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SOME PREJUDICES TO BE GOTTEN RID OF.

There are a number of old prejudices and mistakes that are very prevalent among the masses of the American people and which form a barrier to Socialist propaganda.

As a matter of fact, in every civilized country, a person who wants to become a thorough Socialist must throw a good many prejudices overboard. But in America it is even worse than in other countries, because here there are besides these so many illusions that grew up with the historic development of the country.

The American workingman, for instance, must before all things get rid of the idea that the origin of the American republic was caused by any one man or by any number of men working for a certain ideal. Such was not the fact, historically, although we do not deny that certain men no doubt have stamped their individuality upon their time.

Occasionally Socialist agitators can make a pretty good point by admitting for the sake of argument that Washington, Jefferson, Paine and others were trying to build up an "ideal commonwealth" and that to a certain extent they did so—for the sake of the contrast the agitator may also point out what became of that "ideal commonwealth" after 100 years of capitalistic rule.

But such an argument always carries a danger with it that people will turn to the past for a remedy and raise the war cry, "Back to the old times!"

Any attempt to go back to the old times would be a very dangerous mistake. Workingmen must try to forget the old times with their issues and live for the present and modern issues, then they will also understand the old-time historic figures so much the better.

Another prejudice is that there are only two parties possible in this country. True, there always have been two main parties in American politics. Yet people ought not to forget that less than fifty years ago the Republican party was a third party that had no representatives in the legislatures and in Congress. The American people must learn to vote for principle and not for party.

And here is the place to speak of another mistake that finds adherents among all classes of people, especially among those who are not blind partisans. We refer to the panacea so often advocated of "voting for the best man." People see that the worm of political corruption is gnawing at the rotten roots of both political parties, and are apt to mistake the worm for the rotten roots. This is how the idea of voting for the "best man" originated. In order to do away with corruption people must change the entire economic system, and only in the degree that the economic system is changed, corruption will grow less.

The most common prejudice to be found among the people of the United States, especially the workingmen, is the notion that the conditions in the United States are so "entirely different" from conditions in other civilized countries. No doubt there are numerous differences which necessitate different tactics in the American labor movement. But in the MAIN the exploiting of the laboring people by the large and the small capitalists, and the political and social rule of capital, is the same here as elsewhere. And therefore the next great move of the laboring class here and in other countries can only be: Take away the political power from the capitalists and grasp the political scepter with your own hands and use it for the betterment of the condition of the proletariat. Take it as quickly or—as slowly as circumstances will permit, but make an effort to take it.

And in order to do this the working people must get rid of some of the prejudices mentioned above.

Victor L. Berger.

The man who nominated Horace Greeley for President is today a pauper and is passing his eighty-first year in a poor house in New York state. He was at one time a well-to-do and hard-working farmer, and feels his misfortune keenly. It is said. All over this boastful land of prosperity and new hope the landscape is dotted with poor houses and insane asylums. They are filled for the most part with men who have given to society many a hard day's toil. If society—the people at large—had kept books and dealt with its workers according to their value to society, these people, excepting those whose reason was lost through other than property troubles, would be today living in the finest mansions, surrounded by happy, refined families, while many a shirker who now leads a butterfly life on dividends would be put to useful labor.

It is generally admitted that the people are ripe to vote for the national ownership of the railroads and telegraph, yet more important still would be the nationalization of the coal mines. Who would refuse to take a stand on such a proposition? And why not also nationalize the beef business? The trust has so organized that industry that every butcher shop in the country that refused to accept its terms has been run out of business. What wage-worker is so fearful of hurting the beef barons' profits that he would still vote an old party ticket—throw his vote away—when he could vote for government ownership of such an octopus? And this would be only a beginning, and Mr. Wage Slave would soon see that as a voter he amounted to something.

President Schwab's first annual report to the directors of the steel trust shows that capital made \$116,000,000 out of its investment, while the amount paid to labor was \$113,000,000 in round numbers. But the number of capitalists to divide that sum, nearly an eighth of a billion of dollars, was only a few, while the number of laborers was so very, very many that scarcely any of them got a fairly decent living out of their "divvy" of the one hundred and thirteen millions. Such a partnership! And the laborer put in, besides their knowledge of the business, a year's dinky drudgery, while the capitalists idled the year away and their profits came in to them just the same. Such a business!

The following very sensible proposal is made by the Milwaukee patternmakers for incorporation in the constitution of their national organization:

"Whereas, the labor press, and especially the Socialist press of this country, has proven one of labor's mightiest weapons in the struggle for improvement and emancipation of the working class, therefore be it

Resolved, that we hereby recommend that all subordinate associations, comprising the Pattern Makers' League of North America, support the labor press of their respective state or territory in every way possible, i. e., by donations,

subscriptions, advertisements, and in such other ways as may suggest themselves to the wisdom of the respective associations.

The old parties have been in possession of the city of Milwaukee a good many years, yet what have they done? They have held the offices, drawn the salaries and kept rings of contractors in clover, and supplied corporations with franchises worth millions of dollars. The workers who make up the great majority of the people are now preparing to get possession. They mean that the city shall be managed in the interests of the workers instead of the shirkers. They want to put the foxy, bribe-taking gentlemen on the rear seats.

Life insurance companies exist and pour profits into the laps of men already loaded down with unearned wealth, by reason of the misery of the masses of the people. If every man who insures his life could meet the payments on his policy each year, the companies would go to smash. But every man that is insured does not meet the payments. Only a certain percentage are able to, and so each year so many fellows drop out and forfeit what they have already paid, and on this the company grows rich and powerful. It fattens on calamity. The only proper kind of insurance to have, while the present system lasts, is a workman's insurance, for protection in old age, backed up by the security of the government.

The little merchants who used to be so glib with their claim that "competition was the life of trade" are very quiet these days when they are getting solar plexus blows of competition from the department stores and the big downtown groceries. Even the politicians do not dare to spring that "life of trade" chestnut any more. It is a point the small dealers are rather sensitive on. They will have to drop some more of their phrases as time wears on, and rather soon, too.

Do not forget that in Belgium the people are fighting for what we already have in this country, a free and equal ballot. They will get it, and will use it wisely because of the struggle and sacrifice of lives necessary to its acquirement. The free ballot was given us from the beginning of this country and a majority of our people place no value upon it.

Some people are wasting brain tissue over the momentous question as to whether Cecil Rhodes had a heart or not. We do not see that it makes much difference to the people who are plucked whether the person who does the plucking has a kind heart or not, at least it would seem that way to us. However, a Washington dispatch quotes one Johann Sundt, a Wisconsin man who was several years in South Africa, as believing that the great colonial cormorant had no heart. He says:

"Cecil Rhodes had no heart. He was as cold as ice, had no human sympathy,

and rarely, if ever, contributed to aid human misfortune. He was not charitable. I remember one time there had been a serious explosion at Johannesburg and all the wealthy men were contributing to the relief of the injured and of the families of the killed, but Mr. Rhodes paid no attention to the terrible suffering and went brought on by the explosion, notwithstanding his millions."

