



THE RUSSIAN DOUMA.

In the July number of Everybody's Magazine there is an article entitled "The Dawn of Russian Liberty," by Vance White, who is in Russia as the representative and correspondent of that magazine. The first part of Mr. White's article describes the stirring events which led up to the point where the Douma was a fact. Then he attempts to give the readers of Everybody's a picture of the different elements that constitute that body as they appeared the first day they assembled in their official capacity.

Sourav will remain; he who wants "Everything" is the order of the day. Revolution today means Socialism; in Russia, as everywhere else, it is the great fact. Moreover, in Russia as everywhere else Socialism is a creation of the intellectual proletariat. It was born in the Moscow world a generation ago. After the Turkish war bourgeoisie asked itself why it had been so badly served—why its information bureaus had failed; and some one answered: "It is the lack of education."

GEESE AS KICKERS.

Women's Suffrage, from the Stand of a Socialist Woman.

By Bertha M. Wilkins. The Appeal to Reason in a late issue published a tribute to the memory of Susan B. Anthony from the pen of Kate Richards O'Hare. In the course of the argument the writer digresses by way of illustration to tell the following story:

Some years ago I went out in the country to visit an old farmer uncle. Soon after arriving Aunt Ann told me that it was time to go and I wanted to see how it was done. Well, the geese were driven into the goose house and Aunt Ann took the dirt and the girl tied towels over their heads, hung a grain sack by their side for the feathers, put a stool to sit on and started plucking the geese. It looked easy and I wanted to help.

out of all proportion more on drink than any laboring man. Vice and virtue, he said, tended to get distributed very much according to the "despirit" of the person—the rich thought vice the peculiar attribute of poverty and virtue of the well-to-do.

Little Better than Slaves. "Then, again," went on Mr. Shaw, "there are other ways of getting this kind of money—by making human beings work at deadly trades in the Potteries, at noxious metal industries; but to the people who must have profits—money—that doesn't make any difference."

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THE NECESSARY THING.

"We must rouse the workers to a knowledge of their position, we must organize them, and then I have confidence in their action."

your work at any moment, you who have wives and children dependent on you? And if you fall ill?"

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As well established and quite as necessary as the industrial "boss" is the political "boss" in the existing social system. His business is to run the political machine, not in the interest of the people, or even of any particular party, but in the interest of the private owner of the public utility, or the private controller of the social need, whose economic interest conflicts with that of the people, and who must, therefore, control the political machinery so as to obtain control of government.

By Eugene V. Debs in Success Magazine. The capitalist is the private owner of a public utility. The capitalist owns it, but does not use it, while the people use it and are dependent upon it, but do not own it.

With the memory of these stubborn facts of the labor world in my mind, I was forced to conclude that the goose story will not hold in human society. The best kicking has certainly been done by the men of the world.

What caused the pagan, idol-worshipping slaves to so readily accept Christianity; the pagan aristocracy to exterminate the lives of millions of men in the name of freedom; what caused the American colonies to rebel; the chattel or black slave holders to oppose the abolition of slavery in the United States; Mr. Rockefeller to furnish us with diseased meat; manufacturers to adulterate and poison our foods; card shark gamblers to speak an extra card from a hidden deck; physicians to form unions and establish scales of prices; dealers, jobbers and distributors to form trade agreements (gentlemen's agreements) to hold up prices and regulate output; trusts, corporations and individual employers to grind down their employees to the lowest possible limit; the employees in retaliation to organize unions. What caused Congress to persistently ignore the demands of labor; corporations to form rival trade unions; the officers of which they absolutely own and control; a priest or preacher to say NOT what they think; editors to print only what will not curtail receipts in the business manager's office; the present rebellion in Russia, and what caused the autocracy to wink at the murdering of

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THE CAUSE AND CURE.

What is the cause of the apathy and lack of interest in the aggressive work of pushing the Socialist propaganda this summer in Chicago? This is the question that is repeated over and over by different comrades who drop into headquarters these days.

Never before in the history of our movement in Chicago were there such opportunities to reach the workers with our message. On the few street corners for which we are able to secure speakers we have intensely interested audiences.

