the coal miners while they were on the coal miners while they were on strike, but the opportunity was allowed to pass, except the agitation that was done by the Pennsylvania state committee. In case of another general strike among the coal miners, Socialist Party should be prepared to unite all the powers of the organization to carry on the work of agitation when the opportunity presents tion when the opportunity presents itself. When men are on strike is the time they are ready to listen to the Socialist agitation. In all probability another general strike amongst the coal miners will take place in the page future let us be presented to near future; let us be prepared to take advantage of the opportunity to

take advantage of the opportunity to help the cause of Socialism.

Therefore be it resolved, That in case of a general strike being declared by the United Mine Workers, either in the anthracite or soft coal mining districts, that the National Secretary, under the direction of the N. E. C., direct all of the national organizers that are then in the field to proceed as soon as possible to the different states where the strike of coal miners has taken place, and that they be placed under the direction of the difplaced under the direction of the dif-ferent state committees, the number

Fraternally yours,
M. J. KENNEDY.

Contributions to Agitation Fund from Dec. 29 to Feb, 16, Inclusive.

Dec. 29 to Feb. 16, Inclusive.

Local St. Louis, Mo., \$5; Local Eric, Pa., \$10; 19th and 22nd wards, Boston, Mass. \$1; Local Joliet, III., \$2.50; Wm. Mutton, Flushing, Mich., \$1; Local Toledo, O., \$2; John Kazmarek, Richmond, Va., 50c; Channing Sweet, Denver, Col., \$10; John J. Davis, Terre Haute, Ind., 25c; Local Queens, N. M., \$5: Br. Caseyville, III., \$2: Margaret Flaherty, Chicago, III., \$2: Margaret Flaherty, Chicago, III., \$5: Local Hyde Park, Mass., \$2; Wm. Park, Caddo, I. T., \$5; New Era, Hallettsville, Tex., \$1; Local Kings Co., N. Y., \$10; Chas. Reichel, Bessemer City, \$2; Local Emmett, Idaho, 50c; 2nd wd. Br. St. Louis, Mo., 50c; Local Washington, D. C., \$10: John M. Work, Des Moines, Ia., \$2.88; Local Riverside, Cal., \$5; Braudenburg, Ky., comrades and sympathizers, \$1: Local Haverhill, Mass., \$25; Geo. Barr, LaCenter, Wash., \$1. \$25; Geo. Barr, LaCenter, Wash., \$1. Contributions in Response to "Bloody

Sunday" Proclamation from Feb. 10th to 16th, Inclusive. 2. That said paper be called "The Socialist Bulletin," and be the official paper of the Socialist Party of the United States.

3. The affairs of this paper shall be administered by a managing board, its executive committee, the party convention and general vote of the membership.

4. The managing board shall consist of one member of the Socialist Party in good standing from each state or territory.

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returned, \$2: office rent, \$6: organizing fund, \$6.75: total, \$166.80. Balance on hand January 1, \$22.60. Balance February 1, \$18.10.

Ninety new members were admitted during the month.

Local secretaries having any clippings or reports of meetings commemorating "Bloody Sunday" are requested to send same to the state secretary for the purpose of forwarding to the International Socialist Bureau for historical purposes.

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Receipts for the organizing fundduring January were \$6.75. making a
total of \$9.10 in the fund February 1.

At this date \$7.30 has been received
for the fund, and Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo have not been heard
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from.

The organization now consists of 66 locals, of which 62 are in good standing. During the seven months previous to January 1, 18 charters were issued and the same number of locals disbanded, while the total membership shows a slight increase. We have about 1,600 good standing members at this time.

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The total income of the state office during the seven months previous to January 1, 1906, was \$1,963.07, and there was a balance of \$107.01 on June 1. Expenditures for the same period were \$2,057.48, leaving a balance January 1 of \$12.60. The report at the state convention in May showed the state debt was \$270.64, leaving a balance of \$75 still unpaid.

Quite frequently locals along the northern border of the state, when sending money to this office, include Canadian money, and I want to call

sending money to this office, include Canadian money, and I want to call attention to the fact that said money is only accepted at a discount in this city. Therefore, please send only United States money in the future.

The remarks made in my December report in regard to sending a list of the good standing members to the state office has been generally misunderstood. What is wanted is a list of the NAMES of the good and bad derstood. What is wanted is a list of the NAMES of the good and bad standing members. Reports on the NUMBER of good and bad standing were month. members are expected every month.

I want to again call your attention to the organizer fund. There is not as much interest shown in the project as the importance of it demands, and I want to say that it is my humble opinion that we have never attempted

a more necessary measure.

There are at the present time 36 localities in this state that have had A. In event of this referendum having carried, it shall be the duty of the National Secretary to initiate the preliminary work necessary to bring this organization into existence.

Adopted by Local Seattle, Feb. 7, 1906.

