

JOBLESS MILL GREAT BRITAIN

American Broker Reports That Labor There Is in Keen Distress

At six o'clock Monday evening the orders for the Labor Day Special had reached 146,756, an increase for the day of 18,350. This is less than was expected for Monday's trade. It will take 200,000, which the Hustlers have set their hearts upon. If you have not already sent in your order, do so immediately. Not a moment is to be lost. The big press is now humming, and at each revolution it is making Socialist propaganda.

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WHAT WILL YOU DO? (DAILY SOCIALIST CORRESPONDENCE.) Grand Saline, Tex., Aug. 29.—The Fifth Annual Socialist Encampment held here fulfilled the most optimistic predictions and was easily the largest Socialist meeting ever held in the south. It was a phenomenal success in every respect, and the immense amount of effective propaganda work accomplished—momentous results for Socialism and made telling inroads in the ranks of the Democratic party.

HUMAN OCEAN AT ENCAMPMENT

Thousands Attend Six-Day Socialist Meet at Grand Saline, Texas

Several days preceding the opening of the encampment people eager for the message of economic salvation began to arrive in crowded covered wagons and pitch their camps for the occasion. The train of covered wagons that came in ahead of time resembled a pioneer migration to the west of fifty years ago in prairie schooners. Some of these first arrivals came for hundreds of miles overland, calculating to arrive early and in plenty of time, so as not to miss any part.

GENERAL OVERSEER OF ZION CHURCH SOCIALIST CONVERT

Rev. George W. Slater, general overseer of the Christian Catholic Apostolic Church in Zion is another preacher who has become converted to Socialism through experience and diligent study. As a result Slater has opened his church at Zion, Dearborn street, to the discussion of Socialist principles.

DEFENDS SPOUSE IN RESORT CASE

Baltimore, Sept. 1.—Seated yesterday in the drawing room of her home at Long Green, Baltimore county, Mrs. Williams, in the presence of her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Swann, wife of the president of the police board, described in detail the shooting of Charles B. Roberts, Jr., who was wounded on Wednesday night on the board walk at Atlantic City while in her company.

TALK IS CHEAP, BUT REPUBLICAN PARTY WANTS IT FOR NOTHING

Either the Republican campaign oratory is not worth paying for or the business interests think Taft is a sure thing and don't want to spend money on him, or they are indifferent as to whether Taft or Bryan wins for Chairman Hitchcock of the national committee has been forced to announce that all speakers must be "volunteers." In this connection he has called on the congressmen to come forward for the position of speaker for the party.

BIG COAL STRIKE IS THREATENED

Miners of Wyoming and Montana to Walk Out; States Facing Famine

Butte, Mont., Sept. 1.—Montana and Wyoming are facing a coal famine on account of a possible strike. From present indications about 7,000 miners will strike in Wyoming and possibly as many more in Montana. Negotiations between the Wyoming coal operators and the committee from the United Mine Workers, which have been going on for four days, have ended, and it is announced that all mines of the big companies will be closed at once.

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POLITICAL NURSERY RHYMES, NO. 2



TAF, HE WAS A "WELCHER," TAF, HE WAS A THIEF, TAF, HE CAME TO MY HOUSE AND STOLE MY PIECE OF BEEF!

"RED SPECIAL" FUND PUBLICITY

Yesterday the Daily Socialist began the publication of the "Red Special" fund. Another installment will be published tomorrow, the rest of the list compiled up to August 15 will be published, the total to that date being \$6,019.96.

JOHNSON TO HELP BRYAN CAPTURE NORTHWEST VOTE

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—Secure in the knowledge that Gov. John A. Johnson of Minnesota, his leading rival for the nomination before the Denver convention, will loyally support him in the coming campaign in the Northwest, William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for president, left last night for Fargo, N. D., where he will speak today.

MULTITUDE IN DEBS GREETING

The audience was magnificent. It was an immense outpouring of loyal hearts bent on freeing themselves from the yoke of wage slavery. I have seen a few larger audiences but none more enthusiastic. Every point struck home spontaneously. You could almost hear the hearts of the people beat as one.

