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THE PACKINGTOWN STRUGGLE.

And Some of the Lessons It Is Teaching Workingmen.

For many years Chicago, the ego of capitalism and the boast of commercialism, has pointed with pride to the meat packing industry of the city as one of the glorious achievements of the splendid organizing ability of the "packers" of Chicago. Our daily papers, those "mighty engines of civilization," have heralded to the world the fact that Chicago was feeding the world; that no civilized nation could live in peace or go to war without the products of "our" packing houses. The fabulous millions accumulated by the Armour, Swifts, Cudahys and Hammonds are proverbial household stories, and every ambitious boy in the land has been taught how these men worked "themselves up" from poor boys and made a huge success of life, and that their lives were splendid examples for boys to follow.

The world outside has never, before the present strike, had a glimpse of the "inside" of "Packingtown" life, with all its indescribable horrors of child slavery, women defiling, soul, body and mind degrading, ceaseless grind of dull, monotonous labor at wages always at the starvation point, for 65 per cent of the people who made Packingtown, with all its horrors for the workers in their cheerless, dirty surroundings, and its owners and their palatial residences and palace cars, possible.

THE HOPELESSNESS OF WORKERS UNDER CAPITALISM.

It is generally admitted that no other industry in the world is so perfectly organized and equipped with every ingenious and scientific labor-saving device that science or mechanical genius has been able to conceive of. Waste of every description has been reduced to a negligible quantity. Competition has been wiped out by the formation of a gigantic trust, the machinery of production and distribution has reached perfection. Surely if workers anywhere under the capitalist system are to reap any benefit from industrial progress, labor-saving machinery, the subdivision of labor and co-operative effort, the workers of "Packingtown" should be receiving it. Are they receiving it? Are they even living as well as those who did the work before there was a packing house or a labor-saving device?

The union men at the yards have answered this question by striking against the intolerable conditions existing there. Their statements, borne out by facts and figures, show that the standard of living on the wages received by the great majority of workers in the packing houses has been at the existence point—the starvation point—body starved, soul starved, mind starved. No hope; ceaseless, dull drudgery for men, women and children who are feeding the world.

THERE IS ONE RAY OF HOPE.

The unions have inspired it into the dull minds of the crushed individuals that by united action there was a chance to better at least slightly the conditions of the toilers in Packingtown. By heroic efforts men and women, girls and boys have been gathered into the unions. They have been taught to trust one another, to rely on one another in an endeavor to better their conditions or to resist sinking deeper into the abyss of hopelessness.

They were compelled to strike against sinking deeper into the miseries of poverty.

Ernest Pool, in that very conservative defender of capitalism, the "Outlook," gives a graphic description of the conditions under which men, women and children worked before the strike, and the type of human beings that are "fitted to survive" under capitalism.

Here are a few extracts from his article in the "Outlook":

"A month ago we stood with a superintendent in a room of his canning department. Down both sides of a long table stood twenty immigrant women; most of them were visibly middle-aged and mothers. Look at that Slovak woman," said the superintendent. She stood bending slightly forward, her dull eyes staring straight down, her elbows jerking back and forth, her hands jumping in nervous haste to keep up with the gang. These hands made one simple, precise motion each second, 3,600 an hour, and all exactly the same. She is one of the best workers we have," the superintendent was saying. We moved closer and glanced at her face. Then we saw a strange contrast. The hands were swift, precise, intelligent. The face was stolid, vague, vacant. It took a long time to pound the idea into her head. The superintendent continued, 'but when this

grade of woman, once absorbs an idea she holds it. She is too stupid to vary. She seems to have no thoughts to distract her. She is sure as a machine. For much of our work this woman is the kind we want. Her mind is simply all on the table."

"In the big plants most of the workers don't use their heads," said a small independent packer. "I can show this by contrasting my small plant with their big ones. I have only 250 men; I call only 30 per cent unskilled; I depend on each man to use his head. But a big House employs 5,000 men; depends less and less on the individual man and more and more on the system; 70 per cent of their men are called unskilled, and are simply worked like machines."

"Already out of 22,000 meat workers in Chicago some 15,000 are called unskilled, and most of them are foreigners. Already 2,000 workers are women, and most of these, too, are foreigners."

"From Central Europe, from the poorest parts of Bohemia, Poland, Lithuania and Slovakia, these immigrants have poured in great overlapping waves into the stock yards. The standard of living of each wave rises slowly, constantly sucked down by the lower standards of the waves behind. The Bohemians, here ten years, live the best; the Poles and Lithuanians, who came next, live lower; and the Slovaks, who came last, live lowest of all. The most recent comers of the three latter races, by their housing and food habits, show best how the law of supply and demand works here to lower a community's standard of living."

In scores of houses in Packingtown you may find a double quota of boarders, one shift sleeping at night, the other shift, who do night work, using the same beds in the daytime.

"I have never had a child come to me for treatment," said a local doctor, "who has not had enlarged glands of the neck. These glands are meant to absorb poisonous matter. These little children live in homes so foul and overcrowded they take in so much poison that their glands are overworked. They suffer, too, from underfeeding, and hence anaemia. In the blood of a healthy person the "count" should be between 85 and 90. Among my patients I rejoice at finding a count of 50. I have found it as low as 28."

