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THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE!

BY VICTOR L. BERGER.

THE FEW WEEKS given us for agitation before election should be well used by every Milwaukee Social Democrat.

Every Social Democrat must be a fighter, especially here in Milwaukee, where we form the advance guard of the movement this year.

Every Social Democrat must become an agitator and try to convince his neighbor, his fellow workman that he can protect his interests best by joining the Social Democratic party.

Every Social Democrat must become a teacher. Slow systematic work is the most effective. Show the workmen why they and their families live in poverty and squalor.

But let every Social Democrat also tell of the better times that are coming of the times when fleeing, poverty, hoodlery, graft, crime and misery will have an end.

Tell them why Mr. David S. Rose, the Democrat, is being boomed by the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association (mostly Republicans), the very men who only a few weeks ago presided at a tremendous indignation meeting called to condemn the grafting Rose administration.

Tell them why the workman is enslaved and oppressed until old age. Tell them why the workman is ruled by small crooks, hoodlery and grafters for the benefit of big crooks, hoodlery and grafters.

Tell them why the workman's wife and daughters soon lose their property, while the women of the rich frequently preserve their good looks until old age.

Tell these and any other truths that you know. And let him who has no opportunity to impart this orally provide himself with leaflets or copies of the Social Democratic Herald or the Milwaukee Vorwaerter and distribute them in his factory, the street car, and among his neighbors.

Victor L. Berger.

PROGRESS OF THE FIGHT IN WISCONSIN.

The Chicago Record-Herald, of recent date, contained the following under a headline date-line:

Two years ago the Socialist party cast 9,000 votes in the city. Consequently the estimate that the party has gained in the past two years from 2,000 to 4,000 votes; others claim the increase is nearer 6,000 to 8,000. It is under present circumstances that it will not be surprising if the Socialist party should elect a Mayor of Milwaukee in April, with a city ticket as well.

The only thing that stands in the way is the effort of the leaders of the Socialist party to prevent a consummation usually devoutly sought by political bosses. They assert frankly that victory in the spring would be a little short of calamity to the movement. Their view is that the party would be placed in a position before the bar of public opinion before it is ready. All they care for is to focus attention and thereby attract many to the principles of Socialism.

But in spite of all they can do, it is by no means certain that the Socialist leaders will be able to stop the drift in their direction, and the party may be carried forward to control of municipal affairs whether it will or not.

Some of those who circulated petitions for Mayor Rose ran up against the growth of Socialism, and it scared them. Where they expected to get several hundred signatures they could secure less than a hundred. They reported that if they had carried a Socialist petition they could have secured a thousand signatures with less trouble.

The growth is not among the laboring class alone, but extends to clerks and small salaried workers. As a local politician said: "Every man who carries a dinner pail, whether he earns one dollar or two dollars a day, is a leaner towards Socialism."

And he was in a position to know. That the Socialists will find us lined up to battle for our principles. They will have to fight us on our own ground and meet our propositions. It will be the greatest campaign ever waged in this country, and those of our party throughout the country who subscribe to the Special Wisconsin Fund will have no cause to regret it, or to be ashamed of our party in the fight.

We print the above simply to show how the situation looks to the enemy. While it is true that our party is trying harder to make converts to our principles than simply to get votes, we shall not shrink from the result of the election, whether it gives us a voice for the first time in the city council, or goes farther and entrusts the city government to our hands. But our comrades all over the world may be sure of one thing: That our agitation during the coming campaign will be as sure a propaganda for Socialism as anything more, nothing less. This same purpose exists all over the state of Wisconsin. The fight that is to be made upon us by the National Republican committee will find us lined up to battle for our principles. They will have to fight us on our own ground and meet our propositions. It will be the greatest campaign ever waged in this country, and those of our party throughout the country who subscribe to the Special Wisconsin Fund will have no cause to regret it, or to be ashamed of our party in the fight.

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Two letters not intended for the Herald, and which were sent to certain Western manufacturers, have come out in us, and the following extracts will be found to be interesting:

We beg to inform you that the National Economic League will render its services in an educational movement to oppose Socialism and its kindred doctrines. We do not believe that you can possibly be aware of the danger that lurks in the spread of Socialistic doctrines, nor to how far an extent those doctrines have spread. The recent elections in the states of the Union show that the Socialist vote has increased from 90,000 in 1898 to 1,000,000 in the present year, not including the vote of 380,000 given to the Socialist Johnson in Ohio, which is a Socialist vote (1), and this in a time of general prosperity.

The above letter gives you an idea of how the capitalists work for favorable action in congress. They get congressmen not to report obnoxious bills, to simply smother them in committee. And what a fine system it is, what a rock-foundation system the capitalist system must be that it gets "sensitive almost to the bursting point." So far as the finished thousands in this country go, it might as well burst, and let the bread-masters of the present, the gamblers in the food and the lives of the people, do a little of the famishing.

Father Doyle of New York, a Paulist priest, says that Socialism is responsible for divorce, godless schools and intemperance. The poor man is simply chattering through his hat. Why don't he charge us with causing toothache and corns and ingrowing toenails!

Under Socialism no immature person will have to toil. The years when the human body is forming will not be deformed by toil, but all the community will ask is that the years of minority shall be devoted to the acquiring of an education, and without regard to the sexes. It is a public crime when a child is forced into factory slavery before he has attained his full growth.

Postmaster Gen. Payne has been censured by a convention of independent telephone men because he has issued an order making the Bell telephone the only official telephone to be used in the post office department. According to the public morals, or lack of morals, of a man like Payne, there is nothing wrong in the order. Payne is a heavy stockholder in the Bell company, and was formerly its president in Wisconsin. He was simply looking out for number one, which is the rule under the capitalist system.

The Vindicator, of Rhinelander, Wis., says of a Socialist meeting there that the hearers were convinced, along the usual Socialist stereotyped line of argument. But our arguments are not so stereotyped as the inside pages of the Vindicator, and other capitalist papers of its class!

THE BREAD-MASTERS ARE HATCHING OUT A NEW PLOT!

