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CURRENT COMMENT

By FREDERIC HEATH.

This number of The Herald goes to press on the eve of the election.

Job Harriman predicts 20 Socialist members of the next California legislature.

The number of preachers who are Socialists is one of the remarkable developments of the present day. They are in every city and of every denomination.

The Socialists in the Norwegian parliament have begun an attack on the military schemes of the bourgeois government.

Don't forget to make good use of Benson's article on Socialism in the April Pearson's. Get your neighbor to read it.

The latest "explanation" of it is to blame the United States supreme court for the growth of Socialism in the United States.

Word comes that the Socialists elected three members to the consultative conference at Tunis, Africa, a gain of two seats.

James Maurer, just elected president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, is a Socialist member of the Pennsylvania legislature.

The Seattle school board has decided to allow political meetings in the school buildings. It is thought that this will lessen the number of soap boxes!

A Socialist mayor has just been elected at Harbor Springs, Mich. Do you know what that means? Simply that the number of Socialist mayors in the United States now totals 58.

That a judge should come out in defense of the other side in the Lawrence strike was only to be expected. Paying American labor on an Asiatic basis in proud, American New England, is all right to the American capitalistic judicial mind.

The Union League club, of New York, here they dine on hummingbird tongues and nightingale eggs, has

just called the great third term aspirant an "undesirable citizen." Simply one of Teddy's chickens coming home to roost.

The sheep who asked the wolves to please be good were no more ridiculous than the fool voter who still believes that capitalism can be anything else but wolfish. The wolf must eat, and capital must have its increase out of us, or cease to be capital.

La Follette's politicians are selling him out in Milwaukee by leaguizing themselves with the big interests in the present city campaign. Profession and practice are two different things with some of the politicians that have enlisted under his banner.

The president of the Illinois miners' union has been nominated for congress. Who more than the miners, I would ask, have a better right to a voice in the national law-making body? Some sleek capitalist lawyer, or some sin-developed capitalist party politician?

A Socialist paper, the Social-Demokraten, of Christiania, Norway, was the first paper to publish the fact of the "discovery of the South Pole by Amundsen. It received a telegram from a Socialist who was a member of the exploring party, the moment the explorers reached Tasmania.

The Survey prints a picture of Raymond Robbins, and refers to him as miner, preacher, labor leader, political reformer and settlement worker. It might have added: Enemy of the right of the worker to the value of his toil—in other words a monkey-worker pleasing to Mr. Morgan.

An exchange prints a photograph from the famine district of China, showing a rude little hut, with the thatched roof nearly all sold for food. Inside a child lies ill with small pox. Simply one of the horrors from a world full of them. And all preventable horrors under a sane social system!

The Typographical Journal for March has a lengthy article recounting the work for unionism and the printing labels by the Social-Democratic administration in Milwaukee the past two years. Get it if you can, and read what it says. It will show you what even a first city party can do—if it really wants to.

Russia is making it hard for the

Socialist press of Finland. The editor of the party organ at Tammerfors, Sateri Nuorteva, who some time ago was sent to prison for lese majeste, managed to make his escape, and has lately settled in Oregon, where he has been made editor of the Toeveri, the Finnish Socialist bi-weekly at Astoria.

One of the rawest capitalist tricks

of recent date was the dispatch sent to the capitalist press of the country to the effect that the Socialist weekly, of Girard, Kansas. The Appeal to Reason, had suspended publication. The dispatch, queerly enough, said that the paper had been losing money and then went on to relate how its owners had made so much money out of it

that they did not know the total themselves!

Banker Morse, who was so neatly pardoned by the president because alleged to be dying, now sends word from Europe that he is feeling fine, thank you. A common crook goes to prison. If he is sick he goes to the prison hospital or to a county hospital.

Mayor Seidel's Whirlwind Speech in the Great Milwaukee Campaign

The issue in this campaign is not honest government. You already have that in Milwaukee. The issue is not efficiency or economy. You have today the most efficient and economical administration Milwaukee has ever had. The Social-Democrats have been on the job. You are getting more for your tax money this year than ever before. These are not the real issues. They are small matters in this campaign. I am going to tell you what I know is the real issue. I want to say that the voters of Milwaukee in this campaign are up against the real thing. Some call it the Beast in the Jungle. Some call it Capitalism. Others call it the System, or the Interests.

This insatiable Thing is never satisfied. It lives on franchises and special privileges. It always wants more. And when any man or any party of men threatens it, this Thing fights. It has not been able to get what it wants in the city hall the past two years. So it has gone out and combined the Democratic and Republican parties in this campaign and is seeking to kill the power it cannot control in the city hall.

This Thing that wants to get control of the city hall has connections outside of the city. It is so powerful that it fixes the price of wheat your wife or mother shall pay for groceries and meat when she goes out to buy the needs of life. Every workman in the country is up against this Thing—it fixes wages and tries to trample out labor unions. It decides that while the cost of living goes up wages shall stand still.