"In such homes it is hard for family life to keep wholesome and pure. Any man who has a family of little children here," said a Polish doctor, "simply cannot keep it alive on the un-American wage of six or seven dollars a week, especially since the cost of living is rising so high. To keep the home alive on such a wage the mother, too, must work in the yards, and sometimes she not only works by day, but comes home at night to cook for the six boarders who are crowded with the family into the small four or five-room flat. With no money for wholesome recreation, and with the home so overcrowded with boarders, it is natural enough that drinking is so heavy, and that in many cases immigrant wives and daughters grow inured to sexual immorality—or rather unmorality. The moral is—'don't have families.'"

The foregoing is just a sample of Mr. Pool's description of what the strike is attempting to keep human beings from falling below.

The following is what the capitalist owners of "Packingtown" have partially succeeded in reducing it to since the strike, told by an eyewitness, who has worked in disguise as a strike-breaker in the various packing houses: WHAT MARY ELEANOR O'DONNELL FOUND.

In the guise of a poor American girl sorely in need of work, as an angular negroess looking for any kind of a job, as a Bohemian woman, and as a native of sunny Italy, I sought and secured employment in every packing house employing women.

The conditions I saw, the insolence I received from those whose duty it was to protect the women employed in the plants, are almost beyond description.

IS WORSE THAN THE LEVÉE DISTRICT.
There is more shameless immorality, more dare-devil-go-ahead-and-be-hung disregard of all social laws at present in the various plants and in "the yards" than can be found on the worst districts on the levee.

Here in this crowded, noisome, dirty, fetid and unwholesome packing region, which the every-day resident of Chicago cannot be induced to penetrate, unless duty or profit calls very insistently all shades of black and white,

National and State Candidates.

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of Indiana

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A CALL TO ACTION!

The opportunity to secure results from Socialist agitation is greater during the present National Campaign than ever before. The trust movement, the complete surrender of the Republican and Democratic parties to Capitalism; the crushing of union labor by Employers' Associations and the lawless military outrages in Colorado all combine to furnish facts in support of the Socialist position.

To bring these facts to the attention of the workers and to arouse them to action, is the work of the Socialist Party. Its compact, growing organization of workers, speakers and writers fits it to do this work. But money is needed to pay the cost of printing and expense of speakers. Large amounts of volunteer work, supplementing each gift of money enables every dollar given to the Socialist Party to do more campaign work than ten in the hands of the capitalist parties.

We are fighting the battle of the working class against the capitalist class, and hence, our campaign funds must come from a multitude of small contributions, not from a few large checks. Will you not be one to help make up our fund? Take the subscription list which has been mailed to you and head it with as large a gift as you can possibly make, remembering that you are giving, not to secure a change of office holders, but to secure freedom from the curse of capitalism for yourself and children. Then ask your friends and fellow workers for dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels, as each can afford to give. Remember that a small contribution from each will make a total by which much can be accomplished.

"He who would be free himself must strike the blow." Send all contributions and make all money orders and checks payable to **JAS. S. SMITH, State Secretary.**

men and women, mingle in free camaraderie, the men most free, easy of speech and action, the majority of the women shrill of voice, loud of laughter, coarse of action and tawdry of dress.

The policeman, large and jauntily, saunters along. Apparently he sees nothing to arouse him from his lethargy.

It is in the evening, when the big plants are quiet, the sights are most demoralizing, most indecent.

In the space in front of the Libby, McNeill & Libby plant great crowds of strike-breakers, men and women, gather nightly to enjoy a pugilistic contest between negroes. Young girls, white and black, in their teens, rub elbows with the mighty officers of the law, office employes of the plants and other strike-breakers, in their eagerness to witness the disgraceful scene.

Overhead the round, kinky heads of negroes protrude from some of the top story windows and hurl down vile epithets or words of encouragement to the combatants.

STOOD THE TORTURE FOR SIX DAYS.

For six days and six nights I worked and slept among some of the vilest creatures that it has ever been my lot to meet. Hyenas in petticoats, women and girls with tenement pallor plainly visible beneath their dirty mask of unwashedness, round-headed negroes with a bovine expression of eyes, singularly in keeping with their surroundings; long and sinuous women, short and corpulent, big-boned women with jaws like steel traps, women with Polish dialect, negroes enveloped in kimonos predominating throughout this heterogeneous mass, the woman of the streets and the honest

girl worked side by side and walked hand in hand.

From the standpoint of observation and experience I can truthfully say the condition is simply appalling!

It would be necessary to quote from the devil's own lexicon adequately to describe the present social surroundings of the women strike-breakers."

The foregoing brief narrative of the present and past conditions of a typical American industry, which are duplicated on a smaller scale during almost every strike, can hardly fail to set the working people to thinking and looking for some more effective method of coping with the powers of capitalism. Especially when they once consider the attitude held by the public authorities, whom their votes have elected to power, during their bitter hour of need.

