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REMEMBER THOSE VOTES.

Comrades, the Working Class Party Needs Your Every Effort Between Now and November 4.

To the Working Class Party.

Comrades—Read the proceedings of Roosevelt's coal strike hippodrome, and then "go way back and sit down," and think.

Wilcox, vice president of the Delaware & Hudson says that the United States should file a bill in equity against the miners' union, which he says is an illegal combination. The president is being urged to send Federal troops into the coal region but just fighting Knox can find no law to authorize it. A special session of Congress is being urged to deal with the situation. Lord God Baer prates about establishing law and order at any cost to the people of Pennsylvania, and incidentally guarding the Lord's coal mines for which he is special agent, and says a good deal about the majesty of the law being the only guardian of a free people. Vice President Thomas, of the Erie, is contending for the right of the American citizen to work without creed, nationality, or association. He says to prevent this is a crime, and he can not by implication sanction such a course. By implication he means recognizing the union. If in this mess of hodge podge the working man can find a ray of hope, he is either endowed with supernatural reasoning powers or he is an idiot. I incline to the latter belief. Then why by all that is sane and right do we vote for the parties that uphold these things. From the evidence submitted in Washington it is apparent that the working class in general and the coal miners in particular are anarchists, and assassins, and the coal operators are gentlemen and angels. I have been prone to regret the scarcity of publications advocating our cause, but when such stuff as I have mentioned is published broadcast it seems that the eyes of every worker in the land should be opened. You of other crafts should remember that the same tactics will be employed against you as soon as occasion demands. The occasion may arise next week. Under our laws, as they stand,

there is nothing to prevent the mine owners shutting down indefinitely and telling the public to seek a warmer climate. A man may do as he will with his own. As a result our wisdom in voting spectacle of 80,000,000 of people on their knees begging about 8 of the same kind of people to allow the 80,000,000 to pay the 8 extortionate prices for one of life's necessities. The working man goes calmly about, doing his underpaid work and with never a thought.

Verily some men's brains are in their stomachs and not their heads.

The people are more or less familiar with Vanderbilt's famous sentiment: "The public be damned." It is time the public itself adopted that sentiment, substituting "capitalists" for "public" and voted their sentiments. If we could have any assurance that the striking 150,000 miners would vote as they strike, we would know that the end was near. The coal strike is one of the best texts from which to preach socialism that we have ever had. Let us use it for all it is worth. Point out that the conference in Washington was a howling farce to hoodwink the people. Show up Roosevelt's grand stand play for the labor vote. Dialate on the incongruity of 150,000 men getting a bare existence from their toil and a handful rolling in wealth produced by that same labor. Ask your capitalistic friend to trace the titles to the mines to their origin. Remember we must have 20,000 votes this fall. To pull that many it will be necessary to capture a few more of our friends whose interests are identical with their employers'. Get them to vote against the boss once, just to see how it feels to assert their manhood. Always go armed with the Socialist's weapon—the knife of reason. Put it under the enemy's ribs and then give it a twist. An attempt has been made to disfranchise us. They have not yet given up hope. Therefore let us vote ourselves into existence as a political party before the bluff is made good. Call the bluff! It takes 20,000 of you.

Fraternally, J. H. RATHBUN.

Funds Keep Coming.

Socialist Party Strike Fund Grows to Splendid Proportions. Let It Continue to Grow.

Total to Sept. 27	\$4,145.64
"Chicago Socialist"	33.70
N. Y. Volks-Zeitung and the Worker	282.65
"Robotnik" Chicago, Ill.	25.00
W. B. Slusser (collection), Cleveland, Ohio	5.00
Local Richmond Borough, N. Y.	5.00
C. P. Buck, Colorado Springs, Colo.	5.00
C. Reichel, Bessemer City, N. C.	2.00
Local Murray, Utah	8.00
W. E. White, Secy., New Haven, Conn.	4.00
E. W. McNeal, Tunwager, Wash.	1.00
J. Freudenthal, Toledo, O.	1.25
Local Oldham, South Dakota	3.00
J. O. Blaeley, Hynes, Colo.	2.00
Local East Pittsburg, Pa.	2.00
Local Gainesville, Texas	1.00
Local Holyoke, Mass.	35.00
Textile Workers Union, No. 8, Philadelphia, Pa.	10.00
Local Fort Wayne, Ind.	11.25
Jerry Langlois, New Haven, Conn.	1.50
Turners' Union, Roxbury, Mass.	10.00
J. W. Lyons, St. Louis, Mo.	7.75
Local Flint, Mich.	22.75
Volks-Zeitung and the Worker, New York City, N. Y.	87.00
Cleveland, Ohio (per R. Bandlow)	2.25
P. Rettig, Hartford, Conn.	2.10
Local Nampa, Idaho	1.00
Local Kings Co., N. Y.	8.15
Bohemian Societies, Chicago, Ill.	60.61
Total	\$4,836.10

Statement of Strike Funds.

(Appeal for Propaganda Funds issued June 11th.)	
(Appeal for Anthracite Miners' Funds issued June 25th.)	
(Appeal for Brewery Workers, issued June 25th.)	
Receipts.	
June for Strike Propaganda	\$ 75.55
July for Strike Relief	190.60
August for Strike Relief	1,675.14
September for Strike Relief	2,659.25
Total	\$4,604.54
Disbursements.	
June for Strike Propaganda	\$ 75.55
July for Michigan Miners' Relief Fund	10.85
July for Anthracite Miners' Relief Fund	75.00
Aug. for Anthracite Miners' Relief Fund	1,007.79
Sept. for Anthracite Miners' Relief Fund	3,298.04
July for Brewery Workers' Strike Fund	10.00
Aug. for Brewery Workers' Strike Fund	5.00
Aug. for Goldbeaters' Strike	25.00
Oct. 1, balance on hand	95.21
Total	\$4,604.54

CAMPAIGN ECHOES.