Nothing succeeds like success, however. The meanest man unhung, so long as he is wealthy, can have eulogiums after death, and so it is with Rhodes. In a recent press article a writer says he was a man of overflowing heart. To prove it, he says, he made it a practice to toss money into Sunday crowds and enjoyed the scramble it caused. There's a reason for you! He made a jest of the adversity of the dispossessed—and was therefore big-hearted!

It is admitted by Socialists generally that the only way to socialize industry is to begin with the industries that are practically taken out of private hands, those that have become concentrated, as for instance the making of shoes. When shoes were made in myriads of little shops it would have been practically impossible to introduce collective ownership with regard to them. Capitalism in its latest trust form is doing the pioneer organizing work for Socialism. The working class, whose historic mission it is to consciously lead industry into Socialism, must now recognize the work of the trusts by insisting with their ballots that the trusts shall become collective properties.

At times, WHEN THERE IS NO SPECIAL DISTRESS, 55,000 children in a state of hunger, which makes it useless to attempt to teach them, are in the schools of London alone.—Report of a committee of the London, England, school board.

This is just a newspaper item of a few lines; but are you who read it man enough or woman enough to stop and ponder on what it means? These children are of the poorer class, the class that must work in order to live. Consequently it is a deserving class, one which under all rules of humanity and fairness should be well rewarded by society for its usefulness. Yet the fact that its children must go to school day after day in a state of partial hunger, shows vividly the underlying injustice of the present system. Have you the heart to say the system is just and that it should be continued? Can you square yourself with your conscience, if you turn away, unfeeling, from such an indictment of capitalism? And the same conditions exist in many American cities; don't forget that!

What use are the courts to a laboring man like this one, for instance:

This particular laborer worked in a Milwaukee tannery and although a careful man burned both hands and arms up to the elbows with acid, which had been so placed that in the hurry of work was easily mistaken for water. As a result the flesh was burned to a livid rawness, his finger nails turned black and afterward dropped off and he had to spend nine months in the county hospital. His case was tried before Judge Ludwig, and, as so often happens, the court decided in favor of the employers. The decision seemed so rank that an effort was made to take it to the supreme court, but while the lawyers volunteered their further services, they could not advance the money necessary to get a transcript of the testimony and for the necessary printing of the briefs. The man himself had no relatives in this country and no money. The case was abandoned.

Now what use were the courts of justice to this unfortunate man?

They were simply used by his employers to worry him into silence—to tire him out. When he got to the end of his rope, when his resources were exhausted, the courts ceased to be open to him, and his employers knew it. Where do the poor man's rights before the law come in? They don't!

"Charley" Shoes, who operated one of the administration, police-protected gambling houses in Milwaukee, died last week and the city papers gave him long obituary notices, taking care, however, not to mention that his life was devoted to skinning his fellow men. Shoes was the son of C. Latham Shoes, the inventor of the typewriter, who died poor after a life of unselfishness and desire to benefit humanity. Two more widely different types of men, this father and son, would be hard to find. One helped his fellow men, the other preyed upon them. One died poor, while capitalists made fortunes out of his invention; the other left property. It is the world's reward under the capitalistic system, and will be until the system is abolished.

A writer in London Justice quotes the Liberty Review, the organ of the Liberty and Property Defense League, which is organized to oppose trade unionism, as saying of profit-sharing societies, that they are "where adaptable, an excellent panacea for labor troubles," which tends to prove, the writer says, the fear he has long had that such associations were a disadvantage to the working class.

There was an amusing expose last week of capitalistic tweddle-de-tweedle-deum, when the Milwaukee Sentinel printed a batch of letters written in behalf of Gov. La Follette to Henry C. Payne, whose political morals are eminently commercial, proposing a political deal. La Follette, the halo-ed idol of middle-

class Republicans, who appears to have been somewhat mixed up in it, was to be given a clear field for the governorship, while Payne was not to be balked in his ambition to be a national committeeman. So far as their separate ambitions were concerned the war of the Republican factions was to be temporarily at a standstill. Anyway, each one got his plum.

If there were no gold in South Africa there would be no Boer war. If there were no spoils of office in Wisconsin there would be no war of factions for control in the Wisconsin Republican party. Both sides are tarred with the same stick, but the La Follette wing adds to its partisan hunt for office, the cloak of the hypocrite, as the published letters indicate. It will be remembered that the governor went about the state making speeches against the Payne-Pfister ring and the rule of corporations in the state, the sincerity of which looks dubious when it is seen how ready he was to make a deal with the very fellows he was denouncing. The workingman who votes for either crowd disgraces himself, his class and his standing as a sovereign American elector.

"Only when man reaches the standard where he will be ashamed of using a dollar he has not earned will such tragedies cease to occur. So long as human beings believe they have the right to other people's earnings men will attack one another for gain."

This is the very sensible comment of Ella Wheeler Wilcox on the murder of Paul Leicester Ford, the author, by his brother the other day, because of the peculiar distribution of the father's millions.

"The Joyous South of Today," is the burrah heading of an article in Collier's Weekly and a number of cuts are run to show how joyful it is for the toilers in the "New South." One picture shows a dreary stretch of workmen's houses, all just alike and put together in flimsy way—the capitalists charge that Socialism would make life so monotonously uniform, you know! And then there is a picture of convicts loading heavy blocks of stone at a quarry. Care is taken, however, not to run pictures of those hellish slave pens called cotton factories where little children are worked behind locked doors, for scarcely any pay at all, and for hours that scandalize all humane feeling.

"Herod was more merciful. He killed only the children, leaving the parents to live. Under Gen. Smith's order the parents were to be killed, leaving the children to die." This is an editorial expression from the New York Tribune, a Republican newspaper, in reference to Gen. Smith's order in the Philippines to kill all males over 10 years of age and to burn and "make Samar a howling wilderness." Yes, Herod was more merciful, but what will the editor of the Republican Tribune have to say about this blot when the Democratic politicians make campaign material out of the Philippine disgrace, as they are evidently preparing to do? Then watch the Tribune turn a somersault.

When you have read the circular given elsewhere in an editorial, showing the partnership between Hawaiian missionaries and the labor skimmers on that beautiful island, just cast your eyes over the following as a clincher:

The Rev. Mr. Dunham, a colored preacher who is in New England soliciting funds for the industrial education of the negroes of North Carolina, spoke at a meeting of the Twentieth Century Club of Boston capitalists the other day and after telling of the work of training the people of his race to be factory hands, he made this cold-blooded proposition:

"Look at the great strikes you are having, and every time you have to make concessions. You have to do it. There are the carpenters. They get \$2.50 a day and next week they want \$3 a day, and you will have to give it. Next year they will want \$4 a day and seven hours, and you will have to come again. After a while their union will demand \$5 a day and six hours. It is coming. But if you educate this million and a half of colored boys and girls and make skilled laborers of them they will TAKE THE PLACE OF THESE STRIKERS."

If the church wishes to retain the support of the working class, it will have to give up this sort of dickering with the capitalists and the sooner it wakes up to the fact the better.

Read the following dispatch and then say whether or not Uncle Sam is dirtier with royalty:

Madrid, May 15.—The United States special envoy to the coronation of King Alfonso, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, presented this morning President Roosevelt's letter to his majesty, as follows:

"GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND: In the name of and in behalf of the government and the people of the United States I desire to present their sincere felicitations on the occasion of your majesty's majority and to assure you of their friendship and good wishes for the welfare of your majesty and YOUR MAJESTY'S PEOPLE.