The capitalist press has set up a

vociferous howl to have the law enforced to the letter against the struggling workers, and in response the whole machinery of arbitrary police powers, under the control of the capitalist authorities, has been placed at the service of the packers, while, on the other hand, the sanitary laws are broken with impunity by the bosses, and the life and health of the whole community endangered, and no amount of effort on the part of the allied union forces of the city have been able to secure their enforcement. The gambling halls and the "red light district" are immune from law. Thugs, thieves and hold-up men are working unmolested throughout the city. The men whom the capitalists control, but who were elected by workingmen's votes, are enforcing the laws, but which laws and in whose interest? WILL THE STRIKE BE LOST OR WON?

Whether the strike will be lost or won it is impossible to predict. At present there seems, even yet, to be a good fighting chance of the union winning in their unequal struggle against the allied forces of the capitalists and their government, if the skilled workmen stand together and get sufficient financial support. In the meantime the Socialist workers are spreading political and economic light among the strikers. Tens of thousands of Socialist leaflets in various languages have been distributed. Both day and night Socialist speakers are at work in darkest capitalism and pointing the only way out, and from all indications their work is bearing abundant fruit.

How long, oh! how long, will this hell on earth continue? It is up to the working class, who have nothing to lose but their chains, to answer.

THE AGITATOR.

The agitator may be likened unto the dasher in the churn. After the dairy maid puts it into the churn it kicks up a great fuss. At first the milk chases itself around the narrow confines of the churn, trying to get away from it, but the more the dasher kicks and fumes about, the more the really valuable part of the milk, the cream, separates itself from the other particles and congeals, and the final result is—butter.

The labor agitator comes into society similarly and with a like mission. He doesn't choose his vocation any more than the dasher in the churn does. The force behind the dasher is the dairy maid. The force behind the labor agitator is the economic conditions.

The agitator is rarely a "nice" fellow to every one. He is not "respectable." He simply raises the chickens for a while and every one hates him, even the laborers.

But the dasher keeps on dashing.

Then, one by one, the more intelligent of the working class sees what he is driving at and begin to form themselves into a number of more or less compact bodies.

And the dasher keeps on dashing.

They are driven to stick more closely together and are forced to bring into the fold the other workers.

And the dasher keeps on dashing.

The mass grows larger and larger. And still the dasher keeps up its work.

Finally all the useful workers are gathered into the fold and the result is—butter.

Then the dasher's work is done.—Wm. H. Leflingwell, in *Wiltshire's Magazine*.

HANFORD STIRS SPRINGFIELD.

Socialist Vice Presidential Candidate Addresses Immense Audience at the State Capital.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14, 1904.

The Ben Hanford meeting held at the State House last Tuesday night was a decided success. Comrade Hanford was introduced by County Organizer O. R. Johnson in a short speech. When the printer from New York arose he was greeted with cheers that lasted several minutes. He made a very forceful speech, and he is certainly a great Socialist educator. Men that never heard a Socialist speech before were greatly surprised at his argument. One professional man in particular, who occupied a front seat, was so interested that he attended the local meeting Friday night and secured a lot of reading matter. He said he intended to read up on Socialism, for from what he had learned from the speech, Socialism was the only thing for the workingman. The speech was well received and applauded several times, and at the close of his talk continued applause. The comrades were very much enthused and are now in good working order. Several comrades from other towns were present. Things are getting in good shape for a vigorous campaign here.

D. R. BOSWELL.

We have left a few more copies of Comrade Freer's now famous cartoon on the Troquois Theater fire. Sent securely in tube for ten cents.

A SOCIALIST STRAW VOTE.

BY C. L. BRECKON.

Last Monday's Chicago Tribune contained a lengthy article giving the results of the political canvass of twenty-five "classes" and a total of 3,000 persons interviewed. Three questions were asked: "Who will receive your vote for President? What are your reasons for so voting? Which ticket do you usually vote?" The result was tabulated as follows:

	Vote Now.	Vote Before.
Roosevelt, Republican	2,131	1,936
Parker, Democratic	1,335	1,586
Debs, Socialist	121	31
Swallow, Prohibition	18	10

An analysis of the above shows Republican gain of 11 per cent, Democratic loss 16 per cent, Socialist gain 200 per cent, and prohibition gain of 80 per cent.

A significant paragraph occurs in the write-up, which says:

"In many cases the supporters of the candidates were hereditary Republicans or Democrats. This influence of heredity was most pronounced among physicians, teamsters and saloon keepers. It was least noticeable among business men, who voted, they said, in accordance with their interests, regardless of the party affiliations of their fathers or their grandfathers."

If the workingman only knew his class interest as does the business man, and would dare to vote his class into power, as do these men, how slates would be smashed this fall. It is the 11,000,000 Easy Marks of workingmen voters that enable the two million men to own and control eighty million.

Your interests, Mr. Workingman, are to secure the full product of your labor. You can't get this by casting your ballot for your boss' candidate nor by perpetuating the party of your father. Put your class into power. This is the only practical way to shorten your hours and lengthen your pay. Your boss maintains his power to exploit you, because you vote his ticket. He knows too much to vote yours. He is wise. Are you?