There is something grimly ominous in the fact that the Parry-site organization through its official journal, American Industries, republishes the charge to the jury made by the American Jeffries, Judge Gary, in the anarchist trials in Chicago in 1887. It shows what is in the minds of these commercial brigands, and increases our suspicion that bloodshed in this country may yet be precipitated by this reckless and profit-hungry crew.

In fact, as if to leave no question as to the plans that are being considered by them, the daily press tells us that a Chicago grand jury may possibly prosecute certain trade union leaders "under the same law that was used to convict the anarchists."

In order to get the full meaning of the above, we must look into certain facts in connection with that famous, or infamous "trial." The public, thanks to a lying capitalist press, never fully understood that trial. They did not realize the part the police played in it, the part the judge played in it. Now an anarchist is a very foolish person, and an anarchist believing in the "propaganda of the deed" is only a few notches short of lunacy, yet these facts should not be allowed to prejudice anyone as to the question of the fairness or unfairness of the trial of the Chicago anarchists, especially as it is parry-sited in the hope that it will give them a larger call on the legal machinery of our capitalist government for the purpose of keeping the toiling class "in its place"—that is, at grinding out profits for the bread-masters.

Judge Gary in a venomous magazine article at the time the anarchists were asking for a new trial, said: "This case is without a precedent; there is no example in the law books of a case of this sort." But the anarchist trial forms a precedent now, and the capitalists are beginning to consider it. They also mean to make further use of Judge Gary himself.

If anybody was to be hung for the anarchist troubles in Chicago it should have been certain members of the police force instead of August Spies and the others. For a year or more prior to the bomb throwing the police and the newspapers had been in practical collusion for the purpose of producing an anarchist scare. The papers were thus able to print more startling news and sell more copies, while the newspaper praise the police got for their wholesale and continuous breaking up of "anarchist meetings" won glory for them and gave them a better pull for promotions and higher and better paying jobs. The number of laborers' heads they cracked and the number of bullets they fired into them would have put to blush the recent gang of so-called street car barn bandits. Any labor organization that held meetings in a foreign language was liable to be suddenly pounced on and clubbed and rushed off to the city prison. Take one authenticated case from the Chicago court records, that of the Harmonia society of Joiners against Policemen Brennan and others. From the opinion of the judge presiding it appears that the union held a meeting at a Turner hall for the purpose of discussing a wage scale. There were about 300 cabinet makers present besides several employers of labor,

There's no public conscience where business interests rule. It is simply a "ground hog case;" either Socialism or the downfall of civilization. The present society has become a misfit. It cannot be reformed and is growing worse. Under it the great majority of the people are groaning and crying out for mercy. Like the tiger cub that was so playful and cute when young, it has attained to its logical growth and is now as natural as it ever was, only its youthful good nature has changed to its full grown fierceness and ill-temper. It's no use to reform it with patches and sermons on being good. A tiger cannot help being a tiger!

The following from a Catholic Citizen editorial breathes a fairness of view that ignoramuses of the Father Sherman type might well take to heart: "We are obliged to protect ourselves against habits of thought on the question of Socialism that are imported from the seat of conflict in Germany. The German court and German officialdom recognize in Socialism the great enemy to their privileges; and they have passed the word down to the state clergy that the peasantry must be warned from the pulpit. The alliance which now exists between the Catholic party and the party of the Kaiser, by which such measures as the recall of the Jesuits to Germany are to be favored by the government if the Catholic party will, in return, favor the military and anti-Socialist policies of the Emperor, constitutes a situation which explains, in a large degree, the German Catholic preoccupation on the subject of Socialism. But the reason why this situation does not extend to this country. Here the question must be discussed on its merits disencumbered of prejudices and facts."

The "common trash" of Russia and Japan are now being made food for canon, in order that their rulers' quarrels may be settled. Oh, if the rulers only had to do their own fighting!

The absurdity of the claim made by a local politician that two Social-Democrats signed the Rose call will be apparent to any person who is at all informed as to what Social-Democracy is. The politicians don't understand-us yet.

"Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel," said one of the wise men of the past. Judging from the late war pronouncement issued by the Russian government, the scoundrel also finds religion a convenient mask to put on in time of need. It starts off "By the Grace of God, we" etc., and ends up with these particularly blasphemous words: "We with unshaken faith in the Almighty... ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces." Their god is to bless their uniformed man killers! Bloodthirsty Russia, under whose iron heel of monarchical oppression so many brave lives have been extinguished, under whose benign hand thousands of human beings have miserably perished in Siberia, dares to ask a divine blessing upon its luckless subjects who have gone to shoot down in cold blood the luckless common people of another nation, because a ruler's quarrel over territory has brought on another spasm of murder in gross, called war! Scoundrels are mighty fond of claiming a divine warrant for the wrongs they commit.

SOCIALISM MADE PLAIN.

The Social-Democratic Herald will shortly commence the publication of a series of chapters on Socialism under the above caption, written by Allan L. Benson, the Editor of the Detroit Daily Times. Mr. Benson has been a close student of Socialism for a number of years and was so full of the fire of the cause that he slipped an out and out Socialist editorial into his paper something over a year ago and then held his breath for the expected crash. But the world didn't come to an end, and the proprietors of the paper, who had been pale with fear when they found what had been printed, breathed a deep sigh of relief when one of the richest merchants of the city dropped in to say that in his opinion the editorial expressed the only solution there could possibly be for the Labor Problem. Other merchants also did not draw out their advertising on account of the Socialist editorial, and so the readers were all clamoring for more. It was decided to print at least three Socialist editorials, which will be first printed in this paper, will be afterward made into a book for propaganda purposes. It bids fair to be to the American movement what Merrie England has been to the English movement. Don't miss a single installment. Send in your subscription at once. Get that doubting friend of yours to make a trial reading of these eye-opening chapters. More details later.