"Red Special" Thunders Out of Station and Takes Up Long Journey

On the "Red Special" Debs was besieged by a number of photographers and reporters. He posed for four pictures on and around the "Special" and then retreated into the car, followed by a group of ambitious newspapermen, who wanted to know what he had to say about Gompers.

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WU, CHINESE MINISTER, TO BE RECALLED FOR BEING "GABBY"

Washington, Sept. 1.—Reports that five Tung Shan Chinese minister to the United States has been too "gabby" and will therefore be recalled by his government have received partial confirmation in dispatches from Peking which state that Liang Ta Ken, assistant secretary of the board of foreign affairs, has been practically decided on for the Washington portfolio.

SENDS BARREL OF APPLES

Joe Finn, formerly of Michigan, gives Red Special Fresh Fruit. Are the farmers with the city workers? It looked as if they were Saturday when a barrel of apples was carted into National Socialist headquarters.

THE STOPS FOR THE DAY

Today's stops are: Joliet—Arrive 3:15 a. m.; leave 3:45 a. m. Springfield—Arrive 1:30 p. m.; leave 1:30 p. m. Springfield—Arrive 1:30 p. m.; leave 1:30 p. m. Springfield—Arrive 1:30 p. m.; leave 1:30 p. m.

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SLEUTH BELLS OF RUSS EVILS Officer Who Took Prisoner Back Describes Evils Practiced by Cossacks

Tales of terror, pillage, arson and murder were recounted today by Detective Sergeant Make Mills, head of the local police anarchistic bureau, who arrived in Chicago after two months' sojourn in Russia, where he had taken a government prisoner wanted for the murder of four peasant women in the city of Libau. The only bright spot in the officer's tour came when Mathilda, Maillin, a Russian girl who had been brought to Chicago by an aunt, was reunited to her parents in Libau.

Keep Prisoner's Fate Secret The disposition of military cases is kept a close secret by the Russian officials, according to Mills, and he was unable to ascertain even the slightest details regarding his prisoner's fate.

Cossacks Whip Every Peasant "As an illustration of the conditions, I was stopping in the village of Mersalkowa when it was reported that a rich landlord had been losing valuable buildings by fire every night. The Cossacks were sent out and dragged every peasant in the village to the public square, whipping them on the way.

Thieves Purloin Treasure Placed Under Baby's Head for Safe Keeping A baby carriage bank was "cracked" in South Chicago last night and \$2,460 taken. Two men, who had volunteered to act as nursemaids to the baby of their landlady, are sought by the police.

Secretary Slevers has Kankakee county well in hand, and a splendid campaign will be carried on during the next few months. Up to this time crowds have been small and interest lagging, but the workers are taking new hold and are encouraged with the outlook.

THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN By W. H. Murphy WHAT THE SUBSCRIPTION HUSTLERS DID IN ONE DAY

Don't you rock the boat and cause it to founder. If every Hustler works with uniformity we can steer the ship into smooth water, where sailing will be easy. During this 1936 campaign, when Socialist activity is at its height, the Daily Socialist should be put on a firm basis.

HERE IS THE NEW PLAN You want a bunch of the Labor Day Specials to distribute in your locality. There are several others who have the same wish. You do not feel able to buy a thousand, but would gladly "chip in" to help get that number.

Table with columns: Name, Amount. Lists names of contributors to the Labor Day Special fund, such as A. M. Martindale, Indianapolis, Ind., \$1.00; C. Schuler, Los Angeles, Cal., \$1.00.

THE LABOR DAY HUSTLERS Mr. F. Gleason, Muscatine, Ia., \$1.00; Mr. Nelson, Mayfield, Ia., \$1.00; Katherine S. Hale, Chicago, Ill., \$1.00.

UNION MEETINGS An open meeting of meat cutters will be held Wednesday, September 3, at 8 p. m. at 22 North Chicago street.

Where To Go The Women's Socialist League meets every Thursday at 1230 p. m. at 27 Van Buren street.