"I trust your life will be long and happy, and that your reign will live in the affections of YOUR PEOPLE and bless them with peace, prosperity and happiness, and I pray God to have you in his safe and holy keeping.

Your GOOD Friend,

"ROOSEVELT."

The law of the survival of the fittest under present day conditions may be stated thus: Under a bad system the bad are best fitted to survive. Under good conditions the good and the well-

THE CARNIVAL OF CAPITALISM.

EUGENE V. DEBS ON THE MINERS' STRIKE—ALFONZO OF SPAIN.

The miners' strike is on in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. The operators were defiant and eager for the fray. The miners pulled every wire to prevent the collision and finally voted to go out in the very last extremity. A large minority voted against the strike and President Mitchell, all accounts agree, did his best to prevent it.

Most earnestly do I hope the poor devils will win, but there is no use trying to conceal the fact that they are up against it and that the coal and railroad companies have been preparing for the fight, openly courted it, and are determined to wipe out the union and run their mines to suit themselves.

At this writing everything is quiet as a graveyard in the anthracite region, but nevertheless the Republican governor, elected largely by the votes of coal miners who don't believe in going into politics, has already sworn in an army of special coal police, armed with Winchesters, to protect "property" and incidentally to perforate the hides of the striking miners if this becomes necessary to break up their strike, and force them back into their holes through starvation tunnel, to dig for their masters.

That is all they are fit for; at least that is what they themselves seem to think, for that is what they voted for under the direction of some of their district officers, who are simply the political pluggers of the gang of robbers that fleece the poor coal diggers when they work and have them murdered when they strike.

Pennsylvania, where hell is active as Mt. Pelee, and slavery in full blast, has a Republican majority of three hundred thousand, made up quite largely of the poor devils now on strike.

The governor is already making active preparation to return bullet for bullet in accordance with the invariable programme of the capitalist class, whom the miners and other working men have made the ruling class of the country.

President Mitchell will do the best he can in a trying position. He has issued a request that miners abstain from the use of liquor during the strike, and acting upon his advice, they thronged the churches on Sunday last and took the oath of total abstinence and the pledge to entirely keep out of saloons till the strike is settled.

As for the civic federation, it has already done its worst. It has delayed and dallied six weeks, taken the heart out of many of the strikers and set them by the ears among themselves. Had the miners struck April 1, as they intended, they would have been far stronger than they are today.

My advice to you, striking miners, is to keep away from the capitalistic partnership of priest and politician, to cut loose from the civic federation and to stand together to a man and fight it out yourselves. If you can't win, no one else can win for you; and if in the end you find that the corporations can beat eyes opened to the fact that your vote is your best weapon and that if the 140,000 miners of Pennsylvania will cast a solid vote for Socialism, they will soon themselves the masters of their industry, and the workingmen the rulers of the state.

As for the army of coal police already marshaled and armed by the governor to shoot the strikers upon the assumption that they are criminals, I advise that the miners in convention assembled unanimously resolve that, while they propose to keep within the law, they also propose to exercise all the rights and privileges the law grants them; and, furthermore, that the monstrous crime of Lattimer shall not be repeated, and if any striker is shot down without good cause the first shot shall be the signal for war and the miners will shoot back; and if killing must be the programme of the coal barons, let it be an operator for a miner instead of miners only, as in the past.

On Saturday, May 10, Alfonso XIII. of Spain attained his 16th year and succeeded to the throne of the old despotism. The capitalist newspapers are filled with accounts of the regal event. The crowds jammed the streets and every articulate gibbering of a harmless lunatic was construed into an anarchistic attempt upon the life of the young ruler. In just what respect he differed from the rest of the poor fools the accounts do not say. He certainly could not have him. They were all cheering the King and the courtiers and all the royal and despangled horde of vermin that fattens upon their death agonies were not short by the mailed murderers in the service of the royal robbers they were now cheering.

The spectacle is sufficient to fire the revolutionary soul of humanity. How long is such idiotic idolatry to last? How long are the working animals of the world to crawl abjectly upon their bellies in the presence of the titled leeches that rob and rule them and spit on them in contempt?

Look upon this choice scene from the press dispatches:

The reception of the royal party at the steps of the Church of San Francisco and the procession up the nave was a lotlike spectacle. The primate of Spain and the archbishop of Santiago de Compostela, in robes covered with the heavy gold embroidery, the former bearing a massive crozier and surrounded by five archbishops and twenty bishops wearing striking purple and violet vestments, received the King on the porch, where a white canopy ornamented with gold and borne by five priests, was held over their heads. The Queen Regent followed the King, and the infanta came next, the band playing the royal march.

The King, his mother and the other members of the royal party left the church with the same ceremonial which attended their entry, and the King's coach drove off amid hearty cheers and the strains of the Spanish royal march, while peals of bells echoed from every steeple in Madrid.

Behold the King and clergy and then the surging sea of slavery; the royal robes of the rich robbers and the reeking rags of their haggard victims.

I confess that I cannot calmly contemplate the hideous spectacle. It is quite enough to sow the seed of murder in the heart yet normal.

And yet we must be patient and bide our time. As we pronounce our deep damnation upon the monstrous carnival, our energies are vitalized, our determination is intensified and we swear by all the gods of peace and war that we will not rest until the working class are aroused and in arms against their heartless oppressors and despoilers.

The ignorant, craven worship of the crowned and sceptered parasite in Spain is not peculiar to that country. Prince Henry was the god of American idolatry while here and the same servile mass of "sovereign citizens" crowded and cheered and struggled to lick his royal toots.

In spite of all the tricks and schemes the ruling class can contrive, the working class shall yet be free. It is so written in the book of destiny. Ten million Socialists declare and swear it.

When the Social revolution shall have searched and swept the earth there shall be left no ruler and no slave.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 19.

Eugene V. Debs

meaning would preponderate. A wolfish society will develop wolfish men and drive angels into bankruptcy. We have a wolfish society today, in which each man is at his neighbor's throat, and finds pleasure in the downfall of others. This is not confined to the predatory rich, but all classes are more or less poisoned with it.

These are contradictory times. At a time when some Catholic priests are denouncing Socialism as "atheistic" others are getting into the movement and helping fight the working-class battles. In a letter to the Miner's Magazine Rev. Father McGrady announces that Rev. Father Hagerty of New Mexico, has decided to resign his parish and throw himself into the thick of the fight for Socialism. Father Hagerty speaks eight different languages, is both a writer and speaker of power and a student of science and medicine.

Here is an editorial gem from a local capitalist daily:

If Spain and Russia would treat their college students as America, Germany and England do theirs, they would find them, instead of a cause of constant trouble, a source of great benefit to the country.

How very smart! The students of Spain and Russia are not revolting against their own treatment, so much as against the treatment of their fellow beings, the workers, by governments that regard them as having less rights than cattle. The above clipping reminds one of some of the "wisdom" heard in a high school debate.

As a Socialist we have little sympathy with the suggestions that the people should "cripple" the meat trust by refusing to eat meat. For one thing the effort would fail, and it ought to fail on principle. There is no protest in tame submission. To apply the same tactics to everything else controlled by trusts would make the people a lot of arrant cowards and be a backward step in civilization. The way to revolt against oppression is to revolt.

