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# LABOR DAY EDITION

### Comment on Passing Events

By Frederic Heath

News of more labor victories comes from Australia.

A cable dispatch says that "Germany will fight to check Socialism." Doesn't Germany know when it is licked?

Unless all the signs fail, Los Angeles is going to go Socialistic at the coming election. The unions are standing true for political solidarity.

Monday is Labor's day. It is a good day to show the strength of labor solidarity. It is not a day to dodge and leave the other fellows to make a show.

Evidently the International Association of Machinists has grown tired of being led by a man who would feed out of Belmont and Carnegie's hands. The newly elected president is a Socialist, and no Civic Federation banquets will attract him.

Labor in America grows formidable just in proportion as it moves toward the industrial form of organization. The industrial development in America is taking on new forms and labor must alter its tactics to meet the new conditions or lose out.

The greatest enemies of unionism in this country are those who would divide labor's forces by trying to establish a dual national labor movement. Unfortunately many workingmen have been prejudiced against the cause of Socialism because those who advocate a dual labor movement speak as Socialists.

A capitalist paper asks that the tariff be taken out of politics. How! What would the national politicians do without the tariff round election time? As a fooler of the foolable it has been a Jim Dandy since the seventies, and it isn't worn out yet.

Twelve thousand dollars has been

## Milwaukee Workingmen Cannot Be Fooled--Victor L. Berger

FOR many years the ruling classes of Europe taught their dependents, the working people, that the noblest human sentiment was "patriotism," that is, the "love of their native country."

By this the rulers meant the love of institutions which preserved THEIR POWER over the working class, and defended them against encroachments from the governments of other lands.

This FETICH worked well for a long time. It was deeply seated in the minds and hearts of the common people. The peasants in the country, and the workers in the towns, were always ready to take up arms against those who were born on the other side of some arbitrary geographical line.

They were always willing to rush to glory and the grave in defense of institutions in which they could have no possible interest except to OVERTHROW and destroy them.

The poor clods who thus, from servile deference to their masters, the possessing classes, exposed themselves to suffering and death, never for a moment stopped to ask themselves the question: Of what concern are all these matters to us?

Why should we French or English or German commoners fight among ourselves, and kill each other about the claims of Stuart or of the Orange; of Bourbon or Bonaparte; of the Roman pope or the Lutheran king?

Or, why should we, the common people, fight and bleed and die for the purpose of acquiring markets for the millionaire manufacturers, while we could use these products to much better advantage for ourselves, and for our wives and children?

Singularly enough, such thoughts for ages never occurred to the working people.

They had always toiled and fought and suffered for matters in which they had no real interest. For them it was considered dangerous and sinful and rebellious to think of anything else. They had been told that "law and order" demanded that they should be exploited, and that they should die for their exploiters if they so commanded.

And the "holy church" incessantly repeated the old chant that SUCH WAS THE WILL OF GOD.

Not until sixty or seventy years ago there arose in Europe men of great science and deep understanding, who raised a clarion note of protest against this hellish fraud.

These men pointed out to the working people that the in-

terests of all working classes, French, German, English, American, were one and the same. These men exhorted and entreated the working people of all nations no longer to let themselves be divided by arbitrary geographical lines, by rivers or mountains and by the conflicting interests of their masters, but to regard themselves as of ONE CLASS, ONE BROTHERHOOD.

These men cried out: "Proletarians of all the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains! No longer fight the battles of men whose every interest



Victor L. Berger, First Socialist to Enter Congress

is to keep you slaves; but fight for yourselves, for the right to the full products of your toil. Join in the struggle for the abolition of class!"

The working people of France were the first to heed the

They declared boldly: If the old "law and order" demanded their exploitation and their misery, they were going to establish a NEW LAW and a NEW ORDER.

They threw off the long-cherished superstition that they were slaves of the rich and powerful, by the "will of God."

These workmen determined that if that had been the will of God in time past, then God should make a NEW WILL.

And that they would help Him make it. And that they, the working people, WOULD BE THE EXECUTORS OF THE NEW WILL OF GOD.

Progressive workmen of other enlightened countries of Europe--especially Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, Austria and England, were soon of the same opinion, and they formed great political parties--Social-Democratic parties.

And they also formed GREAT UNIONS in every civilized nation to protect themselves against the aggressions of their former unrestrained masters. Trade unions were first organized in England. However, today Germany leads in trade unionism.

Nor did they stop at forming mere trade unions, and building political parties to seize upon the political power, but they also formed co-operative societies for the purpose of production and distribution.

So successful have these workingmen's political parties become, that in Germany, for instance, the party of the workmen, the great Social-Democracy, has polled by far the largest vote of any party in Germany. And were the law of Germany the same as in the United States, namely, that officers could be elected by a plurality of the votes polled, the Socialists of Germany today could probably elect the chief executive of the nation, become the masters of the military power, and enforce their just demands above all opposition.

And the workmen are almost as successful in Austria and in France, and have made tremendous headway in England and in the Scandinavian countries.

The first of May each year has been fixed upon by the workingmen of Europe as a day when they should universally and publicly protest against the industrial system which oppresses and crushes them.

On that day by parades, public meetings and eloquent

### Washington Letter

(By National Socialist Press)

Washington, Aug. 31. -- A resolution to investigate the Taylor system and other systems of shop management is the only labor measure enacted by the Democratic house. And failing to pass any labor bill is the record of the Republican senate.

Diligent search through the congressional record as well as inquiry among members of the labor committee of both houses, discloses the fact that the extra session of the sixty-second congress, just closed, failed to pass or advance any of the important labor bills before the national legislature these many years.

The following labor measures have been buried in the committees of congress:

A bill to regulate the issuance of injunctions in labor disputes.

A bill to exempt labor unions from the operations of the federal anti-trust laws.

A bill to provide for the pensioning of the veterans of industry.

Bills to prohibit the common carriers from transporting goods made by child and convict labor.

Bills to provide for employers' liability and workmen's compensation.

A bill to grant American seamen their constitutional rights.

A bill to grant employes of the federal government their constitutional rights.

A bill to prohibit enlisted men from competing with civilian workers.

A bill to establish a depart-

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# Milwaukee Workingmen Cannot Be Fooled

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speeches, they voice their protest and demand shorter hours and "reform."  
And they do not stop at these. Their cry is "complete reform."  
They want to abolish the present capitalist system and put in its place universal co-operation, the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution, the Socialist commonwealth.

The workingmen in Europe extend sympathy across the sea to the American workmen and say to them, "Unite with us!"  
"You, of America, who work with hand and brain for wages, belong to the proletariat the same as we."  
"The rate of your wages is fixed by the same economic laws which govern ours. You cannot by the old methods long carry on the unequal struggle with labor saving machinery and all-powerful combinations of capital without being reduced to a condition of direct want."  
"You also must make a supreme effort to seize upon the political and economic power. You are not hampered, as we are, by old customs which restrict the powers of the people. In your country the ballot is supreme, and you have no excuse for not seizing upon power immediately, since you are in the great majority."

But alas! the American workingmen have heretofore closed

their ears to this heroic call from across the sea.  
The American workmen had been taught by the protected manufacturers in Pittsburgh and elsewhere to believe that they were "better men" and "more intelligent" than the laborers of Germany or France. Therefore—by some queer logic—they should be more willing to be exploited by the capitalist class.

But, queer as it seems, many foolish American workmen believed it, and believe it still.  
And Mr. Sam Gompers and others of the same type are trying to keep them in that belief.

We Americans have another Labor Day, the first Monday of September. On this day trade unions meet and parade. And in some cities they still meet and parade before reviewing stands filled with scheming and corrupt politicians, whose every instinct and interest is with the enemies of the working class.

These miserable prostitutes in their speeches to the workmen congratulate them that they are not like their brethren in Europe, rebellious against their employing exploiters; that they refuse to entertain "foreign ideas."

And, above all things, that they are not Socialists.  
Yet in some cities the American workingmen listen and wag their heads approvingly—not knowing what GRUESOME IDIOTS they are thereby making of themselves.

But mark! that sort of thing has passed for Milwaukee! and

it is rapidly passing in all other American cities. On Labor Day no capitalist politician reviews or addresses the marching workmen of this city; no batiste handkerchiefs are waved at the men from the palaces of the rich; no Civic Federation leader approves; no traitors to labor's cause sanction the labor demonstration.

A new day has dawned for Milwaukee and it is soon coming for all other cities.

Why?  
Because the men who join in the procession are making their demonstration, not as servile cringers at the feet of capital, but as men who are heroically demanding the recognition of the rights of their class.

Not the right to a few cents more pay per day of the product of their labor, but to ALL the product of their toil.

Our Milwaukee organized workingmen know that men can gain the full product of their labor only by becoming the OWNERS of the MEANS of production. Hence they inscribe this demand upon their banners.

Hence they have built up the Social-Democratic party. They vote for it and will fight for it—if necessary.

All hail! you workingmen and working women of Milwaukee—you form the American vanguard of the greatest and most beneficial revolution this world has ever seen.

Victor L. Berger

## The Infamous Scout Handbook

The Boy Scouts a peace organization? Yes, just as the army is a peace organization! No war is taught the Boy Scouts? Tell it the marines! Look at these subjects taken from the index to the Scout handbook, the official Scout publication:  
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Very keenly thought out, isn't it? Very nicely planned to appeal to all boy instincts and at the same time to fit them for "more serious business" later on. How cunningly arranged to inculcate love of war and "obedience to employers." Get your thinking cap on!—Ex.

