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GROWING CLEARER.

The Nature of the Class Struggle Becoming Apparent to All.

The Colorado Outrages—The Great Packing-house Strike in Chicago—The Weavers' Strike in the East—Workers' Eyes All Turned Toward Socialism.

Some thirty years ago Carl Schurz, the far-famed "German-American statesman," maintained amid much cheering of the professional patriots that in America there are no classes! To-day Mr. Schurz probably would not care to stultify himself by repeating this assertion. But there are others. During the coming campaign we shall often hear it again from the stumps, in all possible variations. "In America there are no classes!" And the small fry politicians, the pothouse wirepullers will signify their approval of the sentiment by much whistling and stamping of feet. Be it so.

Among the American working people the number of those who can't notice any class differences in our glorious republic, who regard it as foolish, ay, as criminal and deleterious to the utmost degree to talk about a class struggle and to point out the necessity of the same, is growing beautifully less these days. It will not last so awfully long any more, when it will have shrunk to a comparatively small throng of incurable dillards, whom humanity will have to use up in their unredeemed state as best it may.

Though, as a matter of fact, long ago completed here as everywhere, according to the division of wealth and the conditions of money getting, the separation of the classes could long be denied in this our land of unlimited possibilities—because it happened not infrequently that some "gifted" individual managed to crawl, climb or jump out of the working class into that of the exploiters.

Such successful climbers were and are in the habit of declaiming the loudest against those who dislike the process of exploitation. "Why?" they howl, "is not there an opportunity for everyone to become an employer and live in ease?" Only very few of these favorites of fortune are in good earnest simpletons of so high an order that they really should believe such a thing. Along with themselves or in the company of their intimates they flatter themselves that for their rise they have but to thank their special merit and their great worthiness distinguishing them from the common herd. Prize-crowned, they imagine themselves, and they firmly believe to have well earned their prize. They either do not understand or don't want to think of it that others must make good the cost of their success, and that a system under which one can't get to the top without using fellow-beings as stepping stones must necessarily be wrong, because it is barbaric.

Yet, although Benjamin Franklin already has pointed out that the surest way to lose one's money in a lottery would be to buy all the tickets and to draw all the prizes, there are very many left who think a lottery a most beneficiary institution; although it is obvious that universal misery would be the consequence if all the people should adopt the saving habit, we hear this habit praised on every side as a virtue. Thus the example of the climbers has not served to make apparent to the masses that the wage system is a curse for society, but on the contrary has strengthened many in the belief that on some fine day they, too, may win in the lottery, they, too, may be lifted from out of the depths of neediness to the heights of the exploiter.

The concentration of capital going on of late at so rapid a rate, helps a good deal to destroy these empty hopes and expectations—and on the other side the rude and domineering way in which the money power makes itself felt has the effect to make the wage worker conscious of the utter helplessness he is condemned to by our economic conditions. Discontent with these conditions becomes more and more apparent, and this discontent makes the ground of our society more capable to receive the seed of Socialist thought, to retain the same and to bring forth fruit from the strength of it.

The mere shaking by agitators has not been sufficient fully to awaken the American wage worker to class consciousness. Capitalism, with its brutal wantonness, the class justice dealt out by our courts now do this work, and the effects will not be missed. The occurrences in Colorado especially will prove a warning example to labor, the tremendous strikes which of sheer necessity the packing house employes in the West, the weavers in the East had

to declare, and which, most probably, they are going to lose, will after awhile teach the working people more conscious resistance and the absolute need of starting and keeping up the class struggle all along the line.

If this knowledge once has won a firm foothold in America the consequences will make themselves quicker and better felt here, than up till now it has been possible anywhere else in the world—the conditions after all being more favorable here than in any of the older countries.

REMEMBER COLORADO.

A news dispatch from Colorado states that military rule has ended in that State. The union miners have most all been deported and driven from their homes, and are now scattered all over the country. The awful tragedy that has been enacted on American soil by the capitalists' hired assassins is just beginning to be realized by the fellow toilers of the scattered Colorado union men.

That the capitalists will some day give a fearful reckoning and pay the penalty for the inhuman treatment meted out to the helpless unarmed miners and their wives and families we have no doubt. Capitalism may rejoice and enjoy the fruits of its infamy at present and think there is no limit to their brutal power, which is supported by the press, pulpit and all the powers of State. But even the Colorado victory over which they are gloating with ghoulish glee will turn to ashes on their lips. When the day dawns that they are begging for mercy and justice, will it be strange, human nature being what it is, if an outraged working class should mock them with the words, "Remember Colorado?"

SOCIALISM IN PEORIA.

State Organizer Collins Tells of the Work in that City.

In the course of my work here in Peoria I find that never before was the general condition of the local movement in a better shape than at the present time. If the organization is not yet powerful in point of membership, it is because the full effect of the present activity of the comrades has not shown itself. Their work will surely count when election day comes around next November.

