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THE "RED SPECTRE"

Like Ghost of Murdered Banquo, It Will Not Down.

IS INHERENT IN CAPITALISM

Modern Society Stands in Helpless Terror Before Monster of its Own Creation.

Beyond all question the event of the week which has attracted more than any other the attention of the so-called civilized world was that which occurred at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo on Friday, September 8th, when the chief magistrate of the nation fell before the pistol of a murderous lunatic, in whose feeble brains the idea of assassinating President McKinley took the form of duty. It would be perhaps unfair to comment seriously upon the first hysterical outbreak of the capitalist press when the tragedy was first announced. It has been merely the usual mixed chorus of sorrow, wonder, alarm, and denunciation with which such events are always hailed, but which have never had the slightest effect in deterring the "propagandist of the deed" when the insane spirit of murder urges him to the treacherous assassination of some prominent individual whom he has selected as a victim.

Again and again these tragedies have occurred and have been followed by the enactment of repressive measures against the perpetrators, declarations of intentions to stamp out anarchy by exterminating the individuals who avow it as a creed, until the murder of some ruler of high state official again demonstrates the futility of such methods.

It is almost unnecessary to say that every human being worthy of the name regards these tragedies with regret and sorrow. The wanton destruction of human life can be viewed with equanimity only by those who are either dead to all human feeling or who possess the characteristics popularly attributed to fiends.

But even less than repressive measures can these expressions of sorrow and grief, these countless telegrams of condolence and sympathy, do ought to minimize or check the recurrence of these ghastly episodes. Those who would really understand the nature of this murder craze must apply themselves to its study in the same manner by which other problems are solved. In this inquiry sentiment is valueless, and the so-called repressive measures themselves prove that they do not repress. It will be apparent to all who have read the comments of the daily papers upon the attempted assassination of McKinley, that the dominant tone is one of despair. It is asked again and again has society no means of protecting its representatives against the murder madness of these criminal lunatics. And there has been no answer, except the advocacy of still more repressive measures which have so signally failed in the past. Before this apparition, this "red spectre," present society stands in seemingly helpless terror.

Neither does it help the matter to insist that this menace is a European importation. The would be assassin of President McKinley was born within the United States and there are hundreds of native born Americans who avow themselves adherents of the cult. Only a few suggestions can be given upon this subject within the space of an article like the present. Did it ever occur to those who are in the habit of inaugurating "crusades" against some particular form of "vice," that even when one of these attempts is apparently successful, nothing is really accomplished except that the suppressed vice reappears under another form or in another locality? Did it ever strike them that here in Chicago "reform" of this sort when applied to the "leaves" and other criminal districts is admitted on all hands, even by the mayor, to result to nothing more than the carrying out of an order to "move on"? Has it not been insisted on by the mayor of this city that vice cannot be exterminated, but at best only isolated or moved around? Between the persistence of murderous anarchy and the "vice" of our large cities is there any analogy? Is there any reformer who would seriously advocate the extermination of sneak thieves, hold-up men, burglars, pickpockets, prostitutes, lunatics, and similar types of humanity as an effective means of ridding the world forever of their presence? If not, is there any better reason for believing that the Cholera type is likely to disappear if subjected to a like process? Can the numerous attempts to better the condition of the working class be fairly said to have succeeded? Have the extremes of wealth and poverty been diminished or intensified within recent years? Can the trusts be legislated out of existence? Can the interests of capitalists and laborers be harmonized? Ask any thinking man for his opinion upon such subjects and he will refer to them as "problems" which are not worth the trouble of solution,

but which may be at some future time, but he will agree that they are social phenomena produced by present conditions, because inherent in them.

Might it not also be asked whether Czolgosz, Bresel, Luochani and Caserio are not likewise products of present conditions? And if this is admitted, is it not reasonable to infer that their production will not cease until the conditions are changed?

Will the capitalist press ever deal with the problem in this manner. So far they never have. And the reason is obvious. It would infallibly lead to the conclusion that anarchy cannot disappear until the present structure and basis of society is transformed.

Czolgosz is no chance product. He is merely an exaggerated individualist, a product of conditions which are themselves anarchistic. Even the utterances of the press and pulpit upon this event are essentially anarchistic in tone, though the speakers may be unconscious of the fact. Like produces like—and in this case also without conscious knowledge. Confronted with the "red spectre," modern society shrinks back in terror and alarm, unable to recognize its own offspring.

