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SPLENDID CELEBRATIONS on Labor Day, THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Labor Rising to a Consciousness of Its Power--The Future Waiting for the Day to Come When That Power Will Be Used.

Mooster Celebration in St. Louis--Grandest Parade in the City's History--What the Speaker Said.

Labor Day has come and gone, with it came a pledge for renewed effort in the review of the splendid work already accomplished. Throughout the length and breadth of the land labor's hosts assembled to recount its victories, its defeats and form its plans for victories yet to come. Labor Day has become our greatest holiday, observed even more extensively than the Fourth Day of July. In all the large cities of the country tens of thousands of the sons of toil marched through the streets, their banners telling their demands. In every village and hamlet the same spirit prevailed and only the lack of numbers prevented the splendid demonstrations of the cities.

In St. Louis 60,000 marchers took part, the greatest parade which ever passed over the streets of the city. 60,000 were carried away with the enthusiasm of their own making, and from to-day on the workers of St. Louis will at least know their power.

Power! Power!
Power! If the workers but used it, no longer can they fail to know it, and the future waits anxiously for them to take the action which will give them the world and all its blessings. If Labor Day did nothing but show labor its power, its celebration would not be in vain, but Labor Day will do more; it will eventually show them how to use it. When that day comes the present ruling class will totter and fall, all of the world's injustice will be swept away and the toiler of the ages will come into his own. The shackles will be stricken from the child slaves of the factories and sweat shops, the mothers and fathers of the nation will come together in a place which can truly be called home, and their children will be meted the treatment of children and not be condemned to lives of toil, misery and ignorance. When that day comes the sun will truly have risen and the creators of the world's wealth will bask in its life-giving rays.

In this regard, Comrade F. A. Sieverman's speech is well worth reading. He reviewed the present function of the Union Label in the labor movement, showed the necessity for its use and the power which it holds. He also touched upon the use of the ballot and urged labor's union with the Socialist Party.

He spoke, in part, as follows:
Sieverman's Speech.
Fellow Workmen and Working-women--We are together to-day not only to show off and parade our strength nor to merely enjoy a glass of foaming beer or some soft drink. No; we are together on this Labor Day of 1902 for a higher, a loftier and nobler purpose than to merely satisfy the inner man and to while away the time pleasantly. This day--the only exclusive holiday for labor--would be little better than wasted did we not use the occasion for expressing our opinions upon the grave problems confronting us.

Organizations Building Up.
The ranks of organized labor are filling up more rapidly to-day than ever. Never before in the history of the labor movement have such large numbers of the workers gone into the unions as in recent years. Eight hundred thousand members were added to the membership of the American Federation of Labor during the last five years. There are now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor ninety-three National and International Unions, twenty-six State Branches and four hundred City Central bodies.

In a great measure this splendid result has been brought about by the adoption of more practical and efficient methods of agitation and organization than were formerly in vogue. The time was when the labor organizations went about with a chip on their shoulders during the capitalist employer to knock it off. But when the economic weakness of the workers became more apparent, new methods were adopted.

The Union Label.
The chip on the shoulder policy was

put aside and in its place was adopted the most effective weapon yet wielded by organized labor--The Union Label, or as it is called in my organization, the International Boot and Shoe Workers of America--The Union Stamp. By means of the stamp, or the union label, we are in a position to determine the employment of union workmen; by demanding goods with the union label we levy a most effective boycott upon all non-union products, upon the products of the tenement house, of the sweat shop and of the prison. The intelligent use of the Shoe Workers' Union stamp has built up a strong organization, where a few years ago there existed only fragments.

Without doubt the union stamp policy of our trade unions will help to perfect the organization of labor.

Is Perfect Organization All?
But is perfect organization all that is needed? Is nothing necessary beyond the thorough organization of the workers in a given industry to achieve success? If perfect organization were all that is necessary the striking mine workers in the anthracite coal fields would long ago have nailed "Victory" to their banners. It is safe to state that practically one hundred per cent of the anthracite miners belong to the United Mine Workers' organization, and yet their present strike seems far from success.

Fellow Unionists, there is something beyond perfect organization which we must give attention to.

The Government.
We can make a very good friend of government if we go at it right. If we cast our ballots right, we can make the government our friend, but if we keep on casting our ballots for a Republican government we will find that government sending soldiers to shoot us into submission. In Pennsylvania the 147,000 striking miners have probably all been voting the Republican ticket, and they are reaping the consequences to-day. Five thousand armed soldiers, called out by the government, stand ready to murder defenceless workmen upon the slightest pretext. But so far the wonderful discipline and self-control maintained by that vast army of striking workers has denied the murdering soldier his opportunity.

Where the laws of government in a state are administered by the Democratic party, exactly the same treatment is meted out to workmen and women as is now being done in the Republican state of Pennsylvania.

There will be no change in this direction so long as the workmen vote the Democratic and Republican party tickets. We must vote the ticket of a party, which stands on our platform; we must vote the ticket of a party which stands for the working class solely.

Such a party is the Socialist Party and through it our ballots will make the government our friend.

But, my friends, I have been reminded before beginning, both directly and indirectly, by the Arrangements Committee, not to draw out this speech too long, not longer than at the most a half an hour, and, therefore, I shall try to come to a speedy close. But, as I said in the beginning unless we devote some of our time on Labor Days to something higher and nobler than running sack races, catching greased pigs and drinking beer, our coming together on Labor Days will not become the inspiration and stimulus to our cause that it should be.

STREET MEETINGS.
Street meetings will be held at the following points: Broadway and Shimer street, Saturday evening, Sept 6, Seventh and Kansas streets, Saturday evening, Sept. 13. Comrade E. Val Putnam will speak at the last meeting. The Eleventh Ward comrades are pushing both meetings and it is safe to say they will be well managed.

