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CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS.

We are threatened with an epidemic of goodness that is getting to be serious. The country has been worked up to a pitch of indignation at political grafters and to a truculent demand for political honesty that would sweep everything before it.

A short time ago a rousing meeting of citizens was held in Milwaukee to take steps against the political corruption which is rampant there. Our own city hall is said to be full of grafters.

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decorating the brothel; when you can make murder decent by putting gold braid trimmings on the uniform of the murderers; then and not till then can you make the profit grinding business descent by trying to "purify" politics.

Let us begin with the "fundamentals," as Roosevelt recommends; let us purify business first by taking it out of the hands of private corruption and placing it in the hands of the people.

When there is no private business left to corrupt politics, politics will cease to be corrupt. When a social system has been driven into a position of defense and is unable to justify itself when challenged it is already lost.

The idea of a supporter of capitalism being morally "aggressive" is simply funny.

TO OUR COMRADES.

We feel called upon at this time, to make a statement in regard to the condition of the Chicago Socialist.

Owing to our special efforts and with the hearty co-operation of comrades throughout the state, the subscription list has experienced a phenomenal growth and the general condition of the paper, financially as well as editorially, is far better than ever before.

The Trade-Union Fund is flourishing and we are constantly sending out vast quantities of literature to union meetings and to points where strikes are on.

As the times grow harder and the masters of the bread grow more ravenous, the demand for clear-cut, revolutionary Socialism increases and that is the kind this paper aims to dish out. We shall never compromise, not even the 100th part of an inch, but shall continue unceasingly to fight the battle of the toilers until the co-operative commonwealth is a living reality.

Now comrades, your efforts are appreciated and we earnestly desire that you will continue the good work you have begun, for only by your united co-operation can there be success. The paper is yours and when you help it, you are helping yourself.

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By John Collins.

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The separation occurred unpleasantly, and should the City Council decide it worth while to appoint a committee to learn the details of my unhappy family affairs I am ready to have a searchlight thrown on the entire matter.

Johnson's Report of What Happened in the Council.

Last week the papers printed an account concerning myself of a discreditable nature. Acting upon this account, Alderman Jozwiakowski, Lits and Prieb introduced a resolution in the City Council Monday night demanding the appointment of a committee to ascertain the truth of the account.

The story printed in the News was well calculated to arouse indignation. Since Socialist sentiment is growing so strong in my ward that there is likelihood of our carrying the election next spring, it is very convenient for the Democrats and Republicans out there to attack an individual rather than the principles of Socialism, which they lack the intelligence to openly combat in public.

If the council passes this resolution then it seems to me that the council possesses the characteristics of a ladies sewing circle. If this council is to make an investigation every time there is a report that an alderman has thrown a tea cup at his wife or had some other family squabble, then this council will not have much time for anything else.

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"By Their Works Ye Shall Know Them."

Illinois Manufacturers' Association. Chicago, Sept. 25, 1903.

Chicago, Ill. Gentlemen: You are not a member of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association and may not be aware that its work is a benefit to your business.

We think the principles of the organization ought to appeal to you and will appreciate your co-operation. We give much time and effort to the work at a sacrifice to our private business and feel the association should have the support of all individuals, firms and corporations benefited.

Yours very truly, B.A. Eckhardt, President.

John C. Edlund, 2nd Vice-President. Harry Sch... John M. Egan, Secretary.

TEMPLE NOTES—SPECIAL.

Moved from the Temple to elegant new quarters. The best move the Chicago comrades have ever made.

Now then West Side Comrades turn out and let's jam this big hall to the fullest extent. Look out for next week's program.

COLLINS' DATES.

Pana, Oct. 26. Moweaqua, Oct. 27. Decatur, Oct. 28. Mattoon, Oct. 29-30-31. Paris, Nov. 1-2. Danville, Nov. 3 to 10.

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Advertisement for Illinois Manufacturers' Association, Chicago, Sept. 25, 1903.

Advertisement for the Illinois Manufacturers' Association, featuring signatures of B.A. Eckhardt, John C. Edlund, Harry Sch..., and John M. Egan.

The above letter is a sequel to the one we published last week. It shows who are the officers of the manufacturers' Information Bureau.

By a convention of delegates of a political party. The Socialist Party, having won legal recognition by its vote last year, is a political party in the meaning of the law.

ALL HAVE BECOME SOCIALISTS.

In a certain Michigan township, there is a little village called S... The postmaster is an old soldier and a socialist, and was appointed because there was no republican who wanted the office.

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