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The Happy New Year to you, but don't be glib about it. You cannot be truly happy while others are denied the chance to be happy. The present brings unhappiness to a majority of the people. Vote it out!

The profits last year of Morgan's firm were \$42,000,000. Somebody had to get the money out of one person's pocket into the pocket of another really making it.

Over a hundred years old, this country is now ready to supply London with a club of American millionaires. There has been a possibility because these millionaires were able to exhaust this country of its natural resources and labor.

"Never Charity Day," reads a headline in a city paper. It solves a SEVERE PROBLEM, we are told—the problem of raising charity for the poor. In one day of PROSPERITY. One day of the day was set aside for prayers for the poor. The McKinley's lives, but with more success, it is hoped.

The good people of good intentions who want to get a compulsory education bill through the coming Wisconsin Legislature with the sanction of the child labor laws whose employment of child labor makes the big stumbling block to such legislation, should read the quotation from the Boston Evening Globe on Socialism which we print this week on the second page. If our members for the children want to accomplish anything that will be of actual and not apparent benefit let them vote boldly against child labor and for the absolute emancipation of babyhood and childhood from the horrors of child slavery. The thought that child labor is not safeguarded from poverty and ignorance and degradation is simply not in their hearts, let them have the courage to face the evil without flinching.

Read about the fine Christmas presents distributed at the Pfister & Vogel luncheon in Milwaukee? It was the men who work in those great steel pens were given chunks of the "Prosperity" that Pfister's Milwaukee has so much to say about.

There are nine shavers for a 3¢ razor set in wages, and some of them are as grateful as that they struck. The men in the tanneries have no union and no help. It is understood that the new reduction will be made in the different departments, one after the other, so as to call down too much war on the heads of the proprietors all at one time.

How the wage cutters are handling the wages of the men who give the Pfister luncheon as well as the hides of socialism. There are a good many Socialists in the tanneries and for them we are very sorry. But what can we say of the other, who have been voting capitalist tickets and swallowing capitalist taffy about "Prosperity" these many years? How many of them voted for Pfister's last election? By the cut just made they can now earn \$9 a week by the hardest work, where they used to get \$13.50. On work they get 60 cents they are cut to 40, and on work they get 50 cents for the cut is down to 35.

"Don't shove me!" said a man in a crowd to the man back of him. But the man back of him was not to blame. Others were shoving him. The man today who tries to hold individuals responsible for the many oppressions of present society will never see the inequity of the social system. He is a good deal like the head of "reformers" who made the Socialist movement impotent. Even the employer and the user of child labor today are forced on by the capitalist system. Shutting such men down will not end the exploitation, for others will step forward into the places made vacant. Ever and always, our fight is on capitalism, rather than the individual capitalist.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Two hundred persons reported to be destitute and starving as a result of the crop failure in Finland. The conditions are said to be worse than those of 1897, when 100,000 persons died.

When you read of such awful things in a civilized country do you wonder there is a Social Democratic movement springing up all over the world to wrest the power of government from the capitalists. Even with a crop failure, the only way two hundred thousand worthy people can be starving in Finland is because there is a social and governmental system back of it. The present system cannot serve the people. Under Socialism a crop failure at one point would be met by abundance from another point.

The labor papers are mystified over the following newspaper quotation from President Gompers:

"I am sure that this corrupt commercialism lead to? I believe it will lead to many things; it is the mucky chrysalis out of which will yet come the beautiful coloring of a new civilization."

Without intending it, the leaders of this commercialism are hastening events to come which will be a more equitable distribution of the fruits of labor. They are posing the question squarely to the American people whether the monopolies shall give the people what they want, whether the people shall own the monopolies.

There is no answer, and that answer is to give all parts of the land—the people—their own way.

The trusts, by consolidating the industries and proving that they could be run as a common center, have paved the way to the public ownership, wherein every toiler will be a part owner of the shop. With all the monopolies in the hands of the few, the solution of other industrial problems will be easy.

The new working will dawn, radiant with the promise of freedom, and the children of the world will come into their inheritance."

What Socialism, which Gompers said in New Orleans he had graduated from long ago. Socialists want the public to own all productive industry, but the ownership to come about first in such industries that are concentrated. Therefore ready for socialization. Consequently we want the trusts taken into the nation? Is Brother Gompers joining the Socialists?

