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THE HOUR HAS STRUCK.

Every day brings added proof that NOW is the golden time for agitation for Socialism among the organized workers. The fact that men organize at all shows that they are already becoming class conscious, and had it not been for unwise leadership in the past and the foxy influence of capitalistic newspapers on the more prominent in labor circles the unions long ago would have become progressive and added the ballot to the other weapons ready to their hands. But these influences among the unions are waning. The hour has struck. The time is here. Are we alive to the opportunity? Now the Herald is not printed for profit, but for spreading Socialism, and it is a union paper issued by Socialists who are also active in union labor circles. The Herald is just the paper to carry the message of Social Democracy—that is, industry socialized and democratically managed—to the men in organized labor's ranks. If you are a true Socialist and not a "Sunshine Socialist," if you are a fighter in rain or shine, you are anxious that this message be sent. You can help send it through this paper.

And so we again call your attention to our union secretary fund plan. Just consider the following proposal: We intend to send the Social Democratic Herald to EVERY UNION SECRETARY in the United States. If we succeed in this big plan, it will be a long step forward to winning organized labor over to Socialist principles.

There are many reasons why the Herald is the paper best fitted for this purpose. First, it is a union paper, and is the organ of the Federated Trades' Council of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin State Federation. This will give it a prestige and standing with all trades unionists to whom it is sent.

The Herald contains news interesting to union men, and much valuable information about the labor movement. Being in touch with the unions, it also understands how to present the truths of Socialism in such a manner as will hold the good will of union men. It knows what not to print, and also what not to say. Besides, the Herald is a party organ, and makes Socialists, at the same time, make them party men as well as better Socialists. Thus, if it gets a foothold among the labor unions throughout the country, it will do a great work in building up the party organization.

For all these reasons, the Socialists of America should do their utmost to put this paper into the hands of organized workmen everywhere.

This is our idea:

FIFTY THOUSAND UNION SECRETARIES receiving and reading the Herald, through their influence on the unions, would be good for at least 1,000,000 Socialist votes in the next presidential election.

FIFTY THOUSAND SOCIALISTS in all parts of the country ought to be glad to sacrifice a dollar each to help about so good a result.

Our plan is to bring the 15,000 union secretaries and 15,000 Socialists together. Send in your dollar to this office for the **UNION SECRETARIES' FUND** and we will send the Herald at once to five union secretaries from the office for eight months. Or send in \$5.00 and you will have the satisfaction of knowing that twenty-five union secretaries will read the Herald for eight months through your means.

The effect of such a good work will soon be felt in a great movement of the labor unions towards Socialism. There is no longer a doubt that Socialism is making headway among the unions. It is spreading finely and some splendid fighters for the cause are appearing in union circles all over the land. Others are wavering. WE MUST GO AFTER THEM! Now is the time to do it. Of course it calls for sacrifice. But men have given up their very lives in many a less worthy cause. Get on the roll of honor—you'll be proud of reward later on and the results will be beyond reproach.

Already the responses to our appeal are beginning to come in. But we want you also to get in line. The names of those who have already subscribed are given on another page. See that your name gets on that roll of honor!

Anyone who thinks the progressive movements do not have their troubles these days is much mistaken. If they were not held back by the money-bags that are called the pillars of the churches they would all come out squarely for Socialism. The following is from a letter written by a preacher in Minnesota, name and place being withheld for obvious reasons:

"I have done a good work here and considering the difficulties have accomplished a good deal. I have been here four years and have added twenty-eight members, paid off a debt of \$1800 and put \$800 into improvements. You will be interested to learn that my leaving here is occasioned by the fact that I believe in an innocent Socialist to speak in my pulpit last November. I never dreamed that it would disturb anyone and could not realize for a long time that it had greatly disturbed some of the people. Many of them thought a Socialist and an Anarchist are identical, or nearly alike that they belong to the blood-christy class who assassinate presidents and rulers. I think some of them have learned a little about it since then, but it is best that we should part."

And so the preacher will look for another location, a sadder but wiser man by the above experience, or he may become a rebellious agent against the capitalist system and launch out into the Social Democratic movement. What made this particular man's trouble the more marked was the fact that just a few weeks before he let the Socialist speak the message of humanity from his platform, the church folks had presented him with a sum of \$50 in gold, to show how much they liked him.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says that the present competitive struggle between men is "decreed by nature." We do not blame it for wanting people to think so, for when they get over thinking so the grip on the people of the capitalists it represents will cease. If there were not enough for all to live well on, there might be some excuse for the competitive struggle between men, just as men on a shipwrecked raft fight where there is not food enough left for all. But in our present society production, through machinery, is now so vast that all that is needed is a just distribution to insure a good living for all. The men on the raft would not fight each other if there were more than enough food for all of them, that's sure. But the trouble in society today is that although there is more than an abundance for all, some members of the human family have managed to "corner" more than their share, so as to make a scarcity for the rest, thus bringing about a struggle where none should exist. This cornering of wealth is NOT "decreed by nature" and the Socialists mean to put an end to it.