C. M. PARSONS, Sec.

406 Pine. of a capable organizer for a few days at the present time, and the only way we are going to get one is for every one of us to push the matter along, morally and financially. EDW. GARDNER,

State Secretary. Reports of Members of National

Committee. Dear Comrades: During the month Dear Comrades: During, the month of January my work on the committee consisted of voting for J. W. Slayton for National Secretary and for Wm. Mailly, Chas. H. Kerr, Courtney Lemon, John M. Work, Robert Bandlow, Chas, G. Towner and S. M. Reynolds as members of National Executive Committee.

Fraternally.

Fraternally, M, PREVEY. Dear Comrades: Since voting on second ballot for National Executive Committee, your National Committeeman was not called upon to per-form any functions. Voted for Com-rades Towner, Floaten, Lemon and Kerr. Fraternally, ROBERT BANDLOW.

Local Cleveland.

The following announcement in the Cleveland Citizen aptly illustrates the indifference of the average wageworker, and its purpose may be ac-complished by repetition in The Socialist:

"Have you noticed, fellow wageslave, how the employing class is con-centrating its forces to resist the de-mands of the working class, organ-ized as well as unorganized? Do you realize how conscious of their class N. E. C. the duties of each employe of National Office; also, if the entire time of each is absolutely essential in conducting the work of the National Office." In accordance with the above resolution, please have this communication laid before the N. E. C. I would also request that this communication be published in the interests they act? Don't you think it is about time we practiced a little unions and supporting our paper?
Does the merchant try very hard to get your trade? Is your trade worth having? Begin at once to cultivate respect for the labor movement by insisting that your paper be given some of the patronage expended in advertising. Trade with merchants that here with way not against on another page.

Socialist songs. It was decided to apply for a series of dates for Arthur Morrow Lewis, the celebrated Pacific coast lecturer.

The protest meeting Sunday night was a great success. See the report on another page.

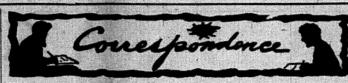
State Secretary, Geo. that are with you, not against you.
We can point out what should be done, it rests with you to do it. Will you stand by your class and assist in its uplifting?"

We can point out what should be meetings. The first of Comrade Bertha Howell Mailly's lectures on the "Ethics of Labor" will be delivered next Sunday evening at Control

at the Goodrich house next Sunday

afternoon, 2:30 o'clock, under the auspices of Branch 11. The ladies at the Goodrich house are said to be very much interested in this affair.

I notice in the February Bulletin



FAVORS ENDORSING THE I.

Editor The Socialist:

If you have room in your paper for such "sauce" as the dull brain of a wage slave like myself may yield, I should like to get in a word edgewise or otherwise in regard to the Socialist Party endorsing the I. W. W.

My understanding of the interests and purposes of the Socialist Party is that it intends to build up a workingman's organization in the political field, for the purpose of "doing things" some time in the future. Now, my opinion is that in the near future was a soling to wake up. my opinion is that in the near future union men are going to wake up to the fact that it is best for them to stay by that party on the political field which stays by them on the economic field, and the stand taken by the S. P. toward the I. W. W. now will have much to do with the stand the I. W. W. takes toward the S. P. in the future.

I also believe the I. W. W. is des-

I also believe the I. W. W. is des-tined to be the strongest economic organization in existence, from the very fact that craft unionism is too weak to deal successfully with capitalist organizations of present dimen-sions, while the I. W. W., if carried to completion, will have the widest possible scope, as well as the great-est coercive power obtainable through economic organization. No one expects the S. P. to cut a very wide

of the branches to record their vote.
The Women's German Social
Democratic Society has joined Local
Cleveland and is known as Branch The women have been doing the past,

Local Cleveland still sports a debt from last fall's campaign, and if no effort is made to make the commune celebration at Germania hall on March 17 a success, there will be a dearth of funds to carry on necessary party work. And state convention coming also, which will require more funds.

What a wonderful reverence for What a wonderful reverence for law some of our capitalistic dailies manifest when the other fellow is to be controlled by it. How they do try to impress the working class that man-made laws to protect class privileges and interests are sacred and must not be changed. Yet their hirelings in legislative bodies are constantly grinding out laws to meet the stantly grinding out laws to meet the changed conditions and protecting the exploiters in their nefarious practices. How soon will the American working class awaken to the fact that it lies in their power to exemplify the deeds of their British fellow workers at the last election, when 50 work-ingmen were voted into parliament?

Local Toledo.

Meeting of the C. C. C., Sunday, vas well attended. The treasurer was instructed to remit each month 33 contributed to the state organizing office offering E. E. Carr for a date in March was read. Moved that we do not take Comrade Carr, because we do not believe in the intrusion of religion into the Socialist movement. The speakers' committee reported arranging a meeting to protest against Sunday closing and asked for instruc-tions. It was decided to approve the sunday cosing and asked to historious. It was decided to approve the action of the committee. Branch 8 reported receiving the resignation of C. H. Holden, who was found to have voted part of the Independent ticket. The action of Branch 8 was approved and the name of Mr. Holden will be sent to the National Secretary for publication in the bulletin. Two applications were received. Comrade Cornell tendered a cupboard and some dishes, which will be useful to the Local when giving suppers. The offer of Comrade Cornell was accepted with thanks. The May Day committee reported. After discussion it was decided to accept the report of the committee and continue the of the committee and continue the work in the way it was begun. Com-rade Miller was elected a committee of one to organize a men's chorus has resigned, as he wishes to have for singing the Marseillaise and other the question decided on its merits Socialist songs. It was decided to and to remove any personal reasons

ered next Sunday evening at Central Labor Union hall, Cherry street, near Summit, 8 p. m.