This Thing, the Beast or the System, whatever you choose to call it, has seized for itself the natural resources of the country. It owns the land, the water power, mineral and forest rights. Never satisfied, always looking farther for privileges, it has gained tremendous power. It makes legislatures, governors, sheriffs, and judges do

what it wants done. It makes men commit crime. It drives women out on the street to sell their bodies. It takes children away from the sunshine and the playground and thrusts them into the darkness of the mines and the dust of the workshop.

Politically, this thing rules America. It killed the Knights of Labor. It killed the People's party. It has crippled the La Follette movement and made leaders of that movement in Milwaukee line up politically side by side with corruptionists.

With the exception of one newspaper, it owns or controls the press of Milwaukee and tells thousands of men every day what they shall think or not think. It makes and unmakes the lives of men. And when a brave, honest man like John P. Altgeld of Chicago or Tom Johnson of Cleveland stands up and fights against this greedy, insatiable Beast demanding more privileges, the Beast marks these men and they die broken-hearted.

The Beast has ordered that the Social-Democrats shall be driven from the city hall of Milwaukee. But for once the Beast is mistaken. It will find that the young giant, labor, knows how to fight.

We are fighting back. And next Tuesday we are going to strike the Beast a blow that will crowd it out from Milwaukee never to come back. It has learned that it can not go into the city hall and make members of the administration stand up against a wall and take orders. Snarling and enraged, it is trying to come back. But I have too much faith in the intelligence of the workmen of Milwaukee and I know they will crowd the Beast out of Milwaukee.

They know the Beast changes its name whenever a change is needed.

You will not be fooled. You will vote for your homes and your children.

When he recovers he goes back to the cell. No Pres. Taft gives him a thought, you can bet.

With the rise of Socialism also rises the crook and sharper, who makes use of the fear of the big capitalist to get money with to start opposition papers and magazines. From Ralph Easley down, they are an amoozin' bunch, and in such case the paper or magazine soon withers as the "angel" gets onto the game and refuses to come down with more money.

The Socialist mayor of Schenectady, N. Y., arranged to follow Milwaukee's lead and to have popular Sunday concerts in the armory building, when in strutted a Major Thomas Carney and refused the use of the building for such a purpose, evidently feeling that it was dedicated to the cause of human murder and not to human uplift. An effort will be made to get a more favorable ruling from the governor of the state.

We used to speak of Socialism—we Social-Democrats did—as the irrepressible conflict that was just ahead, borrowing the term from Abolition days. The conflict is here. It has the center of the stage. No man has a right to be uninformed as to what Socialism means and stands for. In fact, the people are willing to be informed. This paper and others like it are published to get the truths of Socialism to the people. Your duty, Mr. Reader, is to place copies where they will do the most good.

Canton, Ohio, Socialists sent a cablegram to Can. M. China, congratulatory of the uprising in China for people rule. This return cablegram was the response!

To Socialist Comrades, Canton, Ohio, U. S. A.
No, we are not in the market for discarded Manchus—in fact, have just succeeded in kicking out our own. With congratulations and fraternal greetings. Yours,
SAM YUEN FAT,
Branch Secretary, Canton, China.

All that was sordid, disreputable and dishonest was brought to bear by capitalism in the Milwaukee campaign just closed to fight the Social-Democrats. Every capitalist newspaper descended to the depths to help

on the fight for the retaining of the city. At this writing the outcome is not known, but the struggle has shown labor the character of the enemy it must meet in its continued conquest of the political power. Well, capitalism is far from being a clean enemy. It is vile—and unashamed.

I do not endorse all of Dr. Wiley's ideas, but his practically forced retirement from the service of the people is a killing in plain sight of the people. Wiley opposed the food sharks, the painters, tainters and dopers of the food of the land. He had to go. He and capitalism could not stay in the same administration—that was the long and short of it. Preservatives in food arrest decomposition, naturally also they arrest digestion. People when they buy tinned foods of certain kinds simply buy tinned capitalism. The stomach not only rebels but passes on the poison to the rest of the human system—and the poison is simply so much inflammable matter waiting for form fuel for the fires of disease.

Our judges that we elect all over the country are not super-men. They are most of them old party politicians who come before us as non-partisans simply to fool the foolable. They are human beings, filled with human passions and shrewdness, and their decisions are only worth what you might expect from such circumstances. Many of them simply use the sanctity of the bench to pull off stunts for capitalism, and in effect dare the people whom they are supposed to serve to get in "contempt of court" by criticising them. It is no accident that the courts are becoming an object of suspicion in this country. My prediction is that before very long the entire judicial system will have to be overhauled and purified by the people. The signs unmistakably point that way.

A bill has been introduced in congress by Mr. Tillson of Connecticut to loan government rifles to bodies of citizens to "promote a patriotic spirit" through rifle practice. It is believed to be really in the interests of arming the boy scouts. The rulers always figure that if men can be drilled to shoot they soon itch to shoot at human targets, thus making it easier to declare war. Patriotism to the plures is synonymous with gunpowder, as this bill significantly shows.



"SANCTIFIED" RASCALS

Whenever you want a Democrat to be honest and efficient in office, elect him on a non-partisan ticket. It sanctifies him and makes him holy. And all you have to do to remove the slime and corruption from a Republican official is to make him non-partisan.

