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SOME EDITORIAL COMMENT

By Frederic Heath.

The Socialist vote in Chicago increased seven per cent in the recent election and the party is in third place.

It is a cheering sign when a czar has to dissolve a parliament to get rid of the Social-Democrats.

At a recent conference of the Methodist Church in New York state the Rev. A. E. Barnett said that Socialists were justified in indicting the church for neglecting to fight the battles of humanity.

"If Socialism cannot be met fairly by reason and argument, in frank, open discussion, then its onward sweep cannot be checked," says a Milwaukee daily.

Consul Frank W. Mahin writes from Nottingham that increased liberality is being shown in England in the care of the poor.

Speaking of recent political developments among the people, the Washington Post says: "A new alignment was had, but nobody clearly sees what it is."

The criticisms of the stewardship of the Trinity Church corporation in New York will probably burst forth anew on account of a magazine article just published by Charles Edward Russell.

Herebefore the criticisms have been leveled at the church for praising God on Sunday and racking slum dwellers on week days as owner of some of the worst slum properties in the city.

It is one of the strangest exposures of recent years, inasmuch as it exposes only the outside of the queer state of things.

Long ago the capitalists found the Salvation Army a thing worth encouraging. Capitalism inevitably produces unfit, degenerate and also worthy but unsuccessful men.

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pen of an asylum attendant. It is an attempt to show the horrors of the fee system as it works out in this one direction.

As an excuse for a larger navy Roosevelt emits this hypocritical sentence: "The state department is continually appealed to interfere on behalf of the peoples and nationalities who insist that they are suffering from oppression; now Jews in one country; now black men in Africa."

There is not even the chance to hold out the dishonest bid to the common people that they also benefit from the world market crusades.

One hundred clergymen and ministers of religion in England have affixed their signatures to a statement to the press declaring that the Socialism they believe in is the real political Socialism.

"We, the undersigned, ministers of Christian churches of various denominations, desire to make this declaration in view of the widely-circulated suggestion which has been made in the press and elsewhere that the Socialism we believe in differs fundamentally from the Socialism advocated by the various recognized Socialist organizations."

They didn't dare to do things in Revolutionary days that they do with impunity today!

In the great convention of 1787, when the Constitution of the United States was framed, a proposition was made that the Supreme Court judges should pass upon the constitutionality of the acts of Congress.

Sooner or later the people of this country who believe in maintaining their freedom will have to grapple with this Supreme Court problem.

The Social-Democratic giant is growing up for this and many other tasks that are in the line of our final aim—the emancipation of the people from industrial exploitation and class rule.

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that every job was for sale to the highest bidder. The master of the workhouse paid \$500 for his job, the medical officer paid \$5,000, and relieving officers who earn about \$12 a week paid \$100 each for their appointments.

The Socialists of England seemed to lose faith in John Burns of Battersea when he left their ranks to accept a government office of considerable influence, but it would seem that he has not entirely lost track of his old-time principles.

The Pennsylvania Railroad inaugurated a philanthropic relief system for its employes some time ago and got a great deal of praise for it from press, pulpit and people.

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terests of those citizens constantly at heart—you know the rest of the cant, every book on American patriotism and American philanthropic "business genius" gets off the lingo!

The laws have been finally shaped so as to require insurance companies to drop their little game of forfeits from lapsed policies.

And after that is done, after the principle in the case has been well established, let the lawmakers go after the cut-throat land contract that is so much in vogue in real estate transactions.

And this is the queer aspect of it: The capitalists and their spokesmen are on one hand striving to justify this degradation of the workmen effected by the social conditions.

And now the priests of the same church claim that capitalism is God ordained—that the "Jungle" in the packing houses of Chicago and the Ice Trust and the Oil Trust, are the will of God.

And it is capitalism that is godless—but it is no more godless than was feudalism, or the era of slavery.

And are we to understand that Rose, graft and greed are—godly? Yes, be this as it may, since our clerical opponents have made Socialism "per se" the sole issue of the last municipal election in Milwaukee—we are more than willing that the fight should be so regarded.

ARE ROSE AND GRAFT GODLY?

By Victor L. Berger.

DURING the recent municipal election in Milwaukee we had to contend not only with organized graft and organized capital.

And we will not speak here of the Polish priests, who simply sold their sheep for so and so much per head to Rose, Mammon and Venus, without any further explanation.

However, it is different with the German Roman Catholic clergy. All of the German Roman Catholics can read and write.

Modern progress has enforced that in Germany even for the most intense Catholic districts. The German Roman Catholics cannot be sold off hand—they must be reasoned with in some degree.

Of course, the fear of Hell and the devil are the ultima ratio—the last great argument. And with those who believe that the priest has the devil at his beck and call, we have no further discussion.

We want to argue only with those Roman Catholics who—whatever they may believe otherwise—also believe that the "poor devil" of a workman ought to have a chance.

Modern materialism—evidently another word for irreligious capitalism—has not turned workmen into machines. Even capitalism is a big step forward when compared with feudalism when the Roman church and the lords and barons reigned supreme and owned the bodies and souls of the workers.

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Milwaukee's New Council Goes In.

It Perfects Its Organization, Elects a President, Listens to Mayor's Message. The Social-Democrats Strong.

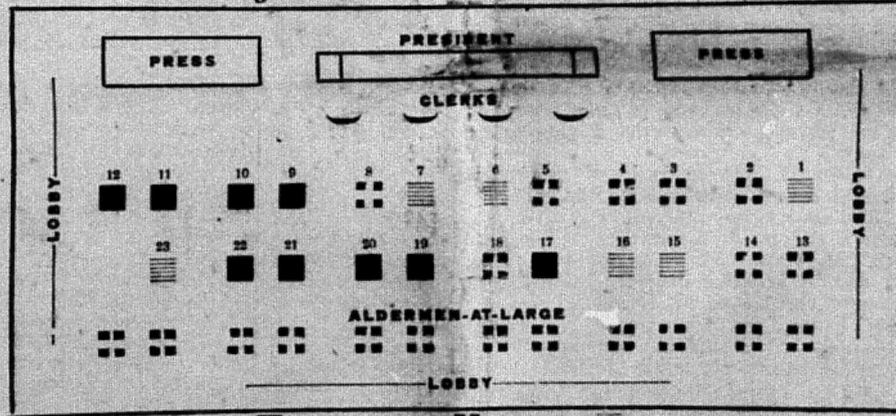


Diagram of Party Strength in New Milwaukee Council.

Milwaukee: The new city council went into commission last Tuesday afternoon, amidst the usual scenes and the usual crowds of people of all shades.

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RIGHT NOW IS THE SEEDING TIME!

Now is the time to sow the seed. From every section of Wisconsin we learn of an increasing interest in Socialism.

You have been working for years, and now we are about to reap the greatest harvest we have ever taken in Wisconsin.

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