It is a fact that about the only subject that commands a respectful hearing on the street corner these days is Socialism, and yet there has never been a time for years when we, as a party, have been doing so little to carry the gospel of Socialism to the unconverted.

Well, here is the only one we can see that can be made effective immediately. Each one of you are wondering what is the matter with the other comrades that they are not enthusiastically working for Socialism.

The only thing that is necessary to have a real revival in our work is that each one of us, at once, put ourselves in readiness to do that which is nearest at our hand that needs doing.

In our opinion the best method to do this is by attending our ward branch meetings and finding out just what needs to be done.

If each member of the party will go to his ward branch and volunteer to give one night a week to any work that the branch in its wisdom may assign to him, we will soon have an end to this complaint of lack of life and energy in the party.

We make a special appeal to the comrades who can speak to take this message to themselves and give the cause at least one night a week on the street corner during the summer months.

Let every Socialist quit kicking, knocking, curping and criticizing for one month and go to work. Begin by attending your branch organization regularly.

Let us forget our petty internal squabbles and personal bickerings and exhaust all our energies on the enemy from now until election.

Now everybody boost, push and lift and see if that is not an effective remedy for the apathy of which all are complaining exists.

Now, comrades, 'd's means you, it means me, it means all of us. What do you think of the remedy? I know it is not a learned discourse on Socialist philosophy, but I believe it is the medicine our party needs at present.

UNION MEN ATTENTION.

Last week we published an open letter to the unionists of Chicago which we hope you read and gave the consideration that the importance of the subject deserved.

In this issue of the paper, on the front page, you will find another message from Socialists to the labor unionists in the form of answers by the Socialist party candidates of the State of Vermont, to questions propounded by the legislative committee of the American Federation of that State to the candidates of the different political parties.

We hope you will read that reply of the Socialists carefully and see exactly what it means.

Most Socialists understand and realize the importance and necessity of labor organizations to cope with organized capital.

The great majority of Socialists are members of labor unions, but they have realized all the time that the majority of the members of labor unions and union leaders have only lately come to realize that it is impossible to cope with the powerfully organized capitalist class with one hand tied behind their backs.

Mr. Gompers and the executive council of the American Federation of Labor have decided that union men must "go into politics." They have learned with bitter humiliation that they can make no headway in securing legislation favorable to labor by the policy of pleading, petitioning, begging and lobbying.

At the national capital they have seen their eight-hour extension bill and anti-injunction bill smothered by the committees, while they themselves have been accorded the most insulting treatment by the men who were elected largely by the votes of the men that they represented.

Mr. Gompers and his council decided that it was about time to unbundle labor's political arm and go into politics and fight the capitalists with both their political and economic arms bared for the fray.

This was a great step in advance of the policy hitherto pursued by the American Federation officials, but it is evident from Mr. Gompers' latest utterances as to what he means by labor going into politics that if the rank and file follow his advice as to political methods that their last condition will be little, if any, better than before.

Mr. Gompers advises union men to vote for the "friends of labor" regardless of party affiliations. He evidently has not yet learned the fact that he made most of our Socialists, i. e., that political parties represent class interests, and that if the labor vote is cast to have any effect on the working class must organize.

And now it is quite evident that the late Marshall Field was not only the prince of merchants, but also the prince of tax dodgers, with such a poll that even the Teachers' Federation failed to reach him.

It is amusing to read the apologies for this species of thievery that are appearing in the big capitalist papers like the Tribune and Chronicle. What revelations are made in capitalist society every time there is a showdown. Think of it! Marshall Field did only a common tax dodger, robbing the school children of that which belonged to them by right, even under the laws the capitalists themselves made.

Is it possible that the voters in the stock yards district will again send Lamer to Congress and entrust their interests to tools of the packers when they have an opportunity to send men to Congress who will see things in the light and interest of the men and women who do the work in the packing plants and live "back of the yards"? Or what use are votes to the working class if they never learn to use them to improve their conditions of life?

The newspapers announce that Mayor Dunne will speak at the Petersburg, Ill., Chautauqua on the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities. We are wondering if his honor will explain the municipal ownership of the street cars in Chicago in accordance with his previous promises.