## What Would You Do?

By Clyde J. Wright.  
(Not Written for the Working Class.)  
**R. CAPITALIST:** If you were a wage earner, and only getting \$400 per year, and had a wife and four children, and had no mill to work in, and was willing to work, and couldn't get a chance to work all of the time, and if you foresaw your chances to get work growing less and less—  
If you had tried the courts and found that a man without money could not get the same consideration as a man with money—  
If you had asked the owner of the mill for better wages and discovered that the law gave you no right to say what share of your product you should get for producing it—  
If you discovered that the very nature of the system was to make it impossible for the many to own any of the means of their own employment—  
If you discovered that perfect machinery privately owned knocked out

ninety-nine men entirely and created unemployed men to beat down the wages of the last man of the one hundred who retained his job—  
If, as a last resort, you banded together with other wage workers, and found that the law did not even allow you to desert the rich when the rich needed you, but permitted the rich to desert you when you needed a job—  
If you discovered that the very nature of private ownership was to compel your daughters to work in sweat shops, your wife to work in factories and your brothers to become tramps—  
What would you do, Mr. Capitalist, on Labor Day?  
That's all—WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

## An Otis Defender

In the Fra, Elbert Hubbard's magazine, the self-styled "exponent of the American Philosophy, first place is given to an article on the explosion of the Los Angeles Times, which is a defence of Gen. Otis, who with his stock paying as high as 200 per cent, sees fit to oppose an eight-hour day and a higher standard of living for American workingmen.  
The writer comes to the conclusion that union labor or union men did the stunt, and that "union labor and Socialism as they now exist in this country are not constructive nor upbuilding in character, but tend towards violence, destruction and dissolution, and are therefore essentially un-American." The writer, of course, conveniently ignores the opinions of the experts as to the cause of the explosion and has nothing to say about the lawless way in which the union leaders were kidnaped in violation of their constitutional rights. The exponent of the American Philosophy has no rebuke for the lawlessness of capital in its warfare against union labor, for the bullpens, the riots caused by hired thugs of the employers and the outrages against the miners in Pennsylvania. His ideal of what labor should be was probably realized long ago when union men had to meet in secret in some lonesome spot, and when meetings of American workingmen for the purpose of planning to secure an education for their children (the first beginnings of our public school system) were broken up by the clubs of policemen. Now that labor is beginning to awaken; now that capitalistic politicians can no longer steer the movement together; now that union labor can make demands and enforce them if it will, the stuff is off and it is time to knock, "It is un-American."  
But we submit that ten millions of people on the poverty line, with a continual army of the unemployed in this "land of opportunity, with the average cost of living per family at \$700 per year and the average wage less than \$300 per workingman, with the majority of the people propertyless and unable to own their own homes, with American heiresses buying foreign titles with profits coined out of American sweat, is a condition not only un-American, but undemocratic and uncivilized; that Socialism is the only sensible, the only feasible solution of the strife between capital and labor, it is the world star shining above the clouds of industrial war, which can be seen and recognized now by men who have not the vision of prophets, and if the Fra does not see it he will soon need a new label for his philosophy.  
Bennett Larson.

## Words of Cheer for Labor's National Holiday

By Charles F. Hohmann, Editor Journal of International Bakers' Union

(Written for The Herald.)  
SINCE the first Monday in September has been set aside for the laboring hosts as THEIR day, as Labor Day, it has been steadily growing in popularity and public favor. Its annual celebration is a rising custom. Having originated with the sons of toil in one single city, it has today expanded over an entire nation, nay, over a whole continent. From the workers with the smoky arm and the skillful hand it has extended to all members of society claiming title to the noble badge of honest toil.  
May the success of this day's celebration in 1911 mark the beginning of the true appreciation of the merits of labor and the high honors due it. How long has mankind showered its glories and olive wreaths on the heads of conquerors, their hosts and deeds, while the army of labor has been neglected, kept in the dust, and its leaders, the great inventors, discoverers, the pioneers of progress kept out of the annals of popular fame?  
The pages of history are filled with narrations of political convulsions and recitals of battle. The heroes of war were deified, while the heroes of peace, the men and women toiling in workshops and homes, in the mines, on the seas, in the fields, displaying as much courage, heroism and at least as much self-denial as the former, are condemned to indifference and oblivion.  
The spoils of war are the conquerors' by natural right, while the fruits of peace are, to a great extent, withheld from the men who are conquering all things, from the workers, who have waged unrelenting warfare against reticent and unwilling nature, since the dawn of civilization.  
In this also a change has to come

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Brisbane hall is an inspiration to all progressive working people and Socialists who visit Milwaukee when they go through it. They are delighted with its quality, location and fitness for the grand purpose for which it came into existence—viz.: The home of the Socialist party, press and labor organizations.  
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## Union Man's Opinion

Pattern Makers' Journal: Does it seem probable that men who have been elected as Socialists, after lives of devotion to working class interests, and who are subject to the recall, would betray the workers there by severing their political heads?  
No one believes one man can serve two masters, yet the working people listen repeatedly to some political aspirant declare he will serve both them and their employers and we know it is our employers who lobby against our eight-hour, employers' liability, child labor and any or all bills in the interest of labor.  
The only reason the Socialists in Milwaukee cannot legislate more strongly in the interest of labor is the knowledge that the employers have a state constitution that will nullify their lawmaking by declaring it unconstitutional.  
How necessary it is then for all workers to join their respective trades unions and to maintain their political party to represent them in our legislative bodies; each in the near future will be indispensable to the other.  
JOHN WHORMBY, Trenton, N. J.

## Storing Rotten Eggs

The Chicago Produce Bulletin of August 24 says the butter and egg trade of Chicago is storing No. 3 bad eggs, although fresh eggs only are stored as a rule. The Bulletin also says Chicago eggs are sold to the commission men for 17 cents a dozen, which go to the consumer at 25 cents to 30 cents a dozen. The article says a slump is due in butter and eggs because fall feed is abundant and production of these articles heavy.  
This shows that some one will be expected to eat rotten eggs later on. The bad eggs will be sold to bakers, and the consumers will get them in all kinds of doctored pastry.  
It also shows that the consumer pays a good price for eggs to the useless middleman. The farmer evidently is a victim too, for it is certain he didn't get 17 cents a dozen for eggs that call for that price.

## The Modern Atlas

At a Summer Resort  
Yes, it is beautiful; this peaceful scene Of shimmering lake, deep in the pine-woods green.  
With happy, brown-kneed children, youth and maid,  
And elder folk in summer white arrayed,  
At tennis, golf, and boating—all at play,  
Wherewith they while these golden hours away.  
And yet—and yet—I wish I could not see,  
Back in the city's heat and misery,  
Those patient men who toil in shop and mill,  
Their work-worn wives, their children wan and still,  
Wasting their lives in cruel sacrifice.  
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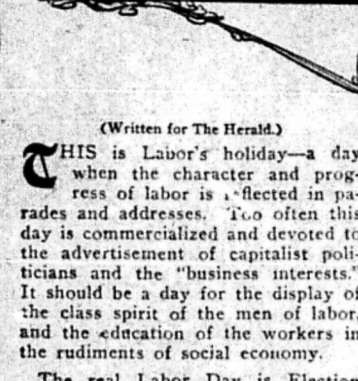
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# Election Day Is the Real American Labor Day

By Frank J. Hayes, Vice-President United Mine Workers of America



(Written for The Herald.)

THIS is Labor's holiday—a day when the character and progress of labor is reflected in parades and addresses. Too often this day is commercialized and devoted to the advertisement of capitalist politicians and the "business interests." It should be a day for the display of the class spirit of the men of labor, and the education of the workers in the rudiments of social economy.

## Attitude of Labor Toward War

German and English Capitalists Fear the Growing Power of the Workers in the Political Field

By Silas Hood

(Written for The Herald.)

Germany has to have a war in order to divert public attention from Socialism. Great Britain has to have the same thing. At least this is the information we get from the capitalist press.

## Socialism is the New Patriotism

HUMAN life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only when these are assured are the higher and nobler human development possible. To produce food, clothing and shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land by itself does not satisfy human hunger. Machinery by itself does not satisfy human need for clothing and shelter. It is the combination of land and machinery, and with it the human labor, that produces the necessities of life.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly increasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, it does not make its owners so powerful that they can dominate the nation. But when machinery becomes more and more complex and expensive, and requires for its effective operation the organized labor of many workers, its influence reaches over wider circles of life. The owners of such machinery become the dominant class.

THE MASSES IN SUBJECTION.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. The nations of the world are working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are either sold to the capitalist class or become the helpless slaves of the industrial masters.

As the economic power of the ruling class grows, the less useful does it become in the life of the nation. The overwhelming bulk of the world's work is done by the shoulders of the classes that either have no other productive property but their manual and mental labor, or the wage workers who have but little land and little machinery outside of their labor power—the small traders and small farmers. The ruling minority is steadily becoming wealthier and parasitic.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting class on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage working class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order from the dominant class of society.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class. They are also the class which suffers most from the curse of class rule. The fact that small groups of capitalists is permitted to use all of a country's resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

MODERN INDUSTRY PILESS.

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalist class is powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. The periods of feverish activity, the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly undermined, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The climax of this chaotic system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation every fifteen or twenty years.

In its mad and reckless race for profits the capitalist class is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental well-being to its own insatiable greed. Capitalism breeds the masses of workmen in poverty, destitution, physical exhaustion and ignorance.

Moses must be found in the organization of the whole body of labor into a compact army, that dares to think, that dares to act, and knows how to fight, each man a peer among his fellows, for the aims and aspirations of a new social order, based upon equity and truth and the principle of universal co-operation.

The day of individualism, like the day of the simple hand tool, has passed away never to return. No hand can stay the tide of evolution and evolution points straight to the Socialist commonwealth. Teddy, the "trust buster," the great individualist, admitted the other day, before a congressional committee, that he could not cope with the United States

war. It was intimated that Germany was the enemy to be feared. At the close of the cable dispatch was the following:

"In the clubs there are sinister whisperings that certain powerful German leaders are determined to force war in order to check the steady advance of Socialism. Statistics made public only this week in Germany show that more than 40 per cent of the votes most recently cast were for Social Democrats. This fact is put forward to prove that Germany 'needs war' to solidify



"Steal" trust, and rather than see his beloved constituents suffer, he agreed to the destruction of the principle of competition as it applied to the Tennessee Coal and Iron company. This admission is significant and points to the early dissolution of our boasted competitive system of society. If this be true, and we'll take Roosevelt's word for it, if we can't control the trusts, what is the matter with the people owning the trusts?

The Socialist party has a practical program in dealing with this question while the capitalist parties, the Siamese twins, are visionary and ridiculous in their advocacy of trust busting. If co-operation as exemplified by the trusts is a good thing for the few, it ought to be a good thing for the great army of the disinherited—the workers—out of whose sweat and blood these institutions were created. You made them, and through the ballot it is up to you to take them down with graft and exploitation, and up with the banner of industrial freedom. When Labor shall have attained this end, then, for the first time in the history of a greed cursed world, will we have a genuine, sure-enough Labor Day.

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mind of the men. They believe they have been tricked.

"The trouble is not yet over; it may have only begun.

"Whether England's war preparations are intended for Germany or whether they are for the purpose of suppressing her own internal disorders, the outlook in either case is sufficiently grave.

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We wish to remind the capitalist manufacturers of needless wars that the "powerful leaders" in Germany are Social Democrats, and there will be no war because those representatives of the working class are opposed to professional murder.

Germany and England may be engaged in a diplomatic game to try to work up a war scare, but the day has gone by when the Socialist workingmen of Great Britain and the Socialist working class of Germany can be induced to mangle one another's bodies on the field of battle, especially when the result of the conflict would be for the sole benefit of the big business interests and the exploiters of labor.

Part of the truth occasionally creeps into the capitalist newspapers, and that part of the cable dispatch which intimates that the war preparations in England are for the purpose of "suppressing her own internal disorders" is nearer being right than the intimation that Great Britain expects to be engaged soon in a bloody conflict with Germany.

The working people of England have been slow to wake up to the realization of their economic slavery.

