

Capitalist Politicians

THROUGH CHANGE OF NAME

Would Disfranchise Socialists.

Democratic Office-Holders Compel Socialists to Adopt a New Party Name on Eve of Election -- A Rigorous Protest Should Follow at the Polls.

The fear expressed in our last week's issue has become a reality; the Democratic politicians of the State have refused us the right to use the name Socialist Party and we have been compelled to adopt a new name. The Working Class Party has been the name adopted and it is under that caption that the Socialist movement will go before the working class of this city and State at the fall election. The new name will compel some changes on the part of the comrades and considerable expense, because it now becomes necessary to thoroughly advertise the new name in order to prevent confusion and loss of votes, but on the whole it will be the means of enthusing the movement with a determination to overcome this new capitalist obstacle.

In St. Louis the move in this direction has already begun in earnest. The trades union movement has been notified through the Central Trades and Labor Union, a communication having been read before their last meeting and ordered transcribed in the minutes. The matter will thus

A SPLENDID FIGHT.

The Striking Miners Have Been a Marvel in Steadfastness -- Present Aid Should Continue and Plans be Laid for More to Come.

The spirit of the men in the anthracite region is admirable, for eighteen long weeks they have put up a fight for liberty that is without parallel in the trades union movement. Nearly one hundred and fifty thousand strong they have held to their posts, without a single break. All kinds of weapons have been used by the coal barons, but as yet without success; the ranks of the men still stand and without the least sign of wavering.

The support of their brothers throughout the country has also been admirable and when one stops to realize the funds necessary to keep on strike one hundred and fifty thousand men and their families, some comprehension is had of the magnitude of the problem.

With the coming of fall, however, new problems present themselves, more clothing, food and fuel is needed and necessarily more funds. The ability and the willingness of the working class to contribute has not yet been reached and a definite programme should be put in motion which will bring around the desired end and crystallize the public sentiment in favor of the strikers. To this end mass meetings should be called throughout the country if possible on the same date. If these meetings were held under the auspices of the trades unions in the various cities, called in the first place by President Mitchell, they would be the means of getting more workers interested directly in the coal miners' fight than anything else and establish a fund which would provide for all contingencies besides registering in no mistaken language the sentiment of the people generally.

In the meantime, regardless of any future action which may be taken, the workers should continue their work already in hand and insure the continuation of the strike and the ultimate victory of the strikers.

Firemen Protest.

The local lodge of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen of Pine Bluff, Ark., protests vigorously against the admission of Teddy Roosevelt into their union. They claim that the action was wholly unwarranted and unconstitutional.

It is certain that a kick is not out of place. Teddy has about as much interest in a labor union as the "old boy" has in Saint Peter's precincts. One great trouble with labor has been its fawning at the feet of power. We don't have to fawn at one's feet, nor to any power. We are all powerful, if we will but stand up. It is to be hoped that the action of the Pine Bluff brothers will increase until it is felt.

TENTH WARD MEETING.

The Tenth Ward comrades will hold a mass meeting at South West Turn Hall, Ohio avenue and Potomac street, Sunday afternoon, October 5. Comrade G. A. Hoehn will speak in German and Comrade James S. Rpeche in English. All the workingmen of the ward are urged to be present.

be brought before every local union in the city.

A general mass meeting has also been called for Sunday afternoon, September 21, at Druid's Hall, and all the comrades in the city are urged to be present in order to set in motion a vigorous campaign under the new name. It has also been decided to have printed fifty or one hundred thousand fac simile ballots, printed just as they will appear on the official ballot with an explanation of the change on the reverse side. The ballots are to be distributed from house to house by the precinct organizers and put in every trades union hall in the city.

All this requires funds, however, and the comrades are urged to push their campaign lists and make their returns to the city secretary as soon as possible.

Let it be known from every house top, on the streets and in the by-ways that the capitalist politicians of the State have sought to disfranchise the Socialists. Let it be known that we will not be disfranchised by rolling up such a vote for the WORKING CLASS PARTY that they will quake in their boots. It can be done if we work.

Morgan Aiding Socialists.

Rev. Lorimer, of New York, Sounds a Note of Warning to His Capitalist Brethren -- Too Late.

Boston, Sept. 16. -- "Morgan is the best organizer in the world for the Socialists," said Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer, pastor of the wealthiest Baptist church in New York.

Dr. Lorimer has just returned from Europe, and his first question was: "How's the coal strike?" Being told of J. Pierpont Morgan's refusal to try to end it he said: "The work of such men as Morgan and of the big combinations is preparing the minds of the people for Socialism."