The regular meeting of Branch 8 will be held Tuesday evening, February 27, at the home of Comrade Havlick. A good program has been arranged.

Local Socialists will be pleased to

Local Socialists will be pleased to learn of the marriage of Comrades Irvin E. Austin and May A. Jay. The wedding occurred Monday, February 19, the young people going to Monroe or Jackson or some other place away from civilization to have the knot tied. Both comrades are earnest, active workers in the movement and the best wishes of all will acand the best wishes of all will ac-company them on their journey through life together.

Local Toledo Branch Meetings.

Branch 1—Kruse's hall, corner Michigan and Buffalo; second Sunday in each month, 2:30 p. m. Branch 6—Swiss hall, 410 Monroe street; second and fourth Tuesdays in

Branch 7—Siek's hall, corner Delaware and Blaine; second and fourth Wednesdays in each month, 8 p. m.

Branch 8—Residence, 1422 Bell avenue; second and fourth Tuesdays in each month 8 p. m.

swathe this year or next. It is to the future we must look and trim out sails to catch each puff of revolutionary wind which comes our way.

The I. W. W. is starting off with a

ound economic base and revolution-ary declarations, which will do much to bring about that spirit of class solidarity so much to be desired. I cannot see how endorsing the I

I cannot see how endorsing the I. W. W. as an economic organization would in any sense be endorsing "an unknown political quantity," as Comrade Wagenknecht puts it. I think the comrade got things slightly mixed, for he also says: "They are not political. They do not and should not enter the field of politics."

This being the case, it is obvious This being the case, it is obvious we would not be endorsing an un-known or any other political quan-

known or any other political quantity, but simply an economic quantity.

As Comrade Herman has so ably shown, the time is coming when we shall stand very much in need of an economic arm, and if we would expect anything of the I. W. W. at that time, we must stand by them while they are in their swaddling clothes.

I believe it is the hope of many Socialists that the I. W. W. will be the means of bridging the chasm between the S. P. and the S. L. P. and bringing them together into one solid phalanx, as in all reason they solid phalanx, as in all reason they should be. It should be remembered class solidarity we must have if we are to win.

C. C. HAIGHT. are to win. Lyman, Wash.

of even more interest than was anticipated. There are several members of the Local who were at one time Populists and Greenbackers. It did of the Local who were at che time Populists and Greenbackers. It did not take them long to show the dif-ference between Populism and So-cialism. Comrades Prentice, Newton, Johnson, G. H. St. John and T. B. Waddington each gave a good talk on the subject.

Next Sunday the same question is to be discussed, and especially the subject as to what is meant by value. Prof. H. G. St. John will lead off on this discussion. Each member of the Local is urged to bring some one with him to this meeting.
St.J.

WASHINGTON

State Secretary, E. E. Martin, Box 717, Seattle,

State Committeeman Smith has initiated a referendum to declare out of order state referendum "A," which was for the purpose of investigating a statement made by Irene Smith at Ballard to the effect that the Hearst platform was "good enough for any Socialist." The motion of Committeeman Smith was seconded by Tamblin of Spokane.

State Committeeman Tamblin has submitted a motion to submit the answer drawn up by the Local quor-um in answer to certain charges of Local Seattle to the State Committee for acceptance or rejection. Com-rade Tamblin emphatically objects to the statement. The motion is sec-onded by Committeeman Smith of Tacoma.

CALIFORNIA

State Secretary, H. C. Tuck, 405 Eighth street, Oakland

It is definitely announced that the debate between Comrade Jack Lon-don and B. Fay Mills which was to have occurred early in March, has been declared off.

March 18 is the first anniversary of the birth of the "Socialist Voice" of Oakland. We congratulate our contemporary of the coast in coming through what we know must have been trying times. been trying times.

The referendum for the purpose of abolishing the office of State Organ-izer has been endorsed by a sufficient number of Locals and sent out to the membership for action. Vote closes March 9. In connection with this, present State Organizer Osborne have for voting

MASSACHUSETTS

State Secretary, Geo. C. Cutting, 699 Washington street, Boston.

Next Sunday Rev. Thurston Brown will speak at Homestead hall, 734 Washington street. Subject, "The Challenge of Modern Knowledge and Need to Church and State."

The Boston City Committee has a list of speakers u pto March 25. Dr. A. F. Komkow, Mr. John Ells, Mr. Louis Marcus, Mr. Henry Abrahams and Mrs. Caro-Lloyd Whitington comprise the list.

