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## Arc You With Us or "Agin" Us?

On page 4 of this issue will be found a letter from a comrade whose eyes were not over good and who says it was ruined by reading the fine print of the daily newspapers, which is not at all unlikely. He urges us to use larger type. The fact that his letter is only one of many like requests makes us feel perhaps we ought to make something of a change. Yet we would rather let readers decide. When the paper is enlarged there will be room to state more matter and yet use larger type. Shall we do it?

We have so far some \$200 of pledges for the enlarged Herald, over half of which has been paid in. This is not nearly enough, yet the comrades are working hard to get it up toward the four-figure mark. Go to your branch with this matter, see that early action is taken. We are as impatient as you are for the enlargement, and the times cry out to us for the hardest possible work for our ideal. Never was there such a time for Socialist agitation as now—especially with literature. Spreading Socialist literature is not advertising Socialism, it is giving them Socialism at the same time! The people want to know what Socialism is; you must carry the knowledge to them. See that pledges are made and stock subscribed to.

It is not to be a business man's ambition to own stock in a newspaper. The business of having something to do with the spreading of knowledge was alluring. It is not to be doubly so with a Socialist. We want the comrades to own the

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The enlargement is only a few weeks off. We hope to have our arrangements completed so we can give details very soon. This is your paper; help us to fight the good fight.

Our fund to send the Herald to the secretaries of labor unions takes a jump this week. It is such a fine thing for the spread of Socialism at just the points where we all want it to spread, that the temptation to toss in a coin or two is irresistible. You toss in the coin, we do the rest! A thousand secretaries are already getting it.

We urge members of the unions or branches in Milwaukee to be sure that delegates are elected to the special E raid meeting that will be held at Kaiser's hall, 208 Fourth street, Saturday evening, February 14.

A Milwaukee paper prints a column about one of our "self-made" men, the proprietor of a large marble works in the Menomonee valley. You may have noticed that every successful business man is a "self-made" man, to the capitalist class. The reason of this is not far to seek. It is the business of the capitalist class to fool the workers with the idea that the way to time become masters of the situation. It tends to make the workers feel that the plucking process, like a man game. In the case of this particular "self-made" man the Milwaukee paper writes of—personally a very nice gentleman, we freely grant—was naturally overlooked: The fact that the marrying of a rich wife was the thing that really put him in the capitalist class and enabled him to buy out the marble works for which he had been working, had today he is a ten-hour-day capitalist, three-times-a-week, calling himself, if you please, for he has to be a slave driver or he couldn't maintain his position and be successful in the manufacturing field. Not long ago when his work struck for a better living he put his boys in their places. Some years ago one of the men had his leg hurt by the machinery and was given the job at poor pay on a promise not to sue for damages. A few weeks ago this same man had his hand nearly severed from his wrist by one of the planers which are hard to control. We suppose this man was a "self-unmade" man!

Now about the life of the marble worker, now? Is the average marble worker "self-made"? It would seem not from accounts. In the first place he gradually weakens his lungs by breathing the dust of the marble dust that is thrown into the air by the pneumatic tools, and the dust is in danger. These pneumatic tools have taken the place of the hand tools for a good deal of the work in the marble factory, just as the sand blast has taken the place of human labor in many other departments of the business. The pneumatic tool is run by electricity, and a vibratory tool end that moves about a fourth one-eighth of an inch so the eye cannot detect the motion. It exerts a great strain on the muscles of the hand to hold it, and its operation gives peculiar results on the operators' hands, gradually closing up the small joints and impairing the circulation. At times the hand becomes practically paralyzed, being especially troublesome in winter time. It prevents the worker from taking outside jobs in winter, and they are laid off—the marble worker is not even given steady work with his usual. The marble worker used to work three years of time to learn the trade. Now the work is specialized and Italian boys were put in the Menomonee valley and they were at once put at work on the machinery and the poor fellows will probably be tending the same machines that are grey-headed, and are comparatively unmade. This gives you a glimpse into the business that produces one or two "self-made" men at the top, and hundreds of unmade men at the bottom: the situation today in all industries.

Every person who works, who gives honestly of his strength toward doing the things that are necessary to minister to society's wants, is clearly entitled to as much food, clothing and shelter and amusement and instruction as he has need of, and as much as anyone else needs supplied it is clear that there is a robbery somewhere in the situation, or that the whole system under which he or she works is a robbery. And it is clear that it is not treason for him or her to investigate to see what's wrong, and to then band together with others to get things right. Who dares deny this? Who, indeed!

### A LAUGHABLE ASSAULT UPON SOCIALISM—MORE ABOUT THE "SOCIALISM-IS-HELL" CAMPAIGN.

Harold: In view of the frequent repeated announcements that we have in this country an organized opposition to the Socialist movement on the head of which will be found Quizey, the newly appointed bishop of the Chicago diocese with its thousands of property, the comrades of this one section are asking Father Thomas J. Sherman of Chicago, has been chosen from his associates to begin the great campaign. The activity of this gentleman, whatever source he takes his inspiration, is such as to excite our wonder and admiration. When we read that he has to say about Socialism in pulpits and elsewhere, our minds have looked forward to turns of phrase more than the veriest fanaticism

There are people who would otherwise have filled suicides' graves who now work for Socialism with the enthusiasm born of personal thankfulness. For them the world blossoms again. When you find persons talking about self-destruction urge them not to obliterate themselves but to spare their own lives and dedicate them to Socialism.

Scandalously Rich Capitalist to Poor-Man-Who-Still-Votes-Capitalistic-Ticket—"See you are a fine fellow and if it wasn't for the selfish way in which you cast your ballot, I'd have to come down to digging-sewers. I love you, I do, and say! if you ever get in trouble I'll see that the rich set up some soup, kitchens for you and your kind. Don't that show I love you?"

