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CIVIL WAR IS ON.

Russian Workingmen Fighting Desperately for Liberty—Thousands Killed and Wounded—Revolt Spreading—Financial Crash Predicted.

As the Chicago Socialist goes to press Thursday morning the cable dispatches are announcing that the terrific and desperate struggle between the revolutionists and government forces is on in Moscow. A fierce struggle in which it is reported that from ten to thirty thousand people have been killed and wounded, has been raging for almost a week, with the result still in the balance.

There is very little news from the actual scene of war that can be relied on definitely, but it is evident from all accounts that are coming over the border that the proletariat of Moscow are giving a good account of themselves in the first great battle of the Russian Revolutionary war.

The most hopeful news from Russia is the fact that it is not only in the cities that the fighting is going on but that the peasants in many provinces have risen and are driving the landlords from their estates and organizing themselves into a militia and establishing local governments and preparing to march to the assistance of their comrades in the cities.

It is impossible to predict what the final outcome of the battle now in progress will be. But it is morally certain that there will never be permanent peace in Russia until the last vestige of autocracy has been wiped out and a popular government has been established in its place.

The time has passed forever when the great mass of the Russian people could be pacified by the granting of liberal reforms. The fight is now on to a finish, and it is the duty of the working people in all parts of the world to do all in their power to provide their brothers in Russia with arms, ammunition and food.

DEAD LIST IS GROWING. (By Associated Press.) Moscow, Dec. 27, 3 p. m.—The cannonading continues and the list of casualties is swelling. The revolutionists are operating in three sections. There are about 1,000 of them in each section. They are all armed with revolvers and rifles. The women who are participating in the fighting are guilty of the worst cruelties.

REAL BATTLE FOR LIBERTY. (By Cable to the Chicago Tribune.) London, Dec. 28, 3 a. m.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Times says the revolution in Moscow remains unperturbed by all efforts to suppress it. Whole quarters of the city are burning. Fighting continues with great loss on both sides. The revolutionists hold the Kazan railway line and threaten to capture the Nicholas railway.

LET US HAVE A NEW SUIT.

It is natural for boys to grow. And as he develops in size it is essential that his clothes should conform to his larger bone and muscle. An old maiden aunt or a doting mother who would wish to hold him back in his natural expansion, forcing him into the outgrown garments of his earlier youth, refusing him clothes conformable to his sturdy and expanding figure, are but fighting against the inevitable and forcing upon him a condition of discomfort and humiliation which will in some moment of supreme physical effort inevitably lead to a tragedy of torn cloth, burst seams and deep mortification.

Our industrial condition at present is in the position of a growing boy wearing the suit that fitted him a few years ago, and the country is full of maiden aunts who insist on cramming us with the methods of hosiery of yore in the first half of the last century.

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RESOLUTIONS. The Executive Committee being constituted by the Secretary, endorses at all points the handsome and timely proposition of the American comrades, as formulated in their above letter and it requests the delegates and secretaries to transmit to their respective parties the following resolutions:

FALL IN! FALL IN! There is a time when ACTION, definite action is necessary. The manifesto issued by the International Socialist Bureau in relation to the commemoration of Jan. 22 makes that time DUE NOW.

AN EMERGENCY CALL.

The very air is teeming with the vibrations of the breaking up of capitalism and the coming of the hour of great activity and need of perfectness of the plans of the Socialist party. As these lines are written extra papers upon the street announce the failure of John R. Walsh for \$26,000,000.

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"SOLDIERS OF THE COMMON GOOD."

The Correctness of the Socialist's Position Vividly Demonstrated—No Going Backward, but Reforms Are Shown to Be Insufficient.

By C. E. Russell in "Everybody's Magazine."

The following are some extracts from Charles Edward Russell's second article, entitled "Soldiers of the Common Good," published in the January number of Everybody's Magazine. Every reader of The Chicago Socialist should procure a copy of the January number of that magazine.