Written for the Comrades to Read.

(By the City Secretary.)

The comrades of the Drum Corps are doing excellent work, and deserve the substantial assistance of all members of the party.

If you have not already done so, send in that campaign subscription list issued to you July 4th, and receive credit for it on the records in the office of the City Secretary.

In distributing our party ammunition every shot should be made to tell. No circulars or literature should be scattered broadcast as such method of distribution is almost without effect. The printed matter paid for by the tickets and dimes of our tolling comrades and sympathizers should be placed in the hands or left at the homes of workingmen and whenever possible, accompanied by a few words of explanation, such as readily occur to every Socialist familiar with the work of the propaganda.

The General Committee of the Working Class Party held an exceedingly interesting meeting at Delabar's Hall Sunday afternoon, October 5th. About one hundred delegates were present and evinced considerable enthusiasm in the work planned for the remainder of the campaign. It was ordered that the Auditing Committee should audit the accounts of the Mass Meeting Committee, and that they should then be transferred to the City Secretary, and the Mass Meeting Committee be discharged.

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Activity in Illinois.

Work Being Done for Socialism Across the River. A Big Increase Expected.

In the Chicago Daily News of September 27 I find the following:

"Street meetings, house meetings, hall meetings, accompanied by unremitting work at headquarters—this is the program of the Socialist party in the fall campaign. It is thought conditions were never more favorable for the party than now and a large vote is expected. Displeased Democrats have largely recruited the ranks of Socialism in the past and Republicans who are disgusted with present conditions are expected to rally to the cause of Socialism at the November election, say the party leaders.

Noonday meetings have formed a large part of the Socialist work throughout the state. Circulars have been sent everywhere. The Socialist party never rests. It is as busy on the day after election carrying on its campaign. This is because we are out for principle and not for spoils," explained a Socialist in commenting on the fact. Ruth Dick Hall in the Stock Exchange building is secretary of the party in the state. George D. Evans is manager of the campaign committee.

After giving the Illinois Socialist ticket—State, county (Cook), Congressional, Senatorial and Representatives—the News quotes A. M. Simons, a member of the State Executive Committee and a politic and convincing writer on Socialistic topics, as follows:

"The general public interest which has been aroused by the growth of trusts, the coal strike and other social happenings which are in accord with the Socialist ideas have given rise to a great increase of Socialist sentiment in Illinois as in other states. As a result a number of Socialist locals have been organized throughout the State and tickets will be placed in the field in a majority of the legislative and congressional districts. In several of the coal mining districts there is good prospect of the election of the nominee. Three agitators will be employed visiting the more favorable fields for agitation. In addition to these a large number of volunteer speakers are out at work in various parts of the State.

"Arrangements have been made for the issuing of large quantities of several special leaflets covering the local issues, while the standard Socialist literature is being circulated in greater amounts than ever before. With economic conditions arguing on their side and an active personal propaganda taking advantage of these favorable opportunities, the coming election should show a heavy increase in the Socialist vote in this State."

This is not only a very cheering report from a sister and neighboring State, but the fact that one of the great dailies gives up so much space and so candid a statement is an encouraging sign. The fact that the people's cause is advancing with giant strides, and that the complete emancipation of the wage slaves is so near at hand should be an incentive to a faithful comrades to work harder and make even greater sacrifices to hasten the glad day when the eyes of all the workers shall be opened and they shall walk up to the ballot box in a solid phalanx and so vote that hereafter and for all time we shall have a "government of the people, for the people and by the people." Then, indeed, will the "brotherhood of man" be something more than a sounding phrase.

CARLOS GOOD.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Comrades Must Return Their Nomination Blanks on Sunday.

The City Headquarters will be open at day Sunday, October 12, from 6 a. m. to 11 p. m., for the receipt of the Certificates of Nomination. Every comrade who has received a set of blanks should make a final effort Sunday morning for additional signers, and turn Certificates in to the City Secretary at headquarters in the afternoon. A large force of comrades who are plain and rapid penmen will be needed all day Sunday at headquarters. Let every comrade who can assist at this work report for duty to the City Secretary.

All those failing to receive their papers regularly will please notify this office by postal card in order that the cause can be forced if possible and remedied.

A TRAP THAT FAILED.

President Roosevelt Sought to Draw Mitchell Into a Snare in An Endeavor to Break the Strike.

President Roosevelt's conference has come and gone, the workers have heard what transpired and now is the time to size things up. What was the purpose of this conference and in what has it resulted? To those who know Roosevelt the purpose was plain. He has no sympathy with the working class, no sympathy with the miners as is shown by his receiving a car load of coal from the anthracite district, under military escort; his sole purpose was to get the strike over regardless of whether the men were compelled to work under the old conditions or not. He called the men and the operators together and then appealed to them in the name of humanity to end the strike, that is, he appealed to Mitchell to advise the men to return.

In this conference the operators showed their stand completely by refusing to submit the proposition to arbitration and much to Roosevelt's evident chagrin the miners have strengthened their position as a result instead of falling into the trap which had been set for them.