accepted men on the jury who said they were prejudiced, but actually forced them to serve. A special bailiff was empowered to summon men for the jury and in doing so he boasted that "I am managing this case. Those fellows are going to be hanged as certain as death. I am calling such men as the defendants will have to challenge and waste their challenges. Then they will have to take such men as the prosecution wants." One jurymen, a manufacturer, said "It would take pretty strong evidence to remove the impression I now have." Another said his mind "was certainly biased" and it would take a great deal of evidence to change it. Another said "I don't believe I could render a fair and impartial verdict." Another, a dry goods merchant, said "if the testimony was equally balanced I should hold my present opinion. I should feel I was a little handicapped in my judgment." Another, a wholesaler, said "It would be difficult to change my conviction, or perhaps impossible." Another said he had formed an unqualified opinion as to the guilt of the defendants. Another said that unless there was strong evidence of their innocence he would want to convict them. Another said "I don't believe I could give them a fair trial upon the proof." In the case of these and others like them the "prosecuting judge overruled the challenges of the defense. The judge forced the eight men to be tried together, made all his rulings against the prisoners, made insinuating remarks against them in the hearing of the jury, prompted the prosecuting attorneys, and in other ways showed a determination to force a verdict against the men. In his magazine article he says that it was not held that the prisoners "had actually any personal participation in the particular act," but the conviction proceeded upon the ground that they had generally by speech and print advised people to commit murder without specifying any time or place. To which Governor Algeid, an ex-judge, replied, in his reasons for pardoning three of the anarchists from prison, that "in all the centuries during which government had been maintained among men, and crime had been punished, no judge in a civilized country had ever laid down such a rule before." And he hints that it was laid down in the case of the anarchists "simply because the prosecution, not having discovered the real criminal, would otherwise not have been able to convict anybody."

Yet after such a "trial" four innocent men were judicially murdered by hanging! No Southern lynching was ever more fiendish.

In the foregoing we have given only a few of the facts about this outrageous case, but they are enough to show the character of the trial and the way in which a verdict of guilty was forced through in order to appease the class feeling that had been stirred up by the press against the men arrested. As Algeid pointed out, it was not proven from whose hands the bomb came and so it was impossible to show any connection between him personally and the defendants.

So you can now imagine what it means when it is given out that the same law that hung the anarchists may be used on the labor leaders who fall into the net of that Chicago grand jury!

WHY PEABODYISM EXISTS!

BY EUGENE V. DEBS.

The name of Colorado ought to be changed to Colorussia. Not a vestige of democratic government is left there. The rule of military despotism is absolute. And this is as it should be. The Colorussia working class of Colorado ordered it so and their will is and shall and must always and everywhere be law. In the state elections last fall all the workmen of Colorado, organized and unorganized, with the exception of less than three thousand voters who voted the Socialist ticket—and many of these were not workingmen—voted for precisely what they are now getting. They have not the excuse of having been misled or betrayed by false leaders. The officers and leaders of the A. L. U. and W. F. of M. are class-conscious stalwarts in the labor movement. They are men of intelligence, courage and honor and this applies also to the press of the western movement. These leaders were deserted by nearly the whole rank and file, who rushed pell-mell into the shambles and are now being mercilessly slaughtered for their treason.

The election returns of last fall show that an overwhelming majority of the members of the A. L. U. and the W. F. of M. voted for capitalist despotism in preference to Social-Democracy—and this in defiance of the fact that their national organizations, through their delegates in convention assembled, had repudiated the Republican, Democratic and Populist sections of the capitalist party, and had declared unequivocally in favor of the Socialist party. Following this the state was canvassed over and over again by Socialist agitators and speakers, but when election day came, the union men, so-called, deserted the standards of their organizations, repudiated the action of their representatives, betrayed their union principles and insulted their brave and conscientious leaders by supporting almost solidly the candidates of the mill and mine owning plutocracy. This is the noted fact and Peabodyism is simply the fruit of that fact. Colorado workmen are reaping exactly what they have sown. It is good for them, galling as the crop may be, for it will make union men of them on election day and it would seem that nothing else on earth would teach them their class interests and make them quit scabbing on their class at the polls.

They knew that Peabody was the candidate of the mill and mine owners—that he would govern the workers and that the mine owners would govern the governor. Most of the workers of Colorado voted for him. All of them have got him. (Is it the concern of one union man how another votes?)

Most of the rest went to the Populist graveyard and dug up its corpse and hugged it convulsively to their bosom.

Those who voted for Peabody to govern them did so to please their economic masters. The rest voted for a "good man" to save them.

Anything except confidence in, and support of the one and only party that stood for and whose candidates were fighting for their class!

In 1894 they crucified Governor Davis H. Waite, because he stood by them instead of their masters. In 1904 they are crucified by retributive justice.

I think whatever gods are entitled to the credit for Governor Peabody. He suits me in everything, except that he does not go far enough.

He ought to make a bull-pen of the whole state.

An overwhelming majority of the workmen voted for it and he ought not—and in fact can not, without violating his official oath—disregard their wishes.

As an eye-opener for the working class we are forced to yield the palm to Peabody. He is making more Socialists than all the agitators combined.

It almost seems as if Peabody is a Socialist spy in the camp of the enemy. In any event he is doing the business—teaching workers just what it means to elect capitalist candidates to govern them—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The fight in Colorado is the result of the betrayal of the working class by the workers themselves on election day. They are in for it and no power on earth can relieve them of the consequences of their acts.

To pour out sympathy to them is time wasted.

To fight for them and while fighting to tell them the truth, especially about themselves, is the duty of those who are with them in the struggle.

The innocent suffer with the guilty, but the final outcome will be good for all.

The guilty will learn better and the innocent will be vindicated and strengthened.

May the strikers win and above all may they learn to remember election day and keep it class-conscious.

President Gompers and President Mitchell declare that a union man has a right to vote as he pleases. Has he? Let us see. Before the Right unions were organized men claimed the right to work when they pleased. Most of them still claim it and keep it out of unions. Parry says they have that right and that is his pivotal objection to unionism. Gompers and Mitchell say that a union man cannot work when he pleases—that he can not work if by doing so he lowers the wages or otherwise injures his fellow-men—that he must merge his individual interest as a worker in the larger interest of his class—that through the prosperity of his class his own is advanced. In other words, the union decides whether a man shall work or not. This vital principle of the individual, which involves his very life, he is compelled to surrender in the interest of his class.