Unable and also unwilling. For the disappearance of anarchy is conditioned upon the disappearance of the system which gives it birth, the system of capitalist production and distribution. And this task is the peculiar mission of the socialist movement alone.

The Unity Picnic.

Considering the rather bleak weather of last Sunday, the Unity picnic held at Bergman's Grove, Riverside by the West Division organization of the Socialist Party, was on the whole very successful though there is little doubt but that a raise of ten degrees in the temperature and a few hours of sunshine in the forenoon would have considerably more than doubled the attendance. As it was nearly one thousand persons were present and enjoyed themselves greatly, as the afternoon brought much more pleasant weather than the morning.

The games were participated in by numerous contestants and were well arranged and managed by the committee. Short speeches from various comrades were well received though a resolution dealing with the attempt upon the life of President McKinley was not acted upon.

Dancing was kept up until about 10 P. M., after which the audience dispersed. The accounts have not yet been made up, but it is likely that the financial outcome will be very satisfactory.

An Exceptional Editorial.

When John Collins, a Chicago anarchist, declared before a Labor Day audience of seven thousand men, women and children in Des Moines that he was a Socialist and that Socialism is the only true solution of the labor problem, he was loudly cheered by his hearers.

Mr. Collins apparently expected that his radical utterances would provoke dissent and would be coldly received, and was evidently surprised to find his audience in hearty sympathy with his advanced position.

There is probably a good deal more Socialist opinion among the people of this country than appears in the election returns. The Socialist vote is increasing slowly but steadily in all parts of the country. All radical movements are taking a Socialistic form and direction; and it would seem from present indications, that this country would ultimately have to face the problem of Socialism, as the countries of the old world are having to do. In Germany the Socialist group in the Reichstag represents the most numerous of the constituencies, and in every other country in Europe the question is regarded as the most vital of the day. It will doubtless become, in time, equally so in the United States.—Des Moines (Ia.) Daily News.

A Material Basis.

How else can any government guarantee liberty to men save by providing them a means of labor and of life, coupled with independence? And how could that be done unless the government conducted the economic system upon which employment and maintenance depend? What form of happiness—so far as happiness depends at all upon material facts—is not bound up with economic conditions? And how shall an equal opportunity for the pursuit of happiness be guaranteed to all save by a guarantee of economic equality?—Bellamy's Equality, page 17.

Believing in Unity.

The North and South sides were out in great force last Sunday at the West Side Picnic. The greatest picnic of the year will be at the formal opening of the new "Headquarters" at Socialist Hall, 763 W. 63rd St. Sunday Sept. 16th commencing in the afternoon 2.30 with a mass meeting. At 8 p. m. a grand entertainment with an excellent program. Music by the Socialist Orchestra. Admission 10c. Refreshments Free.

VACATION MUSINGS

Socialist Comrade Pays a Visit to his Birthplace.

NOTES TRACES OF VANDALISM

Forests Destroyed, Springs Dried Up, and Beautiful Country Transformed Into a Barren Waste.

The last six weeks were spent by me in a little country town in Wisconsin where I had been born and raised and spent my childhood. It is a country of marvellously beautiful scenery. Rivers and rivulets flow between great bluffs and massive granite cliffs jut out here and there and fill the whole country with a wild beauty. As I knew it great forests stretched for miles with scarcely a break. Hundreds of springs burst out from crevices in rocks and at the edges of the bluffs and flowed away through the forest leaving a ribbon of bright green to mark where the added moisture gave new life to vegetation. This was as I had known of it, as I had dreamed of it in the midst of the city's dirt and noise and conflict and as I hoped to find it on my return.

ful" while others were "not amounting to much." The only test of course of success or failure was the number of dollars accumulated. And when I met these successful ones—hard, coarse, ignorant, miserly, toiling slaves to the god of greed, I breathed a prayer that I might be delivered from such "success."

(N. B.—I have no fears of being cursed in this way as long as I continue to act as a socialist editor.) Here and there through the general darkness could be seen signs of the rise of the sun of socialism. Generally the mention of the word was enough to send a "thrill of horror" over the listeners. Yet from a host of directors I found that the mighty tide of socialist thought was beating in. There were a half dozen who took some socialist papers. Several more had heard enough about it to think it "might be worth reading about." A lecturer the preceding winter had told them to study the subject. Miss Lydia Commander had once been the pastor of the Universalist church, but she was then talking Ruskin Colony and hence left almost as much confusion as interest. A few copies of the Challenge came weekly. Sample copies of the Workers' Call have been sent at different times. In talking with the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. I was surprised to learn that his father was a member of the old "International" and a personal friend of Liebknecht, and had entertained the great German socialist on his visit to America. But while the son rather

ARE THEY RELATED?