This has been the result of the conference itself and the purpose of its calling. The so-called fight which Roosevelt was to have directed against the operators as a result of their refusal to arbitrate has failed to materialize, and exists only on paper. Instead of fighting the coal barons with

extra sessions of Congress Roosevelt is again trying to get the miners into a trap by inducing them to return to work pending an investigation into the matter by a Congressional investigating committee. The purpose of this move is only too plain. If Roosevelt himself could do nothing, how could an investigating committee accomplish what he had failed in? The thing desired is to break the strike. The men will win and the coal operators are resorting to trickery to defeat them at the last moment. They have been through such trials before, however, and it is safe to say they will not be caught napping. President Mitchell has so far shown wonderful ability and there is little danger that he will weaken at the last moment. There is too much at stake for any faltering. The men have fought too splendid a battle and organized labor generally has given too generous a support to warrant any wavering at this time.

A little longer, men, and the victory will be won. The agony of the operators and kindred capitalists shows the force of your strike and means their early surrender. When that day comes all your suffering and hardship will have been forgotten in the pleasure of a splendid victory. Let those who have been giving support continue their efforts and help make this victory possible.

Meetings Arranged.

- Greenbaum, Hildebrand, H. Froehlich,
- Twelfth and Franklin—Speakers Roche, Hoehn, Dilno.
- OCTOBER 11.
- 5200 Shaw Avenue—Speakers Roche and Greenbaum.
- Brewery Workers, No. 237—Speakers Roche and Rucker.
- Court House—Speakers Hoehn, F. P. Lawrence and Hildebrand.
- Thirteenth and Franklin Avenue—Speakers Hildebrand, McInturff, Wm. Holman.
- Twelfth and Olive streets—Speakers Hoehn, Dilno, H. Froehlich.
- Broadway and Barry—Speakers Dilno, Brandt, Meyer, Peabody.
- Eleventh and Salisbury—Speakers Deverer, Baker, Brandt.
- OCTOBER 12.
- Thirteenth and Franklin, 2 p. m.—Speakers Hildebrand and Dilno.
- Twenty-second and North Market streets, 7:45—Speakers Greenbaum, Baker, Dilno.
- OCTOBER 14.
- Twelfth and Olive streets—Speakers Roche, Hildebrand, Dilno.
- Thirteenth and Franklin—Speakers Hildebrand, Dunn, Dilno.
- OCTOBER 15.
- Twelfth and Olive streets—Speakers

- Court House—Speakers Hildebrand, Dilno, McInturff.
- OCTOBER 16.
- Kulage's Ball Ground, Lee and Newstead Avenues—Speakers Roche, Hildebrand and Rucker.
- OCTOBER 17.
- Lasalle and California Avenue, 12th, 13th and 23rd wards—Speakers Greenbaum and Rucker.
- Brewery Workers, No. 187—Speaker Wm. Brandt.
- OCTOBER 18.
- Court House—Speakers Greenbaum, Hoehn, Hildebrand, F. P. Lawrence.
- Twelfth and Olive streets—Speakers Greenbaum, Roche, Brandt, Froehlich.
- Broadway and Barry street—Speakers Brandt, Rucker, Meyers, Peabody.
- Thirteenth and Franklin Avenue—Speakers Hoehn, Hildebrand, Dunn and Dilno.
- Eleventh and Salisbury streets—Speakers Dilno, Baker, McInturff, Deverer.
- OCTOBER 19.
- National Hall, (Bohemian meeting), Dolman and Allen Avenue—Speaker Wm. Brandt.

THE TROOPS ARE OUT.

Ten Thousand Murderers Will Try to Win the Coal Strike for Lord God Baer.

The troops are out in Pennsylvania and the old story will be repeated. Ten thousand murderers will attempt to win the strike for the coal barons. Riots will be started if the soldiers can start them, men and women will be shot and the coal barons will cry to the world—"Anarchists." All these things will be sought to be done with the ten thousand state militiamen now in the field and if they fail the federal troops will soon be camping in the valley of the Shenandoah.

Who can keep politics out of the coal miners' union at this time? How else can they answer the question, "Why those troops?" except by a political answer? Those troops were ordered out by Governor Stone, of Pennsylvania. Who gave Governor Stone his power? How was Governor Stone elected? Why can't the coal miners elect their own governor and thus put an end to militias? These are the questions which now come before the miners of Pennsylvania, and they are questions which must be answered. If the miners are shot down in the interest of the capitalist coal barons through their control of the power of government, why should not labor, with its immense voting power, capture these powers of government and

thus put an end to such massacres? The workers of Pennsylvania can do this if they will and if they are honest to themselves the discussion of the question will come up in their unions and stay there until the question has been solved. As the Garment Workers' strike of this city forced political discussion into the labor unions here, so the presence of the militia in Pennsylvania will force its discussion into the unions of that state.

When we are the power which makes the laws and elects those who enforce them we are indeed untrue to our interests if we do not use that power to elect officers who will enforce the laws in our favor.

All government is of our creation, whether it is good or bad. For years it has been bad and we have felt its terrible effects. These effects have of late years, however, shown as the error of our ways and we now stand face to face with the problem. Shall these conditions be continued with our vote, or shall we withdraw that vote and use it to change the conditions and make them in our own interests?

How will we answer this question? It is up for decision; we can solve it or leave it unsolved. The future will determine what sort of men we are.

A Word to Trades Unionists.

(From the Shoe Workers' Journal.)