A Splendid Showing.

Nearly \$1,500 So Far Sent the Striking Miners by the Socialist Party--Comrades Should Feel Encouraged to Redouble Their Efforts.

The following splendid response to the Socialist Party strike fund is one of the most heartful signs of the whole Socialist movement. It has done more to cement the economic and political movements of labor than any other factor and from now on those who question the motives of either organization will do so only through ignorance. In the hour of peril the Socialist movement has put aside its political character and is devoting all its energies to the aid of the striking miners of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Those comrades who have not yet responded to the call should do so as soon as possible in order that the sum sent to the bread fund may be doubled or even trebled.

The following are the amounts received in the last week:

Total reported to August 20	\$ 918.85
L. P. Heeffinger, Camden, N. J.	2.10
Local Taylorville, Ill.	10.25
Local Yelm, Wash.	4.15
Local Schroder, Collinsville, I. T.	5.00
Local Milag, Mo. (R. D. Morrison)	2.50
Local Manchester, N. H.	14.00
Chas. Wm. Olson, Media, Pa.	1.25
Local Walden, Mass.	6.30
Local Cokeville, Pa.	8.65
Local Arlington, N. J.	19.00
Local Carpenterville, Ill.	11.85
Local Globe, Ariz.	8.00
Longshoremen's Union, Hoboken, N. J.	5.44
Local Bevier, Mo.	10.25
Local Springfield, Mass.	15.00
Local Williamsport, Pa.	9.50
Local Huntington, Ind.	10.60
Local Jacksonville, Fla.	7.75
Local Winslow, Arizona	35.60
Local Dryden, Mich.	2.25
Local Madison, Me.	4.00
Local Idaho Falls, Idaho	8.00
Local Marshalltown, Ia.	3.00
Local Glen Elyn, Ill.	9.50
Local Exeter, N. H.	24.50
Local St. Joseph, Mo.	8.00
Local Connellsville, Pa.	14.00
Local Cleveland, O.	4.99
Local Independence, Okla.	5.00
Local Enid, Okla.	5.00
Local Louisville, Ky.	7.50
Local Haverhill, Mass.	17.50
Local Syracuse, N. Y.	12.95
Local Syracuse, N. Y.	3.70
Local Portersville, Cal.	11.00
Local Arlington, Wash.	5.00
N. J. Wondraek, St. Louis, Mo.	5.00
Local New Bedford, Mass.	18.00
Local Manchester, N. H.	5.00
Local Sedalia, Mo.	19.25
Local Newport, Ky.	19.20
Local Pinon, Colo.	4.00
Local Wilkesbarre, Pa.	13.05
Local Utica, N. Y.	29.25
Local Granite Falls, Wash.	6.55
Local Northport, Wash.	7.50
Local Denver, Colo.	7.50
Local Somerville, Mass.	2.70
Local Kings County, N. Y.	28.00
Local Malden, Mass.	2.70
Local Rochester, N. Y.	36.50
Local Lehigh, Ia.	3.00
Local Toledo, O.	26.35
Local Stonington, Conn.	7.00
Local Whitman, Mass.	15.00
The Socialist Co-op. Pub. Association, N. Y.	45.40
Total, Aug. 28	\$1534.79

ST. JOSEPH SENDS FUNDS.

Contributes to the Strikers Bread Fund--A Lesson With It.
St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 24--The St. Joseph Local met last Sunday and authorized the Secretary to send \$8 to the National Committee for the Anthracite miners in Pennsylvania.

Grand Picnic and Raffle
Given Jointly by
St. Louis Labor and Arbeiter Zeitung
AT
Ebersbach's Garden, Gravois Road and Arsenal St.
SUNDAY, SEPT. 14, 2 pm. Tickets, 25c. Children Free.
Comrades are called upon to contribute prizes for the raffle stand.

vania, knowing this is a critical moment and financial aid is the most essential assistance we can render them, in securing a more equitable share of the products of their labors. Their victory is our victory also. We feel that we are all brothers under this industrial system that continually tends to decrease our meager wage and to increase private profit. It is only through our combined effort that we may be able to deliver ourselves from the subtle web of the capitalistic system into which we have been lured to be held as captives, awaiting the decree of our masters. Socialism has come to our rescue, let us arouse and shake off this stupid influence which has blinded us to the possibility of our future deliverance. Accept Socialism, cultivate and cherish it as our sacred savior from eternal slavery to the private profit system of the privileged class.
Yours fraternally,
R. D. FLANAGAN

Christ Rocker In Alton.

Scores Two Capitalist Speakers Who Seek to Jolly the Workers.
Showed Their Real Feeling.

Comrade Christ Rocker, the Socialist candidate for Congress in the 12th District, encountered the enemy at Alton on Labor Day and proceeded to do 'em up in his own peculiar style. Comrade Rocker was the last speaker, having been preceded by a lawyer and preacher, both of whom were fulsome in their praises of this working class, both of whom, however, derided Socialism, and warned the workers against its "seductive influences." Their speeches had fallen rather flat, as the workers are becoming used to that sort of rot and it was left to Comrade Rocker to enliven his hearers and make the previous speakers feel like falling through the platform.
He showed the real meaning of their supposed friendship for labor, a friendship that would disappear as soon as they could no longer live idly off the labor of those for whom they cared so much. His remarks showed completely their sophistry and when he had finished the men were so impressed with his arguments that they wanted to carry him on their shoulders. The preacher and the lawyer found an exit through the back way.

THE LABOR'S PRESS PICNIC.

Arrangements Being Completed for a Splendid Turn Out--The Raffle Stand Will Eclipse All Others.