At Millbank, London, on the Middlesex side of the Thames, half a mile above the Parliament buildings, is a group of substantial flat houses built and owned by the London County Council. The architecture is good, air and light are provided for, the courts between are paved with asphalt, everything is clean, well-ordered, quiet, eminently respectable.

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ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



Left Little Boy—"Aw, gee, I don't believe there's any Santy Claus." Other Little Boy—"O, I do!"—Christmas Editor Chicago Tribune.

"SOLDIERS OF THE COMMON GOOD."

(Continued from First Page.)

by the well-to-do, the sweet little cottages are possessed by persons of good and regular incomes. All the families that have occupied the County Council houses at Northbury were housed before they have merely moved—from poor and derailed to cheap and good houses. The County Council has enormously helped them, no doubt; it has not helped those that needed help; it has not saved those that needed saving. Is there any light in Whitechapel for all this? Not a ray. In those frightful regions is no wit less misery, no less suffering, no fewer dwellers in the subcellars and dark alleys, no fewer stunted bodies and stunted minds and stunted lives. Fewer? There are more. Day after day the horrible tide rises there, the numbers increase, the plague spot grows, the cloud darkens. I can think of no spectacle at once more pathetic and more solemnly suggestive than the London County Council house, carrying out its excellent plans for the benefit of the middle classes and the working men while the real plague of England rises unmitigated upon it.

I do not mean merely that hundreds of thousands are starving, nor that they are shiftless, lazy, and ignorant, nor that society has always had to deal with a certain percentage of incompetence, and that these constitute the troubles. What fills with alarm all thinking men in England, brings forth royal commissions of inquiry, and produces the weekly panics about England's defenseless state is that the ill-fed, the ill-developed, the physically feeble and the mentally inept are numbered by the millions, that they swarm everywhere, that they steadily increase, that nothing yet devised operates in the least to check the increase. Blinded by the system of caste that is England's greatest misfortune, the English social reformer cannot be induced to look below the men that labor with their hands. He cannot be brought to think of the men that do no work because they have none to do, to the hordes that drift and idle and spawn about the English cities. Therefore, the worst conditions, at once the products of the caste system and fortified and buttressed by it, remain the same for all the remedies. The dwellers ousted from one destroyed slum swarm into another. The paupers abound, the milliomaires thrive, the great unproductive estates are as they were, vast areas of fertile land still have no use but as hunting preserves for the nobles, great populations struggle for air and space on the edge of unpeopled wastes. Again, in spite of all, some men have too much of the fruits of the earth, some men have too little. Nothing is changed that essentially needed changing. The whole situation is perfectly symbolized by that man at Millbank. On both sides of him are the houses built to relieve the overcrowding of his kind. They are filled with fortunate people that needed no relief. And here comes the skulking figure, inditing and condemning the whole scheme as he passes, begging for half-pence and singing with terrible irony: "Other refuge have I none."

More subscribers always wanted.

SOCIALISM AS SEEN BY A CANDID CAPITALIST EDITOR.

A Denver Republican Editor Warns His Class that Socialism Will Be the Issue in the Near Future.

Denver Republican: Men are always prone to regard as of little importance a movement in which they are not particularly interested, and holding beliefs contrary to their own. The Socialist movement has been greeted with sneers and treated with scorn by men who have not the slightest knowledge what it is, and it has already made and is still making, not only in America, but even greater in the old world. The lessons of history when once they are thoroughly learned do not afford much consolation to the man who believes that the thing which is the issue of the future will be the issue of the past.

What a pity that the organized worker furnishes in it of the ammunition to the enemy in the fight on labor and its demands. Instead of keeping and paying for his own press and thereby building up a powerful daily press, which would not be purchasable for capitalists, which would stand firm and true for labor's rights, the good union man pays his hard earned money to papers which slap him in the face in each and every issue.