Some time ago the police gave notice that they were going to put a stop to all out-door meetings carried on by the Socialists, which put our comrades on their mettle and decided that if necessary they would all get themselves arrested rather than give up the meetings of which lately there were held from three to five each week.

On the night when the police were to make the attempt to break up the meeting a crowd of nearly two thousand assembled to view the proceedings, expecting the charge of the police every minute. Comrade Block mounted the soap box and poured hot shot into the present capitalist system, and the effects of that system upon the conditions of the working class. After Comrade Block got through with his talk Comrade Knopfnagel took his place and in the interest of the speaking evoked, every one present forgot about the police and cheered the speakers over and over again as each would make his point.

Last I forget, I want to say that the police did not put in an appearance, and so the only effect their published intention had was to get a big crowd out to our meeting, making it the largest meeting ever held in this city.

I want to congratulate the comrades of Peoria before I close upon the fine showing they are making, and hope they will keep it up, as I am sure that the effect of it will soon begin to show itself in many ways. Fraternally,
JOHN COLLINS,
 State Organizer.

Procure your tickets for the Annual Picnic now; for sale at the office, Room 27, 163 Randolph Street; open Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, 6:30 to 8:30, Sunday 10 to 12 a. m.

When Roosevelt said in his speech of acceptance that "never has the administration of the government been on a cleaner and higher level," he no doubt calculated that the statement would be accepted by the ignorant. But intelligent people who remember the record of jobbery made by the present administration for which the administration is responsible, are compelled to differ. No really honest public man would set up such a bold contention in the face of the real facts.

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JOHN COLLINS



JOHN COLLINS
 of Chicago

For Lieutenant-Governor
JAMES H. BROWER



JAMES H. BROWER
 of Elgin

THE STRIKE SITUATION

At the hour of our going to press what promises to be one of the fiercest labor wars ever fought in this country is in full progress. Fully 90,000 men and women are on strike at the various packing centers throughout the country.

The great packers who control the means of supplying the nation with meat state that they are determined to crush unionism out of the packing business at any cost. On the other hand the workers of all trades are fully alive to the importance of winning the strike, for they realize if they are defeated in this fight that union labor will have received a body blow from which it will not recover for years.

A strike of this character at once assumes the nature of a great class war. On the one side is arrayed the capitalists and all those interested in exploiting the men who do all the useful labor, and a number of short-sighted perverts who are willing for a momentary advantage to assist in welding tighter on themselves and their class the chains of slavery. On the other hand, and in full sympathy with the strikers, will be found the whole mass of the self-respecting working class. The bosses have a tremendous advantage in this fight. They have most of the munitions of war, and have at their command all the powers of state which the short-sightedness of the workers on election day has placed in their hands. Added to this the whole capitalist press is arrayed on the side of labor's exploiters and firing discouraging broadside editorials against the workers engaged in a life and death struggle to better their living conditions or to keep from sinking lower in the social scale.

What a pitiable sight to see so much energy exhausted in so blind a struggle.

When will the eyes of the workers be opened to see where their strength lies? And see the weak point of their exploiters? However, all progress so far has been made by and through blind struggle, and we have no doubt that when this great labor war is over hundreds of thousands of workers throughout the country will see the necessity of political action. And will vote for the Socialist ticket in November.

MILLS IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Dolliver, Bryan and Mills are to speak in the order named each on a succeeding day at the Sac City, Iowa, Chautauqua. Mills speaks Sept. 1st. His subject will be: "The Suicide of Capitalism. The Workers Must Be the Master Builders of the Future." He will give the Labor Day address at New Castle Pa., and then enter upon his Western campaign trip through Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Washington, Oregon, California, closing the campaign in Colorado. His appointments are under the management of W. C. Benton, 1429 Masonic Temple, and his route has been made up on consultation with the comrades in the various States and with the National Secretary, with the approval of all parties in any way interested.

The month of August he will speak in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, at points conveniently reached from Chicago.

Springfield, Ill., July 25, 1904.
 Dear Comrade: I take pleasure in telling you that we Socialists of Springfield have obtained the use of the State House for Comrade Ben Hanford, of New York, to speak in on Aug. 9 at 8 o'clock. We expect a great meeting and we shall surely reap a good harvest next November. Yours for Socialism,
 O. A. JOHNSON,
 County Organizer, 816 N. 7th St.

Elliott's Park is provided with bowling alleys, race course, base ball field, bicycle track and a dancing pavilion, 80x100 feet. During the entire afternoon there will be complete shade in numerous nooks and corners, with live springs of running water on every hand. Just an ideal place for the sixth annual Socialist picnic, Sunday, Aug. 7.