Attitude of Capitalist Society Towards Anarchy

SOME LINKS IN LOCAL CHAIN

For the Truth of Which Our Readers Are Referred to the Files of the Chicago Public Press.

Is there any connection between capitalism and anarchy? Perhaps the reader who has been deavouring the hysterical denunciations of Czolgosz in the daily press will reject the idea with contempt. Surely, he may say that present society with its loudly proclaimed "thrills of horror, abhorrence, detestation" and all the rest of it, can have nothing in common with the monster of anarchy. But it would be as well not to be too hasty in drawing conclusions. If the reader happens to be one of these simple minded persons we would ask leave to call his attention to the following facts, and for their corroboration refer him to the capitalist press of this city.

Only a few months ago an avowed anarchist visited the city for the purpose of delivering a series of lectures. His name was Kropotkin, Peter Kropotkin. PRINCE Peter Kropotkin, from which it may be deduced that he was no ordinary individual. Indeed his name was and is known over the world as a famous exponent of the anarchist "philosophy."

Now how was he received? In the first place every capitalist journal in this city notified his arrival with liberal space in their columns. Some of them even gave him notices on their front pages, and not one hint was even whispered that he represented ideas that were in any manner whatever dangerous to society. For proof of this just look up files of said papers.

Now who received him in this city? Well, Mrs. Potter Palmer for one. Now who is she? She is a recognized leader, not only in Chicago but in American "society." She has been presented to most of the crowned heads of Europe, and has created no end of "sensations" both in Europe and America, by her marvellous toilet, and her ability as a "society leader." Mrs. Potter Palmer received and lionized the anarchist PRINCE. He was wined, dined, fêted, and duly presented to the "best society" in this city, and generally made much of, all of which was again duly recorded in the Chicago capitalist journals.

Now we don't want to state that the idea of murder ever entered the mind of the PRINCE. Far from it indeed, although princes are as a rule not altogether above resorting to it when their interests are threatened, as a cursory glance at history will show. But who else received the Prince during his stay here? Who for instance formed his committee of arrangements? Well, Abraham Isaak was one of them, the editor of the Anarchist Journal in this city. He and several of the men who were arrested the other day on a charge of conspiracy to murder President McKinley. The police are using every known method to prove their complicity. But one thing is seemingly undeniable. The would-be assassin was personally known to these men. That they had any direct hand in the attempted assassination we do not believe but nevertheless the connection is plain and palpable. Isaak and the others who were on Kropotkin's committee, unfortunately were not Princes

but merely laboring men, a fact which may perhaps to some extent explain their presence in jail at this juncture.

Where did the Prince lecture while here? Well, he lectured to the Arts and Crafts Society, which is composed entirely of the "better element" and they gave him a most enthusiastic welcome. Again see daily papers.

A banquet was given in honor of the PRINCE at the Madison Temple. It was a gorgeous affair and the aforesaid "better element" were again alone represented at the function. The "dilettant" received the Prince with suitable ceremony and fell over themselves in trying to do him honor. See press reports again.

He staid at Hull House during his visit and Isaak was a frequent caller during his stay. And the PRINCE in turn was very frequent visitor at the residence of Isaak, the headquarters of Chicago anarchism, the house that has been recently raided by the police. See daily press again.

Some time ago many of the crowned heads of Europe requested the Caar of Russia not to arrest Kropotkin while travelling through his dominions, as they wanted to have him made president of a geographical society, the Prince being a highly educated man.

His lectures in this city were commented upon favorably in every case by the capitalist press. He tried to show that the petty industrial would not be crushed out. This sort of thing "restores confidence" and therefore met with the hearty approval of capitalist journalism, although most of its editorial writers knew better. See press again.

Now is the chain complete? Let us present it. Crowned heads of Europe, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Prince Peter Kropotkin, Abraham Isaak, Czolgosz.

Is there any connection between capitalism and anarchy? Now simple minded reader, if you want to know whether the Socialists are implicated in this, we invite you to examine the files of the Workers' Call during the time that Prince Kropotkin was in Chicago. They are open to inspection and we will abide the result.