There is one weapon which would do wonders in educating the masses and a small realization of this influence can be had by the result of the agitation through our weekly press. There is no reason why organized labor, class-conscious labor, should not own its own daily press everywhere in this country. Another weapon would be (and is to a certain extent in many crafts) the discussion and debates of economic and scientific questions relating to labor; but the weapon of weapons with which to get the weapon, viz., the tool of production, is the ballot.

We have the equal use of it as yet. For how long, if the tollers insist on leaving the law making and governing powers of the nation in the hands of the owners of the tools of production, remains to be seen. The ballot is the finishing touch of a true organized fraternity of tollers, it sanctifies them and makes them class conscious men, not afraid to DEMAND, instead of to beg.

There can be no harmony between labor and capital until labor makes capital what it ought to be, the property of those who create it; in other words, let us transform capital from its present use to enslave others into wealth used by the producer as the reward and the fruit of his toil.

Use all your weapons, Brother Unionman, and do not confine yourself to the economical field; because as long as you leave the power of government and with it the execution of all laws in the hands of the capitalist class, you cannot accomplish a lasting improvement of your condition, not to speak of your final emancipation from wage slavery. Make your struggling, much neglected and abused weekly labor paper a success and you'll soon have a daily press, an honor to you in which you can take pride and which will effectively fight your battles at all times.

Study, and above all, be a union man on election day and act as a real sovereign citizen for your own interest, for the interest of your class, by voting for the only party which stands for labor's rights, a party which is the expression of a principle based upon science, experience and justice. Use all your weapons and watch the effect. You are the master, the maker of your destiny; go and do your duty.

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WILL ORGANIZE SCABS.

Chicago Employers Prepare for War.

Here is a news item that should make interesting reading for the union men in Chicago: The Chicago Employers' Association at a meeting today formulated plans for the establishment of a standing army of laborers, both skilled and unskilled, and representing every branch of trade, to be prepared to go to any city in the United States to fill the places of strikers when necessary.

The scope of the association will be extended so as to include every city in the United States with a population of 50,000 or more. Employment bureaus will be maintained in all cities of this class where non-union men can register. When an occasion arises these men will be used to take the places of strikers.

ELECTION NEWS FROM MASSACHUSETTS CITIES.

CHICOPEE.—F. N. Graves, Socialist candidate for Mayor, received 152 votes. We re-elected John J. Kelly as Alderman-at-Large and J. McMalon as Alderman from the Sixth Ward.

SALEM.—We came within 22 votes of electing Thomas J. Lally as Alderman from Ward 1, he having 270, as against 291 for the lowest on the successful list.

WORCESTER.—Comrade Weiss, for Mayor, got 223 votes and Olof Bokenburg, for Alderman-at-Large, 464. Last year we had 232 and 305 for these offices, respectively.

HOLYOKE.—Edward Buckland, our candidate for Mayor, polled 97 votes. For Alderman-at-Large we had from 164 to 259.

NEWBURYPORT.—The Socialist vote for Mayor, with Alfred Pearson as candidate, was 151. C. W. Johnson, for Alderman-at-Large, got 562.

It is our privilege to have lived in the moment for which so many races and so many millions of fighters have so long waited—the moment when the violent ruler of the Czar of all the Russias is sinking into its grave. A measureless feeling of liberation overcomes us and we shed tears of joy around this grave, for we know these tears are mixed with the fresh-blooded blood of our best and noblest; the best among us who have been conquered by the belief in justice, and who have made the feeling of humanity something real among us, will make the very gallows upon which they die change from dry wood into the holy tree of freedom and transform the prison into the Meccas of the pilgrims of the free humanity of the future.

The hot wind that blows from the east will dry up the tears of the working class and arouse many to a recognition of our slavery and our shame. In this powerful stream of time in which we are fortunate to live, this miserable State of Austria will also play a part, whether with or against its will, will be driven forward. This Austria cannot stand still, this Austria of slavery, this Austria of injustice, this Austria of the savage outbreak of suicidal chauvinism, this Austria must also go down to its grave.