In the light of events during the past twelve months in Colorado, what a mockery of mere words is this from a politician occupying the White House: "The humblest individual," says Roosevelt, "is to have his rights safeguarded as scrupulously as those of the strongest organization, for each is to receive justice, no more and no less." Justice in Colorado has "fed to brutish beasts." Roosevelt in Colorado would have been another Sherman Bell.

The book to put in the hands of the trades unionist is Eugene V. Debs' "Unionism and Socialism." One of the most eloquent and convincing pleas ever written. Ten cents, this office.

LABOR'S EYES ARE OPENING.

The following ringing resolutions were adopted last week at the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor convention at Green Bay:

Whereas, The encroachment of corporate capital in threatening the life and liberty of this republic, as shown in Colorado and elsewhere, by suspension of the right of habeas corpus, the denial of free speech, and by a subsidized press misinforming the public, and,

Whereas, The eight-hour law and the discontinuance of government by injunction have been denied by Congress and the recent national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties have shown that both of them are dominated absolutely by trusts and organized capital, and,

Whereas, The civic liberties of the masses are in danger since disfranchisement of the white and black workmen alike is being adopted by State legislation under the guise of inability to read and write, or by the demands of property qualifications for voting; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we demand that union men of this country do their duty by themselves and the producing class to save to the people a representative government, and to secure the full product of labor for the workers, and furthermore, be it

Resolved, That we call on the workmen, including farmers and the masses in general, to assist us in this by studying the principles of Social Democracy, and by voting for the only party pledged to the emancipation of labor.

Whereas, Recent attempts have been made by Catholic societies of Milwaukee and certain of the Catholic clergy and other denominations, to inject religious issues into trades unionism, and,

Whereas, It has always been a favorite trick of the capitalist class to keep laboring men divided on religious lines, so as to more easily subjugate and exploit them, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, in convention assembled, hereby denounces most earnestly every effort to inject religious issues into the labor movement, which of necessity must stand for international emancipation of the working class without difference of nationality, race and religion. Furthermore, be it

Resolved, That it will be our earnest endeavor in the future as in the past not to antagonize religions of any kind, but at the same time we also expect that no religious denomination will antagonize the trades movement or interfere with it.

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Roosevelt thought it necessary to say something about capital and labor in response to the notification of his nomination. He did. He said: "We recognize the organization of capital and the organization of labor as natural outcomes of our industrial system." Do we? What about the recognition of labor in Colorado? Does Roosevelt mean that "we" recognize organization of labor only to destroy it? What recognition has he, as President, given to organized labor in Colorado? Absolutely none. Why? Because he is a politician and a candidate. What a wonderful thing it would be to have a MAN in the White House in place of a rip-roaring, rough-riding politician!

A fire discovered in the stock yards the other morning was charged against the strikers, who, it was claimed, were resorting to the torch. But later the facts showed that the cause was a burned-out motor. There is little doubt that if a bolt of lightning had started a conflagration it would have been set down as the work of strikers.

The grand Socialist rally with Debs and Hanford will be held at the Auditorium on Monday evening, Oct. 17. Tickets will soon be on sale at State headquarters.

Roosevelt is plunging at Oyster Bay and Parker is plunging at Esopus. Let us have enough Socialist votes next November to make them both realize that a plunge into political oblivion is not far off.

The union men of Colorado are rapidly being convinced that the entire Republican administration is simply a huge committee of the capitalist class.

The Declaration of Independence is the greatest charter of human rights ever written in the name of government. It is soon to be reaffirmed or wholly rejected.

The campaign committee meets every Monday night at 8 o'clock at Jung's Hall, 108 Randolph street, third floor rear. Every member should attend.

Conditions were never so favorable for Socialist agitation as at the present time. What with the capitalist outrages in Colorado, the Stock Yards strike, the thousands of workmen thrown out of employment during the past few months, the rise in the cost of living coincident with the reductions in wages, and the complete overthrow of the radical element in the Democratic national convention, the workmen are now doing more deep and quiet thinking than ever before, and are in a fit frame of mind to receive the Socialist argument if only it is placed before them.

The campaign committee is proceeding with its work with a full sense of the possibilities and responsibilities confronting the party. So far little has been done but lay plans and consider means for conducting the campaign in the most systematic and efficient manner possible. It is proposed to get out large quantities of literature free of cost to the various branches and locals in the State for free distribution.

Most of this literature will be procured from the national office, and will consist of a leaflet by Debs, the national platform, a leaflet comparing the two old party platforms with the Socialist platform, and perhaps Hanford's pamphlet, "What Workingmen's Votes Can Do." Arrangements are also under way for a big meeting at the Auditorium in the latter part of August, when Debs and Hanford will speak. It is also proposed to route speakers through the State.