John C. Woolley, the presidential candidate of the Prohibitionists, spoke to a Kansas City Ministers' meeting, and said, among other things:

"Commercialism has crept into the pulpit so that men teach half truths that are nearly lies. I don't know whether there's another man besides myself who is big enough fool to say this. But the pulpit is tending to train a sort of men who, instead of leading, follow; who, instead of preaching without fear or favor study the peew to see what to say and study the job to please the patrons. Old landmarks are disappearing. There are no sharp distinctions between vice and virtue. Trade calls the gospel a lie—our missions call trade an abomination."

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To the Stockholders of the Milwaukee Social Democratic Publishing Company: Please take notice that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Milwaukee Social Democratic Publishing Company will be held at the office of the company, 614 State Street, Milwaukee, Wis., on Thursday, the 29th day of May, 1902, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of adopting by-laws and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Board of Directors, DR. THEODOR BURMEISTER, Secretary.

NOTICE.—Please take notice that payments on stock subscriptions in Milwaukee Social Democratic Publishing Company fall due by the time this issue reaches you.

BUSINESS VALUE OF MISSIONARIES.

One of the worst things we have seen for a long time is a circular issued by the Hawaiian Evangelical Association of Hawaii to the capitalists who are skinning labor in the Sandwich Islands. There is no hypocritical pretense about it, it comes out flat with a demand for money for the reason that its missionaries keep the workers docile while profits are being ground out of them. It wants its pay, as a cold-blooded business proposition. We quote the essential points:

"We are addressing you as business men without special regard to the spiritual motives (which some may lack) for giving us a contribution, but rather because we believe we are conducting a work from which you are deriving a financial benefit every day, and which, therefore, you will be glad to support with a liberal contribution."

"You know how hard it is to get cane loading done; you know what trouble often comes of it—what threatenings and strikes. Well, the money you put into the work of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association sends pacifiers in the persons of missionaries to keep men peaceful, sober and WILLING TO WORK."

"Yes, it stops strikes better than the law can. How many times you have seen men flocking into town because of some grievance or other, sowing seeds of discord and strife. Our agents with the gospel work better than the law can. The law costs you money when you invoke it. Why shouldn't you contribute liberally toward this work of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association by which you so manifestly profit?"

"Think of the enormous returns that come from our sugar plantations. Does not this mean that labor has produced a great deal of wealth for owners of sugar stock, and it is but fair that the educational and religious work done by the Hawaiian Evangelical Association should be heartily supported."

"The laborers in these islands have growing children and the work of the Hawaiian board among them is seed planted where it will spring up to make good citizens. By the way, what would these islands be but for past missionary labor?"

And so on. "Hon. J. P. Atherton, president," is the first name signed. Such things are accounted honorable in present day commercialism. But the Hawaiian missionaries are no worse than those sent to other lands. All of them are consciously the forerunners of capitalist exploitation.

AMERICA'S CIVILIZED TREACHERY.

Mark Twain goes for that insufferable bantam, Gen. Funston, without mercy, in a current contribution to the North American Review. He pretends to defend the recently promoted American adventurer, but the "defense" is that Funston is not responsible for employing uncivilized treachery in effecting the capture of Aguinaldo, because he is by nature warped morally, and has a "crooked disposition" for his skeleton. Mark Twain acknowledges that every detail of the scheme—except one—has been employed before in war, and is considered justifiable. It is allowable for a brigadier general ("if he be of the sort that can so choose") to practice treachery himself and encourage it in others by bribery, to remove the badges of his own honorable rank and disguise himself, to lie, to forge, to accept of courteous welcome and assassinate the welcome while their hands are still warm from the friendly handshake.

But—and herein Mark Twain makes his exception—although when a man is exhausted by hunger to the point where he is "too weak to move" he has a right to make supplication to his enemy to save his failing life, nevertheless if he take so much as one taste of that food—which is holy, by the precept of all ages and all nations—he is barred from lifting his hand against that enemy for that time.

FATHER McGRADY ON SOCIALISM'S SPHERE.

The present system of economics, based on selfishness and injustice, and which inflames the worst passions of the human heart, actually repudiates the principles of Christianity, and that is the reason that the empire of religion has been losing ground ever since the dawn of capitalistic dominion. The Socialists do not repudiate religion, but they say that it does not require religion to plow a furrow and reap a harvest, or dig potatoes or sell butter. These are all business questions, and contain no prophetic thoughts or mysteries of faith. It does not require the aid of Christianity to look through a telescope, for we read of renowned astronomers who did not accept the authenticity of divine revelation, and they were very successful in their observations, for they had no fears that they would discover a star that was condemned. Two and two make four, and all the religion in the world will not alter these figures.

Let us apply the same principle to the economic question. When the consuming capacity of the people does not equal production, there will be a surplus, and eventually hard times, panics industrial stagnation and the small capitalist will be crushed, and his property will be absorbed by more successful competitors, and he will be driven into the ranks of the proletariat; the middle man will lose his home and join the hosts of toilers; the laboring people will be reduced to starvation, and the country will be filled with an army of beggars and tramps. Consumption does not equal production when the workers do not get their portion of the wealth produced. The laboring people constitute 75 per cent. of the population, and to equalize consumption and production they should get 75 per cent. of the wealth that is created. But they get only 15 per cent. of the wealth that they create, and all the religion in the world will not make 15 equal to 75.

The Socialists offer a scientific solution. Under their regime the people would get all they produce, and there would be no surplus while millions were starving.

Socialism is the science of economics. Like every other science, it leaves religion to rule in the domain of faith and morals.

Belleue, Ky.

J. W. McGrady

IS ROOSEVELT TILTING AT WINDMILLS?

What is a trust? A modern form of commercial corporation, a perfected kind of economic partnership. A simple partnership is a trust on a minute scale. Between a simple partnership and a trust there is only a quantitative difference, a difference in size, in dimensions, but not in kind. It is true that a trust exercises a gigantic power in comparison with a simple partnership. But this is just what has to be expected. The mammoth hammer of the Carnegie Company that compresses tons of steel and a small hammer with which we drive tacks into our carpets on the floor are built on the same principle. What may be said in favor or against a trust applies equally in the essence, although different in degree, to a simple partnership. This is sound economics and sound law. All the trust smashers are moved in their tragic-comical endeavor to stem the tide of economic evolution from individual competition to competition among different simple partnerships, and from the last to the negation of competition in the shape of trust, either by ignorance or by demagogic aspirations. The only logical outcome of the tendency to trustify all economic functions of society is the nationalization of all trusts. This outcome is not only the postulate of logic, but unavoidable if we do not want to return to barbarity. The question is not: "Shall the nation own the trusts?" But, "How can the nation be saved from being owned by the trusts?" And there can be only one answer to that. NATIONALIZE THE TRUSTS. The Socialists cannot take any other stand and remain faithful to their own principles. It was Karl Marx who first recommended the expropriation of the expropriators.