MORE CONTEMPT OF COURT.

Contempt of court is a heinous offense, no doubt. But it is hard to keep one's conscience clear of it when learned judges juggle with the law as the majority of the New York Court of Appeals have in the Hearst election contest cases. The law explicitly provides that the ballots, after being counted and canvassed, must be locked up and carefully preserved for six months. Its provisions for a recount or re-count are, it seems, badly worded and less explicit; but the imperative preservation of the ballots makes the intent of the law clear to anyone not seated on the bench nor confined in an asylum for imbeciles. But the Court of Appeals, the highest authority on legal questions, solemnly holds that, while these ballots must be kept for the specified time, they must not, under any circumstances, be recounted. Unfortunately, the court does not try to explain the purpose for which they are to be preserved; but we suppose they have some magic virtue, similar to that of the amulet which a savage carries in a little bag at his throat, which it is sacrilege to destroy and equal sacrilege to look at.—New York Worker.

THIS EXPLAINS IT ALL.

A distinguished and learned contemporary has figured it out that hunger is caused by the contraction of the muscularis of either the pylorus, the stomach, the duodenum, or of all together. This will bring comfort to many a hobo who has often wondered what caused him to yank up his belt a couple of notches.—Ex.

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MALDEN.—We have 71 votes for May 9.

BROCKTON.—A recount gives our candidate 3,497 votes instead of 3,551, as first reported, and gives the Republican 3,871, instead of 3,812. The recount increased the plurality for A. T. Clancy, our Alderman, from 40 to 43. A special election will be required in Ward 5 for Councilman, the recount showing J. E. Hunt, Socialist, and E. P. Thompson, Republican, each having 376. The first count gave each 379.

ONE MORE STRAW.

Secretary Shaw reports that the total income of the government during the past year was 679,300,000 and the total outgo \$720,000,000. During the six years ending with 1897 before we became a world power the expenditures did not reach \$400,000,000 a year. So it will be seen that it costs the American people in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000 a year to be a world power. But so long as the capitalist system lasts the only way to keep the machinery going is to continually expand our foreign markets and waste our surplus products in any way that is found feasible.

Just contemplate for a moment what a relief it will be to the tollers of the earth when Socialism replaces the competitive system and the wanton waste of war and competition is abolished.

The capitalist papers have changed the tone of their editorial on the Russian situation considerably the last few days. They are beginning to realize that the working class of Russia are for the first time in the history of revolutions fighting for themselves instead of their exploiters, and apparently cannot be fooled nor sidetracked by the empty promises of fake reformers.

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## THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON--ORGANIZATION.

The problem that we have to solve presupposes intelligence, discipline and a talent for organization. These are the psychological foundations of a Socialist society. These are just the ones that the capitalist society has created. It is the historical task of capitalism to discipline and organize the workers, and to widen the intellectual horizon beyond the boundaries of the workshop and the church door.

The great general is also great organizer. Capitalist production transports the task of organization of great masses of the community to industry. The capitalists constitute naturally the head people, the field generals of those who are under them and become prominent factors in organization. Correspondingly the organizing talent in its appointees is very highly valued and rewarded by capital. Under these conditions the organizing talent grows rapidly. It can be applied equally well to the uses of a proletarian regime that will also need numerous directors of factories and organizers of trusts.

**ORGANIZATION IS THE MOST IMPORTANT WEAPON OF THE PROLETARIAT** and nearly all its great leaders are also great organizers. To the money of capital, and the weapon of the military State, the proletariat has nothing to oppose save its own intelligence and its organization. That its intelligence grows with these and through these needs no proof.

