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Friend of Labor Loses His Nerve

Mayor Shank of Indianapolis Resigns on Pressure of Chamber of Commerce—Couldn't Stand Strain of Threatened Teamsters Strike.

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So says Mayor Samuel L. Shank of Indianapolis who has resigned his office through pressure of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. This man elected as a "friend of labor" made an attempt to be fair to both sides during the recent street strike, but after the criticism that has been heaped on him by the safety board of the chamber of commerce, I feel that I probably could not retain my position and as my duty to the general public as mayor on account of the bitter feeling that has grown out of the labor controversy."

Resignation or impeachment was the alternative given to the Mayor by the Merchants Association and with the possibility of a strike of the teamsters the strain became too much for Shank and he resigned.

Shank's case proves the argument of the Socialists that no man can serve two masters in political office. Shank being elected through the efforts of a capitalist political party was compelled to take the side of the workers. His sympathies might be with the Socialists, but he had to be elected on the ticket which would be justified and compelled to take the side of the workers. City Controller Harry D. Wallace takes Shank's office and there is no question about his attitude in handling the police so that they can capture the men who were properly taken care of. He has granted special police powers to a number of business men who will be affected in case of a strike of the teamsters. It is explained that this is done so that they might better protect the business in which they are interested.

125 MEMBERS ADDED TO SOCIALIST PARTY

The Socialist campaign for 1914 is opening up with a vim. At the last meeting of the Central Committee 50 new members were admitted to the party. Over 125 people have joined the organization since the last meeting. Seven Branches have taken up Round City and West Side. Socialist member of the Kansas State Legislature will deliver three addresses in this city next week. The big meeting of the Buffalo Socialist is on at Johnson Park Hall, Saturday evening, December 6. The Socialist Party of Buffalo is living up to the Socialist slogan, "that the Socialist campaign is at an ever-advancing one."

TOLEDO GETS THREE-CENT FARES

Toledo, O., Nov. 25.—Mayor White took today signed the "all-day three-cent fare" ordinance, which the Council passed by unanimous vote last night. The unusual haste is said to have been due to the fact that the Board of Public Utilities had held at the Board of Public Utilities the hearings by the railways and light company.

KAISER'S CONTRACT PROBERS FEAR TO HEAR LIEBKNECHT

Berlin.—When the Imperial Chancellor's committee to investigate the system of contracts of the army and navy held its first session all parties to the Reichstag were represented, with the exception of the Socialists, who are indignant at the refusal of the government to allow Karl Liebknecht to participate in the debates. The Socialists withdrew after protesting.

MUCH ADVISE AND LITTLE WORK IS MOTTO OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The day before Thanksgiving the daily press contained a half column of advice from Health Commissioner Frank to the people of Buffalo telling them what to do on that day and how to eat their Thanksgiving dinner. It is the surprising estimate that there are at least 15,000 persons out of employment in Buffalo and a little advice from the Health Commissioner on how to eat their Thanksgiving dinner for a meal would certainly be appreciated. What they need more than advice on how to eat is how to get it. The chief function of Health Commissioner Frank seems to be to represent the Polish population at any and all affairs that may result in his picture appearing in the daily press on the "Merchants Association" and with the possibility of a strike of the teamsters the strain became too much for Shank and he resigned.

INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY ATTEMPTS TO SHIFT BLAME ON MEN

The International Railway Company is trying to play a stick game on the people of this city. Realizing that the wrath of the citizens against the company is rapidly rising because of the infrequent service, the company officials are trying to shift the blame on the car men and make them the art. In the daily press of Monday articles were published purporting to be interviews with Superintendent Brown of the company in which he was reported as saying that much of the bad service was due to the fact that the men did not adhere to the schedule and turned their cars at the Terrace or by way of Huron and Court streets.

