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Let Us Give Thanks

that the Working Class is so necessary to the capitalist class that the workers are still permitted to remain on the earth they do not own!

We have just been looking at a group photograph of the delegates to one of the national trade union gatherings. It is a picture of American labor under present conditions, truly. A picture of the condition of the owners of the muscle and industry by which we are able to enjoy many of the comforts of modern life. Yet in the entire group we look in vain for a really rosy, healthy face. All show the effects of confining work, of long hours indoors. On every face, even those that are smiling in response to the request of the photographer to "look pleasant, please," there lurks the look of anxious living, the grim struggle to make ends meet under the system of capitalistic labor-exhaustion we call civilization. It will not always be so. The day is coming when work will be so systematized that it will not draw the very life out of the workers and when their heart will be in their work because of the pleasure of creating and because of the full returns it brings.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—At a Socialist meeting in Berlin this evening the government was bitterly denounced as responsible for the meat famine, and one speaker described the Kaiser as revelling in luxury and banqueting on the best of everything while the working people of Germany were unable to buy meat for their homes, even in the smallest quantity. The fact that the charitable institutions had been obliged for the first time in their history to stop the allowance of meat to the poor was also spoken of. A spirit of bitter discontent is growing among the working people of Berlin and other cities and is only held in check by the harsh enforcement of the law of lese majeste and the prompt prosecution of those charged with seditious utterances. The above gives us a picture of conditions in Germany, whose RULER has just been hobnobbing with the RULER of the people of England. Riotous luxury for the rulers, anxiety, deprivation and perpetual food famine for the bulk of those who compose the nation. The French century civilization, the capitalist papers of Europe stand defenders of. Shameful, isn't it? But in America, of course, where we are all such a smart lot of folks, it is different! No such contrasts could be possible here, for all have a chance and the poorest buy some days for president, etc., etc. Eh! What's that? 'Tisn't so, you say! The RULERS are rioting here, too, and the people are robbed of a decent living, you say. Gracious, you must be really waking up, at last!

The Free Press of this city, known as the special organ of La Folletteism in Wisconsin, goes into a regular old capitalist spasm over the proposal of Superior Lenciek to introduce bills at Madison to provide free lawyers in civil lawsuits, to provide for investigation of accidents to workmen, etc. The Press seems to have been caught off its guard and to have forgotten the reform. "Why is it supposed to play the part of a monarch?" he said, "and they might as well earn their salaries." And other corporations of the same. The poor workers cannot meet such a situation as this. When some of them have an arm torn out by a badly protected shafting, or lose a hand, or a leg, or an eye, etc., and they try to get justice in the courts, they find that their employers have had a monopoly of the opportunity of getting evidence and also are prepared to buy their way up to the highest court, if need be. All such accidents should be officially investigated. Such investigation alone will have a good effect, same as the appointment of factory inspectors had. And then the injured workman should be given the right of access to the courts. Why not?

The announcement comes from Massachusetts, via the daily papers, that George Fred Williams has renounced the Democratic party and has come out unreservedly for Socialism. The news has caused a sensation among the old parties. It has been known to the Socialists for some time that he was inclining toward the collectivist standpoint, so the report is probably correct. Williams was Bryan's leading representative in New England. Will this be another case of Eugene Brewster, we wonder? Anyway, we shall expect to see Tom Johnson make the jump next!

Comrade J. Kier Hardie, member of Parliament from Scotland and editor of the Labor Leader, was grossly insulted by the police of Brussels during the excitement incident to the attempt on the life of the King by the anarchist Rubino. The police profess to see no difference between Anarchism and Socialism and placed him under arrest as possibly concerned in a conspiracy to murder the Belgian monarch. And this in the face of the fact that Rubino had stated that he hated the Socialists as they were friendly with the police. Comrade Hardie was quickly released when it was learned that he was a member of the English Parliament, but does not propose to let the indignity pass and will require an official investigation through the international office. This reminds us of the things that used to happen in Chicago.

The sensational Molinoux trial is ended and the rich and sporty club man is now free. Money did it. It wasn't a case of justice, it was a case of money. If he had had no money the result of the first trial would have stood and he would have reached the electric chair before this. And the capitalist politicians are full of can't and all people being free before the law!

The Coopers' national convention debated the Socialistic national platform and after a debate that was spirited and interesting the opponents of the plan of endorsement of it won out by a vote of 45 to 30. A defeat for us, you say? The "devil a bit." Who would have supposed that we had so many Socialists among the coopers of the United States! That vote shows a surprising growth of sentiment and next time the tables will be turned.

The politicians of Massachusetts, at the bidding of capitalism, will try to force through a law requiring the unions to incorporate. It will not pass, as the three Socialists sent to that body by the workers of the Bay state will put up a fight that will put the politicians on the defensive. Most of them will be too cautious about digging their own political graves to work for the measure openly, and well, it's a good thing for labor to have those Socialist representatives on the spot.

The Denver Tramway Company demanded a twenty-year franchise and in the bill there was a concealed clause permitting the abolition of transfers. The citizens discovered it and got out an injunction to stop the aldermen from passing the ordinance. But the aldermen ignored the injunction and passed the ordinance 11 to 3, and are now in danger of arrest. Now why, do you suppose, were these eleven men so anxious to help out the tramway company? and why were they working against the interests of the people who elected them? Simply because there is no morality in old party politics. The officers are spoils that it costs money to get, and as the big corporation capitalists are the dominating force in capitalist politics and are willing to pay for votes in the board of aldermen, the aldermen consider the whole thing a business proposition and each one has his price. The disclosures at St. Louis and other places do not seem to have had a deterrent effect on other city fathers.

Gradually and surely the dignity and importance of labor is asserting itself. Since all men should labor, and labor under rightful conditions would embrace all people, the organized laborers through their representatives should be the government. It may not be a far distant day when the men sitting in Congress would represent crafts instead of states and geographical districts. The transition period before actual Socialism is reached may have more surprising changes in store for us than this.

The great forward movement of the present day is for a clean world, a raising up of all peoples to a level of culture. There is no person too good for the movement.

About the richest joke that has come out of the election just past was De Leon's boast to the New York World that there were five million Socialists in the United States. Crowding over the growth of a rival party is a new role for the sage of New Read street!

Henry Clews, the Wall street nabob, prophesies that the aggressive attitude of organized labor will continue and that "it is evident that this will meet with increased resistance, for the simple reason of diminished ability to meet such demands." That "diminished ability" to pay living wages always exists, but the going and coming of millionaire tourists, sustained by labor, does not diminish.

These are just the days, Mr. Worker, when your industry should be bringing you in enough to enable you to retire when you begin to get old. But you feel lucky if you can even keep your nose above water, and call it dreaming if anyone suggests that the workers deserve a life of comfortable and respectable ease when they are old. In spite of your foolish opposition, however, we intend to make our dream of old age pensions come true, so as to give your class a little better deal before full-blown Socialism is ushered in.

Thanksgiving Day

finds the Social Democrats thankful that the Working Class still has the Ballot and that it is learning to use it wisely and in its own interests.

