

SOCIALISTIC GLEANINGS.

What the collectivists are doing throughout the world.

The Home Field.

Father McGrady will be the Labor Day speaker for Milwaukee Trades Council. Mother Jones will labor in the midst of the coal strike. The Missouri state convention will be held this week, at Springfield. The Mills school is turning loose some bright and active workers in San Francisco.

Across the Herring Pond.

Elections in Belgium for half of the members of the Chamber of Deputies and Senate were held Sunday, May 25. The returns show an actual increase of the number of conservative or government deputies. The Chamber now stands: Conservative, 96; Liberals, 34; Socialists, 34; Christian Democrats, 2, giving the government a majority of 28. The Senate shows 62 Conservatives, 36 Liberals and 6 Socialists.

A Socialist party has just been organized in New Zealand.

The candidates of the Socialist party of Holland received 13,000 votes in 1897 and 40,000 votes in 1901.

The Swedish upper house has voted to extend universal suffrage and to establish proportional representation.

Mr. W. Hohoff, a German Catholic, has just issued a book in which he warmly champions the writings of Karl Marx.

In the April elections for members of the Cantonal Council in Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, the Socialist party gained two seats.

In Berlin on May-day the trades unions held their numerous meetings in the forenoon with more than forty speakers, among whom were four women.

A regiment in the army of France has adopted a resolution declaring that their guns will never be turned against the people. The spirit of freedom is taking deep root in the heart of European soldiers. Socialism is spreading, all right.

The English Social Democrats gave Comrade H. Quelch, editor of the London Justice, a complimentary banquet on June 5, in London. Walter Crane was chairman of the reception committee, among the other members being Hyndman, Fletcher, Ramsay, McDonald and Thompson of the Clarion.

The city government swindlers of Naples, who were exposed by the Socialists, are now on trial. Four have been sentenced to fourteen months' imprisonment. A former city treasurer, who stole from the fund for funeral honors to King Umberto, has been condemned to imprisonment for three years.

H. M. Hyndman introduced the following resolution at the recent May-day celebration in London: There is but one power in the world, but one combination on the planet that can face the embattled forces of international capitalism, and that is International Socialism. The resolution was passed amidst loud and enthusiastic cheering.

Comrade James Connolly of the Irish Socialist Republican party made the May-day address at the Social Democratic celebration at Edinburgh. The meeting was advertised by writing with chalk on the pavements all over the city. A large crowd assembled, a red flag was planted beside the speakers' stand and for nearly two hours there was the closest attention, while the speaking proceeded. The branch members then held a banquet in their hall. Here Connolly also spoke.

A Fine Exhibition.

"But 'twas a famous victory!" Two more evenly matched teams than those of the north side and south side Social Democrats that matched their prowess at the Milwaukee ball park last Sunday, would be hard to find. Only for the fatal seventh, when the south side pitcher showed momentary loss of control, it would have been clear-cut and grass-conscious throughout. Till that inning the south side had seven tallies with their opponents blanked, and it was their turn to be jubilant. The turn of the tide gave the north side their chance to yell. Fifteen hundred people saw it and every mother's son and daughter of them would like to see another of the same sort. It is rumored that they may have the chance. Here is the score:

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cation in Chicago, his native city. Afterwards he spent five years at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and attended the scientific lectures in Johns Hopkins University. All his spare hours were devoted to the study of languages, science and sociology. Shortly after his ordination in 1895 he organized the citizens of the West Side in the neighborhood of Douglas Park, Chicago, in a successful protest

NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS.

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 articles owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers. 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 working class. The possession of the means of livelihood gives to 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 between nations, 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 public 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.

against the defective service of the street car system. The following year he went to Texas and at once identified himself with the labor movement in that state. It was largely through his persistent effort that the Texas State Federation of Labor was organized. He was the intimate friend and adviser of the various railroad unions in Cleburne, the headquarters of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad.

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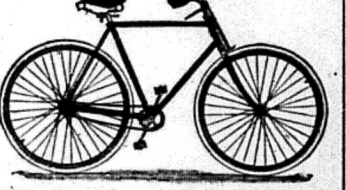
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