Illustrated by Myth. "In one of his most beautiful poems, Victor Hugo shows us the Satyr of Mount Olympus, rising, hairy and black into the proud assembly of the gods. They greet him with revilings. He responds with a song of defiance. Mercury gives him his flute, Apollo, subdued, reaches out to him his lyree. The revolutionary song rises like an increasing shout to the vault of heaven, and the singer in his turn expands; the immensity of space enters into this black form; it is the entire world which rises and overthrows the throne of Jupiter.

Is not Socialism the Satyr of the Legend of the Centuries? At first feeble like him, covered with mire and hairy, despised when he appears. Later they fear him when he begins to grow, but behold him growing still; he seizes the flute of Mercury; he grasps Apollo's lyre, he gathers to himself all the powers of art, all the arms of science; he rises before those who thought themselves immortal and soon, his foot upon his throne, in the fullness of power, he, in his turn will cry to them: 'All must give way! I am Pan; Jupiter sink to your knees!'—From "Collectivism," by Emile Vandervelde.

Cuban "Patriotism."

A writer in the September "Forum" reaches the conclusion that the Cubans are not "capable of self government" and predicts that the native administration will squander the revenues of the island, so that the development of the country will languish. Commenting upon this the Tribune editorially remarks:

Even if fraud did not decrease the sum total of existing revenues, these revenues will prove inadequate because of increased expenditures. Not only will complete independence mean more salaried offices but the "army of liberation" will be at the doors of a Cuban Congress with its demands for back pay, bounties, and pensions. These are demands which a "patriotic" Congress could not refuse to comply with.

It is easy to see from this just how much "patriotism" amounts to when the capitalist class have no further use for it. Just previous to the Spanish war the ragged "patriots" of Cuba were lauded to the skies in every capitalist organ throughout this country. Now however when the danger arises that a "patriotic" Cuban Congress may perhaps be inclined to reward these men at the expense of the "development of the country," the capitalist press finds no difficulty whatever in reversing their attitude towards "patriotism" and representing it as an unqualified nuisance. It was quite proper of course that a Roosevelt should qualify for the Vice Presidency upon the strength of his "heroism" at San Juan, but the men who fought for Cuba Libre more years than Roosevelt did hours, have no claim whatever to consideration. Their "patriotism" was of no value to American capitalist interests after the war with Spain had been settled, but with Roosevelt it was different.

Are you still hesitating for subscribers?

HE WAS "TALKED" TO

Adventures of a Socialist at the City Hall

A ZEALOUS OFFICER'S ADVICE

Distributor of Workers' Call Hears a Remarkable Lecture on Class Consciousness.

One of our comrades, Dr. J. M. Rouf, relates a rather remarkable experience which befell him last week, and which is significant as showing the distinct recognition of class interests upon the part of those entrusted with the preservation of capitalist law and order.

The comrade, who knows enough to push a good thing along, was engaged in distributing copies of the Workers' Call last Saturday amongst the groups of people who usually congregate around the city hall. Although this is a usual practice with him, he has never before been interfered with, but on Saturday his immunity came to an end. A zealous detective laid his hand upon the comrade's shoulder and declared him under arrest on the charge of circulating "anarchist" literature.

The comrade was at once hailed before a police captain who was within the city hall, and who inquired as to the nature of the literature which he was distributing. It was an easy task for Comrade Rouf to convince the officer that the papers were not only not "anarchistic" but directly opposed to the alleged "philosophy" which passes under that title. The following short dialogue then ensued:

Police Captain—What is your occupation? Prisoner (presenting his card)—I am a dentist.

Police Captain—Then why don't you attend to your business? Prisoner—I am doing that very thing. It is my business to distribute these papers.

Police Captain (to detective who made the arrest)—Take him over there (pointing to the other side of the room) and talk to him.

The detective then commenced his "talk" under the guise of good advice. It was something like the following: "What reason have you as a professional man to identify yourself with the working class? Their interests are not yours. You are a dentist and therefore belong to a higher class. You have nothing in common with them. You will find it to your advantage to leave the distribution of such papers to the working men. I am surprised that a man in your position in society should be so solicitous about furthering the interests of people in a lower class than yourself," etc., etc.