MILWAUKEE LEADER WILL APPEAL CASE

Milwaukee, Wis.—The libel suit for "personal injury" brought by City Clerk Peter F. Leuch against the Milwaukee Leader, the Socialist daily, has been won by Leuch and the Leader has been ordered by the Court to pay \$17,000. The charge of the City Clerk is based upon an article which appeared in the Leader under date of December 9, 1912, in which the word "grat" was given in connection with extra pay used by Leuch's staff for making out the tax roll. Three occurrences of more than ordinary significance marked the trial. One is that several of the jurors admitted on the stand, under oath, that they belonged to certain religious societies that openly fought Socialism, and that further, they believed in the principles of these organizations. Yet they were permitted to serve on the jury in the matter before them. The second is that only a few weeks ago Judge Roth, of Wisconsin, handed down a decision against City Clerk Leuch stating that the money obtained by Leuch's assistants had been illegally obtained. The judge ordered that the money must be returned. The third, and perhaps the most important, is that during the trial the jurors admitted that the punitive damages because the evidence proved that there was no personal malice in the article.

ANOTHER LITTLE JOB FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

While we are of the Board of Health to the unsanitary condition of many of the factories of this city. The working class spend the great majority of their time in the shops and if any regard is held for the health of this portion of the population it would be a good thing to investigate many of the sinks and toilet facilities in these establishments. The employees, especially if organized, must not make any complaint for fear of dismissal, and it is up to the proper authorities to see that these places are properly cleaned at least once a week, that if it does not interfere with their political belief.

ELECT SOCIALIST TICKET PUT UP THE FIRST TIME

Cloquet, Minn., Nov. 15.—Frank Votka was elected an alderman from the Third District in the Socialist ticket in this city, and H. Dixon came within 38 votes of being elected an alderman at large. This is the first time the Socialists have had a ticket in the field.

STORE CLERKS COMING TO LIFE AGAIN

It is rumored that the clerks employed in the big department stores are organizing again and intend to make demands about two weeks before Christmas. Last spring the clerks and drivers struck and secured many concessions. The union did not live for a very good reason. It was under the wing of the old United Trades and Labor Council and at Schenectady to all together. Now is the time for the clerks to organize, these are busy days for the big Main street stores and the store magnates dare not risk a strike during the holidays.

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BRING YOUR NON-SOCIALIST FRIENDS TO THESE LECTURES

A treat is in store for the people of this city. Wilson, Socialist member of the Kansas State Legislature will deliver three addresses in the city next week. Monday evening, December 8th Wilson speaks at Calumet Hall, Frank and Chippewa Streets, under the auspices of Branch Five and Seven. His subject will be "The Menace of Socialism."

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TEAMSTERS ON STRIKE AT INDIANAPOLIS

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Teamsters' union in accordance with their vote went on strike at 12 o'clock Sunday night and the city is practically tied up. Very few wagons are moving even though the new mayor has increased the police force and is aiding the bosses in the work of importing strike breakers to man the wagons. Men and women are taking active part in the strike and four women have been arrested for pulling seals from the wagons. The new mayor has taken charge of the police force and has established his headquarters at the police station. The Chamber of Commerce have everything their own way now that Mayor Shank has resigned and a man to their liking is in his place.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN WILL CONTINUE TO BE A JOKE

We note that the Democrats have decided to make J. P. Sullivan chairman of the Board of Aldermen. Sullivan is always advertised as the great wit and the capitalist press continually gives room to his jokes, while the real joke is the handling of the affairs of the city and the people the bait.

FINE CAR SYSTEM

Comrade Scheltz of Ithaca while visiting this city last week had the misfortune to take a ride out Main Street. On the return trip he arrived a little late for the car, and after waiting for some time he asked if we would have to wait till that one made the round trip. On the return trip he arrived a little late for the car, and after waiting for some time he asked if we would have to wait till that one made the round trip. On the return trip he arrived a little late for the car, and after waiting for some time he asked if we would have to wait till that one made the round trip.

SOCIALIST PARTY AT JOHNSON PARK HALL

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Socialist Fair is Great Attraction

Socialists and Their Friends Throng to Johnson Park Hall—Everybody Enjoying the Annual Event—Women's Club Doing Great Work For Buffalo Socialist.