AUGURIES FOR THE NEW YEAR—E. V. Debs Writes of his Late Tour

The late congressional elections have truly been an eye opener to the American people. Many a sneer of derision has been turned into a patronizing smile, while the politicians of all shades of the "old school" realize that of a sudden there is a pestiferous fly in their ointment and are wondering how it got there and by what means to get rid of it.

John Pierpont Morgan is quoted by the Springfield Republican as saying in substance that he and his coadjutors are simply organizing industry as a necessary part of our industrial and commercial development—which must eventuate in collective ownership of the competition—destroying modern agencies of wealth production and distribution.

If John is correctly quoted he is not only clear-eyed in seeing the handwriting on the wall, but wise and sagacious in reading it aloud for the benefit of the class for whom he serves as prophet and guide. Comrade Morgan thus couples up with the revolution and fixes himself with and for the inevitable.

The Chicago Chronicle, Democratic organ, foe of monopoly, friend of the people, champion of freedom, etc., shows all its teeth and most of its interior anatomy in an editorial on the appalling "Despotism of Socialism" in which the startling discovery is proclaimed that in Socialism free thought as we now enjoy it, will be suppressed, for there is a conspiracy in the Socialist movement that when the people get in power they will not allow themselves to think at all, and then despotism will strip off its mask, roll up its sleeves and get in its deadly work on the people for a thousand years!

At Cheney, Wash., in the state normal school, on December 20, I gave my last lecture in the Northwest and am now speeding toward St. Paul on the Northern Pacific.

Since my engagement with the American Lyceum Union I have been in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. On the trip just closed I was obliged to cancel Eaton, Col., and Boise City, Idaho, on account of not being able to reach them in consequence of delayed trains—the entire service on the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line being demoralized and trains running from eight to twenty hours late, owing to dilapidated motive power and machinery resulting from the machinists' strike, which has been in progress almost a year and is bound to win in the end.

Since the beginning of the lecture season I have spoken in colleges, high schools and churches, though in most places the lecture is given at the opera house, under a variety of auspices, including Women's clubs, Y. M. C. A.'s, college courses, school societies, church associations, debating clubs, etc.

But twice have I spoken under Socialist auspices during this time and but three or four times to less than a full house. As the lecture is given in the season

course at almost every point and the ticket for the season is sold in advance, a full house, rain or shine, is the rule.

The people everywhere are not only ready for the gospel of Socialism, but receive it with every mark of enthusiasm, and the telling points in a speaker's argument are applauded just as heartily in a church or school room as they are in a Socialist propaganda meeting.

The trip in the Northwest was particularly gratifying in its evidences of substantial progress of the Socialist movement since my previous visit to that section. At almost every place I was received by the "leading" citizens and called on by the "representative" men of the community, most of whom, a few years ago, would have joined in a tar and feather bee without a second invitation and then solemnly resolved that it was "the duty of all patriotic citizens to unite in stamping the curse of Socialism and anarchy out of this great American republic."

At La Grande, Ore., the school trustees called and invited me to the high school to address the pupils while the school was in session. The newspapers were uniformly fair and generally kind and even flattering. Oh, what a change! In Oregon J. Stitt Wilson and Carl Thompson have done splendid work. Their agitation has prepared that field for a great harvest. I heard their names spoken often by men and women who had been reached, brain and heart, by the Social crusaders and are now at work spreading the light among their neighbors. Wilson and Thompson may congratulate themselves upon the results of their campaign in that state. Socialism is the all-absorbing theme; the average man has a good grip on the philosophy of it and the movement is therefore free from maulin sentiment and is bound to make steady and substantial progress in the right direction.

The one thing, however, that pleased me most of all was the great change in the railroad men of the Northwest. I was fairly "stumped" to find so many of them thorough Socialists. At La Grande and Pendleton, Ore., where the hotels were filled with engineers, conductors, firemen, brakemen, switchmen, telegraphers, car inspectors, shoptmen, trackmen, etc., who came to pay their respects, nearly all were old A. R. U. men and practically all were avowed Socialists. At La Grande it seemed like a reunion of the A. R. U. The old spirit was fanned into flame by the battery of Socialism and now burns with more intensity than ever before.