Are men united in the trades unions that they may be divided at the polls? Is it the United Mine Workers the day before election and the Divided Mine Workers on election day? Is not the labor question a political question?

Parry says a man has the right to work as he pleases. Gompers and Mitchell say a man has the right to vote as he pleases. Their position is essentially the same and leads to the same results.

The workingman has the ballot. Election day comes. He has now to decide if all the workers shall be ruled and robbed by a capitalist government, or whether they shall rule themselves as free men and enjoy the fruit of their labor.

That is the question—the workingman is called upon to decide every election day.

Has he a right to vote as he pleases? And if he pleases to betray his class and vote for their masters, is he a union man, or is he a scab? Has any fellow-unionist the right to vote me into wage-slavery and still claim to be a union man? Is it not in fact the rankest kind of scabbing?

Gompers and Mitchell say it is none of the union's business how a member votes. I say that the union based upon this principle, or rather lack of principle, in this year 1904, is not a union at all in any intelligent sense—it is disunion and promotes division where it is the most fatal—at the ballot box.

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What We Social-Democrats Are After.

(Adopted by the Socialist Party in National Convention at Indianapolis, Ind., July 31, 1901.)

The Socialist party, in national convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of conquering the powers of government and using them for the purpose of transforming the present system of private ownership of the means of production and distribution into collective ownership by the entire people.

Formerly the tools of production were simple and owned by the individual worker. Today the machine, which is but an improved and more developed tool of production, is owned by the capitalists and not by the workers.

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 working class, and it divides society into two hostile classes—the capitalists and wage-workers.

The economic interests of the capitalist class dominate our entire social system; the lives of the working class are recklessly sacrificed for profit, wars are fomented between nations, indiscriminate slaughter is encouraged and the destruction of whole races is sanctioned in order that the capitalists may extend their commercial dominion abroad and enhance their supremacy at home.

But the same economic causes which developed capitalism are leading to Socialism, which will abolish both the capitalist class and the class of wage-workers. And the active force in bringing about this new and higher order of transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat.

The workers can most effectively act as a class in their struggle against the collective powers of capitalism by constituting themselves into a political party, distinct from and opposed to all parties formed by the propertied classes.

While we declare that the development of economic conditions tends to the overthrow of the capitalist system, we recognize that the time and manner of transition to Socialism also depends upon the stage of development reached by the proletariat.

As such means we advocate: 1. The collective ownership of all means of transportation and communication and all other public utilities as well as of all industries controlled by monopolies, trusts and combines.

2. The progressive reduction of the hours of labor and the increase of wages in order to decrease the share of the capitalist and increase the share of the worker in the product of labor.

3. State or national insurance of working people in case of accidents, loss of employment, sickness and want in old age; the funds for this purpose to be furnished by the government and to be administered under the control of the working class.

4. The inauguration of a system of public industries, public credit to be used for that purpose in order that the workers be secured the full product of their labor.

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7. The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall of representatives by their constituents.

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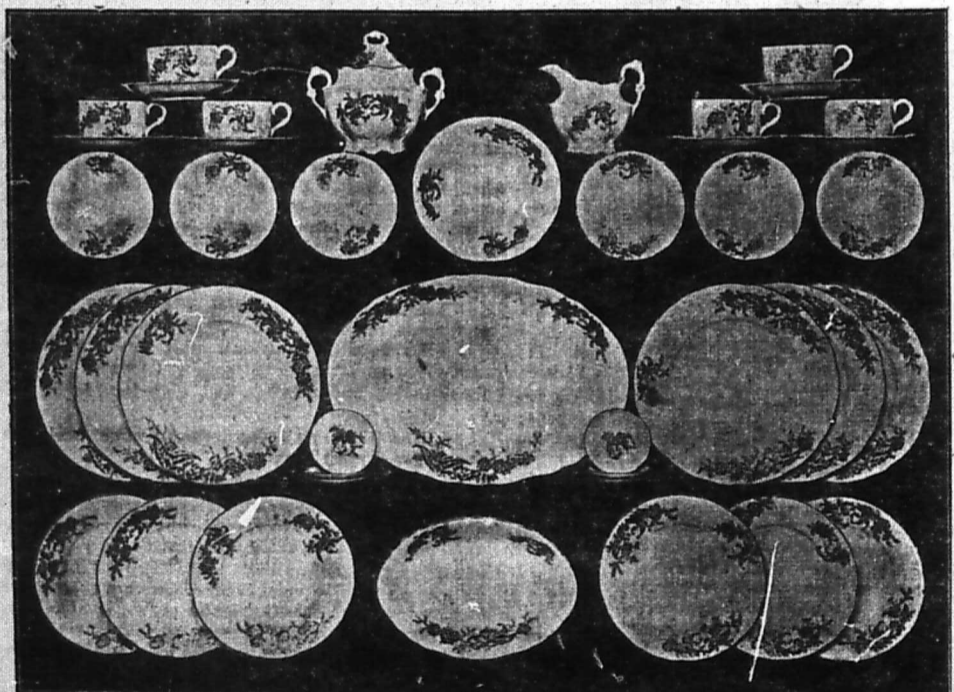
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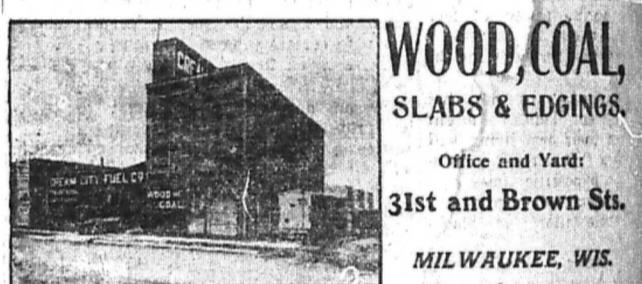
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Question of the Home.

now that it would be a sacrifice to touch it? Is marriage not now, at bottom, an establishment for the support of the price which the husband pays for the appendage to himself? And because the supply generally exceeds the demand—that is, the effective demand—has woman not often to accept the offer of the first man who seems able to perform this pecuniary obligation?