The social revolution requires high intelligence, strict discipline and COMPLETE ORGANIZATION of this great mass and these must exist simultaneously with and be indispensable to economic life IF IT IS TO ATTAIN STRENGTH TO OVERCOME SO EXTREMELY POWERFUL AN OPPONENT. We may expect that it will only succeed when these peculiarities are developed in the highest degree and also that the victory of the proletariat and therewith the social revolution will not come before not only the economic but also the psychological conditions of a Socialist society are present in a high degree.

This does not mean that mankind should be angels nor that we should need to wait as very long for its psychological ripeness. The above extract is from the closing words of the "Social Revolution," by Karl Kautsky. So true is every sentence that it seems more like a prophecy than merely the earnest words of a militant Socialist. Once the comrades of the Socialist party shall fairly comprehend the value and power of organization and come to realize its utmost need in order to the victory of the proletariat, then and then only will be created a wave of enthusiasm for the work of efficient organization.

To organize in the sense of the meaning of the word here used is to qualify for the taking over of the political powers. The party must come to a keen realization of the fact of the need of a thoroughly organized political party of the proletariat. To this end it is necessary to shape our organization as to become prepared to do real political work. It is not sufficient that we shall scatter the propaganda leaflet-broadcast over the land. We must arrange the forces at our command and proceed to do real political work. The number of men with Socialist minds and who will and have voted the Socialist party ticket is sufficiently great to sweep our entire class into power at the very moment that we shall prove our ability to do real political work by doing it. We must remember that all class struggles are political struggles.

To realize the difference between a party membership for propaganda purposes only and a political party with a clear apprehension of the need of political action and how to attain political victory, is to apprehend the difference between success and failure--between talking about doing things and the doing of them.

It is a political party organization that we are now attempting to build up--a great working political party machine governed from the bottom and not from the top. This kind of organization has become absolutely necessary, not because of the fact that the propaganda end of our work has not been done well, but precisely because it has been so well done. Not because we would cease doing this sort of work, but because we would find a way to do it far more perfectly and expeditiously than ever before.

Capitalism is doing her part of the work well in getting ready for Socialism. It behooves us to be up and doing if we would in any measure reap the rich harvests of the sowing of economic determinism.

Look at Russia. Think you not that the effect of the wonderful work of the organized proletariat in the land of the Czar will not have a decidedly stimulating influence upon the mind of the American workman? Men are to-day being made revolutionists in a night, and there must be as speedy a revolution worked out within our party if we are to in any manner measure up to the demands of our historic mission.

Charles Edward Russell in his "Soldiers of the Common Good" is knocking the everlasting spots out of the sails of the old party reformers with his schemes of immediate municipal ownership and co-operative stores, etc. He shows very plainly that the only solution of the world-wide problem of the unemployed and the indigent poor is to be found in Socialism.

What are we doing? Waiting for the capitalists to hand us the co-operative commonwealth. Well, won't it be a jolly long time until we get it if we have to wait for them to hand it to us? We will reach our ultimate goal only on the day that shall find us organized with the power to take the things that are ours.

meetings referendums and laws to govern a party membership that is well high inactive. Start live political discussions going in ward meetings and give free rein to the discussion under slight restrictions as to time limit, and you will soon see interest rising.

Send thirteen hundred precinct captains to make a preliminary canvass of their political divisions and then see eyes snap when they come into the ward meetings and tell the story of their experiences.

What we must have is a close-knit systematic political organization in every unit--have you got your precinct captains all appointed yet? Better hurry up.

**DIVISION MEETINGS.** The following are the meeting places for the several organization divisions for Sunday, Jan. 7, at 2:30 p. m., unless otherwise noted:

- Div. No. 1--C. E. Kirkland, organizer; Lincoln Turner Second Hall, Sheffield and Dearborn avenues.
- Div. No. 2--Sam Robbins, organizer; 255 Chicago avenue, near Center.
- Div. No. 3--Chas. L. Breckon will address this division on the subject of organization.
- Div. No. 4--Edith Jensen, organizer; 950 West 29th street, corner of Hoyne avenue, Gunther's Hall.
- Div. No. 5--Louis Delacour, organizer; 3317 State street, Third Ward Headquarters.
- Div. No. 6--Harry Van Middleworth, organizer; 706 Cottage Grove avenue, Red-ley's Hall.
- Div. No. 7--J. A. Prout, organizer; 11th place and Michigan avenue, Brunell's Hall.