The Amesbury Club has elected David Taylor recording secretary; T. F. Brough, financial secretary; C. S. Grieves, organizer; A. S. Maclean, treasurer; A. M. Wilbur, literature agent. The club though small is doing good work. The Norfolk County Federation

meets at Quincy on Sunday, February 25, at 2 p. m. in Hancock hall. The county organization is in good working condition and expects delegates from every club in the county. Luncheon will be served. The Socialist Club of Haverhill has

held a bazaar and has netted \$350. The financial secretary has been successful in collecting arrearages. The collections for the month of January were \$29.25. The club is now prepared for the coming campaign.

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To Celebrate Two Anniversaries

Replies are being received from many comrades to our requests for special articles for the Commune issue of THE SOCIALIST, which will also be the Toledo anniversary of the paper. This issue will be No. 285 and we announce with certainty that it will be one of the most interesting papers of the kind ever issued in this country. It will consist of at least six pages and contain' several cartoons.

The bundle rates for the Commune and Toledo anniversary issue are the same as for regular issues, as no reduction can be made on account of increased cost. The rates are as follows:

Ten to 50 copies, 3 cents apiece: 50 to 100 copies, 2 cents apiece: 100 to 500 copies, 11/2 cents apiece; 500 to 1,000 copies, 1 cent apiece. Orders should reach THE SOCIALIST office not later than March 12, so that we can decide how many copies of the issue to have printed. The issue will be printed a day earlier and mailed to reach all points in the United States and Canada on Saturday, March 17, in time for Commune celebrations. Will you not give No. 285 a Boost?

Look Out for Expiration Notice

This week expiration notices concerning the next few weeks are being sent out to nearly seven hundred subscribers to THE SOCIALIST. Expiration notices are always sent out, of course, but these are especially important at this time because they are at the beginning of a new year for THE SOCIALIST in Toledo. We have made no distinction between old or new friends of the paper. Everybody whose subscription expires will receive a notice. Look out for it.

You can give THE SOCIALIST no better boost at this time than renew your subscription, if it expires shortly, and by getting another subscription along with it. Just figure out what it will mean to us if every one of the seven hundred expiring subscriptions are renewed, and accompanied by at least one new subscriber. This would not amount to very much perhaps to some papers but to THE SOCIALIST at the present time it National Secretary's means a great deal. And we need every renewal and every new subscriber. If you cannot spare a dollar for another year, make it half a dollar for six months, or even 25 cents for three months. ONLY WE SHOULD HAVE YOUR NAME ON OUR MAILING LIST WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE IT OFF FOR A SINGLE ISSUE. To ensure that you must renew AT ONCE.

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We can furnish no more copies of No. 277 of The Socialist, which contained the introductory chapter of Comrade Fowler's series of articles, "The Iron Heel." The edition is exhausted. We have some copies of Nos. 276 (in which "Revolutionary Socialism and Reform Socialism" began,) 278, 279, 280, 281 and 282. As long as these last our offer to send them free upon request to new subscribers for one year will hold good. But specific mention that these copies are wanted will have to be made. Further, we do not guarantee to fill all orders for these back numbers-we only propose to fill them as long as the copies last. It's a case of first come, first served.

Comrade Titus' and Fowlers's articles are continuing to arouse the livelist interest, and we are being deluged with letters about them. We like this. It shows that the articles are making people think, and that's what they are written for. But we must not be expected to answer all of these letters direct. We are too busy and our office force is too limited to grapple with all this correspondence. Yet we want the letters just the same. In each case where the subject matter of the articles is directly concerned such letters are referred to the authors and will receive their attention either during the course of the articles or at their close. Criticisms and comment are welcomed.

To reply to enquiries we will say that arrangements are on foot to have both these series published in book form and at such prices as will make them accessible for wide distribution. Definite announcements will be made

Party News

Continued from Page Three.

MICHIGAN

State Secretary, Mrs. G. H .Lock-wood, Kalamazoo.

Local Holland has taken possession of its new headquarters on East 8th street and promises an active movement in the mimediate future.

Benton Harbor has had three Benton Hardor has had three very successful meetings in the largest hall in the city, with Comrades Debs, Mills and Strickland as the speakers. The committee consisting of Comrades Glade, Southworth and Allen is to be congratulated on the outcome.

Local Muskegon.

What is Grand Rapids' loss is Mus-kegon's gain. Comrade Jas. E. Walk-er, who has been very active at the former city, is removing here and will at once get into the harness and help boom the movement. Comrade Wright can be found at

the old stand pushing peanuts and Socialist literature in his usual lively fashion. It makes an attractive combination.

Local Grand Rapids.

Local Grand Rapids.

A well attended propaganda meeting was held Sunday, February 18th, at which two applications for membership were received and a good collection taken. Later in the day the Campaign Committee met and transacted considerable business in connection with spring contest. Almost all our petitions for city offices have filled with signatures and the ward petitions are coming along nicely.