AMUSEMENTS. River View. A POWERFUL PLAY MAKING A DEEP IMPRESSION IN CLARION NOTES.

POWERS' THEATER. HENRY MILLER ASSOCIATE PLAYERS. The Servant In The House.

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THROUGHS HEAR BENTAL SPEAK Streets of Kankakee Blocked by Crowds at State Secretary's Meeting

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What Is the Matter With America By LINCOLN STEFFENS

Moyer's Songs of Socialism. Get on at any stop and ride to the heart or as far as you want to go.

Every Worker Is Needed

The next two months will show of what stuff Socialists are made. They have the opportunity of their lives. There was never a campaign where the world was listening to the Socialists as it is in the United States today.

It is a time when the weakest can do something, and the strongest must do much. It is a time when, as Ben Hanford has told us, the "cripple must fight with his crutch."

The "Red Special" has started. It represents one splendid achievement. The Daily Socialist is proud of the fact that it has helped to make that achievement possible.

The accomplishment of this one task but opens the road to others. The "Red Special" must be made but a means to carry the cause of Socialism forward. This must be done by the enthusiastic co-operation of those along its line of travel.

There is another task that this campaign must accomplish, and that is the ESTABLISHMENT OF A DAILY SOCIALIST PRESS IN AMERICA. If this is done, if the workers of the United States close this campaign with a firmly established daily press THEY WILL HAVE ACHIEVED A GREATER VICTORY THAN THE ELECTION OF ALL THE "FRIENDS" EVER NOMINATED, OR EVEN THE WINNING OF SOME MINOR OFFICES ON THEIR OWN TICKET.

The firm establishment of a daily Socialist press means the possibility of greater accomplishments in the future than any of which we have dreamed in the past.

NEXT WINTER WILL BE THE MOST TERRIBLE WINTER FOR THE WORKING CLASS OF THE UNITED STATES THAT HAS EVER BEEN EXPERIENCED ON THIS CONTINENT. The artificially fostered "prosperity" which is alleviating so slightly some portions of the country today will have passed away. The need of promising favors to workmen in return for their votes will no longer exist.

With either Taft or Bryan in the presidential chair, YOU WILL NEED A DAILY PRESS AS NEVER BEFORE.

Remember that the Dick military law is now in force. Remember that the Employers' Association and the Citizens' Alliance have declared eternal war upon organized labor, and that they are only waiting for the counting of the votes before carrying out their campaign of extermination.

A MILLION SOCIALIST VOTES AND A POWERFUL SOCIALIST PRESS IS THE ONLY THING THAT WILL DEFEAT SUCH A CAMPAIGN.

What is going on in Alabama today and what has happened in other states before, under Democratic and Republican administrations, tells us what we may expect.

We will need every recruit that we can secure then. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THOSE RECRUITS.

Every reader of a Socialist paper now will be a probable helper then. WILL YOU SEE TO IT THAT YOU GATHER IN AT LEAST ONE RECRUIT TODAY?

The Daily Socialist does not ask you to help it. IT ASKS THAT YOU HELP YOURSELF, YOUR CLASS AND YOUR CAUSE BY MAKING YOUR WEAPONS READY NOW.

Getting one subscriber for a Socialist paper seems such a little thing as a part of a SOCIAL REVOLUTION. GETTING THOSE SUBSCRIBERS WILL DETERMINE MORE THAN ANY OTHER ONE THING WHETHER THAT REVOLUTION WILL BE PEACEFUL OR BLOODY.

AN INTELLIGENT, READING, SOCIALIST WORKING CLASS CANNOT BE PROVOKED INTO A HOPELESS MOB TO BE SHOT DOWN BY MACHINE GUNS AND KRAG-JORGENSEN RIFLES.

If every person who reads this would get SECURE ONE SUBSCRIBER THIS WEEK FOR THE DAILY SOCIALIST THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANOTHER MASSACRE OF WORKERS IN AMERICA?