The waiters of the country have an organization—a trade union. This puts them in position to accomplish reforms that they could not hope to single-handed. Such, for instance, as raising the standard of the profession, getting out of the "lacker" class of employment and making it truly respected, the same as other honorable employments.

Why need a man—a man, we say—employed as a waiter, be a fawning, cringing lick-spittle? The reason why he is, is because of the "tip" system. By it, the patron of the restaurant or dining place is asked, or expected to help the employer pay his employees. But bad as this is, the effect of the tip system on the character of the waiters is worse. It makes them human parasites, with the parasitic estimate of human nature, and a contempt for the poor man who cannot afford to give a liberal tip. Tipping may be all right for Europe, but it has no rightful place in this country.

It's a long road that has no turn, is an old saying. Multimillionaire Ike Stephenson, the partner of the man who took the rich man back of the La Follette fight on the Pfister machine in the Republican party of Wisconsin, now has reason to remember that saying, as La Follette seems to have gotten nearly everything in sight at the state convention of his party with Spooner's machine knocked out. But it must have made a good-sized hole in Ike's barrel. La Follette will get a second term as governor, if the Republican party can maintain its strength, and Wisconsin will have Millionaire Stephenson in the United States Senate in place of millionaire-serving John C. Spooner. It is too much to expect that many workmen will not be caught by the sham "reform" game of the governor, and shout and vote for the Republican ticket, in spite of the splendid gains, in all the working districts, of the Social Democratic party, and yet the fact that less than 10 per cent of the voters will give the capitalistic politicians something to think about. Anyway, Ike's chances seem good.

If the Milwaukee Betterment League will extend its plan for public playgrounds so as to have the city playground of every vacant lot for the purpose, we are with 'em.

The United States and Japan are liable to have a dispute over the possession of a small island in the Pacific, which contains rich guano beds. Oh, no, Uncle Sam isn't getting worldly! He isn't interested in this matter because he is ruled by the plutocratic capitalists, who want to get their robber hands on the riches of that island. Not at all! All he is thinking of is the necessity of civilizing the poor natives on that little patch of land; which sounds very likely, don't it? A brigand is a bad specimen, but a hypocritical brigand is very much worse.

The Milwaukee Sentinel says: "There have been theorists, men of high character, who made great sacrifices to their theories. But the fact remains that the Socialist ranks are made up of men who hope to reap a personal advantage by any change in the social order they may undergo in the social order they may undergo."

The above is wrong and also right. Wrong, if the Sentinel means that the ranks of the Socialists are filled with men looking for present day personal benefits, such as official jobs, etc. But it is right in the sense that here would be a personal gain to everyone by a change of the present social order (disorder), would be a better world. Under the present order the vast majority of men are failures, as the government census as to wealth ownership shows. By changing the system for Socialism each person would reap a personal advantage in being able to live splendid lives.

EUGENE V. DEBS IS INTERVIEWED ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The Spokane (Wash.) Spokesman-Review, a paper which formerly lost no opportunity to blackguard Debs and injure him in the eyes of the public, recently changed its position and went to him for an interview. It appears below:

"Eugene V. Debs, Socialist and labor leader, arrived in Spokane last night, after a delay of twenty-four hours. He was to have delivered a lecture here Thursday night, but failed to reach the city owing to a washout. The lecture will be delivered in the auditorium of the Elks' temple tonight, at an hour yet to be fixed. It will probably follow the parade and reading of the Declaration of Independence.

"Mr. Debs talked entertainingly in an interview with the Review, and is essentially an enthusiast on the subject of Socialism. He was asked for his views relative to the pending contest in the Democratic party between Grover Cleveland and William J. Bryan and its probable outcome. In reply Mr. Debs said:

"It is on the eve of the greatest crisis in its history. The progressive or radical element is engaged in a bitter contest to maintain its supremacy against the Bourbon element. The Cleveland and Gorman and the Hills are laying their wiles to recapture the organization, and Mr. Bryan is stubbornly resisting their efforts."