This is rather a commercial view to take of this "holy" relation; but is not marriage, as a matter of fact, regarded by altogether too many as a commercial institution? Do not the total of young women form a matrimonial market regulated by demand and supply? Nothing is more natural than that it should be so now. It is most human that in our present social order parents as well as young women should look upon marriage, without prospects of subsistence, with horror.

The co-operative commonwealth will dissipate that horror. It will enable every healthy adult man and woman to marry without present or prospective misgivings in regard to their support or the proper education of children. Socialists are charged, ignorantly or insidiously, with attempting to destroy the family. Why, we want to enable every man and woman to form a happy family.

Nothing contributes so much to the chastity of a nation as the marriage of its young men as soon as possible after reaching the adult state. Experience does not teach us that judgment in love affairs increases with growth in years.

When wealth ceases to be a means of living by the labor of other people, and especially when an honorable and easy living is within her reach, we may suppose that a woman will rarely consent to marry for anything but love, will no longer consent to be bought to be a piece of furniture of any western Turk.

This economical equality of woman will greatly affect for the better her position as wife.

Our marriage laws are the code of the stronger, made by lords for dependents. True, in many states of our Union some modifications in regard to property have been effected in favor of the wife. But even in that regard the enormity everywhere prevails that the wife as survivor of her husband has only a life interest in the third part of their common estate, though she may have—and if she has been a farmer's wife certainly has—contributed fully as much to its acquisition as he.

The husband, if he be the survivor, on the other hand, takes all her property. So that other injustice is everywhere law—that the wife, if the husband obtains a divorce from her, is driven homeless and penniless into the cold world; while, if the husband be the sinner, she never will get more than a third of the common estate.

But the essence of the wrong is that in law the wife is nothing but the husband's property. Witness our scandalous actions for seduction, in which the husband sues for "damages" for enticing away that which is his.

The new order will make husband and wife equals, and it will do it simply by giving the wife power of earning her living by fitting employment if it becomes necessary. But I emphatically hold that it is the husband's province to provide for the necessities of his family (much more so in the coming commonwealth, where it will be so much more easy to do it), and that the wife has done her full share of the common labor when she manages her household properly.

Need we fear any lack of mutual concessions under Socialism between two equal persons of opposite sexes who love each other? Is it not exactly the function of love to make of two such persons one: the true social unit? And if, unfortunately, love does not make them one, isn't it absolute presumption for any outside power to declare that they shall be one, and that one—the husband?

"Does Socialism favor divorce? And are Socialists free-lovers, as they are charged with being?" I answer, Socialism as an economic system must only be charged with the consequences which may logically be drawn from its economic principles. Because Socialism will facilitate divorces, it follows not at all that it favors them.

"From Revolution to Revolution" is one of the many notable contributions of George D. Herron that appeared in recent issues of "THE COMRADE." In it the author points out the dangers against which the Socialist movement of this country has to guard. Published also in pamphlet form, with portrait of author. Price 5c. 10 copies 40c.

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Again, Socialists are not free-lovers, in the popular conception of that term.

The doctrine that husband and wife should be at liberty to leave each other, and form other connections as caprice or inclination may dictate, I hold to be a dangerous doctrine, and one especially dreadful to women, so long as nearly every man is a sultan. Marriage is a most needed test of a man's love for woman, and when she stakes all her plans of life on his promise, he has contracted a series of weighty obligations that the commonwealth should hold him to perform.

Quite another thing is that Socialists generally hold, that there are many cases where a divorce is far preferable to the further cohabiting together of the parties. But we need not be Socialists to hold that view. Jeremy Bentham said:

"The interpretation which the law now enforces of the contract of marriage is, we shall not be at liberty to separate from as now we love each other. This is shocking." He, on the other hand, considered it very sensible for the woman, in entering into the contract, to say to the man, "If I give myself up to you, you shall not be at liberty to leave me without my consent," and right for the State to enforce such a contract.

Bentham, therefore, would grant a divorce whenever the wife should be a plaintiff; and Bentham was no free-lover nor a Socialist.

The other day I noticed a dainty lady, the wife of a wealthy person, whom she hardly could have married for love, sweeping by a fallen sister as if fearing that the hem of her garment might be touched and defiled.

The lady had, under our supposition—and it is notoriously true in very many instances—sold her person for money under cover of marriage. The latter does the same thing outside of marriage. Now, no hypocrisy, please! In all candor,

SOME STARTLING OFFICIAL FIGURES.

The Interstate Commerce Commission in a quarterly report says, "The facts and figures herein set forth are taken from monthly reports filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission in accordance with the provisions of the act of March 3, 1901, requiring report of collisions and derailments and of accidents of all kinds causing injury, fatal or otherwise, to passengers or employees on duty. No reports are required of casualties at highway crossings, or to trespassers or persons walking along the track, or to employees who are not on duty; and the classification does not include trifling accidents which, tabulated, would needlessly swell the totals. Accidents to employees resulting in slight injuries which do

not prevent the employe injured from performing his accustomed service for more than three days, in the aggregate, during the ten days immediately following the accident, are not reported."

According to these reports as issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the two years ending June 30th, 1903, there were six thousand two hundred and sixty-three people killed and eighty-five thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven injured. In coupling or uncoupling cars three hundred and ninety-six were killed and four thousand nine hundred and one were injured.

During the two years ending June 30th, 1903, the casualties (killed and injured) on our railroads total-

Table with 2 columns: Location and Number of casualties. Locations include Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, Wilderness, Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Cold Harbor.

SOME LIGHT ON INSIDE METHODS.

The Brauer-Zeitung, official organ of the Brewery Workers, has disclosed some interesting information regarding the methods employed by the A. F. of L. in defeating progressive measures, particularly those of industrialism and Socialism.

"At the last convention of the American Federation of Labor," says the Zeitung, "Vice President Duncan asserted, during the debate on Socialism, that the Socialists had stamped the country to get Socialist delegates elected, and, by them, pack the convention. However, he failed to produce proof of that assertion. Now comes the startling information, which leaked out the day after the convention adjourned, that this assertion is verified by facts, but only with respect to many trade unionists and opponents of industrialism and Socialism, and, just the reverse, if true, the latter packed the convention, delegates were given voice and vote who had no legal right to sit as delegates."