The zealous one, having delivered himself of this class conscious admonition, was still more surprised when Comrade Rouf insisted that although he was not a wage earner in the ordinary sense, still his best interests were bound up with the interests of the working people, and that he intended to work for those interests notwithstanding the opinions of other people on the matter. Finding the comrade altogether impervious to this method of reasoning, the detective dismissed him with a parting shot. "I know," he said, "your name, I know your address, and if I catch you again, will make an example of you."

With this threat ringing in his ears, Comrade Rouf left the building, having received considerable matter for thought from the interview. But the distribution of the Workers' Call will not suffer in consequence. Comrade Rouf will continue to distribute his usual quota of one hundred per week until further notice, as he considers that the good work should not stop until every workingman recognizes his class interests as clearly as the intelligent detective who arrested him.

Special Notice.

If you desire to know what the position of the Socialist Party is on the subject of anarchy, come to the Socialist Temple, 120 S. Western Ave. on Sunday night Sept. 16. A. M. Simons, editor of the International Socialist Review will speak on Socialism versus Anarchy. A full report of the lecture will appear next week in the Workers' Call.

About the only "labor law" that the Pennsylvania legislature enacted from the large batch of bills handed in was one to increase the number of mine inspectors. Now it turns out that glaring errors have been discovered in the law, and it is quite probable that it will become a dead letter.—Terre Haute Toller.

Those having cash or tickets for the West Side Picnic Committee will please make returns at once to the Workers' Call office.



SOCIALISM.—"When sister Justice gets tired hacking away at the brood, I'll fix the old hen".

But what a change was there. In spite of all I knew of the blighting power of capitalism I had somehow hoped that this little spot had been passed by. Over and over again I would climb to some commanding position from which I had once seen stretch on stretch of forest green, only now to see acres of barren rock-ribbed and arid fields. Rugged bluffs and rocky cliffs that I had known as almost inaccessible in their isolation and as yet marred by no sign of the hand of man, I found inclosed with barbed wire and covered with warnings against trespassers, while the rocks themselves were covered with glaring advertisements. At other places it was even worse. Spots of great natural beauty could be only approached after tribute had been paid to the fetch of private property.

Where once the partridge rose with hollow sounding flight at the approach of man, one now heard the whining voice of the seller of "relics" and "mementos." The cutting of the forests had left the land in many places a barren waste. Deprived of its protection the soil became hard and shed the rain like a roof leaving only the bare baked earth behind. Over and over again I sought some place where I had once known of a beautiful spring, only to find a bare place devoid even of vegetation while the former ribbon of green along the banks had turned to a dark brown streak of decayed vegetation. Everywhere the hand of man had been laid but to blight. The land was valueless for anything, but forests, and private greed under individual ownership can not afford to care for future generations.

When I met my old playmates and neighbors the first question always was, "What are you working at?" Then always followed, "Does that pay well?" Never was I asked if it was the thing I enjoyed doing. Nobody ever dreamed of enquiring if my work was also my recreation and none would have understood had I told them so. When they learned that editing a socialist publication was not a speedy road to wealth I was put down as a "failure." Whenever the conversation would turn, as it always did, on former acquaintances I was always informed that such a one was "suc-

cessful" perhaps he was a socialist I fear his father would scarce recognize the old revolutionary doctrines in the milk and water philosophy of the son. But the leaves are working, the field ripe and an efficient socialist organizer could lay the foundation of a strong socialist movement.

Lecture at Temple.

Owing to the West Side Picnic there was no meeting at the Temple last Sunday. On the Sunday of September 1st, the building was packed to the doors by listeners who came to hear Walter Thomas Mills' last speech in Chicago.

On next Sunday night, September 15, COMRADE A. M. SIMONS, editor of the "International Socialist Review" will speak at the Socialist Temple, 120 So. Western Ave on

SOCIALISM VS. ANARCHY. This will be Comrade Simons first address since his return to Chicago from Wisconsin. We hope for a large attendance. Admission free.

Labor Day in Peru, Ill.

At the request of the mayor of Peru, Ill., Comrade Higgins of Chicago visited that city on Labor Day for the purpose of making a public address. The Comrade made a most effective speech, which was listened to most attentively, and frequently interrupted with bursts of applause. Comrades Conrad and Wright accompanied the speaker in hope of being able to organize a local branch of the Socialist party, but discovered that any one joining such an organization would be liable to immediate dismissal from employment. Consequently the idea was abandoned. The mayor presided at the meeting and the three visiting comrades were most generously provided for during their stay in the city.

Bricklayers, Attention!