Comrade Howard Tuttle raised thunders of applause at the Milwaukee Federated Trades' Council coal mass meeting by pointing to the fact that Democratic-Reformer Rose was in office in the city and Republican Reformer La Follette in office in the state and yet the workmen had to hold mass meetings to cry out for the change by changing the laws but Socialism could help conditions and bring about an end to wage slavery and urged the workmen to think of their ballots as precious and not to throw them away on old party politicians.

Some people are impressed by the fact that the postal system of the United States does not pay its way, but they do not know why the loss exists. The fact is that the capitalists in charge of the railways, with the consent of the capitalists in Congress that we let make our laws for the change by charging the government an outrageous price for the running of mail cars. They get about forty millions for a service that is not worth over six millions. Is it any wonder there is a loss?

Ex-Senator Thomas W. Palmer of Detroit reached the age of 73 the other day, and among other things he said was this: "Looking ahead to when this generation will reach the age of 73 I can see the government ownership of coal mines, of all public valuable deposits on which largely depends, of the oil and gas fields, the operation of railways and all public utilities. What is Socialism of which people appear to have great fear? It is simply the betterment of the people. This stage of society will not come in a thousand years. There is going to be no overturning of society. No one is going to get something for nothing. Socialism does not argue that when Socialism does arrive in time, it will have come so gradually that it matters nothing to you or me."

This is a remarkable statement, coming from such a source. But it will not take seventy-three years for the people to get possession of the railroads and of the public utilities. And we may get the mines before that time, provided John Mitchell doesn't still own the earth. Seventy-three years is a long time. Considering that the trusts have developed in only a few years and that the changes are still going on we think we could make a better prophecy than Senator Palmer!

How the people groan at direct taxes, yet hardly realize that it is the indirect taxes that almost bear their bones! Every capitalist in the land has a hand in taxing them high enough for what they buy to afford the necessary take-off. Yet direct taxes that they complain of in the main toward things that are beneficial to them, while indirect taxes go cutting in sources from which they get only injury.

We print in the Herald Forum this week a letter from a comrade who is enthusiastic over direct legislation. We are always glad to present different views on such subjects, as the more they are discussed the better. Direct legislation is a good thing, but must not be overestimated. It is possible that it may be used to destroy the party idea in American politics and thus injure the movement toward Socialism. The time for the abolition of parties is not yet. To destroy parties today would be to accomplish just what was accomplished in the story of the Tower of Babel and the Communist Toughest, hold fast to the good that there is in direct legislation, but do not lose your head over it. If its tendency were to make each man a party by himself instead of being banded together with others into a party for a definite purpose, it would be a mischievous thing, wouldn't it? Lately there has sprung up a literature to the effect that it is possible to have an organization that is sending literature to all labor bodies throughout the country. It is the referendum under a different name. And one of the leading men in the movement is Major Jones of Toledo, who does not believe in parties, and who says himself he is an anarchist.

And another thing: Just now the Republican governor of Wisconsin has cracked the whip for the passage by the Legislature of a "primary election law." It will probably pass and is heralded as a reform measure. But it will tend to break up parties, in so far as the selection of candidates is concerned. It will injure the Socialist movement, and practically make new parties impossible—which is certainly in the interests of capitalism. Yet, theoretically the plan sounds nice to the unthinking, and it is called Reform.

Even the present caucus law of Wisconsin is a bad one for minor parties. Under it it is possible for hefters from the capitalist parties to pack a Socialist primary and nominate did party men there, and there is no escape.

All is not gold that glitters!

Then they would come around for our scissors and our boys' pennkives." "Their platform declares that all wealth is the product of labor. They come around and tell you that everything is produced by the laborer. They will tell you this magnificent church is the product of labor. Did they have anything to do with the production of the stone found in the quarries at Bedford? My friends, THE LABORER PRODUCES NOTHING. He makes a very small change in the shape of some things."

Two men working side by side in a shoe factory and one makes three pairs of shoes a day and the other three pairs a week. Both get the same number of labor checks. This is the system they propose.

He then declared that he had read "the

High diddle diddle. The Baer and the fiddle. The coal jumped over the moon! The barons laughed loud to see the sport—and they're going to keep laughing till June!

Where were YOUR congressmen, Mr. Non-Socialist Workingman, when that infamous "military reserve" bill was made a law by Congress the other day? Were they guarding your interests or the interests of the capitalists? Hear our warning in time: You are voting yourself into bondage!

The present system has more regard for property than human life. When certain manufacturers in Milwaukee threatened to move their plants away if the murderous grade crossings were abolished, that settled it.

There was a stormy meeting the other evening when the members of the Milwaukee Mutual Life Insurance Company met and discovered that the manipulators in control of that supposedly "mutual" institution had changed its form to an old-line stock company, with the incorporation papers from Madison already made out. It was foxy but legal! The company has been operating for fifteen years and has \$4,000,000 of life insurance written up, and the institution belonged to the members and was democratic. Now it belongs to two or three jobs who can vote themselves big salaries, raise the rates, etc., not to force addresses in a reserve fund of \$61,000. Some time ago when the president died, the general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life of Milwaukee, one of the largest companies in the world, succeeded to the place, and holds both powers. See it? The members are feeble addresses in a reserve fund that will force them to drop out as policy holders, and there you are! Life under capitalism is indeed a tragedy.

The distress among the poor in England gets worse instead of better. There is a serious fear, however, that the demand for relief and municipal measures for correction of the evil are becoming increasingly popular. The Independent Labor party (Socialist) and other Socialist and labor bodies are leading in the work of rousing public opinion. Ke'r Hardie and John Burns have made effective addresses in Parliament and Comrade Hardie has prepared a bill on Socialist lines to present to Parliament.

The postoffice department has issued an order that any employe borrowing money of salary loan or mortgage men will be dismissed. The men will be better off to keep away from this class of sharks, but since when was the department set as guardian over its employes? Wonder if the word has been passed "round to make the postal service as paternalistic as possible so as to discredit it! It was only a few years ago that a scheme was on foot to turn the postal system over to a private corporation.

"Work Plenty, No Men," says a newspaper headline.