Reasons for the Inevitable War Between Capital and Labor.

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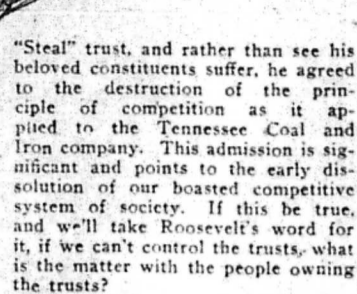
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# Milwaukeeize Should Be the Slogan of Labor

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LABOR DAY—the day set aside for the toilers who produce all wealth and retain none—this holiday is set aside for the workers. The thought of the day calls before our vision past celebrations, parades and renewed pledges to work honestly and faithfully in the interests of our common cause.

At first blush it would appear that one behind prison bars on the coming of labor's holiday, would be filled with bitterness, sorrow and despair. There is no bitterness, no despair because they have not in the past either in the future will efforts to crush down labor be fruitful of any permanent results.

Sorrow there is, of course, but it is because of the separation of relatives, friends, and tried and true companions, the possession of which is greater than all else on earth. This sorrow is, of course, temporary; fortified by a clear conscience and secure in the belief that ultimately right and justice will prevail we need have no fear of the artificial terrors of our enemies.

I deem it wise, moreover, to warn labor to take lots of salt with the ordinary newspaper reports, so far as our cases are concerned. They will be highly colored. Depend upon official reports and the Socialist press.

At the same time MILWAUKEE-IZE your own town.

A Labor Day thought is that it should be more than a mere celebration or a backward glance at what has been achieved or left undone. While we profit by past errors, we should also look on Labor Day as the starting point for an improved civilization that will eliminate industrial oppression and wrongs.

The soldier of industry has long suffered in silence. Since the American revolution the loss of flesh and blood and manhood upon the battlefields of the nation and the attendant evils sink into utter insignificance when compared with similar sacrifices on the industrial field.

In spite of the value to the nation of the industrial soldiers, their slaughter and oppression, has continued

will subject himself to be imprisoned and shot as a deserter and coward. It has been said that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Oh, that we might be kind each to the other, and know "that an injury to one is the concern of all."

Tacoma, Wash.

Cost of Living to Workingmen.

In "The Pilgrim's Scrip" of The American Magazine for September there is an interesting investigation of the cost of living among workingmen. In part, it says:

"After a searching analysis of the family budgets of three hundred and sixteen workingmen's families living in New York, Dr. Chapin says, 'An income under \$800 is not enough to permit the maintenance of a normal standard. Whether an income between \$800 and \$900 can be made to suffice is a question to which our data do not warrant a dogmatic answer. An income of \$900 or over probably permits the maintenance of a normal standard, at least so far as the physical man is concerned.'

"Studies in Homestead, Buffalo and Baltimore confirm for these cities the conclusions for New York City. A family can, therefore, maintain efficiency on about \$3 a day in the leading eastern cities.

"This statement is interesting, but it can never be truly effective until we learn how many men get \$3 per day.

The most reliable average wage data are furnished by Massachusetts and New Jersey, Michigan, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. A study of these shows that the average wages of all employees range, in the leading industries, from \$20 to \$600 per year—seldom rising above the latter figure except in industries like petroleum and malt liquors, for which considerable skill is required; seldom falling below except in industries like confectionery and paper boxes, which employ a majority of women, and in which the average annual earnings is less than \$400.

"In view of all of the evidence, it is fair to say that the adult male wage workers in the industries of that section of the United States living east of the Rockies and north of the Mason and Dixon line receive a total average annual wage of about \$600; that this falls to \$500 in some of the industries employing the largest numbers of persons, but rises to \$700 or even to \$750 in a few highly skilled industries. That the average annual earnings of adult females in the same area is about \$350, with a very slight range, in the industries employing large numbers of adult females."

Ice at Half Price.—Uncle Sam is manufacturing ice at a cost of \$2 per ton while the average price per ton of ice purchased from individual dealers in this city is \$4.50.

That the government has its own ice-plants for the convenience of the various federal departments is not generally known. The Taft administration may consider it "Socialism" to have Uncle Sam manufacture ice for all the people but considers it good business economy for the departments to escape from the clutches of the ice trust through government owned and operated ice plants.

During the past week an ice plant has been installed in the sub-basement of the state, war and navy building at Washington, at a cost of \$9,000. This plant, operating twenty-four hours every day, has a capacity of ten tons of ice per day. The demand, however, is only five tons per day, and the plant therefore is idle half of the time.

year after year; their honors are un-sung no provision is made for their remaining dependents.

The concentration of capital and the practical elimination of competition have so altered the rules of the game whereby we struggle and compete with one another for existence that the industrial conflict is far more destructive than actual warfare.

Against the spirit of greed and avarice there is a genuine spirit of unrest throughout the civilized world, a feeling that no longer is it to be understood that property rights are sacred and that the person of the toilers has no rights that cannot be invaded.

I know of no better time to unfurl the flag of man against man—than on Labor Day; it would be a most fitting celebration, a battle auspiciously started and sure of victory. Why not make our Labor Day celebrations, meetings of protest against an industrial and political system that compels millions to suffer and starve that a few may swindle and squander?

John J. McNamara.

Los Angeles.

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You will have an additional security in the good sense and sound judgment of an experienced newspaper manager. The Social-Democratic Publishing Company has weathered many a storm in the past ten years to bring the Social-Democratic Herald to its present successful basis. This force will pilot the new ship with the same steady and persistent devotion as heretofore. It will try to get sufficient advertising and the circulation for the new paper to at least cover the running expenses right from the start.

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We have given you in a modest and conservative tone the A B C of a safe investment in our bonds. The X Y Z part of our proposition is your willingness to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity. If you have ten dollars or more in a bank or at home, it will pay you to withdraw the amount, and invest it in the daily's bonds.

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# The Boy Scout Movement

By Robert Addison Dague, Author of "Henry Ashton," etc.

(Written for The Herald.)

FOR half a score or more of years thousands of good people in all enlightened countries of the world have been praying and working to abolish war, and to influence emperors, kings, presidents and lawmakers to agree to the creation of courts of arbitration in which international disputes may be peacefully adjusted, to the end that war might be abolished. Good progress was being made, but recently an opposing influence has been set in motion which bids fair to thwart all these beneficent efforts.

It is the "Boy Scout Movement." It is clear that the original promoters of the movement hope to cultivate the killing instincts in the youth of the country and thus retard if not wholly destroy the anti-war movement. The scheme was admittedly planned, and the real object is hidden, while the supposed advantages accruing to the boys are painted in brilliant colors. The Boy Scout plan was conceived by the cruel, heartless, plutocratic, monopolist who places a higher estimate on the sacredness of property than on the preciousness of human life. He knows that all wars are fought by mere boys from sixteen to twenty years of age, and almost without exception by the sons of the poor and of working people. That is the reason why he is now proposing to train the children in military methods, and to foster in their minds the murdering spirit which he tells the boys is a

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PUBLIC INTELLIGENCE CORRUPTED.

To maintain their rule over their fellow men, the capitalists must keep in their pay all organs of the public power, public mind, the only means by which the dominant parties and through them the elected public officials. They select our executives, our legislators and corrupt our courts of justice. They own and control our courts of justice. They own our educational institutions, they own the nation politically and intellectually just as they own it industrially.

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The private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation, is the rock upon which class rule is built; political government is its indispensable instrument. The wage workers cannot be freed from exploitation without conquering the political power, and substituting collective and democratic administration for private ownership of the land and the means of production used for exploitation.

THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM TO CLASS RULE.

In the struggle for freedom the interests of the workers of all nations are identical. The struggle is not only national, but international. It embraces the world and will be carried to ultimate victory by the united workers of the world.

To unite the workers of the nation and their allies and sympathizers of all other classes to this end, is the mission of the Socialist. This battle for freedom the Socialist movement does not strive to substitute working class rule for capitalist rule, but by working class victory to free all humanity from class rule and to realize the international brotherhood of man.

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A Bishop's Definition.—"Individualism regards humanity as made up of disconnected and warring atoms; Socialism regards it as an organic whole."

both in method and in aim. The method of Socialism is co-operation; of individualism, competition. The first regards man as working with man for a common end; the other regards man as working against man for private gain. The aim of Socialism is the fulfillment of service; the aim of individualism is the attainment of some personal advantage, riches, or place, or fame.—Bishop Westcott.

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Do they expect to hasten the coming of their Lord's Kingdom, on earth by fostering in the youth of the country the murdering spirit? While not a Roman Catholic, I am happy to be able to say that the Pope of Rome is using his influence to promote the anti-war sentiment, and for the establishment of international courts of arbitration.

I hope every working boy who reads this will stay out of the Boy Scout organization. If he does not, he will be expected at some future time to run the cruel bayonet through the quivering body of his brother whom he does not know and who has done him no harm; he will be ordered to tear out his heart, cleave open his head with a sword, scattering his blood and brain upon the ground, and like a ferocious wild beast, cripple, mutilate, murder him, destroy his property and bring unutterable anguish to parents and friends, all because he has been trained to obey the orders of his officers. All this and more he will be expected and required to do, and which, if he refuses to do,

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# The Labor Unions Are As Old As Solomon

## Surprising Discoveries from the Tablets of the Past—Christianity's Origin

By Frederic Heath.  
(Written for The Herald.)

SOMEWHERE about 600 years before Christ, the great Solon, to rescue his people from an impending uprising, in a crisis where something had to be done, decreed the so-called Solonic laws or Solonic dispensation. Nothing short of this could have saved Athens and Greece.

Solon was a very wise and a very humane man, and singularly democratic for those days of conquests and government by might and spoliation. At one stroke he wiped away all mortgages and freed the people. The stone mortgage posts that had been set up in the little farms showing the mortgage claims, were dug up and thrown away.

He gave all the right to vote, though not to hold office. Naturally this action of Solon's gave great strength to the trade. For surprising as it is, there were trade unions in Solon's day, and they are now known to have existed from early antiquity. It will surprise many union men of today to be told that there were trade unions among the ancients. Yet they existed, and also, they presented lessons in labor solidarity it were well modern trade unionism might learn. Their unionism was for every day of the year, including election days!

C. Osborn Ward's remarkable volumes, called "The Ancient Lowly," have brought together for the first time and preserved some wonderful facts about the oppressed masses, the human beasts of burden, of ancient times. As an employee of the government at Washington for years, he had great opportunities for research, picking out from the almost interminable mass, the particular facts that could be made to tell the continuous history he had set himself to write. To this he added two trips to Europe, Asia and the ancient countries of North Africa, and consulted, at first hand, the latest discoveries from out of the bosom of antiquity, taking notes and copying and deciphering. Mention of all this is here made only as tending to show the authenticity of the history he brings us of our predecessors in the age-long struggle of the common people. The struggle toward the great goal that still lies ahead, although now, indeed, very much nearer.