As to the attitude of the Republican party and President "Strenuous" towards trusts, I am inclined to think that Comrade V. Berger's conclusions and forecasts are somewhat far-fetched. Whatever may be thought about President "Strenuous," we have to admit that he is not an ignorant man. He is, however, first of all and above all a demagogue and tries to make political capital out of the trust situation. He knows very well that he cannot possibly do any harm to the trusts if he wanted and the trusts know just as well that he would not do them any harm if he could. The Republican party machine has the President well in its power and knows how to control him. I think that the Republican party is the only political party that Socialists will have to contend with in the near future.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Isador Ladoff

TO WRING YOUR HEART.

The Bad Fruit of a Bad System.

Taken to the Poorhouse.

La Crosse, Wis., May 2.—Harvey Pierce, an old resident of La Crosse and at one time a prominent and well-paid engineer, was taken to the poorhouse yesterday.

Pierce was engineer of the old Polleys mill at the time the boilers exploded and blew up the mill. He had left the engine room scarcely a moment before the explosion occurred. A few years later he was on the steamer Bella Mae, which blew up a few miles from La Crosse, a number of persons being killed at the time. He again escaped without a scratch.

Before going to the almshouse he said he was sorry life was left to him.

Four English Shocker.

A shocking story of neglect and squalor was told the Birmingham magistrates last week. James Shaw, woodchopper, lived with a woman named Short and five children, only one of whom was a boy. There were three girls of 17 and 18, and the whole family slept on a mattress on the floor in a small bedroom. The children were marked with vermin all over their bodies.—London paper.

An inquest held in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on the body of William Walker, 56, who was knocked down by a cycle and run over by a mail van, showed that the man had no home, no occupation and no friends, that he ate anything he could get, and slept about the streets.

John Colder, 19, a carman, was charged with throwing himself in front of a Metropolitan train with a view to suicide. He said: "I would not have done this, only I am out of work, and have had nothing to eat for the last three days." Though injured in the head, arm and leg by the train, which passed over him, he quickly ate and drank some cake and milk given him at the hospital.

The Baptist Missionary Society has held meetings in London to signify that it wants India Christianized. It prefers, however, to leave England as it is.

Old and Hopeless.

At the Wayfare's lodge on Hawkins street old, broken and hopeless, is a descendant of Roger Williams, a 70-year-old veteran of the Civil war.

His name is Harvey Williams. He arrived in Boston Monday, on sixty-days' rufough from the Togos home, bound for his birthplace, Chester, Vt. There he has brothers, and it was to see them and his old home again before his end that Williams undertook the journey. He had transportation to Chester and \$15 in money. Both tickets and money he lost in Boston, and now he does not even know how he was going to get back to Togos. The idea of visiting Chester he has given up altogether.—Boston Post.

No Socialist should be without a copy of Babel's "Woman in the Past, Present and Future." This office, 25 cents.

"Socialism being the product of social evolution the only danger lies in obstructing it."—Rev. F. M. Sprague.

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tions were opened and their wealth of food poured into the territory of suffering. This was in uncivilized Peru, 500 years ago. The great civilization, the United States, was not born then, but her sister butcher, Spain, took upon herself the high office of educator, and after the mountain side and streams ran with the innocent blood of these sun-worshipping, but, nevertheless, God-fearing people, the present system of "dog-eat-dog" civilization was inaugurated. But, in the meantime, poor, uncivilized Peru demonstrated that "each for all and all for each" is a possibility if we only think right.—Humanity.

Platforms of International Socialism. IV.

British Social Democratic Federation.

OBJECT.

The Socialism of the Means of Production, Distribution, and Exchange, to be controlled by a Democratic State in the interests of the entire Community, and the Complete Emancipation of Labor from the Domination of Capitalism and Landlordism, with the Establishment of Social and Economic Equality between the Sexes.

PROGRAMME.

I.—All Organizers or Administrators to be elected by Equal Direct Franchise, and to be maintained by the Community.

II.—Legislation by the People in such wise that no project of Law shall become binding till accepted by the majority of the People.

III.—The Abolition of Standing Armies and the establishment of National Citizen Forces; the People to decide on Peace or War.

IV.—All Education to be Compulsory, Secular, Industrial and Free.

V.—The Administration of Justice to be Free to all.

VI.—The Means of Production, Distribution, and Exchange to be declared and treated as Collective or Common Property.

VII.—The Production and Distribution of Wealth to be regulated by the Community in the common interests of all its members.

VIII.—The Establishment of International Courts of Arbitration.

PALLIATIVES.

To palliate the evils of our existing society the Social-Democratic Federation urges for immediate adoption:—

NATIONAL.

Free, Secular, and Technical Education, compulsory upon all classes, together with Free Maintenance for the children in all State Schools.

No child to be employed in any trade or occupation until 16 years of age, and heavy penalties to be inflicted on employers infringing this law.

Eight hours or less to be the Normal Working Day, or not more than forty-eight hours per week, to be fixed in all trades and industries by State legislation. Imprisonment to be inflicted on employers for any infringement of this law.

Cumulative taxation upon all incomes exceeding \$300 a year.

State Appropriation of Railways and Canals.

The extension of the Post Office Banks so that they shall absorb all private institutions that derive a profit from operations in money or credit.

Redemption of the National Debt.

Nationalization of the Land, and the Organization of Labor in Agriculture and Industry under State or Municipal control on co-operative principles.

The Disestablishment and Disendowment of all State Churches.

The Establishment of Adequate Pensions for the Aged and Infirm Workers. Every person attaining the age of 55 to be kept in the community, work being optional after that age.

Abolition of the Present Workhouse System, and the Provision of Useful Work for the Unemployed. State Control of the Lifeboat Service.

MUNICIPAL.

The Compulsory Construction by Public Bodies of Healthy Dwellings for the People, such dwellings to be let at rents to cover the cost of construction and maintenance alone.

Public Ownership and Control of Gas, Electric Light, and Water Supplies; the organization of Tramway and Omnibus Services and similar monopolies in the interests of the entire community.

The Establishment of Municipal Hospitals and Dispensaries, Cemeteries and Crematoriums; Public Control of the Food and Coal Supply.

As means for the peaceable attainment of these objects, the Social-Democratic Federation advocates:—

Payment of Members of Parliament and of all Local Bodies. Payment of Official Expenses of Elections out of the Public Funds, and of Suffrage, Triennial Parliaments, Proportional Representation, Second Ballot, Initiative and Referendum. Canvassing to be made illegal. Abolition of the Monarchy and the House of Lords. Extension of the Powers of County, Town, District and Parish Councils. Legislative Independence for all parts of the Empire.

Socialist History and Portrait Gallery.

The Socialist movement in America has a history of special interest and written in but a little book of 153 pages by Frederic Heath, entitled "Social Democracy Red Book: A Brief History of Socialism in America," should be read by every Socialist and have a place in the library of every student of socialism and everyone in the least interested in the great social, industrial and economic questions of the day.

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If you think a "community of mutual interests" impossible read Prescott's "History of Peru" and learn that for at least 500 years every man, woman and child had a birthright to a home, built out of the common funds, that their work should keep them from want. Old age, sickness and inability to work were respected. A man past the age of work was not taken out and shot, forced to commit suicide, nor sent to the almshouse; but he became a pensioner and continued to live comfortably under his own roof. A certain per cent. of the products of the country was placed in common storehouses and in case of want in any section, the storehouses of all other sec-

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Brer Quent vs. Brer Bessal.