HIS VIEWS ON BRYAN.

"Mr. Bryan's interviews and public declarations lead one to believe that he

A FEW WORDS TO WISCONSIN VOTERS.

There is an abundant field for the introduction of Socialistic principles in Wisconsin and the time is now ripe for action. The success of the party in Milwaukee in polling over 8000 votes for our ticket in the last campaign has convinced us that from now on we shall be a factor in politics. We will use the same line of argument among the farmers as for other working people and will try to bring home to them the necessity of a peaceful revolution for the purpose of gaining the product of their labor.

Socialists see the existing economic system is dividing the world into two classes—the small number of capitalists and monopolists who are gaining possession of everything and who hold in their hand the fate of mankind, and the great army of proletarians who possess nothing save the labor power of their heads or hands, and who are dependent for the means of subsistence on the gracious permission of the lords of this system.

This system is made even more hateful and contemptible by the irresistible and triumphant march of the trusts, the inevitable outcome of the competition in our industrial system. The trusts are today in the undisputed and undisputed possession of the national government and the judiciary, and hold in bondage not only 3,500,000 wage earners and the business men of the branches that are "trustified," but they also control most of the necessities of all the other people of the nation.

For it is not only the proletarians—the wage-workers—alone who are yearning for a change in our economic conditions.

Besides the wage workers, most of the farmers and shopkeepers, to the number of almost eleven million families, should be decidedly in favor of a change of the present system. They would be irresistible if united.

But these numbers also show that it is false "class consciousness" to ignore a very large class of people, who, although "property holders," are yet exploited and fighting a very desperate fight. This class of people has a greater force of resistance than has the proletariat. To put a stop to this dependence of the many upon the few, and thereby to make an end of all the misery that results from such dependence, Socialists desire to take capital, the instruments of industry, machinery and the means of transportation and to make them common property, owned collectively by all the people.

It is clear that by such an act or series of acts a small minority of the people will lose their dangerous economic and political power, but the large majority will gain more than can be expressed in words at the present time. We confidently anticipate that ere very many years the people of the United States will have committed themselves definitely to industrial reorganization on lines of Socialism—that is to say, the national policy will be the setting aside of the private management of industries conducted on the largest scale in favor of an organization and management of these industries on a national basis without regard for profit and in the interest of the whole people.

"That is probably all that we can possibly do within some years, according to our present understanding. We believe that Socialism must be accomplished by a peaceful revolution and that the beginning of this revolution began quite a while ago. And simply to avoid violence and bloodshed we recommend the general arming and disciplining of the people. The different classes will come to an understanding much sooner if they learn to respect each other."

Victor L. Berger

While the big Chicago freight handlers' strike was on last week, a new form of "scab" was discovered, one of the freight handlers. You'd never guess it! They were students from the University of Wisconsin. It is about time that institution began to teach its students something about the ethics of work and the principle of brotherhood among workers.

The papers tell us that the fact that the American newspapers told about Charles M. Schwab's gambling at Monte Carlo has so frightened other American tourists from gambling at that famous—infamous—resort, that the business is almost ruined, the hotels are full of disgruntled croppers, cashiers, money changers, floor walkers, guards and watchmen, and none of jobs because of the decline in business. The Americans are afraid to gamble there for fear of getting in the papers. This is interesting information, in fact a good deal of a give-away. So it is the American tourists who support Monte Carlo? And who supplies the money with which these posteriors idlers gamble? The American workingman of course. He is told that if wages went up his employers would be ruined, yet out of what they fleece from him they can live like potentates at home and toss money by thousands across gambling tables abroad. And how foxy they are! Ashamed that it will get out, they make open gambles and turn back the money they would otherwise play with into that safer, quieter "legitimate" form of gambling called INVESTMENT.

Twelve ruined gamblers committed suicide at Monte Carlo last week. But America's conscience is clear. To avoid publicity American tourists are no gambling at Monte Carlo now, so it can't be that we were the cause of these twelve self-murders. And, by the way, it is an ominous thing if our touring capitalists have quit unlawful gambling, for when they get back they will go into legitimate profit-gambling all the fiercer, which bodes no good to the work-slaves of this great and free land.

Political freedom has not made the workers economically free. On the contrary the average worker has become a landless stranger in his own country. The worker grows steadily less and less industrially independent.