The Philadelphia Record closes an article on the government railroads in Germany and the efforts toward nationalizing the mines there, with these nice little paternalistic, capitalistic words: "Whatever may be the merits of railway nationalization, to say nothing of the mines, in a military empire like Germany the conditions in this country are vastly different (of course). In the first place, without sweeping confiscation it would simply bankrupt the government. In the second place the lobbying in every session of Congress for new projects of government railroads in all directions would cause a ream of jobbery that could not be contemplated without the utmost concern."

So, there we have an eminently capitalistic comment. If the government bought the railroads it needed at a fair valuation and got value for value, why would it be bankrupt? And as to jobbery in Congress, well, we can hardly blame the paper published in such a rotten Republican city as Philadelphia for being afraid of jobbery. But the people of this country are not fools. If it pays to run the railroads under capitalist auspices it certainly would not cease to be worth while under government control. And if there were no more jobbery than we now have to contend with, why the postoffice system, we guess the people could stand it, and not find their government bankrupt either. Private ownership of railroads and mines is creating more and more millionaires to lord it over the people and squeeze them at all opportunities. Naturally the capitalist papers don't want this interfered with.

Year by year our responsibilities as guardians of the movement of Socialism increase. There is every indication that in the days to come our comrades will prove equal to emergencies, and they will be many. We are now attracting the old party politicians by our growth. They have observed that our gains keep on and that our enthusiasm is imparted to the newer members and that this will continue. They see defeat before them and defeat for them means an end to their usefulness. Naturally they are willing to profess Socialism now if by doing so they can keep in office in the interests of the capitalist class. In one place in this state the old parties have offered our branches contributions of money. In other places well known politicians are seeking to get on our branches, pretending to have had a sudden change of heart. But our comrades are not to be fooled. There are too deep principles at stake.

The Republican coroner-elect of Milwaukee county has appointed as his deputy ex-Justice of the Peace Luehring and the Free Press says "Luehring is a well-known Republican and was considered one of the most competent officials in the county." That's rich! Luehring was one of the justices the county board of investigating committee had on the rack a year ago, for letting the county treasury on fake justice trials. It was one of the worst pieces of official rascality uncovered in the county in years. Yet Luehring is a "competent official," according to the Free Press! The Socialists had put such a self-confessed rascal in office as the Republicans have now done, what a wall the daily papers would give out!

Mr. Pfister's Milwaukee Sentinel is becoming concerned editorially over the subject of municipal Socialism, so-called. "The subject is considered relevant at this time," says the Sentinel, "the Milwaukee common council having pending before it important matters relating to the municipal garbage plant already established, and the proposed municipal lighting plant in favor of which the citizens voted in the spring of 1900." And it goes on to say that "the practical failure of all such attempts, where the experiments have continued for a term of years, goes to indicate that the theoretical demonstration is not all it professes to be." Mr. Pfister is interested in the Milwaukee Light, Heat and Power Company. Why shouldn't his paper work in his interests? But will the Sentinel have the nerve to advise Milwaukeeans to give up their waterworks system because it is Socialistic?

Will the Sentinel please read this: "The whirligig of time makes strange revolutions. The Municipal Journal, which has been taking a serious view of the criticisms by the London Times of the administration of English and Scotch cities, publishes Robert P. Porter's comparison with American electric undertakings, publishes detailed figures respecting the results of municipal trading in general and tramway ownership by corporations in particular. The results disclose a larger profit than had been heretofore claimed. Darlington, Birmingham, Bolton, Manchester, Leeds and Nottingham being conspicuous examples of the remunerative enterprise. Advocates of municipal socialism assert that the tramway business as managed by town councils is profitable enough to float another electric plant and do not hesitate to attribute interested motives to all critics and opponents of municipal enterprise.—London dispatch.

"A distinctive feature of the affidavits of election expenses filed with the register of deeds by candidates of the Social Democratic party is that in most cases the candidates swear to the fact that they sustained no expense whatever. Out of four statements filed by Social Democrats today only one showed an expenditure and that one only for the sum of \$2."

The above comment is from the Milwaukee Daily News. The Socialists are not voters. As candidates they stand for the principles of the party and not as individual office seekers. The Social Democratic vote is always a normal vote. The vote of the old parties is always swelled by the work of the heeled, who expect some political graft in return for their activity. Old party politics leaves a bad taste in the mouth. It is a corrupting influence always—even in non-partisan judicial elections.

A little while ago it was wild turkeys the President was after, now it is bear. He is said to go after dumb game with almost as much relish as he did after human game in the Cuban war and with as great a show of teeth.

MISREPRESENTATION—Capitalism's "Best" Weapon!

The growth in the Socialist vote in this country as revealed by the news of November 4, can have but one effect. It will call out a systematic campaign of misrepresentation on the part of the capitalist press, without distinction as to party. The capitalists are in possession of the means of general education, the daily press, why shouldn't they use it to protect their interests? We predicted before election that when the votes were counted the capitalists would find Socialism a thing they could no longer afford to ignore and that they would then begin to misrepresent it and give it a bad look to the readers of their daily papers. True enough, the vote was a stunner, the capitalists have waked up to the fact that the people are embracing Socialism, and now the daily press is filling its columns with articles tending to show that Socialism is an absurdity, a delusion and a snare.

It is a fine thing to control the daily press of the country—to be able to say what the people shall know and what they shall not. The people are helpless in the matter. They are practically compelled to patronize the daily newspaper, or remain ignorant of what is going on in the world. The newspaper is called a moulder of opinion. The capitalists would not be true to themselves if they did not take advantage of their chance. They are not fools.

One of the most deliberate attacks on Socialism (or what goes for Socialism in the public mind: municipal socialistic undertakings) that we have seen since election is an article that the Republican papers are freely reprinting from the columns of the Chicago Chronicle (Democratic) which claims that all socialistic municipal undertakings have proven failures and that even in Glasgow, where municipal Socialism has long been on trial, and its good results chronicled to the world at large, the people are now disgusted with it and want to return to the old plan of letting individual and corporate capital grow rich out of the municipal utilities.

Of course the thing is all rubbish. There is a class of men who look with jealous eyes at municipal ownership. They are the profit sharks, who regard the plundering of the people under the hooding, public-office-is-a-private-snap regime as their right under the laws of business. These men are responsible for articles in the press that present such undertakings as those at Glasgow as failures. They are about as worthy of credence as the advice of a three-card monte man.

Of course, it must be borne in mind that so-called municipal Socialism is not the thing the Socialists of the world are battling for. It is only Socialistic in its direction. The thing known as municipal Socialism is only a partial preparation for the collectivist system that is to succeed capitalism.

Just to show the real state of things at Glasgow we reproduce herewith an article that recently appeared in the London Star. It is in reply to an attack on Glasgow's municipal activities that appeared in the London Times, and is as follows:

There is a Socialist in Newark who is an employer of labor, and who recently was the candidate of the party for the legislature. During the campaign, when he paid his men, he enclosed their money in envelopes on which the following was printed: "This envelope contains \$..... and ..... cents. It represents your week's earnings; under a purely SOCIALIST STATE, where you would receive the full value of your product, it would contain not less than FOUR times the amount, viz: \$..... and ..... cents."