That sounds like boasting. Do you know what it would mean? IT WOULD MEAN THAT IN TEN THOUSAND POST-OFFICES OF THIS COUNTRY THERE WOULD BE A GROUP OF THINKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO COULD NOT BE SWAYED OR STAMPEDED, WHO WOULD KNOW THE ROAD TO PEACEFUL VICTORY AND WOULD PURSUE IT TO THE END.

It would mean such a growth of the Socialist movement, party and vote that the rulers of this country would fall over themselves in their eagerness to hand out the reforms that are now asked for.

Do that this week. DO YOUR SHARE TO START THE REVOLUTION.



Compete Them Out of Existence. In your issue of the 15th I read a communication from Abraham Lincoln. The issue of an industrial... Not Scientific. Henry K. Wright thinks A. M. Lewis' article... The sum total of what I believe in is that the government should simply furnish the work so well begun, on the same lines and by the same methods now employed by the trusts...

METROPOLITAN REFLECTIONS

BY W. B. NICKERSON

Rome, those holders and house owners, intellectuals and patriots, and those who were not far from the barbarian lands without. And presently there fell among them much discord and disputation, and Heros descended and quarreled over the matter of matters of tactics created division of sentiment. And some who were white would not meet with them who were black and patriots counselled overmuch of practice as the greatest wisdom, and priests counselled harkening to overtures of the rulers, who themselves desired above all harmony rather than revolution. Meantime the people hungered and died of the cold of winter or of the heat of summer, and none cared well save they which had abundance, and they which had not abundance and yet had brains were cast down and trampled on as trash because of this discord among the adherents of the new philosophy.

IN FULL RETREAT

BY ROBERT HUNTER

I feel sorry for my friend, Mr. Bryan. He makes me think of a story I once heard of a great battle. All preparations were made for a tremendous struggle. The hosts were gathered on both sides, and finally they flew at each other's throats. But suddenly a fearful apparition appeared at the head of one of the armies. Panic-stricken, the warriors on the other side fled in dismay, dropping their spears and swords and armor, rushing for their very dear life to some place of safety.

Like the fearless warrior that tried to stem that retreat, Bryan tries to hear his fleeing hosts. He beats and clubs them; he dashes to the rear and rushes through, meeting them face to face, shouting "Turn back, turn back; the victory is ours!"

But they do not turn back, and the day is lost. Such is the fate of the Democratic party in the present campaign. The bosses are in retreat. Many of them have sold out already; others are only waiting for their price. The Democratic machine in all the pivotal states except Indiana is already making plans to aid the enemy.

One of the most recent deserters from the Bryan army is John R. McLean, proprietor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. He is a man fitted by temperament, by position, and by character, to be very prominent in the Democratic organization. Mr. McLean editorializes in the Enquirer, lamenting that there is no chance for the Democrats to gain any Republican votes in the West this year. "It does not look so favorable," he says, "to the Democrats in the West as it did one month ago, a fortnight ago, or a week ago."

A few weeks ago Colliers' Weekly published something about John R. McLean. It took from the front page of McLean's paper two ads. out of hundreds of a similar character. They were advertisements of men coming to Cincinnati who wanted while there the company of attractive young ladies. The advertisements suggested that the men were jovial and handsome, with plenty of money that they would like to spend in giving a "good time to the proper young ladies."

Colliers' Weekly asks very pertinently, "We should like to know just what John R. McLean's business is?" He owns a very fine house in Washington. He entertains some of the best known society people, and is generally considered as a very prominent and respectable gentleman of wealth and influence.

But, unfortunately, he is in a business which seems to be one peculiarly attractive to Democratic politicians. The Democrats of New York run most of the gambling houses and brothels and saloons. Hinky Dink and Johnny Powers and similar Democratic politicians run the gambling houses and brothels and saloons of Chicago. Wherever one goes one finds that the chief Democratic politicians seem to be engaged in similar undertakings; and we find John R. McLean so enamored of these pursuits that he runs a great paper which he sends into the homes of thousands upon thousands of decent people with advertisements upon its front page of prostitutes and men who want prostitutes.