The Reverend Lorimer has had his eyes open and is not merely talking to hear himself. Socialism looms up before him like a night-mare and he cries out against those who are hastening its coming, but he had better make his peace with the on marching ranks of labor for all the outcry in the world cannot stop the progress of Socialism and Morgan cannot stop his work if he would. If he would stop things would come to an end, industry would cease because capitalism cannot live without expanding and expanding means Morgan and his trusts.

The great coal strike is drawing the lines tightly between the forces of capital and labor and the battle will be carried onto the political field, where labor will be overwhelmingly victorious.

Morgan and his trusts and the great coal strike is doing what the Reverend Lorimer says it is doing; it is preparing the minds of the workers for Socialism, it is showing them the absurdity of a system which compels them to toil unceasingly for a bare living while the mine owners revel in luxury. It is teaching them their power as workers and all that now remains for them to do is to use that power in the capture of the forces of government through which they can put an end to their robbery by establishing Socialism.

AN EPIGRAM.

We hold these truths to be self-evident and the conclusion the necessary sequence:

1. Capital is accumulated wealth.
2. All wealth is the product of labor.
3. Labor is, of right, entitled to possess and enjoy what it produces.

Conclusion: When this shall be attained there will be nothing, in the shape of rent, interest or profit, left for non-producers; therefore, those now called capitalists will have to earn their living by honest work as others do. T. L. S.

FREE LECTURE HALL.

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 on social, educational and economic questions. The hall has lately been renovated and is now in a perfectly 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.

The Boodlers.

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threatened to eat up their increased profits and they decided to call a halt. Turner Tells. Accordingly it was arranged that Charles T. Turner, president of the Suburban Railway Co. and prominent World's Fair worker, should make an arrangement with the Indian-elected circuit attorney whereby he could testify for the state and go free. Such an arrangement was made and Turner told. He told that \$175,000 of bribe money was then on deposit in a safe deposit vault and being demanded by the "representatives" for "services rendered."

Scattering Begins.

The cat once out of the bag there was a general scattering in all directions of both "representatives" and respectables. Kratz and Murrell went to Mexico and Nicolaus and Wainwright continued indefinitely their stay in Egypt and Germany. Mysenburg, Faulkner and Lehman were sentenced to the penitentiary but have continued to live undisturbed in St. Louis as far away from Jefferson City as any honest man.

The Boodlers, Who Are They?

DEMOCRATIC BOODLERS.

Edward Butler, H. A. Faulkner, J. J. Hannigan, Charles F. Kelly, John A. Sheridan, Charles J. Denny.

REPUBLICAN BOODLERS.

Emil Mysenburg, Henry Nicolaus, Ellis Wainwright, Chas. Kratz, J. K. Murrell, E. E. Murrell, John P. Schnettler, T. E. Albright, Geo. E. Robertson, John Heims, Chas. Gutke, Otto Schumacher, Louis Becker, Adolph Madera, Julius Lehmann, Edmund Bersch, Wm. Tamblin, Emil Hartmann.

ELECTION BOODLERS.

Harry B. Hawes, Joseph Folk, Rolla Wells, The Police Department, The Jefferson Club and all the officers elected at the "Indian campaign" of 1901.

WORLD'S FAIR BOODLERS.

David R. Francis, Wm. H. Thompson, James L. Blair, James Campbell, And all other members of the World's Fair directorate who assisted in the election of Rolla Wells and the carrying out of the World's Fair scheme.

UNTOUCHED BOODLE MAKERS.

Charles H. Turner, Philip Stock, Officers of the Transit Co., Officers of the Suburban Co., Officers of the Welsbach and Laclede Lighting Companies.

UNAPPREHENDED BOODLERS.

All the capitalists and capitalist politicians of the city.

Murrell Returns.

Things then died down and were almost forgotten when Murrell came back from Mexico and told another story which caused another scattering. Charles F. Kelly and Charles Kratz, however, have been taken to a safe distance, where they will doubtless remain. Kratz and Kelly are the only ones who know the capitalists who

put on the price and Francis will see that they are not hurt.