The above vote is only a straw, but even straws may point the way the wind blows. Never fear, the Tribune canvassers were not out looking for figures and facts to give the Socialists a boost, but they found that thirty-one former Socialists among those interviewed had now become 121. Now let us speculate on this and see what it will give to the party of the working class:

1902 Illinois vote was 20,158
1904 Illinois vote would be ... 78,090
1903 Chicago's vote was 16,500
1904 Chicago's vote would be ... 54,416
1900 national vote was 97,730
1904 national vote would be ... 391,537
1902 national vote was 229,762
1904 national vote would be ... 710,870
1902 total Socialist vote was, 298,762
1904 total Socialist vote would be 1,171,200

But somebody hold us. At this rate of increase we will elect the Socialist ticket in power in 1908, with 17,832,222 votes. But remember, this is only on paper, and the working class must go into power with something more than hot air percentage ballots on paper. Hustle up that subscription, crowd on steam for the campaign fund, stop neither night nor day, for remember, "There's a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at its flood, leads on to fortune and to fame," etc.

Psychologists declare that thought finds expression in action. You get very busy now and see to it that the great wave of Socialist thought that is sweeping over the country to-day shall find expression in action in the form of increased party membership, new subscribers to the party press, straight Socialist votes cast in the ballot box, and the mightiest wave of red-hot propaganda fire all along the line. Nothing can stop the onward march of the Socialist evolution but your stupidity! Then "march on! march on!"

The Campaign Committee meets every Monday night, 8 o'clock, at Jung's Hall, 106 Randolph street. Every member of the committee should attend. Go up to second floor, walk to rear and up one flight of stairs.

The "labor leader" who shrieks against union men going into politics is usually concerned that his monopoly in that respect shall not be infringed.—Eric People.

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ILLINOIS STATE TICKET.

- Governor—John Collins, Chicago. Lieutenant Governor—J. H. Brower, Elgin. State Treasurer—A. S. Tibbits, Rockford.

- District. 1—Frank Bohman, Chicago. 2—Paul Pierce, Chicago. 3—P. C. Lorentz, Chicago.

The Chicago Chronicle (a Republican newspaper) is not the only journal guilty of apostasy. The Tribune has laid itself liable to the charge of promoting murder, robbery, tradesunionism, socialism and anarchy as defined by the aforesaid Chronicle.

At this time, when there is little railroad building, and the great manufacturing concerns are using fewer men, the unskilled laborer who gives up his job makes room for some newly landed immigrant and is likely to go without work, no matter how earnestly he seeks for it.

LONG- FELT WANT FILLED.

The important work of the Socialist party at present is mainly along two lines. First, the education of the masses of the working class to understand economic conditions and the necessity of working class political action.

Realizing the all-importance of keeping our organization abreast with the work of education and agitation, the campaign committee has secured the services of Comrade James P. Larson to work as county organizer from now until the election in November.

Agitate, educate, organize, ever remembering that the end in view is the economic liberty and emancipation of the exploited working class, which will

give every man, woman and child an opportunity to live and develop the highest life they are capable of, mentally, physically and socially. Remember, comrades, that to have a part in this great work is the grandest service that men or women have ever been permitted to devote their energies to.

LET THIS SOAK IN.

If you stop to inquire into the present industrial system, you make this discovery: That the machines and tools of employment used in modern production are the private property of a small class, and that this small class never permits the tools and machines to be used for profit.

Now, if you go a little further in the investigation, you discover another thing, which is this: That a system of industry that cannot be operated unless a few in the community reap profits out of the operation is necessarily injurious to the great body of the working class, because that class cannot buy back the products of its labor without being compelled to pay the profits exacted by those who are benefited by the system.

Therefore, the Socialist contends that a system so palpably unfair; so ruinous to this moral and physical welfare and development of the people, should be abolished and in its stead an industrial system based on production for use alone be established.

ENTER THE SOCIALISTS.

Under the above caption there appeared an editorial in the Chicago News. It contains the usual amount of misstatement of fact to be found in all the bourgeois papers.

Does prosperity go all the way around when the capitalization of the industries of America reaches the enormous total of twenty-seven thousand millions of dollars and on which a dividend is to be paid, which dividend must come out of the wealth created by the energies of the working class.

It declares that it is the duty of the old parties to cast aside their self-complacency and their sham issues. There you have it. The Socialists have always declared that the issues raised by the old parties were a humbug and a lie.

If BITTER conditions should develop among the masses the Socialists will grow in power. Well, now, you dear old fossilized Independent Lawtonized News, when did you wake up? If bitter conditions should develop! Well, now, this is rich. The bitter conditions are here and they are becoming more desperately bitter every day.

sham issues and honestly working for the whole people. Capitalism can do none other than work for its class interests, and in so doing it must continue to multiply the bitter conditions that the Daily News admits are a dangerous fact and will lead to the development of the Socialist and Socialistism.

"False doctrines can be combated most successfully by true acts." The inference of the News is that the doctrines of the Socialists are false and that they must be confronted by true acts.

But, alas! for the sinfulness of this world, especially of the labor organizations that do not permit the little capitalist to live in peace. The beautiful ideal of the "open shop" and peace is met by the demand of the labor organizations for the "closed shop" and peace.

THE CAMPAIGN DOCUMENT OF 1904.

The Socialist Party and the Working Class.

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

Eugene V. Debs' speech at Indianapolis on September 1. At the opening of the National Campaign of 1904 will be the historic speech of the great political struggle between the capitalist class and the working class.