What becomes of the difference between what you EARN and what you GET? Well—many hundred millions go to support titled personages abroad, and many are used to search the "guilted slums" of Europe to BUY more titles for "guilted virtue" at home; more hundred millions are used to arm and equip YOUR CLASS, to coerce your class into submission to a master class.

"BILLIONS are put into great enterprises, such as railroads, mines, etc. ALL of which is the PRODUCT OF YOUR BRAIN and BRAWN. But not a cent of which is yours."

"What excuse can you offer your children for forcing them into a world of poverty and ignorance when you possess the power to reverse these conditions? Do you deserve their blessings or merit their curses?"

"Answer yourself with the ballot."—From J. A. Billings' Letter of Acceptance.

The introduction of a resolution for old age pensions at the American Federation of Labor convention at New Orleans did not achieve success for the measure in that old foggy body, but it did not have been in vain if it directs the attention of the press of the country to so wise a measure of relief for the oppressed workers.

The following table gives the international voting strength of the Social Democrats in the leading countries of the world:

A New York detective agency publishes the following in their advertisement: "Special.—We are prepared to furnish strike breakers, men to take the place of strikers, in every capacity engineers on reaper boys to locomotive engineers on passenger trains. This includes machinists, boiler makers, blacksmiths, carpenters, conductors and brakemen for steam roads, conductors and motormen for trolley roads," etc., etc.

As to Thanksgiving Day.

Oh, yes, let's boast of our wonderful civilization! What a wonderful civilization it is that forces the people to send their children into coal mines and factory prisons when they ought to be in school!

The American idea of a Thanksgiving day originated in the conception of a general Providence which presided over all human affairs, and governed all things, over-ruling even in detail the affairs of human history and of individuals. Under this conception it was thought that the black plague devastated Europe and destroyed thousands of lives; wars were not the result of the foolishness and criminal action of kings and nobles, but were arranged by this same Providence, and their tokens might be seen in the heavens; while in the case of the death of friends by disease it was commonly said that Providence removed a child because the mother "loved her child too much." Later investigation has shown that "black plagues and disease generally are due to carelessness in the matter of filth, and may be prevented by due attention to cleanliness; that wars are the result of the struggle for power among a limited class of people who desire to appropriate the products of the labor of others for themselves; and that even drought and flood may be fore-seen or guarded against by proper use of knowledge now at hand, while famine and pestilence are utterly inexcusable if those who have charge of the means of transportation and of the sanitary affairs of the nations do their obvious duty.

It appears then, that much of what was formerly laid at the door of "Divine Providence" in reality was due to the much nearer and more adjustable fact of a HUMAN IMPROVIDENCE. No doubt we should feel a hearty gratitude for that general providence by which it is ordained that winds shall blow and waters flow and seasons come and go, and that man shall have the power to so control the forces of nature that his wants may be easily provided for, but let us have done with this proclaiming a day of thanksgiving for the things which if they are done, or especially if they fail to be done, we are responsible. The religious sense of reverence will be much more healthy if it is rightly related to the great facts of human life, and is not attached to a lot of fictions which modern progress long ago left behind.

Let us be thankful for the great things of life: the stability of the universe, the inevitable triumph of the right and the true, and that ongoing Providence which repairs the mistakes of man, and makes the world better as the years go by, in spite of the miserable mistakes and selfish strife of men.

Let us be thankful also for the opportunity that is ours of working together for the progressive organization of such a human providence of brotherhood as shall be worthy of and co-operative with, instead of antagonizing, that ongoing power that makes for right living.

Winfield R. Gaylord.

The United States government, in possession of the Republican and Democratic capitalists, is showing its love for American labor by having fine war ships built in Japan, where the cheap labor is being exploited by Yankee and other labor-fleecers. One of them was launched October 15, says the Japan Labor World, and the others must be ready in eighteen

months. Labor stands high at Washington, Labor does! If you don't believe it, just ask the Hon. Samuel Gompers.

There is one form of slavery we are in favor of. It is the slavery of the machine. But we Socialists insist that all men shall be the masters, instead of only a few.

Not having been thoughtful enough to elect its own representatives to the Legislature, labor in Wisconsin must now prepare to bid for labor laws of the representatives of capitalism at Madison. Serves 'em right!

Here is an interesting item from the pages of the current number of the Labor World, published at Tokyo, Japan: "Les Miserables of Victor Hugo has been appearing on the pages of the 'Yomiuri' daily. It is a liberal translation of the great French author and ably rendered by the chief editor of the daily, Mr. Ruiko Kuroiwa, a Socialist. Mr. Kuroiwa is noted for a novel translation. His many translations have been eagerly read by the public in the past. The present translation will without doubt effect a healthy influence on the reading public. We shall have occasion to review his Jean Valjean and Cosette in the Japanese attire."

The following from the same source is not as entertaining, but shows how like commercialism is in one country and another: "A weaver girl escaped to see her sick mother. She was an employe of Kancko, got a note from her mother that she was ill, wanted to see her daughter. The girl asked for a permission to visit her sick mother, but the employer said that you are our commodity and you cannot return. She escaped and appeared before the police."

"In the country in which you and I live what we call civilization has undergone what is nothing less than a gigantic revolution. The huge aggregations of capital, which have practically taken from the hands of the individual the independent disposition of his labor and have introduced into his existence paralyzing uncertainty as to both his comforts and his future, the gradual widening of the breaches that separate classes from classes and the consequent uncertainty while they cheapen the necessities of life, increase the elements of perplexity and uncertainty as to how great multitudes may obtain them—all these features of our modern civilization are full of danger."—Bishop Potter in Address on "Wealth and Commonwealth," at New Haven, Conn.

Various meetings were held all over the country to celebrate the Socialist gains. At Boston, historic Faneuil hall was crowded Saturday evening, with a street parade just before the opening. Speeches were made by Comrades McCarty, Flanders, Dr. Gibbs, ex-Mayor Coulter of Brockton, Mally, Chase, Talbot, Carey and the new representative, W. O. Ransden. The latter said the Socialists were trying to teach the other great parties how to wage a great battle without cannon and ball and he believed the great revolution could be brought about—and the greatest victory won without such means. The hall rocked with the applause, it is reported. At Butte, Mont., quite a similar meeting was held, headed by Comrade Carl Thompson as leading speaker. Tears were shed by some in the audience as he said farewell to Montana.

It is evident that E. E. Clarke is not the only labor betrayer on President Roosevelt's strike arbitration board. E. W. Parker, the editor of the Engineering and Mining Journal, who was supposed to have a friendly feeling for labor, turns out to have written many mean things about the strikers and to have claimed that they were better treated in recent years than ever before. That board was a fine piece of political monkey-work, for a fact!

Is it any pleasure to starve and hunt work in vain in a country ruled by a Moran or in a country ruled by an Emperor William or a King Edward? Eh, don't you think it feels the same?