Cried "Stop Thief!" During all this time the St. Louis Republic and the Globe-Democrat, the official mouthpieces of the World's Fair boodlers, set up a lusty cry of "stop thief" in order to cover the crimes of the respectables and make scape goats of the "representatives." It is for this reason that the true story of the boodling in St. Louis will not be told in the capitalist press. It is for this reason that the Democratic, Republican and Public-Ownership parties will not tell the story in their platforms or in their speeches. They are all so completely mixed up in the game that they dare not open their mouths for fear of showing their colors, the Democrats and Republicans directly and the Public Ownership party through fusion.

The Working Class Party.

It is for this reason that the WORKING CLASS PARTY will alone tell the truth. The boodle game involves the entire capitalist class of the city which will resort to any means to further its profits; its only enemy is the working class, who are made the victims of rascality by being compelled to pay for it all through decreased wages and increased hours.

The working class then is the only force which will put a stop to such things and through the WORKING CLASS PARTY they can make their power felt. Now of all times is their action necessary.

OFFICERS WILL BE ELECTED.

LABOR PRESS COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that the election of officers will be a special order of business for 9 o'clock at the next meeting of the Council Thursday, October 9th. Meeting will open promptly at 8 o'clock and all delegates are urged to be on hand.

Fraternally,
A. J. LAWRENCE, Sec.,
Labor Press Council.

Ebersbach's Park Crowded.

Socialists Enjoy Themselves At a Splendid Outpouring -- Abundant Enthusiasm.

The annual picnic at Ebersbach's Garden was all and more than anticipated. The park was filled to overflowing with an enthusiastic crowd of Socialists who enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. The raffle stand was the main feature of the picnic with nearly 600 prizes, and the comrades who had it in charge had all they could do to take care of those who clamored for a chance on the winners. The fine painting of Dr. Crusius was won by Comrade John Scherpf, who carried it home in triumph.

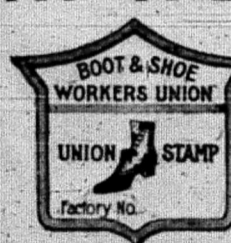
The crowd were too intent on enjoyment and paid very little attention to the speakers, notwithstanding Comrades Chris Roeker, M. Ballard Dunn and G. A. Hoehn attempted to make themselves heard above the noise of the children who cared only for the present.

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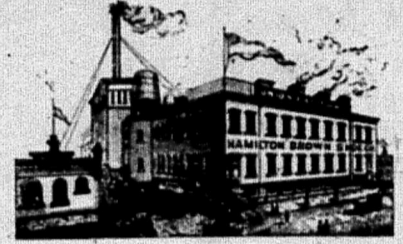
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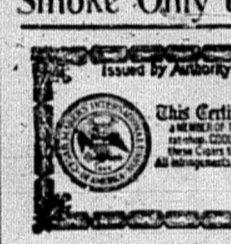
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Questions

In answer to your question in last issue I will say the workers have very little or no interest in high or low tariff. These issues concern the small capitalists who are represented by the Democratic party and the corporations, who are represented by the Republican party, and are like all other issues that spring up between these two parties, such as the gold and silver questions, who shall pay the taxes, etc. It is merely a struggle between these two parties, over the spoils which they have looted from the laboring man, and the laboring man has no interest in either one of these parties unless he is satisfied with being fleeced.

C. SCHEFFLER.

The tariff issue is of no importance to the worker. In every country the globe whether the tariff be high or low the laborer is robbed of the fruits of his toil by the same old game of profits, interest and rent.

Take the Beef Trust. We produce all the meat we consume and ship vast quantities to foreign countries, still it is just as much a monopoly and fixes the price we shall pay for meat just as much as the Sugar Trust does, which is affected by the foreign supply of sugar. Their monopoly of those two industries rests in the ownership of the sugar refineries and packinghouses and not in the tariff rates. The Standard Oil trust does not owe its monopoly of the oil industry to a protective tariff any more than the railroad merger does.

The only classes that have a real interest in the tariff is the two sets of capitalists with conflicting interests. One set like the Northern cotton mill owner who can't expect to sell his goods abroad in competition with foreign cheap labor made goods, so wants the home market for his own exploitation and favors a high tariff for that purpose. The other set like the Southern cotton exporters who must sell abroad and bring back in change foreign goods, and the lower the tariff the more profit on the deal for Mr. Cotton Broker.

The natural condition of trade is free trade.

Under Socialism, we being a great agricultural and manufacturing nation, we would have very little need of foreign trade. What products we could not produce, such as tea and coffee, we would exchange for them with other nations, on a base of free trade, products that they were in need of and no one would make a profit off the trade.

Yours truly,
BERT E. SCOTT.