The country, or violate the labor laws, or visit road-houses with teachers, or encourage aristocratic snobbery among high school pupils, or use the whip of fear over the teaching force to control their private conduct and their votes, or discriminate against union labor, or shave the teachers' and other employees' wages, or any other old thing.



Here is one of the many auto loads of Social-Democratic campaign literature which go out from the headquarters in Brisbane hall, to be distributed to

A Hot Council Session

The report of the special committee appointed to investigate the assessments made by former Tax Commissioner Frank Schutz, was adopted by the common council last night, after a debate on the floor in which a smashing blow was administered to the rebukable non-partisan defenders of the tax dodgers.

saying that the report contained no recommendations, and that it should simply be received and placed on file. Alderman Welch's answer was that by adopting the report of the findings of the committee became the findings of the common council.

Reaching Loan Sharks at Last!

Fifteen years ago, we learn from The Survey, a Chicago woman whose husband earned \$60 a month borrowed \$25 to buy her son a suit of clothes. She didn't wish her husband to know of it, and told the loan shark so.

Why Not Obey Law?

"You tell us to obey the law," said Alderman Alldridge. "Why does not your own crowd obey the law? This man took his own personal opinion as the basis of his acts as a public official in preference to the law.

Carney Shows Ignorance

Alderman Carney came back again, claiming that the Socialists had all the evidence, and should have presented it to the board of review.

Carney Is Censured

The report of the special committee on the Carney Impeachment charges was read by the board of review for two weeks so that it may be printed in the proceedings. There was no discussion of this report.

Washington News Notes

(By National Socialist Press) WASHINGTON, March 30.—Charging that the officials of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers in the state of Georgia are suppressing the real views of their membership on the pending Workmen's Compensation bill, and urging delay till the men can submit the matter to a referendum vote, H. O. Teat appeared before the joint meeting of the senate and house judiciary committees.

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New City Launch

The new gasoline launch "Milwaukee," built for the use of Harbor Master Fred Tews, was launched today at 1 o'clock at the Grand avenue bridge. The ceremony was an interesting, if not an imposing one. Miss Eleanor Schulz officiated, breaking a bottle of Pabst Blue Ribbon over the bow of the boat, and repeating the words, "I hereby christen thee Milwaukee."

England's Great Mine Uprising

"Things are pretty bad in your country just now, Mr. Phillips." Again and again during the last few days some American has said that to me. I ask him, "What things?" One answer is: "Well, your present coal strike. That is pretty bad, I guess."

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Political Demands

4.—The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power. 5.—The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands, and the reclamation of reclaimed lands to be made for the benefit of the people. 6.—The absolute freedom of press, speech and assembly.

Industrial Demands

7.—The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers. 8.—By shortening the workday in keeping with the necessities of the workers. 9.—By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half in each week. 10.—By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.

General Demands

1.—The immediate enactment of relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforestation of cutover and waste lands, and by the construction of canals and other useful public works. 2.—That every person employed on such work shall be employed directly by the government under an eight-hour work-day and shall also be paid a living wage.

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Closing Days of the Great Milwaukee Campaign

Either the people rule or the interests rule; man rules or the dollar rules! That was the message that Mayor Emil Seidel pounded home in nine enthusiastic Social-Democratic meetings on his third great whirlwind tour of the city last night.

Everywhere the mayor went he was greeted with an ovation that assured a sweeping victory at the polls on Tuesday. "They are whipped and they know it. There won't be a solitary one of them who will get votes enough to get within speaking distance of election," declared the mayor as audience after audience broke into rousing, spontaneous cheering for the mayor and the Social-Democratic ticket.

The mayor held close to his schedule all the evening until Vizay's hall was reached and there it went to smash. With nine meetings to cover the time schedule must be held to strictly. At Vizay's hall, however, it was an impossibility to halt the applause for a full five minutes and when the mayor finally was allowed to begin his talk he spoke longer than usual, enthused beyond the point of remembering time by the magnificent greeting he had his message received.

A Monster Meeting Planned

Twenty-one speakers have been secured for the monster Social-Democratic mass meeting at the Auditorium Sunday night. There are speakers for every hall in the building and special arrangements have been made to care for any part of the crowd who cannot find accommodations in the building.

Although the gathering will probably be the greatest in the political history of Milwaukee or Wisconsin all arrangements have been detailed so that no hitch of any kind is expected to occur. Promptly at 8:10 o'clock the chairmen will call the meetings in the several halls to order. Every man will work on a time schedule and every speaker will be stopped when he has used up his time; 10:15 has been set as the closing time.

Senator Winfield R. Gaylord will be chairman of the big meeting in the main hall. Fred W. Rehfeld, alderman, will be chairman of the Engelmann hall meeting; Frank J. Weber will act as chairman in Plankinton hall; Leo Kryzcki, of Juneau hall; Carl P. Dietz, Kilbourn hall; and Oscar Rademaker, Walker hall.