It tends to give the reader some idea of the completeness of the ancient unionism when we read that six hundred years before the time of Christ there were actually unions of poor washerwomen. At Athens, equally far back in the vista of the past, a clothes cleaners' union is also found, one doubtless out of many others.

Indeed, the ancient trade unions were many, and most of them also seem to have had the red flag as their emblem—Mr. Ward calls it "the age-long flag of labor."

A list of some of the ancient unions is interesting.

### Washington Letter

(Continued from 1st page.)

ment of labor.

A bill to regulate the employment of women in the district of Columbia.

A bill to prohibit the employment of child labor by the federal government.

A bill amending the extradition laws to prevent kidnaping.

The resolution to investigate shop systems was enacted by congress at the eleventh hour, after a bitter fight. The Republicans thrice blocked the consideration of this measure by raising points of "no quorum."

That measure was passed only after its author, Representative Wilson, of Pennsylvania, permitted Minority Leader Mann to strike out all the derogatory references to the Taylor system which were part of the original resolution. Wilson, Redfield and Lawrence were appointed on the committee.

Wilson, who is the chairman of the house committee, only reported one other measure favorably. That measure is a bill by Representative Hughes, of New Jersey, providing for the eight-hour day on all government work. This bill Wilson reported so late in the session that it is the very last measure on the house calendar.

The various labor measures mentioned heretofore are in the custody of the labor and judiciary committees. The chairman of the first committee is a Gompers Democrat and Clayton, the chairman of the other committee, is a Southern Democrat.

Although the house committee on reform of the civil service has heard a great deal of testimony this summer regarding the persecutions of postal employees by the department, it has, nevertheless, failed to report the Lloyd bill either favorably or unfavorably. This bill simply gives government employees the right to organize or petition congress.

As usual, labor is completely ignored by congress

"The members of the Fishermen's Union nominate Popidius Rufus for member of the board of public works."—Election notice carved in stone, found in the ruins of Pompeii.

their own which is reliable and old," says Mr. Ward.

"The proofs that unions existed in the dim antiquity cannot be collected so as to make an historical train of events as we like to see them arranged in our modern times. We are consequently obliged to take up with fragmentary evidence such as is given in the inscriptions handed down by the ancients.

"For instance, we have pieces of stone upon which are words showing that the metal and stone workers and some of the builders had good organizations as early as the sixth century before the Christian era began.

It is also established that labor unions built Solomon's Temple.

The discovery of carved monuments made at such an early age confirms the impression that there existed enormous trade unions even before the days of Numa and Solon. Also that they were honest and peaceable and that these sovereigns after-



### Labor Day

John A. C. Menton of Cigarmakers' International Union and Socialist Mayor of Flint, Mich., sends greetings to the organized toilers

LABOR DAY is again with us, another step nearer to the goal. The past year has been one where the working class have been breaking their political chains. The workers in their industrial organizations have no room for the employing class, therefore we, the workers, are awakening to the fact that there is no place for us in the employing class political parties.

We are by ourselves in our unions, therefore we must be the same in a political organization.

The employer wants more profits, we want more of our product; there is a clash of interests and will continue so as long as the mills, factories, mines, railroads, in fact, all the means of production and distribution are owned by a few individuals.

Our very lives are in their hands, we are their slaves.

Fellow workers, let us strike for freedom; therefore, unite industrially and politically, vote with the party of our class, which demands the collective ownership of the means of life. Let us install a society where there shall be no profit, but to the workers the social product of their toil. Let us impress this on our minds this Labor Day.

Flint, Mich.

JOHN A. C. MENTON.

ward were led to give laws to shield them or keep peace with them.

These ancient unions had an economic base, but also they had each their patron deity or goddess. Mutual support seems to have been one of the main aims of the associations.

The word or term by which they were known or designated in Solon's day was "Eranos." The unions were mostly communistic, and in Homer Eranos is used to designate a stipend or sum paid into a common fund for a club of people for eatables, drink, etc., at a common table.

These antique unions not only practiced the economy and the fellowship of a common but also co-operated in substantial business transactions. Moreover, they were not rent by jurisdictional squabbles as are our modern trade unions, and this remote beginning of trade unionism was not committed to election day scabbery—the members valued their ballot for class reasons, and even formed themselves into political parties, using their massed political strength in seeking to especially influence the selection of the superintendents of public work!

Scabbing at the Ballot

Non-voting trade unions are fools, Mr. Ward says, and certainly a twentieth century trade unionist who does not take the spirit of his class interest with him to the polling place is a pitiful object, and wittless, we may allow.

Unionism Developed Christianity

The lowly became real citizens under the Solonic laws. They could no more be taken into actual physical slavery by reason of debt. They had a voice in government. So there developed a new life for the brotherhoods, or unions of the various crafts. There was a religious side to these unions. They had their particular shrines, their patron deities. And a thousand proofs, both archaeological and written, now attest that the strange moving power which long afterward became known as Christianity was no other than the rising of the lowly under Solon's laws and their brotherhood organizations.

By direct conspiracy and by class prompting these facts of antiquity were gradually dropped from the list of college studies. The crime of false teaching is as old as the hills.

Ancient Strikes

The trade unions seem to have all shown strength about the time of Solon. There was little or no difference in the manner and objects of the organizations among the various peoples, sections and languages. At various times in unwritten history they had developed power. The study of the writings on stone, on monuments, etc., called Egyptology, has even disclosed to us that there were strikes of slaves and freedom wherein the very Pharaohs were outwitted. The unions went by various names in different countries. In Rome and Latin speaking countries these were called collegia, sodalicia, etc.; in Greece eranol, hetairae, etc., all phases of the jus coeundi, or right of combination, recognized by Solon; in Egypt the unions were called therapeutae, esenes, etc.; in Palestine they were called Nazaraeni, and syndoi; col-

legia seems to have been the favorite name in Gaul, Spain, Germany, Africa and the British Isles.

Inscriptions and other records have come down to us to prove that all these possessed the same tenets, or principles and that they were even frequently linked internationally together. They sent each other aid in times of distress. Ward calls it all "the great pre-Christian Christianity."

Some of Their Characteristics

From necessity the early unions took the military form. They were also secret. After the amalgamation of the Christians with them their secrecy was so great that for ages they maintained themselves in spite of the most searching detective work of the Roman police the world over!

Thus, says Ward, the dispensation of Solon extended through the lands now known as Italy, Greece, Asia Minor, Macedonia, Palestine, Spain, Northern Africa, France, England, Ireland, Wales, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia and the countries traversed by the Danube and those of European Turkey. It was even extended to India.

At an early period India had marked "Socialistic" forms in its government.

As to the trades, Damascus blades were made by trade unions, and it was

inated humanity for a thousand years. The two are not to be confounded. The ancient unions were of voting trade unionists, unions of men and women associated to better their conditions as workers. The more modern guilds were cringing, truckling affairs, which so catered to the feudal lords that they were finally suppressed by the French revolution.

### Even Unions of Poets

Even the poets had their unions, and, maybe, established a minimum for spring poetry! The artists were likewise organized. Slabs of stone were found along the banks of the sea of Galilee containing writings showing that the fishermen and boatmen were organized into unions, and even longshoremen.

And Spartacus himself was a member of a gladiators' union!

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### Unions Caused Standing Armies

The vast trade unionism we have been contemplating led to a counter move, that of the establishment of standing armies! The standing armies of today are therefore true to their ancient beginning! Whatever their pretense, they have for a first business the awing and cowering of the organized working people. At that stage in the world's history these armies of the people's enemies, these unlovely and supine minions of the ruling class, were able to gradually fulfill their mission.

By the fourth century of the Christian era, ancient trade unionism had been finally subjugated and obliterated, with the world's workers left economically naked and unshielded before the ruling classes.

To such a state would our capitalistic class reduce the workers of today. Disguise it as they may, deceive themselves even as many of them do, that is the hope of capitalism. Just as they keep the people unarmed today so they would also like to take from them their one defensive weapon, the trade union which is now being fortified by the political movement. Only a fear of this political resource of the toiling myriads restrains them.

### The Diocletian Butchery

The great massacre of Diocletian in the fourth century and the soldiery of the tyrant put the final quietus to labor organization. An ancient "labor skate" was the means to the end. This man's name was Hierocles, prototype of the modern Farley, the modern Pomeroy.

He sought admittance to play the spy and act as the traitor. The plan as developed by those thirsting for greater power and for a populace bereft of the strength to revolt, was to exterminate the trade unionists far and wide by one fell, overwhelming massacre.

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The standing army was to be used. It was used. The awful slaughter has been partially covered up by the destruction of accounts of it, but enough has come down to show that it swept entire populations from the earth, far and wide. And while details are lacking it has been found that the date of the great butchery marks the close of the chiseled records of ancient trade unionism. The dead could make no records.

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## Milwaukee Is Pointing the Way

### Says Max Hayes of International Printers' Union

(Written for The Herald.)

THAT Milwaukee is pointing the way to the workers of America to gain practical results upon the political and industrial fields, is now generally admitted not only by the intelligent men and women in the labor movement, but by thousands of students of social affairs as well.

On this Labor Day the Milwaukee toilers are justly entitled to feel proud of their achievements, and as they demonstrate their solidarity and celebrate their victories of the past, they should, and doubtless will, continue to gaze into the future with the confidence and consciousness of being enlisted in a righteous cause—a world-wide movement that is bound to triumph in the very near future. Yours for Socialism in Our time!

Max S. Hayes.  
Cleveland, O.

the communism of the trade unions. Indeed some portions and references of the New Testament are not completely understandable without knowing of this union movement in the midst of which it existed. It has been held that the apostles were agitators. They doubtless were most, if not all of them, active officials of the unions.

The workers of the earth have ever been the oppressed of earth. In spite of our wonderful modern advances in civilization, the golden age of labor is not with us. It did exist at various times in the past, relatively speaking. A golden age lies before us, and its rays can be seen rising over the sunrise hills.

The day is coming when he who produces will alone be well-to-do. When the exploitation of man by man under the capitalist system will be broken and the real nobility will be the nobility of labor.

### Ancient Unions Were Moral

The ancient unions seem to have been composed of self-respecting, temperate people, uninfluenced by the profligacy all about them. Their morality was looked upon as a pattern. They are said by their example and precepts to have called forth the laws of marriage under the Christian regime.

Had Signs and Passwords

They had signs and passwords. They had burial provisions. They had high dues, but these were necessary because of their co-operative buying of the necessities of life. They had conventions or reunions. They provided fines for non-attendance at meetings. All these facts are found graven on stone in the great collections in the museums of the east.

### Beware This Referendum!

(TO THE EDITOR.)