The next meeting of the organization committee will occur on Monday, Jan. 8, 8 p. m., at headquarters. Reports will be then heard from the several divisions regarding their meetings of the day previous.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- The following is submitted as a guide to each of the division meetings:
- 1. Roll call.
- 2. Reading of minutes.
- 3. Report of district chairmen.
- 4. Report of ward and town chairmen.
- 5. Report of division organizers.
- 6. Report of delegates to County Organization Committee.
- 7. Report of committees.
- 8. Communications and bills.
- 9. Report of Financial Secretary.
- 10. Unfinished business.
- 11. New business.
- 12. Adjournment.

The Sixth Division has a meeting at Reddy's Hall, on Sunday, Jan. 31. All district and ward chairmen are urged to be present in order that the organization work in this division may be brought to completion. The wards are: 7, 8, 31, 32 and first second and third primary districts of ward 33, and the towns of Palos Park, Orland and the second primary district of Worth.

### CHICAGO HEIGHTS IN LINE.

Dear Comrade Breckon: Wishing to inform you that the Chicago Heights local has appointed a captain in each ward in the city and is going to go at the thing in the right way, and have also got comrades to act as all precincts in Bloom township, and have one agent for literature and are going to give out each month good literature to each ward and precinct. This will take lots of work but what do the Socialists care for a little work? See the results at next Spring's election. Yours for Socialism, H. DIEHL, 170 16th Place, Chicago Heights, Ill.

### JACK LONDON ON JAN. 28.

The West Side Auditorium has been engaged for Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28, for a lecture by Jack London. This magnificent hall is located at the corner of Taylor street and Center avenue. The building can be reached by the Twelfth street line, Taylor street, Center avenue and Metropolitan L. The Center avenue and Taylor street lines run past the door. The Twelfth street line is one block south. Take elevated to Center avenue station, south on Center avenue to building. Jack London is widely known through his many books. He is undoubtedly one of the most revolutionary thinkers of our day. He will give the audience that packs the hall something worth while thinking about. The general admission will be 25c. Reserved seats 25c extra. The proceeds of this lecture will go into the organization fund. Tickets will be on sale at headquarters. There's a limit. Buy early. First come, first served.

### MASQUE BALL TICKETS.

Will all comrades holding masque ball tickets kindly make every effort to get same to headquarters at once? Each comrade has a charge of \$2.50 against his name for a book of tickets. The only way to square this account is to get the tickets in. Not more than 50 per cent of the tickets have been returned. Kindly mail or deliver at once all tickets in your possession.

### SEVENTEENTH WARD, ATTENTION.

The Seventeenth Ward branch will hold agitation meetings in their headquarters, 295 West Chicago avenue, near Center avenue, on every Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The first meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 7. All comrades of the Seventeenth Ward should help to make these meetings a success. The speaker for Jan. 7 will be announced in next week's Socialist. A. A. Wisniewski, committee.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Receipts--Due stamps, \$22.05; delegate dues, \$3.75; emergency fund, \$43.95; literature, \$9.10; balance last week, \$3.95; total, \$82.90.  
Expenses--Due stamps, \$10; postage, \$5.50; hall rent and ad., \$12.55; secretary's salary, \$20; office expense, \$2; total, \$50.05; balance on hand, \$32.85.  
Stamp Account--On hand last week, 157; purchased, 100; total, 257; sold, 140; balance on hand, 87.