The constitution is then cited, which provides that no organization is eligible to representation that has not paid per capita tax in full up to the month of September preceding the convention. It is shown that a number of organizations that were disqualified by this clause were allowed to seat delegates and were given a voice and vote in the convention.

The case of the Machinists, which has now become notorious, is also cited as a flagrant violation of the voice of the rank and file. This organization had through a referendum vote and by a majority of five to one, instructed their delegates to vote against the re-election of Gompers and in favor of the Socialist resolutions.

The Brauer Zeitung justly remarks that "it is simply nefarious to learn how the rank and file of labor unions are being blind-folded and fooled; if this illegality would be sanctioned by profound silence, it might happen that the next year's convention may be packed by delegates of organizations not at all in existence."

"The American Federationist has been made the outspoken organ for malicious attacks and slanders against all those who are fighting for progress on all lines of truth and right; the January issue is proof positive, but before attacks are hurled at the Socialists and the industrialists with false and unprovable accusations, the accuser has to make himself sure that his hands are clean. Passive resistance to a tactical error, and silence to such outrages would imply consent."

Perhaps the rainbow-chasers, who dream of sweet harmony with their feet under Hanna's table and sipping his wine, will wake up some day to find the rank and file has rendered a verdict which reads: "Socially you are wrong, politically you are incapable, and industrially you are an impossibility."—The Toiler.

"GET A FRIEND!"

The Business Woman's Magazine, a paper published in Denver in the interest of girls who work for a livelihood in the December number devotes much space to what it terms The Master Mania. After enumerating many of the annoyances to which girls are subjected, it says:

"Another form is displayed when a woman seeks employment and is told that 'she is too good looking to have to work in Denver;' and yet another, from which, perhaps, the greatest suffering is caused, is found in the big dry goods houses, for often when a girl complains that she cannot live upon so small a salary, the 'boss' tells her 'to get a friend.'"

A few years ago when attention was called to the fact that Chicago girl clerks were paid starvation wages and were told, on making complaint, to "get a friend," the story was scouted in many quarters, as untrue. It was true then; it is true now. Thus does the competitive system, which the press and the church uphold, continue its debasement of the mothers of the race.—A. L. U. Journal.

NAT'L HEADQ'RS.—The following contributions have been made to the National Organizing Fund since last report:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Bertha Howell Mally, A. L. New York City, Julius Martin, Newton, Kas., etc.

Total to noon, Feb. 6th.....38.75 Previously reported.....2,600.24 \$2,638.99

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RECAPITULATION.

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WISCONSIN.—Carl D. Thompson writes: "We had a good meeting at Plymouth, but the weather was a fright, awfully cold. The attendance on that account was not as large as the comrades had hoped. But we had a fine spirit in the meeting. First meeting in Kiel was very good. Next night the weather was dreadful warmer, but heavy mist—nevertheless, there were people in from miles out in the country, some walked four miles. The Kiel meetings closed last night very auspiciously—larger meeting than the other two. Comrades tell me that the local politicians are systematically opposing them now. But I guess Kiel will always be safe."

John M. Ray spoke at three well-attended meetings in Superior to interested audiences. Many applications for membership were the result. Secretary Max Silverman writes: "Our organization has been strengthened and the prospects are that we will poll a solid Socialist vote at the spring election, if the comrades decide upon going into campaign, as we have sowed the seed to reap the harvest."

Rhinelanders has engaged Comrade Thompson for three dates, and will rent the Opera House for one of these, and the largest hall in town for the other two, and string a large banner across the street advertising the meeting. The dates are Feb. 25, 26 and 27.

The campaign on the South Side of Milwaukee was begun in the South Side Turner Hall Feb. 9. A large and attentive audience was addressed by F. E. Seeds of Kentucky, W. R. Gaylord and Robert Sattiel. A collection of over twelve dollars was taken up for campaign expenses.

The Women's Branch of Sheboygan will have a lecture and cinch party combined on Feb. 14.

Three meetings will be held in Milwaukee next Sunday afternoon (Feb. 14). Jas. H. Browder of Elgin, Ill., will speak in Thomas Hall on Thomas at Murray; F. E. Seeds of Kentucky will speak in Sigel's Hall, 12th and Walnut; and W. R. Gaylord will speak at the Socialist Home, 582 Washington st. Racine comrades are arranging a series of debates to enlighten their meetings. Secretary Ben writes: "Comrade Becker and myself are going to open up I am going to be Jesuit Sherman, and Becker has promised to wipe the floor with me." Other branches might find this a good method to ensure the attendance of their members at branch meetings.

MINNESOTA.—State Secretary Hoffmann has addressed a letter to the local secretaries in part as follows: "The amount of dues paid in 1903 shown in the enclosed report, makes a very satisfactory showing. While the dues show a marked increase, the state fund has fallen off considerably. Now is the time for all the comrades who are able and willing to send their regular subscriptions and donations, so that the State Organization will have no difficulty in carrying on the work of organizing, at which our state organizers, Comrade Klein, has shown such great ability. We also need funds for the campaign, and it is none too soon to begin donating now."

We also remind you again of the State Convention which is to be held at Minneapolis Feb. 21-22. Don't forget to notify the state secretary of the names of the delegates you will send, so that accommodations can be arranged. Names should be in this office by Feb. 10, if possible.

A Lying Correspondent.

Sheboygan, Wis., Feb. 5.—Frank J. Weber, state organizer of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, and Prof. Brockhausen, secretary and treasurer of that organization, attended a meeting of the Central Labor Union here today. It is understood that the two gentlemen were called here by the ruction that has divided the local Social Democracy into two camps. It would seem as if a general disorganization of labor had ensued here. Where once it boasted of 1,500 members in good standing there are hardly a third of that number at present.

We take the above from the Milwaukee Free Press. It is of a kind with many other lying despatches sent out from Sheboygan from the office of the scab newspaper of the Republican politician, Pott, whom Mayor Born appointed on the library board. Trough Pott, Born is no only trying to injure the Socialist movement of Sheboygan in the eyes of outside readers, but the union movement as well, and for the very good reason that he has failed through his bar-tender, one Frank Ira, to control the central labor body. Newspaper despatches from Sheboygan must be taken with a big grain of salt.