The Fair is on. The opening nights of the Fair which is being held by the benefit of the Buffalo Socialist by the Socialist Women's Club have demonstrated that this is going to be the biggest Fair ever held by them. Monday night was the opening night and the guests of the evening were the Arbeiter Ring and Branch Seven and the Jewish Branch. Special attractions were the Columbia Turn Verein and the comrades of these various Branches and from the looks of things they seemed to be enjoying themselves. The decorations in the hall exceeded, by far, the expectations of all those who were the Bohemian Italian Branches and Branch Five. These Branches were well represented and it was noticed particularly that quite a few of them had better bustle and go to the Fair on Monday evening. If you haven't been to the fair as yet then you had better bustle and go to the Fair on Monday evening. It's simply one good time after another—something doing every minute. You ought to be there on your Buffalo night if possible and we would like to see you there every night. If you haven't forgotten the place Johnson Park Hall, corner of Johnson Park and South Elmwood Avenue. It isn't so far from Main Street as some people think it is. It's only three minutes from Main Street and one block north of Chippewa Street. It is accessible by all car lines, the Elmwood and Hoyt-Seneca cars passing the doors.

Supper Menus For the Fair. The kitchen committee of the Women's Club has prepared the following menus for fair week. The suppers will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. each evening and an excellent dinner on Sunday, 12 to 2 o'clock. Sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake will be served at any hour. Everything served is home made. Suppers, 25 cents; Sunday dinner, 35 cents.

Thursday—Beef a la mode, mashed potatoes, macaroni, bread and butter, tea and coffee. Friday—Salmon salad, French fried potatoes, cold meat, biscuits, tea and coffee. Saturday—Sauskutan and wieners, potato salad, ketchup and coffee. Sunday—Roast beef and roast veal, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, cabbage sauté, ice cream and cake, tea and coffee.

FROM DUSK TO DAWN

The great Socialist moving picture in five reels entitled "From Dusk to Dawn" will be toured through Buffalo by the Buffalo Socialist. Eleven thousand people, including some of the most prominent figures in the Socialist and labor movement take part in this production. Socialist Locals as far east as Syracuse should write for dates. Terms reasonable. Address The Buffalo Socialist, Lyceum Depot, 605 Mutual Life Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y. First come first served.

ASSOCIATED PRESS SUES SOCIALIST WRITER AND ARTIST

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The annual dinner of the Newboys' Benevolent Association on Thanksgiving day was only a feast for themselves, but many others who needed a good meal and had no means to obtain it were brought in and treated as one of the party. President John O'Keefe was master of ceremonies and addressed the boys and their guests. Over a thousand were present and the boys approved the words of their president with cheers that echoed through the hall. It was announced just before the closing of the banquet that the annual Newboys' Ball would be held at the Broadway Auditorium January 21, 1914. The proceeds will be used, as in the past, to defray the expenses of the Thanksgiving dinners and for other purposes. After dancing a light lunch was served. Subscribe for the Buffalo Socialist.

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Wm. Comerford, who runs a jewelry store at 14 South Division street, has served notice that he wants no patronage from the Socialists or Socialist sympathizers and to assist Mr. Comerford in keeping the Socialists from his store because they bother him the readers of this paper are urged to bear his warning in mind.

Last Saturday three women members of the Socialist Party, J. J. Ball, Jr., vice-chairman, and Louis F. Rexin, secretary. On roll call it was found that almost every delegate was present. A delegate from the East to the Labor Lyceum was seated. The following committees were elected: Propaganda—Heacock, C. Ball, Bader, Heiser and Brown. Party Press—Leary, Malloy, Tuhill, Cahill and Main.

Resolutions—Henderson, Doebnick, Edgoff, Powers and Edgett. Finance—Sweeney School—Mrs. Klein and J. Buchanan.

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RECORD IMMIGRATION ADDS TO UNEMPLOYMENT

Notwithstanding the fact that millions of men are thrown out of employment throughout the U. S. the steamship companies are aiding the capitalists in the work of flooding the country with labor for the purpose of cheapening it. With the present high cost of living it is a difficult matter for the working class to exist on the wages received, but the greedy capitalists intend to raise the price of living and thereby argue the argument of the law of supply and demand reduce the price of wages. The Wall Street Journal is responsible for the following:

The United States during the nine months ending with September admitted 1,053,120 immigrants aliens. That total exceeded the total for the entire twelve months of 1912 and shows an increase more for the past nine months than for the entire year of 1911. The record year, thus far was 1907 when 1,285,349 immigrant aliens arrived. The current calendar year, however, with three more months to run is almost certain to exceed the enormous total of six years ago.