Brothers, for years you have fought a mighty battle, for years you have made tremendous sacrifices for your cause. That you have done good and noble work none will deny. That you have made progress possible is a self-evident fact. That you have raised wages and a thousand times prevented wage reductions every intelligent person knows. All honor to you for the noble fight you have made. But brothers, have you done all that you might have done? Is it not true that we have had to beg, beg, beg, for all legislation in our interests; and is it not true that we have secured very little have done? Is it not true that we out of every 100 are passed in the interests of the great trusts and capitalistic combines?

Brothers, you know that our interests are to get all we can for our labor power, and you know equally well that the trust and combines desire to get all they can from the wealth produced. Think this over a little while. Are we not confronted every time we strike with an army of the unemployed

made so by labor saving machinery on the one hand and the organized trusts on the other?

Have you voted at all times to make this army of the unemployed impossible by voting to reduce the hours of labor? No, you have not done this. When injunctions are issued again and again against us, did we vote to make "government by injunction" impossible? No, we went on and on voting the same old partisan ticket and thus giving into the hands of the great trusts the very power of the injunction judges to be used against us.

You are now being told by certain statesmen (God save the mark) that you have prosperity and many of you believe it. But, brothers, is it prosperity, when nearly 200,000 children, under 16 years of age, are working in the mills and factories of this great rich nation, while their fathers are forced into idleness? Is it prosperity when we are forced by our economic conditions to produce two or three dollars in order to receive one? Brothers, let us reason it out. You know this is not prosperity. We live in the richest nation upon the globe; a nation with enormous natural resources; indeed, our nation could support 100 times our present population in luxury under wise laws. Our interests are identical. Is it not folly then for the mighty union army to be politically divided? Shall we longer continue to be divided against one another and against ourselves? We have a mighty power, shall we use it?

A VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

Members of the Working Class Are Called Upon to Organize for the Protection of Their Ballot.

The work of the Democratic "Indians" at the Democratic primary of Tuesday show in advance that an attempt will be made to carry the election this fall by the same high handed characterized the last majority election in this city, and prompt action is needed on the part of the working class to offset it and insure a proper counting of the votes of the Working Class Party.

The story of that election is well known to the working class, and nothing but a determined organization will prevent its recurrence this fall. An organization of this nature will be formed at Drud's Hall, Ninth and Market streets, Sunday afternoon, November 2, and every working man is

the city who expects to cast his vote with the Working Class Party is urged to attend that meeting and take part in the organization of a vigilance committee which will be used on election day to see that our votes are counted. The death of "Bad Jack" Williams does not mean the end of the "Indians," and the workers must not relax their vigilance for an instant if they expect their votes to be counted.

This thing is important, comrades, and every effort should be put forth to insure as large an attendance as possible. The work done at this meeting will mean much to the working class of this city and no comrade who fails to make this meeting known to his fellows and attend himself can consider having done his duty.

NO RIGHT TO DICTATE.

Divine Right Baer and His Coal Owning Friends Make a Little Kick.

Press dispatches from the coal fields recently gave an interview with the coal operators, wherein it was stated by them that "John Mitchell has no right to come into Pennsylvania from Illinois and dictate how our business should be run."

This is really good. Wonder what right the coal operators have to come from New York and dictate how the miners shall work? Wonder what right those who do not work have at all to dictate to those who do how they shall carry it on?

The coal operators do no work; then how can they claim the right to dictate to the miners concerning anything. It is the miners who perform all the labor and they have banded together for mutual protection and chosen John Mitchell as their president as they have a perfect right to do. Instead of merely controlling their wages and hours to a limited extent as they seek to do, they should in justice control them completely and enjoy completely the product of their labor.

The sentence quoted above shows a real state of affairs. The miner—the one who works—must ask permission of the operator, who does not work, a condition which should be ex-

actly reversed. The operator is able to accomplish this through their so-called "divine right," that is, through their ownership of the mines. They never did anything to make them entitled to own the mines, but by such ownership, they control the lives and destinies of the thousands who depend upon the mines for a livelihood.

Such conditions cannot and will not long prevail and thousands of working men everywhere are learning through the coal strike their helplessness and in learning it they will resolve to end it. The same condition confronting the coal miner is liable to confront any workingman in any employment and the remedy which must be used in the coal fields must be used in every line of employment. That remedy is government ownership. The coal mines must belong to those who run them—the miners; the machine shops must belong to those who run them—the machinists; the shoe shops must belong to those who run them—the shoe workers, and so on in every industry. The miners, the machinists, the shoe workers will control the government with their ballot and through that control their employment and the reward of their employment.

Third Annual Festival

OF THE

Socialist Women's Club,

Saturday Night, Nov. 1,

AT

DRUID'S HALL, 9th and Market Sts.

Concert, Speaking, Dancing.

Tickets, 10 Cents.

Children Free.

SCAB COAL, MILITARY ESCORT.

President Roosevelt, Member of Brotherhood of Railway Firemen, Shows His Color.

Those workingmen who have been praising Teddy Roosevelt and looking to him as the terrible destroyer of the trusts must have been rather rudely shocked within the last ten days when they read the news dispatch announcing the transit of a car load of Pennsylvania coal under a heavy military guard. Teddy has been styling himself a "friend of labor," and holds an honorary membership in the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen; he seems to be something of a scab according to this report.

Like the Croton Dam affair this buying of scab coal shows Roosevelt's real nature; he is a capitalist of the rank and sort and everything which he does is done in the spirit of a capitalist. He has no sympathy with the miners and will do nothing to help them. He wants coal and he intends to have it.