The attention of comrades is again called to the importance of pushing the circulation of The Socialist. Every

member of the Local should be on the subscription list. This would afford, an effective and convenient means for the members to keep in constant touch with party affairs and facilitate the work of the officers in communicating with the comrades at all times. Financial secretary is prepared to take and forward your subs. Comrades in the Sixth ward have under advisement the starting of a branch on the West Side.

OKLAHOMA

State Secretary, J. E. Snyder, Okla-

Comrade Jos. Wanhope will begin work in Oklahoma March 12.

The Local quorum is making an effort to raise the salary of the State Secretary outside the dues income. A contribution of \$1 per member has been asked, and of \$600 for the year \$13 has so far been raised. It is up to the Oklahoma comrades to get busy.

During the year just passed the number of locals doubled, as did the membership. The number of speakers and lectures was four times as great as any previous year, and it was the number of locals doubled, as did the membership. The number of speakers and lectures was four times as great as any previous year, and it was the first year the secretary was not starved out. During January and the first five days of February charters were issued to 23 locals.

CANADA

Local Toronto.

The above Local held its semi-ganization. but mainly and with signal success in perfecting the organization.

Various comrades were nominated, but all withdrew except Simpson and Lindella, the former being declared nominated finally.

Nominations took place on the following Thursday at St. Paul's hall. A Liberal lawyer of the name of Urquhart and a Tory manufacturer of the name of McNaught were nominated by the old parties and each gave the usual sappy talk peculiar to capitalist henchmen and each had the usual following of grafters and fools to cheer lowing of grafters and fools to cheer what they said and hoot what their opponent said, though they said practically the same thing, and then Com-rade Simpson rose and smote them hip and thigh. He had but fifteen minutes to do it in, but he did it thoroughly. In the best form the writer has seen him in, in the fewest possible words (the truest eloquence), with sound logic and hard facts, he assailed them from start to finish and assailed them from start to hissin and they visibly winced again and again. Comrade Simpson is traveling. It was a very groggy McNaught that came to the scratch when Comrade Simpson sat down and it was a very

ame explanation he had to make.
A hard campaign is being put up here, watch for the increased vote. A good joke: The Tories have advertised one of their meetings for a certain hall and we have engaged the same hall for that night, so they have really advertised our meeting. Very kind of them, but we give no thanks. We had an increase of six new comrades on our last meeting night, one of whom has already shown himself a willing worker. We have more a willing worker. We have more such now than we had, but not nearly enough yet.

GENERAL

James Oneal of Indiana, will begin a tour of New York under the direc-tion of the State Secretary about the middle of March.

Cook County, Illinois, Central Com-mittee, has advised party members to vote for the ordinances admitting nunicipal ownership at the forthcomng election.

The Local quorum of Missouri is arranging for a tour of the state by Comrade Phil Callery of Carthage. The state is in urgent need of organization and it is believed that Comrade Callery can do the work.

The State Secretary of Utah says "Salt Lake City Local seems to be in the dumps." No wonder, when the local so-called Socialist paper is doing all it can to discourage indepen-dent political action on the part of the working class.

For the third time the Socialist Party of Japan put a candidate in the field for parliament in a by-election held only recently. The Japanese Socialists have also recently published two cheap propaganda pamphlets, one of which, "The Stery of Socialism," was suppressed by the government shortly after it first appeared

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L. Fitts and Ida Crouch Hazlett filled a number of dates for which no exa number of dates for which no ex-pense was incurred by the National Office.

Membership and Dues.

Table "C" sets forth in detail a record of the sale of dues stamps, to-gether with balances due the National

Office by State organizations.

The receipts show \$14,264.58 was for national dues, of which amount \$13,728.68 came from state and territorial organizations and \$535.90 from locals and members at large in

The average membership for each month in the year is shown to be 22,881 in the organized states and 446 in the unorganized states and ter-

ritories, or a total average membership paid to date of 23,327.

While the average payment permonth during 1904 shows a membership of 20,763, and the average payment during the year 1903 showed a membership of 15.975.

It is necessary to state that the 23,327 members for which dues have reached the National Office monthly by no means represents the full strength of the party membership. A glance at the monthly tabulation received from state secretaries the received from state secretaries shows that there are on the membership roll almost an equal number reported roll almost an equal number reported as owing one or more months' dues. By the present method of computing the membership, it is impossible to even relatively estimate the entire membership of the party, and such record will only be obtainable when the locals will assist the state secretaries in making their reports by regularly supplying detailed and spectral control of the con regularly supplying detailed and spe-cific information.

Monthly Reports.

The value to the general movement of a monthly report from each local cannot be overestimated. To know by record the sure and certain rise of the organization, the preparations be-ing made to take over the affairs of government and the capability of do-ing so, is of supreme importance. This knowledge will strengthen, en-courage and build up the movement, and indeed, it is the justification to our class for the existence of the Socialist Party. Socialist Party.

The number of sets of account

books that have been secured by lo-cals argues well for the establishment

signal success in perfecting the or-ganization.