Permit me space to say a few words in opposition to Referendum C, 1911, now before the members of the party for a vote.

I am afraid that by reducing the income of the national organization to about one-third of its present standard we will greatly hamper the work of the party.

Is the income of the National Office too much?

I had occasion to be in Chicago lately and while there visited the National Office daily. I found every one of the employees working, and not working their regular office hours either. I found them working at 9 a. m. and most of them were still on the job at 9 p. m., receiving no remuneration for overtime work, or only supper money. I found them working Saturday afternoon and some of them on Sunday. Surely they must have work to do! I found that there is a great deal more work in that office than most Comrades imagine.

There is the press service, where a news letter is sent to 330 labor papers in the country at least once a week and oftener when necessary. The National Office maintains the Socialist Press Bureau in Washington. It maintains a Bureau in Los Angeles. It pays one clerk for Congressman Berger. It prints and distributes literature at a loss. It looks after the unorganized states and assists many of the organized states.

It would be impossible to describe

all the work that is being done in that office. The correspondence alone would keep a few people busy, not to speak of the accounting (and there will be as much bookkeeping on 2 cents as there is on 5 cents).

I cannot see how the National Office is to continue the work it is doing and extend it with a reduced income; and there are many other channels the propaganda of the party should reach and can reach only by the National Organization.

The proposition emanates from Local Philadelphia. Surely this local should not try to cut down the revenues of the National Organization and thereby destroy its usefulness. Possibly Local Philadelphia knows that the National Office has too much money because it offered financial and moral aid to the local to do some agitation work at the time of the street car and general strike, of which Local Philadelphia did not avail itself, considering it a waste of time and energy to do propaganda work among men and women on strike.

It is not strange that those who criticize the National Organization the most for not doing this, that and the other thing, those who want the National Organization to support all kinds of movements in the United States and even outside of it, are the same people who want to disintegrate the National Party and after all other means have failed are trying it now by cutting down the revenue?

I am not surprised, however, that certain party members who believe that political action is futile and that the Co-operative Commonwealth will be ushered in on some nice day by means of a general strike and all other things that go with it, are in favor of this proposition.

Next year is presidential year and we will need not only a united party but a party provided with funds and in a position to do things, big things. In Germany, where the party is the strongest, the Comrades are increasing the revenue of the National Organization. Here, where the party is the weakest, it is proposed to reduce it! In all the countries the Comrades are concentrating their forces and in the United States it is proposed to divide them and organize the Socialist party on the lines of the old parties, each state supreme by itself.

Note against this Referendum C, 1911, and let us show that we do not want a bunch of anarchistic groups, but a solid party, organized on national lines, and that we are willing to assist the National Organization morally and financially.

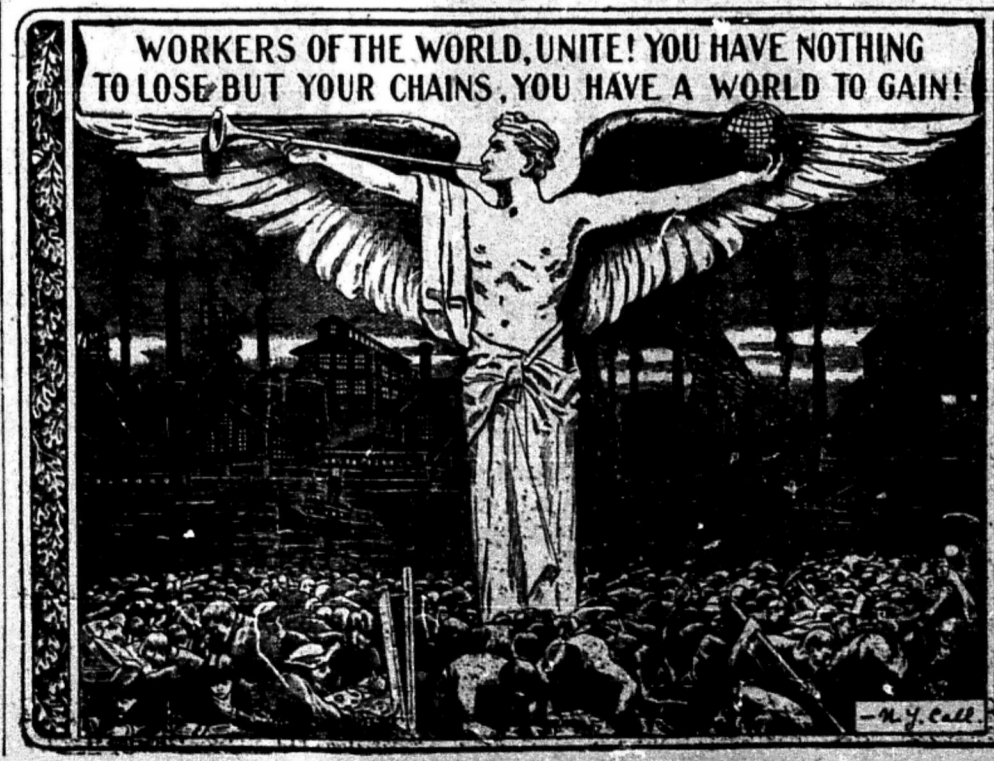
Let us bury this proposition and then let us start, repair our fences and perfect our organization for the great campaign of 1911.

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**A Note of Warning**  
(TO THE EDITOR.)

I want to sound a note of alarm regarding national Referendum C, that is now before the membership. The party members should wake up, in my humble judgment, and seriously consider what this means. We believe



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Victor L. Berger in Congress

A Remarkable Labor Record in Extra Session

Washington, Aug. 31.—Here is the legislative record of Victor L. Berger, the first and only Socialist representative, during the extra session of congress, just closed: He introduced bills and resolutions to— Recall the federal troops from the Mexican border. Provide for the calling of a national constitutional convention. Investigate the McNamara kidnaping outrage. Abolish the senate, the president's veto and the supreme courts' power to invalidate laws. Erect a postoffice at Waukesha, Wis., which would properly house the workers employed therein. Limit the employment of women in the District of Columbia to eight hours a day and prohibit night work. Amend extradition laws to prevent kidnaping. Provide automobile for official use of district committee so that it may properly do its work. Prohibit the employment of children under the age of sixteen years.

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Comment on Passing Events

paid into the treasury of the Social-Democratic party of Germany by the executors of the estate of the late leader, Paul Singer, according to the terms of his will. Singer was a wealthy man when he became converted to Socialism, and death found him still true to his colors.

The arrangements for the new Milwaukee party daily go steadily on. Last week the name for the paper was decided on—The Milwaukee Leader. This week the style of type to go into the heading has been debated. The fund goes steadily upward, and a first issue is assured long before the holiday advertising season sets in. When Brisbane hall was built the top floor was planned so that the moment a daily was decided on everything would be suited to the purpose of the editorial, reportorial, telegraph, composing rooms, etc., while in the basement towers the four-deck and color-deck perfecting press ready and waiting. Many things must be done yet, but no time is being lost.

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Other Activities The Socialist representative called President Taft's attention to the case of Engineer Lough, who was unjustly imprisoned in Panama. The president pardoned this workman. Berger appealed to Secretary Nagel of the department of commerce and labor to admit into this country Theodore Malkoff, a Russian political refugee, who had been detained at Ellis Island. Nagel granted Berger's request. Letter-carriers of several cities complained to Berger that they were compelled to wear uniforms in hot weather. Berger secured an executive order permitting these workers to decide what clothing they shall wear in summer.

WRECKING TIME!

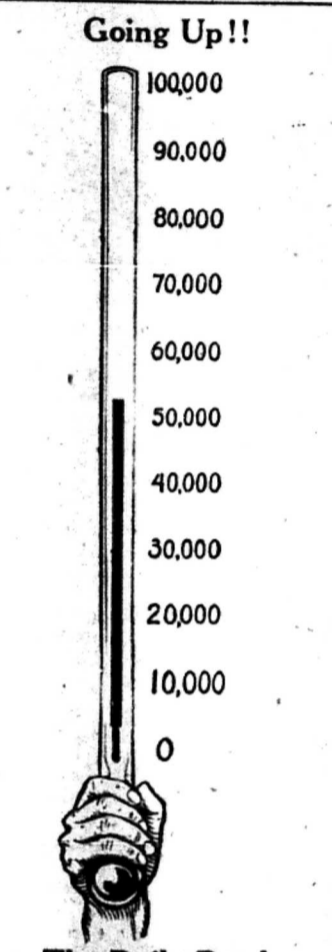
Capitalist Newspapers Again on the Job—Milwaukee Unions and Socialist Administration Attacked—"The Milwaukee Leader" a Necessity.

The newspapers of the loud were responsible for the failure of the eight hour movement in 1887. The combined opposition of the United States military and of the daily press caused the down-fall of the great railroad strike of 1893. It was the press of the whole nation which constituted the conspiracy to work the Western Federation of Miners by hanging its officials on fabricated charges. This conspiracy would have been successful had it not been for the labor and socialist publications. At present enough facts are at hand to warrant the conclusion that

dermine and destroy it without scruple as to manner or means. Misrepresentation and libeling are favorite methods, but to destroy by desecration is not omitted. In Milwaukee for the past six months unionism has been attacked daily by the press. An attempt is being made to disrupt the local unions by creating rival factions that are to spring at each other's throats and destroy themselves like the Cyclops in Greek mythology. There is no other reason for this attempt than that the labor organizations in this city are strong and flourishing—are a menace to the leaches of toil. Organized labor in Milwaukee on the field of unionism is cooperating with organized labor at the ballot box and this cooperation is resultant of the greater power.

The same tactics of disruption were practiced by the local press on the Socialist movement and the city administration. For months the newspapers were trying their best to split the Socialist ranks. Berger's name and nickname with this intention was often used with implications to the effect that he was the pasha in our movement. Their utmost was done to divide into opposite camps our elected aldermen. Fearing head lines were used with this purpose. But to no avail. The Socialist ranks are solid as ever. Now the public is addressed and the Socialist administration is printed black before it. We quote from the Superior Telegram which hits one of the local dailies:

"The Milwaukee Journal is trying to 'bust up' the Socialist party in that city. It is a hard job. Milwaukee will be strongly Socialistic for a long time to come. But in double-column editorial matter The Journal advances daily against the Socialist citadel, charging chronic incompetence and hopeless inability to deal with public matters." It is therefore of the utmost necessity that the new daily, The Milwaukee Leader, should appear as soon as possible to protect all interests of labor, economical and political. To publish the proposed daily will require at least \$100,000. Over half of this amount has already been raised by subscription of ten dollar bonds, paying four (4) per cent interests and running for 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 years. These bonds will be secured by a first mortgage covering more than \$118,000.