Importance of the Secretaries' Fund.

UNION SECRETARIES FUND. Previously reported \$210.45. S. Wechsler, New York, 1.00. I. Shapira, New York City, .35. No Name, Chicago, 1.00. Collection, Chicago, 1.20. Socialist, Milwaukee, 1.00. Socialist, 1.00. Richard Elsner, Milwaukee (third contribution), 1.00. Total \$216.95. Our union secretaries' fund moves along surely and steadily. It has already done good, will continue to do so in the future until the fund has reached the goal—\$3000 will be required to complete

it and thus send the Herald to each of the 15,000 union secretaries throughout the country. Over 1000 already receive it through the grace of the fund. Give it a boost! The good of the movement requires that this seed be sown in this most favorable soil. These are the days in which history is being made. A world is being transformed by a new thought before our very eyes. Don't merely look on! We have offered a \$10 either to the comrade sending in the largest list. To the one sending the largest amount we will give a bound copy of Marx's "Capital." For the next largest a copy of the "People's Marx," and the two next best copies of "Socialism in America."

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THE FIRST STEP IN THE REVOLUTION OF THE WORKING CLASS IS TO RAISE THE PROLETARIAT TO THE POSITION OF DEMOCRACY.—Karl Marx.

A WORD WITH HERALD READERS. It must be gratifying to the comrades to know that our subscription list is growing at a fine rate and that sooner or later our present location will be too small and wholly inadequate for our purposes. Our office force has doubled since May. It is still expanding. These are gratifying results, but we are not satisfied. The paper must be made a permanent beyond peradventure. New Socialists are thick; they must be made secure Socialists by receiving a Socialist paper each week. If we get the right kind of headquarters it will require a larger subscription list to enable us to bear the expense. Therefore, the branches of the party in Wisconsin are all asked to appoint canvassing committees. Have your branch take this matter up at its next meeting without fail. Use your influence to have this done promptly. Sample copies for canvassing may be had of us free. To work! To work!

PRESIDENT ELLIOT'S BAD BREAK.

Henry D. Lloyd has taken up the cudgels against President Elliot of Harvard College, who made an attack on Labor unions the other day. Mr. Lloyd objects to Pres. Elliot's claim that the "scab" is a good type of an American hero. He says: "The strike breaker or 'scab' is in our days precisely the same good type of American hero as the American loyalist was in his day, when he did his best to ruin the struggle of his fellow colonists for independence. The trade union movement is a movement for the benefit of the people, and it is one of the greatest democratic movements in the history, an emancipation unique in ages, because it is self-emancipation.

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

Under Socialism a mechanic will not be hitched to his machine like a mule to a wagon and driven by a boss, but he will be his own boss in making honest wares under the direction of his most skillful fellow-workmen.—Advantage. Socialism, like Christianity, cannot be lived individually until it is lived collectively. It is a religion that is to be lived by the man who lives the "golden rule" or who can do so under the present system.—Coming Nation. Wall street arithmetic: 10 trusts make one combine. 10 combines make one merger. 10 mergers make one magnate. 10 magnates make one trust.—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

Socialist Victories in England.

Word comes of gratifying gains in the municipal elections in England. In Birmingham Comrade Fellows had a majority of 151, an increase. In Blaydon Comrades Warwick, Brooks and Ward won in the St. Marks. St. Pauls and Trinity wards—a gain of one representative. In Burnley Comrade Irving had a majority of 206 and Comrade Jones one of 37. In Darlington Comrade Robinson was unopposed. In Halifax Comrade M. Blatchford (Mount Blong) won with 248 votes to spare. In Neath (S. Wales) Comrade Jones won out to the surprise of everyone. In Northampton Socialists gained 703 votes and gained one seat. In Salford Comrade Nuttall won a great Socialist victory and is the first Socialist councillor ever returned to the Salford Borough council. In Southampton Comrade Walter won a seat with a majority of 36. Comrade Barker won in Southend-on-Sea. At West Ham Comrades Godbold, McCallen, Davenoy and Thorne were elected, a gain of one seat, that of Thorne, who was unopposed. At Wolverhampton Comrade Evans also won. Besides all these there were numerous Labor representatives returned. The Clarion says the elections showed splendid gains everywhere for Socialism and Labor—thirty seats in all.

WANTED—Every Comrade in the city to send his children to 614 State street, to sell Bazaar tickets. Elegant Christmas presents free for the sale of ten, fifteen, twenty or twenty-five tickets.

be true here. But even if it were not so, you can well afford to be a stockholder in a party paper, and so far as the Herald is concerned the larger its list of stockholders the better is its position in the movement. It desires a diversified ownership.

De Leon owes the Social Democrats a debt of gratitude this time, and no mistake. His party made gains where it had no organization whatever, and his vote was largely that of careless people who meant to vote for the larger party, but were not familiar enough with the movement to know which was which. And De Leon, in the face of this fact, calls his class-conscious vote. In Chicago, where his party was split with the quarrels of boss and sub-bossism, the votes he received were clearly, most of them, intended for the regular Socialist ticket. Comrade Oneal informs us this was the case also in Indiana, and in Minnesota, where the candidate for governor was legally denied the use of the party name, the same experience was had. In Wisconsin where there was no stupid similarity of party names there was less confusion on the part of the voters, although it was not entirely absent. However, we do not begrudge the New York sachein the few votes he got away from us. We had enough, and to spare!

NOTES BY THE WAY.

"There can be no peace on earth until there is industrial peace and there can be no industrial peace until the wage system is abolished." No one can be perfectly free (ill all are free) no one can be perfectly moral (ill all are moral); no one can be perfectly happy (ill all are happy).—Herbert Spencer. John D. Rockefeller recently told a friend that he is unable to give up his \$5,000,000. It is probably his way of falling asleep. John J. Hanrahan, who succeeds Frank P. Sargent as grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, will be the 21st centennial president of the order. The tobacco users of the world now consume 6,300,000,000 pounds of tobacco yearly, the value of which is \$200,000,000. These figures indicate that the world's smoke bill is decidedly a large one.

LATE ELECTION RETURNS.

Official vote in Pennsylvania—Republican, 593,317; Democratic, 450,977; Socialist, 21,910; Prohibition, 23,327; S. L. P., 5157. By this it will be seen that we have polled a little over 2 per cent of the vote, and have secured an official standing. Wm. Hoffnagle. The official vote of Ohio gives Hayes, Socialist candidate for secretary of state, 14,270. The Socialists elected a member of the city council at Saginaw, Mich., in the person of comrade B. R. Cushman. Cokesville, Pa., was carried by the Socialists by a vote of 38 to the Republicans' 31 and the Democrats' 20. Coalville, Pa., was carried by the Socialists, who cast 227 votes, a gain of 220; Republicans 51, Democrats 64. News from Porto Rico! The Socialists cast 680 votes—they cast more but the Republicans, in most flagrant ways, cast out and destroyed ballots.

The Toy Bazaar and Festival.