To do all this, however, requires money, and all members are earnestly requested to immediately make every effort to collect funds in the State campaign lists, which are now being sent out, and return the same as soon as possible to the State secretary. The quicker the comrades turn in the money the sooner will the campaign be got under way.

A word of explanation: The campaign committee is a body composed jointly of the State and county campaign committees, one of which was elected by the State committee and the other by the Cook County convention. The committee has no authority to add new members to its body, and consequently could not seat delegates from the branches with

full privileges. The most they could do was to give delegates a voice, but no vote. The action taken was for the purpose of getting the branches in close touch with the committee. It was considered that in this way the branches would know from their delegates what the committee is doing, and the committee would have the benefit of suggestions from the branches.

Let every comrade put his shoulder to the wheel and hustle to make this campaign a glorious one for Socialism. Provide yourself with sub. cards and sell same at outdoor meetings.

Hustle up the campaign subscription lists!
 Hustle up the agitation!

The stockholders in the United States Steel Corporation begin to see ruin ahead. They are planning to meet the impoverishment that is sweeping down upon them, owing to the fact that the profits for the second quarter of this year were only a paltry \$19,500,000. Think of the economies that these people, accustomed to luxuries, will be obliged to resort to! The government should immediately enact new laws to increase the profits in steel.

See Conklin's watch ad. on last page.

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Willie Hearst's papers are not only gulping down the Wall street nomination on the Democratic ticket, but they have taken to whipping into line in Parker's support the few Democrats who have had the courage to withhold their allegiance since the St. Louis convention adjourned.

The packers claim to be getting plenty of men to take the places of strikers, which is another proof that times are good and everybody has a job. Looking about us on the streets of Chicago to-day one is forced to inquire whether, as a matter of fact, anybody has a job.

THE ONLY HOPE.

We spent one day this week with the strikers at the Stock Yards. The social and sanitary conditions prevailing in that district are of the very worst. It is almost inconceivable that a body of men whose labor provides meat for the world will continue to live in a state of slavery, both for themselves and their children.

"MUST LOOK OUT FOR THEMSELVES."

In commenting upon the appalling loss of life in the recent theater, steamboat and railroad disasters the Chicago Chronicle reaches some fearful and wonderful conclusions.

THE SECOND PACKINGTOWN STRIKE.

The all-absorbing topic in labor circles this week is the second edition of the Packingtown workers' strike. In our comments on the "settlement" in last week's Chicago Socialist we took occasion to point out that in our opinion the union had got the worst of it in the wording of the articles of the settlement agreement.

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"That safeguard lies in the development of the instinct of self-preservation which takes the form of circumspection and discretion. Without it all human efforts are futile."

The man who inspired the above editorial is undoubtedly a peculiar survival of an age that is past and gone forever. Had the writer of that editorial lived at the time when people traveled in canoes on the water and wagons on the land he might have been quite an up-to-date teacher.

The editorial appears to have been written in all seriousness, but it is hard to believe that any man with even a semblance of reasoning power in this age could make such an ass of himself as to expect every man, woman and child to be their own railroad inspector, their own steamboat inspector, and their own theater inspector at the present stage of industrial co-operation.

We thought we understood the limit of the Chronicle's ignorance and mercenary character. We imagined that on former occasions we had seen the bounds of the Chronicle's idiosyncrasy, but after reading this, like the Queen of Sheba, we must exclaim, "Behold, the half was never revealed unto us."

The "dear public" will doubtless build a monument to Mr. Walsh and his hired man who furnished the brains to clothe his idea in the language of that editorial.

In the future when a working man wishes to send his wife and family for a day's outing on an excursion or Sunday school picnic, he will no doubt lay off a few days and inspect the railroads and steamboats before he lets them go, or if he wishes to take them to California he will walk over the line and inspect the roadbed, bridges and rolling stock before he allows them to start.

Surely the "dear public" for whose interest the Chronicle is so solicitous will show its appreciation of the service rendered in pointing out how to avoid disasters of the nature spoken of in the future.

Truly the wisdom of this staunch defender of individualism and private property for profit is beyond our comprehension, and is past finding out. We might state that there are quite a large number of simple minded people who believe that it is because railroads, steamboats and theaters are run for profit. And that it is because the safeguards to life cost money, and hence reduce profits that the lives of helpless victims are snuffed out and the investigations into the cause made farces of by bribed officials.

Some of these simple-minded working people even go so far as to advocate the abolition of the profit system entirely. They would have the railroads, steamboats, theaters and all means of producing wealth operated for the welfare of the people who do the useful work. They hold that if it were not for the profit there is in it there would be no incentive to run things in a cheap, unsafe, murderous way. These people are called Socialists. Any who are interested in abolishing the cause of all this wanton destruction of life are invited to read the Socialist platform, which appears on another page of this paper.

THE CHICAGO SOCIALIST.