This is true in a greater degree than can be gathered by a cursory glance. It is in evidence that nearly every state organization has made great strides forward in their atten-tion to details, facilities for covering their territory and the practicability of their methods, while the tendency

A GREAT BIG BOOST

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12, 1906. To The Socialist: Dear Comrades: This remittance marks the end of the first month's boosting by the Washington Boost-ers. To show what can be done, a review may help and neourage other Boosters and prospective Boosters.
Let the "prospective" Boosters forget they have decided to do something for The Socialist as soon as they get a chance; let them dig in now. Be the real thing, say the Washington Boosters. Washington Boosters.
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shares stock, representing \$120; sub-scriptions, 174; cash remitted, \$150 (donations, subscriptions, picture postals, books, stock); new advertisements, 6; proceeds from new advertisements, per month, \$11.50.

The Washington Boosters claim first place to date. We also realize

we will have to hustle to keep our place, noting the first report from the Toledo Boosters and Ohio Boosters, in No. 281. Remittances, this week, itemized, follow:

Boosters, picture postals..... W. Cook, Seattle, picture post-H. W. Titus, Seattle, 6 subs... E. T. Allison, Puyollup, 3 subs. Mattie Allison, S E. Seattle, 4

H. F. Titus, Seattle, 4 subs... E. E. Martin, Seattle, 4 subs... Anna Steele, Seattle, 1 sub.... John Downie, Seattle, 8 subs... A. B. Callaham, Seattle, 8 sub. H. Wagenknecht, Seattle, 1

postals, J. E. Sinclair, Fall City, 1 sub... .25

Total, 39 subs.....\$11.30 Our last meeting was again enter-tained by Comrades Kemp, Koch and Harrison, who rendered selections on mandolins.

Progress was reported on request Walter Lohrentz, of South Bend, for H. F. Titus, to tour Pacific county

toward the complete control of the organization by the membership is more than gratifying.

The Referendum.

But recently the referendum acclaimed as a principle, by reason of physical difficulties or the smallness of the organization, in practice, was honored more in the breach than by

Representative state committees vere exceptions, while now they are The operations of the referendum,

national, state and local, has been extended to a degree out of all comparison with previous practices, until today there is scarcely a matter of any importance in any division of the party on which the entire mem-bership does not have the opportunity of expressing their will and finally determine the course to be pursued.

Official Organs.

The constitution wisely provides against any editorial comment appearing in the Official Monthly Bulletin, and further Section 2, Article 5, The National Committee shall neither publish nor designate any official organ." The primal danger of the party and the cause will appear when official thinkers are elected and installed. An official organ has ever proved to be a hand maiden to the reigning dynasty and tends to perpet-

uate their rule.

The combined circulation of the press which supports the party indicates that several papers come into the hands of nearly every member.

These papers almost without exception are losing ventures financially, and are supported either by voluntary contributions or direct dona-tions by locals, thus being within the control of the membership, and their columns are open to the full and free discussion of all questions of principle, methods of organization, party tactics and criticism of the acts of officials.

To this influence, more than any

other, I ascribe the present strength and permanency of the Socialist

At this stage of development the essentials to which each comrade should contribute his share of effort are: Increase the circulation of the Socialist press, constant and syste-matic distribution of Socialist litera-ture and the building of an organization limited in numbers only by the number of the working class, of the proletaire.
Fraternally submitted.
J. MAHLON BARNES,
National Secretary. limited in power only by the power

THE RUSSIAN FUND.

Receipts for the fund last week were small comparatively. We should not lag in our work because the capi-talist papers give us no news. The revolution still lives and moves, and the Russian proletariat still struggles against the capitalist masters. Let against the capitalist masters. Let us give the fund another boost next week. The report of Secretary Friedland and Treasurer Romm follows:
Previously reported, \$8,255.63;
Harry T. Smith, Cordova, Mex., \$5:
C. Kessler, Kansas City, Mo., \$5;
Local Curlew, Wash., per E. S. Reinert (T. H. Murphy, \$1; Henry Moller, \$1; E. S. Reinert, \$1; F. F. George, 50c; A. R. Brewer, 25c; T. Moran, \$1; Sam Peterson, 25c; Fred Kuhn, 25c; A. B. Anderson, 25c; anonymous, 50c), \$8; N. Y. Turn Besirk, per G. Sweppen, \$25; collected by Il Lavoratore, Italians, Pittsburg, Kans., \$17.65; Local Vigo County, Ind., from Electrical Workers' Union 279, \$1; Adams, Mass. collected by F. Barschdorf (at meeting of W. S. & D. F. Branch Adams, \$3; entertainment Branch Adams, \$3; entertainment Branch Adams, \$3; entertainment Branch Adams, \$1; H. Karger, Blackington, 50c; collected by Fritz Leichner, \$1.55), \$16.05; per "Volkzeitung," \$145.50; total, \$8,478.89.

Address all communications and make all checks and money orders payable to Dr. Maxim Romm, 306 E 15th street, New York City. us give the fund another boost next week. The report of Secretary Fried-While Comrade Cowen will make

Anniversary issue, No. 286. pages. Order a bundle now.