Among the speakers will be Congressman Victor L. Berger, Mayor Emil Seidel, Seymour Steadman of Chicago; W. A. Jacobs of Racine; and Frederick Strickland, Anderson, Ind.

The speakers for the various halls are as follows: ENGELMANN'S HALL--F. W. Rehfeld, chairman; 8:10, E. T. Melms; 9:25, Victor L. Berger; 9:50, Emil Seidel; 10:15, Winfield Zabel; 9:25, C. D. Thompson; 10:15, adjournment.

MAIN HALL--W. R. Gaylord, chairman; 8:10, Victor L. Berger; 8:35, E. T. Melms; 8:40, C. D. Thompson; 9:30, Emil Seidel; 9:55, Frederick Strickland; 10:15, adjournment.

PLANKINTON HALL--Frank J. Weber, chairman; 8:10, Emil Seidel; 8:40, Victor L. Berger; 8:55, Heinrich Bartel; 9:20, E. T. Melms; 9:35, Emil Seidel; 9:50, A. W. Maney, adjournment.

JUNEAU HALL--Leo Kryzcki, chairman; 8:10, Frederick Strickland; 9:40, E. T. Melms; 9:55, Oscar Ameringer; 9:50, Victor L. Berger; 9:15, D. W. Hoan; 10:00, Emil Seidel; 10:15, adjournment.

KILBOURN HALL--Carl P. Dietz, chairman; 8:10, Emil Seidel; 8:25, Seymour Steadman; 9:00, E. T. Melms; 9:15, H. E. Briggs; 10:00, Victor L. Berger; 10:15, adjournment.

WALKER HALL--Oscar Rademaker, chairman; 8:10, Dan W. Hoan; 8:30, Emil Seidel; 8:35, Carl Minkley; 9:00, Victor L. Berger; 9:15, W. A. Jacobs; 10:00, E. T. Melms; 10:15, adjournment.

OVERFLOW MEETING--8:30 to 8:40, Winfield Zabel; 8:20 to 8:30, D. W. Hoan; 9:20 to 9:50, Henry Jones; 9:50 to 10:15, Oscar Ameringer.

Melms and Ameringer Address Big Meeting

Packed in like the proverbial sardines in a can, one of the most enthusiastic audiences of the campaign greeted Alderman E. T. Melms and Oscar Ameringer last night at Ortmann's hall, 889 Muskego avenue, and heartily cheered the speakers as fact after fact was presented to them.

Mr. Melms dwelt at length upon the tax situation, and showed what the present administration has given the city with expenditures which should have made every man's taxes lower instead of higher last year.

"In the two years of the Rose administration," he said, "there was raised in the form of taxes, 40 per cent more than in the previous year, while the present administration raised only 24 per cent more. With this we have given the people a scientific budget, a city inventory and wiped out a deficit of \$216,000 which they left when the Socialists came into office."

The inventory alone proved that the city is about \$11,000,000 richer than they had estimated it to be. "We also gave the city better factory inspection, better milk inspection and erected several new public institutions, including the natatorium on the south side.

Saves the Babies. "Another thing which the present administration has taken up is the child welfare work, and this work alone has saved at least 200 babies in the Fourteenth ward alone."

The paramount issue in this campaign is Socialism against anti-Socialism. The reason they oppose us is because they don't understand Socialism, and when they get wild, as they have done in the past few days, making charges which are simply laughable, it shows they are reaching the end of their rope.

"When the Democrats or the Republicans were in power in the past and

desired to raise wages, they began at the top. We began at the other end. We raised wages and shortened the hours of the men who worked for the city. We have put on additional men in certain departments and have done a lot of work which was formerly done by the contractors. Where the asphalt trust was formerly charging us \$2.08 a square yard for repairs to our pavements, we have installed our own repair plant and now do this work for 80 cents a yard."

Mr. Melms also spoke of the refusal of the street car company to allow the Social-Democratic posters on their cars, declaring it to be the result of the fight being waged by the administration to compel them to do their share of the street paving as provided for in their franchise, as well as the fights successfully made to make them sprinkle their tracks and for the license fee.

The Old Game. "For 50 years," he said, "the city has been being redeemed. The Republicans have had to redeem it from the Democrats and the Democrats have had to redeem it from the Republicans, and now the time has come when the two bankrupt parties have joined, and tell you they must redeem it from the Socialists."

They tell you if the Socialists remain in power capital will not come to Milwaukee, but the time is soon coming when the capitalists can go to but one place where they will find no Socialists, and that place is too hot for them."

Dietz Gives Figures

Comptroller Carl P. Dietz has called the turn on The Daily News in an emphatic manner. That organ of the interests Monday night published falsified figures of the cost of the comptroller's department under Dietz. Dietz on Tuesday forwarded to the paper the following statement, which shows his administration to have been the most highly successful in the history of the city:

"In last night's editorial, 'Why these increases?' you refer to the cost of the comptroller's office in 1909 at \$12,499.80 and in 1911 at \$18,257.81, an increase of \$5,758.01. These figures are not correct. The comptroller's office in 1909 according to the records of my office, cost \$17,312.16 under Comptroller Gawin. In 1911 the comptroller's office cost \$16,280.58, or a decrease of \$1,031.60 under my administration. The foregoing figures refer to the same items of service. In addition to this, we prepared a new scientific budget and introduced the first inventory of city property Milwaukee ever had at an additional cost of \$1,710.17 which I am willing to add to the expenses of my department. This makes my actual increase over 1909, \$678.57."