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The new Municipal Voters' league, made up of bankers, manufacturers and big skippers of labor, is now ready for business. It is modeled after the organization of the same name in Chicago, which boasts of having driven the "grey wolves" out of the Chicago city council. But in Milwaukee the "grey wolves" are not so much inside the city council as outside. The Milwaukee grey wolf is the so-called leading citizen who influences legislation for his own benefit by money given to hungry officials on the side; men who send lobbyists to the legislature to dispense corruption money, who run so-called "free labor" prisons, preferably with the labor power of children, and grind the very lives out of the working class in order to get profits. They are the source of municipal corruption, and the only reason they are banded together now is because they hope by driving the grafters out of the council to put men in their places who will give them the special legislation they desire without their having to pay for it! They are ungodly hypocrites. They have no shame. They are the most stupendous humbugs that ever trod the earth.

One would suppose the recent disclosures of corruption would send this crew into hiding until the public forgets the unsavory facts, but no, these ravening wolves, filled with the impure and predatory morals of capitalism, now pose as the preservers of civic purity and have deals on by which they hope to get a still firmer hold on the local government for their own private business interests.

And just at the time that the grand jury is believed to be getting dangerously close to Dave Rose, in spite of its fear of Pfister and Banker Frank Bigelow, these grey wolves representing the Merchants and Manufacturers' association are betraying signs of a secret deal with Rose and have encouraged him to run for a reelection. Their interests demand that there should be a political rascal at the head of the city government.

The new Voters' league has for its chairman, T. J. Neacy, one of the meanest labor exploiters in the city. For its secretary it has a young lawyer who cares so much for civic decency that he stumped for Rose during the last campaign! On the advisory committee it is announced with a flourish that Ferd A. W. Kieckhefer, Patrick Cudahy, F. W. Siver and Aug. H. Vogel, will serve. Kieckhefer is one of the proprietors of the big child labor tinware factory on St. Paul street, a concern that has long been a disgrace to the humanity of our people. Vogel is manager of the Pfister & Vogel tanneries, and newspaper readers know from the facts that came out during the recent strike how miserably that firm exploits its workmen. While the proprietors roll in wealth and use some of it for the corruption of politics, the poor workmen are expected to raise families of sovereign citizens and live up to the standards of American citizenship on the most beggarly

SHERIFF'S SALE.
 No. 3420.
 STATE OF WISCONSIN—SUPERIOR COURT—MILWAUKEE COUNTY.
 Charles Seybold, Plaintiff vs. Charles Kroepflin and Wilhelmine Kroepflin, his wife, Defendants.
 Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale.
 By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of said Superior Court in the above entitled action, which was filed and dated January 21st, 1903, I shall expose for sale and sell at public auction, at the Court House in the City of Milwaukee, in said County, on the Monday, the 21st day of March 1904, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. of that day, all the following described mortgaged premises, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to raise the amount due to the plaintiff for principal, interest and costs, together with the disbursements of sale and solicitor's fees, to-wit:

The South one-third of that part of the North East Quarter of Section No. Seventeen (17) Town No. Seven (7), North of Range Twenty-two (22) East of the Third (3rd) Ward of the City of Milwaukee, which is bounded by a line commencing on the West line of Fifth street at the point four hundred and seventy-two (472) feet North of the South line of said quarter section, running thence North on the West line of Fifth street eighty-nine (89) feet more or less to the West line of said quarter section, thence South along the said West line of said quarter section eighty-nine (89) feet to a point, thence East One hundred forty-four (144) feet, more or less to the place of beginning, being also known as Lot Eleven (11), Block one (1) Assessment Subdivision No. 17, in Milwaukee County, State of Wisconsin.
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gates to central committee. There was great enthusiasm and frequent applause of the speakers.

The Hearst men held a conference last week at the Pfister hotel! Do you see the connection?

Max Hayes, one of the best known Socialists in the country, will speak at National Hall, Sunday, Feb. 21. Comrade Hayes is editor of the Cleveland Citizen, and was fraternal delegate to England last year from the American Federation of Labor.

Winfield R. Gaylord will speak at the South Side Socialist Home, 384 Washington street, under the auspices of the Woman's Club, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21.

The Socialist Maennerchor will give an entertainment at Bohemian Turner hall, Twelfth and Wine streets, Sunday, March 27. Admission 10 cents.

The women of the Twenty-Second ward branch, who took a prize of \$5 at the Carnival, have turned the money over to the campaign fund. This is a case where actions speak louder than words!

The Twenty-second ward branch, Milwaukee, will hold a mass meeting in Reichert's hall, Thirty-fifth and North avenue, Friday evening, Feb. 19. W. R. Gaylord and a good German speaker will be on hand.

The Eleventh ward Socialists, Milwaukee, will hold a mass meeting at Smith's hall, 611 Union street, corner of Bow, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16. Good speakers and subjects of living interest to voters discussed.

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Notes.
 Gen. Organizer Weber and Secy. Treas. Brockhausen on Thursday, Feb. 4th, met with the Central Labor Union of Sheboygan to adjust some misunderstanding as to the politics of the Trades Union movement, which was satisfactorily settled to all concerned. As a result of this meeting, which was a closed one and a concern of organized labor only, the capitalist press of Sheboygan was kept guessing and is still guessing judging from the virulent stories sent out by a Sheboygan reporter who evidently to satisfy the destructive elements against organized labor fabricated a pipe story. We hope that organized labor by this time understands its own mission as well as that of the other side. They especially have of late shown their

italian hand always ready to come in for the purpose of sowing dis-sension. We hope that organized labor will fully realize that we are not responsible for the imaginary report of newspaper articles. We are and will be responsible to the affiliated unions and City Central bodies for our work and actions to the next convention. In the city of Green Bay our union brothers of the Longshoremen's Union and the Brewery workmen's Union have been charged with violating some of the capitalistic made laws, in other words they have like all sensible men would defended their interests in obtaining concessions from the Cargill Coal Co. Such action, of course, interfered with the profits of the concern and therefore naturally must be offensive to the employer, who is not at loss what to do. He has the money in the shape of profits squeezed out of the workers on his side, and all he needs to do, and has done, hired some lawyers who will have no trouble to show that the laws made by the employing class and their henchmen is there to protect profits, interest and rent, private property, etc., and not those who work and suffer with their families in the production of the surplus wealth held and owned by the Cargill Co. and the state Senator and Brewery boss Henry Hagemester.