While these words were staring us in the face a man dropped wearily into the office, a skilled worker out of a job and unable to get one. From other sources came reports of the same import. Work is growing scarce. There are many more men than jobs, and the wages are being kept down. There is increasing strife between men to see who shall hold the jobs, and who shall work.

It is one of the notable things about the capitalist system that capital can best protect its own interests by causing to exist what economists call a "reserve army of labor." That is, there must be more men than jobs, else, if men be bettered, higher wages, of necessity, will have to be paid. Under capitalism the reserve of labor always exists, always, and it is the business of the mouthpieces of capitalism, the daily press, to make it appear that there is always work for every person willing to work.

Hence such headings in black type: "Work Plenty, Men Scarce."

And when we look further at the article under this heading, the whole thing is given dead away, for we read: "There are not enough men to furnish railroad contractors, ice companies, or crews for the woods," a form of employment for which only the most rugged men are suited, and mostly calling for men who only themselves to support. The on-of-work man who has trained himself to proficiency in office work, for certain of the skilled trades, etc. and who maintains a higher standard of living than the unskilled worker and has not muscles developed for manual labor, is simply mocked in his misfortune by being told that there is plenty of work out somewhere in the wild part of the state under grading boss.

Every day new machinery is being installed to displace labor. The machine gets the work and the man gets the "can." Every day the economies of capitalist industry is intensifying the pace so as to do a given amount of work with less workers. Every day the introduction of children into the factories is continued, and increased, to the injury of the adult workers and their chance for bread and butter getting. Every day industry is being concentrated and superfluous factories are being closed down. And every day, to add to the intolerable torment of the hellish situation, the price of food and fuel mounts higher and higher.

It is had to be denied the chance to earn a living at any time, but to be out of work at the present time is enough to frighten the stoutest hearts.

But the capitalist papers continue to sing their song of "Work is Plenty."

## The Lights and the Shadows.

Quality in Milwaukee is going to give a horse show. The people who revel in the fleecings from labor have been uneasy ever since the 400 of New York and Chicago went into the "society horse show" business and now intend to put up an affair at the Exposition building that will make their parasitic compatriots in the East green with envy. It will not be the horses of course that are an exhibition; the real show will be the low necks and goose pimples, collapsible pig-hats and spike-tails; and the newspapers will spew all over themselves in their efforts to give the fleshly show all the space its "news value" deserves. Paugh!

And while these perfumed creatures are simpering and looking "important" under the lime-light, an awful sight lurks in the shadows—the people whose toll goes to pay for this vulgar tearing up of money, what of them? We must go to the back streets to find them. There they are hidden in their hovels, soggy tenements and rickety boarding houses, writing in the torments put upon them by the capitalist system, the problem of tomorrow's rent, the problem of clothing and food—and medicine! Or, perhaps, we may see some of them come out from the darkness of their burrows, blinking like moles under the garish lights of the main street, at the rich and adorning things of life in sight but out of reach in the show windows. And some of this sorry, wretched brood will be watching the glistening carriages with their liveried coachmen arrive and depart at the horse show entrance, all thought of tomorrow's grocery bill driven from their minds by the prodigal flaunting of unearned wealth hastening or departing from the great function.

It is the vulgar rich that leads in the horse show business—the class that likes to make a display of great wealth; and the rest of the rich class also joins in, for it enables it to celebrate its triumphs in the economic scramble over the rest of the strugglers.

Horse shows and charity balls and the like are but the exultations of a vulgar and imperious rich class, self-assertive of its social superiority over the common trash that is only fit to dig, and sweat—and starve!

In olden days the predatory rich conquered weaker peoples and despoiled them of all the loot that could be carried home, and when they got home great triumphs were held in their honor at the capitals, and the victors drove through the streets in chariots, with their loot and spoils as the best part of the show.

TODAY THE LOOTING IS DONE AT CLOSER RANGE.

The robbery goes on right at home and the victory is celebrated at horse shows. Every diamond that coldly scintillates is loot, and the satins and laces and robes and gems are all loot—loot on vulgar parade.

Some time ago President Hadley of Yale college, a man who ought to have known better, gave it as his opinion that trusts could be killed off by publicity. He thought that every man who held trust stock could be shamed out of it by being held up to public view. He did not appear to have read the lesson to be learned in connection with the New York 400, for instance, whose leaders have actually enjoyed the publicity given to their follies and their immoralities by the yellow journals. Their shameless buying of titles, their scandals at Newport, gambling at Saratoga and their drunken and licentious orgies at their "swell" hotels at home, all this has steadily increased and thrived under the light of publicity. The wantons of society have gloried in that publicity. They have grown fat on it.

Nor is this dissoluteness confined to the 400 of New York. Like causes produce like effects, in one place as well as another. A country club drunk is just as respectable in one city as another and being indulged in by the tax-dodging class, the burden of sustaining the police courts is, of course, left to "common drunks"—that is, drunks indulged in by the class that toils.

So the vulgar rich of Milwaukee will hold a horse show to celebrate their supremacy, and the workers will continue to bend to their tasks!

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 ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE CAPITALIST CLASS DOMINATE OUR ENTIRE SOCIAL SYSTEM; THE LIVES OF THE WORKING CLASS ARE RECKLESSLY SACRIFICED FOR PROFIT. \* \* \* 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.—From the Socialist national platform.

The Milwaukee schools are being used on certain evenings this winter for a course of popular lectures, mainly on scientific subjects, delivered by professors of the State University and others. It is a big step in the right direction and the next step will be to throw open the school halls to the people for meetings of any sort of a public nature. The lectures have been many of them very valuable and we are pleased that the attendance has been good. The schools ought to be used to help educate the parents as well as the junior members of the community and the idea is capable of still further extension. An amusing result of some of the lectures was seen last week, when one of the professors of the university lectured on wages with such a capitalist-serving bias that his statements were challenged by some of the progressive workmen present. The incident was valuable. University professors are under pay of the collectivity, and it is just as well to know that they are not serving the interests of the class that has to produce their salaries!