Anticipating its value in this and every other respect, arrangements have been made by which Comrade Debs' speech will be issued by the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party in booklet form immediately after its delivery.

The booklet will be uniform with "What Workmen's Votes Can Do" and the "Speeches of Acceptance" already issued by the National Headquarters and of the same neat and creditable appearance.

The prices on the booklet will be as follows: 1 copy, 5 cents; 15 copies, 50 cents; 40 copies, \$1; 100 copies, \$2; 500 copies, \$7.50; 1,000 copies, \$12. All prepaid. Send orders and make remittance payable to William Malloy, National Secretary, 269 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

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PARRY'S TROUBLES

BY ERNEST UNTERMANN.

The proceedings of the ninth annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, held at Pitsburgh, Pa., on May 17 to 19, 1904, have just been published and are being sent broadcast over the land to spread the gospel of Parryism.

No one with an understanding of social movements will doubt, after reading the speeches of the shining lights of this association, that the brains of the small manufacturers are the most stagnant of any class in present society, at least so far as the historical meaning of social changes is concerned.

There is really a germ of truth in this. The capitalists of all descriptions, even those who are fighting Socialism tooth and nail, like Parry, are really working for Socialism.

There is really a germ of truth in this. The capitalists of all descriptions, even those who are fighting Socialism tooth and nail, like Parry, are really working for Socialism.

Besides, the employers have yielded, and are continually yielding, the right to run their own business. Society has made more than one regulation for the "running" of business which the employers are compelled to respect.

A little light must have fallen into the dark corners of the National Manufacturers' Association, for a certain Kirby, of Ohio, warned his colleagues that "the greatest danger ever threatened to our democracy will come whenever a voting majority considers itself no longer bound by the fundamental planks of our constitution, and the stronger socialism and present-day trades unionism grow, the nearer we shall approach that time."

It will be pretty difficult, under these circumstances, for Kirby to show to the general public, as he said they ought to do, "how injurious to their interests would be the adoption of the Socialistic dogmas of state ownership and the subordination of individual rights to the will of the labor unions."

Now the fact is that the declaration of the glass workers, while emphasizing the necessity of having the interests of their class represented, nowhere says that these interests must be represented by working men elected on the Socialist ticket, and therefore it is by no means "simon-pure socialism."

The voting majority who, as Kirby thinks, may some day no longer consider itself "bound by the fundamental planks of the Constitution," will thank Judge Grosseau for the hint that an amendment to the Constitution is not even necessary to accomplish their object.

sume that the working class majority will in due time prove that they have more brains than the members of the National Manufacturers' Association have shown at their convention, and will make themselves masters of their product by voting for Socialism.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE NOTES.

Responses are commencing to come in now on the campaign contribution list. We hope the comrades will get busy, get the lists filled and send them in as fast as possible.

We wish particularly to well supply the locals in the State with platforms and other literature, as the sentiment in the State is, according to all reports coming in, swinging our way with marvelous rapidity.

The committee at its meeting last Monday instructed the Secretary and Organizer to draw up a plan for getting tickets for the Debs' rally at the Auditorium out for sale at outdoor meetings.

It is proposed to provide the County Organizer with a blank form on which to make at each meeting of the committee a report of the work performed by him during the previous week.

As stated above sentiment in the State is very favorable. The comrades everywhere are active and great gains in the Socialist vote can confidently be predicted.

Comrades at Canton, Ill., have secured our candidate for vice president, Ben Hanford, for a meeting at the opera house in their city on August 29th. They expect a rousing meeting.

Subscription cards for the Chicago Socialist should be sold at all meetings. They should be pushed, as the sentiment is now so favorable that subscription cards can easily be disposed of.

ROCK ISLAND NOTES.

The comrades of Rock Island County are beginning to show signs of life after a short vacation. We held a mass convention Sunday and the following ticket was nominated: Circuit Clerk, J. B. Weizelbach, of Moline; State's Attorney, Perry Shipman, of Rock Island; Coroner, Neis, Bohman, of Rock Island; Surveyor, J. C. Gibson, of Rock Island.

We will sustain active propaganda from now until election day. As the old parties would say, we will "open our campaign" with a picnic at Huber's Garden, Sunday, August 21. Speaking by Comrade Collins and Comrade Sam Rock, of Peoria. We will have all kinds of refreshments, dancing, a first class orchestra, and singing by the Socialist Singing Society Vorwaerts of Davenport.

WELLMAN ON THE COLORADO SITUATION.

He Misrepresents and Draws False References from Start to Finish - Gives His Game Away.

The trip of Walter Wellman to Colorado and his letters published in the Record-Herald have attracted wide attention, and after it is all over, his going and especially his writings prove conclusively that he was sent there to change public opinion concerning the crimes that have been committed against the labor organizations of that State.

Wellman says in his last letter: "This investigation was approached with a perfectly open mind; without the slightest concern for the interests of any political party or candidate." And then in the same article: "Why should union men support this organization under its present leadership? In his annual address a year ago President Moyer declared: 'Trade unionism has been proven ineffectual to better the conditions of the laboring man.' Ever since he has advocated Socialism and political action—to get control of the government," as Haywood said.

"I advise self-respecting union men everywhere not to give a penny to this cause." "It is unclear." No self-respecting man of intelligence can read these two statements and say that Wellman went to Colorado with an unbiased mind.