Meanwhile indications that unemployment is becoming more general are not wanting. The laying-off of hands in the electrical, steel, and building construction trades is much more extensive than in generally appreciated. Railroads are likewise impelled to reduce their payrolls to a minimum under pending conditions. Strikes are a factor in the textile industries in New England, nearly 10% of last year's alien immigrants having gone to Massachusetts.

Should the cut in steerage rates on westbound traffic. In the competition between the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd lines result in stimulating the immigration movement from Europe as it is likely to, arriving numbers may be still further increased. Consular reports say that in certain districts of Russia immigration of farm labor to America has become an acute question, owing to scarcity of labor, to handle the crops. The outward rates on the German lines as yet remain the same, thereby discouraging emigration which in the course of the year relieves this country by between one-fourth and one-third of its excessions.

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SOCIALIST CONVENTION

The first session of the annual city convention of Local Buffalo, Socialist party, was held at Florence parlors, 527 Main street, last Saturday evening.

The gathering was called to order by the organizer at 8:25 o'clock. J. J. Ball, Jr., was elected chairman, Martin Heiser, vice-chairman, and Louis F. Rexin, secretary. On roll call it was found that almost every delegate was present.

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ASSOCIATED PRESS SUES

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The Associated Press was blantly charged with being responsible for this situation and for the suppression of the news.

"So long as the substance of current history," the editorial read in part, "continues to be held in cold storage, adulterated, colored with poisonous tints, and subjected to the slightest taint to suit his private purposes there is small hope that even the free and the intelligent will take the side of justice in the struggle that is before us."

The article closes by denouncing the fact that the one thing long kept sacred—truth—is held for sale in this country.

An accompanying cartoon, bearing the signature of Art Young, depicts a large reservoir represented as standing high in the center of a city. The basin is labeled "The News" and is filled with an apparently clear liquid, which is, however, rapidly becoming discolored through the injection of another liquid. This latter is contained in a small phial in the hands of a man kneeling over the edge of the basin. His occupation in the cartoon is that of pouring the contents of the phial labeled "Lies" into "The News." The man is represented as "The Associated Press."

Below the cartoon appears the title "Poisoned at the Source." "Socialist and radical magazine men have been working for the past month in several of the cities of the Middle West gathering material in the interests of the Masses and it was stated last night that should the charges could be maintained and the two defendants brought to trial, revelations of such a nature as to make the Associated Press regret that the case ever came to court would be unreservedly made.

Not only will the charges against the news organization under consideration be substantiated, it was asserted, but other facts, now believed to be inside secrets of the Associated Press, will be made public. The nature of this was such as to startle the entire country.

Every new vote we expect to gain at the next election must be gained now by indefatigable agitation and organization, and we are at it determined to conquer the hearts of our fellow-workers for the cause of Socialism. Are you one of us?

STRIKE-CHILDREN'S RELIEF FUND

A monster plan to establish a permanent fund for the care of children of strikers has been launched by the Socialist Party. The two party members of the American Federation of Labor, the millinery voters and the members of the American Suffrage Association are co-operating in the work.

"We do not intend to permit the children of the working-class to be sacrificed in the struggle between organized labor and capitalist America," said Winnie E. Branstrater, director of the Women's Department of the Socialist Party, who has charge of the work.

"Even now, before the winter has scarcely started, the babies of our comrades are suffering from hunger and cold."

"We know full well that the tactics which were used in Massachusetts and West Virginia will be used again in the labor and capital America, if not prevented by some organized national movement for the protection of the children of these districts."

"The Socialist party has ever stood for the working-class and it is fitting that it should be the first national organization to establish a permanent relief fund for the children of strikers."

"The children of the Socialist party should realize that this is the supreme moment to prove the difference of tactics, policies and politics that we are a unit for the children of our class."

"Workers in all movements for betterment should realize that this is the supreme moment to prove to organized labor that despite their political, non-sectarian and non-union attitude they are able to improve the conditions of our class to the point that poverty, disease and crime do not teach our class."

A special stamp bearing the words "Strike-Children's Relief Fund" has been issued by the National Office of the Socialist Party. This stamp is a receipt for money paid into this fund, and is of a size and form suitable for use in membership books or as a seal to letters sent in packages or as a sticker in public places.

All money received from the sale of the stamps will be placed in a special fund which will be held in trust by the national executive committee of the Socialist Party for the benefit of the children in those districts where assistance is necessary.