Editor the Social Democratic Herald:—Mr. William L. Bessal's comment on my recent article "The Next Step in Benevolent Feudalism," are amusing, doubt, but for reasons other than he imagines.

I had thought that no social reformer, moderate or extremist, could possibly mistake the plain implication of that article. And yet here is Mr. Bessal, with a fine obliviousness to its pith and core, making faces and throwing bricks at its author. There is a story of an amateur artist who after reading a carefully Swift's "Gulliver's Travels," closed the book with a sigh and remarked, "Really, I don't believe all of that."

That some Socialists can look at the article more perspicaciously than Mr. Bessal has done is illustrated in the REASON. He returned it entire, and urged its wide distribution. As a consequence, his subscribers have been putting it where it seemed likely to do good, one of them ordering 300 copies for that purpose. W. J. GIENET, New York.

Does Not Fear State Socialism.

Editor Herald:—The objection to state Socialism seems to me to be merely whimsical. There is a difference between private ownership in a republic and in a monarchy, and in a republic state ownership is usually on the lines of true Democracy. For instance, I do not find that the Socialist postoffice, the Socialist water system, the Socialist public schools, or the Socialist sidewalk walks or parks are engines of oppression or that their growth toward discouraging the growth of Social Democracy. And I do not enjoy them any the less because I am a Socialist. Now, a Socialist, I believe that Socialism can only come by the socializing of the industries that are ready for it—that is, that are concentrated in few hands. The trusts are, of course, such concentrated industries. So the cry of the public ownership of the trusts suits the idea of socialistic propaganda to a dot. And talk of its being state socialism ought not to frighten anyone. I can see no escape for it but that we must go through a so-called state socialism in preparing the way for the final article. But what of it? It is all along the line of improvement; the direction is correct. In fact, to me, it seems that improvement must take that path, or none. And I rely on the Socialist propaganda to become strong enough to carry matters through to the intermediate period into the full-blown social state beyond. The cry of "State Socialism" seems to me only a bogey, it doesn't frighten me, for by keeping my wits about me, I can see in the dark. UP-GRADE, Milwaukee.

Fears State Socialism.

Editor Herald: Carrol D. Wright is right when he says that the present trend of society toward state socialism. What he says so he no doubt has in mind the fact that the working class is not yet conscious enough of its power, and its social mission. He knows that the tendencies are toward economic concentration and that those tendencies have to be checked. There is a howl from those who are immediately concerned and oppressed by the monopolies. The howl increases together with the concentration of wealth, and comes from the middle class and the working class, but both howlers are practical men and the result of what is the solution of the problem; therefore the monopolists remain the masters of the situation. A blind demand for government ownership still leaves the capitalist the slave drivers of the people. The government powers still remaining in the hands of the capitalist class, can wield that force toward the further enslavement of the working class.

That is why one should not fuse with reform parties for the purpose of bringing about government ownership. Social Democracy is what Social Democracy want, and they can and will get it only by paying the price; i. e., the conscious solidarity of the working class. It is because we have not yet the price that we cannot have Social Democracy; but by no means do we want state capitalism. We have had enough of private capitalism to yearn for a period of state capitalism; for state Socialism with the government in the hands of the capitalist class is nothing short of slavery. But those Socialists who really want it need do nothing else but keep the workers ignorant of Social Democracy, encourage them to follow all kinds of middle class movements, and in any case, to be all of us will have a good dose of state Socialism.

The Socialist movement is here to remind the working class that it has no more in common with the capitalist class, than middle and monopolist classes, than those classes own and control the social movement, and that the class struggle of the French and other capitalist revolutions. "The international of the working class must be the class conscious work of the workmen themselves," has a historic meaning; and the Kautsky revolution was correct when he said that no worker must be morally regenerated before their freedom can be accomplished. Morally regenerated, I understand to mean, education on Socialist lines.

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THE SIN OF SOLDIERY.

By Count Leo Tolstoy.—(Dec. 20, 1901.)

In all Russian barracks there hang the so-called "Notes for Soldiers," composed by Gen. Dragomirov...

And that this foe are the Socialists (that is, workmen, whom the soldiers must if he bias them, shoot down, even if they should be their own brothers or even parents.)

So that military service at the present time, when its chief object is to keep enslaved men in those unjust conditions in which they are placed, is not only not a noble but a positively dastardly undertaking.

I know that there are many officers, especially of the higher grades, who by various arguments on the themes of orthodoxy, autocracy, integrity of the state, eternal inevitableness of war, necessity of order, inconsistency of the socialistic ravings, and so on, prove to themselves that their activity is rational and useful, and contains nothing immoral.

But even if their abstinence from military service did destroy the existing order, this would in no way prove that they should continue to do what is wrong, but only that the order which is being destroyed by their abstinence should be destroyed.

They often say that they serve because if they did not the existing order would be destroyed and disturbances and every kind of calamities would occur.

It is not my fault," the woman would say, "you have founded your philanthropic institutions on vice. I no longer wish to live in vice. As to your institutions, they do not concern me."

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The Freed Life.

Comrade Vladimir Posse, editor of Gim (Life), the revolutionary paper of Russia that was suppressed with the usual brutalities of the authorities, has crossed the border and is now issuing the journal under the name, Freed Life.

BOOK NOTICES.

THE ADVENTURES OF JOHN MCCUE, SOCIALIST. 64 Pages. Socialist Co-operative Publishing Association, New York. Price 10 cents.

Who Are the Anarchists?

The Nashville American asks a local saddlery company to use shotguns on its strikers. It asserts: "If a few of these strikers were carried off dead, there would be peace for those who want to work."

The Man Under Forty-Five.

The discussion, started in Chicago, as to whether the workman aged 45 years of age ought not to be shot is causing a great deal of rambling discussion.

capitalism, another kink in competition, and it is wholly a hard fact, without a particle of theory about it. It merely means that another large body of people are to be SUBMERGED by our damnable social usage.

might take his place, and woranhood, first ground to where she can't make a living, thrown aside that babyhood may take her place. And now the man of 45 others is to be turned adrift, to live if he can and die if he must.

IN THE TWENTY-FIFTH CENTURY.

A mother and daughter, the latter about twelve years old, passing through the halls of a museum.

B.: What silly, wicked people! M.: You must remember, my dear, that this was in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. What do we call those centuries?

M.: Very well then. I am glad you are so brave, for you will find it very instructive. Come this way. The entrance is by this door.

M.: That is the electrocution-chair, my child, in which murderers were executed. You can see there now they fastened them in with straps. There is the place for the feet.

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M.: That is a sabre. It was ground very sharp on a grind-stone, and then a gentleman would take it and get on a horse and ride with a lot of others into the ranks of infantry on the other side.

M.: In more civilized countries they induced prisoners to do it by pardoning their crimes, and we can hardly blame them for yielding to the temptation.

M.: It's nothing, mama. But didn't they have judges for their quarrels, just as we do?

M.: Not at all. Capital punishment was abolished gradually and sometimes there would be two states next to each other and in one they would murder prisoners and in the other they only imprisoned them, and there were always fewer murderers in the latter, and yet people went on saying that capital punishment was necessary to the safety of the people.