When one contemplates this cesspool of Democratic morality existing throughout the North, and then those superb Democratic aristocrats of the South, with their militia for shooting down sturving workmen, and their lynchers for tearing to pieces helpless negroes, one wonders why it is that Mr. Bryan should hope for or expect their loyalty.

Is his campaign in support of vice? Is his work to establish a military despotism to deal summarily with "niggers" and white workmen? Is his heart filled with a loathing for mankind, and his mind bent upon trying to demoralize and degrade mankind?

If that were the case he might hope for the support of machine Democrats. But if Mr. Bryan is, as I believe him to be, a man really in sympathy with the views of Thomas Jefferson and Leo Tolstoy, then why should he wish for or accept nomination, or any favor whatever, from the hands of these men?

Does Mr. Bryan think that the country would gain or lose by having him president if at the same time it has to put in control of our cities and states, of congress and courts, men of the type of John R. McLean, the bosses of New York and Chicago, the drags at the bottom of the states of the North and the aristocratic scum at the top of our states in the South?

God knows the Republican party is bad enough. For a people that possessed wisdom and discernment, or any political sagacity whatever, the rule of the Republican party would be intolerable.

But, Mr. Bryan, it matters not whether your ideals may or may not be superior to those of Mr. Taft. Even were you to obtain the loyalty of the Democratic machine and victory for you were certain, do you think any sane man could prefer the Bedlamism offered by the Democratic party, with all its vices and rottenness, its grafting and corruption, to Republicanism, with its despotic oligarchy?

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

The Secret of Harmony

BY ERMA VIVIAN JOHNSON

Darwin has said: "These communities which include the greatest number of the most sympathetic members would flourish best." Kropotkin says of animals: "As soon as we study animals—not in laboratories only, but in the forest and upon the prairie in the steppes and the mountains—we at once perceive that though there is an immense amount of warfare and extermination going on, various classes of animals, and especially among various species, are continually at war with each other, and yet they are not exterminated. Sociability is as much a law of nature as mutual struggle. If we resort to an indirect test and ask Nature who are the fittest, those who are continually at war with each other, or those who support one another, we at once see that those animals which acquire habits of mutual aid are undoubtedly the fittest. They have more chances to survive, and they attain, in their respective classes, the highest development of intelligence and bodily organization. If the numbers facts which can be brought forward to support this view are taken into account, we may safely say that mutual aid is as much a law of animal life as mutual struggle; but that as a factor of evolution it most probably has greater importance, inasmuch as it favors the development of such habits and character as insure the maintenance and further development of the species, together with the greatest amount of welfare and enjoyment of life for the individual, with the least waste of energy."

Where community interests require a harmony of interests in all their sense of public duty and protection, we are familiar with the fact that they are capable of using signs and signals to simplify their methods of co-operation. But how many of what conditions are responsible for certain exceptions to the rule of co-operation we are unable to explain through a lack of understanding the forces which cause some to be slithering that others in adapting themselves to a protective policy. Yet these exceptions are considerably in the minority. The majority work in unison and deal harshly with any unsocial member who contributes no service to the community. This spring some paper-wasps built a large dwelling for themselves on some nearby electric light wires at a point in a cottage. They worked incessantly until the completed, going in all directions to obtain the ingredients of which it was composed. Some youngsters of the well-bred neighborhood, with destructive inclinations which admitted of no explanation sufficient to overpower their notion of disorganizing a peaceful community, deliberately destroyed the labor of these industrious wasps. What did it matter that these wasps were a source of benefit to neighbors because they had the power of eliminating large quantities of mosquitoes. They were a peaceful, energetic community, and no one but the "beast-man" mind shows his superiority, his prodigious loss of power over weaker creatures. The lower half of the nest was shown to me after it had been ruthlessly demolished. It was a marvelous piece of work. There were many cells stored with embryos of the young wasps not yet matured—their home damaged, their young destroyed, and a great picture of destruction. Is it strange that someone was stung by an angry resident who rebelled against such treatment? But, were they discouraged? No! Next day I noticed wasps traveling over the wood on my porch where they secured the qualities for making the paper pulp and they have long since put a new bottom on the nest which would nourish their young and store their food. The same illustration holds true of the harmless little garden snake. It

A COLUMN FOR Socialist Farmers

Recollections of the Farm

BY J. E. R.