The Butte Miner of December 22 contains a brief statement of the work of the Butte miner's union during the past year. Among other things the report states that more than \$10,000 were contributed by this local to strikes in various parts of the country, that it has \$104,000 in its treasury and that its property and other assets aggregate almost \$500,000. This is the work of the Butte union of the Western Federation of Miners, the wealthiest, most resourceful, liberal and progressive local labor union in the world.

My hearty good wishes to the Social Democratic Herald for a bright and prosperous New Year. As the stalwart exponent of Social Democracy and international Socialism you are doing valiant service and merit loyal and generous support.

Eugene U. Debs.

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR—Shall it be Reaction or Revolution

OUT of the haze of the future the fingerboards of two pathways loom indistinctly against the shifting social horizon. One of the fingerboards points to Reaction; the other points to Revolution. Which of these roads the peoples are to travel it is impossible at this historic moment to discern. A cascade of years may not disclose it—a little twelvemonth may.

The cry of the unrequited toiler rises throughout the world as the new year comes in, and it finds as never before a sympathetic response in the hearts of the owners of opportunity. An honest spirit of paternalism now largely pervades the beneficiaries of the capitalist system. The rumblings of discontent have reached their ears, and, touched by them, they turn their faces toward amiable concessions.

Benevolence was never more needed in the world than now; but the undiscerning benevolence which ignores justice is as a rose eaten at the heart by blight.

In a society made up of classes whose material interests are diametrically opposed, it is obvious that benevolence can manifest itself only when one class considers itself economically secure. Benevolence is then the barren blossom of tyranny; and it is this false flower that blooms beside the pathway of Reaction. The reactionist recognizes it and fears its stupefying and deadly odor.

The productive forces of the world have reached a point at which substantial concessions can be made to the working class without jeopardizing capitalism; concessions that would satisfy the reactionist.

Reaction is not revolution; it is the enemy of revolution.

The reactionist stops short at the cessation of what he believes to be injustice with regard to himself. A philanthropic husk mitigates the sense of rebellion in him. He is a man of mere opposition. His shouts of liberty without reflection as to what liberty implies is but the rebellious instinct of the slave. He may win victories at times for himself and his contemporaries, but he leaves his children in slavery.

The revolutionist is a man of progress. He knows that a great aim can never be realized through vague sentiments of rebellion. He has a creed, a faith. He will pursue his forward march, whatever his individual position, so long as the evil endures. Without haste, without rest, he presses on to the higher good. He knows the cup of sacrifice, but he shrinks not back. He is building for the generations yet to come.

The reactionist grasps material interest at the heavy price of moral progress. He stifles the growth of revolution by blurring the essential lines of social conflict. It is a fatal error.

CLASS DOMINATION CAN NEVER BE OVERTHROWN EXCEPT BY KEEPING THE LINES OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE CLEARLY DEFINED.

Trusting in the power of truth the revolutionist may neglect what are called tactics; he may renounce many of the elements of success, he may commit a thousand petty errors, but by indefatigably and intelligently enunciating the principle of the class struggle he will in the end redeem them all.

Which then is to prevail? Shall the peoples accept the sop of a false benevolence, following the fingerboard of Reaction into another cycle of slavery? Or shall they starve if need be, turning their faces resolutely toward the way of Revolution, the way of plenty, of honor, of heroism and of final liberty?

Without haste; without rest. The eye of Faith peers into the gloom; she feels the dawn-wind caress her cheek; she hears afar off the voices of the watchers on the peaks, crying the morning.

The future is ours if we will have it so.



Franklin H. Wentworth.

THE QUESTION FOR 1903—Shall it be Socialism or Plutocracy?

Socialism has become a new force in the affairs of this nation. The fall election of 1902 has made this clear.

The principal lever for the progress of Socialistic propaganda is not the work of the agitators. This progress is due mainly to economic evolution. The trusts and other industrial combinations have done more to popularize the idea of Socialism during the last few years—and especially during the last year—than any agitation, however energetic, could have accomplished.

It is a queer fact.