All Bricklayers are requested to be present at 763 W. 63rd St. on Sept. 21st 8 p. m. South Side Club will be organized, Comrade Jos. Wanhope, Editor of the Workers' Call, will address us. This is an intellectual treat. Bring your friends.

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We have received a large number of clippings and marked exchanges from different correspondents which could not possibly be dealt with this week.

A member of the medical fraternity has created a rumpus among his followers by asserting that the vermiform appendix has, after all, a useful function in the human body.

It will be curious to observe just what the capitalist press will say concerning the much vaunted "inviolability of contract" now that the steel trust has classed the South Chicago mills as non-union and hence have abrogated the contract which the steel workers of the Chicago suburb were so zealous to maintain.

The shop keepers of Hammond, Ind., are very indignant at the prolongation of the strike at the Conkey Company's plant, and threaten to tar and feather the local agitators.

Here is another joke. Lawyer Monnet, attorney for the Knights of Labor and the Anti-Trust League has filed a petition from these two organizations with the attorney general of the state of Ohio, at Columbus, praying that proceedings be at once begun for the disbanding of the steel trust.

Perhaps one of the most pitiable aspects of the tragedy at Buffalo may be found in the pulpit utterances upon the subject throughout the country.

situation. Denunciations of the would-be murderer interspersed with expressions of astonishment and vague demands that anarchy be "stamped out" about make up the sum total of all the pulpit has to say on the subject.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. If this should meet the eye of any reader outside the socialist movement, who may have regarded himself upon the account given in the capitalist press regarding the action taken by the Socialists of Chicago last Sunday upon the attempted assassination of President McKinley, the following commended in case such reader may think an explanation necessary.

But first let us say that for the capitalist press and the "public opinion" which is its special product, we care little. Those who have slandered socialism in the past will doubtless continue to do so while sufficient fools can be found to swallow such misrepresentations.

When the ruler of any country is stricken down by the hand of an assassin, we do not feel called upon to specially disavow the act, in order that no odium may attach to the Socialist party for such action.

At no time has the membership of the branches included so many young men as at present, and while here and there it may be true that certain individuals might imperil their positions by making public Socialist propaganda, yet by far the greater number in the branches are true proletarians—they have nothing to lose—but socialism has everything to gain by their public activity.

Our platform is in itself a resolution of sympathy with every victim of the present anarchic system of society, President McKinley included. And we will do more than merely pass it, we will act upon it and carry it out and render murderous anarchy for ever impossible.

There is no good reason why we should not have more public speakers in the party. The Socialist above all is armed with facts. The new speaker may not know it all, but what he does know is irrefutable and practice brings added knowledge.

We did not and do not "denounce" the assassin. The acts of a maniac are not a proper subject for censure. Socialists have a sense of the logical, a knowledge of cause and effect.

would be as senseless, illogical and useless, as to denounce a tiger for indiscriminate slaughter, or pass a resolution of censure upon a cancer for gnawing its deadly way into the vitals of a human being.

Anarchism is a disease produced and fostered by a capitalist environment. Socialism is the only antidote which will destroy the effect by removing the cause.

The Socialist party can and does perform its work without violating the laws of present society. It is recognized by the capitalist class themselves as a legally constituted political party working for its object solely through the recognized means provided for that purpose, viz., the ballot, and it is under far less obligation to constantly repudiate murder as a factor in its propaganda, than those who attempt to fasten such a charge upon it.

We tender this explanation to those who are willing to think for themselves. The others will be enlightened in due time through the processes of social evolution.

SPEAKERS WANTED.

Those who are interested in the local Socialist agitation cannot have failed to observe that although the field of operations is constantly widening, although the number of weekly meetings held continually increases, the list of Socialist public speakers by no means keeps pace with the demands of the propaganda.

As was predicted in these columns the finish will to all present appearances leave the Amalgamated Association apparently intact but in reality seriously weakened and incapacitated from entering upon a conflict of similar dimensions with any hope of success.

There has been nothing in the strike of a pronounced dramatic or spectacular nature. The capitalists merely sat tight and won out in consequence.

As the strike drew near its end the attempted murder of the president attracted the attention of the public away from it to a large extent. But all is grist that comes to the capitalist mill.

Neither is it necessary to make a connected speech, or even to be a thorough master of the subject. The street crowd is not critical. They do not even require the speaker to talk sense.