Arrangements for the annual picnic of "St. Louis Labor" and "Arbeiter Zeitung" are nearing completion. All indications are that this year the record of last year will be left far behind. The committees in charge have worked loyally and with the interest which the campaign has already engendered the park should be filled to overflowing.
Admission to the grounds is 19c; children free. Tickets may be had at the offices, at 22 N. 4th st., or at the entrance to the grounds.

Prof. Hans Boeck's orchestra will deliver the music for the occasion. Addresses will be made in English and German. A special committee for entertainment of the little ones will be a guarantee that those coming with their families will find their little folks enjoying the occasion.
Games and pastimes for young and old will be provided. It is the opportunity of the year for all the comrades in the local movement to get together.

Our hard working comrades of the Social Democratic Women's Club are this year as in the past bearing the brunt in the struggle to eclipse all past efforts for this annual celebration. They will be found on hand serving good coffee and other things for the inner man, as well as attending to the extensive raffle features of the event.
A prize will go with every raffle ticket and those who have not yet contributed prizes are urged to do so.

THE MORTGAGE RIDDEN FARMER.

A Capitalist Tells a Tale Out of School Which Reveals the Wonderful Practicability of Capitalism.
Could Socialism Be Worse?

The capitalist is not always the shrewdest man on earth and sometimes they let the cat out of the bag and give away on their whole system, which under other circumstances they declare to be the only "practical" system, possible.
The following appearing in a recent issue of the St. Louis Republic is one of these slips and the farmer especially would do well to read it.

Persons in other walks of life are patting the farmer on the back because the Census Bureau has just reported the number of farms in the United States on June 1, 1900, as being 5,739,657, with a total valuation, including implements, machinery and live stock, of \$29,514,001,638. It certainly sounds well, as does the gross farm income for 1899, computed at \$3,764,177,706.

But there are very many farmers who receive the congratulations of city friends with a sardonic smile. These are not only the owners of the 53,000 farms, ranging in size from one to one thousand acres, who reported "no income" from their crops or annual products, but they are the hard working "chastisers of the soil" everywhere, even in those most important states in the agriculture of the country, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri.

An agent of a large Eastern manufactory of thrashing machines, steam plows and traction engines, spoke of the matter to a group of men at the Southern Hotel the other evening.
"My business," said he, "is sometimes a rather painful one. It takes me among the big and little farmers in the South, West and Northwest. If some of them are as prosperous as the census makes them out I'll be hanged if they know it. I happen to know they're not, and I know it even better than a large number of them know it themselves. Why doesn't the census give the total amount of mortgages held against the farms in the United States? Because it can't.

"I don't mean the mortgages against the land and tenements only, though those figures would crush you. Why, a few years ago there were \$2,000,000,000 against the farms of Kansas alone. But there's something besides, and that's where my business comes in. We're one of a dozen big concerns that sell traction engines. It doesn't take much talk to induce a farmer to buy a \$2,000 machine on easy terms, which will do the work of eight or ten men. He can hitch one of our multiple plows to it, do his own and the thrashing of his neighbors, run it into the woods and use it as a sawmill.

"It's a fine thing, and he raises some money on notes, or pledges his crop and gives us a chattel mortgage on the machine for the balance.

"Of course, some of them make the machines pay for themselves. But many of them have no place to keep them and let their implements stand out in the wet, and such delicate machinery as ours must always be kept dry, well oiled and in perfect repair.
"Well, in a year or two the average machine is a sight. We are ready to take it in hand, and I am there to dog the poor farmer along and get our money out of him, or the forced sale of the mortgaged goods follows."
"It is a sad business sometimes, but a profitable and extensive one. Our warehouses are always full of new machines or old ones undergoing repair."

Every comrade anxious to assist in organizing and equipping our Socialist Drum Corps should be on hand at Room 10, 22 N. 4th St., Sunday, Sept. 7th, at 10 a. m.

Situation In Doubt.

Missouri Coal Miners Negotiating for Renewal of Wage Agreements--Labor Day in Bevier.

Socialists of Macon County Find No Trouble in Securing Signatures.

Bevier, Mo., Aug. 31--We are on the eve of Labor Day. The miners of Bevier are going to celebrate by a parade, and march to the grounds where arrangements are made to entertain all.

The dark clouds have gathered over all the mining towns of Missouri. We do not know what to expect. Our men, or delegates, are in Kansas City trying to bring about a settlement for the next year's wages. The people who depend on coal for this coming winter are going to suffer as well as the miners. We know what it is to be on strike. There is only one way to settle this question, and settle it right, and that is for the Government to take all the mines and give the laborer the product of his labor. The business men of the country are yelling, "Settle the strike in the East." But they do not wish the Government to take the mines and run them. But if the strike continues I think that the people will be forced to take back their own.

The Socialist of Macon County have circulated the petition to get the Socialist ticket on the official ballot. We must appear before the Notary Public on September 3d. When we get that done I think that the Socialist of this county will not need to have any more petitions.

The Republicans of this county are trying to get a candidate for Representative, the nominee having resigned. He holds a better position under the Central Coal and Coke Company down at Ardmore as company doctor. Some of them wish us to do something for them, and they will in return endorse our candidate. But we will not give them any support, as Socialists cannot support any man who is not class conscious. So comrades vote the Socialist ticket straight. We would rather go down all together than vote for our enemy. He who is not with us is against us. The club in joint meeting this afternoon decided to purchase 5,000 cards with candidates' names on one side and our mottoes on the opposite side. We are not able to canvass the county, owing to financial trouble, the prosperity of the Republicans has struck the laboring people so hard that it shook most all the loose cash away from them, and in the scramble to recover it they lost what was left, so now we are completely busted.