The men who are forming the national and international trusts surely do not call themselves Socialists—as a matter of fact they hate and abhor Socialism. Yet they are doing more for Socialism than all the so-called Socialist leaders. John Rockefeller, Pierpont Morgan, Andrew Carnegie and other "captains of industry" will be considered by future history as great "pathfinders" of the new civilization. They are making Socialism possible and necessary by putting civilization to death in industry after industry and by transforming these industries in such a way as to eliminate all the elements of individualism from their management.

It is true that the trusts are very oppressive just at present. People get little or no benefit from the improved methods of these gigantic industrial combinations. A few capitalists own the whole and monopolize its benefits.

Yet just through them Socialism is making progress—stupendous progress, far more than is shown by the vote of the Social Democratic—i. e., Socialist party.

People of all classes begin to see that at the present time we are having a social production without a social distribution. We produce socially—en masse and by combining our forces—but when it comes to the distribution, we find that the entire production belongs to a small class which is at present the owner of all the means of production.

The masses—the wage-earners, the "salary earners" and even some business men—cannot help but see that we are even now having "Socialism" for a small class, for the trustocrats. It is therefore only natural that people should ask for the extension of the idea—ask for the genuine article—for democratic Socialism that shall include all and exclude nobody—not even the men, women and children who now belong to the capitalist class.

And this thought is getting on bravely. There is a rapidly growing Social Democratic party (Socialist party) in this country. Many trades union men are already converted and Socialism will soon possess the whole trade union movement.

And what is helping it still more:

Prices of all commodities—especially of coal, meat, flour, lumber and iron—are determined by the trusts. The standard of living of many hundred thousands, many millions of wage-workers, are determined by the same trusts and monopolies. The masses understand this perfectly and this also is making Socialists of them.

This nation, as every other civilized people, is now relieved from deciding whether it will have Socialism or not. We will have it no matter what we decide on the subject. Driven by economic conditions—the capitalists, the workingmen and even the middle class are unitedly and irrevocably working towards that goal. Socialism will come—there is no doubt about it. But how it is to come no one is prepared to say. Nor can we state the time any more than that could be done for the beginning of feudalism or capitalism. We are simply growing into Socialism as the world grew into feudalism and into capitalism.

At the beginning of the year of 1903 a man of honesty and of wisdom has only this question left to ask himself:

"How shall I relate myself to the conscious, honest, democratic Socialist movement of the people? Shall I help to leave this country in the hands of a few hundred or a few thousand men? Or shall I assist in establishing economic liberty by rescuing organized capital for collective ownership?"

That is the question for 1903.

A TRIUMPH IS IMPENDING—"Ring out the Old, Ring in the New!"

WE are on the threshold of another New Year. For you who hold the cause of humanity dear to your hearts, and wait in sweet expectant toil the coming of a better day—to you it will truly be a Happy New Year. With the new alignment now forming, a glorious and beautiful revolution is impending. Invincible forces are wheeling into line for Socialism. In Europe the labor unions and the Social Democratic party are and always have been identical. In America they soon will be. Al party are and always have been identical. In America they soon will be. Al party are and always have been identical. In America they soon will be.

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There are over 200 trusts in Germany. Say, Mr. Democrat of the Hearst persuasion, why don't you knock out the trusts by wiping out the tariff?

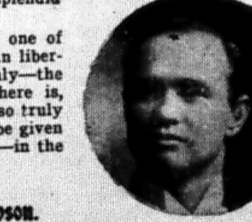
Mary Hartwell Catherwood, the author who died the other day, was at work on an historical novel in which Robert Owen figured as the central figure. Owen was best known in America as the projector of the ill-starred community at New Harmony, Ind., but his fame rested on much stronger ground. It is interesting to bear in mind that to him is given the distinction of having coined the word Socialism.

The people of the anthracite districts are having a regular plague of locusts. To the affliction of the coal barons is now added the acquisition of the electric roads in the coal district cities by the Goulds.

The possessors of the wealth in Milwaukee have decided not to hold a "charity" ball this year, but to appeal for donations for the poor direct. The "charity" ball business was fun for the rich champagne bibbers and exhibitors of pimply shoulders, face powder, and wide shirt fronts and the like, but grew to be like the modern exploit of Lawyer Marks in the Uncle Tom's Cabin barn-storming show, where he bought a 2-cent candle to look for a lost penny!