### PARTY MEETINGS.

The Northwestern Jewish speaking branch of the Socialist party will give a series of lectures at Liberty Hall, 63 Kinzie street, between Milwaukee and Ashland avenues. All are welcome. Free admission. The following are the dates and subjects:  
Thursday, Jan. 4, Dr. Spear. Subject, "Astronomy."  
Thursday, Jan. 11, Dr. Dublin. Subject, "Opposition to Socialism."  
Thursday, Jan. 18, Thos. J. Morgan. Subject, "From Slavery to Freedom."  
Thursday, Jan. 25, Mr. Mehina. Subject, "Religion and Socialism."  
Thursday, Feb. 1, T. J. Morgan. Subject, "Law and Government."  
Third Ward--3317 State street, Sunday, Jan. 7, 1906, at 8 p. m. Chas. L. Breckon. Subject, "Cooperation."  
Thirty-second Ward--Nighthood House, Monday, Jan. 8, 8 p. m., Samuel Block.

### NOTICE TO SECOND DIVISION.

The meeting on Sunday, Jan. 7, of the second division, at 265 Chicago avenue, is called for 2:30 p. m. The Secretary, Ward comrades on that same afternoon desire to hold a propaganda meeting. It will be necessary to hold the division meeting early. Be on hand sharp at 1:30, one hour earlier than stated in the call. By this means the division work can be cleaned up in time to enable the other meeting to be successfully held.

### NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS NOTES.

Call for National Referendum "C," 1905.

The following resolutions were received at the National Office Nov. 16, and were reported in the Weekly Bulletin of Nov. 18:

### RESOLUTIONS BY LOCAL COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Resolved, That instead of a National Committee meeting, a special national convention be held in 1906 between the first day of May and the fifteenth day of July, for the purpose of issuing a statement, setting forth the party's position on the recent exposures of highly developed capitalism and warn the working class of the frenzied efforts of the "bell wethers" of capitalism to sweep them off their feet, thus better preparing the minds of the working class to grapple with the many false issues which will be presented to them at the next presidential campaign; also, for the purpose of revising the national constitution; making such preparations for the general advancement and strengthening of the party in view of the developing political situation throughout the country; and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such a convention.  
Adopted Nov. 12, 1905.

### CHAS. L. BRECKON, Secy.

J. H. COPELAND, Chairman.  
Notice of endorsement of these resolutions have been received from Greensburg, Ind., Nov. 23; Marion County, Ind., Nov. 20; Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 5; Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 7; Rockford, Ill., Dec. 9; Vigo County, Ind., Dec. 12; Denver, Colo. (German local), Dec. 14; Denver, Colo. (English), Dec. 18; New York City, N. Y., Dec. 18.

### WILSHIRE TAKEN TO TASK.

Canton, Ill., Dec. 17, 1905.  
Whereas, Wilshire's Magazine for December, 1905, makes a very poor attempt to apologize for the falling off of the Socialist vote of New York City and seems to boast about the dissatisfaction and unrest created, and  
Whereas, Dissatisfaction and unrest that is uneducated is of no value to any class, and  
Whereas, Comrade Wilshire continues by speaking in regard to municipal ownership in the following style: "There is practically no argument against it, and Harriet taking that as his presidential program would meet with practically no opposition," and  
Whereas, We believe the above and very many other sayings tend very strongly to confuse the issue, confounding reform with revolution; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Socialist party of Branch Canton, of Local Fulton Co., State of Illinois, in regular meeting assembled, denounce Comrades Wilshire and La Monte's attempt to harmonize the interests of the middle and working classes; be it further  
Resolved, That we hold that we have nothing to "lift up our hearts and rejoice" for, as Comrade La Monte assumed, and that although the workers threw their votes away, economic evolution is still in progress which will force the working class to establish the co-operative commonwealth; be it further  
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Socialist press for publication.

### BERT D. SULLIVAN,

Chairman.  
GUS SANDBERG, Secretary.  
(Socialist exchanges please copy.)