A Milwaukee contractor took two school contracts in which there was a union labor clause and then proceeded to ignore it. He was the lowest bidder, never having intended to pay union wages, and so playing a con-game on the city and a scheme to loot the city treasury. Moreover, he used brick from the old buildings when new brick were specified. Organized labor protested to the mayor and got an opinion by City Attorney Runge that the union clause was probably unconstitutional for its pains! Of course the city attorney, an ex-populist by the way, will not proceed against the contractor for bidding un-lawful work on the city, only good at punishing petty police court crimes, where the people are too poor to buy law in their own defense!

Hully gee! Hear the teeth chatter! B-b-b-r-r-r-r-r-o-o-o-u-u! But the point is, didn't you vote for just this sort of thing?

The Milwaukee Sentinel (Pfeister's paper) comes out editorially against a city coal yard. Why, of course! And for this reason: That the officials elected by its own party are not honest enough to properly administer it! It is to laugh!

Milwaukee comrades and unionists are urged to use the utmost activity in getting signatures to the Trade Council's coal petitions. It is hoped to have a monster petition when all the sheets come in and are pasted end to end!

That, of course, simply goes to swell the number of the "unaccepted," and on Wednesday night, before a large and deeply interested audience, I replied to him. The result will, on the whole, be beneficial to the movement at Fort Wayne. Our comrades of the Catholic faith are more certain of their ground than ever before. The movement there is progressing. The local paper, the Socialist Voice, edited by an indefatigable and enthusiastic worker, Comrade Harry Ackley, is doing excellent service for the cause. That paper, by the way, Father Sherman had criticized him in the cathedral pulpit, and at one point in his tirade shook it over his head with the exclamation: "It is the doctrine of damnation." And this man told his audience that he addressed them as a "student of history and political economy in Yale University." A. S. Edwards.

plated taken by the Socialists of Europe and the same principles advocated there are promulgated in the United States." "Take THEIR MARRIAGE SYSTEM," he said; "it is the marriage theory of Sparta. Pick out the big, brawny men and pick out the big, healthy women—down with the marriage system, breed them like animals!"

Then the fanatic broke loose: "Women of America," he cried, "get out your pokers and heat them red hot."

He closed by giving his disgusted hearers the usual "con" about "sound money" and "liberty," saying: "The American system is the only system where EACH MAN HAS HIS INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, which are guaranteed to him by the government."

We at once issued a challenge to Father Sherman to meet a Socialist in public debate.

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Head Hunting in Colorado. Whereas, the social crusaders have, for about a year and a half, been teaching a so-called Socialism—a mixture of reform, altruism, religion called "new thought," opportunism, single tax and reactionary measures of the anti-capitalist party, and have not taught Marxian Socialism, and whose tender consciences rebel at the word revolutionary, as applied to Socialism; and whereas, the aim of the social crusaders is to create a large, unwieldy movement, composed largely of small capitalists and intellectuals who are unable from their standpoint to understand the class struggle or the far different tactics that must distinguish the Socialist party from the old parties, and from this cause make it a movement which can be grafted to death; therefore, be it

Resolved, that we heartily concur in the resolution condemning the social crusaders passed by the state executive and advisory committees.

The above is a specimen of Socialist narrowness that Socialists at large may well blush for. It was presented at a meeting of the local comrades of Denver, but was lost by a vote of 8 ayes and 23 nays. Afterward with but two dissenting votes the meeting decided not to concur in the action of the state committee.

Now, the fact is that the gentlemen whom the Colorado head-hunters are after are practically three in number, Comrades J. Stitt Wilson, William H. Wise and Carl D. Thompson. Comrade Wilson has been in the Socialist movement for years, was formerly a member of the S. L. P. prior to the organization of the national Social Democracy, and earlier still was identified with the Ethical movement. Comrade Wise was a member of the Chicago Socialist party prior to the Debs campaign. Comrade Thompson was a member of the national Social Democratic party when its headquarters were in Chicago and Debs was on the national board, he organized the first branch in Elgin, Ill., and practically lost his pastorate in the Congregational Church at that place because of his identification with the movement. He has been a dues-paying member of the branch ever since. And the fact is that all three are and have been for years party members in good standing. Yet these men who have cast aside all ties to battle for their ideal, that of Socialism, now find their steps dogged by a heresy-hunting pack that is a disgrace to reason and common sense. They are not Marxian, we are told. This we deny. Yet Karl Marx took pains to say he was not a Marxian, in the fear that sectarism might creep into the movement for labor emancipation and hold him up as a god, rather than a fallible being.

In order that the reader may be better understand the situation in Colorado, it may be well to state that the social crusaders went up and down that state about a year ago making converts to Socialism, and so successful was their work that a large part of the activity in that state, as we have reason to believe from the reports we have seen from time to time, is to be put to their credit. Recently, however, a state board on which a number of narrow, intolerant self-styled "Marxians" (how Dr. Marx would fly these bantams were he alive today!) decided that no one could speak in that state for Socialism without a speaker's card, and thus refused cards to the crusaders. It was only when the above resolution was sprung in the Denver party meeting, we understand, that the crusaders got an inkling of the sins they were charged with. The whole thing is insane, and the charges have not a sound leg to stand on.

In the first place, we learn that the social crusade now has no actual existence. It was formed by the comrades named, and one or two others to sustain the members when they singly entered unpromising and wholly unorganized fields until a local movement could develop to take up organization. They left the "easy" fields and plunged into the Western states, where privation and at times even starvation stared them in the face. And their self-sacrificing, heroic work has caused the prairies, rocks and the alkali tracts of the great Western states to send forth a crop

of Socialists that has gladdened the movement in the East and given it fresh courage. They avoided stilted phrases, perhaps—so does this paper. They believed, and so do we, that to win the masses is to speak in plain, current words, to talk to the masses in the language in which they think. The claim that they were not or are not revolutionists is a strange one. Readers of the Herald have read articles by both Comrades Wilson and Thompson in these columns. Moreover, both are the authors of Socialist propaganda pamphlets which disprove this claim, and, besides, Comrade Wilson's pamphlet even bears the title: "The Impending Social Revolution." In it he says: "We are revolutionists." Nor is their Socialism a mixture, from all the evidence we have seen of it, and we have personally heard both Wilson and Thompson on the platform—Wilson at Chicago in the Debs campaign when he opened the big Herron-Harriman meeting at Central Music hall, and at which time Wise was on the inside of the counsel of the so-called Kangaroo local movement, which was fresh from the rigorous and orthodox De Leon school—yet we are told that these men do not understand Socialism! Strange that they had to get as far as Colorado to be discovered in their true light!