The destruction of the home is the death knell of civilization.

What are the tools of production, after all? They are the machinery, the factories, the capital and the workers. See the point? Some workers are so used to being the capitalists' tools during the working days of the year that the habit sticks to them on election day and they think they must still serve their masters' interests. Isn't that about the size of it, Mr. Man?



Carl D. Thompson.

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If you are receiving this paper without having subscribed for it, we ask you to remember that it has been paid for by a friend.

The first step in the revolution of the working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of democracy.—Karl Marx.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the Union Secretaries Fund, including names like Randolph Lusk, C. S. D. Iowa, and various dollar amounts.

AS TO THE TRUSTS AND THE LAWS.

It is said that doughty old liberator, John Brown, that albeit he is dead his body "goes marching on." Similarly, we have the modern instance of the late coal strike, which although "settled" in the sense of having been gotten out of the way of the recent campaign and elections by the capitalist politicians...

business man, the corporation the place of the firm, the trust now carries the natural development still further along.

SOME BAD UNION LEADERSHIP.

Labor unions on both sides of the Atlantic are considerably stirred up just now, and rightfully so, over the decision in what is known as the Taff Vale railroad case.

Naturally the capitalists regard labor unions as their foes, and this Taff Vale case represents the latest effort to cripple trade unionism and rob it of its most formidable weapon.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE HERE.

Aside from their particular religious significance, holidays have their economic value. Tired humanity, wearied by the business struggle for a mere living in this time of testing plenty, relaxes willingly to these days of relaxation.

CAPITALISTIC PHILANTHROPY AND REAL CAPITALISM.

The unrestrained power of capitalism very speedily reduced a large part of England to a deplorable condition. The Mrs. Jellybys of the philanthropic world were busy ministering to the wants of Borrioboola Gha by means of tracts and blankets...

EDITORIAL SHEARINGS.

A Northville gentleman informs the Record that the "homes of the miners" referred to in the Chicago City Convention...

There does not appear to be so much philanthropy, after all, about the action of the big eastern railroads in granting a voluntary raise of ten per cent. in wages to their employees...

Milwaukee Branch Meetings.

- List of branch meetings including: First Ward Branch Meeting, Second Ward Branch Meeting, Third Ward Branch Meeting, etc., with dates and locations.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

In strict justice everything should belong to all. Inequality alone has created private property.—St. Clement.

THE HERALD FORUM.

A Reply to Gordon.

Van Buren, Ark., Dec. 20.—Editor of the Herald: I noticed in last week's Herald a letter from F. G. K. Gordon saying that the Socialist party stands no more chance of winning a single state in the South than he does of going to heaven in the next ninety-nine years.

THE CHICAGO CITY CONVENTION.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—To the Herald: The proceedings of the Chicago convention were a dispiriting affair for the old time Socialists.

OUR BOOK LIST.

- List of 5-cent pamphlets including: The Socialist Republic, Kautsky; The Working Class, Kautsky; The Socialism of the Intellectuals, Lafargue; Why Physicians Should be Socialists, Father Hagerty; Socialism and Slavery, Hyndman.

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increase of 10 per cent. so long as the ownership of the tools of production remains in the hands of capital.

The wage system itself is the monstrous wrong that must be rooted out before the man who works for another can get justice.

A First Class in Socialism By Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

The class is in a state of actual obduracy, heavy reluctance, or entire indifference; but the subject is compulsory in the course of events.

able to pass the final examination. I will devote this morning to answering your questions. If I find any of you giving these astonishing answers...

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NOTES FROM YANKEE-LAND.

The Winnipeg Voice now prints a column devoted to Socialism. A Woman's Socialist Club is to be organized in Boston. The national committee will meet in St. Louis January 29. Comrade Victor L. Berger will speak at the Socialist Temple in Chicago at an early date. Mrs. Percy Widdington (Enid Stacey) of the London Clarion staff is lecturing in this country. National headquarters has granted local charters to Huntington and Burma, Arkansas. A state-organization is about to be effected. Comrade Carl Thompson begins his work in Wisconsin Sunday afternoon when he speaks at National hall, Milwaukee, at 2:30 p. m. Comrade Gavriel occupied the pulpit of the Park Place M. E. Church, Milwaukee, last Sunday to tell why Socialism was of necessity materialistic. A special meeting of the Milwaukee city-central committee will be held Monday evening. The advertising cards for the Thompson meetings will be ready and will be distributed at the meeting.