Wellman said he was going to tell the truth, and in writing of the Independence disaster, he did not say that the bloodhounds traced the assassin to the couch of a man who was in the employ of the mine owners' association. In this connection, Wellman says: "The only man I found in Colorado who did not believe the Federation responsible for the Independence crime was Mr. Haywood." If that is true, which I doubt, then Mr. Wellman either talked to men who had been threatened with the rope or deportation if they told what they thought, or he consorted only with the lawless gang that drove men and women out of the State for the crime of believing in the right of men to profess faith in "political action" and attempt to peaceably "get control of the government" by means of the ballot, as Mr. Haywood said.

Comrades at Canton, Ill., have secured our candidate for vice president, Ben Hanford, for a meeting at the opera house in their city on August 29th. They expect a rousing meeting.

The Socialists of Fulton County have held their county convention and nominated a full county ticket. Now, comrades, you are again requested to hurry up the securing of funds on the lists. Send in what you can get, no matter how little, as every little counts. We have no "barrel" to tap, as have the old parties, and are consequently dependent on the small amounts the workers can afford. We need the money immediately to get out literature. We propose to make the campaign a hummer.

It did not occur to Mr. Wellman to tell the whole truth about the explosion at the Vindicator mine; how the two men were found to have been blown apart, and that one of the men—McCormick, refused to allow his step-son, Larry Ramsey, to accompany him down the shaft only a few minutes before the explosion, and that the mine was guarded to the extent that it was impossible for anyone to approach without being detected.

Why did Mr. Wellman neglect to tell these truths, and many others that are well known to every union man in the country? Was it because he knew that the truth would mitigate against his friend, the Republican candidate for president? Surely, he cannot expect any well-informed union man to believe he went out to Colorado with an unbiased mind. So far as his letters are concerned, he did not need to go to Colorado at all. Of course, it made the letters seem fresher to be dated at Cripple Creek and Denver, but going as he did, direct from the bosom of the Republican candidate for president and telling only half truths that everyone already knew, it is clear that he went for one purpose—to prevent union men from going into politics to "get control of the govern-

ment," as Haywood said. And his last words of advice, in which he quotes the two union leaders to prove their advocacy of Socialism, reveal the purpose for which the letters were written and published simultaneously in Republican organs from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

But even in the quotation, he refutes all the bitter anathemas he had pronounced against Moyer and Haywood. He refers to Moyer as saying: "Trade unionism has been proven ineffectual to better the condition of the laboring man." Ever since he has advocated Socialism and political action. "Which is to say, that trade unionism, with its necessary strikes, lockouts and the calling out of troops by Cleveland, Roosevelt, Peabody, etc., has failed to better the condition of the working classes, therefore, it is better that the working class, the class whose labor power produces all the wealth of the world, should resort to political action and peacefully take possession of the government; instead of placing Mr. Roosevelt in power again, it will be better to place a member of the working class in power, so strikes, lockouts, militia and deportation would not be necessary.

The crime, then, of Moyer and Haywood, was that they advised the miners to vote the Socialist ticket. They were not like a certain "labor leader of another sort." They were not satisfied for the working class to consent to the capitalists' rule of the nation any longer. That is why Mr. Wellman left the side of the Republican candidate for president and went to Colorado to "tell the truth" about the labor war in that State; and it is also why he did not think it necessary to tell the whole truth, because the whole truth would not be conducive to the Wellman sense of humor. It might also seriously affect the chances of Mr. Wellman's warm friend, the Republican candidate for president, and add a vote or two for the Socialist candidate for president.

As Ingersoll used to say: "Honor bright," is that not the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, Mr. Wellman? It is legitimate to produce argument to prove that Socialism is bad, is "unclean." It is not legitimate to say you are unbiased, prove that you are, and still say you are not. I think you have out-jumped yourself. The memory of your former "truthful" letters against labor troubles is still green. This last effort justifies your selection to write up the labor war in Colorado for the Republican press. But, "You can fool some of the people all the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." There is a limit. I think you have reached it.

Respectfully yours,
W. E. CLARK.

COLLINS ARRESTED.

Capitalists, Becoming Desperate at the Growth of Socialist Sentiments, Attempt to Stop Meetings.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 16, 1904.
Comrade Smith: Comrade John Collins, the Socialist candidate for governor, was arrested here last night just at the close of his speech when he offered some of our Socialist literature for sale. He had been speaking from a box on the street near the public (courthouse) square. He had just stated the prices of this literature when a policeman in the audience asked him if he had a license. When our comrade replied he had never had anywhere he had spoken, the policeman then told him he was under arrest and took him off to the police station.

A large and sympathetic crowd followed them to the police headquarters and waited there a short time, when Comrade Collins reappeared, having been released, as there was really no ground for a charge against him, for he had not yet sold a book or pamphlet. When he made his exit from the police station the crowd upon the street cheered him loudly and heartily. Going back toward the public square, about a block from the police station, Comrade Collins halted on the sidewalk and said to the crowd, "Stop, boys." Here he was intending to announce his meeting for to-night at the same place where he spoke before, but just as he said these words a policeman in the crowd grabbed him by the arm and jerked him around and applied an epithet to Comrade Collins too foul and offensive to appear in public print, saying at the same time, "You go back with me." He was taken back to the station, and this time lodged in the city jail at the back end of the station. The hearty cheering of the crowd no doubt maddened the police, and they sought to wreak revenge on our speaker by placing him in prison.