You asked whether the people have received more service or efficiency from my department. I answer: For this increase of \$678.57, we have with our own force installed an entirely new accounting system which a United States government examiner told me would have cost the city from \$20,000 to \$25,000, had it been installed by

Helped the Workers. "When the party entered the city hall, the first thing the street railway company did was to voluntarily raise the wages of its employees. Effort had been made for years to organize the women in the breweries, and had failed in every city, until the Socialists came into power in Milwaukee. Then they were organized."

"The city has 800 ward laborers. It raised the pay of these from \$1.75 to \$2 a day, and it intends to raise their pay more. No man can live a human existence on \$12 a week."

The work of the administration in aiding the strike of the garment workers, the new wage scale of the brew-

ers. The inventory introduced by us shows that where the city's property was formerly estimated at \$31,000,000, it is actually \$45,743,192, an increase in value to the city of nearly \$15,000,000. We have established a property accountability system and know now just what property every department has, and no more can items of property disappear as a \$100 type-writer did from the mayor's office two years ago, without our being able to hold the proper parties to account.

A \$30,000 accounting system, \$15,000,000 increase in property value and many other innovations not here mentioned, but which will be gladly shown to any one calling at the comptroller's office are certainly worth the increase in expenditure of \$678.57."

Brand Whitlock's Views. Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, and Louis F. Post, editor of the famous single tax magazine, The Public, were brought in to Bohemian hall as witnesses concerning the Social-Democratic city administration last night.

Ries of Toledo, the man who ran only 247 votes behind Whitlock in this last campaign in that city, stated that Brand Whitlock addressed an audience of 5,000 people there during his campaign and told them:

"As good an administration as has been given Toledo by Golden Rule Jones and his successors, I know that Milwaukee is 50 years ahead of us."

Carl D. Thompson read an editorial from The Public of this week. The editorial was written by Louis F. Post, Progressive Democrat and single taxer. The Post says: "The combination of Democrats and Republicans against the Socialists in Milwaukee is a business organization to restore bad government. It is a big-business, bad-government combine. How can any good government man vote for it and not laugh in his own face?"

Road Wants Franchise. Thompson declared that Post is right and one of the indications that big business is back of the "non-partisan" combine is the fact that the Milwaukee Western road is hunting for a franchise by which it can enter the city. "They couldn't get what they wanted last year," said Thompson, "they wouldn't accept the road franchise offered them by the Social Democrats. They want something better. If the 'non-partisan' crowd can be placed in the city hall they will get the kind of a franchise they are looking for. The franchise grabbers are in this campaign pulling the wool over the people's eyes just as in previous campaigns."

"The 'non-partisan' crowd has the nerve to come before the people and say, 'Elect us and we will give you good street car service. We have the money to build the cars, we have the money to buy the tracks and to run the cars.' The same money they have carried off in the name of a blank franchise of 1900, the same fellows that sold out then and gave the car company just what it wanted, are back on the job now and tell you they are going to get better car service."

Same Old Bunch. "I tell you it's the same old bunch. They talk about independence in politics, but all their talk about independence is hypocrisy. The only two men in the council that were independent have been defeated. They were snowed under in the primaries because they had the independence to vote with the Social Democrats once in a while on a decent measure. Henry Smith, the Democrat, and Samuel Wright, the Republican, were the only real independents in the minority. They were the only ones with a collar, Big Business, and therefore were put out of the running."

"The 'non-partisan' vote will be whipped by an overwhelming vote next Tuesday, for three reasons: (1) They haven't any candidates. In mental caliber, physical make-up and moral quality, Bading is unfit. Joe Carney has growled and snarled for two years, but has never once made good on any of his charges. During the time he has served there is not one constructive measure to his credit. And Kotekci is prominent as one of the reasons why the state legislature abolished the office of justice of the peace."

Have No Party. (2) They have no arguments. They have absolutely nothing that will stand up and compare with the splendid constructive program and achieved record of the Social-Democratic party. (3) They have no party, no organization, no enthusiasm. They are lacking the fire of enthusiasm for a great cause.

W. F. Ries of "Men-and-Mules" fame, said, "I want to see the Golden Rule practiced seven days a week instead of being talked about 45 minutes one day of the week. I want to talk to people that have hearts and souls. If you haven't got any human sympathy, I can't do anything with you. You won't understand what I mean when I say it's a brutal system that compels 3,000,000 children to work in the mines and mills and 7,000,000 women to be taken from the homes and thrust into the workshops while millions of men are after the same jobs. Panics, soup-houses and millionaires are the result of the system. It is the system that is trying to beat the Socialists in Milwaukee by a non-partisan ticket."

Picnic or Panic. "Under capitalism, when you produce too much, you look the factory doors and have a picnic. Under Socialism, if we produce too much, we will lock the factory doors and have a picnic."