Lieut. Gov. Coates of Colorado, in his paper, the Colorado Chronicle, took strong ground on a proposed amendment of the state constitution of the Social Democratic party, so as to permit new comers into the party to be eligible to nominations by the party for political office. He said:

"The suspension of any part of the constitution at this time would set a bad precedent, and one that would be taken advantage of in later times. What confidence would the people have in the Socialist party if it would set aside some of its principles simply for expediency? That would class it along with the other parties, because it would swear from the constitution the Colorado should have a new constitution to do so. We trust that no such action will be taken. Persons coming into the party recently do so from the standpoint of principle and will support the candidates and the party without receiving any special favors themselves at the hands of the party. Colorado should have a new constitution to set such an example in selecting platforms and candidates that will attract many people to its standard, encourage others in other parts of the nation, and keep its principles pure."

As Comrade Coates has but recently formally joined the party, his words, as quoted above, have especial significance and indicate a thorough consecration to the unselfish spirit of the cause.

The monopoly of the instruments and forces of production and distribution enables a small class of the people to levy tribute upon the masses of the people.

In connection with the article printed elsewhere on the enormous profits taken out of American industry by the trusts, it is interesting to note that Charles M. Schwab has just made answer in the courts to a suit designed to prevent the steel trust from consummating its two hundred million bond conversion plan, in which he states that the total assets of the trust are one billion four hundred millions of dollars. And when the profits could be reduced by one cent, before the financial ability could possibly be questioned. And the workers produce it all!

POOR OPINION OF ROOSEVELT.

Mr. Debs was asked for his opinion of President Roosevelt's fight upon the trusts, and said:

"Before I take up Mr. Roosevelt's personality permit me to say that I believe, with all Socialists, that the trusts are essentially a product of industrial evolution. Combination has been forced by the exactions of the competitive system. It is as impossible to check its full development and fruition as to command the world to stand still. The Socialists contend that the trusts should be operated for the benefit of all, not for the benefit of a favored few."

"I regard Mr. Roosevelt's alleged antipathy to the trusts as a play to the galleries—a play dictated by party expediency and to satisfy public sentiment. Mr. Roosevelt's party is in power by virtue

The reading public was breathlessly watching, through the papers, this past week, the running down of the outlaw murderer, Tracy, said to have killed seven people in a space of some six years. It took the place of the coronation as an object of public interest. Few of them realized that there are much worse, much more flagrant murderers at large, who will never be run down, and who will keep up their killing game till they die and are borne to their ghastly grave-plots amidst more or less of public sorrow. Don't be shocked, please, but these big killers are none more or less than our "captains of industry," our capitalists! They are killing our people off by inches, killing them off by the slow torture known as wage-slavery, working them to death like grocer driving horses. They get their clutches on them when they are mere growing children, throw them into prison-like factories, or into dungeon-like mines or cotton mills, and stunt their growth and blunt their sensibilities, until when they arrive at maturity and the country looks upon them as a menace for the theory that the safety and right of a free government is based on the "consent of the governed," they are almost incapable of free thought, and vote to please their masters and not as free and independent men with interests as a class, leading governments. "Where are our reforms?" "Where are our reforms?" you say. Look about you. Watch the tin-pal brigade of victims of capitalism—murderous capitalism—what stunted, impoverished specimens of the grand human race! In Manchester, England, the other day, some figures as to the number of children who were given out and they showed a fearful deterioration among the work slaves of that capitalist plucking-mart. Out of 11,800 men who wanted to go into the army in 1901, only 8076 were accepted as fit for military service. The death of recruits made the examiners anxious to pass as many as possible, and the same thing was observed in this country at the time of the Spanish-American war. The work-people are not only being robbed, under the capitalist system, but the larger part of their health, their right to live full and complete lives. The places where this slow murder is being carried out are all about us. The mines, the Kieckhefer factories, the gas works, the glass works, the chair factories of Shakers, millmen, the paper mills of Appleton and Kaukauna, the lumber mills of Oshkosh, the foundries and machine shops innumerable—all about us—everywhere. But the petty murderers like Tracy are hunted down with bloodhounds and all society licks to give the deal carcass a parting kick.

A circular from the Los Angeles council of labor informs us that "advertisements are being run in hundreds of Eastern newspapers for the purpose of inducing carpenters, bench hands, millmen, carriers, and in fact, mechanics of all kinds, to come to Los Angeles, where they are promised steady work at big pay." It is explained further that circulars are also being sent out, the aim being to so flood the town with applicants for work that the employers will be able to break down the labor unions. Here is an old capitalist trick played over again. Anything to beat the organization of the workers. The masters prefer to deal with their victims single handed. It is easier and more successful, you know. And doubtless the capitalists of Los Angeles think they are playing a clever game, but how about the men they entice to their already overcrowded town? What of the homes broken up, the expensive journeys across the continent! When the Socialists charge the present system with being a nightmare, are they so far from the truth?