Children's Day, Sunday, December 28, is the time set for the collection of this fund.

Immense meetings will be held in practically all cities, towns and school districts. Men and women who understand the struggle of our class will be drafted into service to address these meetings.

In some places the meetings will be varied by programs rendered by children. Special leaflets will be distributed at these meetings. The Women's department of the National Office is furnishing programs for this occasion, including songs, recitations, dialogues and recitations.

"Children's Day" workers will also issue special children's edition for this day.

THE OUTCAST

They called him "fool" and "traitor," as through the land we went. They cried out "agitator" and "brand of discontent." From altar and from steeple upon this man, forlorn, the priest and "poorly people" hurled wrath and bitter scorn.

They called him "cheat" and "fascist" and drove him from the door. They shouted "Mischievous" begone and come no more. From border to border they hounded him, but he 'up set established order and bring on anarchy."

At length they welred and tied him that they might have their will, and so they crucified him upon a lonely hill, the outcast agitator, driven by scourge and rod. They called him "fool" and "traitor" and now we call him God—Berlton Bralcy.

FORUM MEETING "A BOY AND THE LAW" Judge WILLIS BROWN and WILLIAM ECKSTEIN Questions from the Audience SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 7:30 P. M. CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Delaware Ave., above Chippewa St.

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CAPITALIST INSANITY

A scientist prophesies that by the year 2020 the inhabitants of the world will all be insane.

Or is it not an insane arrangement that condemns the producers of all wealth to poverty and delivers the wealth of society into the hands of those who have no part in its production?

Our whole social system is a perversion of sound reason, truth and justice, and those striving to regenerate society on the basis of social justice and rational living are denounced as enemies of civilization, morality and good order.

Yet there is method in this madness; it yields wealth, profit, power to its foremost representatives. This is the reason why it is upheld regardless of its irrationality.

The tendency of social development is not toward the fulfillment of that discouraging prophecy, but the other way. The world will recover from its present mental derangement.

What a pleasure it will be to send your son to Mexico and have him cut to pieces in order to save the oil wells of the English and American capitalists.

When you fellows get strong enough to get elected then I will be willing to join you, is the whim of the fellow who wants to be on the winning side.

THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICS

Some people do not take any interest in politics because, as they put it, political questions do not appeal to them.

But they are interested in taxes, either directly or indirectly, they are interested in good streets well paved, well cleaned, well drained and well lighted.

No civilized man can be indifferent to those things, because they affect the life and well-being of every one.

All public business is political business, and its management depends largely on what class interests they represent and to whom it is entrusted.

In the hands of men representing the capitalist class the public business will be carried on in the interests of that class.

This can only be prevented by the working class driving a wedge into capitalist class-rule and by and by burst it. For this purpose the workers engage in party politics.

It is very evident that the capitalist class, represented by the bankers, intend to put the squeeze on the small business interests for the purpose of passing the currency bill.

The economic powers and resources of the country were neither created by their present possessors nor given to them.

The workers wield the power that made the nation great and rich; when will they learn to use it for the purpose of making themselves comfortable?

A GREAT DIFFERENCE

Compare the difference in the attitude of the mayor of Indianapolis as representing a capitalist political party, and Mayor Lunn of Schenectady, elected on the Socialist ticket and representing the working class.

In the case of Mayor Shank, when he attempted to do the fair thing for the workers who were on strike for a living wage, and when he refused to discharge policemen who refused to act as strike-breakers, he was set upon by the mighty powers that be in the name of the Merchants' Association.

The man that has taken his place has lost no time in showing that he will protect the interests of the few capitalists against that of the many workers and has already given to many of the business men special police powers which will enable them to beat the workers into submission.

In Schenectady, where the mayor is elected by the working class on the Socialist ticket, the mayor understands that he is to represent that class as the majority, and to obey the commands of that class, and work for the benefit of that class.

When the employees of the General Electric Company walked out last week Mayor Lunn immediately took an active part in the affairs and insisted that the workers be given every opportunity to present their case at meetings called by him between representatives of the workers and the men. The strikers were given proper police protection also, there was no importing of toughs and thugs to act as strike-breakers.

Pickets were allowed their rights and when it was deemed prudent to increase the size of the police force strikers were enlisted with the understanding that it was up to them to see that peace was kept.