When I was a small boy on the farm in Ohio I well remember seeing several peculiar looking tools hanging in the woodshed and like all boys I wanted to know what they were and for what they were used. These simple tools were much the same as our own sickles of today, only they had a very rough edge. When I finally received an answer to my question I was informed that they were hand sickles for cutting wheat and they had not been entirely out of use many years at that time. In those days the cradler-who could cut the most grain and lay the rows the best at wheat harvest time was the hero and much talked of. Then when the self rake reaper came into use the self rake machine was the great topic of conversation at harvest time and with one man could cut as much wheat as several cradlers and leave it in much better shape for the men who bound it into sheaves. Then a few years more passed and the harvester was invented. This machine cut the grain and hoisted it up to two men who if they were experts in the art could stand on the machine and bind it. The two-hand binder took the place of five or six men who had to arrange the grain with a wooden rake, stoop over and bind it and walk or run to the next bundle. Then came the reaper and binder combined into one machine. Now please imagine if you can the difference between the reaper with hand sickle cutting only a few straws at a time, laying the grain in bundles and binding it with the straw, competing with the ordinary farmer of today with his self-binding cutting and binding from eight to fifteen acres per day.

All this and more has happened in less than two generations. I will not mention the wonderful machines that have been invented and put into use on the larger farms since, but not practiced on the smaller farms where so many good people wear out their lives today in using still the self-binder. When the harvester came into use a neighbor of ours was using this wonderful machine on which two men could ride and bind as much wheat as four men could by carrying his rake from bundle to bundle. One of our harvest hands who happened to use his head for something besides a hat-rack said: "If they keep on inventing machinery in the future as they have in the past few years, we farm hands will have but little to do." And he was right. Just think of the men who have been tramping the streets looking for work and finding none. So to the farmerhand the machinery has been a curse in place of a benefit, for the sweat that he poured out over the golden grala in harvest was no such misery to him as the anguish of being out of work and the worry of paying rent and keeping the family together. Neither has it been a benefit to the ordinary farmer, for as the capitalist sets the price of his product the farmer sells and also sets the price on the machinery that the farmer must buy. Capitalist has the farmer in his clutches as completely as he has the wageworker who builds the machinery. About the only difference is that the farmer who owns his farm owns his job and when the times are hard he has no easy job at that.

Many of these farmers have sacrificed their health in order to pay their taxes and pay the machinery bills when prices were low. The farmers are workers and they will never know what freedom is until they join hands with their city brothers who have left the farm to sell their labor power in the city and when they do this and then in the co-operative commonwealth, then they will be free and not until then. Terre Haute, Ind.

Why He Is a Socialist

I herewith enclose a short article for the Farmers' Department of your paper. If it is along the lines you desire I may be able to send you more each week. I like the paper very much, but it is not an easy matter to get subs. for a daily, as the old parties canvass the farmers often. If a man is too poor to pay the aspirants to office send them free. I get my paper the next day after it is printed. I wish you to say to the committee in charge of the "Red Special" that I pledge \$1 toward that propaganda and will send it by the middle of September, as next month is peasant month for Michigan and I think I can solicit another dollar or more, and you can send me 100 Labor Day editions and I will pay at that time. Yours in the cause, fraternally P. P. MINER.