Thanks for encouragement,
A committee of three was selected under way. Comrade Cowen will to prepare for an entertainment and make reports of his trip through The S2.50, for which send me ten three months' subscription cards, Fraternallecture in celebration of the Paris commune on March 18. The lecture will be delivered by H. F. Titus. At this celebration the Washington Boosters intend to boost. Again we intend giving Boosters of Toledo a race for money, subs, etc. Committee: Mrs. Anna Steele,

Committee: Mrs. Anna Steele, Mrs. H. W. Titus, Alfred Wagen-knecht.

Whose entertainment will be the greater success—that of the Toledo Boosters or that of the Seattle Boost-

preliminary work done.

The division of the Scattle mailing list into wards, every Booster get-ting renewals in their respective wards, was discussed and will be act-

To Every Militant Socialist.

The Socialist needs your support now and all the time. What's the use in delaying? Every little bit helps. As Mrs. H. W. Titus relates, even the hens of the comrades Maurer are boosting, and in the winter time at that Don't be so slow. at that. Don't be so slow

Get off of your roost and boost is the slogan of the Washington Boost-J. A. McCORKLE.

ALFRED WAGENKNECHT, Sec.-Treas. Report from Everett:- "Enclosed find \$1.75 for Boosters this week: A. Roeder, subs.
S. Rogder, subs.
A. O .Haugen, subs.
W. E. Tibbits, subs.

S. G. Rouleau, subs.....

This week will go after renewals. With best wishes to the force. S. G. Rouleau, Sec'y Boosters, of Everett,

From Aberdeen, Wash: - "Enclosed find money order for \$3.65, two dol-lars for the cause of The Socialist \$1.65 for "Poverty" by Hunter. You will hear from me again about this time next month. Yours for the Revolution, D. A. Lossing."

From South Prairie:—"You will

find an order for two dollars enclosed for which you send me one dollars worth of your postal cards and the other dollar for whatever you need most. Please send as soon as possible, as I want to do all I can for the cause; not able to do much financially, but will do all I can in other ways. H. Rosser."

From Fall City, Wash:-"Enclosed please find coin card which was at hand. Will try to send you a sub-scription once in a while. Yours for the Revolution J. E. Sinclair."

There is no ceasing, in the good work. It is spreading to other points in the West and Washington Boosters are waking up the best kind of sup-port for The Socialist, the steady, determined pushing. So we are glad to add the reports from other western Boosters to the credit of the hustlers

From Ebbertville, Yukon Territory —"I thought I would send you a few dollars as my share of the work. (\$12.50). The Socialist interests me very much for several reasons. With which is hard for me to swallow, agree pretty well with the expression of your paper. And especially as wenty years' experience as a Social-st convinced me of the necessity of the greatest possible publicity. licity has, in my opinion, no right to exist. The funds have and ought to low is not very much inclined to turn his money over to officials, the doings of whom he has to find out by chance. A comrade in the Revolu-

closed find \$7.00 which please place to my account for balance of subscription cards. You may fill my premium wish 'Mass and Class."—J. N. Rec-

From Acme, Oregon:—"Enclosed \$1.75. This is small work, but every little helps. The mills will start March 1. Will try and round up then. As ever, your friend and comrade, D. D. Besse."

Won't a few more believers in the kind of Socialism The Socialist stands for help out Comrade, Besse in his

for help out Comrade Besse in his weekly boost? He is carrying all of Oregon's share on his shoulders.

Ice Broken in Idaho:—"Enclosed and \$5.00 for two copies of "The Jungle" to the following addresses and one copy of "The Long Day," Send The Socialist six months to this address and extend my subscription.

W.H. Hostetler, Lewiston."

OUR TRAVELING BOOSTER.

Comrade Isaac Cowen of Cleveland, has been commissioned to act as Traveling Booster for The Socialist and he has begun his work in Indiana this week at Fort Wayne. Comrade Cowen will address meetings where his services are accepted by the local organizations and he travels in Inorganizations and he travels in Inorganizations and ne travels in In-diana with the approval of State Sec-retary Reynolds. When he has thor-oughly covered Indiana he will enter other states, for we intend to keep him on the road indefinitely. The Socialist has needed a direct represen-tative in the field and since the Boosters of Washington and Ohio and other states have begun work in real earnest for The Socialist we have been able to take advantage of Comrade Cowen's services, which were fortunately at our disposal at this

While Comrade Cowen will make it his special business to take subscriptions for The Socialist and sell literature and picture postal cards, yet he will also at all times boost the Socialist Party, for that is the chief reason for the existence of The Socialist. He will keep in touch with the state secretaries wherever he works, so that the party organization can have the direct benefit also.

Of Comrade Cowen's ability as a Socialist speaker there is no need to speak. He will make good, for he has been tried and proven able and true. Locals desiring him for a meet-

to increase circulation of The Socialist.

All Boosters present reported having patronized advertisers, solicited subs, etc. Letters from the Toledo Boosters and The Socialist were read.

Thanks for encouragement.

NOW FOR THE EAST.