nois: In consideration of the action taken by Local Chicago of the Socialist Party of America at the city convention, December 21, held at Brand's hall, Erie and Clark streets, by not adopting a municipal platform (immediate demands) thus placing itself in opposition to the International Social-Democracy and the "Socialist Party of America," repudiating the action of the Indianapolis convention in regard to immediate demands; and further, in consideration of the fact that I, a constant member of the International Social-Democracy since 1908, cannot indorse the said action of the city convention, and a longer connection with Local Chicago is inconsistent with my convictions as a Socialist, I herewith tender my resignation as a member of said local, and as a member of the executive board of the state committee of the "Socialist Party of Illinois." My resignation as a member of the Tenth Ward Club and chairman of the campaign committee of said ward and a member of the city campaign committee I will tender to the Tenth Ward Club. Jacob Winnen, Chicago, October 22.

How to Make the Thompson Meetings a Success.

- 1. Be sure that the advertising matter has been properly distributed. Nothing can take the place of this. It must be done, and done right. 2. See that notices of the meetings, giving some of the splendid testimonials of the speaker, are in the local papers. 3. Get everybody to talking about the meetings, in any way that you can. 4. Meet the speaker at the train, and show him at once to the stopping place. See that he has a warm room to himself, where he can read and write, and give him time to himself, so that he can rest and prepare himself for the effort of the evening. 5. Appoint, beforehand, some ushers, -enough to properly seat the people. Get men who will really do this. It is important for these meetings. Have some small pieces of literature to distribute to the people as they come in, let the ushers do this as they seat the people. Have enough ushers so that when it comes to distributing and collecting the applications for membership, etc., they can handle the matter quickly, and not have it drag. Have these men watching the speaker at the proper time, so as to act at once when he calls for it, in giving out the cards. Assign to each man a certain part of the hall, so that there will be no confusion. The ushers are very important in these meetings. Don't fail on it. 6. Appoint some one who shall go to the hall about half an hour before the meeting, and see to it that it is properly opened, warmed, ventilated and lighted. Owners and janitors sometimes forget a Socialist meeting, and leave the crowd standing in the cold. That kills a meeting. 7. Comrade Thompson has a banner, 15 feet long and 3 feet wide, which you should have hung on the front of the building to be used for the meetings as early in the day as possible. He also has a very attractive sign, 38 inches by 16 inches, with an 8x10 photo, which is to be placed on an easel or something equivalent in a conspicuous place in the town. He also has a transparency or small banner to be carried on the streets during the afternoon, and this can be used with splendid effect in all parts of the town. 8. In addition to the above, if you think the meetings are not sufficiently advertised, get out some handbills, with big type and a small amount of reading matter, and put all the enthusiasm into these that you can. 9. The final prescription for a sure success is, talk about it, and get everybody else to do the same.

With the Workers.

Happy New Year everybody! A happy two months to our correspondents. What would we do without the workers? We wouldn't want to do without them if we could. In fact in this season of good resolutions we have determined to rely on them more than ever. So have no fear but that your letters will be welcome. Write on any subject, anything you think the comrades would be glad to know. We will gain inspiration by an exchange of experiences and ideas. Suggestions for the betterment of the propaganda, for the improvement of the Herald, etc., etc., will be welcome always. The more the merrier. Let this be a year of good hard work. We are living at a critical time in the world's history, don't forget that. Top o' the heap this week is a letter from Indiana containing an appreciation of Comrade Beness's cartoon in a recent issue. "You bet Mark Hanna waived his handkerchief for you when he heard that his fellow civil federalists, Gomers, the Communists, Socialism, hammer and tongs, at New Orleans," is Comrade Wilson's apt comment. Next we have a letter that makes us blush a little. It insists that the Herald is in every respect perfect. We wish we could think so. Fact is we do not wish to be satisfied with it. Our aim is to constantly improve it. However, Comrade Schultz has our thanks. Several Wisconsin comrades are asking for buttons. We are pleased to state that a button is being gotten out by the literary agent that will just fill the bill. Have patience. And, by the way, a correspondent from Michigan wants to know where he can get a red flag button of the Wisconsin variety. His letter will receive personal attention. Dear Herald-Can you suggest some Socialist works that I ought to get to start a little home library? I mean works for personal reading to give me a completer grasp of the philosophy of collectivism. I want to begin modestly and keep adding to it. I don't mean propaganda pamphlets- there are plenty of those. I like the Herald very much. Happy New Year to you. C. C. Wright, Chicago, December 27.