As a result the trouble in Schenectady has been speedily, satisfactorily and peacefully settled in a very brief space of time. The workers have no break heads to nurse and there will be no time to work like the men of Boston.

WHAT IT BELIEVE

By FRED D. WARREN in Appeal to Reason

I believe in the confiscation of the productive property of this nation by the working class. I do not believe in confiscating it piecemeal. That would be foolish and illegal.

The mission of the Appeal to Reason is to persuade the men who work to use their political power that it may be possible easily, quickly and without opposition to exert their industrial strength here.

I believe the working class should capture the political powers of the cities as rapidly as possible. The capture of a municipality will not do the working class good if it does not do what we want is ALL the wealth we create.

A working man makes a rapid-fire gun. He loads the gun with the latest improved ammunition—smoking powder and deadly projectiles.

Socialism and Progress

Do not look back, do not regret the things that have been done, or that ought to have been done or left undone; look ahead, for the past can never be restored, but the future may be ours, if we know how we work for it today.

Millions upon millions of men and women have labored in hopeless poverty and suffered in misery to make our existence, our civilization, our thoughts and our lives possible. Our fathers and mothers were richer than were those of their lives, we are nearer a state of true existence than they could ever dream of.

They have left the world better than they found it, and we are bound to do the same. Progress is not a myth, but a fact, and every generation profits by it.

Engage and down with work and get all conventional "right" and dogmatic sin; Thus unflatter my soul from age-long sin; For their fathers and keepers are human; With kindness always candid be, sincerity gently treat.

Let loose the mind and smart and joy Sail constantly "true-to-my-course" without fear.

Just reason from "facts" to sound conclusions, And "talk" on "whites" to fond illusions, All hypocritical cant severely despise, Live the life abundant by paying the price.

Harmony

The much lauded harmony of nature is a fiction. The processes of nature are struggles between competing beings for the benefit of all.

In human society, on the other hand, the general tendency is for the mitigation of the struggle and the coming of a man. The struggle of man with nature will never cease, but, bound together by a close community of interest founded on the common ownership of the economic means of life, mankind will lighten the burden of the individual, and make life a pleasure for all.

That brutal individualism which puts upon the individual the entire responsibility for his existence, without affording each one the means to bear it, will give way to collectivism, which will use the combined strength and power of all for the benefit of all.

Thus, and by no other means, harmony in the world of man will be made not only possible, but a reality, and this is Socialism realized.

Harmony, as said before, is not to be found in nature, it is a thing made, and if it is to be realized, it can only be realized by the socialist man.

The Emperor Says So

Stay at home and attend to your natural vocations as wives and mothers, says the German Emperor to the German women, for the home is the world of the woman, her kingdom and paradise.

What They Voted For "Buffalo means business." You may be arrested as a dangerous criminal, and dragged to the bar of justice, so-called, for trying to address your fellow citizens in the park streets, but if you are arrested as a business man you may run a gambling joint, or a worse place, under the protection of the powers that be.

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Twentieth Century Religion

By Frederic Block

Of laws and creeds and books abundantly supplied, Bewildering to the humble mind, to follow low satisfied.

With "SELFE" in everything. Content to have a "New Union" wrest From me all time-worn theories; of all One, in meliorist's crown—"Consistency's" a thoughtless clown.

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Make the Foundations Solid

Some of our comrades have been greatly disappointed at the outcome of last election. Many of them are of the opinion that the great mass meetings arranged by the Socialist Party had expected a much larger Republican vote, which merely shows that the Socialist movement, nor do they realize the real nature of the obstacles this movement in order to conquer the minds of men.

For a man to become a Socialist in the sense of the word means a great deal more than quitting a political party and joining another. It means the discarding of old conceptions of things, of old methods of thinking, of old dogmas and habits, and the adoption of a new philosophy of life, and this is by no means an easy matter.

And the more serious a man is, the more upright and conscientious, the harder it is for him to part with his old ideas and adopt new ones to direct his life. And it is for this reason that we must change with the adoption of a new conception of life. His whole existence is altered by it, what seemed unchangeable becomes an evil, and what appeared to him as a good, he now learns to appreciate as a new gospel of liberty, truth and social justice.