M.: I'm afraid I can't look at anything more, mama. I don't feel quite well. Would you mind taking me home?

The Glass Struggle.

Today the best organized men get the highest wages, just as the strongest and organized capitalists get the greatest profit on their investments.

Warsaw, Poland, held a demonstration in favor of the liberation of Poland from Russia, on May 6. A body of Cossacks charged the crowd of people, flogging them with knouts, killing six and injuring 225, and arresting over 800.

More and more is the laborer of today brought face to face with the fact that he is not an individual laborer will soon be reduced to a pitiable state by the constant encroachment of capital.

Reports of breaches of factory acts are coming in, and our successes in righting these wrongs are almost extravagant. Illegal hours, girls employed to stop and clean machines after closing time, sanitary conditions shocking in two large and important industries—one an educational publishing house!

The Coal Strike.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Number of collieries closed, Number of railroad employees, Length of strike in 1900, etc.

Milwaukee Notes.

The State Federation of Labor meets in Milwaukee July 8, 9 and 10. Delegates will be present from such strongholds as Sheboygan, Racine, Kenosha, La Crosse, Janesville, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Manitowish and other points.

Wage Workers in Belgium.

The Belgium revolt, now temporarily abandoned, has called attention to the country of the "gayest and most comfortable of the saddest of people."

FROM THE WORKERS.

Editor Herald.—I see by your paper of May 26, that every union and trade according to the resolutions adopted at different labor congresses of the world, every laborer or mechanic or artist (as some barbers call themselves) should work only eight hours a day, six days in the week, and then have an uninterrupted period of rest of 36 hours before starting the next week's work.

GENERAL NOTES.

Complaint is made that the official journal of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Canada is printed in a rat printing office.

THE ONLY WAY.

The only way to repair a watch or clock is to restore all the defective parts to their original condition. If others have failed to do it, try L. SACHS, The Jeweler, 418 National Ave.

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EIGHTH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Friday at 373 First avenue.

NINTH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Thursday of the month in the Alemania hall, corner Fourth and Walnut streets. Henry Bruhn, 2021 Galena street, secretary.

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TWENTIETH WARD BRANCH meets every first and third Thursday of the month in Folkman's hall, corner Twenty-first and Center streets.

TWENTY-FIRST WARD BRANCH meets at Zehetner's hall, 1416 Brent street, every second and fourth Tuesday in the month.

TWENTY-SECOND WARD BRANCH (No. 4) meets every first and third Friday of each month at Mueller's hall corner Twenty-third and Brown streets. George Moerschel, secretary, 891 Twenty-fifth street.

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SOCIALISTIC GLEANINGS.

What the collectivists are doing throughout the world.

The Home Field.

The Canadian elections take place May 29.

Ask your newsdealer why he does not handle the Herald.

Eric Socialists are talking of a daily paper, to appear in September.

Comrade H. G. Wilshire will make a lecture tour of Michigan during June.

The Rev. W. T. Brown of Rochester was the May day speaker at Rome, N. Y.

Comrade Philip Brown spoke before the Socialists of Chicago Heights on May 17.

Comrade Debs' trip to the West will occupy about ten weeks, and will extend up into British Columbia.

Several city firemen were discharged by the ruling politicians in Haverhill, Mass., because they are Socialists.

Comrade Seymour Stedman of Chicago leaves this week for a speaking trip in Canada, going first to Toronto.

Branch 9 at its last meeting took in four members, a total of thirty.

It is planning to hold monthly agitation meetings.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Socialist organization in Kansas City gave an entertainment for the benefit of the locked-out bakers.

Comrade John P. Keating of Toledo will hereafter conduct a page on Socialism in the "Labor Union," the official paper of the Toledo Central Labor Union.

Rev. Carl D. Thompson of Elgin, Ill., is on the Pacific coast holding meetings in conjunction with Comrade J. Stitt Wilson. They are meeting with big success everywhere.

A number of Eastern Socialists will make addresses at the laying of the corner stone of the new Labor Lyceum in Brooklyn, May 30. The old lyceum was destroyed by fire.

The ball game between the north side and the south side comrades of Milwaukee promises to be an event. The public generally is taking a hand in it and buying tickets in good shape.

The Pennsylvania state committee has taken steps towards active participation in the strike in the anthracite field, having communicated with its own locals and those of the mine workers.

The Rev. W. Thurston Brown of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Rochester, N. Y., who has long been identified with the Socialist movement in this country, has resigned his pastorate and will quit the ministry.

The Nineteenth ward branch, Milwaukee, will hold an agitation meeting on Wednesday, May 28, at Meixner's hall, Twenty-seventh and Vliet streets. Comrade W. J. McSweeney will speak on "A Remedy for the Meat Trust."

At Elkhart, Ind., our comrades cast 165 votes for Comrade G. E. Zinn for mayor, a gain of 132 over 1900. At examining, our comrade Sebastian Fieser got 208 votes, a large gain. At Huntington, Ind., Comrade Baker got 233.

Walter Vrooman, one of the well-known Vrooman brothers, is agitating in Kansas City for a Western Co-operative Association which proposes to lay out a model village near Kansas City and maintain co-operative undertakings.

Donations to National Propaganda fund received as follows: Amount reported to May 10, \$352.68: Flemish branch, Philadelphia, Pa., \$5; Joe McGann, South Norwalk, Conn., 25 cents; Bellare, O., branch, \$1; Arlington, Wash., branch, \$2.25; L. D. Abbott, N. Y., \$5; total to May 17, \$306.18.

Editor Heiter of Buffalo, who made a spread-eagle challenge open to all comers to debate on Socialism, has taken down. After Wilshire had taken him up, he insisted that half of the debate be in German, which Wilshire does not have a ready command of. The Buffalo comrade had set the date for the debate, but Heiter did not appear.

The Texas Socialists will hold a state convention at Dallas July 4. It is to be hoped that the convention will come out for progressive Democracy, and open the way for a sane and effective movement in that state. Of all states Texas was the last that could be expected to stomach an imitation S. L. P. presentation of Socialism and the fate of their state paper showed as much.

The famous Verestchagen war paintings, which our comrade was preaching sermons against war such as no preacher could (very few of them are opposed to war-murder, we are sorry to say), will form the art collection at the Milwaukee Exposition this fall. This is indeed good news, and our comrades, both in the city and the state, should make the most of it.

The Social Democrats of Terre Haute, Ind., will keep their hall open as a reading room, enough pledges have been secured to pay the rent. At a meeting last Sunday Comrade E. V. Debs reviewed the recent election in Terre Haute and paid his compliments to the alleged "union" men who worked hard for the election of the capitalist parties who fought the street railway men in their strike.

Emil Leiss, the well-known Socialist editor and speaker of San Francisco, formerly of the S. L. P., has left the party and joined with Mayor Schmitz and the Union Labor party and says that others will do the same. The party in San Francisco, owing to its sectarian and unscientific methods of thought and action, is said to be stagnated and impotent. Its organ, the Advance, formerly the Class Struggle, has ceased to appear. The same fate appears to be in store for the movement at some other points we might name if the anti-immediate demands fellows, the real enemies of Socialism in America, get control.