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Civic Federationism Again Rebuked

Johnston, Socialist, Becomes International President of the Machinists. Members Tire of a President Who Dined Regularly with the Enemy.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Progressive unionism won a decisive victory when William H. Johnston was declared elected president of the International Association of Machinists with a majority of 1,070 votes over his opponent, James O'Connell, the present incumbent.

It Is a Protest

The election of Johnston to the presidency of this union is undoubtedly a protest of the rank and file.

O'Connell is a prominent member of the Civic Federation, while Johnston is a Socialist and stands for the independence of labor on both political and industrial fields.

Never in the history of the machinists' union has there been such an aggressive and bitter contest for the presidency. Both sides issued a great deal of campaign literature.

When the official count was finished the result showed that O'Connell received 12,321 and Johnston 15,300.

D. Douglas Wilson, the editor of the Machinists' Journal, was unanimously re-elected. George Preston, the international secretary, was also re-elected.

Three Socialists were elected as delegates to the convention of the American Federation of Labor. They are: B. F. Lamb, Thomas Van Lear, and P. W. Buckley. J. J. Keegan was also elected as a delegate.

President-elect Johnston is a member of the Socialist local of this city. He was twice the Socialist candidate for governor of Rhode Island.

Marks Coming Change

His election to the presidency is the third blow that the Gompers cabinet has received from the progressive unionists. First was the action of the miners regarding John Mitchell's connection with the Civic Federation. Second, the defeat of Treasurer Lendon of the American Federation of Labor, as secretary of the tailors' union.

The injustice of the poll tax is being fought by the Socialists at Girard, Kans., and it is to be hoped it will be a fight to a finish.

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Eyes of the Workers Opening

By J. C. Skemp, Int. Secretary of Painters' Union



(Written for The Herald.)

of workers—all to win or all to lose. And what a glorious victory! Unionism in the British Isles is born again; with higher hopes increased confidence and augmented power the workers' press forward to industrial and economic liberty.

Now the issue is to be fought on American soil. The machinists, blacksmiths, boiler makers—all the organized workers employed in railroad shops—have combined in a federation and demand joint agreements for all. The corporations insist on a separate agreement with each trade; they fear the power of the united organizations and would divide and conquer.

But the eyes of the workers are opening; with growing intelligence, with the self reliance and enthusiasm born of conscious strength and a great cause, with an understanding of the meaning of the world-wide and ages-old conflict we are getting together in the shop, on the job and at the ballot box; trade lines are forgotten and as wage-earners, with one common interest, we face the capitalists in unbroken mass.

worth of property. It is your duty to take one or more of these bonds at once for the funds are needed. Remember a bond is nothing but a loan. Stand by the Socialist administration of Milwaukee and by your class.

- Canada... Workmen's Circle, No. 441, Jacksonville, Fla. Local Lopez, Lopez, Wash. Arbeiter Kranken- & Sterbekasse, No. 52. The Greenfield Socialist Local, Greenfield, Mass. Radical Circle of Cap Makers, Elizabeth, N. J. County Central Col'tee, S.-D. P.

The Builders' Column

By A. W. Mance

The Three Winners Free!

With One Year's Subscription to the Local Edition of the Social-Democratic Herald.

We have lately published three pamphlets which are selling like hot cakes in a winter lumber camp. They are: "The United States Constitution and Socialism," by Silas Hood. "The Menace of Socialism," a lecture against Socialism, by Father Gasson, and a reply by James F. Cary. "Socialism, What It Is, and How to Get It," by Oscar Ameringer.

We will send these three pamphlets free to each person sending one dollar for one year's subscription to the local edition of the Social-Democratic Herald.

We will send you your choice of any one of them for 50 cents and the national edition of The Social-Democratic Herald for one year for 50 cents. Please mention this ad. when taking advantage of this offer.

Through a business transaction we are in possession of one hundred yearly subscription cards for the powerful monthly magazine, "The Masses." While they last, you may have the local edition of The Social-Democratic Herald and "The Masses" for \$1. The regular subscription price of each of these papers is \$1 per year. First comes get the bargain. Both papers will be sent only when this offer is mentioned by subscriber.

Will the Socialists Hold Milwaukee? That is the question now being asked by thousands of people in all parts of the country. I think I can assure you that we will.

This one thing we can promise you. We will put up the greatest fight to continue to control Milwaukee that the powers of light and progress ever waged against mammon and darkness.

The capitalists have fired the opening gun from behind the mask of the so-called "Taxpayers' League." It is another clumsy attack on the Socialist administration by a lot of wealthy tax dodgers and their retainers. These tax dodgers are spending a barrel of money already in newspaper advertisements in their flimsy attacks on the first honest and efficient administration Milwaukee has had in a generation.

If you want your neighbors to become Socialists get them reading The Herald from now on. Get them interested in this struggle.

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What the New Compensation Law Is

Secretary-Treasurer Frederick Brockhausen of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor Tells All About It—All Workingmen Should Read This Carefully

The first section of the Employers' Liability Law takes away the defense of assumption of the risk from all employers of labor in Wisconsin in personal injury suits who do not elect to pay compensation for injuries under the plan outlined in the law beginning with the fourth section, except that railroad trainmen shall remain subject to the comparative negligence law as amended by Chapter 254 of the Laws of 1907.

THE words in the above, "Assumption of the risk," is a capitalistic invention and came into existence since 1837. It meant that a worker taking a job also took with it all the chances of getting hurt or killed. This defense of the employer is taken away beginning Sept. 1, 1911.

The defense of the negligence of a fellow servant is likewise taken away from the employers who have four or more employees in a common employment, and who do not agree to pay the scheduled compensation, with the exception relative to railroad trainmen noted above.

The above deals with a capitalistic invention created in 1842 and known as the "Fellow Servant Rule." It means to the worker that if a fellow worker in any way is to blame for an accident or the killing of another fellow the entire blame for such accident falls on the workers. This rule still stands for the benefit of employers who employ less than four people. For others it does not exist since Sept. 1, 1911.

It is further provided in this section that any employer in Wisconsin who agrees to pay compensation as provided in the law, but whose employees refuse to accept the offer, shall not lose his defenses as against such employees so refusing, and that suit brought by such employees shall be governed by the law as it was previous to the passage of this act.

In so far as employees refuse to come under or accept of the compensation act while working for employers who have selected to come under the act, you workers who so refuse and at any time should you desire to go into court to secure damages for an accident, you will have to fight your employer with all his defenses against you, namely, the assumption of the risk, the fellow servant rule and the rule of contributory negligence.

Because of the existence of the workmen's compensation law your chances in court will be less than ever before, based on the idea that employer and employee should get together under the compensation law.

It is provided that no contract, rule or regulation shall serve to exempt the employer from the foregoing provisions of the law.

The above is very important to the worker, because it destroys, in this case, at least, the so-called freedom of contract which, from a worker's point of interest, has always been a ghastly joke, but a boon, especially to the greedy employer. So even though you sign a contract in favor of the employer it will not save him from giving to you all there is coming to you under the workmen's compensation act, or your chance in court with an employer who refuses to come under the act and employing more than four persons.

Beginning with the fourth section, the law provides a plan for the compensation of injured employees, which, if both employer and employee shall accept, the same will make certain the compensation without recourse to troublesome and ruinous lawsuits.

Under the lawsuit system some few employees occasionally got some money left over after the lawyers got through with them. The plan under the compensation law is to take all the money formerly going to lawyers, accident insurance companies and other costs and distribute it along the line in all accident cases according to the degree of the accident.

This plan provides for reasonable compensation by an employer to an employee who may be injured by accident while performing service growing out of and incidental to his employment, providing that such employment is not merely casual and that the injury is not caused by willful misconduct.

An injury may be caused by an accident for which no one is responsible, or for which the injured workman is responsible, or for which the employer is responsible, but the compensation must be paid in each case, provided willful misconduct was not the cause of the accident.

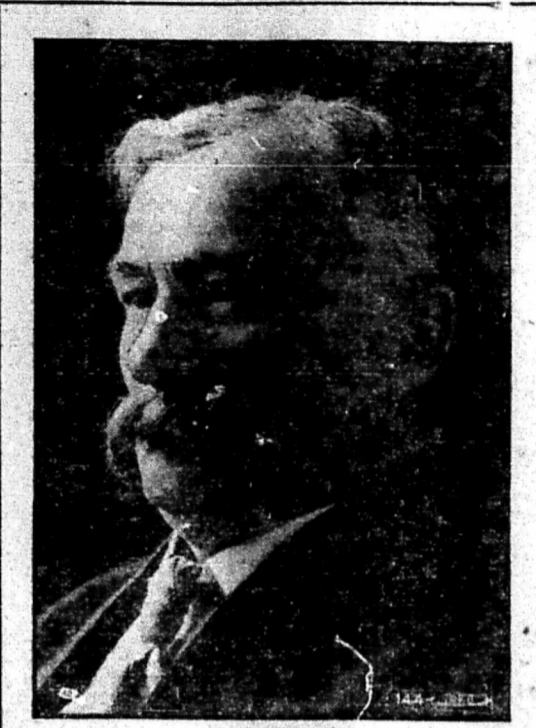
Should a workman intentionally have a finger crushed in order to get a lay-off on part pay he would not be entitled to compensation on the ground that the injury was caused by willful misconduct.

While the foregoing does away with the old or so-called common law defenses of the employer who is under the compensation act, the above paragraphs of the act yet leave loopholes such as casual employment and willful misconduct subject to the construction of the industrial commission or by the courts if an appeal is taken. The third paragraph relating to a crushed finger to get a lay-off is merely demonstrative, yet indicative as to what a crushed finger may mean during vacation time to those who have to define and rule upon the law. Of course, with the workers it will be a rare case for anyone to cripple a finger to get a lay-off. More common it will be to extend the time of drawing benefits after an accident.

During coming sessions of the legislature there is lots of room for improvements.

Every employer of labor in Wisconsin may elect to pay the scheduled compensation, but no employer can be forced to do so against his will. If an employer wishes to make such agreement he must file a written statement with the industrial commission at Madison to the effect that he accepts the provisions of the law.

This statement will make the employer liable to pay the



Frederick Brockhausen, Secretary-Treasurer Wisconsin State Federation of Labor

scheduled compensation for a period of one year, and thereafter for each succeeding year unless he shall, at least sixty days before the end of a given year, file with the board a statement to the effect that he desires to withdraw his offer to pay compensation.

Any workman who hires to an employer who has filed his election to pay compensation will be held to have accepted such compensation and to have waived his right to any other compensation unless at the time of hiring he serves written notice on the employer that he prefers not to accept such compensation.

If an employer is working for an employer who has not filed his election to pay compensation, but who later files such election, and the employee continues to work for such employer for a period of thirty days after such filing, the employee shall be held to have accepted the provisions of the law.

Railroad companies may elect to pay compensation the same as other employers and the trainmen may accept the offer, if they wish, in place of taking the chances of recovering for injuries under the comparative negligence law.