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All women interested in the formation of a Women's Socialist League, for the promulgation of Socialist principles, are requested to address: Imogene C. Fales, 128 Mason St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

material at hand. No particular preparations are required. There are plenty of new members in the branches who in a short time will be fully as capable of holding an audience as the best of the old speakers now are, and the branches should see to it that they make a beginning.

Something has already been accomplished in this direction, but not enough. Let a real effort be made to get the diffident orators in embryo, to do their duty, and we can easily have fifty or more new speakers on the stump within a few week's time.

BEGINNING OF THE END.

Slowly but surely the strike of the steel workers against the trust is disintegrating in spite of the efforts of the leaders. The capitalists' understanding thoroughly that the fight has passed the critical period for them, are directing their energy toward the opening of the mills now closed and with no small success.

Various members of the clergy throughout the country are quite right in taking the position that the anarchist Croixes should be summarily done away with. Such a position is quite in harmony with the proposition that they have wealthy congregations to please and fat jobs to maintain.

There now arises a wall of complaint from the steel mills of South Chicago. The employees of the steel trust who refused to strike at the behest of President Shaffer are very indignant because President Schwab of the South Chicago mills as "non-union."

Columbus, Ohio, is becoming famous as a birthplace of crusades, and in every case the presence of the joke inherent in such things is conspicuous. Immediately following the crusade of the Knights of Labor against the trusts comes the announcement that the Y. M. C. A. of that city has launched a movement whereby the members of their organization are to exterminate anarchy in the United States.

The labor movement has no systems to crush. It has nothing to overturn. So says Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a Labor Day oration. Gompers knows better than this, but being a "labor leader" he is quite right in taking the position he does on the class struggle.

Be sure to attend the Grand opening of the South Side Socialist Headquarters on Sunday Sept. 15th at 763 63rd St. Speaking at 2.0 p. m. Entertainment at 8 p. m. Admission 15c. Refreshments free.

SNAP SHOTS BY THE WAYSIDE

As a journalistic acrobat the Chicago American is surely with peer. No sooner was the news of the attempted assassination flashed from Buffalo than the imbecile series of cartoons known as "Willie and his Papa" disappeared from the editorial page, and its place was instantly occupied by fulsome laudations of the wounded man and prayers for his recovery.

"Anarchistic literature" is by no means entirely confined to the efforts of avowed anarchists. That editorial page of Hearst's deserved the title of "anarchistic" as truly as any of the productions openly labeled as such.

A dispatch from Rheims, France, says: "The attitude of the mayor and other municipal officers, who are socialists, in holding themselves aloof from any participation in welcoming the Czar has caused a number of the inhabitants to combine in publicly expressing their patriotic joy over the visit of the Russian sovereign."

When the news flashed over the country that McKinley had been shot did the great captains of industry hasten to send messages of consolation to the grief-stricken family of the wounded president? On the contrary they left that to their representatives, the politicians, the professors and the preachers.

There now arises a wall of complaint from the steel mills of South Chicago. The employees of the steel trust who refused to strike at the behest of President Shaffer are very indignant because President Schwab of the South Chicago mills as "non-union."

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The recent elections to the labor council at Rome have resulted in the complete defeat of the reactionary element and the election of Socialist representatives. As usual the press reports try to falsify the result by claiming that those elected were Anarchists.

CORRESPONDENCE

GREETING.—The undersigned being a Joint Committee of the Social Democratic Parties in Illinois, heretofore connected with the National Committees at Springfield, Mass. and Chicago, Ill., do hereby call a STATE CONVENTION, to be held at the Socialist Temple, 129 So. Western Avenue, Chicago, on Sunday, September 22nd, 1901, at 10 a. m.

All Branches of the Social Democratic Party with headquarters at Chicago, Ill., all Branches or Locals of the Social Democratic Party with headquarters at Springfield, Mass.; all Branches of the Socialist Labor Party, with headquarters at New York; and all unaffiliated Socialist clubs and branches organized prior to July 29, 1901, and subscribing to the National Platform of the Socialist Party of America, adopted August 2, 1901, will be entitled to representation.

1. Each branch, local or club will be entitled to two delegates, who shall have credentials signed by the secretary of the branch, club or local. 2. Any branch, club or local not desiring to send delegate may choose members of other branches, clubs or locals to represent them.

It is the earnest hope of your committee that every organization will be represented by their own members as matters will be under discussion which will require careful consideration and discussion.