If every man in the coal fields has to be shot and he arms his car with Pennsylvania militia, in order to see that he gets it.

The members of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen would do well to summon their "brother" before them and demand an explanation. Roosevelt's predecessor, Wm. McKinley, was at one time made an honorary member of the Bricklayers' Union and later expelled for having sent the United States troops to Couer de Alene.

Roosevelt has not done his last act and we will not have to wait long to see the Federal troops sent into Pennsylvania.

The workers can prevent its repetition if they will but vote with their class. The powers of government must be controlled by the workers if they expect to be free from their exercise. A vote for the Working Class Party will give this control.

Campaign Echoes.

(Continued from First Page.)

Comrade Fred G. Strickland, of Ohio, spoke to a large audience of attentive listeners at the open air meeting at Thirteenth and Olive streets, Thursday evening, October 9th.

The Bohemian Club will hold a meeting October 19th at the National Hall, Dolman street and Allen avenue, and have requested that a Socialist speaker be assigned them. Brandt will speak.

Fifty thousand campaign leaflets were on hand at the General Committee meeting for distribution to the comrades "on the firing line."

At the General Committee meeting the Shop Agitation Committee, also the Street Agitation Committee, made creditable reports of work done. The collection taken up was nearly twice as large as at any previous meeting of the Committee. The City Secretary gave notice of the change of the party name on the certificates of nomination, both state and local, from Socialist Party to Working Class Party, forced upon us on the eve of election by Democratic politicians in order to break up the party of Organized Labor. A vote of thanks was given to the "People's Fund and Welfare Association" for the donation of the 50,000 campaign leaflets and City Secretary was instructed to transmit notice of this action to the Association.

City Secretary reported that, by instruction of the City Central Committee he had on September 9th sent a telegram to Comrade Turner denouncing his interference with the party name, and notifying him that Local St. Louis endorsed the position of State Secretary-Treasurer Rathbun, in refusing to sanction at this late hour and on the eve of the election, any attempt to recover by decision of a Capitalist tribunal, the power to use the name "Socialist Party." Certificates of nomination have already been changed to read, "Working Class Party" by Local St. Louis, and many other locals having tickets in the field, and by change at this moment would be suicidal policy. It appearing that "St. Louis Labor" would be benefited in a material manner by the receipt of additional funds, and could then be issued earlier in the week, some dozen comrades made a pledge of weekly contributions to a fund for this object. The C. C. C. was authorized to call a special meeting of Local St. Louis, to be held immediately after election, to consider "St. Louis Labor," and such other matters as may be pertinent to the party.

The Ninth Precinct Club of the First ward will give a Grand Progressive Euchre, on Saturday evening, October 15th, 1902, at Schulte's Hall, Natural Bridge Road and Clarence avenue. Play will begin at 5 p. m. sharp. Tickets, 25 cents, for sale by members; also at City Headquarters. Proceeds are for the campaign.

An open air mass meeting will be held at Kulage's Ball Grounds, on Lee avenue, west of Newstead avenue, Thursday, evening, October 16. Speakers in English and German.

The mass meetings ordered by the General Meeting of Local St. Louis, at the recent meeting, to be held in North and South St. Louis, on Sunday, October 25th, have not yet been fully arranged.

At this date we can say that Comrade Rappaport of Indianapolis, and perhaps also Comrade Walter Thomas Mills, of Girard, Kansas, will be the speakers. The meeting in South St. Louis will be in the afternoon, at either S. W. Turner or Concordia Turner Hall, and in North St. Louis, in the evening, at either North St. Louis, or Social Turner Hall.

Labor Press Council met Thursday, October 9th, at Lightstone's Hall. The attendance was good, and important business was transacted.

Send the City Secretary a list of all officers and members of your club revised to date. It is highly important that an up-to-date record of the membership of Local St. Louis be on file at Headquarters. If you have not already done so, don't delay this matter another day, as a great deal depends upon your compliance with this request.

The attendance and interest at the meetings of the City Central Committee continue to increase. Every Delegate is needed at his post of duty.

Comrade Rappaport, of Indianapolis, an eloquent Socialist orator, will speak in St. Louis October 18th at 8 p. m. at South West Turner Hall, Ohio avenue and Potomac street, on "The Bread and Coal Famine." He will also speak at the Workingmen's Educational Society, Dewey Hall, 2301 South Broadway, Monday, October 27th, at 8 p. m. on "Woman in the Labor Movement."

Don't forget to lend your presence to as many as possible of the street meetings, also to distribute judiciously campaign literature thereat.

Write to Chas. Scheffer, 4150A Penrose street, or A. J. Lawrence, 2521 Benton street, for speakers at least one week prior to the date of the proposed meeting.

Get Socialist literature at distributed cost at Headquarters.

Send in promptly to City Secretary notices of all meetings, that they may be properly reported in our papers.

Get ready for the Grand Mass Convention to be held at Druid's Hall Sunday, November 2nd.

Send the City Secretary without delay your name if you will volunteer to act at the polls on election day.

All ward clubs should immediately send to the City Secretary the names of comrades proposed as watchers at the polls on election day, as no time is to be lost in compiling the list. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

The 10,000 gummed stickers were only a drop in the bucket; they went off like hot cakes. If some comrades will contribute the necessary means it would be a wise expenditure of funds to get an additional 10,000 rounds of sticker ammunition. Stickers seem to be a "craze" just now, and at least 70,000 could be well distributed among the school children who would unconsciously do the necessary advertising.

Every Socialist who can't find his ward club should immediately report at Headquarters and be enrolled as a member-at-large.