The state and each county, town, city, village and school district, and the employer of each are subject to the provisions of the law without notice of any kind. Officials of the state and its political subdivisions are not subject to provisions of the law. In all cases where the employer and employee are subject to the provisions of the law, the injured employee is entitled to his medical and surgical aid for a period not more than ninety days, to be paid for by the employer. In addition to such aid, if the accident causes disability, in whole or in part, the injured employee is entitled to a money indemnity varying in amount and time with the degree of disability and its duration.

Of the above paragraphs attention is called to the words in the first one (but no employee can be forced to do so against his will). This is in compliance with the constitution of the state and makes the act voluntary. The same guarantee is granted to the workers under the third paragraph, who, under this paragraph, has the privilege of serving notice on the employer that he prefers not to accept the compensation provided for in the law.

It is preferable that this state of affairs remain until state insurance is provided for by a constitutional amendment as introduced in the last session of the legislature.

The general plan of compensation contemplates that an employee who is totally disabled shall receive 65 per cent of his average weekly earnings, and that an employee who is partially disabled shall receive 65 per cent of his weekly loss in wages during the period of such disability. Various degrees of disability within these limits are provided for with corresponding compensation. The limit of compensation to a single employee for a single accident cannot be more than four times the average annual earnings of such employee.

Average annual earnings shall not be figured at less than \$375 nor more than \$750. Suppose a man who is earning \$10 a week is injured in such a manner that he requires medical attendance for seven weeks; that after that time he is unable to work for ten weeks; that after that time he recovers sufficiently to be able to earn one-half pay for the thirty weeks, and is then fully recovered and able to earn full pay. His benefits would be as follows: Free medical attendance for the first seven weeks, \$6.50 per week in money for the first seven weeks and \$3.25 per week for the next thirty weeks, when the compensation stops. Total:

Table with 2 columns: Medical attendance (seven weeks), Cash first 17 weeks, Cash last 30 weeks. Total: \$208.00

In case an employee is killed, leaving some person or per-

sons wholly dependent upon him for support, such dependent person or persons will be paid a sum sufficient when added to compensation previously paid, if any, to equal four times the average annual earnings of such employee.

Compensation is scheduled to correspond to varying degrees of dependency. Under the law some degrees of dependency are fixed without proof, as, for example, a wife upon a husband with whom she is living at the time of his death.

Questions of dependency not fixed in the law shall be decided by the industrial commission under the general law in accordance with the facts as they may be at the time of the accident. All payments of compensation will be made without expense to the parties unless appeal is taken, as provided in the law.

The law contemplates that notice shall be served on the employer by an injured employee or someone in his behalf within thirty days of the date of the accident, and that after the expiration of two years from the date of the accident, if no claim is made, the right to compensation shall not exist. Under the law an injured employee must submit to medical examination from time to time on the written request of the employer, or have his right to compensation suspended during refusal, but he is entitled to have a physician of his own choice present on such occasions. If he refuses to submit to examination when ordered by the board or an examiner, he will lose the compensation during the period of such refusal.

If any claim is compromised under this law without approval by the board, such compromise may be set aside by the board upon application made within one year of the time of such compromise. Provision is made in the law that in case a dispute arises between employer and employee in regard to any claim, the board shall, upon application in writing from either party, fix a time for the hearing of the claim, which time shall not be more than forty days after the application is made.

This paragraph on the law is very important. For a worker may by some unscrupulous employer be done on a compromise; if so he has a chance of appeal to the industrial board within one year after the compromise was made.

The board is given all necessary powers in the matter of securing evidence as to the justice of the claim. After the hearing the board shall make its award, a certified copy of which may, by either party, be presented to the Circuit Court for any county, which court shall render a judgment in accordance with the award. This judgment shall be entered and docketed with the same effect as though it had been duly rendered in an action duly tried and determined in the court. Within twenty days of the date of any award either party may commence an action in the Circuit Court for Dane county for the review of such award. This action shall be without expense to the party who does not take the appeal. After a review of the award the court may make such disposition of the same as the nature of the case shall demand. An appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court for Dane county may be taken to the Supreme Court, which shall finally dispose of the case.

Under the law no attorney can collect more than 10 per cent of the amount awarded or collected as a contingent fee.

Particular attention is called to the last paragraph of the above, which relates to the contingent fee of attorneys. With so-called ambulance chasers the term contingent fee is very elastic. If you must have legal assistance in getting what is due you, make a contract in writing, of which you retain a copy, for 10 per cent on the net amount granted you as compensation; and also bear in mind that under the above explanation of the law the party who appeals to the courts must bear the expense.

A claim for compensation cannot be assigned before payment, nor can it be taken to satisfy the debts of the claimant. Full liberty is given to employers of labor to insure in liability companies, but failure of the company to pay does not release the employer of his obligation.

The above paragraph insures you against collection agencies, or other sharks; none of them can tie up your compensation. Neither does the failure of any insurance company in which your employer may have insured to protect himself against any claim in an accident case release him from his obligation under the workmen's compensation act.

For your further information I wish to state that the noise in the papers about a suit by Judge Carpenter instigated by Thomas J. Neacy and the Vilter Manufacturing company. I can inform you that it is really no suit, but an application to the state Supreme Court permitting the aforesaid citizens to bring suit on the constitutionality of the law and to prevent the secretary of state and the state treasurer from paying the salaries to the industrial accident board, a board created under the compensation act to administer the law. However, by an amendment this board was abolished and its duties imposed on the new industrial commission. A real suit and one in the prescribed form is the one where some employees sue to prevent the Falk Manufacturing company from going under the compensation law. This suit is docketed for January, 1912, and will be heard in the state Supreme Court. In the meantime, and while the above M. & M. steers are endeavoring to block the way of reason, many employers are preparing to go in under the act to take a chance under the new plan, in place of the old, brutal and "damned" working-people-be-damned system.

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Wisconsin State Organization

E. H. Thomas, Brisbane Hall, 528 Chestnut St., Milwaukee, Wis., state secretary, to whom news and other matters of this department should be sent.

Oconto.—Comrade Benziger of Green Bay, recently happened to pass through Oconto. He improved the opportunity to organize a branch of the Social-Democratic party in that town. The material was all ready—all that was needed was to get the comrades together. The result is a good branch in Oconto, which will do splendid work in that town. Now, here is a suggestion for other comrades who chance to stop in unorganized towns. Often they come across isolated Socialists who would like to join the party, but do not know how to organize a branch. In such cases, a wide-awake Social-Democrat can do a valuable and lasting service by getting these scattered So-

The Milwaukee district attorney, Winfred Zabel, will address the conference on Sunday afternoon.

Superior.—As usual, Superior comes to the front. Comrade Parks writes, "Branch 1 of Superior will send one or two delegates to the Stevens Point convention and will pay their expenses."

Berger's Speeches.—We have on hand a stock of copies of Comrade Victor L. Berger's magnificent speech on the tariff. These we can furnish to the branches at cost price, that is, 25 cents per hundred. They make splendid propaganda matter. Send us your orders.

A Legal Picnic.—Once upon a time, an astute Milwaukee financier told the health department to go to—well, to a place not in the least nice. The astute financier had been ordered to repair some defective plumbing in a south side house. The financier said he'd be damned

first. Also, that he would take the case to the highest court in the state. He did. He lost in district court, in municipal court and again in the supreme court.

Then he said he'd be damned if he'd comply with court orders. So a mild but withal muscular deputy sheriff grasped him firmly by the nape of the neck and cast him into a wagon. The wagon wended its way over idyllic lanes, and into the pastoral surroundings of the house of correction.

The astute financier grimly viewed a tier of cells. Ultimately appeared one tonsorial artist, armed with one pair of extra-hollow-ground beveled-edged clippers. He made one effort to snip away the cherished whiskers of the astute financier (whiskers no being prison etiquette) and thereafter the astute financier succumbed. The little legal picnic cost the astute financier \$1,700. The original repairs, demanded by the health department, and which he ultimately had to make anyway, cost \$45. A moral involving bone-heads might be drawn from this fable. However, perhaps it merely indicates that a little consultation with the commissioner of health, a little less of the you-be-damned spirit, and a little more co-operation for the benefit of the whole may sometimes save \$1,700 or thereabouts.

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# Judge Knocks Out City Law

Smoke nuisance and menomonee stench continue through action of court officials.

How the best efforts of good, intelligent men who are not Socialists, may be defeated and blocked by the so-called "machinery of justice" was shown in flashlight manner this week.

In four different cases is found the proof.

## Against Smoke and Stench.

For years a number of good Milwaukee people have been trying to stop the dirty, unhealthy smoke nuisance.

For years, other good citizens have been striving to get the Menomonee valley stench, with its putrid smells, abated and permanently discontinued.

"City Hall scandal! Paper, mister?" How many times have we heard this during the past few months? Lately it has been happening every day downtown.

Why don't the daily newspapers of Milwaukee tell you the truth about how the courts are used to stop the action of good measures?

And just as some success is being attained along these lines, the judges and court commissioners, with injunctions and extra legal actions step in and stop the advance.

Clearly a Law Breaker.  
The case of George Thiering, a baker at State and Fifteenth streets, was tried for violation of the smoke ordinance Aug. 30 before Judge Blenski. Six witnesses testified that during eighteen minutes of one hour a dense smoke had issued from the chimney of Thiering's bakery. Three of these witnesses were officials of the smoke inspector's force. The other three were near-by residents who

testified that the complained violation was a common occurrence.

This baker is the same who was at one time enjoined on petition of Louis Auer. Auer won his case.

City Law "Unreasonable?"  
What did Judge Blenski do? He stated to those awaiting his verdict that he believed the testimony, that it was doubtless true. But the ordinance relating to smoke nuisances, he declared is "unreasonable." Judge Blenski seized for himself the right to declare city ordinances "unreasonable." Therefore, he decides that Thiering, the smoke offender, is not guilty.

Therefore, those who live near Thiering's bakery may now make up their minds to endure such dense, dirty, unwholesome smokes as Thiering may choose to give them.

Is Council Helpless?  
The city common council of the city may pass ordinances for the good of the people of the city. But a Judge Blenski can set aside these laws. The common council may say to a shop, "You shall not send vile smoke into the yards and rooms of places where people are living in this city." And the owner of the shop can take his case before Blenski and Blenski says, "The ordinance is unreasonable—got guilty."

When these facts were laid before one of the members of the Westminister League, a civic club which with others has for a long time been fighting the smoke nuisance, this man said:

"How in the name of Christ and truth can any one pretend to say that we have a representative government in this city when a petty judge has the power to set aside an ordinance passed by the common council because he believes it to be 'unreasonable'?"

The lawyer representing Thiering in this case was Carl Runge, formerly city attorney under Mayor Rose. Runge is a Rose Democrat. Blenski is a Rose Democrat. Which may explain what would otherwise be a mystery.