"Rockefeller and me are capitalists. We skin you. We live off farms and real estate. You pay us rent, interest and profit. We live off you without working. So long as you are satisfied with this, we are. Wake up and join the Socialist movement to get what belongs to you." "Though the meeting lasted 3 hours, interest was sustained throughout."

Slush Fund Appears. Men with large rolls of money have been seen accompanying some of the "non-partisan" candidates about the city, forcing treats of drinks and cigars upon the crowds in saloons. Just what other uses they are making of this money cannot be said. Comrades are requested to watch these persons, to ascertain their names wherever possible, to note the amounts they spend and in whose interest it is spent. All facts of this kind which can be proven will be of value in showing up the presence and the use of the slush fund which is undoubtedly being spent in this city now, contrary to the provisions of the corrupt practices act.

Municipal Obligations. Public Cause (Ind.)--Shall the city of Kalamazoo accept the natural obligation of a municipality, to protect its citizens from the greed of corporations, as it now protects them against thieves and fire, or shall it permit corporations to prey upon the necessities of the people and to levy a tax for a service which the city itself should perform? If the people should decide to abandon municipal lighting, that decision would be equivalent to a declaration that Kalamazoo does not consider itself capable of exercising the natural functions of government."

Waterpower Trustee-ships.--Not content with permitting incompetent and unfaithful trustee-ships of all our natural coal deposits, public opinion has kept silent while similar trustee-ships are in process of creation for all our water power. One vigilant official sounds a warning. This is the commissioner of corporations, Herbert Knox Smith.--The Public.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS Every Week.

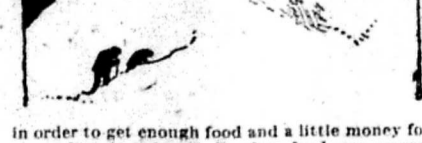
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The Path of the Stars

THE traveler going by train from St. Gall to Appenzel, through the beautiful Appenzeler Land in Switzerland, will see now and then way up on the mountain side a small farm house or chalet.

In one of these which was situated on a high barren plateau, almost within a stone's throw of the eternal snow, lived a family of hardy mountaineers who gained a living by chopping wood in the pine forests, occasionally acting as guide to tourists, and partly from the almost barren piece of the mountainside they called their own.

T a family consisted of Joseph or Sepp as he was called, Zent his wife, a crippled boy, Xaver, and the old grand father, Toni. Sepp and his wife worked from early to late



in order to get enough food and a little money for taxes, but, in spite of all, often food was scarce. Old Toni and crippled Xaver could do but little more than mind the cow, and so were considered a useless burden. The butter from the milk of the cow was sold in the village down in the valley and seven days in the week their meals consisted mostly of sour skimmed milk, some black bread and boiled potatoes. When they could afford a little meat this was considered a feast or holy day.

In such a battle for existence the heart grows cold and the kindly or nobler feelings of man have no place. So, many times when food was scarce, the grandfather and Xaver would be sent away without any. "You two cannot work, so you need not eat," was the oft repeated

remark of Sepp, and his wife dared not say anything. During the long summer evenings Toni and Xaver would often sit before the house on the rude bench, listening to the tinkle of the cow-bells that came to them from the pastures farther below, and they would talk in low tones together. Toni was old, very old, and almost blind. But he was the only companion Xaver had and the only being that was kind to him, that understood him, and Joe Post and Xaver were inseparable.

After Xaver had had the scrofula and become a cripple, so he could neither work or go down the mountainside to the village school, his mother had no more feeling for him, for he was one more burden besides the old grandfather; so when she saw or met him she pushed him roughly aside and instead of caresses he got cuffs and slaps. Once before he was ill he had gone to the village with his mother, had been to the little church with its decorated, altar, its colored windows, and he had seen the intense and the candles and the figure of the savior on the cross. And he had heard the organ and listened to the singing. How attentively he had listened to the sermon of the priest who, in simple language, had told of the beauties, and joys of heaven, and of the bright path that lead thither. Often after that Xaver would look up at the stars and see the Milky way and wonder if that was the path to heaven. Xaver pictured to himself heaven after what he had seen in the church, and often he would tell old Toni of how beautiful heaven is and what a bright road led there. Feeble old Toni and peaceful expression would steal over his worn face, nodding assent now and then and sometimes he would fall asleep, when Xaver would gently wake him. But that was in the summer when it was warm. Now it is winter and bitter cold.

Toni and Xaver sat together on a low bench near the stove. It is supper time. Zent is in a bad humor, because Sepp has not come home yet and it is getting late. The usual meal is waiting for him on the table. Xaver every now and then casts longing glances at the table in the corner, over which hangs an old oil lamp. Presently there is a heavy crunching of the frozen snow outside, the door is opened and Sepp steps in, throws his canvas knapsack in a corner, takes off his cap and heavy nailed shoes. Here you Xaver, you lay good-for-nothing, and my slippers, haven't you got them warmed?"