Drum Corps meets every Sunday morning at People's Fund and Welfare Hall, Eleventh and Locust streets. All interested in its welfare are invited to attend.

More Contributions.

Campaign Fund Growing. Bring in Your Lists.

Reported week ending Sept 27	\$203.16
C. Sub. List 449, O. Kaemmerer	2.00
C. Sub. List 236, F. P. Lawrence	.50
John Ehrlich	.40
C. Sub. List 400, Phil H. Mueller	.25
Frank Franz	.25
Samuel Altman	1.00
C. Sub. List 597, Frank Weising	.50
C. Sub. List 423, Wm. Crouch	.25
Employees of H. F. B.	1.25
Collection City Central Com.	1.30
C. Fund Pledge 28, J. C. Lyons	1.00
C. Fund Pledge 27, S. A. McInturt	.30
C. Fund Pledge 87	.25
C. Fund Donation, Jacob Straub	.25
C. Fund Donation, John B. Lehner	.60
C. Fund Donation 'St. Louis Labor'	22.44

C. Fund Donation "Arbeiter Zeitung" 22.44
C. Sub. List 289, H. Struckhoff.

Total, week ending Oct 4, \$257.84
ALBERT E. SANDERSON,
City Secretary.

STREET MEETINGS.

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT—
Twelfth and Olive Streets.
Thirteenth and Franklin Avenue.

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT—
Twelfth and Olive Streets.
Thirteenth and Franklin Ave.
The Court House.

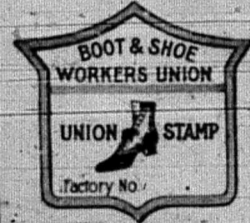
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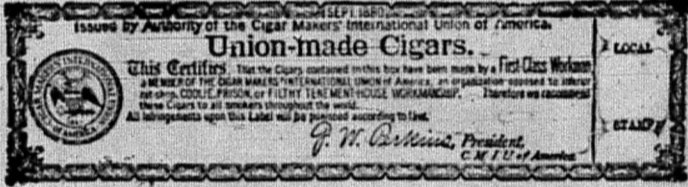
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John N. Heldt, State Secretary of Montana died suddenly on the 25th of September, one hour after writing to National Secretary, as follows: "The Labor Unions are in State Convention here to-day. A wing of the Democrats, the Populists and Labor Men have or are combining. It practically spoils our vote, but we can't help it. The excitement will be buried in 1904, and labor will know where its home is."

Labor Lecture Bureau.
Financial statement of receipts and expenses on account of lecture tour by John C. Chase from March 24th to Sept. 28th, inclusive.

Expenses.	
For railroad fare J. C. Chase, March 24 to Sept. 28, inclusive	411.44
For hotel J. C. Chase	227.80
For Salary J. C. Chase March 24 to Sept. 28, inclusive	489.00
For printing advertising matter, special letterheads, envelopes, mailing cards, etc.	107.45
For postage on advertising and correspondence	106.47
For payments to addressing company	11.80
For literature	17.67
Total	\$1,371.33

Above does not include time of National Secretary and office force, nor proportion of other operating expenses, including office rent, etc.

Receipts.	
From 51 locals, Socialist Party	\$399.00
From 79 trade unions	687.25
From sale of literature	25.00
Amount expended above receipts from March 24th to Sept. 28th	\$ 260.08
Estimated actual loss due to premature ending of tour	56.34
Total	\$1,425.92

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THE DUES ACCOUNTS.

A Letter From the State Secretary.

To the Working Class Party of Missouri:

Comrades—Herewith, I submit a statement of the dues received by this office since your present committee assumed charge of the affairs of the party of this State. You will note that aside from St. Louis Bevier stands at the top of the list, having sent in \$17.20. Kansas City comes second, with \$12, closely followed by Liberal, which is credited with \$9.20. Sedalia follows with \$7, and Milan ranks fifth, with \$5. The total of \$186 has all been received since June 19th, but it covers a period of six months. You will note that June is the best month, the total received for that month being \$50.65. Up to the time the effects were turned over to your present committee the old committee had collected \$9.50 for June which makes a total of \$60.21 for that month. This shows a paying membership of 692 for June, which declined to 45 for July, a decrease of 117. August shows only 278 members in good standing, indicating a further decrease of 107. Two hundred and eleven members paid their dues for September which shows that 168 more have dropped by the wayside. From 692 dues-paying members, in June to 210 in September, shows a loss of 392 in three months. At the same ratio of decrease we may expect to see our party extinct in about sixty days. Your secretary has flattered himself in the belief that he was conducting this office in an efficient business like manner. He has read you lecture after lecture on the dues proposition. He has sent out special appeals. He has done everything he could think of except pay your dues for you. It seems, however, that he has been mistaken in his belief that he knew his business. A decrease of over 50 per cent in three months evidently indicates a vital weakness somewhere. However, we are loath to believe that the entire responsibility rests in this office. We have spent most of our evenings and all our Sundays since June trying to put Missouri in the front rank of the movement, but it has just dawned upon us that we can only do our part and each of you must do yours. If our voting strength increases in the same ratio our membership, in good standing, decreases, we may expect to carry the State by an overwhelming majority in 1904. The election is less than a month off.

Fraternally,
J. H. RATHBUN.

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THOSE WORKINGMEN WHO EXPECT TO GET THEIR VOTES counted at the coming election had better attend the meeting of the Working Class Party at Druids' Hall, Sunday, November 2, and take part in the organization of a vigilance committee for that purpose.