Cases Continued, No Fines.  
Notice further. On Aug. 28 and 30, cases of violation of the smoke ordinance were brought before Judge Blenski. The offenders complained against were respectively E. J. Earl, president of the Central Coal company, and Walter Reed, of the Filer & Stowell company. Both cases were continued, one of them for the second time.

This is directly contrary to the policy which has been adopted by Judge Neelen, who has handled more smoke cases than any other judge. Neelen, let it also be stated, has declared frequently that he considers it against his duty, that it is not his business as a judge, to say whether or not an ordinance passed by the common council is "unreasonable."

Blenski a Handy Man.  
So long as the smoke offenders have a Blenski, they are safe in continuing to violate the law, if Blenski holds to his declaration of this week, that the ordinance is "unreasonable."

Also, it will be convenient for any law breaker who has violated a city ordinance to bring his case before Judge Blenski. That judge holds that he has a right to declare city ordinances "unreasonable."

Memomonee Stink Again.  
Now for another instance of the operations of "our judicial oligarchy," our "people-be-damned-judges."

For many years, the people living near the Menomonee valley have been at times sufferers from a stench created by some of the rendering plants.

"On a given day you can not tell

just what you will have to endure until you know which way the wind blows," says a man who lives on Clybourn street.

Now, after many patient years, these people at last saw a health commissioner and a common council in office with the intelligence and the backbone to draw up and pass an ordinance properly regulating these rendering plants.

Handy Injunction Again.  
Now, however, comes Otto Maercker of the Milwaukee Tallow and Grease company. He goes before Fred Scheiber, court commissioner. And from this official he gets one of these automatic, smooth-running, shock-absorbing things known as an injunction.

The sensational facts here told were not given to the people of Milwaukee by the daily newspapers of Milwaukee.

When a judge takes to himself the power to upset and kick into the street a city ordinance, you have a right to know about it from your daily newspapers you buy. Haven't you?

This injunction says the city ordinance regulating rendering plants is not valid. It is against the constitution of the United States and the constitution of Wisconsin.

Go Ahead with Stink.  
The injunction forbids the health commissioner, city attorney, mayor or any city authority whatsoever and notwithstanding, from interfering with the aforesaid Tallow and Grease company. According to the injunction, the grease company can go ahead and make all the stink it wants to.

Isn't it about time we had a few judges and court commissioners who understand the life and needs of the masses of people?

# Labor Day Program

Orator of the Day—Frank J. Hayes, Indianapolis, Vice-President United Mine Workers America

DIVISIONS WILL FORM AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST DIVISION  
FEDERATED TRADES COUNCIL  
FIRST Division forms on Chestnut Street, head resting west of Fourth Street.

Frank W. Neumer, Chief Marshal, Frank Peters Chief Aid. Officers and Executive Board of Federated Trades Council. Band. City and County Officials. Delegates to Federated Trades Council. Prizes on Wagon. Retail Clerks Union No. 1. Bridge Tenders' Protective Union, No. 13039, A. F. of L. Elevator Conductors and Starters' Union, 13208, A. F. of L. Glass Blowers, No. 15. Pavers and Rammermen No. 289.

SECOND DIVISION  
BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL  
SECOND Division forms on Fifth Street, north of Chestnut, head resting on Chestnut Street.

Fred Heise, Marshal. Band. Delegates of Building Trades Council, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, No. 8. Machinery Movers, No. 47. Cement Workers, No. 95. Steamfitters and Helpers, No. 18. Electrical Workers, No. 494. Sheet Metal Workers, No. 24.

THIRD DIVISION  
LABEL TRADES SECTION  
THIRD Division forms on Fifth Street, south of Chestnut, head resting on Chestnut Street.

H. P. Bock, Marshal. Delegates of Label Trades Council. Band. Cigar Makers' Union, No. 25. Boot and Shoe Workers, No. 171. Boot and Shoe Cutters, No. 351. Journeymen Tailors, No. 86. Clothing Cutters and Trimmers, No. 195. Bartenders, No. 64. Upholsterers, No. 29. Barbers. Bakers, No. 205. Garment Workers.

FOURTH DIVISION  
BREWERS' UNIONS  
FOURTH Division forms on west side of Fourth Street, north of Chestnut, head resting on Chestnut Street.

Fred. Schaefer, Marshal. Brewery Workers' Executive Board. Band. Brewery Teamsters' Union, No. 72. Band. Brewery Maltsters' Union, No. 89. Brewery Engineers and Firemen's Union, No. 25. Band. Brewery Workers' Union, No. 9. Band. Second Division of No. 9. Band. Brewery Beer Bottlers, No. 213. Band. Second Division, B. B. B. Band. Third Division, B. B. E.

FIFTH DIVISION  
METAL TRADES COUNCIL  
FIFTH Division forms on east side of Fourth Street, south of Chestnut Street, head resting on Chestnut Street.

Geo. Stearns, Marshal. Metal Trades Council. Band. Patternmakers' Association. Iron Molders' Union, No. 121. Iron Molders' Union, No. 125. Iron Molders' Union, No. 166. Band. Machinists' Union, No. 66.

Members of unions and music bands are to march three abreast. Keep to the right side of the street car track. All should assist to keep street cars moving on Third street.

TAKE NOTICE! All union men whose unions do not parade can march with the Federated Trades Council. Members wearing union badges will be admitted to the park free until 3 p. m. After that hour no person will be admitted by badge. Tickets 10 cents. Parade to move at 10:30 a. m. sharp.

Marshals will order all vehicles or floats not under the jurisdiction of a union to follow in the rear of the fifth division, placing themselves in line on the east side of Fourth street, north of Poplar street.

Delegates of Building Trades Council, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, No. 8.

Special division of female union members will form on the east side of Third Street, north of Center Street, and from there will lead parade to park.

Line of March.  
East on Chestnut, north on Third Street.

Marshals of unions are to obey the orders of division marshals and assist in the formation of the divisions.

Division marshals will keep all crossings clear until line moves, see

Division that do not properly belong there.

Division marshals, bands and mar- to it that no vehicles are in their dis-als of unions are instructed to march to the west end of the park before disbanding, in order to prevent any crowding at the gate. All union floats and vehicles must have union drivers, and they will enter the park and go out at the rear gate.

See You at the State Fair  
The Social-Democratic Herald will have a stand at the State Fair this year, and when you go out next week see that you look us up. Don't go out to the fair on Labor Day. Monday. There are two reasons why you should not. One is that the fair is never in full blast on the first day, and you will not get your money's worth. The other is that Labor Day was set aside for the workers to celebrate in and that it is a low thing for the fair to cut in and try to lure working people away from their own celebration. You ought to rebuke that by staying away.

Bill Bollenbeck and the Milwaukee Sentinel have certainly spread themselves in the Clancy case. The campaign could not have been conducted better—for Clancy.

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GLORIOUS CELEBRATION!  
A Holiday for all Milwaukee. LABOR DAY.  
Grand Picnic and Ball at  
FREE CONCERT By May's Band  
Pabst Park  
Auspices of Federated Trades Council  
EXTRA! Mammoth Outing of United German Societies.  
SPEECHES. MUSIC. GOOD TIME FOR ALL.  
NOTE: September 10—G. U. G. Germania Picnic. ADMISSION 10 CENTS.

# Town Topics by the Town Crier

Even the trash can on the walk in front of Brisbane Hall bears the label of the Sheet Metal Workers.

Permit us to remark that Frederic Morehouse's civic specialty seems to consist in straining at gnats and swallowing Camppells.

The judges have thrown off their masks and stand forth as enemies of the people. Some of them seem to be wholly devoid of honor, or shame.

There is a rumor among lawyers that the Bar Association may be asked to disbar Willet Spooner for his outrageous and unprofessional attempt made through an open letter in the papers, to intimidate the judges (the commissioners) before whom the Clancy case is being tried.

The papers tell us that when a reference to his perjury trial was made at the police and fire hearing, Chief Clancy turned to the reporters and smiled. That seems to be Clancy's cut all right. Most anyone who had been indicted for perjury and who was acquitted by a jury under circumstances that created no end of talk, would feel annoyed at having the matter brought up in a public place. But not so, Clancy. He smiled. It was such a joke, you know!

A chief who hopes to rule a department by maintaining a petty spy system deserves the severest reprimand. Members of the fire department are citizens, with citizens' rights. We have before remarked that the old party idea is that once a man puts on a subordinate uniform he can be treated any old way, and he has no right to rebel. After some of the things that have come out in the Clancy case, it is easy to believe that the charge that it was usually the men from the workingmen wards who were put in dangerous places, and that favorites were favored, has had some foundation in fact.

One of the saddest political developments (albeit insignificant) of recent Milwaukee history, has been the role played by the managing editor of the Journal, H. C. Campbell by name. Campbell long ago picked himself out for mayor, and has been working the nonpartisan racket ever since to feather his own nest. He became active in the civic clubs to further his personal schemes, and after trying unsuccessfully to suggest himself to various people as good

timber for a mayoralty berth, finally hit upon the idea of having the Journal take charge of nominations and has now framed up a symposium in the said paper by which he will at least be able to get his name in line. It is queer how politics seems to corrupt the civic morals of a certain type of men. The virulent and utterly unfair and in many cases downright dishonest attacks on the Social-Democrats in the Journal are the political manipulations of this man, Campbell, and in part they are directed to the shameful task of misleading such generally well intentioned citizens as Frederic Morehouse, and others. As an instance of the downright dirty methods of Campbell, we may state that he has his newsboys instructed to cry out "All about the City Hall scandal!" on every possible occasion, although the news presented has nothing to do with the city hall. This is done simply to blacken the Socialists in the public mind, so as to further the private schemes of the said Campbell. Truly, we have dirty enemies.

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# Fight! For The Truth In Milwaukee Strike!

## Workingmen and Citizens!!

Arouse, Wake Up from Your Lethargy. Protest Against the Wholesale Misrepresentation of Your Class and of Your Administration, by the

Daily Capitalist Press

# Great Protest and Mass Meeting

Sunday, October 1st, 8 P.M.

# AUDITORIUM

THE CAPITALIST PRESS by continued lying, and the distortion and suppression of news, broke up the eight hour movement in 1887; tried and hanged journalistically, the officers of the Western Federation of Miners in 1907; is passing the verdict of guilty on the McNamara brothers today; is trying hard to break up the unions and socialist power in this very city today. CALL A HALT NOW AND FOREVER!

An endeavor is made to secure as speakers: Managing Editor of

The Milwaukee Leader  
CARL D. THOMPSON, MAYOR SEIDEL and OTHERS

It is Your Duty to be there to Protest, and to hear about the Workingmen's Daily Newspaper of Milwaukee—"The Milwaukee Leader"