To this process of intellectual transformation, to the mental and moral rebirth, every one must submit who comes from the camp of capitalist thought to join the Socialist movement as an active worker for Socialism. And it is often very painful and painful process, because the whole part of our race rises up against it, every deceiving prejudice takes arms to the attack, and the forces of nature which give us the laws of the new and strong and fruitful, and public opinion, the echo of the powers that be, condemn it.

These things have to be considered in order to understand the slowness of the growth of the Socialist movement. Before we can be strong socially and politically and successful in the battle against capitalism, millions of men and women must be successful in the fierce struggle with their own prejudices and antiquated ideas and ideals.

And it is our duty and inestimable privilege to assist our fellow-men in this struggle. This is the great, the noblest task before us. To this noble task we must devote ourselves, heart and soul, and to do so gives vast by more real satisfaction to the Socialist than any more political success dependent on transitory issues, which pass like the clouds of today, and are forgotten tomorrow.

We are building for the future, and those building for the future must take great care that the foundations are made solid.

Always in the Battle

Wherever the Socialists have succeeded in conquering the administration of a community, it takes the combined strength of all the other parties to beat them at an election. Such was the case in Milwaukee, and more recently in Schenectady. A hopeful sign, most encouraging to Socialists. For some day even the united forces of the capitalist class will be strong enough to withstand the Socialist phalanx.

We have learned, not only to wait, but to shorten our days of waiting by arduous labor.

Socialist News

THE VOTE IN PATTERSON, N. J. The strongest showing made at the last election in New Jersey was in Passaic County, in which Patterson is the 2,374 city. Here the Socialists obtained 3,000 votes, or 12.7 per cent. The Socialists were the second strongest party in the county, the following table showing the totals:

Table with 2 columns: Party, Votes. Socialists: 3,000; Progressive: 2,035; Socialist Labor: 359; Prohibition: 146; Independent: 58.

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Some municipal reformers are not very consistent. They grow eloquent in urging voters to disregard party labels when voting for local candidates. But when the best candidate were a Socialist Party label they take it all back and have to form an alliance with the corrupt elements of the community to defeat him. Two years ago Mayor Lunn won by a plurality vote in a

CHARLES BAKER SOCIALISTS SHOWN TO BE FAIRER Cleveland, Kan.—The plan of the Socialist administration of this city contained in the Live Issue, an anti-Socialist organ of the Romanish church, has met a crushing answer. The charges were that the Cress and Republican opponents not believing that he had a chance. This year the Republican, Democratic and Progressive party organizations combined at last election. Miss H. Schenectady that he had a chance. This year the Republican, Democratic and Progressive party organizations combined at last election.

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SOCIALIST SECOND IN VIRGINIA. The Socialist ticket was the only one in the field opposing the Democrats in the state election of Virginia. Great interest in the Socialist vote took place in many parts of the state, particularly in the farming community. The Socialist Party is now the second party of Virginia, and is allowed to have clerks and judges of election.

PRESENT WOMEN SUFFRAGE PERITION TO GERMANY. A petition for the introduction of women suffrage in Germany was among those presented to the Imperial Parliament when it met today after a recess of nearly five months.

THE LECTURE OF THE session includes some interesting news, especially that dealing with military secrets, against which newspapers representing all the nations are protesting for the regulation of petroleum monopolies, directed against the operations in Germany of the Standard Oil Company, and those for the protection of labor, and the relief of unemployed workers.

SOCIALIST FIGHTS REPORTS TO OUST HIM. Mobile, Ala.—The case of W. M. Doyle, National Committeeman of the Socialist Party, who was found guilty of blocking traffic, as charged, is the City Court and fined \$5 and costs, was appealed today by J. F. Hogan, attorney for the defendant.

THE case of Doyle is plainly that of a scheme to remove a "dangerous agitator" from the city. His antagonists are the Roman Catholic Church, which has political control of the city, and the shipping interests.

THE charges of blocking the traffic is ridiculous. The evidence was completely disproved by the evidence. In fact, a jurymen, in commenting on the verdict, said: "The evidence showed that on this particular occasion the defendant was not guilty, but I know that he has been guilty of blocking traffic on previous occasions and if let off he will be guilty again and will be bound to do it again."

DOYLE was the agitator who started the strike of the city's harbor and marine repair shops. These men are still on strike.

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