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The extent of the internationalism of the Social Democratic movement is but faintly realized by the people at large. In recent years Japan has been pounced on as a field for labor exploitation and the beautiful life of the Jap turned into long hours of factory hell. As a result there is a strong Socialist movement in Japan. The following article is the leading editorial in a recent issue of a Japanese Socialist journal, the Labor World (Tokyo): In every country and at all ages an ideal is not easily understood by the common people or it is much cared for rise up to strike at the root of the idea be dangerous or peaceful. But when any ideal becomes prominent and influential by way of realizing it in actual life of men, then the society and its authority rise up to strike at the foot of the ideal and to check its movement by police force or by letting mercenary savants proclaim falsehood and twist things that the rich who controls the society. With whatever means and force the existing authority may attempt to suppress it, it cannot be rooted out, for people take any ideal to themselves when it is real to them, yes, there was a time and is even now when the realization of an ideal becomes life or death to some people. It was so in the time of Rutherford and Robespierre and Danton, it is now to the working classes. Socialism is an ideal as well as principle that must be realized in this century. It has been gradually influencing people and its growth and spread goes with that of industry. Thus in Japan Socialism has grown so rapidly that the working classes know it instinctively and feel unconsciously as if its guiding angel. While those in power and well to do classes hate Socialism as an evil spirit and attempt to suppress it with all their might. They consider that Socialism is a worst principle that destroys their welfare and happiness forgetting their selfishness and greediness is the very cause of the steady growth of Socialism. Socialism is not an imported article as Parisian bonnet or Swiss watch but it is a principle that works its ultimate goal in spite of all obstacles.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

Would Not Bankrupt the Government.

Eau Claire, Wis., Nov. 17.—Dear Herald: A local attorney at law, H. B. Walmsey, discussed Socialism before a well-attended meeting at Labor hall in this city last Sunday afternoon, touching upon a number of the topics considered by Mr. Wilshire in his address here recently. Mr. Walmsey stated that Mr. Wilshire, not being an attorney at law, did not seek to answer in detail all the questions put to him, admitting candidly that these were nonessentials to be arranged at the pleasure of the people. The speaker said that he proposed to show how some of these things could be done "strictly according to the rules of the game." He took as an example the railroads. The speaker stated that these should be rightfully owned by the government. That the government could even under the present constitution get possession of them by purchase and operate them by the power vested in Congress giving it the right to build and maintain post roads. He stated that the railroads in a great measure constituted the mercury of finance. As stocks go in Wall street so the status of business activity is gauged. A few railroad mortgages on this narrow line are enabled to fix the rate of interest paid by the entire debtor class. The railroads are capitalized at \$8,000,000,000, but the speaker stated that they were not worth more than 500,000,000 and if we should deal fairly with the present owners we could raise this amount by abolishing the army and navy which cost us more than 200,000,000 per year and which are entirely useless. Even the levying of a tax on the real estate of the country would entail a burden of no more than an assessment of 5 per cent. upon the total valuation of the property. In the economic management of the railroads, the speaker pointed to the frightful waste entailed by the present expensive and extravagant system. In reply to a question, the speaker stated that the payment of money for the properties of which the government possesses itself could not be looked upon as a means of encouraging capitalism as the taking of rent interest and profits was the means and government ownership would abolish this. Under the Right of Eminent Domain, the speaker contended the railroad corporations did not own a single shovel of sand, or rail, or spike on their roads, but operated them simply by the power vested in them by grant of charter. The speaker stated that there were other ways of attaining to the same end, but said that this could now be done under the present system perfectly in accordance with the statutes now "made and provided," if the people choose.

It is Coming, Coming, Coming!

Grand old fighting Herald! After years of self-imposed exile from the fields of Socialism, I feel like writing the comrades and, figuratively, grasp each noble worker by the collar and exhort him to return to the ranks. Socialism is coming, conquering down the grooves of time and knocking all other political issues into a miserable mass of rotten splinters. The thinking men who do not live for plunder are all coming over to our side. We have the stoutest brains and the warmest hearts on our side. Even the churches see the smoke arising from the altar of peace, and are crawling into the good and staunch boat that is going to carry us out of this commercial hell. Morgan and his men are driving the thinking people over to our side in herds. The honest and sincere labor leaders are all getting on the band wagon. The union ministers are holding conventions and passing resolutions for government ownership of mines and railroads! Five years ago they scorned such an idea, and

MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURT—IN PROBATE.

In the matter of the estate of Anna Schaefer, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Ladislav M. Bauschek, the executor of said estate, representing among other things, that he has fully administered the estate of the said Anna Schaefer, and that the residue of the said estate according to law is as follows: \$25.94. Disbursements, \$56.70. Frederic Heath, Rec. Secy.

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ADDRESS

LIVE DON SAWDUST

On August 28 a thoroughly Christianized world learned the result of Thomas Donohue's effort to live without eating. On the above date Assistant Foreman D. C. Murphy of the New York Central railway docked at Thomas Donohue's camp in a large sawdust box on Pier 25 North River, New York city. Mr. Donohue was in a bad way. So they immediately took fifty-eight pounds of him to the Hudson Street Hospital. Fifty-eight pounds was all there was of him to take. The rest of him had disappeared as the hump of a dromedary vanishes when, in the absence of enough food from without, it is called upon to furnish sustenance. The doctor and some other things at the hospital succeeded in reviving Thomas Donohue's self-consciousness; enough, at least, to ignite his memory into a small flicker from which they learned that he had been a longshoreman. 1. Had lost his place through sickness two or three months before. 2. Had got well enough to look for work. 3. Had been so engaged for the last several weeks. 4. Had found intermittent odd jobs. 5. Had not found, by the most diligent effort compatible with his debility, enough of them to keep him going between times. 6. Had subsisted on the meagrest scraps, alternately with juicy nothingness. 7. And finally, on August 27, in the year of our Lord the 1902 and of John Pierpont Morgan the 68th had reached the limit of his ignorant faith, and had crawled into the Vanderbilt sawdust box to see what death was like. He had no hat. He was very thin in appearance. This fact is vouched for by responsible eye witnesses. He had "a rather good face, though worn" (this also per witness). The doctors, who are good at deducing obvious conclusions, stated that Thomas Donohue's ankles bore no evidence of having been in a chain, nor had dissolute habits written its name upon his face. Thomas Donohue had been "willing to work," whatever that means. It is something that no men are, so "prosperity's" silken-haired courtiers of press and