Comrades, do you realize the vital place that is occupied by our paper? Do you apprehend how utterly impossible it would be for us to do without it? The paper has passed through many hard trials and has now had a life that marks its existence for six years. In that time it has had its deficits nobly provided for by the good will of the comrades and the sacrifices that have been made in its behalf.

There is hardly a party member so poor that could not afford to buy four six-months cards, paying therefor one dollar, and when they are sold buy another four with that same dollar, thus setting that one dollar aside to be used to this end until after election, and in the end each could have his dollar back, we would have thousands of papers going out where it now has hundreds. Promise yourself that you will dispose of the one dollar's worth each week, and that you will get a new supply each time the old is gone, and thus keep turning that dollar over and over.

After all, honesty is the best policy in social systems, and we need never fear that justice will destroy the foundations of society, or bring confusion and misery into the world.—Socialist Department Milwaukee News.

THE WORKERS' HOMES.

These are questions that the casual visitor seldom asks and the answers to which are never volunteered. Yet the most hurried visitor cannot fail to have one of the conditions of life in the Yards thrust upon him as his nostrils are assailed at every point by the horrible, penetrating stench that permeates everything and lingers for hours after a return to a more salubrious atmosphere.

AGREEMENTS WITH WORKING PEOPLE ONLY.

When once the workers awake to the importance of uniting their political power at the ballot box and placing class-conscious workmen behind the militia guns, and the power of the courts which issue injunctions, the great class struggle now raging will assume an entirely different aspect.

A QUESTION OF JUSTICE.

In one of its editorials entitled "Socialism vs. Individualism," the Journal first outlines a scheme of "dividing up," mixed with a sort of state Socialism, and then presents this picture as the system of society for which the Socialists are striving. It is so easy to build a straw man and then knock him over.

"This sort of Utopia," the Journal continues, "is attractive to those who are struggling, to all the weak and pe'er-do-wells." It is an insult to the Socialists to so classify them. The truth is that workingmen who embrace the principles of Socialism are as a rule the dower of the working class. They are the best paid and the most comfortable of the wage workers. The proletariat of the sum are too deeply sunk in their misery to lift up their eyes or their hopes.

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The working class do not struggle for Socialism because it is "an easy way to competence." They struggle for it because it is just. The present social structure is founded upon deep injustice, which every intelligent and spirited workman keenly resents. It is founded upon the principle that only a part of the product of labor shall go to the laborers who created it. It is this system of spoliation which the Socialists seek to remedy. Here is the point which the opponents of Socialism carefully dodge. They will talk to you about Socialism destroying the home, or the spirit of initiative; they will praise the "genius and energy" of individuals and the beneficial effects of "individual effort." In short, they will consider the issue of Socialism from every other standpoint, but they take great pains to steer clear of this one crucial question, Does the present system deprive the workman of a large share of what he honestly earns, or does it not?

And yet there can be but one answer to this question. We do not need to go to teachers of Socialism or to the writings of Marx for a reply. The statisticians of the United States furnish us with the necessary information, and prove the daily robbery that is practiced upon the wage worker.

Carlisle well said that men can bear everything except injustice. Hardships may be borne with patience when they are inevitable, as they were borne by our pioneer forefathers. But when hardship and poverty are the results of fraud and trickery, whether that fraud is perpetrated by an individual or by a system, the sufferer feels a two-fold pain, and if he is a man of spirit, patience is henceforth out of question. And this is exactly the case of the proletariat the world over, as far as they have come to realize their condition. And just for this reason it is those workmen who are most intelligent and often the least oppressed who feel their troubles most keenly.

"Under Socialism," continues the Journal, "he who cannot or will not provide for his family, will prove the same man as now. Law cannot change him." We have no concern with the man who will not provide for his family. Society will have to step in then, just as it does now, in similar cases. But what of the man who at present cannot provide for his family? "Law cannot change him," but can change the conditions under which he is now struggling.

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WHAT PACKINGTOWN IS STRIKING AGAINST

The following graphic description of the conditions prevailing in and around the Stock Yards is taken from Comrade A. M. Simons' pamphlet, "Packingtown," which was written some time ago, but which gives much information concerning the condition with which the people in Packingtown now on strike have to contend, and should make interesting reading at this time.

"Packingtown" was written by Comrade Simons after long personal observation in actual contact with the people whose labor makes that great industry possible. He is familiar with every phase of the social conditions and economic environments that prevail in "Packingtown," on which all eyes are focused at present.

THE COMPANY DOCTOR—WHY IS HE THERE?