We have the meat-inspection law, the pure food law and the railroad rate law, but our hours of work are as long as ever. We must still go the pace that kills, and our wages are as stingy as before Congress adjourned. How much did all this vaunted reform legislation improve the condition of the people who do the real work? Very little, if any. Their purses will come when the workers send Socialists to Congress and the White House, not before.

THE ONLY ISSUE.

The Twentieth Century Review, a 16-page paper that claims to have a circulation of over 200,000, devotes nearly half of its space in the July number to a general discussion of Socialism.

The editor of the Review states that his reason for opening his columns for the discussion of Socialism is because it is the one live issue of the day that sooner or later must be settled by the people of the United States, and he wants his readers to get all the information possible on the subject.

How fearfully, actually true are these words from the bourgeois standpoint. Still more fearful and awful is the fact that we have almost reached the point where property is accumulated in a few hands and the great mass is rendered dependent and penniless.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Thoughts Suggested by the Article in Last Week's Chicago Socialist Entitled "The Line of Cleavage."

Let me repeat the quotation from Daniel Webster: "The freest government would not be long acceptable if the tendency of the laws was to create a rapid accumulation of property in few hands, and to render the great mass of the population dependent and penniless."

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HOPE.

Man talks, and he dreams in his loudest soul. Of better days to come; And toward some coveted, golden goal, See low men, chase and run!

Hope leads him to life with a welcome warm. She enfolds the boy in her bloom, To youth she reveals her magic charm. She leaves not the gray at the tomb; For when the grave ends man's weary way.

It is no vain and empty whim. Of some foolish brain forlorn. Man's heart responds as hope speaks to him; For better things were he born. And what that inward voice may say Will not read that trusting soul astray.

THE LORDS OF LABOR.

They come! they come in a glorious march! You can hear their steam-steamers neigh. As they dash through Skiff's triumphal arch. Or plunge 'mid the dancing spray.

But mightier conquests reapeth the blade That is borne by the Lords of Labor. - James MacFarlan, Glasgow Peddler-Poet.

Aug. 5 is the date of the Socialist picnic. Make no conflicting dates. Production for profit, which of necessity implies the robbery of the wealth producers by the profit makers, lies at the bottom of all the commercial piracy, business graft and swindle which afflict human society to-day.

On Tuesday evening, July 10, the members of the Scandinavian Sick Benefit Society gave a banquet in honor of P. C. J. Borghjerg, the well-known Socialist member of the Danish Parliament, who is visiting the United States.

In response to the toast, "International Socialism," Comrade Borghjerg said that Socialism was the only salvation for the small nations; as their national existence is constantly in jeopardy from the militarism of the great capitalist powers, and he appealed to the Danes of Chicago to join the Socialist party, as the only party that is capable of dealing with militarism and international capitalism.

Short speeches were also made by L. Olsen, William Peterson, C. Botker, F. Anderson and L. Daigard. The S. S. S. is one of the most aggressive Socialist organizations among the foreign speaking population of Chicago.

All present at the banquet thoroughly enjoyed the evening and pronounced it a grand social success. WANTED. A number of young people to join the International Socialist Chorus at once.

The races and games will begin at 4 p. m. First-Boys under 15 years old, 100 yards. First prize, baseball glove; second prize, pocket knife.

Second-Boys under 8 years old, 50 yards. First prize, baseball and bat; second prize, sweater. Third-Girls under 14 years old, 75 yards. First prize, purse; second prize, box of candy.

Fourth-Girls under 10 years old, 50 yards. First prize, parasol; second prize, box of candy. Fifth-Young ladies under 20 years, 75 yards. Prize, parasol (value \$5).

Sixth-Young men, 220 yards. Prize, \$5 cash. Seventh-Ladies, 50 yards. Prize, pair shoes, value \$2. Eighth-Men over 25 years old, 100 yards. Prize, box cigars.

Ninth-Fat women (over 150 lbs.), 50 yards. Prize, hand bag, value \$3. Tenth-Fat men (over 200 lbs.), 75 yards. Prize, one bottle whisky.

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OUR SOCIALIST PRINTING PLANT. The many advantages that must accrue in the ownership of our own plant are too numerous for mention in this column. For years now we have been compelled to raise revenue to pay deficits on our own printing, when all income from picnics, balls, excursions, etc., ought to have been used in the channel of organization and stirring propaganda.