As one of the comrades and I were walking along before two good, honest Republicans one asked the other what he thought of the strike in the East. (I will try to tell it in his own words.) He said: "It is a shame that a few men should have the power to make so much suffering. I do not believe in killing anyone, but I would like to see something happen to J. P. Morgan before he arrives."

Those are the men who like to stand on the corners of the street and make fun of us Socialists and call us Anarchists. We think that such people are the Anarchists. Friend, you cannot reform a nation by killing one person. If Morgan had gone to the bottom of the deep there would be another Morgan in his place. Another word to those people, and that is that all Socialists are not infidels. If you church people would practice more and preach less, we believe that there would be less infidels. Equality of man is the motto, so do not condemn your neighbor.

"A COAL MINER."

The next chapter is a Chicago dispatch dated Aug. 16, which reads as follows:

"The International Harvester Co., following its public declaration that economy in the manufacture and distribution of agricultural machinery was the motive for the \$120,000,000 merger, has made a move in that direction. Several of the Chicago companies that make up the combine have issued letters to their general agents throughout the country, ordering a reduction of about THREE-FOURTHS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES representing these companies in the field. The other companies in the combine are preparing to do the same. Equally radical reductions in the official forces are being planned for the near future. TEN THOUSAND MEN IN ALL ARE EXPECTED TO LOSE THEIR POSITIONS."--Cleveland Citizen.

THE TRUTH IN SARCASM.

A Correspondent in the "Boston Traveler" Comments On An Article in "The Worker" Showing the Beauties of Capitalism As Revealed in the Coal Strike.

The following article recently appeared in the Boston Traveler, in their "Correspondence" column, and fittingly describes the conditions prevailing in the anthracite region. It is based upon a recent article in the New York Worker. The sarcasm is good, and reveals the hard facts of the capitalist system:

Bernard W. Gidney, the well known Lynn Socialist, recently sent me a copy of a Socialist organ called the "The Worker," containing a marked article under the title "Let Us Put an End to This Civil War." In a letter to me on the same date (June 30) he said: "A friend sent me a copy of the Express, Pittsburg, Pa., containing your essay on 'Child Labor in Southern Factories.' I feel that you are earnestly seeking to right the matter, and therefore send you a marked copy of 'The Worker.' What say you?"

Will the Traveler allow me to dialogue briefly?

The Worker—In Pennsylvania a private standing army are being held in readiness to shoot down miners in order to break the strike.

Willard—This is lawful and right. Lawlessness must be put down. If these miners continue to riot they must suffer the consequences. Law and order must be enforced, if it takes the whole United States army to do it.

The Worker—The operators do not dig coal nor run trains, but they make profit. ••• and without their consent miners and railroad men may not work.

Willard—Generally these operators are men of extraordinary intelligence. By their own efforts they have risen higher than the sphere of workingmen. If you, Mr. Gidney, employed a man you would expect your employee to do as you commanded him. If he rebelled against you he would have to suffer the consequences. You would pay him what you thought he was worth—and no more. And you wouldn't ask him for his opinion, either.

The Worker—In Rhode Island the other day the militia were out to maintain law and order against striking street car men.

Willard—Right again. These industrial Anarchists have to be put down. Every striking street car man in Rhode Island ought to have had a 25-pound iron ball chained to his feet for 10 years. Such men are unworthy to be recognized by law-abiding citizens.

The Worker—The Rhode Island capitalists do not spin nor weave cotton nor run street cars, but they make profits by the labor of women and children who have to neglect their homes, and children who ought to be in school.

Willard—How awful! Of course any fool knows that the capitalists don't spin nor weave cotton nor run street cars. They hire men to do that work. The women and children have no business in the country in the first place. They rightly belong in the slums of Great Britain and Europe. The sooner they get back there the better. Let them take their own medicine.

The Worker—In West Virginia, where coal miners are on strike against a system that dooms them to lifelong slavery to the company store and the company landlord, a judge has forbidden the strikers to march on the public roads or to meet within sight of the operators' property.

Willard—Shake, judge, shake! You are certainly all right. Your head's well balanced. I wish every other judge in the land was as wide-awake as you are. These Industrial Anarchists must not be allowed to parade or hold secret meetings. They are a dangerous class.

The Worker—These West Virginia gentlemen do no useful work.

Willard—No, only feed and clothe the unthankful wives and their children.

The Worker—They would force the workers to obey them under penalty of starvation.

Willard—Certainly. The foreign devils ought to starve!

The Worker—Their wages are far lower than they were 10 years ago.

Willard—Probably drink more rum than they did 10 years ago.

EUGENE B. WILLARD, Revere, Mass.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB HARD AT WORK.

The last meeting of the Women's Socialist Club was held at Mrs. Voeg's, 115 S. 2nd St., she being the hostess of the occasion.

Mrs. Chas. Sauer has been admitted to membership and plans have been laid for going "after" some more. The main plans now under discussion relate to the picnic of Sept. 14, at Ebersbach's Garden. Much work is needed to make it the success it should be and the ladies request the services of

all who are willing to help it along. They have been very successful in the getting of presents for the raffle stand and that feature bids fair to be a record breaker. The next meeting will be held at 22 N. 4th street, Room 7, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 11.

Comrade Christ Ruther has succeeded Comrade L. P. Tyson as Organizer of the First Ward.

Comrade Charles Mund was Chairman of the last meeting of the Twelfth Ward Club.

Comrades William Crouch and O. Vierling have been very active in distributing literature in the 13th and 23rd Wards.

Comrade Elder was Chairman at the meeting of the Tenth Ward Central Committee on Aug. 29th.

Comrades of the Eleventh Ward will hold an open-air meeting at the corner of Seventh and Kansas streets, Saturday evening, Sept. 13th. The 3rd Precinct Club will have charge of the meeting. Comrade E. Va. Putnam will be the speaker.