It is said of the tribes of equatorial Africa that they almost depopulated themselves by killing their members off on charges of witchcraft. The gods spare the Social Democratic movement of America from such a fate. The S. L. P. is now scarcely a remnant from this reason. Its fate presents us with an object lesson. We shall not be able to conquer the political powers if the type of fellows making up the Colorado state committee get the upper hand. If these particular individuals should succeed in driving the crusaders out of the movement they would deserve the frowns of all the broad-minded Socialists of the land. Fortunately, men who have braved so many hardships as have the crusaders are not likely to prove "quitters" under fire from a few pea-shooters in the otherwise glorious state of Colorado.

GREENBAUM'S QUEER REPORT.

We print elsewhere excerpts from the annual report of Nat. Secy. Greenbaum, who has used the opportunity it presents to justify some of the blunders of his office and to also reutter certain complaints—against Wisconsin, for instance—for not foregoing its rights under state autonomy in obedience to his ambitions in the matter of centralized control. The charge that this paper suppressed knowledge of alleged arrearsages to the national office, from the branches in Wisconsin, is a gratuitous affront and we do not hesitate to brand it as such. It is true that Wisconsin refused lists of the state branches, and it had a right to do so under the constitution and the instruction of the Indianapolis convention. It did so because of the all too evident desire of the national office to interfere in the work of organization in Wisconsin and to in other ways obstruct the workings of state autonomy in the hope of making it appear a failure. It is also true that strike subscription blanks were not distributed to Wisconsin branches when sent on from St. Louis, but this was done advisedly, as the state was in the midst of an important campaign, when the comrades had the single work of agitation on hand and it would not have been good generalship to have distracted their attention from the battle. A big vote in Wisconsin for Socialism would be actually of more help to the miners' cause than special strike subscriptions—especially as our comrades were already contributing to the strike fund through their unions.

The claim that the national membership has declined should fool no one. The national dues are too high. In order that that fact might not keep new members away almost every state has been forced to accept non-national members. Yet enough have paid national dues to sustain a national office when it does not cripple itself with lavish expenditures.

Mr. Greenbaum bewails the fact that the Pennsylvania comrades sent out an independent appeal for strike funds during the miners' strike to the prejudice and confusion of the strike fund being assembled at national headquarters and regards this as another solar plexus blow at state autonomy. On the contrary the only thing it shows is that the national headquarters did not have a proper understanding with the Pennsylvania comrades, who had the big strike practically as a local situation. They had the right to appeal to national headquarters if they could not handle the propaganda in relation to the strike situation alone and unaided, and if national headquarters got up its strike fund without a perfect understanding with Pennsylvania, it had no cause of complaint if the latter also did soliciting. But the oddest thing of all in the report is its revelations as to its attitude toward the American Labor Union.

The American Labor Union was not a new organization. It simply dropped the name of Western Labor Union and took the new one enlarging its territorial jurisdiction. Yet Greenbaum says he was shocked to learn that it would remain "independent of the ESTABLISHED trade union movement," meaning the A. F. of L. Here was fine meddling! By what right did he pronounce the A. F. of L. "the established trade union movement," and regard the A. L. U. as an interloper simply because it changed its name. It was none of his business if the wage-workers of the West decided to be in one national organization instead of another. It was no business of the national Socialist party to take sides. Yet he goes on to say that when one of the Officers of the A. L. U. wrote for organizer's credentials to the party headquarters the request was refused because of the fear that it would appear that the Socialist party had been drawn into the conflict between the two big labor unions! Ye gods! Ye gods! And at that very time Greenbaum himself had in his pocket A COMMISSION as organizer of the A. F. of L! He appears to have been loyal to it with a vengeance in his attitude toward the A. L. U. official's request.

The record of the St. Louis headquarters for the past year has been one of incompetency, with variations and grace-notes galore. But the most of the ill-repute into which it got itself was due to its all-too-evident desire to "put state autonomy out of business." In spite of that fact state autonomy has vindicated itself splendidly everywhere, and the American Socialist movement today is much stronger because of it.

All conditions of people come into the Socialist movement as a matter of course and this is all the more reason why caution must be observed in choosing our standard bearers. Let us have genuine men at the front; men who think more of socialism than of themselves. When a presidential election approaches all the big graft-bunters in the old parties—the men who shine as the great statesmen of

THE MILITARY DESPOTISM IS COMING!

Orders have been given to the United States army at Springfield, Mass., to push 100,000 Krag rifles to the different arsenals of the country. These rifles are for the arming of the first troops that will be mustered into the NATIONAL RESERVE provided for by the militia bill.

The above is from a Washington dispatch, which also says this country is to be put on a war basis. You will observe that the "national reserve" army provision, which Comrade Franklin H. Wentworth warned Herald readers of a few weeks ago, has gone through. It permits 100,000 men to be kept by the government, quartered in the various states, with the state government having nothing to say, and the control of their movements vested in the President. It is a step, and a big one, toward the military despotism which capitalism will resort to when the people become too unobedient for the safety of "law and order."

They Stand Pat. The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners has issued this declaration: "Believing it to be incumbent upon the members of the said board and its officers of the Western Federation of Miners to adhere strictly to the policy of the organization as promulgated by the tenth annual convention, and realizing the necessity of unanimity of action by all the locals and their officers, we take advantage of this opportunity to pledge our united support of the policy of the federation."