Here are a few suggestions for a starter: Marx' Capital (although hard reading yet worth the attempt), Bebel's Woman in the Past, Present and Future, Howells' Traveler from Altruria, Bellamy's Equality, Engels' Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844, Ruskin's Fors Clavigers, William Morris' News from Nowhere, and his Signs of Change, Engels' Origin of the Family, Sombart's Socialism, Ferri's Socialism and Modern Science, Rogers' Work and Wages, Schaeffer's Quintessence of Socialism, Grundriss of Co-operative Commonwealth, Engels' Socialism Utopian and Scientific, Ely's Socialism and Social Reform, the Communist Manifesto-well, we could almost fill a column with a list of good books, but this will do for a start. An especially good book in the above list is that of Prof. Ferri.

ACROSS THE HERRING POND.

The Labor party of Queensland, Australia, has been doing a little winning, too. It elected twenty-four members of the Legislature. It is within a step of being the dominating party. Prof. M. Van der Velde, the Socialist leader of Belgium, pronounces Emperor William's projected combined European movement against Socialism a dream "made in Germany." Socialism will but benefit from the blunders of the rulers. Herr Bebel estimates that the Social Democrats will have ninety members in the Reichstag after the next election, which will probably take place in April. Herr Bernstein estimates the increase at fifteen. The number in the Reichstag at present is fifty-eight. The Socialist members of the German Reichstag are holding conferences daily over the position in which the Social Democratic party is placed by the new rules in that body. There is fear that the laws governing the general elections will be changed so as to make agitation work harder during campaigns. Speaking of the probable alteration of the imperial election laws in Germany, as a means of heading off the wonderful growth of Socialism, Prof. Theodore Mommsen, the well known classical scholar, says: "The project savors of madness and contains the seeds of revolution. But the audacity of the men now controlling German politics is without limit. German Socialists no longer dream of force as an agency in achieving their ideals. When they are deprived of the ballot they are deprived of everything." And he would have added, probably, but for the sake of the lese majeste law, that to deprive the force of Socialism of the ballot would compel it to take up a more terrible weapon. St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.-The Czar has granted amnesty to the students who were banished for rioting on his name day. The Czar says they "should not for the present be allowed to live in towns where there are high schools, but be intrusted to the care of their families, as such surroundings will familiarize them with order." The decree pardons 121 students. Lord Mayor Chicholm of Glasgow, Scotland, lost his job as the result of the recent municipal election. A Socialist, 24 years of age and a journalist, Scott Gibson, defeated him, the election being by the members of the city council. Glasgow is the second city in Great Britain in size, having a population of 658,000. A Socialist was also elected mayor at Northampton. The Birmingham electors decided to own the street railway by a majority of 6381, in a total vote of 23,607.

To Wisconsin Comrades. A short time ago we took occasion to solicit your aid through circular letters urging your branches to appoint canvassing committees to secure subscriptions for the Herald. Our aim is to give you positively the best Socialist weekly for the least money. This state, which is rapidly becoming perfectly organized, needs a medium and this the Herald tries to be. Yet without your co-operation we, with best of intentions, are helpless. Why not work together more than ever? Would you like to see a larger, a better paper? Certainly. Then why not do your share right now? The sooner the comrades realize and discharge their duty, the nearer the day for an even better weekly. Would you like to see more organizations? More perfect organization? More complete organization? More active organization? A larger, clearer, stable vote? Are you interested in these matters? Then see that YOUR branch appoints its canvassing committee next meeting without fail.

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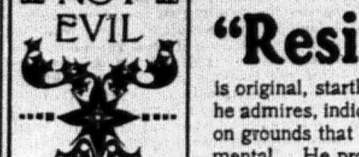
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