SENATOR MARK HANNA, THE "FRIEND OF LABOR," RECENTLY delivered an address wherein he declared that there were no trusts. We will leave it to his followers among the working class to determine the truth or falsity of his statement. Mark is a very honorable man and possibly he is right.

AN EXPLOSION IN A ST. LOUIS LAUNDRY RECENTLY FATAALLY injured Mary Wiasler, 15 years old and, Lollie Hilton, 17 years old. Socialism would be a horrible slavery, we are told. Let us be fearful of the Socialist agitator, he might induce us to change our glorious system of capitalist freedom, the system where the little children are given every enjoyment which life affords.

MONDAY NIGHT GOVERNOR ODELL OF NEW YORK ISSUED AN order directing the entire Second Regiment, composed of separate companies between Troy and Plattsburgh, on duty to protect the property of the Hudson Valley Railway Company, upon whose lines a strike is in progress.

Governor Odell is a capitalist politician serving his master's bidding. Governor Odell was elected by the working class of New York, the same ones against whom he now orders the militia. The workingmen of New York have a candidate of their own class for Governor this fall. How many workingmen will vote for him?

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OWING TO A RECENT RUMOR CONCERNING THE ACTION OF Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, Wall Street is reputed to have lost \$30,000,000, that is one set of gamblers won that amount from another set, the moral of which is this: Men are fools to work, everybody who works should stop and go to gambling, there is more money in it. But then, what would become of the Wall street fellows? One thing is certain, they would go to work if they wanted anything to eat or wear. A problem now exists, where do these gamblers get things to eat and wear now? They don't make anything; they must take from those who do. But that couldn't be, the working men would kick if they did. Working men have too much sense to create wealth for others to enjoy. The problem still remains, however, where do they get anything to eat and wear?

THE OLD STORY IS BEING REPEATED IN NEW ORLEANS. THE street car men are on strike for better conditions, the company has called upon the mayor for "protection," the mayor has called the police to man the cars and run them if possible, they have failed and at the further request of the street railway companies the mayor has called for the militia, which will proceed to "arbitrate" the strike at the point of a bayonet. A love/sight this is to comprehend, a mayor, owing his election to the votes of the working class, calling out the militia to shoot down those who placed him where he is. There are two things which the workers can do under the circumstances, first, elect another capitalist politician and get the same dose at the next strike, or elect a mayor from their own ranks on their own ticket, whom they can control, and who will call the militia in the favor of the strikers, if the militia is to be called at all.

THE GLOBE-DEMOCRAT STATED IN A RECENT EDITORIAL ON the coal strike, "the people are tired of a system so fragile as that it is paralyzed by a single strike." The Editor of the Globe said more than he thought he said in that statement. What is the system to which he refers? Nothing but the system of private ownership of the mines and their operation for private profit, and indeed the people are tired of that system, and are fast growing to be tired of it, not only in the coal fields, but in all other fields of industry as well. The workers especially are learning that the system of private ownership and private profit makes them the slaves of the private owner and compels them to surrender the greater part of the wealth created by them in the shape of private profit.

The workers in the coal fields can mine no coal save at the will of those who own the mines, the shoe worker, the clothing worker and all other workers can't do nothing without the consent of those who own the machinery with which they work.

This power to control the labor of the workers gives the mine and machine owners power to control the product of that labor, and they use that power to compel the workers to receive barely enough to live upon, while they take the balance and live in luxury. As the Globe says, a single strike shatters the whole system, because it deprives it of its slaves and stops production. The remedy lies in changing the system, in changing it from private ownership to public ownership, and those who are tired of such a system will some day do it.

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A Wage Worker's Marriage.

The police a few days ago arrested a bride of three days upon the charge of having stolen some linen and other household articles from the family for whom she worked before her marriage. The statement given by the girl after she was arrested speaks for itself and shows the effect of capitalism upon that phase of society. "I felt that I was not being paid enough," said the young woman. "Where I had been before I was paid more, and one day I was complaining to some other girls about my wages, and one of them said: 'Why don't you take some things to make up?' I was going to get married, and you know a girl is supposed to provide the linen and things like that, at least that's what I've been told, and I thought I ought to. I got to thinking it over and couldn't get it out of my head. At last I took the things. That was just before I left on July 4, and I kept them hid till we got married."

Capitalism prides itself on its protection of the home and makes as one of its stock arguments against Socialism, that it would destroy the home. This story looks much like a sacred home. A home is impossible under such conditions. Modern society robs both young men and young women of the opportunity to establish a home in the true sense of the term. Both parties to the contract are so dependent for a livelihood, so uncertain as to its continuance that those who will risk it are becoming fewer every year and it is becoming almost a crime for the working class to bring children into the world, doomed as they are to poverty and misery. If such is the sample of a sacred capitalist home, there will be few who would not run the risk of its being destroyed under Socialism, where each would have a guarantee of a certain livelihood.

The Jefferson Labor Club.

The Jefferson Labor Club is the high sounding name through which the working class of St. Louis are sought to be again led to the slaughter. The Jefferson Labor Club is the means through which the petty labor politician works for some miserable capitalist job by trading on his "influence" with organized labor and by betraying the interests of his fellows, by selling his birthright for a mess of pottage.

The Jefferson Labor Club has gotten out some very neat cards with an application for membership on one side and a detailed list of vote catching "labor planks," said to be in the Democratic platform, together with a huge question mark representing the same in the Republican platform, on the reverse side.