Why the Ballot Must be Used. According to statistics the labor of every adult in the United States produces in value \$10 per day. The same statistician makes the statement that labor receives but one-fifth of the value which it produces. Such being the case, how is it possible for the working classes to conquer on the industrial field through the strike or boycott when the wealth necessary to carry on the strike to ultimate victory remains in the hands of the capitalists?

Continued from Page 4. Organizer Gaylor was granted one month's vacation on account of ill health so the secretary's and treasurer's reports will be printed next week, space not permitting their publication in this issue of the Herald. E. H. Thomas, State Secy.

State Organization Fund. Jos. Koehnig, Two Rivers, 25.00. Branches 1 and 2 of Kiel, on monthly pledges, 4.50. \$29.50.

State Campaign Fund. Seventeenth Ward, Milwaukee, 50.00. Fred Mohr, Milwaukee, 1.50. A. F. Mohr, Milwaukee, 25. A. T. Milwaukee, 2.00. \$87.50.

Activity in Michigan. Our Kalamazoo comrades put up a strong city ticket last week at a convention held at Trades and Labor hall at that city. The nominations were: Mayor—James W. Hall. City Treasurer—Richard W. Ostrander. Officers of the Peace—George W. Reed, Alderman, First Ward; Fred Genrich; Second Ward, Arthur Van Werdun; Third Ward, George A. Harrison; Fourth Ward, John Meier; Fifth Ward, Ezra C. Smith.

Milwaukee Branch Meetings. FIRST WARD BRANCH MEETS EVERY SECOND and fourth Tuesdays at 8 P. M., at 504 Market street, Richard L. Schmitt, 828 North Water street, Secretary.

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THE HERALD FORUM.

A Chance for a Controversy. Kiel, Wis., Dec. 1.—Social Democratic Herald: I have been a Social Democrat, voting that ticket ever since the party organized, leaving the Populists after their fusion with the Democrats. I have read many articles by the Democrats, written anything for publication; but in looking over the field of work I thought perhaps I, too, might offer a few suggestions that will aid in the adoption of such measures as will tend to a more equal distribution of the fruits of toil. A majority recognize that this strife between capital and labor is the greatest issue ever before the people, and would gladly do anything that they know would bring about a fairer distribution of wealth.

I believe the average Socialist would state his position thus: Steadfast electricity and inventions have made production on a small scale impracticable and monopoly by a few possible and competition is being and will eventually be destroyed. If an industry is monopolized by a few, they control the product arbitrarily and the rest of us pay tribute in low wages and high prices simply because the monopoly is in a position to exact these things which others cannot produce and sell.

It is, sir, the people's constitution, the people's government, made for the people, and answerable to the people. Yet, it is that we are represented in Congress, but I don't see where the representation comes in. Now, for instance, there is called "Senators." It is those people who represent us, and are elected by the Legislature. They rather represent millions. Senator Platt, president of one of the greatest express companies; or Senator Hanna, at the head of vast iron and steel interests; or Senator Nelson, the owner of large blocks of lumber company's stock; or Senator Sewell, the president of one of the Pennsylvania railroads.

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In the course of an address in Baltimore a certain well-known minister said: "We have a wide welcome for worthy people who come to this country, but we have no room for Anarchists, Socialists and Communists." And the audience applauded.

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Cleanings From Busy Socialistic Fields!

Good Grain Being Harvested by Our Hands in the Field. How the Advance to the Co-operative Commonwealth Progresses. You are invited to get in Line.

NOTES FROM YANKEE-LAND. Father McGrady speaks in Southern Indiana in March. Comrade Thurston Brown is closing his tour in Ohio.

Chicago Socialists held a stag banquet last week with 100 present. Chilton, Wis., took in sixteen new members at its last meeting.

Twenty-seven new local branches have been organized in Massachusetts in the past four months. Hard work is being done for the fair in New York in the interests of a daily newspaper fund.

The Cleveland Citizen is 13 years old. We extend congratulations to Comrade Hayes, its able editor. All over the country the Socialists are holding coal meetings. They are waking people up in fine fashion.

The official vote for Socialism in Michigan is reported to be 4271, which is a gain of over 50 per cent. In Alabama the official count is 2312. Comrade Hagerty held a record-breaking meeting last week at Butte, Montana. The Labor World gives him great praise.

The persistence with which some of our Socialist exchanges misspell Father Hagerty's name suggests the idea that new proofreaders are in order. The Vanguard of Green Bay, Wis., publishes a regular department devoted to Wisconsin Socialism from the pen of the state organizer, Comrade Winfield R. Gaylord.

State Secretary Thomas of Wisconsin reports that all branches in the state report an increasing membership for this quarter. The branch at Plymouth has moved into new and better quarters. Comrade Parkman B. Flanders has been installed as mayor of Haverhill, Mass. His conduct in getting his rights legally was a George Ford Williams. The new mayor appointed Comrade Albert L. Gillen as his clerk, in obedience to a choice made by the Haverhill city Socialist body.

A vigorous campaign of education and organization is being waged in nearly every state East and West having a state organization. How long will the Socialists of Colorado submit to a policy of inaction and obstruction? Dr. Leonism will have the same effect in the Socialist as in the Socialist Labor party—Comrade Maynard, in Colorado Chronicle.

State Organizer Gaylord of Wisconsin has broken down under the strain and has been forced to rest for a few weeks, leaving South for that purpose. The difference between a human dynamo and one made of metal is that the human one will at times break down. He expects to be back in time to take part in the local campaigns that will take place at several points in the state.

Socialists were out in force at the coal meeting in Milwaukee Saturday night given up by the Federated Trades Council. Petition papers demanding of the Legislature that it pass the provision in the new city charter granting cities the right to establish municipal coal and wood yards and other utilities, were given out in large numbers and will be circulated in the factories, stores and labor neighborhoods. Stinging speeches were made by Comrade Seymour Stedman of Chicago, Comrade Thompson of Denver and Howard Tuttle of Milwaukee. Business Agent Weber of the council gave a report on the visible coal supply in the city. Sunday afternoon Comrade A. M. Simons of Chicago made an interesting address to the south side comrades at the public meeting at the National hall. He had a crowd of houses and sharp attention. Comrades Gaylord and Thompson also had a few words to say.