The Workman's Circle of New York, at its second annual convention last week, passed resolutions condemning the authorities for the sentence of Johan Most to one year in prison for reprinting in his paper an article that had appeared in print at various times, running as far back as fifty years, hitting without protest. While not in any way subscribing to the doctrine of anarchy, the resolutions say, the convention deplors the Russia-like tramping of free speech under foot and says that in practically burying alive a mass of most advanced articles for twelve months the courts are doing the bidding of the robber class, who hate Most less for his anarchistic teachings than for his efforts at pointing out existing inequalities.

In his lecture on organized capital and organized labor, at the Metropolitan Temple, San Francisco, last Sunday, Prof. Walter Thomas Mills said: "The slaves and serfs of old knew of their degraded position and were fiercely resentful against their masters. The wage-workers have been offered an opportunity whereby the most capable could escape from their thralldom by climbing upon the backs of their fellows and becoming members of the exploiting class. This opportunity under modern capitalism by which the more capable among the workers could each for himself achieve deliverance from the lot of the laborers has led to the betrayal of their own class in the effort to achieve individual emancipation. But as industry becomes more perfectly organized—especially under the form of the great

trusts—as Mr. Carnegie has pointed out, this opportunity for such individual deliverance is rapidly passing away; and hence the men of muscular ability, who among the workers in the last generation created capitalism by the abandonment of their fellows, will in this find no way of deliverance for themselves except they become the leaders of a movement which will abolish capitalism and effect the industrial emancipation of all."

Across the Herring Pond.

At the city election at Merthyr, Wales, the Socialists cast 841 votes to 1106 for the capitalist candidate.

The Socialist movement in South America is attaining some success. Large audiences assemble on Sunday afternoons for music and discussions of economic questions.

The representatives of the Copenhagen Co-operative Socialist Trades Unions have resolved to extend the strike of dock laborers and seamen to all Danish ports, and to make arrangements for a strike of the carmen employed in the traffic.

In the course of the debate in the German Reichstag on the bill dealing with child labor in factories last week, Count Posadowsky, imperial secretary of state for the interior, explained that "child labor had a high educative value. It kept children from idleness and trained them for their future vocation." Notwithstanding these "advantages," the Socialists are opposing child labor in every form!

In the French general elections the following Socialists were elected on the first ballot: Allard, Basly, J. L. Breton, Aristide, Briand, Cadenat, Cadenat, Calvihaec, Colliard, Coquant, Dejanete, Devyeze, Ferrero, Jaures, Kruss, Labussiere, Lamendin, Raistre, Poullain, Sembat, Vaillant, Vital-Roussieux. In the case of each of the following candidates a second ballot was necessary: Allemande, Carmand, Chauviere, Fournier, Haseckel, Grousset, Clovis, Hugues, Jourde, Lassalle, Milleraud, Renou, Louanet, Viviani and Walter. Milleraud is now known to have been defeated on the second ballot. Chassaing, Fourniere, Gras, Gfoustier and Palix were beaten on the first ballot.

The result of the Birkenhead school board election has fairly electrified the inhabitants of the "City of the Future." A Socialist at the head of the poll with 9826 votes has taken away the breath of almost every Man in the Street. Yet this was Mr. F. Bower Alcock's figure, and gives evidence, we venture to say, of the value of the work he has been doing for some years as warden of Ruskin hall in that town.

This is the first time the strength of the Socialist vote has been tested in Birkenhead, although the Socialist organizations in the city are in a flourishing condition, as the many happy gatherings under the roof of Ruskin hall testify.—Clarion, London.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN—MILWAUKEE County, County Court—In Probate. In the matter of the estate of Louis Weyrich, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Louis Weyrich, late of the city of Milwaukee, in said county of Milwaukee, deceased, having been duly granted to Phillip J. Schlosser, by this court.

It is ordered, that the time from the date hereof until and including the first Tuesday of November, A. D. 1902, be and the same is hereby fixed as the time within which all creditors of the said Louis Weyrich, deceased, shall present their claims for examination and allowance.

It is further ordered, that all claims and demands of all persons against the said Louis Weyrich, deceased, will be examined and adjusted before this court, at its court room, in the court house, in the city of Milwaukee, in said county, at the regular term thereof, appointed to be held on the first Tuesday of January, 1903, and all creditors are hereby notified thereof.

It is further ordered, that notice of the time and place at which said claims and demands of this order, be and are adjusted as aforesaid, and of all the time and place for said creditors to present their claims and demands, be given by publishing a copy of this order and notice, for four consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social Democratic Herald," a newspaper published in the county of Milwaukee, the first publication to be within fifteen days from the date hereof.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1902.
By the Court, PAUL D. CARPENTER,
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The National Platform.

The Socialist party of America, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in 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.

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

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 workers, and it 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 wage-workers. The possession of the means of production by the capitalists, the control of the government, the press, the pulpit and the schools, and enables them to reduce the working men to a state of intellectual, physical and social inferiority, political subservience and virtual slavery.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fought about this new and indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

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. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher 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. The Democratic, Republican, the bourgeois private ownership parties, and all other parties which do not stand for the complete overthrow of the capitalist system of production, are alike political representatives of the capitalist class.

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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 propertyed classes.

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 of Socialism also depend upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat. We, therefore, consider it of the utmost importance for the Socialist party to support all active efforts of the working class to better its condition and to elect Socialists to political offices, in order to facilitate the attainment of this end.

1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue therefrom to be used on the reduction of the taxes of the capitalist class, but the entire revenue to be applied first, to the increase of wages and shortening of the hours of labor of the employees, and then to the improvement of the service and diminishing the rates to the consumers.
 2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor in proportion to the increasing facilities of production, to decrease the share of the capitalist class and to increase the share of the workers in the product of their labor.
 3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, lack of employment, sickness and war in old age, the revenue therefor to be derived from the government.
 4. The inauguration of a system of public industries for the employment of the unemployed, the public credit to be utilized for that purpose, in order that the workers may receive the product of their toil.
 5. The education of all children up to the age of 18 years, and state and municipal aid for books, clothing and food.
 6. Equal civil and political rights for men and women.
 7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.
- But in making these demands as steps in the overthrow of capitalism and in the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth, we warn the people against the public ownership demands made by the capitalist political parties, which always result in perpetuating the capitalist system through the compromise or defeat of the Socialist revolution.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURT, IN PROBATE.—State of Wisconsin, Milwaukee County, ss. In the matter of the estate of Marie Eliese Nieser, deceased.

On this 19th day of May, A. D. 1902, upon reading and filing the petition of Katie Nieser, Louis Nieser, Mary Nieser, Charles Nieser, Louise Nieser, Fred Nieser and Ella Hueneme, the Nieser, estate of said Marie Eliese Nieser, of the county of Milwaukee, died intestate, on or about the 9th day of May, 1902, and praying that Charles Nieser or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased.

It is ordered, that said application be heard before this court at a special term thereof, to be held at the court house in the city of Milwaukee, on the first Tuesday of July, A. D. 1902, at 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached on the calendar.

And it is further ordered, that notice of said application and hearing be given by publishing a copy of this order for three consecutive weeks, once in each week, in the "Social Democratic Herald," a newspaper printed in said city, prior to said hearing. By the Court: CASIMIR GONSKI, Register of Probate.

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