Question for next week:
If the "trust question," the "money question" and the "tariff question" as issues in a political campaign are of no interest to the working class, what is the issue, if any, which demands their attention?

ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN ECHOES.

(By the City Secretary.)
Four street meetings were held Saturday, September 13th.

The Tenth Precinct Club of the First Ward reports their meetings well attended.

The Tenth Ward comrades will hold a mass meeting October 5th at South-west Turner Hall.

The Eighteenth Ward comrades held a meeting September 17 at Plumber's Hall.

The Second Ward comrades held a meeting at 3314 Blair avenue, September 19 with fair attendance.

The Shop Agitation Committee is preparing for an elective campaign.

Rush in your collections on the campaign fund to the City Secretary. Money is needed.

Let no comrade fail to attend the general meeting of Local St. Louis at Druid's Hall Sunday, September 21, at 2 p. m.

More volunteers are wanted for the Socialist File and Drum Corps, especially fileers. Enlistment will be for the campaign.

If you hold a miners' strike list return it immediately to the city secretary, whether you have made any collections thereon or not, as he is required to account for every list. Do it today, as the time for their return to national headquarters is long past.

Every Socialist should attend one of the two mass meetings held Saturday evening, September 20, at Concordia Turner Hall, Thirteenth and Arsenal streets, and North St. Louis Turner Hall, Twentieth and Salisbury streets.

The Socialist File and Drum Corps held their second practice meeting at People's Fund and Welfare Hall, Eleventh and Locust streets, Sunday morning, September 14th, and adjourned to meet at the annual Labor Press picnic at Ebersbach garden in the evening, where they received the substantial encouragement of the comrades.

Comrade E. Val Putnam went to Jefferson City Sept. 12 and returned September 13. He reports that Secretary of State Cook decided against our use of either the name "Socialist" or

"Social Democratic," on the official ballot.

Comrades holding drum corps lists are urged to circulate same with energy and make prompt returns to the city secretary, in order that the corps can be placed on a working basis without delay.

The meetings of the C. C. C. are not as largely attended by the delegates as they should be. The matters coming up for consideration, as the campaign progresses, are often very important, and should have the attention of a full committee.

City Secretary Sanderson has received a check for \$100 for the Miners' strike fund from Beer Bottlers' Union No. 187, also \$9.35 from the Freie Gemeinde of South St. Louis, both of which have been promptly forwarded to National Secretary Wilson, of the United Mine Workers of America, at Indianapolis, Ind.

The Socialist party, having been compelled by the laws of the State of Missouri to change its name, the C. C. C. at its meeting September 15, ordered City Secretary Sanderson to suggest to the State Committee that the name "Working Class Party" be adopted.

Comrades Dunn, Putnam and Sanderson appeared on behalf of the Socialist Party, at the hearing before the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners, September 9. By agreement the matter was left for decision by Secretary of State Cook, at hearing set for September 13th, at Jefferson City. R. T. Brownrigg, who has his office very close to ex-Governor Stone, appeared for the S. L. P. at both hearings. Sabot?

Some comrades still owe their campaign fund pledges made at the City Convention May 4th. The money is needed in the campaign. Send it in, comrades.

In order to comply with the election laws we have been compelled to change our official name for the State of Missouri. It is now the "Working Class Party." It should not be necessary to state that our principles, platform and candidates remain the same.

The Eleventh Precinct Club of the Twenty-second Ward was organized with a membership of seven on Comrade David Allen, Thursday, September 4. Comrade Walter B. Scott was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Comrade A. Bierangle, Organizer. The Ward Central Committee was organized, September 11, with Comrades David Allan, F. Schacht, (A. Bierangle), H. C. Lange and Frank Dillon. The headquarters of the ward will be at the residence of Comrade David Allan, 3204 Pine street, where meetings will be held every Thursday evening.

Ward Organizer Allan requests all comrades living in the Twenty-second Ward to notify him of their address.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I submit herewith a comment on the hearing at the Secretary of State's office, which took place last Saturday, 13th, and which deprived us of our party name, compelling us to adopt another. It was a hearing in the fullest sense of the term, and it ended in being a "hearing."