So says the Milwaukee Sentinel in an editorial on the Socialist campaign in Wisconsin:

"The warning in the above is for general application. It means that if you so far forget yourself as to become rebellious against the man-crushing and soul-crushing conditions that obtain in capitalist papers as common trash, and play the 'moral,' and so on. You will cease to be 'respectable,' don't you know! So, be warned in time."

The doom of the fakirish Central Labor Council in Milwaukee was sealed last Sunday, when Typographical Union 25, which had practically recognized it, reconsidered the matter and decided to again send delegates to the Federated Trades Council. Dave Rose's attempt to run the labor movement in Milwaukee doesn't succeed very well.

"Possibly if Mr. Berger would pause long enough to take stock of the material with which he has to work, he might consent mentally to postpone the happy day of national industrial co-operation."

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Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago recently told a newspaper that he would do it, he were mayor. For one thing, he said, he would only accept one term, so he would not have to consider what effect his conduct of the office would have on his chances of re-election. After telling of a number of reforms he would institute, he closes by saying that if he accomplished the things indicated and then stood for re-election, he would go down in glorious defeat. The capitalists, he said, would oppose him for increasing the bonded indebtedness, and the politicians would oppose him because he would not "stand in with the boys." And he is right!

A CALL TO ACTION.

To the Voters and Members of the Social Democratic Party of Wisconsin, Greeting:

The state convention of the Social Democratic Party will be held in Milwaukee on Saturday, August 30, 1902, at 8 p. m.

Comrades, this year's election makes the state convention of our party of more than usual importance. For the first time in the history of the party in Wisconsin the Social Democratic party goes on the ticket as an officially recognized party organization. We have made our mark, we have a foothold in the political life of the state. It is high time that the people of the state of Wisconsin have an organization for the expression of modern political thoughts.

Comrades, a change is coming. We are on the eve of one of the greatest changes the world has ever seen. Look about you. What do you see? Concentration of capital, trust problems. The war-cry in industry today is either combination or destruction. The capitalists combine, organize, fix the price of production and the price of wages. The old parties stand amazed at the new problem. They are powerless to solve it. It is left for the Social Democratic party, which understands the economic development and can see that the great capitalists are unconsciously opening the way to Socialism, to solve this great question.

Both of the old parties, the Republican and the Democratic, are not only shown their utter inability to grasp the economic situation at the present time, but they are even incapable of electing honest men to office. We find, year in, year out, that no matter which of the old parties is put into power, the result is the same, corruption, and misery and poverty among the masses. These facts cannot be obscured by raising hypothetical issues, like "tax reform" on the Republican side, or any humbug issue that the Democrats are hunting for on their side.

The reason for their failure is obvious. The two old parties do not differ materially from each other. Both are dominated by the non-producing class that depends upon exploitation and plunder for subsistence. To "make money" is the sole reason for human existence in both of them. Both parties of necessity therefore create more corruption and more misery. The best of tax-reforms or any other reform, if they are dominated by this class, cannot change in this. All "reform parties" or reform factions have failed and must fail because they have trusted to the goodness of this or that leader, instead of trying to fundamentally change the economic conditions that surround us all. These economic conditions must be changed before men in general can change. We therefore call upon all honest men who do not as yet despair of the future of humanity to unite under the banner of the Social Democratic party. Our party is not aiming at a mere change of office-holders. We realize that without a change of the present economic system even the best men are almost powerless against corruption. The Social Democratic party wants to abolish the source of avarice and corruption by socializing the means of production and distribution, thereby extending the advantages of civilization and the riches of our country to all the people.

While we recognize that it is not within the power of a single state of this Union to restore to the people all their rights, we are also fully conscious that the state of Wisconsin can do a great deal to limit within its borders the exploitation of the masses and thereby raise the standard of living and their power of resistance.

The basis of representation for the convention is as follows: Every county of the state is entitled to one delegate for each 50 votes or major fraction thereof cast for the Social Democratic party at the last state election.

Comrades shall not labor come to its own? Who shall doubt it? The midnight is passing, and the rest and relief are close at hand.

(Signed) VICTOR L. BERGER, Chairman.
EDWARD ZUEGLER, Secretary.

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IMMEDIATE DEMANDS ARE NEEDED.