Clinton Simonton, Dear Comrade: The National Committee is pleased to hear that you are about to undertake an agitation trip through the middle Eastern and New England states and feel assured that your work will result in building up the Socialist party.

The latest edition of the "Pocket Library of Socialism" published by C. H. Kerr and Co., 56 5th Ave., has just been issued, "Trusts and Imperialism" by H. Gaylor Wilshire, being the subject.

Beginning with the current number, the Social Crusader, which has been published as the editorial and newsletter of the Social Crusade, changes its name to the Socialist Spirit. It will continue to be edited by Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth, which will insure its literary quality and earnest outlook.

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Are you with us? If so, come to the formal opening of the South Side Socialist headquarters at 763 W. 63rd St. on Sunday Sept. 15th. Mass meeting at 2.30 p. m. Entertainment 8 p. m. Tickets 15 cents.

Socialist Pointers

Let no guilty system of production escape. The weakest point of capitalism is at the ballot box. Now Luke, that you've got Emma, how about that X?

If society does not want anarchists let society stop breeding them. In the meantime let all socialists keep on agitating and voting. We strongly suspected that Mrs. Nation would rise to the occasion.

While the local press is about it, why not tackle the "yellow" preachers as well as the "yellow journals". The Tribune says that Emma Goldman has frequently delivered lectures before the Socialists of this city, The Tribune lies.

It is quite possible that under socialism there will be expositions like that at Buffalo, but the murder feature will be eliminated. You can do more towards enlightening the heathen by selling him a Workers' Call sub card than by passing a hundred resolutions of sympathy.

The South Chicago steel workers who feared to violate a contract will no doubt be glad to learn that Mr. Schwab is without fear in that respect. Those simple people who think that a good private character is any assurance against assassination have quite a few things yet to learn.

Nobody has yet questioned the sanity of the fashionable clique who gave that remarkable "dog luncheon" in Newport a short time ago. The capitalists agree that labor unions would be all right, if they only accepted the law as laid down by Judge Kohlsaat in his injunction.

Don't refer in public to the workers who lose their lives in mines, mills and sweatshops. Such talk is "violent" and worse still, is offensive to the Chicago Chronicle. Senator Wellington of Maryland seems to be about the only individual in the country who can decline to express sorrow for President McKinley, and still hold his job.

Governor Murphy of Arizona says that reading socialist literature produces a diseased imagination. Now the question is, how did he get his? He never read any socialist literature. The people who undertake the "stamping out of anarchy" might possibly get a few valuable pointers from observing the proceedings which will be taken for the extermination of anarchy.

We respectfully suggest to the clergymen of this city that they equip themselves with a working knowledge of cause and effect before delivering any more sermons on the suppression of anarchy. Workingmen will be glad to learn that Secretary Gage has responded to the call of Wall St. by releasing \$5,000,000 from the U. S. Treasury. Those requiring rent money are at liberty to apply by letter.

A fashionable preacher in a Connecticut city has been accused of stock gambling and admits the charge. The pulpit must be taught that it cannot assume privileges that belong to the pews alone. Those who desire to know the difference between socialism and anarchy would do well to attend the meeting of the Socialist Temple tomorrow at 8 p. m. Detectives and police officers specially invited.

Sir Thomas Lipton may prove strong enough to lift the cup, but the task of raising the wages of his sweated employees is altogether too much for him. Sir Thomas as a strong man knows his limitations very accurately. Those "society" people who gave Kropotkin the glad hand four months ago in this city didn't have any particular objection against his committed arrangements who are now in jail on a charge of conspiring to murder President McKinley. Circumstances alter cases. The Chronicle says editorially that "most socialists believe that there should be an equal division of property." Now that we have been thus enlightened as to our beliefs would it not be proper for the Socialist party to pass a resolution of sympathy and condolence with the Chronicle?

Open Air Meetings. ALL SPEAKERS TAKE NOTICE. You will please read this list carefully so that you will know what meeting you are booked to speak at and if you cannot be there let the Division Secretary or Organizer know by return mail.

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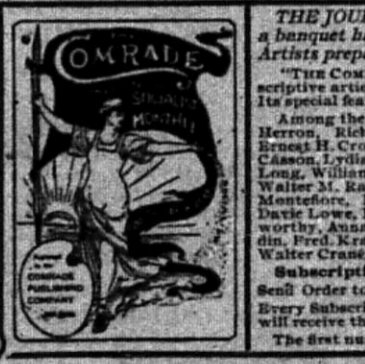
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