Comrades of the Twelfth Ward will arrange an agitation meeting for the latter part of this month. Comrades Crouch, Hogan and Mund are the Committee on Arrangements.

Comrade Elder succeeds Comrade Berghman as Organizer of the Tenth Ward.

Twelfth Ward Club added to its membership at its last meeting.

Twenty-First Ward will need reorganization unless the comrades show more interest in their work.

Tenth Ward Central Committee has made a donation to the Music Hall Demonstration Committee.

The subscription lists for the Miners' Strike Fund issued by the National Secretary and given to the comrades by the City Secretary to circulate for contributions should be immediately returned with the collections to the City Secretary, as the time is up and he must account for every list.

At the last meeting of the Tenth Ward Central Committee, the 2nd, 5th, 6th and 9th precincts reported progress. A committee was elected to arrange for an agitation meeting.

Second Ward Comrades are working on their precinct organization.

First Ward Comrades are very much interested in our Socialist Drum Corps, and have contributed volunteers and funds.

Comrades of the Ninth Precinct Club of the First Ward have their eye on that red silk banner that the comrades of the Women's Social Democratic Club are preparing for the precinct club that can show the largest membership on Nov. 1st, next.

A SOCIALIST DRUM CORPS.
The Comrades interested in organizing a Drum Corps to attract attention to our Socialist campaign will hold their first meeting, Sunday, Sept. 7, at 10 a. m., in Room 19, 22 N. Fourth street. Volunteers for the corps, as well as those desiring to assist in its organization and equipment are invited to attend. No argument should be needed to show that a well drilled drum corps can be made a most effective instrument for agitation, and there should be a full attendance at this meeting of all interested, to encourage the comrades who have already volunteered in this work.

ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN FUND.

Reported Week ending Aug. 23, \$147.90
C. F. pledge 68, L. G. Alexander 1.00
C. F. Pledge 37, W. W. Baker 1.00
C. F. pledge 70, John Schrimpf 50
C. F. pledge 87, H. J. Steigerwalt 25
C. F. pledge 72, Gus Eckhoff 50

Total, week ending Aug. 30, \$151.15
Every holder of a campaign subscription list, who has not already done so, should make a prompt report of his collections on the same, when, after being duly receipted, the list will be reissued to him for further collections. The City Central Committee has instructed the City Secretary to communicate by letter with all comrades who do not immediately comply with this request.

ALBERT SANDERSON, City Secretary.

FREE LECTURE HALL.

Those Desiring Its Use, Are Urged to Write.

The People's Fund and Welfare Association offer the use of their hall at the northwest corner Eleventh and Locust streets, free of charge to all labor organizations for free lectures, entertainments and discussions of social, educational and economic questions.

The hall has lately been renovated and is now in a perfect sanitary condition, and can be secured any evening or Sunday by addressing Louis Kober, 305 North Fourth street, or C. W. Hoffman, 315 Locust street, chairman of Hall Committee.

DISTURBED HIS PEACE.

Deputy Harbor Master Lamb Objected to Hearing Socialist Speakers and Applied for a Warrant.

Police Sergeant "Wise," and Refuses to Listen to Him.

A rather laughable incident recently occurred in the eleventh ward where the Socialists have set going a very vigorous campaign. One Mr. Lamb, holding a Government position as Deputy Harbor Master, and living at 6333 South Sixth street, conceived of the idea that the Socialist speakers were interfering with his peace of mind. He also conceived of the idea of stopping their "disorderly conduct" of urging the workers to unite, by having them arrested. So he hid himself to the Carondelet Police Station and applied for a warrant for their arrest.

"What for?" asked the Sergeant. "For disturbing the peace," replied the irate Mr. Lamb. "Well, you had better consider yourself lucky," continued the Sergeant, "your peace will be less disturbed if you leave them alone than if you try to stop them. Those Socialists know their business. You had better go back home and sit it out."

The irate gentleman started to argue about his broken sleep and a few other horrors attendant on a Socialist speech, principally the dwindling of his soft job, but the Sergeant was "wise," and the man with the disturbed peace returned to his domicile to listen to another Socialist.

There is no danger of the police interfering; they know better. They can club striking girls and women but when it comes to the socialist speaker they throw up their hands.

The Socialists and Fusion.

A Statement Concerning the Attitude of the Party by a Country Member—Fusion Means Compromise and Socialists Do Not Compromise.

Grandin, Mo., August 18.—Dear Comrade—I find in many instances

where some of the Socialists are wanting to fuse with one of the old parties (at the request of the old parties) and especially some of their candidates, claiming they are Socialists (and I presume some of them are if it would secure them any votes), I will say if they are Socialists they are simply on the wrong ticket to get the Socialist support—that is why we are Socialists, to fight against the corruptions of the old parties; of what benefit would it be to us to be a Socialist and then fuse with the old parties, even for a single candidate on either of the old party tickets—as we believe both old parties corrupt—we believe in coming out on our own merits and fighting our own battle regardless of any other party or fusion. If we only get one Socialist let him be a "thoroughbred," and not a "wolf in sheep's clothing," by the attempt of fusion. If there be any Socialists (which we believe there are) on the old party tickets it is to be regretted that they have made such an error—but at the same time they cannot expect any help from the Socialists, as I don't think any thoroughly converted Socialist will support any candidate on the old party tickets—each and every Socialist should impress it upon each other's minds and especially on the minds of the old party bosses, that "fusion don't go" with the Socialist party, as we cannot expect to be benefited by voting or fusing with either of the old parties—let us be loyal and true to our honest convictions whatever they might be; if you are a Socialist don't be duped to believing that you will ever be benefited by fusing with the old parties, as that is the first step to corruption. It is reported that the candidates for our little county offices on the Democratic primary ticket have spent from \$300 to \$1,200 each to secure votes at the primary—we think the most of it went for WHISKY from the drunkenness

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reported at the polls. Is that CORRUPTION to get a man so crazy drunk that you can lead him to the polls and vote him as you please, and send these fathers, husbands and sons home to their families in a state of drunkenness and disgrace? How much better would it have been for those candidates to have spent their money for the poor children of the county who are deprived of the privilege of going to school for the want of necessary clothing and school books? or to build school houses and furnish them comfortable seats, in place of having them humped up on an old bench all day long? Which would be of most benefit to our country? I can't believe it is the honest belief or in harmony with the majority of the voters of the county to put such men in charge of the people's business. You cannot expect much of a party or a man who will spend more money for the chance of an office than the office pays—as they cannot do this unless they see some way in which they can get it back; and when they get it back they get it from the people without their consent.