Comrade Seymour Stedman of Chicago contributes a paper to the current issue of the International Socialist Review, on the subject of "Immediate Demands," from which we take the following paragraphs:

The Socialists primarily concern themselves with analyzing the capitalist system, pointing out its defects and advocating the replacing of the capitalist system by the collective ownership and democratic administration of the means of production and distribution.

The success of the Socialist movement and the rapidity of its progress will depend very largely upon the method of education and the nature of the demands made in itself cannot bring the co-operative commonwealth.

In demanding measures for immediate improvement from the dominant capitalist parties, we in no way submerge the Socialist movement, nor do we waver from the belief in a capitalist system which is not a perfect one.

The Manifesto has demands, the Social Democratic Party of Germany has demands, the same in truth, but adapted to the conditions of that country and all other European countries, and in those countries they exploit every public question and capitalist contentions to make known their object and purpose.

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REASONABLE DISCONTENT MAKES FOR PROGRESS.

None of the bureaus of statistics pay attention to the vast army of unemployed, but Carroll D. Wright has admitted that 1,000,000 men are unemployed in the United States today, being denied the right to work, 3,000,000 women work in factories, and more than that number of children have been forced into factories to feed the machines which starve their families.

Mercantile business of today appeals to all that is selfish and bad in men. The highways of commerce are strewn with the wrecks of the best specimens of mankind—men who have decided to do right by their brothers. Men today are doing to others just what the others are trying to do to them—crush them to secure their own success.

Spokane, Wash., July 4.

LET LABOR AWAKE TO ITS WONDERFUL STRENGTH.

There are only two classes of people in the world. One is composed of the men and women who produce all; the other is composed of men and women who produce nothing, but live in luxury upon the wealth produced by others.

Realizing this to be a fact the time has arrived when labor organizations should array themselves upon the side of the producers and advise their members to take political action and work for the adoption of those principles that are destined to free the people from the grasp of the privileged classes.

It has always been the aim of the ruling classes to divide the laboring people into hostile camps and through their agencies show the commercial interests how much they would suffer should the laboring people acquire power.

Denver, Colo.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Watch the Aldermen and City Officers!

Milwaukee, July 15.—To the Herald and Milwaukee Socialists: Since Mayor Rose of Milwaukee declared somewhat emphatically to have a city electric lighting plant established, the lobbyists of the private company are more than usually busy in and out of the city hall.

Especially a certain newspaper reporter, who received for his "valuable" services as assistant to "Willie" Walker, the Chief Lobbyist of that as well as of other private corporations, the monthly salary of \$75.00, while "Billie" is inviting the aldermen and other city officials to his private office.

Now, watch the aldermen and city officials! More work is done to do up the city in respect to a municipal electric lighting plant than ever before. A 20-years electric lighting contract is to be saddled on the city, and all the wires are quietly and openly laid to that end.

In speaking of the municipal electric lighting plant to one of the highest officials of the city the other day, the latter said: "Yes, we have the best garbage plant in the whole country, BUT IT IS MISMANAGED."

The conversation was such that the official did not want to admit frankly that this mismanagement is partially done for a purpose in order to keep the municipal electric lighting plant a set-back in the eyes of the people and the friends of public ownership.

Once more. Watch the aldermen and city officials.

Anti-Plunderer.

SOMEWHAT ACADEMIC.

IS INEQUALITY A GOOD THING?

Individuals have been driven in their selfishness to agree that inequality in wealth is in itself a good thing, and that the objection to it arises from the vain worship of a logical abstraction. But Socialists (who, on this point, are but taking up the old Radical position) base their indictment against inequality, not on any metaphysical grounds, but on the plain facts of its effect upon social life.

The unequal value of money to our paupers and our millionaires deprives the test of "effective demand" of all value as an index to social requirements, or even to the production of individual happiness.

Socialism is wide and not narrow. It addresses itself to the whole human problem. It takes in the whole social conception. While it lays down the laws of labor and wages, it proclaims the sacredness of human life and the duty of education, in order to improve the race.

Society (so-called) at present is organized entirely for the benefit of a privileged class; the working class being considered in the arrangement of such machinery. This involves perpetual and enormous waste, and the organization for the production of genuine utilities is only a secondary consideration.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, MILWAUKEE County—County Court—In Probate: In the matter of the estate of Albert Birman, deceased.

It is ordered, that the time from the date hereof until and including the first Tuesday of February, A. D. 1903, be and the same be hereby ordered, that notice of the time and place at which said claims and demands will be examined and adjusted as aforesaid, and of all the time above limited 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.