pulpit are perpetually telling us. Yet here was one who was. It may be as well to mention that Mr. Donohue died after a brief stay in the aforesaid Hudson Street Hospital. He would have done this just as surely in any sawdust bin of the man Vanderbilt; so nothing was done about it. The doctors stated unequivocally that Thomas Donohue STARVED TO DEATH. Though not officially so reported, it is understood that the coroner's jury gave a verdict of "death due to permanent cessation of life," and censured the man Vanderbilt's railway company for negligence in not providing sheets and pillowcases for its sawdust bin. STARVED TO DEATH! Thomas Donohue Starved to Death in New York City. Get those words to drumming in your head,—you who comfortably take your ease with your fraction of the world while the rest of it struggles with the grinding fate your lassitude imposes. You are a bad citizen because good citizenship is laborious. It is the like of YOU who KILLED THOMAS DONOHUE. Are you a respectable citizen? A Christian banker or a Christian "mortgage shark," (ha, ha, ha), or a Christian shoddy merchant or a Christian short-weight "business" man, (ha, ha, ha), or a Christian fawning writer or speaker (ha, ha, ha), or a Christian truckling preacher or a Christian imperialist politician (ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha)? Are you, in short, any one of the petty impostors who by your duplicity, or your brazen ignorance, or your daily effeminacy or by all together, bring a shame upon the institution of Christianity and thrust a ragged discord into the swelling symphony of Jesus' teachings? If you are any ordinary sort of person, and probably you are,— YOU HAD A HAND IN THE KILLING OF THOMAS DONOHUE. Read he is,—as dead as your chance of excusing him. Killed he was,—by weapon as blunt, as brutal, as implacable as the bloody cobble-stone of the cheap rowdy of the street fracas. Thomas Donohue had no wish to die. He did not kill himself. He strove

against perverted law with the dogged patience of spiritless simplicity. YOU KILLED HIM— You childish legislator, who makes laws to respect which is to accept the label of imbecility; you executive public officer, whose eyes are stopped by your cents or whose throat is stuffed with the red tape of cowardice on which is stamped as trade-mark the black flag of expediency; you voter, who by your ideas for a penny a day, delivered on your doorstep, who complain and whine and argue whenever a thieving corporation wins your puny purse,—and then at the first election vote a corporation ticket instead of a Socialist ticket whose motive is the motive of Christ and whose creed and faith are the creed and the faith of Christ. If you don't know that this is true it is high time you make an effort to grasp the largest single fact of this epoch. You, and especially you, professor, lay or cleric, of the wonderful poetic practical bits of your silent prayer uttermost in your particular idiosyncrasy, a record of Thomas Donohue's life on this land, a record whose present total would stupefy your belief and whose bequest to the future may cost the lives of thousands who never will learn why they had to die. If this kind of talk disturbs the high-priced pence your spirit usually bathes in, what placidity shall you muster on the day when your Judge shall say to you: "Where is Thomas Donohue, thy brother?" And then, "Depart from me. For inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." YOU HELPED KILL THOMAS DONOHUE. whoever you are,—unless by your vote, and your vote you are perpetually doing your utmost to speed the abolition of the unsocial social system wherein the sawdust bin of a millionaire brigand seems a sweet haven in the sight of a pauper; wherein the filth of a garbage box is a prize for MEN to dig for; the warmth of a street grating a boon for children to wrangle for; the seclusion of a nameless death the single solace to such for their lives. In the midst of Plenty—Want. In the midst of Comfort—Suffering.

In the midst of shallow Peace—deep Anguish. In the midst of Luxury—Penury. In the midst of Flippancy—Hard Thinking. On the core of Security—Menace. On the threshold of Indifference—muffled Thunder. And now you ask what may be done! The first thing for you people to do is to get rid of the idea that you know everything. You don't know anything at all about SOCIALISM, do you? Why don't you? Afraid? Not respectable enough? Which, you or SOCIALISM? Give your nickel's worth of energy to Organized Charity? Donate a half-dozen cotton dish-towels to a public soup kitchen? Think that that will regenerate the world or help even a little to save your morbid soul? Better borrow a dictionary and find out what you're talking about; you need not bother with the Encyclopaedia Britannica,—save you that much fatigue; it says: "The ethics of SOCIALISM are identical with the ethics of Christianity." If your sense of shame, which is the first budding of worthiness, is stirred a trifle by a realization of your pitiful ignorance and worse indolence hitherto, and you presently reach a stage of decency wherein you ask, "What can I do?" try this recipe: 1st. Try to be reasonably intelligent; which means keep your mind receptive; which means no more of the unthinking prejudice which is subtly injected into you by the robber cliques that profit by your sheeplike credulity. 2d. Be still more intelligent. Make yourself so by independent study of the single vivifying factor in modern economics, SOCIALISM—the solitary positive force, the only, but the ample, constructive element in present industrial thought. 3d. Keep on being more and more intelligent. Pretty soon you will develop a new and bracing feeling of self-respect. At that point you will begin to vote for your own interests and the interests of all your brothers, instead of doing as you do now, however that is. You will then be in a fair way of purging your soul of complicity in the KILLING OF THOMAS DONOHUE. John Beemer Crosby, Christian Socialist.

What We Social Democrats Are After.

The following is the national platform of principle of the Social Democrats: The Socialist party of America, in its 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 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 fomented 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.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism, by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes. 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. As such means we advocate: 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication, and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines. No part of the revenue therefrom to be used on the payment of the taxes of the capitalist class, but the entire revenue to be applied, first, to the increase of wages and abatement 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 want 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 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 reduction of 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 political parties, which always result in perpetuating the capitalist system through the compromise or defect of the Socialist revolution.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE CONFLICT

Socialism Again Up for Consideration by the A. F. of L.

SHALL IT BE RULE FROM BELOW OR RULE FROM ABOVE?

The Old Policy Doomed Sooner or Later.

As The Herald goes to press the American Federation of Labor is in the midst of its twenty-second annual convention at New Orleans, with the largest attendance in its history. The routine work is being given in the press reports and need not be repeated here. It is our purpose, however, to show somewhat of the play of the progressive and reactionary conservative forces at the meeting, the irrepressible conflict which becomes more important each year and which will not down until the big organization gets into touch with the trend of the times and drops its old foggy tactics. The ballot must be recognized as a labor weapon, and more than this, labor must consciously use it to help forward the reconstruction of industry; the next natural step in the evolution of society, which will end wage slavery and give the worker the full return of his work. The old foggy attitude of the officers was shown in the opening session when the following characteristic reference was made in the annual report to the plan for a national conference of city bodies:

"The Milwaukee Trades Council issued a circular for the purpose of calling a convention to be composed of representatives of city central labor bodies, the object of forming a federation composed of city central bodies. We realized in this call the danger that would inevitably ensue—that is, if the movement were possible and brought into existence. It would simply result in the establishment of a rival and necessarily antagonistic body to the American Federation of Labor. We used our good offices to persuade the Milwaukee central labor body to refrain from pursuing this mistaken course, and are gratified to report that our advice has been favorably determined upon; that the possibility of danger to the interests of labor from this source is now obviated."

Comrade Victor L. Berger, the delegate from the Milwaukee Federated Trades Council, protested against this interpretation. "The executive council is evidently either too fearful of its own position or it is afraid that Socialism might get too much headway by this route," he said. "The idea that we tried to start a dual federation of labor in the country by calling a meeting of the central labor bodies of the large cities to consider ways and means for municipal improvements is simply ridiculous. We have tried to explain that to Mr. Gompers and to the executive board in Washington, but the gentlemen in the high positions refused to listen to any explanations. They seemed contently to be afraid that they might be dethroned."