"What is there new in the village?" asks

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Ex-Senator Dague--An Appreciation

We print the following tribute to the author of Henry Ashton from the pen of Comrade I. N. Richardson... Tired and weary from the weight of years; confined to his room and much of the time to his bed by the insidious attack of disease...



EX-SENATOR R. A. DAGUE

bear. Dague is a living Aeolian harp; the influx of spiritual righteousness so pervades his soul's atmosphere as to peal forth sublime truth, grand in love's sweetest flowers. Even the acrimonious gibes of contemporary critics, whose stultified consciences seek to play on the baser notes of material greed, and whose revelries are like the garrulous laughter of the damned all find a sympathizing tone of peace in the soul of this great man...

The Herald has just received word from Comrade Dague that his long contemplated trip back to Iowa, where his married daughter lives, has been accomplished. He says: "I and I arrived several days ago from Tacoma, Wash., to make our future home with our daughter in Creston. It was a long trip, but I came on a bed the entire distance. I can, however, sit up some when propped up with pillows. I resided many years at Osceola, La., 30 miles east of Creston and when in the state senate Creston was in my district. I published the Osceola Sentinel about 15 years. I went to California 22 years ago, but am now back here to stay."

Comrade Dague has taken an interest in our young people's department and one of his contributions appears in this issue.

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Would Like to Beat This Man

Certain of the "big business" interests in Milwaukee are putting forth every possible effort to prevent the re-election of Charles B. Whitnall, Social-Democratic city treasurer.

declares Whitnall. "We are not here alone for the purpose of conducting an honest administration. We are building toward Socialism, toward complete freedom for the workers."

the "office holding trust" charge that has been made against the Social-Democratic administration.

Woman's Tenderness.—It is doubtful, sentimentalists notwithstanding, whether woman is really more humanitarian at heart than man, and whether her present interest in social wrongs, such as those connected with prison life and the like, may not be due to the fact that as an outsider she feels free to criticize what she has not helped to make.—Constance Clyde.

Resort Keepers Fined

In the conviction of 13 resort keepers who were arrested recently for selling liquor without a license, the police department, it is said, received a crushing blow.

Car Company Slow.—That is what City Treasurer Whitnall has written to the street car company about. He wants to know how much the company will charge for the use of its tracks, or if it is at all open to such a proposition.

Bad for War.—Before the German elections the war clouds were lowering over Europe. The elections were held, the Socialists showed remarkable gains, and Haldane, British secretary of war, went to visit the kaiser on a peace mission. The war cloud has considerable lightened. Neither German nor British rulers can trust their Socialist subjects to go kill each other. The spread of Socialism has preserved the peace of Europe.—Ex.

Those fined \$50 and costs are: Ella Bruce, Kitty Day, Alice Franke, Alice Howard, Dottie King, Rose Miller, Kittie Williams, Victoria Powell, Eva Raymond and Daisy Willis. Marion Monahan, Maud Newberry and Marie Reid.

It is now more than a week since City Treasurer Whitnall wrote to the street car company, but so far he has heard nothing from any of its officials in the way of an answer.

They are politically very dirty, the fruits of your lives and votes being proof.

Cheaper School Books

As a result of the fight made by the Social-Democrats in the last session of the legislature for uniform and cheaper text-books, and the information furnished by the representative of organized labor, James T. Giffin, the Milwaukee school board has made at least a beginning in the securing of school books at lower prices.

That is the trouble with Whitnall. Every time he moves "big business" screams while the workers lend their approval.

There is a never ending struggle between the working class and the capitalist class as to the wages to be paid for a given amount of labor or production. The interests of the working class and the capitalist class are diametrically opposed to each other, and all the sermonizing of those preachers who guard in the name of Christ the ill-gotten gains of the rich criminals of our land—cannot make those interests harmonize, or become identical.

Another Court Fizzle

CHICAGO, March 27.—The jury in the trial of the 10 Milwaukee janitors charged with criminal responsibility for the packing combine were found not guilty by the jury in Federal Judge Carpenter's court which returned a verdict at 12:15 p. m., today.

It Whinnall would just be a passive city treasurer, just carry out the mere collecting of the tax moneys of Milwaukee, "big business" would let him alone. But Whitnall is an active, farseeing city treasurer and that is why they hate him.

Is it not true that the practical working of the Golden Rule is impossible while the profit system remains in existence? How can we practice the Golden Rule under the capitalist system? Do you practice it? Are you not supporting capitalism and opposing Socialism? Is it not Morganianity instead of Christianity you are representing? Is it not verily sarcasm to talk about religion in the cannibalism of the present system in which men devour each other like hyenas and in which the

Might Have Been Sooner

This price might have been secured before, as the school board has made an agreement with the Silver Burdette company to the effect that if the books selected by the Milwaukee school board are furnished any other schools at a cheaper rate than that at which they are contracted for by this board, the board is to have the advantage of the reduced rate.

Have Great Aim.—"The Socialist administration is not in office just to do a little tinkering."

There is a new state preparatory, which is to be used in schools and study clubs, and should have at the assistance we can render him. All contributions for the writing of this history, by Comrade Anna Henri, 510 Dauphin street, Lancaster, Pa.