Wisconsin State Work—A Big Event in Sheboygan. At Darlington we organized a club with a good membership, composed of strong, able men. Rev. W. B. Bennett, pastor of the Congregational Church at this place, has been preaching Socialism in his pulpit and about a year ago took a large class through Vail's "Principles

of Scientific Socialism." As a result we will have a splendid movement in that part of the state. At Racine the comrades put their hands in their pockets and hired the large Opera House for the lecture. We had a good meeting and received thirteen applications for membership. The local Socialist club list. The local garment workers, who are just now locked out, attended in a body.

The all-important event in the last week's work was the series of meetings at Sheboygan. Leaving Racine at midnight Saturday we took the early morning train for Sheboygan. The meetings were all remarkably successful. In all there were sixty-two new members, twenty subscriptions taken to the Social Democratic Herald and a new local branch organized at Sheboygan Falls that will start with over twenty-five members. The ushers for the meetings were young ladies in uniform who made very pretty appearance and did splendid service. A reception was given to Mrs. Thompson and myself on Thursday afternoon by the Women's Socialist Club, which was an unusually delightful affair. Two different debating teams from the high school came to the hotel to interview me on Socialism besides a professor, a Sunday school superintendent and a minister. The comrades were everywhere alert and active and the meetings & believe made a deep and lasting impression. A full report in both German and English may be found in the last week's Sheboygan Volksblatt, whose editor left no stone unturned to make the meetings successful. Carl D. Thompson.

Wisconsin State Executive Board. The State Executive Board met February 1, with all resident members present except H. C. Berger and J. Hunter. The following bills were allowed: Posting bills for Thompson's meetings \$15.00 Printing posters 8.50 Printing buttons 1.75 Printing dodgers 1.75 Printing cards 1.75 Telephoning 90 Bill to Herald 5.04 Expenses A. S. Edwards during fall campaign 19.75 Applications for charters granted to the Fourth Ward of Milwaukee, and Second and Fourth Wards of Two Rivers.

The secretary was instructed to issue charters to Beloit, Portage and Wisconsin Branch 2 of Racine as soon as all necessary formalities are completed. Continued on Page 2.

OMAHA THE PLACE—WILLIAM MAILLY THE NEW NATIONAL SECRETARY.

Annual Meeting of the National Committee of the Socialist Party. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 29, 1903.—First Session.—Thursday.

The second annual meeting of the national committee was called to order at 10 a. m. Richardson of California elected temporary chairman. A committee on credentials was elected, consisting of Gobel (New Jersey), Berger (Wisconsin) and Work (Iowa). Committee on rules and order of business: Hillquit (New York), Turner (Missouri) and Carey (Massachusetts).

Committee then adjourned temporarily. Committee reconvened at 11 a. m. Report of committee showed the following delegates as having credentials: William Mahoney, Indiana; B. Berlyn, Illinois; S. F. Claffin, New Hampshire; W. R. Healey, Florida; S. Lovett, South Dakota; N. A. Richardson, California; George H. Gobel, New Jersey; W. G. Critchlow, Ohio; George E. Bomers, Washington; George H. Turner, Missouri; John M. Work, Iowa; George A. Sweetland, Connecticut; Victor L. Berber, Wisconsin; and C. Christenson, Nebraska. The following delegates were reported without credentials: Walter Thomas, Kansas; J. Morris Hillquit, New York; James F. Carey, Massachusetts; R. C. Massey, North Dakota; G. H. Lockwood, Minnesota, proxy for C. C. Talbot. Moved that report of credentials committee be received and all comrades named including those with or without credentials be seated with voice and vote. Carried. The committee on rules and order of business also reported an order of business.

Motion by Work (Iowa) that local quorum be removed. Ruled out of order. The committee adjourned to 2 p. m.

SECOND SESSION. The committee reconvened at 2 p. m. Resolution offered by Comrade T. M. Resolutions of the local quorum be now requested and resignation of the national secretary be also requested to go into effect after auditing committee reports. Moved to refer to committee on organization when elected. Carried.

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1. A resolution by local organization of St. Louis, Mo., on Union Labor parties. Referred to committee on resolutions.

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dorsed by city central committee of St. Louis, referring to the organization of a labor press association. Referred to committee on propaganda. Hillquit and Gobel requested that their protests be recorded against any action on resolutions of St. Louis local organization.

Motion made that national secretary read his annual report. Carried. The national secretary thereupon read said report. Motion that same be received—arrived.

After specifying the various matters engaging the attention and officers of the national office during the year and the attendant difficulties the report says: "When I inform your committee that in every month for the past year I have been in arrears, as can be shown by official records, some of which are ordinarily the best, does paying states, while in addition it must be borne in mind that states besides those above mentioned were deducting the cost of the January meeting (which amounted to more than any one month's receipts during said period), can form some idea of our financial difficulties, which reached an acute stage during July and August. While the national organization was straining every effort to pay these bills, the members are rallying thousands of comrades to the strikers' relief in the name of Socialism and the wage working class, a number of them not infrequently neglecting to pay their share on this unprofitable time to divert national dues for state purposes. Incontrovertible evidence will be placed before your committee, showing that during the above named period, \$135,000 in national dues was diverted by the Illinois State Committee and \$200,000 was diverted by the New York State Committee, neither of said sums having been put up to the time of this report.

The report then launches into a "justification" for the matters presented in the semi-annual report. We give here a few paragraphs of the report in tedious long and comment will be found on them in the editorial columns:

"2. Wisconsin has a provision in its State Constitution providing for quarterly payment of the national dues on condition that the resignations of the local quorum be now requested and resignation of the national secretary be also requested to go into effect after auditing committee reports. Moved to refer to committee on organization when elected. Carried.

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HALF-HOURS IN THE HERALD SANCTUM.