CIRCUIT COURT, MILWAUKEE COUNTY.—Michel Neuberger, plaintiff, vs. Anna Neuberger, defendant. The state of Wisconsin, to the said defendant:

You are hereby summoned to appear with or without a lawyer at the office of the undersigned, exclusive of the day of service, and defend the above entitled action in the court aforesaid; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which is now on file with the clerk of the circuit court of Milwaukee county.

P. O. address, 404 Chestnut street, Milwaukee, Milwaukee county, Wis.

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THE CURSE OF GREED.

By PROF. L. FERRIANI, Distinguished Italian Scientist and Socialist.

For several years I have studied carefully the greed and egotism that is becoming more and more prevalent among children of this generation...

here, which are the most characteristic and show their moral state the best. 1 (girl). When you have money you are happy, because you can amuse yourself...

From egotism to greed there is only a very short step, and the step from greed to envy is still shorter...

These answers and hundreds of others that I have received are as instantaneous photographs of the minds of children that have been brought up in families where the greed for money dominates all other feelings...

To get material for this article in condemnation of this kind of education I have put questions to one hundred children, and their responses contain the strongest condemnation that I can imagine.

Among the boys I shall point out eight young Shylocks. 1. Sold to his friends blank books that cost himself nothing or a higher price than they could be bought for in the book store...

These one hundred children all belonged to the educated and moderately well off classes, and it is not without reason that I have selected just this kind of children who have known starvation, who have felt wants and needs of all kinds...

These facts speak for themselves. It is a brutal language, but it gives us many valuable hints, showing us how necessary it is to eradicate all traces of egotism from the mind of a child...

The one hundred children might be divided into three different categories. First category: Seventy children who knew that if you were rich enough, you might be the master of the whole world.

Second category: Twenty children who knew that money would buy everything. Third category: Ten children who knew that to be perfectly content and happy you must have lots of money.

Among all these one hundred children there were only seven who knew that with money you might do good (remember, I say might do, not ought to do).

These children are the most characteristic and show their moral state the best. 1 (girl). When you have money you are happy, because you can amuse yourself...

A REMARKABLE EDITORIAL.

What Editor Brisbane Said of the Wealth Lords in the New York Journal.

When we read that a certain English duke and his heirs forever take a percentage from every poor woman who sells a head of cabbage in London markets the information seems strange.

of natural resources, coal and iron, AND HUMAN LABOR. This question is to be settled: Will the national industries go on forever paying hundreds and thousands of millions of dollars to certain privileged families...

We all agree that it would be right to take away from the duke his claim on the poor market women. We agree that it is right to deprive this Spanish woman in Havana of her ancestral, preposterous slaughter house blood money.

Thoughtful readers will not fail to see in America a duplication of the development of the privileged class, in Europe. First, in the middle ages, there came the individual nobleman, who earned his standing with brains, or courage, or both.

Look ahead into the American system which we are building up. Read attentively the figures referred to in connection with the disbursements of profits in the steel trust.

There are now eighty-five unions affiliated with the Federation, and its total membership is about 10,000. During the year there were one disbanded and seventeen became members.

You know that Mr. Phipps, at present, has personally no more to do with making American steel than the Havana woman had to do with the slaughtering of cattle.

The convention passed resolutions endorsing the coal miner's strike, condemning the imprisonment of Most as a menace to free speech and the free press; advising union men to abstain from joining the militia supporting the miners' strike...

John D. Rockefeller drew from the United States steel trust, as his share of profits for ONE YEAR, \$970,285. You know that Mr. Rockefeller personally had nothing to do with the making of steel, beyond bullying the trust, which demands the power of his accumulated hundreds of millions.

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Many others drew enormous amounts in the same way from this trust. William Edenborn, for instance, draws \$24,482 a year from the American steel business. H. C. Frick draws \$900,000. W. A. Jennings draws annually \$255,000. A. H. Jones draws \$473,337, and so on.

They abandoned their castles, established themselves in France at Versailles around the King. The rough fighting men of the type of Du Guesclin were transformed into soft, effeminate courtiers, clad in silks and satins, feeling no sympathy for the people with whom their fathers had fought and lived, BUT STILL TAXING THOSE PEOPLE.

Ask yourselves the MEANING of this state of affairs in the United States. Remember that conditions in the steel industry are repeated in other great national industries. John D. Rockefeller's little income of \$970,285 a year from the steel trust amounts to nothing at all. One single industry—the oil trust—pays him more than forty millions a year.

Our industrial nobility, of course, has not yet reached the full development of the type of Versailles.