### PHILADELPHIA.

The Bohemian Branch of the Socialist party in Philadelphia will give a grand ball on Friday evening, Jan. 19, 1906, at Labor Lyceum Hall, Sixth and Brown streets, for the benefit of the wounded and imprisoned in the struggle for general suffrage in Austria. Tickets 25 cents.

### WISCONSIN NOTES.

The election bill, compelling the appointment of election inspectors before the next municipal election, has passed the Wisconsin Legislature. This is a great gain for the Milwaukee Social Democrats. It will be remembered that Mayor Rose refused to appoint new inspectors, thus leaving his machine men to hold over for the next election. The Social Democrats were about to carry the matter into the courts, but the new law will obviate that necessity. Of course, this will save a great deal of expense and uncertainty. Moreover, under the new law the number of inspectors is based upon the presidential vote, which gives us the advantage of our most recent and consequently largest vote. The Social Democratic party therefore will be entitled to 238 inspectors, ballot clerks and clerks in the city election next June. This goodly number of Social Democratic election officials will have a tremendous effect in preventing frauds at the polls.

The Social Democratic amendment limiting the working day on the new capitol building to eight hours, which passed the Assembly last week, has been turned down in the Senate. The cause is obvious. The Assembly contains many members from the cities who feared to antagonize the wage workers. The Senate is more representative of the agricultural districts. And the only remedy for this state of things in Wisconsin, as in almost every other State of the Union, is to make Socialists of the farmers.

Two more new locals in the agricultural districts of Wisconsin have been organized by Comrade Thompson. These are situated in Dunn and Polk counties, and bid fair to be the nucleus of several other organizations in the same counties.

A new Finnish local has been organized in Iron county with twenty-five members, and others are expected to join at the next meeting of the local. The number of Finnish branches in Wisconsin is steadily growing.

Milwaukee comrades are beginning to make preparations for the municipal campaign. A committee on speakers and a committee on halls have already been chosen.

Gaylord Wilshire will speak in Milwaukee Jan. 7, at National Hall. Applications for lectures by Gertrude Brecken Hunt have been received from



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THE YEAR 1905 CLOSING.

When history comes to be written and the next generation can calmly contemplate the progress of the world-wide proletarian awakening, there is scarcely a doubt but that the year 1905, which is just closing, will stand out as a period in which the work of the two previous decades culminated in the conscious solidarity of the workers of the world.

When more than a generation ago the International Workingmen's Association gave the Communist manifesto to the world and sent forth the now world-wide proletarian slogan, "Workers of the world, unite; you have nothing to lose but your chains and a world to gain," there was set in motion a circle of ideas the waves of which, during the year 1905, had encircled the earth.

The year 1905 opened with the working men of Russia marching peacefully with a respectful petition to the "little father," humbly requesting him to relieve their intolerable burdens to some extent and make their lives a little more worth living.

Who can estimate the far-reaching effects of the struggle which has been going on in Russia during the past twelve months? Is there anything that has ever happened in the history of the proletarian movement that has so filled the workers of all lands with hope as the heroic efforts of their brothers, now struggling in Russia against such fearful odds?

Anyone who views the progress of the proletariat of the world from an elevation sufficiently high to see the uniform movement of the whole will not doubt that the year 1906 will witness the greatest clash of its classes throughout the civilized world that has ever taken place.

But it is not only in Russia that great events are taking place. Throughout all Europe the example of the Russian working men has fired the Socialists of every nation and filled them with a hope that no other event could have accomplished.

In Russia the ministers of the Czar try men without a jury trial and send them to prison or Siberia as it pleases their own sweet will or whim.

The capitalist papers were highly indignant because Comrade Ben Hanford placed the Czar of Russia and Roosevelt in the same category of tyrants in the course of a speech in Philadelphia, held in the interests of and in sympathy with the Russian revolutionists.

Only a few weeks ago the working people in the cities of the Austrian empire marched, hundreds of thousands strong, silently through the streets, ten deep, with blood-red ribbons fastened to their arms and a banner demanding equal and universal suffrage.

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