To a local paper he said: "The executive council of the American Federation of Labor seems to be a rather spiritualistic body, if we are able to judge them from the above passage of their report. They are seeing ghosts in plain daylight. The purpose of the convention, which is to be made up by the representatives of city central bodies, was plainly stated in the Milwaukee circular. Such a means to be devised by a labor leader to improve the condition of the proletariat in the large cities, in regard to housing of the working people, the betterment of their environments, the education of the young, etc. The convention was to be called for the purpose of uniting upon a common program, probably to make up a platform embodying municipal Socialism. But the idea is ridiculous that the local unions of the large cities would or could form a rival body to the American Federation of Labor. The local unions in the large cities are only isolated branches of their respective national organizations which make up the American Federation of Labor. In order to form a rival body, every one of these locals would have to cut loose from its national trade organization. Such a proceeding is actually impossible. If a rival body to the American Federation is ever to be formed, which I hope will never be the case, the national trade unions will have to form a rival body to the American Federation of Labor. The fears that agitated the executive council about the Milwaukee circular were groundless, no matter from which standpoint one looks at it. Yet, after all, I am personally glad that the executive council found another source of 'fratification' for having avoided a 'danger' for there is very little gratification in this world for a labor leader."

New Orleans, Nov. 14.—The number of Socialists in the convention is large and there will be a lively debate when the

subject of Socialism comes up. At the Kansas City convention of 1898, when several days were devoted to the subject, the federation was asked to endorse the Social Democratic party. This year it will be simply asked to recognize the movement for Socialism. The Socialist leaders in the convention are Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and Max S. Hayes of Cleveland. Mr. Berger has been in conference all day with Socialist leaders from other parts of the country in regard to the policy to be pursued in bringing their doctrines before the delegates. Max Hayes will probably be selected to make the principal address. After President Gompers had finished his annual address this morning he introduced Mayor Jones of Toledo, a noted labor man. Mr. Gompers said that Mr. Jones was passing through the city and stopped to visit the convention, and he was delighted to welcome him. In a short address, Mr. Jones said that he was glad to meet so many representatives of so much of the yet to be civilized world. He was not there as a political pill peddler, but approved of the democracy in the address of the President, in which no sectional or color lines were drawn, and the recognition of the golden rule was plainly expressed. He congratulated the delegates on the fact that "we are past the killing age," and said he was glad to see the disposition to end killing and war, and that when the labor people refused to go out as soldiers to kill their fellows war would end.

New Orleans, Nov. 15.—Among the resolutions submitted today by Delegate Berger were the following: Asking that the Federation urge the incoming executive council and all city central labor bodies to procure the enactment of national laws to protect disabled workmen and provide a system of insurance for the assistance of laborers during enforced idleness. Another: Whereas, a system of money fines for lawbreakers is a relic of barbarism, and makes equality before the law a delusion, because the rich pay, and the poor go to jail for the same offense, the American Federation of Labor appeals to Congress to pass a resolution submitting to the Legislatures of the states asking for an amendment of the federal constitution prohibiting money fines and putting the administration of justice on an equality for all alike. Comrade Berger today introduced the following: As the Milwaukee circular was misunderstood and misinterpreted, be it Resolved, that a convention of delegates from the central bodies of all cities of over 50,000 inhabitants shall be called in the near future under the auspices of the American Federation of Labor; and, furthermore, be it Resolved, that such convention shall consider the conditions and evils to the laboring people living therein, and shall take such action and propose such remedies as may seem advisable. Resolved, that the American Federation of Labor place itself on record in favor of the collective ownership of the production and distribution, and urges upon all trades union men in America to make use of the ballot to accomplish this purpose. "Resolved, that the incoming executive board be instructed to use every effective and all honorable and conciliatory means to unite the American Labor Union of the Western states with the American Federation of Labor."

New Orleans, Nov. 16.—Mr. Berger introduced the following interesting resolution: Whereas, labor creates all values and makes them useful and accessible to mankind, but the present economic system is such that it is impossible for the great mass of wage-workers to save up a sufficient amount of money or property to secure them against want and misery and the indignities of capitalistic charity in their old age; and, whereas, it is the prime object of the trades union movement to improve and elevate the standard of living of the working class everywhere and in every way possible; therefore, be it Resolved, that the incoming executive

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board be instructed to use its best efforts to induce the Congress of the United States to pass a bill which will secure to every wage-worker in the United States who is living in this country for no less a period than twenty-one years, and has earned no more than \$1000 average wages per year, the sum of \$12 per month pension at the age of 60 years and for the rest of his or her natural life. Among the five delegates from Porto Rico is Comrade Santiago Iglesias, the well-known Socialist agitator. "I have been arrested six times for organizing unions in Porto Rico," he said to a reporter. "They threatened to kill me, and to subject me to punishment, but I stand here, and that tells it best. There are now twenty-four unions in our country, and they are being formed very fast. I am organizing the planters, the bricklayers, the carpenters, the painters, the agricultural people, with all the farm laborers. They are good unionists when they understand the objects of the American Federation of Labor. This movement is only a little over one year old in the island, and all considered, I think it has done well."

Old Age Pensions Defeated. New Orleans, Nov. 18.—The resolution for old age pensions introduced by Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee was unfavorably reported today. A lively debate ensued. Mr. Berger supported the measure in the following words: Although labor creates all values or makes them useful and accessible to mankind, it is generally conceded that the present economic system makes it impossible for the great mass of wage-workers to save a sufficient amount of money or property to secure them against want and misery and the indignities of capitalistic charity in their old age. Does the convention of the American Federation of Labor intend to procure the enactment of national laws to protect disabled workmen and provide a system of insurance for the assistance of laborers during enforced idleness. There are now twenty-four unions in our country, and they are being formed very fast. I am organizing the planters, the bricklayers, the carpenters, the painters, the agricultural people, with all the farm laborers. They are good unionists when they understand the objects of the American Federation of Labor. This movement is only a little over one year old in the island, and all considered, I think it has done well."

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James H. Lennon opposed the resolution because of the increased taxation it would bring and declared that the workmen wanted no charity. If they must have old age pensions it should come from the trades union and not from the government. Delegate Jones of the Hatters' Union favored the passage of the resolution, as did several others.

Denounced as Infamous. Delegate Brown denounced the report of the committee as "infamous." This brought Secretary Agard of the committee on resolutions to his feet in defense of the report. When the vote was taken on the report of the committee the report was adopted by a vote of 90 to 85.

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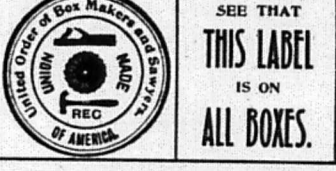
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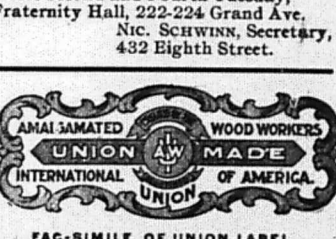
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# Cleanings from Busy Socialistic Fields.

**Notes from Yankee-land.**  
The campaign of 1904 is on and our people are more eager for the fray than ever before.

Comrade Gaylord organized a branch Saturday evening on Jones island, Milwaukee.