Regular meeting of Toledo Boosters took place on Monday evening, Feb. 19. A good number of comrades were present and were encouraged by the presence of Comrade Isaac Cowen, who is now making a tour in In-diana in the interest of The Socialist. The question of obtaining and keeping Boosters or that of the Seattle Boosters?

The committee on getting renewals in Washington made full report. All preliminary work done.

The division of the Seattle mailing and extensions domaining and excepting advertisers was thoroughly discussed and a suggestive letter on the subject from Mrs. Titus read, Plans were laid so that if the support of all read-ers of The Socialist is given systematics. ically and cordially, no merchant in Toledo will be able to refuse to advertise, because it will mean money to him. Question of getting renewals was considered and it was decided to divide expirations into wards to be proportioned among the Boosters. Report of committee on May Day Celebration was accepted as progress-Meeting closed with a vigorous ive. Meeting closed with a vigorous and inspiring talk by Comrade Cowen. Following is report of Toledo Boosters for the week:

J. A .Ely, subs and literature. \$ 5.45 Louis Kopelin, subs and litera-N. Cizek ,literature..... A. Neuber, subs and literature.
F. H. literature
Geo Schulz, subs.
Robt Lobb. Uhrichsville, sub. 1.50 Spanier, subs..... .25 .50 .25 R. C. Spohn, sub..... Total \$16.60. \$1.75 Credit Sass ad to A Neuber

Dr. Rullison's ad should be credit-ed to himself.

LOUIS KOPELIN, Sec'y Toledo Boosters

Boost The Socialist! Boost the ad. department! Boost the Boosters! Send 25 cents and get a dozen of our Socialist picture postal cards by

Total \$2.00

ly, Grover Arnold."
From Warren:—"Enclosed find one

dollar on subscription cards. The Socialist is fast becoming a favorite favorite with comrades here. I confi-

dently believe we can have a permanent subscription list in this town of from 50 to 100 in the course of a few

months. Yours fraternally, Everett

From Fostoria:—"Enclosed you be not story the

same being on account of subscription. I'll try and dig up a few subs this week, as lately I have been busy attending to duties of the Local Un-

ion. Fraternally, Chas. A. Harris."

BOOSTER RECRUITS IN INDI-

subs for your paper, all in this city. Yours fraternally, M. Ritchie, New

"Please consider me as a Booster,

as I will try and buy 4 cards a month hereafter. I have sold three out of the four that I bought sometime ago. Yours for Revolutionary Socialism, Lee W. Lang, Muscatine,

Comrades in Ohio desiring to keep in touch with the Boosters should communicate with Secretary Louis Kopelin, 2017 Cherry St., Toledo,

send following three months

ANA AND IOWA.

will please find \$1.00 in money,

Our mail order business in books is growing rapidly. Send for our book list.

Commemorate the Commune

the auspices of Local Toledo Sunday, March 18, men's Sick and Death Ben-7:30 p. m., Swiss hall, 410 efit Society, Germania hall Monroe street. Comrades should all be present. day evening, March 19.

Memorial meeting under | Entertainment and Ball by German Branch and Work-Wasnington street, Mon-

Our Commune Issue—No. 286

To celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Paris Commune and the first Toledo anniversary of The Socialist, No. 286 of The Socialist will be devoted to special articles by the most noted Socialist writers in America. The following have already consented to contribute:

Eugene V. Debs, Jos. Wanhope, George D. Herron. Franklin H. W Robert Bandlow, Went- Charles L. Breckon, worth. John M. Work, Morris Hillquit, Ida Crouch Hazlett, James Oneal.

James F. Carey, B. Berlyn. Arthur Morrow Lewis, Ben .Hanford, Max. S. Hayes, W. J. Ghent,

And others still to hear from.
"A Year of "The Socialist" in "Toledo" by William Mailly and a special article by Hermon F. Titus. Portraits.

This issue will consist of at least six pages.

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United States and Canada in time for Commune celebrations.

This will be a great Socialist paper in every particular. You will want to distribute it among your friends when you see it, so you had better order in advance, as edition will be limited to actual orders. Cash must be remitted with all orders. Address,

THE SOCIALIST, Toledo, Ohio.



Isaac Cowen

Socialist Party Candidate for Gov ernor of Ohio in 1903 and 1905 American Organizer Amalgamated Society of Engineers 1897-1905; and Socialist Lecturer and Organizer in the Field Representing

'The Socialist'

and Lecturing on "Labor and the Machine," "Socialism, the Workers' Hope," "The Workers and the Ballot," Etc., Etc.

Advance Dates In Indiana

Alexandria Alexandria Monday, Feb. 27.
Elwood Tuesday, Feb. 27.
Anderson Wednesday, Feb. 28.
Muncie Thursday, March 1.
Richmond Friday, March 2.
Connersville Saturday, March 3.
Greensburg Sunday, March 4.

Indianapolis Tuesday, March 6.
Indianapolis Wednesday, March 7.
Brazil Thursday, March 8.
Terre Haute Friday, March 9.
Terre Haute Saturday, March 10.
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