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The Methodist church has an axiom that declares "Our people may be ever so heterodox when they preach, but they are always orthodox when they pray." The Socialist in his theorizing may be ever so heterodox, but he is always thoroughly orthodox in his practice. Some of the teachers of Socialism tell us that the Socialist Republic is coming in a cataclysm, badly mixed with blood and bowie knives and a display of physical force. Others tell us that it is coming in like a sucking dove and that the transition will be so mild that some sweet day the change will have taken place, and that unless the papers announce the fact to the dear public they will be totally unaware that the great change has taken place. Does not the truth lie somewhere between these two extremes? Let us discuss the matter a little and see if we can find a place on which to rest our feet.

They are Socialist. They are not. They will only yield as they are compelled, and they will be compelled fast enough in the interest of the successful majority.

Our puny efforts for the building up of a class conscious movement is as nothing to the greed of capitalism for gain in its development of the proletariat. Capitalism produces its own grave diggers contrary to its will. Capitalism is the parent of Socialism. Our only task is develop the truths and direct the forces of the class struggle. The Colorado "situation" is only one of the evidences of many such "situations" in the development of capitalism coming to its fall. The evolutionary movement goes on and on, and as it develops the Socialist develops and with the development of the Socialist comes the evidences that the next step in the evolution of the world shall be Socialism.

It will not come in one day or ten days. It is coming every day. Capitalism will do its full duty. Is the Socialist party organized strong and effectively enough to do its full share? This is the whole question, and it is a fight within the law and a growth that gives us more of the thing we desire each day.

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PAINTERS PROTEST.

Last Sunday afternoon Brand's Hall was packed with working men, and women who had gathered in response to a call made by the Painters' District Council to protest against the outrages now being perpetrated against the miners of Colorado by the hirelings of the mine owners.

Speeches were delivered by John Collins, Socialist candidate for Governor; Walter Thomas Mills, Western Star and others. A spirit of indignation is being aroused all over the country, and thousands of mass meetings of this character are being held from Maine to California. The capitalist press has little or nothing to say about them. The report they give of last Sunday's great meeting was about as follows:

CAPTURED BY THE SOCIALISTS.
The painters held a poorly attended mass meeting at Brand's Hall to protest against the actions of the Governor of Colorado in his treatment of the union miners. There were about 500 present. The meeting was captured by the Socialists.

The last sentence tells the whole story. That is the reason these indignation meetings are not interesting news for the readers of the big dailies. If they were only protesting against Peabody, the Republican, and looking for relief by voting for some Democrat, there would be flaming headlines. But they are endorsing the Socialist ticket from one end of the country to the other at all these protest mass meetings. Ah, there is the rub. "The meeting was captured by the Socialists."

At the close of the meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Painters' District Council and organized labor of Chicago call attention to the outrages committed to our fellow wage-earners in the State of Colorado.

The mine owners in their desperation have declared that trade unionism must be driven from the State; have organized to carry out their threat. This organized mob, known as the Mine Owners' Association and Citizens' Alliance, is backed by Gov. Peabody, State militia, the courts and Manufacturers' Association of America. The only offense charged against the miners and their organization is that they had the courage to strike, demanding that the mines and smelters be put in such a condition that the men would not injure their health, and a reduction of the hours of labor, a right which cannot be denied.

These two questions have been enacted as a State law. The mine owners sought the good will of their hireling, the Supreme Court, and had the will of the people. Both old political parties had pledged themselves in favor of the amendment, but have ab-

solutely refused to carry out their pledge as to passing a law making eight hours a legal day's work and fixing a penalty for violation thereof.

The military mob disregards the order of the courts by the order of Gov. Peabody. Judge Stevens states a very great question is presented as to whether it is the striking miners or the Governor of Colorado and the National Guards that are engaged in insurrection and rebellion against the State. If there is to be a reign of military despotism in this State and civil authority is to have no jurisdiction, the latter might as well go out of business. When Gen. Bell was informed that Judge Stevens had ordered him and Captain Wells arrested for contempt of court, he said: "If the sheriff takes us it will be over the dead bodies of all the soldiers under my command in this county." Later Gen. Bell declared that if the sheriff came to arrest him that official would be promptly put in the bull pen.

Such a condition of servitude will remain and the workers be deprived of their citizenship rights so long as the workers keep their forces divided; therefore be it

Resolved, That Chicago trade unionists and all lovers of justice, in mass meeting assembled at Brand's Hall, July 24, 1904, appeal to your American manhood to assist the miners in their struggle against their oppressors; that the spirit and loyalty remain an established fact. The rulers of most downtrodden nations, to satisfy their whims, would never dare to treat their subjects as the so-called free American citizen is being treated in the State of Colorado.

That the mass meeting assembled do most vigorously protest against a continuance of the outrages. That the President of the United States be demanded to exercise the power vested in his office by taking such steps to prevent these insults and un-American conditions continuing.

That these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, Gov. Peabody of Colorado, the public press and labor press for publication.

We also appeal to all wage-earners of the United States to do all in their power to do away with the present economical conditions by voting for the Socialist ticket at the coming fall election.