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Questions

Editor St. Louis Labor—In Answer to your query, "Is the Worker better or Worse Off Under the Trust System?" The worker is certainly worse off under the trust system than he has been before. C. S.

Editor "St. Louis Labor":
Dear Sir—In answer to your question—"Is the worker better or worse off under the trust system?" I beg to say:

In replying to such a question it is necessary to take a broad, comprehensive view of the whole field. The answer to the present question must consist of two parts—first, the immediate; second, the final results of the trust system. I say, then:

First—The worker is worse off, because organization dispenses with the services of many formerly employed; thus thousands are thrown out of work, increasing the glut of the labor market, rendering the competition for situations more intense, each man's tenure of his place less secure, the employer more independent and exacting, and reducing the wages, while the cost of living is increased.

Second—The final result of the trust system will be beneficial to the workers, because the trusts concentrate the industries which they control into a few hands, who having unlimited power, become tyrannical and oppressive, thus fostering the sentiment in favor of Socialism in the broad acceptance of the term. When the Government

takes over these industries there will be fewer private owners to deal with therefore the transition will be more easy, rapid and complete. And the industries being already organized and systematized confusion and friction will be avoided. But in order to have the benefits accrue to the workers it is essential to have Socialists in control of the Government that the benefits may be applied where they belong. Between the trusts setting the horrid example and the Socialist agitator to point the moral the people are getting their education.

Respectfully,
THOS. L. SAVAGE.

Note—The answer given above by T. L. Savage is somewhat complete and does not need much addition. We will say, however, that inasmuch as the opportunity to labor is controlled by those who own the machine with which work is performed, anything which reduces the number of men required by these machine owners temporarily brings hardship to those who are not able to find employment, that is, find some machine owner who will give them an opportunity to use the machines. The trusts have done this, and to that extent the workers are worse off than they were before. Ultimately, however, the trust will show to the workers the uselessness of the capitalist, the machine owner, and as T. J. Savage declares, they will institute collective ownership of the machine and receive and enjoy the product of their labor without having to surrender any of it in profits to any one.—Editor.

The above question and answer is incomplete without a knowledge of how this collective ownership or Socialism will be secured, our next question will then be:

"If Socialism be the only solution for the trust problem, how will it be inaugurated?"

CHARTER REVOKED.

International Treasurer Rezin Orr of the Amalgamated Steel Railway Employees Union of America acting through International President W. D. Mahone and the Executive Board has formally revoked the charter held by the recently organized local in St. Louis, local president Jas. P. Durham and Secretary E. H. Meyers having been notified to that effect.

The charter has been revoked for the reason that evidence had reached the International President and the Executive Board of irregular conduct on the part of the officers which was making the local union a farce. The information received by the executive officers being that an agreement had been entered into between the union officers and the company whereby the men were not to be organized for at least a year. The Central Trades and Labor Union will be duly notified of the revocation and it is the desire of the International officers that the matter be given the greatest possible publicity.

CAP MAKERS ON STRIKE.

The strike of the cloth hat and cap workers is still pending at the firm of Gram & Glass Cap Co. The union was compelled to call out its members after continued conferences with the firm. They refused to recognize the union and after all reasonable action had been taken by the union they were compelled to call a strike.

The action was sanctioned by Secretary Kreyling of the Central Trades and Labor Union, and that body will doubtless be called upon to endorse a boycott at the next meeting.

Now is the time for organized labor to show its power in the support of its labels. Let no union man purchase a cloth hat or cap unless he is sure it bears the label of the union.

A Question Is Asked.

A Socialist Workingman Asks His Fellow Workers What They Have Gained by Voting Republican and Democratic Tickets.

Some of you have heretofore voted the Republican ticket and others of you have voted the Democratic ticket. What good has either party ever done the "working-man"?

Glance over the map of the United States. In some States the officials call themselves Republicans; in others they are called Democrats. Is there any difference between them? Is not a Democratic judge as ready with his injunction as his Republican brother? Is not a Democratic Governor as prompt with his militia as any other? Remember the "street-car strike" of 1909, how a Democratic Governor and a Republican Mayor vied with each other as to which would be most accommodating to the rich men, who in their corporate capacity are called "The Transit Co.," for a consideration and most oppressive to the workers who had no consideration wherewith to buy favors. And did they not, between them, kick up merry H—? Come a little closer. What fine times we had in St. Louis a few weeks ago with the "Garment Workers!" It is nice to have our daughters and sisters knocked down and called vile names in the streets by the festive policeman, isn't it? What? You don't like it? You don't approve of such conduct? Then why not put a stop to it? Working men have the power and can put a stop to such occurrences if they will.

We have heard a great deal about the "full dinner pail." Mine has not been extra full lately, especially since the advent of the "Beef Trust." How is it with you, brother? Any danger of bursting the lid? In the Republican and Democratic papers we read a great deal about an "immense wave of prosperity," which is said to be sweeping over the country. I have no doubt that Rocky and Ponty and Hilly are prosperous enough, but somehow or other I have not seen anything of that wave, even with a telescope. Are you, brother, riding on its crest? Perhaps you are as well off as you ever have been, but might you not be better off than you are?