Some of our industrial barons still work among the people. Our financial nobility is in a mixed condition. But when you read the distribution of profits from the Steel Trust and from other great trusts, you must ask yourself seriously what the result will be.

The Labor World of Duluth advises the unions to put up candidates for the school board election. The school board turned

Originally in American industry each rich man was a hard-working, enterprising individual, intimately and personally associated with the industry that gave him his income. He drew more from it than anybody else. But he did more than anybody else, with his brains and his executive ability. He kept competition, kept the factory going, kept men employed. That time has passed. Now the great trusts control the industry, and we have among us an industrial nobility which, without working, draws enormous incomes from the various industries, and will continue to draw these incomes forever, if our present laws endure.

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erished by the building of Versailles and its palaces. John D. Rockefeller could build Versailles twice every year and not feel the expense. How MANY Rockefeller can the nation support? How LONG will it support them?

Great Britain spends \$55,000,000 annually on her paper mills, she supports a system that breeds pauper-wholesale, and then taxes those who are not slippery enough to dodge their taxes, to support the resultant crop of pauperized human beings. It's a great system.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.

NEWS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

A GATHERING OF WIDE AWAKE WORKERS.

Wisconsin Federation of Labor is a Progressive Body.

The state convention of the Wisconsin Federation of Labor, which was in session in Milwaukee last week, was held in the most successful conventions ever held by that body. The attendance was large and the delegates presented a fine appearance.

its back on union labor. It seems, as usual, that the American Shipbuilding Company has raised its capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$45,000,000.

The following states have an "eight-hour law," but which is nullified by the baronial with our employers on the hours of labor question: California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Wyoming (for mines only). The other states make the lawful hours of work all the way from nine to eleven, the majority being the ten-hour day, but the "freedom of contract" clause also practices to nullify all kinds of hours unless they are strongly organized and can enforce the shorter workday. The politicians have given us nothing—Cleveland Citizen.

The Coal Strike.

Chicago, Ill., July 14.—John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America estimated today that the miners who are striking in the anthracite districts of the East would soon call upon other labor organizations to help them.

Milwaukee Federated Trades Council.

Meeting of July 16, called to order by Corresponding Secretary Reichert. Delegate Brockhausen chosen chairman. Delegate G. N. Calcutt, secretary.

GENERAL NOTES.

The Toronto street railway strike is now a chapter of history, and not a very important one either. During three days—Saturday, Sunday and Monday—no fare was collected. The company was beaten at every turn; it was a complete triumph for the men.

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STARTLING LESSON OF THE RECENT CENSUS.

The census of the decade 1890-1900 contains among other instructive figures the following data: The total increase of the population of the United States during that decade was 20.7 per cent; the total increase of the total value of products in the United States during that decade was 39.1 per cent; the total increase in wages paid was 23.2 per cent; the total increase of the number of laborers in the United States during that decade was 25.2 per cent.

The aggregate wages for that decade increased 79 per cent, faster than the number of laborers. Dividing the total wages by the number of total laborers from 1890-1900, the average wages increased 29 1/2 per cent. Moreover, the purchasing power of a dollar rose 8 per cent, making an increase in real wages of more than 38 per cent.

This solid fact is painfully emphasized by the following figures: The average wages in 1890 were \$44.83 and in 1900 only \$43.09. That means actually \$3.88, or 1.5 per cent, less in 1900 than in 1890.

The comparison of the two censuses in that respect shows that the increase in the total product was both actually and relatively greater from 1890-1900, the increase being 39 per cent for the last as against 74.51 per cent for the first.

Let us now take into consideration the corresponding data of the previous census for the decade 1880-1890: The increase of the number of laborers from 1880-1890 amounted to 55.61 per cent, while the total wages paid to them increased to 99.5 per cent.

The intelligent reader will find in the above data enough food for thought and draw his own conclusions.

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Notes from Yankee-land. The Idaho convention will be held at Weiser, July 18. The Social Economist of Bonham, Tex., has ceased publication.

Everitt L. Holmes; associate justice of the court of appeals, John Franklin Clark. The Texas Socialists nominated the following ticket at their convention at Dallas, July 4: For governor, W. W. Frost.

The Indiana state convention adopted a platform without immediate demands. Hurrah for De Leon. It shows how nicely the S. L. P. virus is getting into our veins.

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The agitation in Wisconsin. Comrades Victor L. Berger and Wilfred R. Gaylord began their agitation against the civic federation, and offering sympathy in the coal strike.

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