With the Workers. From all the evidences and the tone of the letters coming in to us there is a manifest branching out on all sides for a still harder fight on the enemy. The fighters seem to have copied the farmer boy who spits on his hands, hitches up his one suspender and then sits into his task with a regular steam engine vim that carries all before it. And, by the way, the best work you grow up makes one get his hands on the Socialist. He can find his hands on there. There is a spirit of free discussion in the country districts, a love of argument that is not to be sneered at. And when one of those arguists is a Socialist he has a double quick time bowling down his opponents. Another place where Socialism is becoming a topic of conversation is at the Soldier Homes about the country. Here is an interesting letter from a Home in Indiana:

Dear Herald: Enclosed find a clipping about the Rev. Sherman's speech against Socialism cut from a late Chicago Record-Herald. Possibly you have seen it. If so, you are going to enlarge the Herald. Good! Nothing prospers in this country like Socialism. When you change, cut out the word "Democratic." Socialist Herald would look all right. Don't you think so? Massachusetts. C. G. Marcy.

Hardly. This paper stands for the clear quill. No Socialism but the democratic form. And the word democratic is not one to balk at. It belongs to the Socialists and to no one else, else it is held captive by

an enemy. Will you be afraid of it when our growing strength forces capitalism to bring its two political wings together under the name of the Republican party?

Dear Herald: Comrade Carl D. Thompson has come and gone, leaving an impression on the hearts of his audience that will not easily be effaced. He is one of nature's orators, highly gifted in speech and a soul that inspires all who come in contact with him, be they of his opinion or not. It was with regret that we parted from him, but such a brief communion, but nevertheless gratifying for the benefit received through his lecture and conversation. Ah! that one could be surrounded by such characters during the hard, grinding struggle for material life; what different existence would unfold to us. His stories are exhilarating and the same time instructive. His description of the present system is sublimely pathetic, bringing tears to the eyes of the most conservative. May we comrades some day be able to repay all the noble souls of that type for their work. The several meetings were successful in all respects and the only regrettable part was that we did not have three instead of one meeting at Chilton, and I will beg right here that if possible we would invite Comrade Thompson to speak here two nights in March. Al. Roecker.

Chilton, Wis. "Thompson carried the people on their feet," says one correspondent. Such expressions and letters like that above come to this office daily. There will be genuine regret when his engagements call him West, and he'll be in a few weeks.

Dear Herald: On January 14 a large number of citizens gathered to an address on Socialism by the Rev. Carl D. Thompson of Colorado. Those who expected to hear a wild and woolly trade on the wrong of democracy, ending with an appeal for something unreasonable, were disappointed, for instead we were treated to a masterly representation of present conditions, a clear outline of something better and a reasonable and honest way of attaining the same. We are the biggest political party in the world today and growing. We will win because we are right. Selfishness must go because a large majority will be better served by the operation of true Socialistic principles. The Rev. Thompson evidently does not intend that all of his class shall stand for a system based on selfishness when there is something better in sight, and to be cured, only needing self-sacrifice by those having the power, the position and the influence to aid in bringing it about. Kiel, Jan. 26. Edgar J. Lindner.

Comrade Phelps of Edgeville sends us a clipping showing that our comrades in that city are up to snuff on the coal situation. Comrade Ames of Baker City, Oregon, says: "I consider the Herald as getting to be a great deal better than ever." Many thanks. We acknowledge also a kindly word from Bro. Gilbert of the New Time of Spokane, Wash. "I consider the Herald one of the best papers published in the Socialist movement, and in some respects the best." Praise from Sir Rupert is praise indeed! Comrade O'Gorman of Youngstown, N. Y., calls our attention to an editorial criticism of the Herald in the Cath-

olic Union and Times of Buffalo, and as our thanks for doing so. We have secured a copy of the paper and will pay our respects to the editor next week. Gentlemen: The first number of your paper has been received, and I am very much pleased with it, excepting the type you are using in printing it, too small for my old eyes. I have abused my eyes with too much reading of newspapers with small print. I see in your paper that you want to enlarge your Herald. But I think you give us feeling enough when, on the business day, and for my part I would rather have the paper printed with larger type and pay extra for that. But I don't expect this could be done to please one old man. Whitewater, O. We don't know about that! See what we say on the first page.

Dear Herald: Our meeting at the Racine Opera House was a success and those who were there would have stayed all night if Comrade Thompson would have kept it so long. We had a nice trick played on us by the Cradwell Thesaurer Drug Company, who sell the seats for the opera house. I placed the seat chart on the counter as usual, but one of our comrades went to pick out his reserved seats the clerk told him "That thing is called off!" Our comrade knew better, and after a while the chart was found in a back room with not one seat taken. How many stayed away on this account we do not know. Yet that drug store may be glad to get the patronage of Socialists some day! We organized a new branch yesterday and it is made up of the right stuff. J. W. Born.

Racine, January 26. Will the Ft. Logan, Montana, comrade who sent in subscriptions last week kindly supply us with name and address, otherwise he will be wondering why his paper does not come.

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Editor Herald: Kindly let me know the correct address of Mr. Isador Ladoff? I lately arrived here from Russia and have letters to transmit to him. I have, however, lost his address. I am told here that Mr. Ladoff has connections with your paper. Miss P. Margolies.

Comrade Ladoff's address is: 883 Stanley street, Schenectady, N. Y. The banner was carried off last week, from the business end, by Comrade Jacob Camber of Milwaukee, who plumped in thirty-eight subscribers at one plump! And the week before he landed twenty!

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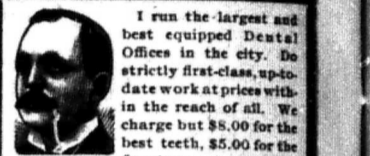
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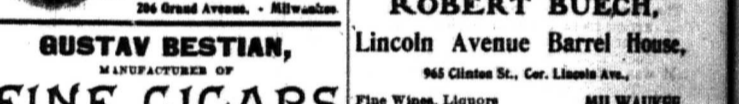
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