This case is but one more added to the long list of so-called offense against laws in which the wage workers have had no vote and but very little voice. The case however involves life and death of the labor movement of Green Bay and possibly the state, and for this reason should receive the attention of the entire movement of the state and we hope if necessary its hearty support.

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Some startling things are happening in Milwaukee just now—things that ought to open people's eyes, if anything can. Last Saturday a committee of citizens waited on Dave Rose and presented a petition signed by business men, who own stock in various local monopolies, asking him to again run for mayor. Now, before the first grand jury adjourned, Rose was on the easy seat and repeatedly stated that he was "tired of politics," that his mines in the West demanded his attention, and that he would not run again. But immediately the grand jury adjourned without having brought in an indictment against him, his manner changed. Then the petition was presented, and he consented to run!

Dr. Kletzsch, a "leading physician" of the city, presented the petition, saying: "Any man who has the interest of the city at heart will see that a change in the office of mayor at this time is not desirable, and therefore we want you to continue in the office. . . . This request does not come from the members of one political party alone, but from business men and citizens without regard to their party affiliations."

Now why should a "leading physician" at this particular time when the city is trying to down grafters come out before the public and sing the praises of a man like Rose? Cannot you see! THE KLETZSCH FAMILY OWNS STOCK IN THE MILWAUKEE STREET RAILWAY MONOPOLY, whose interested tool this man Rose has been for years! From the Kletzsch standpoint, we can readily see why "a change in the office of mayor is not at this time desirable!" There are 600 stock-

holders in the Street Car Monopoly in Milwaukee county, made up of "leading citizens" and business men—from this one cause, why should there not be a petition to Rose to run again, from the business men! Just think over that a minute!

At the meeting that presented the petition to Rose was gathered a fine crowd of "leading" gray wolves. Hackett & Hoff were there. Who are they? THEY ARE THE MANAGERS OF THE ASPHALT TRUST! Peter Pawinski, gambling house proprietor, E. C. Wall, ex-partner of Henry C. Payne, in the political corruption business, Robert Nunnemacher, also a heavy street railway stockholder, and men of like character were there. Such a crew! Stockholders in the gaslight monopoly were there—for the stockholders in the gas company are for the most part stockholders in the electric company—that's why there is no competition between them and why the quality of the gas gets poorer while the price stays up to the present robber rate. The company fears no competition, from the electric light, which holds its prices up higher than gas!

It is time the citizens of Milwaukee realized some of these things. It is time they began to see our "leading citizens" for just what they are—a lot of commercial rascals, absolutely devoid of shame or the finer sensibilities that are supposed to be the concomitants of culture. It is just because this piratical crew has had a hand in politics in Milwaukee that the city is now disgraced by grand jury investigations. Every decent citizen should make the firm resolve to take his cue from the action of these rascals and VOTE THE OTHER WAY!

We are Ready, if the Voters Are!

Under the heading "Mayor has his Worries," the Milwaukee Journal says:

"Mayor Rose, while interesting himself in national politics, is having his own political worries at present. The canvass of the city for signatures to the petition asking him to again be a candidate has developed the fact that an unusually large number of men who have hitherto voted either Democratic or Republican, propose this year to vote the Socialist ticket, saying that the old parties cannot, as they are managed at present, be depended upon for a clean administration and a change for a year or two will give a better chance of cleaning up."

"This growing strength of the Socialists in its turn giving concern to the Socialist leaders who, it is said, fear that success in the civic election will put their movement back several years. Socialists want the legislative and not the administrative end of office, and fear that their party is not now qualified to administer the affairs of the city, which it may be called upon to do."

Wrong. The Socialist "leaders" do not fear that their party is not qualified to administer the affairs of the city. And why not? Are not honest, industrious citizens qualified to administer city government, at least better than self-seeking, crooked old party politicians! Must a man be a crook and a rascal to be qualified for such service? If so, then all our ideals about government of the people by the people must be wrong and we might as well give the booblers life jobs at running affairs for us. There is only one thing that we have a right to fear at the present time, which is that too many non-Socialists will vote our ticket simply for the sake of clean government. If we are to be victorious, we want it to be a Socialist victory. We want the people to vote for us because they see the necessity for abolishing the man-crushing capitalist system as soon as possible, and the substitution thereof of the collective ownership of industry.

Jan. H. Brower of Elgin, Ill., will speak in Humboldt Hall, corner Richards and Center streets, Milwaukee, Thursday, Feb. 18.

Constable Hanley and Justice Reuter, a couple of official crooks infesting and terrorizing the outskirts of the city, are found to be the proprietors of a lot of slot gambling machines which have been rented out to saloons. If our officials, and especially the local police judges, were what they pretend to be, the operations of such men would be impossible.

Our city branches are requested to appoint campaign committees, in order that through them speakers can be provided with meetings in their territory without delays that are detrimental to the work of the campaign.

From the way the arc street lights of the Electric monopoly go out and are allowed to stay out for hours at a time in different parts of the city, it is evident that the docking system with which wage workers get it in the neck does not apply to a private company having a fat contract to keep the city lighted at night.

Campaign Funds.

There are thousands of sympathizers with the cause of the Social-Democratic party who are not members of the party organization, and who do not wish to have their names appear upon subscription lists as contributors to the funds of the party this spring, but who are willing, even anxious, to help meet the expenses of the campaign.

To meet this situation, we have prepared Punch Cards, which furnish a complete and convenient method of collecting the contributions of these friends of the party, and at the same time furnish a check on the amount. Every person who makes a contribution in connection with one of these cards, is expected to punch with a pencil the figure or figures representing the amount he hands to the bearer of the card.

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