The decision was evidently cut and dried when we were notified to appear. Briefly the law under which the objections were filed provides that no political party hereafter organized shall use the name or any part of the name or any emblem or device, etc., used by any party now in existence. It also provides against persons petitioning doing any of these things. The attorney for the S. L. P. argued that they had persistently filed under the name Socialist Labor, and consequently had a better right to use the word Socialist than we. He further argued that the repeated use of the same name gave them a quasi legal standing. The secretary of State was inclined to agree with him on this point. Comrade E. Val Putnam, who represented us, then pointed out that our organization as the Social Democrats had appeared twice on the official ballot, and that we had in both instances outvoted the S. L. P. If the S. L. P. was entitled to any consideration as a political party the Social Democrats were entitled to equal consideration. It was also pointed out that the law in question was passed after the Social Democrats had gained the standing cited, and that as it was not retroactive, we had the right of filing under the name of Social

Democrat.

Here is where the fine work came in. On our demand to file as Social Democrats we were referred to the prohibition of using part of another party name and were construed to be persons petitioning, a complete reversal of the opinion which deprived us of the name Socialist. Knocked out on this point we made another stand declaring that as a political party is nowhere defined in the laws of Missouri and as neither party had polled the 3 per cent required to go on the official ballot by convention, that both parties were without the pale of the law and should both be allowed to file under the names as they appeared on the petitions. On this point it was held that the intent of the law was plainly to prevent two parties of the same or similar names appearing on the same ballot.

In my younger days I had a profound respect for the legal profession and had an idea that a lawyer was necessarily a man of brains. If I had not long ago changed my mind on that score my attendance at our "hearing" would have convinced me of my error. It does not require a legal mind or great perspicacity to pick out the flaw in the rank decision of which we are the victims. Here are two parties, neither recognized by the law, or rather both construed to be persons petitioning, but to suit capitalistic ends one is declared a party and the other "persons petitioning." If it were not so grave it would be comic, and a fit idea for the rearing of a comic opera. We have changed our name once, through the force of the law above referred to which was passed expressly to prevent our use of the name Social Democratic, and this time we must change it as the result of the use of the same law, and through petition of those who claim to be Socialists. Here are some pointers. You can draw your own conclusions.

1. Socialism is growing faster than anything else.
2. The S. L. P. is steadily losing ground.
3. The election this fall, in this state, will be a hard contest between the Democrats and the Republicans.
4. Brownrigg, the attorney for the S. L. P. stands close to ex-Governor Stone.
5. Outside parties which might draw votes from the Democrats must be knocked out.
6. The strongest must be killed first.
7. The weakest will die of itself, and can be used to kill off the strong.

Could the evidence be stronger? If there was ground for legal action, would a lawyer want a better case? We will probably file as the "Working Class Party." We need not necessarily lose many votes and we should make a considerable gain. We could ask for no better evidence that the capitalist parties see their finish, than the perpetration of this piece of skullduggery. In other words at this stage of the game (if you will excuse the slang "every knock is a boost.") We have them on the run and must keep after them.

We are still Socialists. On the ballot we are the WORKING CLASS PARTY, but the terms are synonymous. This luminous legal decision has caused us some inconvenience, but it should spur us to greater efforts. We must gain our official standing under our new caption before some bright legislator introduces a bill against the use of "Working Class" on the ground that there are no classes, or that we are attempting to array the classes against the masses. They are capable of it. An aggregation that is capable of rendering a decision which contradicts itself is capable of anything.

We must poll 3 per cent this fall. This thing of petitioning for our rights is getting tiresome. We must capture the state and make a few laws (and decisions) ourselves. Experience has shown that we poll an average of eight votes for every Socialist in the movement. Let us get in enough to poll 20,000 votes, and go on the ballot by convention in 1904. This experience is but an indication of the methods that will be resorted to to keep us down. Therefore let each of us make it our business to work from this time forth as we have never worked before. Here is an opportunity to show your class consciousness. We are after the working class. It is big enough and strong enough to carry the state. It is only a question of reaching them.

Let us vote as we strike against capitalism. Fraternally,
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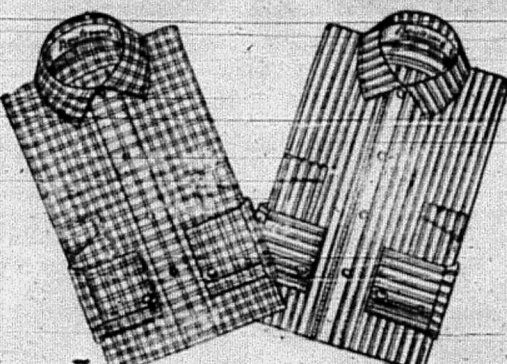