Now, a word about those babies, some thousands of whom, eight or nine years old, are working in the cotton mills of the South. What fortunes they are making at 30c per day, and then only think they work only 10 to 14 hours per day. But the funniest part of it is that some other fellow gets the fortune. That is nice, too. It is very generous in those little tots. But, I wonder if their little feet get tired. And then I think—"Suppose your little girl or mine had to be there." IT MAY BE SO. Merciful God forbid!

WAKE UP, MEN!
Fathers, brothers—will you stand idly by while these little ones are making their lives into fortunes for idle parasites? The power to stop it is in your hands. You have but to use it. The same popular majority which, through Abraham Lincoln, freed the negro can free the white wage-slave.

Always and of necessity, they who own the property of a country own the government of that country and will use it for their own advantage. Who can blame them? Whose fault is it? To vote for either of the old parties is to declare that you are perfectly satisfied with present conditions and desire nothing better. If you are not satisfied—if you think things might be better—join the Socialist Party—the only party which can, or wants to effect a radical change for the purpose of securing permanent results.

The Republican Party wants all industry thoroughly organized and concentrated in the possession of a few bosses. The Democratic Party wants less organization and a larger number of bosses. The boss, still mounted on the working-man's shoulders. Both want the bosses to own and enjoy the fruits of the working-man's labor. The Socialist Party declares that labor produces all wealth—capital—and is of right entitled to possess what it produces. Then, possessing and controlling the wealth which he produces, the working-man will control the government and rest secure under its protection.

Join with us! Strike for "Liberty and Justice" at the polls—the only place where the working man is strong.

"You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain."
T. L. SAVAGE.

Girl Strikers Are Organized.

Factory's Full Force Become Members of New York Federal Labor Union—Socialists Assist in Their Struggle.

Funds for the Striking Miners.

Peekskill, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1902.

Mr. Leon Greenbaum:
Dear Comrade—Please find enclosed lists and P. O. money order to the amount of \$25.50 for the Miners' Relief Fund from local Peekskill, hoping that it will bring some relief to those brave boys and their suffering fami-

lies in the strike field and also that it will open their eyes so they can see that we Socialists are of their class, carrying on the fight on the political field to put an end to this damnable system of wage-slavery. On Thursday some 230 girls working in Baker's underwear factory were forced to strike against a reduction of wages. They have been reduced off and on for a number of years, but this last one capped the climax. I succeeded in arranging a meeting for them and left town right away, made through arrangements, and Comrades Haynes, Simmonds and myself talked to them on my arrival home.

The following night Miss Maloney of Newburg organized them in a Federal Union 280 strong. They held a conference Monday morning with the firm, Comrades Simmonds and myself being present, but they wouldn't tolerate us. The firm won't recognize the union, so the factory is tied up, and the girls firm. Everybody is with the girls. Money is pouring in on all sides. It is we Social Democrats that are conducting the strike, in the name of the Trades Council, not wanting politics brought in at present; but after it is settled it is going to be a great boon to our movement here, and a slap at the S. L. P. The latter are not active at all. A number of the S. L. P. gives it out that they are going to vote our ticket; some have subscribed to the Worker. I know some since the girls' strike have joined the Moulders' Union.

It's all to the good.
Fraternally,
(Signed) JOHN J. HELEKER, JR.,
Financial Secretary.

WILSHIRE SELECTED.

Choice of the Party Falls Upon Him For Fraternal Delegate to Canadian Convention.

The referendum for Fraternal Delegate to Canadian Socialist Convention resulted as follows: G. Gaylor Wilshire 854, Jas. F. Carey 579, Jno. Spargo 374, Max Hayes 265, A. H. Simons 142, T. J. Hagerty 139, Rev. G. R. Hammond 74, H. F. Strambach 69, Moses Smith 67, Fred Frafft 40, Josephine R. Cole 15.

Comrade Wilshire is elected, but fears he cannot serve. In that event credentials will be issued to James F. Carey, second choice, or John Spargo, third choice of the party.

The Socialist Party has, directly through the National Committee, thus far remitted \$1,496.30 to the United Mine Workers' Union. In addition the Pennsylvania State Committee is applying one-half of its subscriptions to this relief. The comrades in the trades unions are also urging liberal donations, and will keep the ball rolling till the strike is settled.

In response to an appeal from the United Gold Beaters' Union, the National Committee donated \$25 toward the support of the members who are on strike.

A state charter has been granted to Florida.

Jas. C. Chase addressed meetings last week at Great Falls, Missoula, St. Regis, Quartz, Montana.

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The next meeting of the Labor Press Council, which will take place at Lightstone's Hall, should be attended by every delegate. A full attendance is needed in order to handle completely and properly the work before the body.

When one listens to the professed friendship for the trades union movement from some quarters and then sees that friendship belied in almost every action, it is no wonder that the worker, who is as yet unconscious of the economic truths of Socialism, will denounce the Socialist Party.

It is reported that James J. Van Alen is planning to dispose of all his real estate holdings in this country and retire to England, which, he has said, is "the only fit place for a gentleman to live in."

The Central Federated Union of New York City has set in motion a demand for a special session of Congress to consider the coal strike.

The lesson to be learned is a simple one: The workers must elect their own brothers to office, over whom they have control whenever it is desired.

Secret Service men guard the President's home on Sagamore Hill, says

a press dispatch, allowing no one to get near the house without a permit. Why would he be afraid of being shot or done away with in some other fashion?