THE UNION BUTTON.

Tuesday morning, about 11 o'clock, the telephone bell at the office of The Chicago Socialist rang, and this was the message that came over the wire, "Is this the office of The Chicago Socialist?" After the speaker at the other end of the line had been informed that it was, he requested that a good speaker be sent to 48th and Honore streets to address a mass meeting of striking Packingtown employes. There being no other speaker at the office available, I volunteered to go, and started from the office of The Chicago Socialist at 12 o'clock and boarded a South Halsted street car at the corner of Lake and La Salle streets. When I got seated in the car, I commenced to consider just what message I had to deliver to an audience of striking butchers. The first thing that attracted my attention was the crowded condition of the streets along which we traveled; great drays loaded with every conceivable class of merchandise wended their way in all directions. Several times the streets were blocked and the progress of the car I was on was retarded. On one of these occasions, while trying to think what I would say to the striking workmen when I arrived at their hall, my attention was drawn to a large number of union buttons worn by the drivers of the various teams, and I fell to thinking of the growth of the solidarity of the workers during the past few years. But a short time ago the thousands of street car employes and tens of thousands of teamsters were disorganized units, completely at the mercy of the great corporations and without any power of resistance to protect themselves against the encroachments of their masters, and without power to aggressively attempt to better their condition; to-day they stand an organized army that can be intelligently moved either in self-protection or to make an offensive attack to improve their living and working conditions. When we consider that this great army of men is made up of men of all nationalities, all religious creeds and men without creeds, acting together on the common ground of their material interests, we realize how much progress has been made in a few short years. The union button is to-day the emblem of a common brotherhood.

The car passed on along the... over the Haymarket Square. The memories of another and long passed packing house strike, which we only know of from history and tradition, passed vividly before our minds. The awful tragedy enacted at this place filled our mind with some concern as to what might be the outcome of the present fierce social struggle. In our mind's eye we saw the thousands of men who participated in the last great Packingtown strike. We saw them filled with hope as they fought for the eight-hour day, etc. We thought of their hopes and their disappointments and wondered how many who took part in that great battle were engaged in the struggle now going on in Packingtown, and how slow is the progress made by labor in improving the condition of life.

At last we reached 40th street. The great packing houses loomed up before us; the streets were lined with thousands of men, most of them young; few of them, we are sure, took part in the great struggle of '80, and we realize how rapidly capitalism grinds generation after generation of the children of the working class into profits. The fact that they were mostly young men was the most hopeful feature of the whole scene. The stench from the river and packing houses was sickening, yet all around there clustered the dingy, unattractive hovels which are called the homes of the men who do the work which makes a great wealth industry possible.

We finally reached the hall at 48th street. It was packed to the doors with four or five hundred typical workers, most of them young. As we stood on the platform and the chairman introduced us as the editor of the Chicago Socialist, there was a cheer went up from the whole audience. To be a Socialist no longer bars one from labor union halls or brands you as a crank. We delivered our message; we pointed out to the audience that the Socialists were with the workers at all times in their struggles to better their conditions, but we also pointed out the helplessness of the workers as a class to better their material conditions to any great extent, so long as the factories and tools with which they must work were owned by their masters. We pointed out the absolute necessity of extending the scope of action from the economic to the political field for the purpose of wresting the powers of government from the hands of their masters, which had been placed there by the votes of the working class.

That body of men on the outside of the factories just a few days from starvation, if they do not work, could not help but feel and see the truth as it is taught by Socialism and economic pressure. Every one wore a union button, the emblem of working class solidarity on the economic field. Alongside the union's button were seen many little red buttons, with hands clasped across the chest. The Socialist emblem of working class solidarity not only on the economic field, but on the political field also, where the workers are all-powerful. The Socialist button is in every sense a union button. It stands for the union of the entire working class. It stands for the overthrow of all that is unjust, and heralds the dawn of a brighter future for all mankind.

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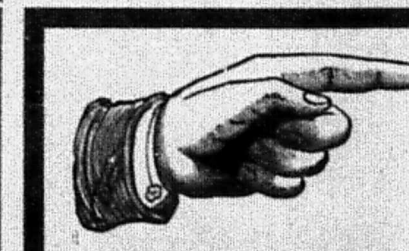
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SUNDAY, JULY 31. Chicago av. and Clark, 4 p. m. (21st Wd.). Speaker—Sam Robbins. Walton pl. and Clark, 7:30 p. m. (21st Wd.). Speaker—J. J. Morgan. Grand av. and Western, 2 p. m. (14th Wd.). Speaker—James O'Neal.