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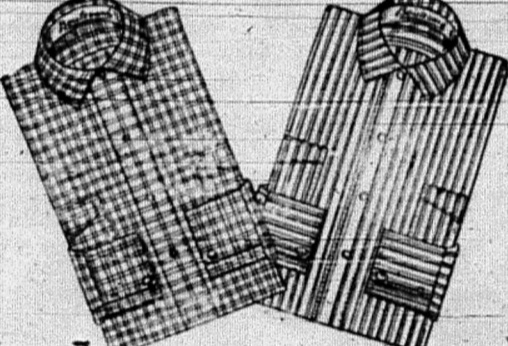
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IF YOU SHOWED A FRIEND OF YOURS THAT HE WAS BEING robbed every year of 83 per cent of what he was creating and he failed to make an attempt to regain his stolen property, what would you think of him?

IN A RECENT TRANSACTION CONNECTED WITH THE FINANCEERING of the United States Steel Corporation, J. Pierpont Morgan was paid \$10,000,000 in commissions.

GEORGE W. VANDERBILT HAS FILED PLANS FOR A NEW MARBLE palace in New York City, according to a press dispatch.

ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING EXAMPLES OF THE HUNGER FOR profit under modern capitalism is to be found in the recent history of the volcanic eruptions of St. Vincent and Martinique Islands.

ALTHOUGH CERTAIN OF DESTRUCTION the people yet remained for fear of interfering with "business" and thus checking profits.

ACCORDING TO THE FIGURES OF THE LOSS IN THE COAL REGION the miners have lost in wages \$22,350,000 in 17 weeks.

THE CAPITALIST PRESS REPORTS SENATOR JONES, OF NEVADA, as having referred to Roosevelt's anti-trust speeches as "so much campaign stuff."

THE NAME OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN MISSOURI IS THE WORKING CLASS PARTY, and stands as a tribute to the fear in which the Socialist movement is held by the capitalist politicians of the State.

IN THE ADOPTION OF THE NAME WORKING CLASS PARTY, there is nothing surrendered in principle and while the distinctly class character is retained the distinct term Socialism is gone which means much, but which can be overcome by hard work on the part of the comrades.

THE FOLLOWING ITEM from a press dispatch concerning King Edward's recent visit to Andrew Carnegie at his castle in Scotland is illustrative of a point in modern political history and is worth reproducing:

At today's visit to Skibo Castle, King Edward's suite took tea with the King. King Edward expressed surprise and delight at the attraction of Skibo castle.

The point illustrated by this dispatch is made by the Socialist when they declare that capitalism makes the governments of the world of one nature regardless of whether they are called empires, kingdoms or republics.

England's government is no different from the government of Russia nor from the government of America. They are all conducted by, and for, the capitalist class.

All governments are alike save in name; all governments are conducted in the interest of the idle on the weary shoulders of those who toil.

In all countries the workers are learning these truths; they are learning the cause of their misery and taking steps for relief.

The Modern Slave.

Seventy-five thousand miners, it is said, by the anthracite operators, will have to find employment elsewhere when mining is resumed in the East.

At this point it might be well to ask who controls these 75,000 lives? The men or the operators? It is very apparent that the men have very little to say about it; they cannot keep themselves from being "laid off" and woe to the "laid off" man.

When such statements are made the day of joking has passed; it has resolved itself into a serious proposition.

Such conditions, however, are not hopeless, because the private ownership of the mines is not a fixed thing and can be changed by the majority.

It is this same 75,000, too, who are the majority; it is their vote which elects the officers of state, who, in turn, make the laws which place them in slavery.

A few weeks ago Coroner Funkhouser announced a warfare against suicide; he might as well have announced a warfare against insanity or sickness.

Would Stop Suicide.

Suicide will not be stopped with the stopping of poisonous liquids, suicide has something deeper behind it than merely an opportunity to kill one's self.

The cause of suicide lies at the very bases of our institutions and in almost every instance can be traced to the inequality of wealth.

We will have suicide so long as one class of men must ask another for a chance to live; we will have suicide so long as old men are cast adrift when the can no longer create profits for their masters.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY STRIKE FUND HAS Reached Magnificent Proportions.

Table with columns for location and amount reported. Total to September 12 is \$2,214.11.

THE 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. Consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class.

The Working Class and Socialism. But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers.

ent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production.

Means to the End. The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

Duty of the Socialist Party. While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of the transition to Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat.

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.

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 books and school supplies free and food and clothing where necessary.

6. Application of the principles of direct legislation (the initiative and referendum) and the imperative mandate 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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