Milwaukee Will Have Own Quarry

In discussing the proposed development of the city stone quarry this week, Alderman August Strehlow said that under the last Rose administration, in 1908-1909, crushed stone was bought for city street work at prices ranging from \$1.46 to \$1.57 per cubic yard.

Don't Want Dormitories

"In some of the agricultural schools dormitories are provided so that the students are not compelled to go home," said Whitnall, in viewing this aspect of the question. "I do not think this would be wise in this case. We want the students to live at home and to give the entire family the benefit of what they are taught."

THE LIVING POEMS.

"What the leaves are for the forest, With light and air for food, Ere their sweet and tender juices Have been hardened into wood. That to the world are children; Through them it feels the glow Of a brighter and sunnier climate Than reaches the trunk below. Ye are better than all the builded, That ever were sung or said; For ye are the living poems, And all the rest are dead."—Longfellow.

Cheaper in Alabama

The fact that these books were being furnished to the state of Alabama at the reduced prices, was brought to the attention of the board by James T. Giffin, a representative of the Allied Printing Trades of Chicago. In view of the strong fight that had been put up in the last legislature by Social-Democratic representatives, showing up the state of affairs existing throughout the state, the board acted in the matter, affecting these readers.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

Zenzi. "Oh, nothing much, Veitli's granther has died at last, will be buried Sunday. It was time, needed waiting on all the time, but he left them some thousands of francs so Veitli and his wife will at least have something for their trouble, but when Toni goes we get nothing. Yes, we'll have to pay for the funeral." With that he and Zenzi sat down to the table and began to eat. Toni and Xaver did not dare to come without being asked and Sepp was in a bad humor too. So they ate away in silence as is the custom with these people, till there was but little left and as Xaver saw the food grow less he ventured forth and hobbled near the table. "What do you want, supper, eh? You can't work so you need not eat. You two have been in the warmth long enough. It will do you both good to get a little fresh air!"

Puzzles

I'm long, I'm short, I'm crooked, straight; Sometimes I'm fast, and sometimes slow; I'm strong, I'm weak, I'm small, I'm great, I'm sometimes high, I'm sometimes low. I'm quiet, noisy, dull and quick; I'm pure, I'm dirty, dark and fair; Sometimes can't raise your walking-stick, sometimes I heavy burdens bear. Though I've no brains--'tis no disgrace-- I can reflect; I have a head; Though beneficial in my place, I'm dangerous when I leave my bed. As I have neither teeth nor tongue I cannot speak, yet I've a mouth; Though thus deformed, by poets sung, My beauties please from north to south. To man I'm of a ready slave; He curbs me up for him to toil; But off I am his treacherous grave, And from his homesteads bear my spoil. To commerce I lead willing aid Although with merchants do not rank, Nor ever do engage in trade, You're sure to find me at the bank.

From National Headquarters

A state convention of the Socialist party of Mississippi will be held in the city of Jackson, April 12-14. The proceedings on the Lawrence strike, which took place before a committee of conference, have been a great success. The volume is entitled "Hearings before the Committee on Rules of the House of Representatives on House Resolutions 409 and 433. You can secure a copy by writing to the congressional committee.

THE NEXT CAMPAIGN.

By the time your Herald reaches you the city campaign will be over and results known. But the campaign for members of the Legislature and Congress, which takes place in November, will be commenced.

The Daily Bonds

This Week \$88,470 Last Week \$88,330 GAIN \$140

Illustration of a ladder with rungs labeled with dollar amounts from \$60,000 to \$100,000, representing the 'Daily Bonds' gain.

Just Before Battle of Ballots

By the time this issue of the Herald reaches you the 1912 battle for the control of Milwaukee will be over. At this writing there is every evidence of another Socialist victory in spite of the fact that this time the issue is: all hands and parties together to defeat the Socialists.

SOMETHING WORTH WATCHING.

Go out and get a club of four subscribers at the low rate of four for \$1.25. Keep your eyes on Milwaukee. We promise you that whether we are in control of the city government or in the opposition there will always be something doing worth watching.

NOTICE--To Change Address. First--Always give both old and new address. Second--Return wrapper in which the paper went to old address. If you will follow these instructions there will be no delay in getting your paper to your new address. The return of the wrapper with the old and new address eliminates all complications.

To the "Men and Religion Movement" By REV. J. C. HOGAN. (In New York Call) You tell me that "through the gospel of your churches do we deal with the real cause of all human misery and wrong in the world, and that all human efforts at uplift and reform are treating only with symptoms; that the thing to do is to change the individual, or, in other words, get right with God."

PENNSYLVANIA. Comrade Mehon Fulton of 1710 North Eighth street, Philadelphia, is getting out a pamphlet on the initiative, referendum, and recall, and we strongly urge all comrades to look this pamphlet over and make some use of it in the writing of letters to the editor and a cent stamp will bring a sample to your home if you write to Comrade Fulton. Local Bradford county requests us to announce the following: Comrade Hugh McDuffee was elected to the state convention; chairman of county committee, George Schrimprick; representatives, W. Andrews and J. E. S. S.