The planks may be in the Democratic platform, and they may not be, it is



AND THE EYES OF THEM BOTH WERE OPENED AND THEY KNEW THAT THEY WERE NAKED; AND THEY SEWED FIG LEAVES TOGETHER AND MADE THEMSELVES APRONS. Genesis III.

of little difference which, we ask for a detailed list of the Democratic record in strikes of organized labor, they would be more tangible. Whose police clubbed the girls of the Garment Workers' Union? Whose officers imprisoned the business agent of the Allied Metal Mechanics' Union? Whose police force through the protection of "Bad Jack" Williams and his Indians robbed the working class of its vote in the mayoralty election? Who is it, in fact, who controls the state government, the city government, and yet makes promises to organized labor? If the Democrats want to help the working class, why don't they do it, they have the power, they control the city and state, and are the sole power in it. Why don't they do those things which they prate so loudly about?

These are the things we want to see on the card of the Jefferson Labor Club, and until they are printed there the cards are a lie on their face and the workers who are fooled by them, knowing the true history of the Democratic party, are indeed easy.

The game may work this time, the blind will fall some day, however, and Harry Hawes and his Jefferson Labor Club will be sent to the realm of oblivion, where they can nurse their "labor record."

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A New Life Standard.

ing is only a chapter in a book of boodling as big as the whole of the United States. Every large city in the country has had its boodlers, and its boodie trials, but it has all died away as soon as the excitement passed over. A few scape goats are made to bear the burden and the really guilty parties escape as they will escape in St. Louis. Boodling can be cured, however, and by a very simple remedy. In the first place, we must understand that to remedy any evil which exists we must strike at the cause of the evil. The same thing is true of the boodling; we must know the cause of boodling. What is it then? First of all, let it be remembered that boodling is not engaged in for pastime or pleasure, but because something is to be gained by it, some private interest is to be advanced.

Under our capitalist system of industry, each individual or collection of individuals is engaged in business for private gain and each seeks to further its interests by whatever method presents itself. If in the furtherance of that private interest it becomes necessary to corrupt and bribe public officials, such will be done, and it will be a legitimate means of gain, as legitimate as any other means. As long as this private interest can be subserved in this manner, boodling will continue and all the new life talk will fall flat, it is impossible to have a new life as long as the system of private interests continues, and for the same reason it is impossible to stop boodling as long as private interests continue. When private ends can not be served by corrupting legislatures, legislatures will cease to be corrupted. This will be possible when public interests supplant private interests. When Socialism has supplanted capitalism.

THE SOCIALIST PARTY WILL BE KNOWN IN MISSOURI THIS FALL AS THE WORKING CLASS PARTY. REMEMBER IT.

Democrats and Public Ownership.

The Democratic party of New York in its declaration for the government ownership of the coal mines, has started a ball rolling over which they have no control, and which they cannot stop. If it is right for the government to own the anthracite coal mines it is right for them to own the soft coal mines, if it is right to own the hard and soft coal mines it is right to own the shoe factories, the clothing factories and all other factories where life necessities are produced. The workingmen of the country will not stop with the government ownership of the coal mines and the freedom of the miners from the exactions of an irresponsible master, but they will carry out the principle to its logical conclusion and demand the government ownership of all the means of production and distribution, the freedom of all the workers from the bonds of wage slavery. The government ownership of the coal mines will not benefit the shoe worker and he knows it, and will see that the shoe factories are publicly owned; the garment worker will do the same, the carpenter, the mason, the machinist, the moulder, the brewery worker and all others will see the same point and take the same action until all industries have come under the control of the government.

This is no new principle, it is the foundation of the Socialist movement and the Working Class Party has it as the goal for which it is striving. If the shoe workers, the machinists, the blacksmiths, the brewery workers, the carpenters and the miners wish to see public ownership of these things accomplished let them vote to put the workers into power by casting their ballots for the Working Class Party.

The declaration of the Democrats has started the ball going, it will never stop. The Democrats will themselves want to crawl out of it in a short while, they mean nothing by it any more than they mean anything by anti-injunction planks, direct legislation planks or other so-called "labor planks." They are all to catch votes and the workingman who bites is simple, indeed. They have bit so often and received the same dose so many times that it is a wonder they haven't learned by this time.

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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 their sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Development of Industry. Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machinery which is but an improved and developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. This ownership enables the capitalists to control the product and the workers dependent upon them.

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, and divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers. The once powerful middle class is rapidly disappearing in the mill of competition. The struggle is now between the capitalist class and the working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to the capitalists control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the workingmen to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subordination and virtual slavery.

Domination of Capitalist Class.

fore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist Party to support all active efforts of the working class. The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, are fomented between nations, incriminate slaughter is encouraged, the destruction of whole races is mentioned in order that the capitalist may extend their commercial empire abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

The Working Class and Socialism.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to its downfall, which will abolish both capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force bringing about this new and better order of society is the working class. All other classes, despite their apparent or actual conflicts, are alike interested in the upholding of the system of private ownership of the instruments of wealth production. Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois public ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

Means to the End.

The workers can most effectively as a class in their struggle against collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to parties formed by the property 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 depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, the Socialist Party, are determined to better its condition and to elect its representatives to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

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 employees 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 as 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 shops and factories. 5. Compulsory education of all children up to the age of 16 years; the city to provide all school supplies free and clothing where necessary. 6. Application of the principle of direct legislation (the initiative referendum) and the imperative to the conduct of all public business. 7. Amendment of the city charter enlarging the powers of the municipality in the interest of the work-