A society which much protect itself against itself is not a very safe or stable society. If our institutions breed such misery that it makes the anarchist and the fanatic, then action should be taken to stop it by correcting the evil at its source, not by striking at its effect.

As long as the capitalist system compels the worker to create the wealth of the world and then robs him of over two-thirds of it, what wonder that we have anarchists, what wonder that the President, the supporter of such a system, must surround himself with police spies and guards?

Sunday's meeting of the General Committee will be the most important of the campaign. Reports will be received from the various committees and plans laid for vigorous action from now on.

Comrades, remember that the campaign is on; remember that funds are necessary to make a successful campaign; remember that as a working class party our funds must come from the working class through you.

Pierpont Morgan is now on the centre of the stage, because he is "doing something." He is developing capitalism, and with it at the same time unconsciously developing Socialism.

Nine workmen were killed, five are missing and four others were badly injured by the explosion of the steel digesters on the Delaware pulp mills of the Jessup & Moore Paper Co. on the Christiana River, New Jersey.

When he gets all the great industries of the world together under one or two heads something will have to happen or the workers will starve for want of employment.

Those who were not killed outright were mangled and were burned by escaping acid that flowed over their bodies from the broken digesters.

The capitalist press recently published under scare headlines a story concerning the refusal of Wall street to contribute money to the Republican Congressional Committee.

When he gets all the great industries of the world together under one or two heads something will have to happen or the workers will starve for want of employment.

Thirty-five thousand dollars, that is the measure of the accident; the lives of the workers do not amount to anything. Their places can be filled at once; the master has lost nothing in their death.

Both parties support the capitalist system, declares the Socialist, and

NO DIFFERENCE.

imagined that such a statement would scare out a good sum, but his bluff didn't work worth a cent.

This was the tenor of the communication and behind it lies a story which the workers must learn. Why doesn't it make any difference? Thousands of workers have always been of the opinion that the Democratic Party was the friend of labor and have voted accordingly.

CITY PLATFORM.

The Socialists of St. Louis in convention assembled, reaffirm their adherence to the principles of international socialism and declare the aim of the Socialist Party to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party.

Development of Industry. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers.

Effects of Private Ownership. Private ownership of the means of production and distribution is responsible for the ever-increasing uncertainty of livelihood and the poverty and misery of the working class.

Domination of Capitalist Class. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit.

both parties are therefore the same so far as the capitalist is concerned. The Democrats like the Republicans uphold the system which gives to one class the ownership of the means of life, the machines and tools of production.

The capitalist is satisfied so long as his privilege to rob labor, through the ownership of the means of life, is not interfered with, so long as they can revel in luxury coined from the misery of the toilers, so long as they can spend vacations in Europe, with no necessity to labor, they will not offer any opposition.

It is to the worker that the question comes. If these parties are alike so far as the interests of capitalists are concerned, are not the interests of labor opposed as much to one as the other?

"FRIENDS OF LABOR"

Governor Dockery's Labor Day demonstration of Missouri Democracy's friendliness toward organized labor, as proved by the many beneficent laws now on the statute books in recognition of the just demands of labor, was convincing and authoritative.

The long strike against the sweat shops of this city, the clubbing of the striking women and girls, by Democracy's policemen brands both the St. Louis Republic and Governor Dockery as charlatans of the very worst order.

The above editorial from the Republic of September 3rd is a sample of the "rot" which the workers must receive at the hands of the capitalist press.

"What, let us ask, are these wonderful laws?" Does the winking Governor refer to the factory inspection laws? Does he refer to the Arbitration Board? Or does he refer to the special jury law? Possibly he means Democracy's action during the street car strike, when the Governor's police were used to run the cars and break up the strike?

Those who know anything of the workings of the Factory Inspection laws know that their only function is to furnish a good fat job for a few men who are willing to sell themselves for office, they know that the Factory Inspection laws have been a dead letter ever since they have been enacted.

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And the arbitration laws, like all other laws of their nature, they are concocted expressly for the purpose of breaking strikes and any trades unionist who knows his business will not get caught in any such spider web as the State Arbitration Board.

The special jury law most strikingly represents the spirit of the Democratic Party of Missouri. It is one of the most far-reaching laws against labor on the statute books.

The Governor's actions in Congress were perfectly "safe," so far as the capitalists were concerned, or we may rest assured he would never have been made Governor of Missouri on the Democratic ticket.

The Republic of all other capitalist sheets, however, had better keep still when it comes to the interests of organized labor. A simple review of their reports from the strike field shows their real nature.

Municipal Measures.

- As municipal measures we, therefore, advocate:
1. The public ownership and operation of all public utilities, such as street railways, gas and electric plants, telephone systems and all other industries which the powers of the municipality permit it to acquire; the revenues to be applied to the increase of wages and shortening of hours of labor of the employes and to improve generally the condition of the working class of this city, but under no circumstances shall any part of said revenues be applied to the reduction of taxes in favor of the capitalist class.
 2. The abolition of the contract system on all public work, such work to be done under direct supervision of the city and under union conditions, with a minimum wage of two dollars per day of not exceeding eight hours.
 3. Inauguration of public works for the employment of the unemployed.
 4. The enactment and strict enforcement of laws protecting all workers in stores shops and factories.
 5. Compulsory education of all boys and girls up to the age of sixteen years; the city to provide all school supplies free and free clothing where necessary.
 6. Application of the principle of referendum (the initiative and referendum) and the imperative mandamus to the conduct of all public affairs.
 7. Amendment of the city charter enlarging the powers of the municipality in the interest of the working class.



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Otto Winkler, 1521 Park ave.

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A. M. Stoddard, 1502 Arlington ave.

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Local 126 meets at Smith's Hall, 21st and Franklin avenue, every Tuesday 8 p. m. Geo. Galloway, Secretary, 2951 Clark avenue.

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