Brant, Mich., Aug. 12, 1908. Editor Chicago Daily Socialist. Dear Sir: I have read the first Tuesday issue containing a Farmers' Department, and I am much pleased to read it. I live on a farm of 127 acres, an out of debt and am able to live under any administration, as I get sufficient pension to meet my wants, and my wife, having gone to care for the boys in blue during the civil war, also gets a pension of \$12 per month. As farmers, the price we get for our product determines our daily wage, and so long as our present condition maintains the price is changeable and uncertain. Last September dressed hogs were selling at \$8 per hundredweight in our local market; two months later they were a drug on the market at \$5. In September all labor was employed and that meant that the man who labored had the means to buy the farmers' product and the market was good. But in midwinter there had been from three to four million men deprived of the means to earn a living and our product went on to a slump market, and that meant a reduction of our daily wage of 20 per cent at least. Now who was the gainer by this slump? I answer: Swift, Armour & Co. and all who were in a position to care for that product. They bought at a declining market and are selling that same pork, which cost them \$2 less per hundredweight, for the same price at wholesale as they did last October. Did the farmers take it down in the proportion as his product? Did his shoes and clothing decrease in price? Did his interest grow less on his mortgage? What applies to hogs applies to nearly every product of the farm. And these depressions are a part of the capitalist system and it does not matter the snap of one's finger which political party is in power so long as the money to buy our produce is controlled by the few, and the means of commerce are also in the hands of the few. These conditions build and maintain this millionaire system as well on the farm as in the city. Any condition that is oppressive to the city laborer is also detrimental to the farmer. I am a Socialist because that party alone offers the only redress for all classes who labor. I am a Socialist because by eliminating profit we effectually destroy the accursed liquor traffic. I am a Socialist because it makes it possible for all workers to own their homes. I am a Socialist to abolish the 569 deaths of children which occurred last month in Chicago alone. Yours first, last and all the time for Socialism. P. P. MINER.

Parasites That Afflict the Farmers

BY CLYDE J. WRIGHT

Mr. Farmer: You know what a "warble" is, don't you? Of course. "Warble" is the name you apply to the parasites that afflict your cows. Many a time you have stood beside old "Brindle" or "Blackie" or "Whittle" and squeaked out between your thumbs those hideous worms that bury beneath the skin of the critters. They are "parasites." A "parasite" is a thing that lives upon the lives of other things, and returns nothing for its living. Ever see the cattle rub themselves against the trees and fences to rid themselves of these pests? Did you know that the American farmers are afflicted with "parasites" even worse than the cows and steers and bulls? Webster's dictionary says: "A parasite is one that lives at another's expense, and earns his living by flattery, a hanger-on; a toady; a sycophant."

When wheat sells for ninety cents on the farms the consumers pay nearly a dollar and a half. At least forty cents of this amount goes for "flattery," to feed a "parasite." You have put your life into that wheat—the energy required to produce it is gone, spent, exhausted. Forty cents worth of your life's labor power goes to feed the parasite burrowed beneath your political skin, who does nothing for you in return. And you seem to lack sense to do in this political parasite what you do to the "warbles" in your cows. Feasting beneath the economic skin of the farmers are the "elevator warbles," "railroad warbles," "steamship warbles," "fertilizer warbles," and a great many other kinds of commercial "warbles." And there they feast until you are so "durn" poor that you can't educate your children or buy a piano, or go to Coney Island, or dress your wife in silks, or own an automobile, or do many other necessary things in keeping with the times. In other words, the "parasites" are eating up all your surplus "economic fat" that would make you sleek and plump and happy. The Democrat and Republican parties

The Red Special

Come, keep the track, ye hordes of grangers! Ye parasites who suck the blood of men! For law-protected thieves have had their day; For hear-along the singing rails of steel The good Red Special rushes through the night To bring to those beneath the Iron Heel The glorious ray of liberating light. Look! ye who rob the toilers of their all! And see her brilliant headlight pierce the gloom; She brings a message to the crying thrall, So stand aside lest ye would meet your doom. She comes—the wheels of progress bear her on. The power of right she uses for her steam. She bids ye idle hands all be gone. That we may realize an age-long dream. Her destination is the Coming Day—the better day that surely is to be; And none shall stand upon her right of way. (The good Queen Justice issues this decree). The valiant crew are modern "shanny Rebs. Not one of whom will be your docile pawn; But each shall work with brave Conductor Debs To bring her to the economic dawn. —Helen Peab.