After his imprisonment the crowd began to disperse in a short time, but a few of our comrades decided to call upon the mayor at his residence, a mile or more from the city hall, and have him issue an order for his release. After repeatedly ringing the door bell we were told that the mayor was not at home. Then we went to the hotel here where Comrade Collins had registered, and there telephoned over to the police station in regard to bailing him out.

One other comrade and I went to the station and made our business known and requested to see the pris-

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oner. He was called up to the grated window and assured as he was quite willing to get out of this "filthy refuge." And we were quite willing to help him out, so a bond was signed up and some ready cash deposited and the prisoner was let out on bail, to appear at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In the meantime a lawyer, who formerly was a blacklisted railroad man, was engaged to defend Comrade Collins. We had an abundance of witnesses and were promptly on hand ready for trial. The prosecution wanted to delay the trial for ten days, claiming to have a very important witness up in Kankakee! This was evidently a very transparent fraud, and we were determined not to be trifled with in this way. Then they sought to bluff us by calling for another warrant, intimating an arrest upon a different charge. This threat didn't bluff us worth a cent, so the police authorities called our attorney aside and handed him the money deposited with them the night before, to be returned to Comrade Collins, with the announcement that our speaker was released.

He will speak to-night with express permission from the mayor's office. The charge on which the second arrest was made was that of a "public nuisance." This outrageous action of the police is going to make us many votes in this city. The working men and many other people here condemn these infamous arrests and imprisonment without stint. The Socialists are going to make good use of the advantage they have gained.

The police have learned that they cannot abolish the constitution and overthrow freedom of speech just at present, and workingmen are learning it doesn't pay to scab at the ballot box. You will hear from us again in November. Fraternally yours,
J. T. JONES.

SPRINGFIELD NOTES.

Capitalists Overhead the Mark—Collins' Arrest Only Advertises Socialism—Great Crowd Turns Out to Hear Him Next Night.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 17, 1904.
Editor Chicago Socialist:
Dear Comrade—I presume John Collins will write up the meeting last night for next week's issue. It was a splendid meeting. Comrade Collins estimated the crowd at 500 or 600. It has heretofore been a very difficult matter to get out a crowd to hear a Socialist speaker here, but that time is past. The ice seems to be broken, and I hope we will be able to obtain speakers often enough to keep the enthusiasm going until the education is completed. I think it was the Ben Hanford meeting that caused the police to stop the Socialist meetings, its being well advertised, and the posters yet hanging in many windows, and Hanford's taking advantage of the situation in pointing to the large portrait of Lincoln to make references many times. One feature of the Collins case was somewhat sympathetic. When Comrade Mrs. Fred Maybury, a property owner, heard of Collins' arrest she drove to the police station to be on hand at the trial, to offer her services in case he needed to file another bond. I am of the opinion that had it not been for the vulgar language of the policeman that arrested Collins he would have been fined to the full extent. We are well advertised here now, and a strike or a lockout is about all that could be added. I am inclosing a stamp for you to send me the clippings or proof from this place, or anything else that is special in Chicago Socialist, as soon as they begin to turn it out. We don't usually get the paper before Monday, and I would like to hear Friday, if possible. I am going to make a hustle for 100 subscribers to The Chicago Socialist until after the election. I will in the near future take out license to sell literature and sell all that I possibly can.
D. A. BOSWELL.

The Daily News is still collecting pennies for the purpose of giving workingmen's sick babies a little fresh air. But in the meantime it is doing all in its power to discourage the parents of these babes from abolishing the conditions which makes such disgusting charity even possible.

CATHOLIC ASKS PRIEST QUESTIONS.

The following letter and newspaper clipping, which explain themselves, were sent by a Catholic comrade to his priest, who is a bitter opponent of Socialism. The questions have not yet been answered by his reverence. It would be interesting if he would give an answer. If he sees fit to do so the columns of the Chicago Socialist are open to him to answer the questions of the Socialist member of his congregation published below, who will see that he gets a copy of this paper. Many Catholic workingmen are asking similar questions.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 15, 1904.
Dear Father Assistant Pastor:
I inclose another clipping. Kindly read it:

PAY FINES AT \$1 A WEEK.

Installation Plan is Adopted at the Bridewell.

The installment plan of paying fines for women prisoners, with certain limitations, was adopted yesterday at the bridewell. As stated in the Tribune yesterday, Mrs. George Fabyan, 3251 Michigan avenue, has given Superintendent Sloan \$100 to be used in aiding women prisoners.

The fines of women and girls regarded as trustworthy will be paid out of this fund, as far as it will go, and they can repay it at the rate of \$1 a week.

"I have to be careful," said Superintendent Sloan. "I released two girls to-day on credit, only after most careful investigation."

TWO GIRLS ARE RELEASED.