MONDAY, AUG. 1, 8 P. M. Campbell and North av. (15th Wd.). Speaker—A. W. Mance. Bine 1st. av. and 18th st. (9th & 10th Wd.). Speaker—E. Lowenthal.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2, 8 P. M. California and North (11th Ward). Speaker—S. Goldbarth. North Clark and Haled (25th Ward). Speakers—W. T. Mills, Marcus Welcher, 11th St. and Michigan av. (33d Ward). Speaker—Ed Dierkes, T. J. Vind.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, 8 P. M. Ashland and Division (15th Ward). Speaker—C. W. Winfield. Wood and Chicago (4th Ward). Speaker—J. W. Bartels. 26th and Princeton (4th Ward). Speaker—Jas. O'Neal, A. W. Mance.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4, 8 P. M. Division and Robey st. (15th Ward). Speaker—E. Lowenthal. Robey St. and Milwaukee (28th Ward). Speaker—S. Goldbarth. Clark and Ohio (21st Ward). Speaker—Marcus Welcher. 35th and State (3d Wd.). Speaker—Mark Barrett.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5, 8 P. M. Aberdeen and Madison (18th Ward). Speaker—C. L. Breckon. 12th and Kedzie (13th Ward). Speaker—C. W. Winfield, C. J. Johnson. 16th and Commercial (8th Ward). Speakers—Ed Dierkes, T. J. Vind. Halsted and 12th and 10th Wards. Speakers—C. W. Winfield, A. A. Henry.

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EDITOR CHICAGO SOCIALIST. A. W. MANCE, R. 27, 163 Randolph St. SPECIAL NOTICES. The Cook County Entertainment Committee meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at 15th Ward Branch headquarters, 328 W. Madison street, third floor.

The Twenty-eighth Ward Branch meets every Wednesday night instead of Friday, as previously announced. Meeting place, Mozart Hall, Armitage avenue and Mozart street. J. P. LARSEN, Secretary.

The Thirteenth Ward Branch has changed its meeting night from Friday to Wednesday. The next meeting is Wednesday evening at 323 South Western avenue. J. P. NOLAN, Organizer.

The Twenty-first Ward Branch meets every second and fourth Wednesdays at 8 p. m. at 57 North Clark street. A. HARRACK, Secretary. 357 La Salle avenue.

Views on Socialism. The following letter is interesting and instructive in more ways than one. It shows that the propaganda of Socialism is being carried on in many different ways by men in all parts of the country...

Dear Friend—To-night Ed. Dewey handed me your short letter while we were planting cabbage. He had been to the postoffice, and I stopped to read it.

The grasshopper had made me discouraged. They are very small yet, but seem to be very numerous, and are likely to destroy our crop this year—the only money-making crop we have. But your letter changed my discouragement by changing my thought from cabbage to Socialism.

Views on Socialism. Bryan, in his paper, the Commoner, has had several articles on "Socialism and Democracy," etc., and makes the whole question hinge on one problem, "Is competition a good thing?" "Yes," "Then Socialism is wrong?" "No," "Then Socialism is right."

So I will set my views under this proposition. Competition as seen in commercialism is antiquated. It is worked out. It has produced its fruit, monopoly, which is to be permanent, and is bad. It is destructive of all liberty. The "trusts" cannot be legislated out of existence if competition is allowed to continue.

THE VANGUARD. Announcement is made that the Vanguard, edited by Comrade J. M. A. Spence, of Green Bay, Wis., has been purchased by the Social Democratic Publishing Company of Milwaukee and will hereafter be issued from that office.

GAMES FOR THE PICNIC. Comrades, don't forget to get yourselves in good trim for the races at the picnic. Races for fat women and thin men, short boys and tall girls, in fact, all kinds of races for everybody and all kinds of valuable prizes.

There will be a mass meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris, 711 Dickens avenue, on Sunday, July 31, at 3 p. m. Comrade Charles L. Breckon will speak.

THIRTY-THIRD WARD. Hold their First Street Corner Meeting of This Season. We were a little late in getting started this year owing to the trouble in securing permits. We thought it best to be sure that no guardian of the capitalists' interests could come along and order us to move on.

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Hitical Socialism. The practical side has to be developed. The present political field is impractical; it is a farce. Did you read of the Democratic convention in Illinois? Socialism may make some bad breaks in commencing its political rule, but it cannot do any worse than either of the old parties.

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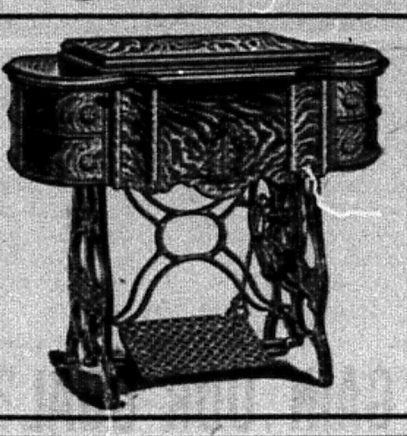
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