The sum of \$9006.15 has been contributed to the striking coal miners by the Socialists of the country through the national headquarters at St. Louis.

Father Hagerty will return to Van Buren, Kan., from the East, about November 15. The Montana Socialists want him to tour their state this winter.

The Nineteenth ward branch, Milwaukee, will hold an open meeting Wednesday evening, November 26, at Meixner's hall, Twenty-seventh and Vliet streets. There will be good speakers present.

The Milwaukee patternmakers are making great preparations for their entertainment on Thanksgiving Eve at South Side Turner hall. They are a whole souled lot of men and well deserve all the success they have.

Comrade E. H. Thomas, state secretary of the Wisconsin Social Democratic party, is taking a much needed vacation in the East. Mail addressed to this office concerning the state work will receive the usual attention.

In at least six counties in Colorado the Socialist party has cast sufficient vote—10 per cent.—to win it official standing as a party, and will now have the right to nominate by caucus instead of getting on the official ballot only by petition.

Comrade Chas. O. Jones, formerly a newspaper illustrator of prominence on a Cincinnati daily, has joined forces with Comrade Frederick Strickland, the itinerant agitator, and together they will tour the Western country, later locating at Aspen, Col.

The challenge issued to Rev. Dr. Keller of Milwaukee, who said Debs' claim that Socialism would depopulate the prairies was absurd, has thus far not been accepted. To a newspaper reporter the doctor said he had lecture engagements that might interfere.

Don't miss the entertainment of the Arbeiter Kranken-und-Sterbe-Kasse at the Freie Gemeinde hall, Fourth street, Sunday, Nov. 30. An elaborate program has been prepared. The program includes a play, the Socialist March and other pieces and besides other good things there will be three living pictures representing the present and future of Socialism.

The comrades at Wilkesbarre, encouraged by the big vote received in that part of the country, are planning to start a Socialistic paper, and anyone wishing to contribute money to their venture may address them care of the chairman, J. G. Roth, Room 78, Simon Long building. Where desired contributions will be credited for subscriptions.

The October report of the national headquarters at St. Louis shows receipts of \$749.09 and expenditures of \$506.89, with a balance on hand of \$455.95. Thus far there is no indication of any intention to make a payment on the old indebtedness of the Chicago headquarters, although we are informed that payments have been made on the Springfield headquarters account. The Herald will gladly publish anything the national secretary may have to say on this subject.

**OPEN MEETING OF MACHINISTS LODGE NO. 301.**  
Good English and German speakers will address an open meeting of Machinists' Lodge No. 301, next Monday at 8 p. m., Nov. 24th, at 654 Twelfth street. This meeting is being held at the request of the Machinists' Apprentices Lodge, and all apprentices as well as all members of Lodge No. 301, and their friends are invited to attend. We look for a full house. The Committee, Chr. Boebert, Chairman.

## WHAT THE WILLING WORKERS ARE ABOUT.

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## From The Mail Bag.

Whitewater, Wis., Nov. 13.—Editor Herald: We have now become a branch of the state organization, and State Organizer Gaylord was here last Saturday and gave us an address which was well received. Many expressed sorrow that because of the short notice we were unable to advertise the meeting properly, and they did not hear him. But we hope to have him again in the near future. From now on we will be in active work for the coming campaign, advocating and teaching the principles of Social Democracy.  
F. W. Weaver.

Schenectady, N. Y., Nov. 12.—Social Democratic Herald: Congratulations to the Wisconsin comrades for their splendid victory! I was recently in New York and my impressions may be summed up in one sentence: The movement is rapidly getting beyond the depth of the present leadership, local and in St. Louis.

Rockford, Ill., Nov. 12.—Dear Herald: I found a group of Socialists last night and gave them a little talk. They have billed me for next Tuesday night for a lecture here. Comrade Thurston Brown lectures here next Sunday night at Congregational Church on "Emancipation of Labor," and the local comrades are elated over getting into their adversaries' wigwam. They are contemplating arranging for Strickland and Jones to come here in January for five consecutive nights (and days). They received 600 votes in this county and some of their candidates ran ahead of the Democratic ticket. They have two branches and have a hard time raising the wind, as they number mostly poor Swedes, who are as numerous here, almost, as Germans in Milwaukee.  
Howard Tuttle.

Kansas City, Nov. 8.—Social Democratic Herald: Since the 1st of January I have visited the centers of activity in the Socialist movement in all the states west of Pennsylvania. I had the curious experience of feeling at the start that every new place I visited was a long way in advance of all the others. A year ago I felt the greatest anxiety lest the Socialist movement be switched into a half-way-political conglomeration. But I do not feel now that there is the slightest danger of anything of the sort. Those who are coming from other

## The Socialist Maennerchor.

The Socialist Maennerchor, an organization of which all Milwaukee Social Democrats are justly proud, will give a grand entertainment and ball at the Bahn Frei Turner hall, Milwaukee, Sunday, Nov. 23. The entertainment will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The Maennerchor has always had great success at its annual entertainments and there will be the same genuine good cheer this year as on former occasions.

## The Socialist Lecture Bureau.

Comrades throughout Wisconsin have been addressed by circular letter by the state executive board in behalf of the Socialist Lyceum and Lecture Bureau, which is being organized under charge of the state organizer, Comrade Gaylord. The bureau is ready for business and has arranged to have Carl D. Thompson, the well-known Socialist orator and entertainer, take the field in January. In the far west he has been having tremendous success. The bureau will supply him at \$3 for an evening, \$12 for two and \$15 for three evenings, with entertainment in each case. His lecture will prove a profitable investment for any state branch.

## Sunday Lectures on Social Economics.

The Fifth and Eighth ward branches of the Social Democratic party have arranged for a course of six free lectures on social economics, to be given on the first Sunday of each month at National hall, Grove street and National avenue, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Winfield R. Gaylord, state organizer of the Social Democratic party, will deliver the first lecture Sunday, December 7, 1902. The expenses of the enterprise will be met by the creation of a guaranty fund to be raised by the sale of certificates at 25 cents each. Each branch in the city will be asked to co-operate in the disposal of these certificates. It is a worthy appeal and we trust the comrades everywhere will liberally respond.

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## Across the Herring Pond.

Comrade Ben. Tillett, the well-known Socialist and unionist, will stand for election to the English Parliament from Dundee, the Scotch manufacturing city. In Vesteras, September 23, a Socialist, Victor Carsson, who is an iron worker, was elected to the Second House of the Parliament of Sweden. He had 459 votes against 442, which his conservative opponents received. This is the first Socialist victory in the Swedish parliamentary election this year.

## A Labor Temple for Milwaukee.

There is a plan on foot in Milwaukee to erect a labor temple and to the Machinists' unions goes the credit for the move. It is planned to get some land in the central part of the city and to erect thereon a building containing halls and lodge rooms of a sufficient number to accommodate the various labor bodies of the city, and on the ground floor provide store spaces from which an added rental would be had. The project is being discussed at various labor meetings and has awakened a good deal of interest.

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