Two girls thus set at liberty had served a week each in the bridewell. Both were working girls—one 18 and the other 20 years old—who had been thrown out of work during the "dull season." Then they chose a way of making a living that landed them in the police court. "The investigation I made showed clearly that both had tried to find work and had adopted a life of disrepute only after it seemed there was no other means of keeping from starving," said the superintendent.

Both girls were released after it had been explained that what remained of the fines imposed on them in the police court was to be paid out of the \$100 donated by Mrs. Fabyan and on promise to repay the money thus advanced in weekly payments of \$1.

BOTH AGREE TO PAY.

"That's grand," said one of the prisoners. "If I can just find work, I'll pay every cent of it. I've got parents up in Michigan who would have paid my way out of here long ago, but they don't know I'm here. They think I'm still working in the department store."

"That's the way I feel about it," said the other. "I've got a married sister living on Milwaukee avenue, who would be glad to help me, but I'd rather work out the fine than tell how I happened to be arrested."

APPLIES TO WOMEN ONLY.

Certain other prisoners in the women's department of the bridewell will be released on the same terms from day to day, but only such ones as it seems wise to trust for the money advanced them. An effort will be made also by bridewell officials to secure employment for these persons. At present only women may be the beneficiaries of the \$100 "endowment."—Tribune, Aug. 10.

It is, as you see, from the Chicago Tribune, so it must be true. You wish to know why I am a Socialist.

My answer is that I wish to abolish the present conditions which make such things possible.

As you know, Father, I have two little girls. I will ask you, can you or any one else guarantee me that they may not be forced into the same condition?

I am a son of the church, and cannot believe in any other, but tell me, what is or what can the church do to remedy such conditions?

I also inclose a book, "Women and the Social Problem," by May Wood Simon, one of our ablest Socialist writers, read that also, and let me know how far wrong she is in presenting a remedy.

I remain yours very respectfully,
JOHN T. CAULFIELD.

And the brute who voiced this universal capitalist sentiment is a public school trustee, and was placed there indirectly by the votes of workingmen. When will their eyes be opened?

STOPS HIS CAR TO SAVE YOUNG SPARROW'S LIFE

Conductor on Evanston Car Line Performs Unique Act of Humanity.

"To save the life of one weak little sparrow that had flown too early from its nest, James Murphy, a conductor on car number 5979 on the Evanston line, stopped his car, loaded with passengers yesterday afternoon, and saw to it that the little bird was moved from the rail to a place of safety, while a hundred people watched his act of humanity.

"Nobody minded the delay and when Murphy, who is six feet tall, again took his place on the car, a murmur of approval ran through the crowd."

The above touching little news item appeared in the daily papers last Friday morning. When I read it a vision of a great souled teacher standing before a critical audience passed before me and I heard the words, "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing and yet not one of them shall fall to the ground without notice," etc.

The picture enlarged. Then appeared the weak little sparrow that had flown too early from its nest—Murphy, the strong, weather-beaten, kind-hearted, generous natured gripman; the car full of passengers that had their better natures stirred by one little act of humanity; a weak little sparrow's life had been saved.

Then the scene changed. I saw the great street car of Commercialism moving rapidly along the rails of economic development. It was in control of a great giant gripman whose name was material interest. The car was loaded with people on whose faces the marks and lines of competition were deeply furrowed; they were nervous and in a hurry; the car rounded the corner known as change in the mode of production without even slackening its terrible speed. As the corner was turned a fearful sight presented itself to those who were not too much occupied with their material interests to see what was going on. On the rails of the line of economic development were hundreds of thousands of "little weak" children who had been forced out of their nests too early. A few of the passengers who were not entirely blinded and crazed by competition called to the gripman to stop the car long enough to remove the helpless children from the rails; but the gripman paid no attention; on, on, he drove the car; only once did he deign to offer any explanation for his apparent brutality. He said that if he stopped his car it would do no good, for just behind him was his deadly competitor, who, if he stopped would simply run into him, crush his car, sweep him to one side of the track and kill, crush and mangle the babies anyway. He said he was sorry but he must obey the orders of the Manchester Economists who were the directors of the company which owned the road.

There was some protest from a few individuals mostly women and some weak men with white hands and neckties dressed in peculiarly cut black clothes. The weak looking men at first made some protest. They appeared to have kind hearts and professed to be disciples of the Great Teacher who was executed in Jerusalem many years ago; I mean the one who spoke of the sparrows; but just, as soon as one of them succeeded in arousing the slightest bit of indignation among the passengers, one or another of the directors of the company (which we found out afterwards) paid for their neckties and black clothes, and fed them so that their hands might be white, gave them a hint that if they hoped to continue their life of ease they had better direct their energies to tickling the ears of the directors of the company. And with very few exceptions the nice gentlemen took the hint. The car rushed on. The children were left on the track of economic development, crushed, mangled, bruised, deformed and ruined for life. I asked a serious looking man who had a red button on his coat if there was no way to stop the awful destruction of young life. He said there was, but it could only be done by taking the management of the road out of the hands of the Manchester Company who run it for profit. He told me that even crushing the lives out of weak little helpless children for profit was part of the creed of the Manchester Company.

He put his hand in his pocket and drew out a small pamphlet entitled, "What working men's votes can do," written by Ben Hanford, a printer, and handed it to me, saying as he did so, "Read that, it may throw some light on the subject."

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